

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
GF-2020-140147  
1806 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BOULEVARD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Partially demolish and construct an addition to a ca. 1930 house.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Reconfigure and replace windows and doors. Proposed fenestration includes an added French door at main façade. Glazing replacements include double-hung, awning, and fixed aluminum-clad, divided-light windows.
- 2) Construct a 2-story addition to the rear of the house. The proposed addition, clad in horizontal fiber-cement siding, features a gabled roof with slope to match existing roofline, 4:4 double-hung aluminum-clad windows capped by standing-seam shed awnings, and a rear dormer with metal shed roof, mulled 4-light windows, and exposed rafter tails.
- 3) Construct a second-story dormer at the east (main) elevation. The proposed dormer is clad in horizontal fiber-cement siding. It features a standing-seam metal shed roof with exposed rafter tails and 4-light aluminum-clad ribbon windows.
- 4) Add a wraparound deck with metal guardrail to the main, north, and west elevations. Main elevation deck will replace existing concrete stoop.
- 5) Repair existing brick and stone. Salvage stone from enlarged front façade opening.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story Tudor Revival house clad in stone, brick, stucco, and horizontal wood with a cross-gabled roof. It has mulled and single double-hung 1:1 wood windows, a stone veneer chimney, and exposed rafter tails at the front and rear elevations. The gable features a steeply sloped roofline with deep eaves, extending downward to meet the gable's flared stone detailing.

**RESEARCH**

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1806 Travis Heights Boulevard was constructed between 1926 and 1930 by the Stussy Realty Company. Its first occupant was contractor William A. Woolsey. Woolsey also constructed a garage apartment on the property, then rented out one building while he occupied the other. By 1944, he had sold the house.

A series of short-term occupants lived there until 1952, when it was purchased by Neil D. and Louetta R. Galbraith. Neil Galbraith worked as a pharmacist and later managed a dry-cleaning company; Louetta Galbraith worked as a clerk and manager at several women's clothing stores.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The building is recommended contributing to a potential Travis Heights National Register Historic District; however, the district nomination has not completed the federal designation approval process.

*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 criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352).

- a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Tudor Revival style.
- b) *Historical association*. The building does not appear to have historical associations.
- 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.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate alterations to historic properties. Applicable standards may 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.

Alteration of historic fabric is required for fenestration changes and dormer additions. One of the house's most distinctive character-defining features, its brick and stone masonry, will be retained and repaired in keeping with *Preservation Brief 2: Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings*. No coatings will be applied.

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

The proposed alterations are differentiated from the existing historic building by their use of modern materials, window lighting patterns, and shed roofs. The rear addition and dormer are compatible with the existing structure; the front-facing dormer and fenestration pattern changes at the main elevation are less compatible.

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

If the rear and side alterations were removed in the future, the essential form of the historic building would be unimpaired. Installation of a glass door with sidelights will require removal of three mullioned windows and some stone but will not increase the width or height of the existing opening. The stone will be salvaged, making this change potentially reversible.

The proposed project somewhat meets the applicable standards.

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#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The committee indicated their primary concerns as the proposed coating of historic masonry with stucco and whitewash, and the loss of the mullioned windows on the front façade. The applicant has revised the plans to eliminate the masonry coatings and instead perform repairs in keeping with applicable National Park Service *Preservation Briefs*. The proposed front door and sidelights remain unchanged.




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#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the 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.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF-2020-140147

LOCATION: 1806 Travis Heights



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

*Photos*







*Source: Zillow.com, 2019*











*Source: Applicant, 2020*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

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

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| 1959 | Neil D. Galbraith, owner   |
| 1957 | Neil D. and Lou Galbraith, owners<br>Manager, Capitol Laundry & Cleaning Co., Substation No. 5<br>Clerk, Buttrey's |

- 1955 Neil D. and Lou Galbraith, owners  
Manager, Laga No. 2  
Clerk, Buttrey's
- 1952 Neil D. and Lou Galbraith, owners  
Department manager, prescription laboratory  
*Note: listed as Dudley Neil and Louetta Reed Galbraith on death certificates*
- 1949 Chester L. and Golda C. Allen, owners  
Builder  
Rear: John L. Sibler, renter
- 1947 Chester L. and Golda C. Allen, owners  
Rear: Richard and Mary M. Harris, renters  
UT student  
UT student
- 1944 Walter and Gladys Booth, owners
- 1941 George I. and Virginia Sanchez, renters  
Professor, UT  
Rear: William A. Woolsey
- 1939 G. H. Thomson, renter
- 1937 Not listed
- 1935 W. A. Woolsey, owner  
Rear: George Pitts, renter
- 1932 W. A. Woolsey, owner  
Contractor  
Rear: George Pitts, renter
- 1930 W. A. Woolsey, owner  
Contractor
- 1929 Not listed

*Biographical Information*

and grapes, close to university; \$30.  
Phone 6547.

FOR RENT—New house, 1806 Travis  
Heights, Ring 8874.

FOR RENT—Small house. Call hours  
from 1 to 4 or after 5:30, at 818 Essex

*The Austin American: Feb 21, 1926*



# Pharmacists Reach Prescription Goal: Their Drug Stores Blanket Capital City

A new era in the prescription business was begun in Austin the day Garrie Bray and Howell Jordan decided to form a partnership called Prescription Laboratory. These men, who were to revolutionize the prescription business in the Capital City, had a single objective—to literally blanket the city with the fastest and most complete prescription service obtainable in the Southwest.

Today, with the opening of Bray and Jordan's newest drug store in Twin Oaks Shopping Center, they will have accomplished their objective, providing a full geographical coverage of Austin.

At the time the partnership began in 1933, Bray and Jordan, both registered pharmacists, were associated with an Austin drug concern. Their first location was in a small building at 125½ West Seventh Street. Now, 21 years later, Bray and Jordan Prescription Laboratories occupy five locations: Number One and main office in the Capitol National Bank building; Number Two, 1501 Guadalupe; Number Three in Delwood Center; Number Four, Highland Park; and Number Five, Twin Oaks Shopping Center.

The Twin Oaks store is Bray and Jordan's third full drug store and both partners express the same opinion: "It's our finest!"

Bray and Jordan Number Five is completely new throughout. It is equipped with the latest fluorescent lighting and year-round temperature conditioning which adds to the beauty and comfort of its patrons.

The new store is under the management of Jerry Leopold, who,



NAME IT . . . Neil Galbraith Will Mix It.

received his degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas. He is a World War II Army combat veteran of four years which included service with the 88th Infantry Division in Italy and North Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Leopold. Leopold is a prominent San Antonio druggist.

Realizing that the prescription service is the heart of the business, the Twin Oaks store will maintain the high professional standards for which Bray and Jordan Prescription Laboratories are so well known.

There will be a registered pharmacist on duty at all times and a central prescription file permits prescriptions to be filled in Twin Oaks—that were first filled at any other Bray and Jordan store in Austin. When a physician telephones a prescription direct to Bray and Jordan, they route it by telephone to the pharmacy nearest the patient where it is filled and delivered in the shortest possible time. One of Bray and Jordan's first innovations, the first of its kind west of St. Louis, was setting up a communications system direct to the doctors' offices in Austin.

The new Twin Oaks store has a gift department, and has a cosmetics department under the immediate management of Mrs. Bea Slagle, a cosmetician who received her training from the Helena Rubenstein school of cosmetology of San Antonio; Mrs. Lucy Blackman, head cashier, was transferred to Twin Oaks from the Delwood store. She has been with Bray and Jordan a little more than a year.

Leopold will be assisted in the prescription department by Miss

Louise Feds and Harvey Summerlin, registered pharmacists.

A modern fountain is under the management of Neal Galbraith; and an efficient and fast delivery service will be handled by Louie Lopez, a man who knows the importance of speed and accuracy.

Bray and Jordan offer rental service of wheel chairs, crutches and hospital beds. In addition to a complete drug line, they carry a full line of Cellu-diabetic foods.

Garrie Bray was literally born into the prescription business. His father was a doctor in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma when Garrie was born. He used to accompany his father as he made his horse and buggy calls in the sparsely populated territory. There was, of course, no such thing as a pharmacy as we know them today. When Garrie's father prescribed for a patient, he didn't give him a written prescription. He simply dug down in his medicine bag, selected his pills from a hundred or so pill bottles, then using a case knife, cut and mashed the pills into powder and wrapped it into proper doses. Bray remembers many times—actually looked forward to them—when he went with his father on confinement cases. The trips would be many miles in most cases, and when they arrived at their destination, they unhitched and prepared to just live with the family until the event took place—sometime four or five days.

Bray received his degree in pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma, later settled in Austin and married the former Nan Wil-

Hamis. They have three children, Nan, Terry and Ruthann.

Mrs. Bray is a member of the Austin School Board and is active also in Red Cross and Community Chest work and is chairman of the city Parent-Teachers Association.

Bray is a member of the board of directors of Texas Industrial Loan Company, Superior Stone Company, Transmix Associated of Austin and Transmix Concrete Corporation of Rockdale.

Howell Jordan was born in Williamson County, later attended schools at Elgin. He received his degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas, and later married the former Rosie Moritz of Fredericksburg. They live at 3301 Gilbert.

Jordan mixes some pleasure with his business by owning and piloting his own plane—a stagger wing Beechcraft five-place airplane. Public transportation is not for him. If he has a business trip to make, he simply flies his own plane to make the appointment.

He is a member of the Ben Hur Shrine; and the Austin Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Texas and American Pharmaceutical Association.

Jordan is a member of the boards of directors of Superior Stone Company, Transmix Associated of Austin and Transmix Concrete Corporation of Rockdale.

He is past president and member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. He was appointed to the board in 1945 by the then governor, Coke R. Stevenson, and re-appointed to his present term by Gov. Shivers.

Mrs. Jordan is active in public affairs, serving last year as a co-chairman of the Cancer Crusade drive and is current president of the ladies auxiliary of the Austin Pharmaceutical Association.

Further expansion of Prescription Laboratories is not now in sight; however, neither is the Bray and Jordan zenith. As Austin has grown they have followed its expansion. And when the city's growth warrants it—which means that existing Prescription Laboratories can no longer blanket the city with high standard prescription service—then, chances are there will be Prescription Laboratories Number Six.



# INCREASED SHOPPING SERVICE, FACILITIES; T. O. STORE-OF-WEEK

From the minute you walk in the door, everything is right at your fingertips . . . wave lotions, tooth paste, cosmetics, alarm clocks or chewing gum.

You'll notice the new conveniences the first thing when you walk into Bray & Jordan's Twin Oaks Pharmacy, because

they've been making a study of customer likes and dislikes in shopping.

Among the most important things they found is that most folks want merchandise attractively displayed so that labels can be easily seen and the prices easily read. Also they

like for the merchandise to be handy so that they can pick it up, examine it, and make up their minds about buying.

In fact, when you come into Bray & Jordan, the Twin Oaks Store-of-the-Week, you'll find new shopping pleasure that you never dreamed existed before.

And too, you'll find the most skilled and courteous help in Austin.

In the Prescription department Miss Mildred Allison, 2400 Wilson, graduate of the University of Texas School of Pharmacy, will help you with your prescription needs.

Martha Millner, who lives at 805 Herndon Lane, is the cosmetician, and she will give free, expert beauty counsel to anyone who asks it.

The cashiers, who know every piece of merchandise, its price, and where to find it, will help you with your shopping. They are Mrs. Lucy Blackman, who lives at 4102 Manchaca Road, and Mrs. Velma Higgins, who lives at 1412 Travis Heights Boulevard. But this week-end you'll find Mrs. Lorene Turner, 3608 South First Street, working as relief cashier, while Mrs. Higgins enjoys a well-earned vacation.

For the tastiest treats you've ever had, stop at the fountain. Sodas, sandwiches, malts, light breakfasts, sundaes . . . just about anything anyone could ask in the way of a tasty treat is to be found there.

And of course everything

should be good, because the fountain is under the management of Neil Galbraith, who lives at 1806 Travis Heights Boulevard. He has been pleasing Bray & Jordan's most discriminating fountain customers for more than 3 years.

Helping him are Shirley Lykins, 607 Brentwood, and Patsy Sarlin, 805 West Mary; and during the summer, Charlotte Hill, who lives at 212 East Annie, is helping out.

And that courteous young chap who hustles out your prescription deliveries is Ann Montague, formerly of Buden, who now lives with his parents at 307 West Olton.

Bray & Jordan's Twin Oaks Pharmacy offers you everything you can ask in drug stores . . . and more . . . much more. It's the cleanest, neatest store in Austin; and its personnel are there with but one thought in mind . . . to be of greatest service to you, their customer.

And while Twin Oaks Pharmacy is featured as Store-of-the-Week, you will find special bargains in much-needed merchandise on the shelves.

Visit the store, shop, browse, and get acquainted with the folks who work there. You'll find that they are real friends, and you will find yourself coming back again and again to Twin Oaks Pharmacy, because you will agree that it is the finest store in town.

*The Austin Statesman: Jul 18, 1955*



Swim time is here, and what could be better than a new swim suit from Fashion Shop in Twin Oaks. Mrs. Neil Galbraith, left, and Mrs. Evelyn Pearson check the fine assortment of beauti-

ful swim wear. Owners of the Fashion Shop are George and Ruth Foote. Mrs. Galbraith is assistant manager and Mrs. Pearson manager of the store, which serves all of Austin.

American Statesman/UPI

*The Austin Statesman: Jun 9, 1960*

*Building Permits*

Chester Allen	1806-B Travis Hts. Blvd
132	11 21 - -
Travis Heights	
Repairs to garage apartment	
30757 7-2-46	\$300.00
Owner	

*Garage apartment remodel permit, 7-2-46*



on *See map - 0300*  
 Connecting Charge \$ *1200*  
 Application for Sewer Connection. No *9214A*  
 Austin, Texas, *7/19/30* 192  
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas.  
 Sir:-  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises  
 owned by *The Stacy Realty Co*  
 at *1806 Travis Blvd* Street  
*Lot 11 - B1K.21*  
 which place is to be used as a *residence*

*Sewer tap permit, 1930*

Connecting Charge \$ *1200*  
 Application for Sewer Connection. No *9871*  
 Austin, Texas, *11/28* 1930  
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas.  
 Sir:-  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises  
 owned by *W. A. Walker*  
 at *1806 Travis Blvd* Street  
*Lot 11 - B1K.21*  
 which place is to be used as a *Garage*  
 In this place there are to be installed *2* fixtures.  
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.  
 Respectfully, *W. A. Walker*  
 Location of Public Sewer

*Garage apartment sewer tap, 11/28/1930*