

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
APRIL 3, 2024
PR-2024-018113; GF-2024-028850
1401 ELTON LANE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story cross-gabled house with brick and stone cladding, metal picture and casement windows, double front gables with shallow eaves, and built-in planter.

RESEARCH

The house at 1401 Elton Lane was built in 1951. Its first occupants were D. E. Farr and his family; however, the Farris only lived in the house until 1953. They sold the house to longer-term occupants Alvin and Lora Burger. Alvin Burger moved his family from New Jersey to Texas to take a position as the first executive director of the Texas Research League, a nonprofit successor to the Texas Economy Commission whose goal was to provide research and recommendations on economic, organizational, and policy structures to public administrative agencies. During his tenure as executive director, Burger and the Research League won several high-profile awards for their work with Texas government. Burger also served as president of the board of directors of Child and Family Services and the United Fund. After his retirement in 1970, Burger dedicated himself to advocating for the rights of elderly Texans as chairman of the Governor's Committee on Aging, chairman of the delegation to the White House Conference on Aging in 1971, and chairman of the Adult Services Council of Austin and Travis County in 1974.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

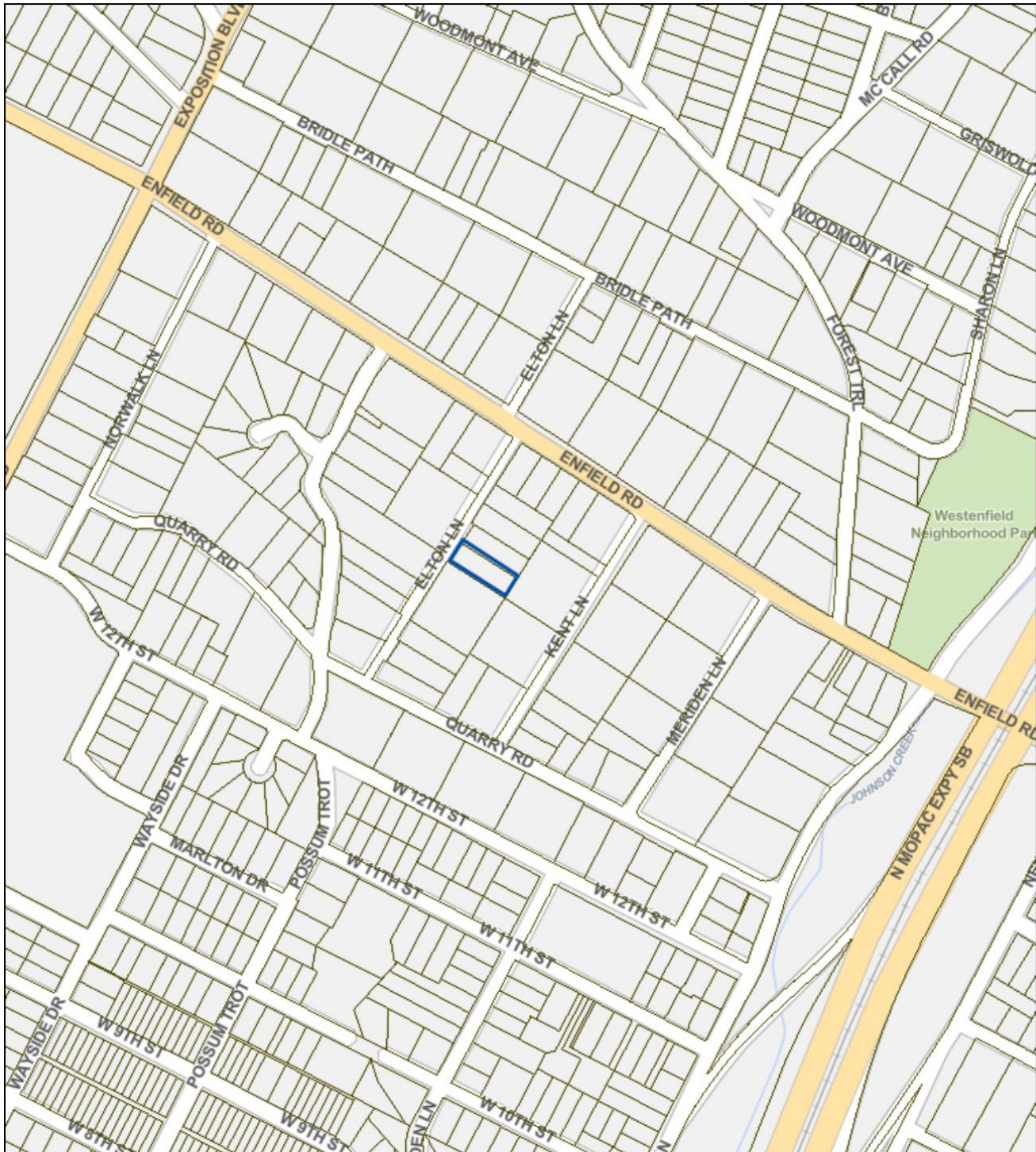
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building is a good example of a transitional style between Minimal Traditional and Ranch; however, it does not appear to be of exceptional architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with Alvin A. Burger, Texas Research League director and advocate for aging Texans.
 - 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 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



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Lot Lines

Lot Line

**GF 24-028850**

1401 ELTON LANE



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition application, 2024

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, March 2024

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| 1959 | Alvin A. and Lora Burger, owners – executive director, Texas Research League |
| 1955 | Alvin A. and Lora Burger, owners – executive director, Texas Research League |
| 1952 | Not listed. |

Historical Information

Welca Jean Allen Becomes Bride of Dwight Farr Jr.

Miss Welca Jean Allen and Dwight Edward Farr Jr., were married June 8 at Hillsboro by Dr. R. C. Edwards.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Allen of Hillsboro, is a graduate of Hillsboro High School and the University of Texas. She is now employed at Gladewater High School as a teacher of social studies.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Farr Sr., 1401 Elton Lane, are parents of the bridegroom. He is a graduate of Austin High School and is now a senior at the University. He served for two years in the US Navy.

The formal ceremony was read before arrangements of white gladioli stock and palms. Miss Joanne Himmel, soloist, was accompanied by Carl Moran, organist, and Mrs. C. W. Smith, violinist.

Mr. Allen gave his daughter in marriage. She was attended by Mrs. Marcus Baxter of Austin, matron-of-honor, and Mrs. Evelyn Monzingo of Galdawate, bridesmaid, Carolyn Murrell of Lufkin, junior bridesmaid. All wore gowns of blue net over taffeta with head-dresses of blue net and catfations. Each carried a nosegay of white carnations and pink rosebuds.

The bridal costume was of lace over tulle, ballerina-length, fashioned with a fitted bodice and cap sleeves. She wore lace gauntlets

and her fingertip veil was attached to a lace cap. Her flowers were a cascade of white roses., Her jewelry was pearls.

W. E. Jackson of Houston was best man. John Baggett of Austin and Edward Johnson of Galveston were groomsmen. Sidney Burdick of Coleman and Ray Allen of Hillsboro were ushers.

A reception was held at 1211 Park Drive in Hillsboro. White gladioli and white and blue daisies were used in arrangements in the receiving rooms. The bride's cake was three-tiered.

The bride's mother wore a gown of rose lace with a white gladioli corage. The bridegroom's mother wore blue lace with pink gladioli.

A beige linen and lace dress with lizard accessories were selected by the bride for her wedding trip to the Gulf Coast. When the Farris return, they will live at 1306 Norwalk Lane.



MRS. DWIGHT EDWARD FARR JR.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 17 June 1952: 8.

New Jersey Man Chosen By League

DALLAS, Dec. 3 (P)—Alvin A. Burger of New Jersey is the new executive director of the Texas Research League, effective Jan. 1.

Ben H. Wooten, chairman of the league's executive committee and a Dallas banker, announced the research specialist's appointment Tuesday at a meeting of the committee here.

Burger will leave a post as research director of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, but will continue in a similar capacity with the Council of State Chambers of Commerce in Washington, D. C.

The league, organized in Austin last June, has an initial budget of \$200,000, according to Wooten, and succeeds the old Texas Economy Commission organized two years ago by Governor Shivers.

Wooten told the meeting that the league's purpose was to help the state and help the taxpayer "get the most for his money."

"This can be done only if the organization has the assurance of such financial support that will make service with it attractive," Wooten said.

Twenty-three cities are represented among the league's 45 directors with 13 from Dallas.

Present at the executive directors' meeting were Wooten, chairman; Hines H. Baker of Houston, president of Humble Oil and Refining Company, vice chairman; S. J. Hay, president of Great National Life Insurance Company, Dallas; Jake L. Hamon, Dallas oil operator; H. N. Mallon, president of Dresser Industries, Inc., Dallas; B. E. Godfrey, Fort Worth attorney; J. R. Mares, vice president of Monsanto Chemical Company, Texas City; R. L. Thornton, chairman of the board of Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, and J. B. Thomas, president and general manager of the Texas Electric Service Company of Fort Worth.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 03 Dec 1952: 23.

Its new executive director, Alvin A. Burger, has accepted the \$25,000 a year post, resigned from research projects in New Jersey and Washington, and moved to Austin to carry on and direct the Texas program.

Ben H. Wooten, Dallas banker, is president; Hines H. Baker, Houston, vice president, and James P. Nash of Austin, secretary-treasurer. The board, in a meeting here to open the league's offices, elected as additional members W. W. Overton Jr., Dallas; Frank Wood, Wichita Falls, and John Evans, Fort Worth.

The league has drafted and adopted a definite chart of objectives and procedures to govern its work toward the overall goal of more efficient state government. Highlights of policy include:

The league's purpose is to conduct research, make factual analysis and studies, furnish reports, advice, assistance and information to the departments of state government, other than the judiciary. Later, similar studies may be made for cities and counties.

The league is a private educational corporation, financed by public spirited citizens and industries. It will be strictly non-political in character, and its studies will be conducted objectively.

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Research League Tackles Long Task

The Texas Research League, voluntary, privately financed group of Texas citizens, has set up shop for the most exhaustive and costliest program in the state's history of research in the cause of more efficient state government.

It is the successor to the Texas Economy Commission, statewide group named by Governor Allan Shivers originally to study and report on reorganization of the executive branch of government. The league's objectives have been broadened, and it has set out on a five-year program and a half million dollar budget.

its studies will be conducted objectively.

It will undertake research and analysis of long-range, over-all problems, but will be in position to offer advice and assistance on more immediate problems.

It will not initiate studies or research, but will carry them on only at the request of public officials, and after the projects have been approved by its executive committee or board.

Normally, it will finance its studies and research from its general funds; but "under appropriate circumstances" may authorize studies for political subdivisions under arrangements by which those requesting the work may finance it.

The original objective of modernizing the patchwork machinery of state government apparently has not yet been lost sight of in the reshaped objec-

tives of the new organization; but instead of attempting a hurried blueprint for mechanical reorganization, it is going more deeply to shape a functional organism of government.

A by-product of the work of the league is that the usual attempts to reshape some or much of the state governmental organization at each session of the Legislature have been deferred. Gov. Shivers recommended to this Legislature when it opened the 53rd session that it withhold any reorganization efforts until basic information had been gathered—until the league had done its work.

Bigger Highway Building Proposed

It has been hinted a variation on Representative Bill Daniel's measure to provide the state a

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Mar 1953: 7.

Research League's Hospital Study Wins Governmental Research Award

The Texas Research League's recent study of the Texas state hospital and special schools system, Wednesday night earned for it the Governmental Research Association's highest award as "the most noteworthy piece of research" in the field of public administration produced during the past year by a citizen-supported organization.

The award was presented at the association's annual banquet in Atlantic City, N. J. It was accepted for the League by Alvin A. Burger of Austin, its executive director.

The Governmental Research Association is a national body whose membership comprises those professionally engaged in governmental research in the United States and Canada.

The winning study was the first major research project completed by the Research League, which was formed in June, 1952. The league is a non-profit educational corporation whose governmental research services are available to state or local officials or agencies in Texas upon request from them. Its present officers are Hines H. Baker, Houston, chairman; J. B. Thomas, Fort Worth, vice chairman, and James P. Nash, Austin, secretary-treasurer.

The 14 volume study is a comprehensive analysis of all the non-care and treatment functions of the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, which requested the study. It covered the problems related to staffing the hospitals and special schools with trained employees, both professional and non-professional; the organization and administrative practices of the board and the programs for the major categories of patients in the 23 institutions. The majority of the patients are either mentally ill, mentally retarded or tubercular, and the analysis showed that there was room for specific improvement in the programs for these individuals which could enable medical and psychiatric staffs to speed recovery and return to normal living for many of them. Recommendations for improvements were made in each of the areas.

In addition, the study concluded that better care of patients and monetary savings would result from some changes in the practices and policies of the board in

actual construction of facilities as well as in the administration of institutional services such as purchasing, warehousing and distribution of both perishable and supply items.

The study was done by a research team of seven members of the league staff headed by Aris A. (Bob) Mallas Jr. as project director. Professional consultants and voluntary consultants recruited from Texas private enterprise assisted in the study.

J. L. Latimer of Dallas was chairman of the league's advisory committee on the State Hospitals and Special Schools study. This group provided guidance and counsel to the research staff. Other members were Mrs. Howard E. Butt, Corpus Christi; Canon Edward B. Ferguson, Boone Powell, Dr. Elliott Mendenhall, and Dr. Ozro T. Woods, all of Dallas; John H. Freeman, Houston; Dr. Titus H. Harris and Dr. Carl A. Nau, Galveston; Dr. Merton M. Milner, San Antonio; Mrs. Frank Schoonover, Fort Worth; Dr. Robert Lee Sutherland, Austin; Tol Terrell and Mrs. Ray Willoughby, San Angelo.

The study recognized that the hospitals and special schools board was operating under antiquated laws in many areas and recommended that the board request the Legislature to enact laws in keeping with the most modern concepts of institutional care and treatment

of the mentally ill, and the mentally retarded.

Texas Research League recommendations are reflected in five measures enacted by the 54th Legislature that affect patients and pupils in state institutions. Three of them carry out the major legislative proposals contained in the league's study. They are: (a) a comprehensive "Mentally Retarded Persons Act"; (b) a resolution to submit to voters a constitutional amendment to allow waiver of jury trial in lunacy proceedings; and (c) a measure requiring county courts to use the present 90-day and 10-day temporary commitment laws in all cases before deciding whether to order jury trial for indefinite commitment of mentally ill persons.

The league's executive director, Alvin Burger, recently reported to contributing members of the league that "credit for accomplishing these forward steps in the state hospital legislation of Texas may rightly be given to many persons. The hospitals and special schools board sponsored the measures and worked for their passage. The leadership of Governor Shivers in support of the legislation was an influencing factor. Many legislators and several legislative committees participated in moving the bills along to enactment. Various interested citizen groups also did yeoman service in inducing favorable legislative action."

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Sep 1955: A17.



ALVIN A. BURGER

Conference Set at UT Thursday

More than 300 officials in industry, business, government and education have registered for the Texas Personnel and Management Association's 17th annual conference, to be held Thursday and Friday at the University of Texas.

General sessions are scheduled at 10 a. m. Thursday and 8:45 a. m. Friday in Hogg Auditorium. Other events will include an evening meeting, open to the public, Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Commodore Perry Hotel ballroom; a Friday luncheon at 12:15 p. m. in the student union building ballroom, and special sessions for various interest-groups Thursday afternoon.

Dr. William R. Spriegel, University of Texas College of Business Administration dean, is conference general chairman. James L. Budros of Fort Worth, Convair personnel manager, is vice-chairman.

Speakers will include Dr. Nicholas Hobbs of Nashville, Tenn., George Peabody College for Teachers psychology professor; Dause L. Bibby, International Business Machines Corporation vice president, and Howard L. Richardson, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., vice president, both of New York City; Dr. Edrl G. Planty of Urbana, Ill., University of Illinois management professor; Edward T. Ellis of San Francisco, A. Schilling Division vice president, McCormick and Company, Incorporated, and Alvin A. Burger of Austin, Texas Research League executive director.

Burger Named

Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League, has been appointed as a member of the newly formed Committee on Research Needs and Resources of the American Association for Public Administration. The appointment was made by Dr. Henry Reining Jr., ASPA president.

Child, Family Service Panel Elects Burger

New president of the board of directors of the Child and Family Service is Alvin A. Burger.

He was named Wednesday at the board's session and luncheon at the Hitchin' Post.

Other new officers are Dr. Wayne Holtzman, vice president; Mrs. George Sanchez, secretary; and Robert Linde, treasurer. Retiring officers are Bert D. Burnes, president; Eddie Joseph, vice president; Mrs. R. V. Baker, secretary, and Dr. Glenn A. Welsch, treasurer.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 Oct 1955: 17.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 22 Mar 1958: 3.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 21 May 1959: A11.

Burger Gets Research Post

WEST POINT, N. Y. (AP)—Alvin A. Burger of Austin, Texas, was named president of the Government Research Association Tuesday night. The association is a national group of privately-supported researchers who study governmental problems.

Burger is the executive direc-

tor of the Texas Research League. Hubert W. Stone of Hartford, Conn., director of the Municipal Consulting Service of the Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, was named vice president.

The association made four awards for outstanding research in the past year. They went to:

John Briggs, Seattle, Wash.; Tilden B. Mason, Lansing, Mich.; Craig M. Smith, Rochester, N.Y.; and Roger A. Freeman, Washington, D.C.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 25 Sep 1959: 16.

Burger Given Position Again

Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League with headquarters here, is the new president of the Governmental Research Association after his reelection at the annual convention in St. Louis.

Burger has been engaged in governmental research since 1922. He has held such positions as treasurer of the association from 1925 to 1932; chairman of its research awards committee; director of the Municipal Economy Council at Irvington, N. J.; state chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and research director of the Council of State Chambers of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Accomplishments Told Of Research League

A searching look at the accomplishments of the Texas Research League during the past eight years was provided for the Austin chapter of the American Society of Public Administration at its noon luncheon Friday.

Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the league, told the administrators that his organization was particularly proud of 11 results stemming from their recommendations:

Adoption of a constitutional amendment which recognizes mental disability as an illness rather than a crime;

A modern mental health code, and a "bill of rights" for the

mentally retarded which other states now seek to copy;

An improved administrative structure for the University of Texas System, and a smoother operating Galveston Medical Branch;

A modern set of state purchasing laws, and a central purchasing system which acquires better quality supplies and equipment for the state at lower cost;

A smooth-running state police organization, which is recognized as the best in the nation;

Joint state-local financing of highway right-of-way purchase, and improved relationships between state highway engineers and municipal planners;

A reorganized state employee retirement system;

A streamlined case records system for the Department of Public Welfare;

Improved handling of aid-to-dependent-children cases;

Strengthened revenue collection procedures and other improvements in state fiscal administration;

And putting together a large body of classified information about state tax laws and tax policy for Legislative use in shaping a more adequate revenue system.

The two most important administrative problems now confronting the state government, Burger said his citizens' group believes, is recruiting compensating and retaining competent personnel; and more long-range planning of state services and programs to meet population growth and economic change.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 07 Oct 1960: 15.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Mar 1961: 10.

Research League Detailed

By Associated Press

The Texas Research League figures its advice could save state government almost \$35 million.

Some, but only some, of the league's recommendations have been adopted by the state and its agencies.

What is this organization that has a hand in shaping the policies and programs of Texas' \$1.5 billion a year government?

The league, which has its headquarters here in a modern brick and glass building surrounded by ancient oak trees, calls itself: "A citizen-supported, non-profit, non-

political educational corporation engaged in objective, factual research into the operations, programs and problems of Texas government."

Editorials have called it "an authoritative agency, independent of political ties" and "one of the most efficient and dedicated organizations in the state."

An editorial critic complained it is "one of the most influential organizations in the state . . . accepted almost as an official state agency."

A league report shows that during the recent legislative sessions

the research organization staff was called upon 140 times by 55 different legislators. League studies on taxes, welfare, fiscal administration, state parks and game and fish conservation had a hand in producing new legislation this year.

Technically, the league consists of more than 700 members throughout the state. Some members are corporations and some are business and professional individuals. The league has a 72-man board of directors and in turn a 10-member executive committee. Alvin A. Burger has been

executive director since the beginning in 1953.

The Texas organization follows in some respects other citizen-supported governmental research movements such as the New York Bureau of Municipal Research organized by the late Dr. Charles A. Beard.

Four times since its organization the Texas Research League has won annual achievement awards made by the national group, the Governmental Research Association.

Backers of the league deny it is a lobby group. Staff members appearing before legislative bodies stress that they appear only

as professional researchers without taking sides. The league's work is financed entirely from funds contributed by firms and individuals at no cost to the state.

"The Texas Research League was formed, not as another pres-

sure group, but as a constructive force to help, not coerce, governing officials in their effort to build and maintain an efficient, adequate and soundly financed service structure for the people of Texas," Burger says.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 08 Oct 1961: A14

Welfare Unit Hears Al Burger

Alvin Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League, addressed the annual meeting of the Travis County social workers Tuesday night.

Social legislation should not go too far too fast, he warned.

"Our welfare programs were originally set up to do things 'for' people. The big question that now looms is what are they doing 'to' people," he said. Many of them may be taking away people's individual initiative, he warned.

The Texas Research League recently completed a study of the State Department of Public Welfare at the request of the welfare commissioner, John Winters, and the board.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Homer Garrison Jr. of the Travis County chapter's first Distinguished Service Award. The chapter is a unit of the Texas Social Welfare Association.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 Dec 1961: A18.

Burger Is Named Head of UF Panel



Alvin Burger, left, new chairman of the United Fund admissions committee, discusses the committee's work with John Simpson, the outgoing chairman. Simpson was reappointed to the committee by Burger.

Alvin Burger, director of the Texas Research League, has been named chairman of the United Fund's admissions committee. Chief of Police Bob Miles, fund president, announced Saturday.

Burger's committee will determine the eligibility of agencies which apply for membership in the United Fund this year, Chief Miles said.

Burger also announced the appointment of committee members — John Simpson of Superior Dairies; Dr. L. D. Hawk, vice chancellor of The University of Texas; H. W. Dunlop of the Austin Better Business Bureau and W. J. Murray.

"United Fund standards for agencies are very high, and a thorough investigation is always made before new organizations are admitted," Burger said.

Deadline for admissions applications will be March 13.

"Agencies applying to the United Fund for admission must have formal applications in the United Fund office before March 14 in order to be considered," the fund office said.

Currently a total of 35 agencies are on the United Fund

roster: American Red Cross, Austin Cerebral Palsy Center, Austin Community Guidance Center, Austin Community Nursery School, Austin Council for Retarded Children, Austin Council on Alcoholism, Boy Scouts, Child and Family Service, Community Council of Austin and Travis County, Girl Scouts, Goodwill Industries of Greater Mt. Zion Nursery, Home of the Holy Infancy, Kings Daughters Home for Aged, National Travelers Aid, Salvation Army, Settlement Home, Texas United Fund, including American Hearing Society, American Social Health Association, Blinded Veterans Association.

Council on Social Work Education, International Social Service, Medical Research Foundation of Texas, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, National Recreation Association, National Social Welfare Assembly, Texas Citizens committee of the national Council on Crime and Delinquency, Texas Social Welfare Associations, USO (national budget), United Seamen's Service, USO (local budget), Volunteer Bureau, Well Child Conference, YMCA and YWCA.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 23 Feb 1964: A12.

City Warned Be Aware Of Urban Crises

By GLEN CASTLEBURY
Staff Writer

The director of the Texas Research League said Monday that Austin should not let its great natural assets obscure sight of budding urban problems.

Alvin A. Burger, in a speech prepared for the Kiwanis Club luncheon, said that Austin's problems "are just in the spawning stage, but they will grow in seriousness."

"Perhaps the main trouble is that we have had so much going for us up to now, in the way of natural advantages, that we scarcely notice the imperfections that are building up," Burger said.

Burger named some of the city's increasing problems: lake pollution, slums along thoroughfares, traffic and a county government structure designed to serve a rural constituency.

He said that the county courthouse is "deep in a Rip Van Winkle slumber, as population growth and great economic changes inundate this whole region."

"In making these critical observations, I allude to conditions, not public officials, most of whom are obviously conscientious, dedicated men and women," Burger said.

Burger urged Austin's "two major public enterprises — state government and the university (of Texas)—to become more deeply involved in efforts to achieve coordinated regional planning."

He said that commercial slums are springing up along thoroughfares "because zoning policies don't seem to mesh with urban planning objectives."

The research league is a non-profit, non-political, non-lobbying group supported by top business and civic leaders throughout Texas. The league makes studies and recommendations only on official requests.

Burger went over with the Kawanians the seven-point program of legislation the league is recommending for the assistance of Texas cities.

The league made a comprehensive study of the needs of the state's urban areas at the request of Gov. John Connally.

The league will recommend that the Legislature set up a local government agency to assist cities and dispense state funds for cooperative planning and interlocal administration.

The recommendations would provide means for regulation of the creation of new municipal incorporations; would give the urban county governments authority to deal with unincorporated areas and supply essential services for the residents of unincorporated areas.

Under the league's proposals, residents of urban area counties would have the right to change their county governmental structures.

Burger told the Kiwanians that the day is coming when Austin will be a part of a great "strip city" of four million persons along Interstate 35 from Waco to San Antonio.

He admonished Austin to start work on budding urban problems "through hard-headed work."

GLEN CASTLEBURY Staff Writer. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 21 Nov 1966: 1



LEONARD PASSMORE
Dinner speaker

Austinites To Talk At Meeting on Aging

Gov. Preston Smith and Arthur S. Flemming, former secretary of health, education, and welfare, will be featured speakers at the Texas White House Conference on Aging, May 26-27 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas.

Dr. Flemming is chairman for the 1971 National White House Conference on Aging.

Two outstanding Austinites will also participate in the conference, according to the Governor's Committee on

Aging. Alvin A. Burger, retired executive director of the Texas Research League, will serve as conference chairman. Leonard Passmore, counsel and secretary of the Texas Bankers Association, will be the dinner speaker.

Burger was engaged in public administration research from 1932 until his retirement in 1969. He was research director of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce from 1933 until January 1953, when he came to Texas to assume the executive directorship of the newly formed Texas Research League. From 1947 to 1953, he also served as research director for the Council of State Chambers of Commerce in Washington, D.C. He has written numerous articles and reports pertaining to public administration and finance.

Passmore received a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He served as County Attorney in Franklin County for six years. He served as Assistant Attorney General under Will Wilson from 1957 to 1963.

Other speakers announced by



ALVIN A. BURGER
Conference chairman

the Governor's Committee on Aging are Howard D. McMahan, Regional Director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Rabbi Levi Olan, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, both of Dallas; and Dr. Daniel Saenz, Mexican-American psychiatrist with the San Antonio State Hospital.

Fourteen workshops will be held to discuss critical areas of need including housing, income, transportation, health, employment, roles and activities, education, nutrition, and spiritual well-being.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 17 May 1971: 29.

Legislature Faces 'Need To Upgrade'

A former director of the Texas Research League says legislative processes in Texas need to be modernized.

Alvin A. Burger told the Austin Rotary Club Tuesday the state is in "good shape financially."

Burger headed the Research League for almost two decades and in retirement is still active in studying government problems.

The privately financed nonprofit Research League has been a major study arm for Texas governmental departments and agencies.

In discussing tasks of the 63rd Legislature, Burger said state government currently appears to be in good shape financially.

"But a fiscal bomb is set to explode in our face if the U.S. Supreme Court should uphold a lower federal court decision declaring unconstitutional our state's system of public school financing," he warned.

He said property taxes yield \$1.7 billion of revenue annually to Texas political divisions "but our property tax base is badly impaired by archaic and contradictory laws." He

ventured that had these laws been corrected years ago there would be no threat of a court reversal of school financing.

Seventeen years from now, Burger said, Texas will have increased in population by three and a half million. "That's 14 more Austins," he said. "Urban growth is expanding far out into formerly rural areas, and some sensible machinery to effect orderly accommodation of that growth is necessary."

With the increased population there must be jobs for more than a million young Texans. This means, he said, more housing, more industrial sites, more energy, more transportation and more protection of our environment.

In reference to the constitutional revision commission now before the legislature, he expressed a hope the commission, which will soon set up to prepare detailed basic law changes for the legislature to consider in 1974, will give careful attention to salaries of legislators, staff efficiency and the present questionable House and Senate expense account arrangements.

MRS. ALVIN A. BURGER

Mrs. Alvin A. (Lora) Burger, 71, of 2807 Wade Ave., died in a local hospital Sunday.

She had been a resident of Austin since 1953. Mrs. Burger attended Washington University in St. Louis Mo. When living in Short Hills N. J. in the 1940s she was a member of the Rainbow Trio a professional women's

singing group. She was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin and a member of Bishop Quin Guild.

Survivors are her husband, Alvin A. Burger of Austin; a son, Donald T. Burger of East Granby, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Lora Jean Henderson of West Chatham, Mass.; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. David's Episcopal Church with Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Cremation, under direction of Weed-Corley Funeral Home, will follow.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 17 Jan 1972: 18.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 07 Feb 1973: 8.

Austinite proves older citizens can contribute

May is traditionally proclaimed Older Americans Month in honor of senior citizens throughout the nation.

This is the last of four Sundays the Austin American-Statesman is spotlighting four of Austin's senior citizens who represent older Americans at their best — healthy, happy people who take joy in giving of themselves to others.

Alvin A. Burger was born in Harrison, N.Y., on Dec. 24, 1898, and he's been living his life ever since in the true "Christmas spirit" — believing that the contributions senior citizens can make to society are limitless.

Mr. Burger attended Washington University, where he met and married Lora Boysen, in 1922. The couple

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary only a few weeks before Mrs. Burger's death in 1972.

From 1933 through 1970 Mr. Burger was engaged in governmental research work at local, state and federal levels. He was the first executive director of the Texas Research League and spearheaded studies which have resulted in modernization and improvement of governmental services in Texas.

Since his retirement as director in 1970, he has participated in a variety of civic, governmental and church activities in Austin.

In the fall of 1971, he was appointed by Gov. Preston Smith to the chairmanship of the 133-member Texas delegation to the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. From 1971

through 1973, he served as chairman of the annual Texas Governor's Conference on Aging.

Named by the Governor's Committee on Aging as Texas' outstanding older American in 1971, he is a member of the Adult Services Council of Austin and Travis County and served as the council's chairman in 1974. He is also this year's chairman of the Advisory Council on Aging for the Capital Area Planning Council.

He is currently vice-chairman of a citizens' task force appointed by the Austin School Board to recommend steps to be taken to expand the "community schools" program, which has already taken root in two of the local schools. He is active in St. David's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.



SENIOR CITIZEN ALVIN BURGER, 76
Remains active in Austin affairs

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Alvin Burger dies at age 79

Alvin A. Burger, long-time executive director of the Texas Research League, died Friday. He was 79.

Burger headed the taxpayer-supported, non-profit organization, which studies special problems in Texas government, from 19530 until 1969, when he retired.

In May 1971, he chaired the Texas meeting of the White House Conference on Aging and headed the 133-member Texas delegation to the White House conference later that year.

Burger was named outstanding older Texan in 1971 by the Governor's Committee on Aging and chaired that group in 1972-73.

Services are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

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Alvin Burger gave much to older citizens

Austin is blessed with a large population of older citizens who have had successful careers and who are still interested in using their expertise in the community. They volunteer for a variety of activities which bolster the community and save expenditures which would otherwise burden the budget.

These older citizens work quietly for the most part and receive little publicity.

They are active on many of the official boards in Travis County and their contribution is appreciated by those who serve with them. There is a growing awareness that the talents one develops before retirement do not suddenly disappear after retirement. The quiet contribution of older citizens is making an impact and in their own way, they are establishing the basis for acceptance of older citizens as a contributing sector of the population.

Recently, Austin lost one of the forerunners in this effort to establish the value of the services of older Americans. When Alvin Burger died, the community lost a great mind and talent and a wealth of good experience which he was willing to share generously on the many boards and committees on which he served.

After his retirement, Burger filled his days and



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evenings with activities to benefit the community and all of its residents. He was appointed to lead the delegation of 133 members to the 1971 White House Conference on Aging and served on the Governor's Committee on Aging. He also served as the volunteer guardian for a nursing home resident who had neither family nor friends to help her with personal shopping or to meet problems as they arose. He expressed his hope that the volunteer guardian program would always remain a volunteer service and be kept separate from state or local government control.

Burger served with distinction on the boards of the Adult Services Council, (president), the Community Council, Child and Family Service, United Way, and was the first chairman of the Retirees Coordinating Board. He was a member of the Area Agency on Aging (CAPCO) Advisory Board and was treasurer of Texas United Community Services. He also served on the Advisory Commit-

tee to the State Health Department's Nursing and Convalescent Home Division.

As a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Burger became involved in community church activities. He was a lay reader in his church and served as president of the local Council of Churches. At the time of his death he was involved in a study being conducted by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas on "Christian Citizenship and Criminal Justice".

Burger was the director of the Texas Research League before his retirement and he shared his research ability.

He also shared person to person. When his friends experienced loss of loved ones or reverses in their personal careers, Burger was one of the first to offer words of consolation from his own experience. He was an optimist and a man of great faith and his suggestions were positive and lifting.

To many of us, Alvin Burger was a friend of the rare and treasurable sort. We shall miss him dreadfully and know that it will take a number of people to fill the vacancies in service his going has created.

Jeffery, Inez. *The Austin American - Statesman* (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex., 30 Apr 1978: E4.

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WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
Private swimming pool & req. enclosure device.			
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