

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
MARCH 5, 2025
PR-2024-008236
4901 RIDGE OAK DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Believed to have been designed by Austin architect Barton Riley¹, the house at 4901 Ridge Oak Drive was constructed around 1951 for Edgar Perry III, grandson of Edgar Howard “Commodore” Perry. The single-story house is set on a triangular parcel that slopes towards the east, offering an optimal view of downtown. Clad in a combination white stone, concrete, and vertical wood siding, the house emphasizes its horizontality with two long wings in an L-shape.

The north side of the lot features a driveway that curves around the house and terminates at a carport. There is an entry to the kitchen in this location, indicating that the doorway in the middle of the house, facing Ridge Oak Drive and opening onto the foyer and living room of the house, was designed to be the main entry. Arranging two doors in this way indicates that the automobile entry may have been seen as more of a service entry.

The longer of the two wings extends to the north and includes living areas and bedrooms and features a rear door from the dining room to a broad deck that provides a view of downtown Austin. It also features ample swimming pool, which abuts a retaining wall.

A flat roof covers the entire house, with moderate overhangs on several sides. Fenestration is generally not large but are grouped in several areas to create a ribbon window appearance. At the rear of the house, near the deck, is a large brick chimney that extends above the flat roof by a few feet. From the street, the exterior walls, windows, and doors are weathered but appear to be in fair condition.

RESEARCH

The Perry family has a long history in Austin that stretches across the city, both architecturally and civically. The house at 4901 Ridge Oak Drive was constructed for Edgar and Kathleen Perry to live in after their 1951 marriage and was completed when Edgar Perry III was in his early 20s. In the short years after their moving in, Edgar was involved in several family business ventures, including Southwest Ledge Stone Company, Terminix Termite Control, and, most recently, the Perry Manufacturing Company, which produced plastics and other newly developed materials for domestic use. He also became involved in, and was listed as owner of, the Memorial Hill Mausoleum.

In 1959, Edgar Perry III ran for, and was elected to, a seat on the Austin City Council. He would serve for five years, and at one point would serve as the youngest mayor pro tempore in the country. After not seeking reelection, he would go on to serve with numerous charity boards, including the YMCA and Goodwill. Kathleen Perry was involved in religious and community groups across the city, and frequently appeared in Austin newspapers in the fashion sections and best dressed lists. The couple had two daughters together while living at Ridge Oak Drive.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is an excellent example of midcentury residential architecture.
 - b. Historical association. The property appears to have significant historical associations, most notably with former City Council member Edgar Perry III. Currently, there are properties landmarked with association to Edgar “Commodore” Perry I and the Perry family, but none with Edgar Perry III.

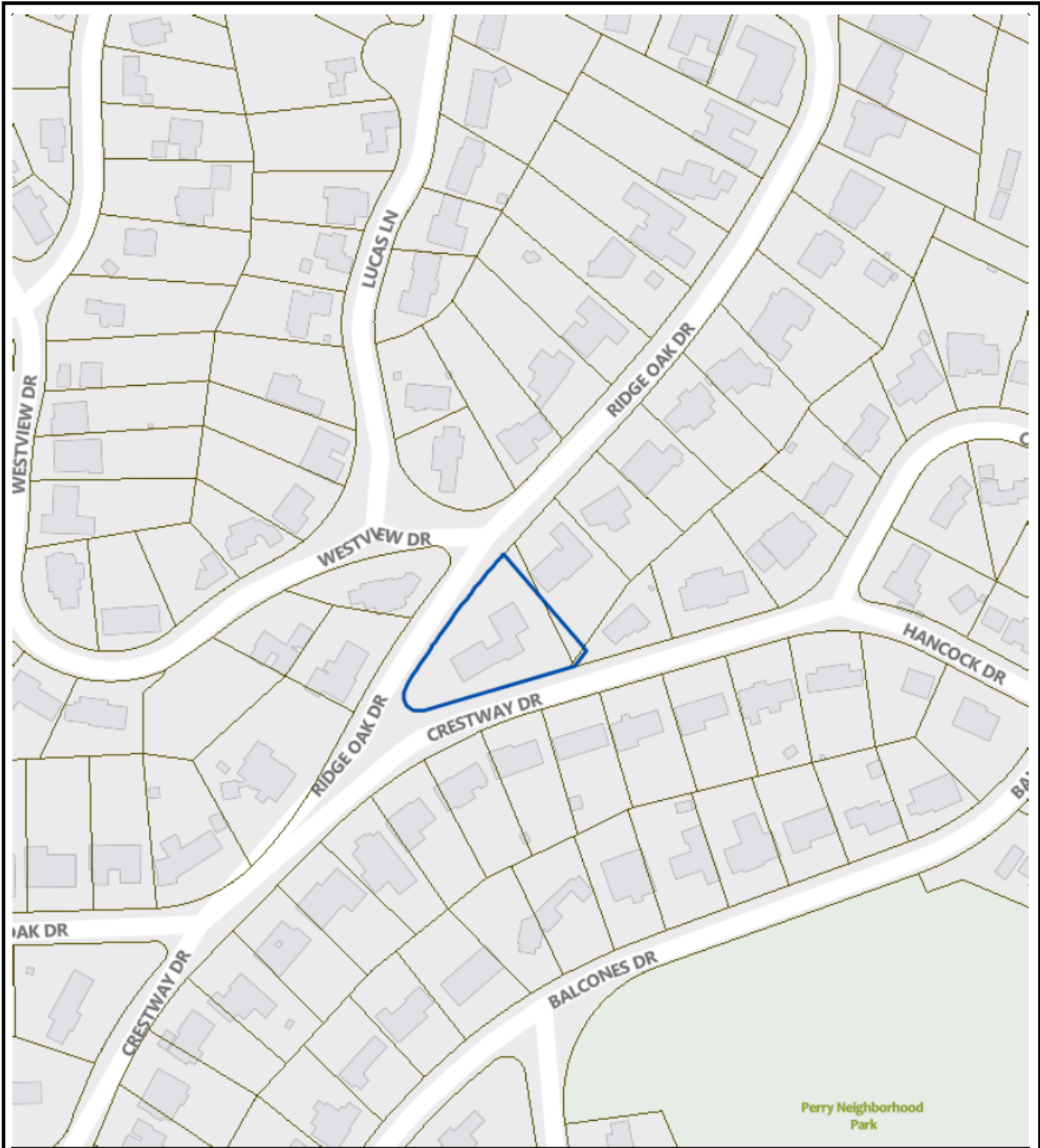
¹ <https://www.treymcwhorter.com/posts/23-barton-darrell-pat-riley>

- 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 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

Consider initiating historic zoning along with documentation submitted by the applicant regarding the structural condition of the house. If designation is not pursued, encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines

Lot Line



1: 2400

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2/18/2025

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Streetview, 2024



Zillow listing, 2025



Demolition application, 2025

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, February 2024

- 1959 Edgar H. Perry III and Kathleen M. Perry, owners; The Perry Company Investments
- 1957 Same as above
- 1955 Edgar H. Perry III and Kathleen M. Perry, owners;
Owners of Memorial Hill Mausoleum, Southwest Ledge Stone Co, Terminix Co
- 1952 Under construction
- 1949 Address not listed

Historical Information

Now It's Edgar Perry, III

A son was born early Saturday at St. David's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Perry, Jr. The baby, weighed nine pounds, and was given his father's name. Mr. Perry is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry, Sr., and Mrs. Perry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews. The baby is the only grandchild in the two families.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 20 July 1930: 1.

Cadet E. H. Perry Graduates Soon

Edgar H. Perry III will be graduated from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind., in commencement exercises June 5-9, the academy has announced.

Cadet Perry, academically ranked in the upper half of his class, is a member of the Field Artillery ROTC organization. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry Jr. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry of Austin. The graduating class of 173 cadets represents 29 states and two foreign nations.

President Clyde E. Wildman of DePauw University will address the commencement convocation on June 8. Diplomas will be awarded at a final formation June 9.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 02 June 1948:

Edgar Perry III Weds Kathleen Miller

(Picture on Page 1-C)

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Priscilla Miller to Edgar Howard Perry III was solemnized Saturday evening in the University Baptist Church.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, officiated. He was assisted by Lee Freeman, student director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George W. Miller of Beaumont. She was graduated from South Park High School and Lamar Junior College in Beaumont and has just completed her junior year at the University of Texas.

THE SON OF MRS. Frank L. Robinson, 3800 Kennelwood Road, and E. H. Perry Jr., Commodore Perry Hotel, the bridegroom is a graduate of Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind. He, too, has completed his junior year at the University of Texas, and both he and his bride plan to continue their studies there this fall.

Greenery predominated in the church decorations for the formal, double-ring ceremony. Palm trees were banked high above the altar and graduated down to small ferns at the sides. The center white marble baptismal was topped with green waxed fern contrasted at the center with cadadium leaves. Twelve candelabra at each side of the baptismal were arranged to form a pyramid of lights.

THE DECORATIVE motif was carried into the audience by three-candle arrangements placed along the aisle three rows apart. White satin ribbons marked the family pews, and a white aisle cloth was laid for the entrance of the bridal party.

A nuptial prelude was played on the organ by Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, organist, who also played the traditional wedding marches and accompanied the soloist, Lester Benetzer. Mr. Benetzer sang "Because" and "Oh Promise Me."

Miss Georganne Miller of Beaumont, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Helen Miller of Beaumont, sister of the bride; Miss George Anne Perry of Austin, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Hugh B. Walters of Houston, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Mac S. Watson, Wichita Falls; and William D. Youngblood, Austin; and Miss Barbara Paul, Corpus Christi.

THE ATTENDANTS were attired identically in gowns of white nylon net with bouffant skirts and shirred bodices. Matching stoles were attached to the gowns in Grecian style by white velvet ribbons. Headdresses were of white net with a pink Anthurum lily on the left side and a white velvet loop on the right.

They carried crescent bouquets of pink Anthurum lilies accented with green foliage and pink satin ribbon.

Mary Martha Murphy, cousin of the bridegroom, was flower girl. She wore a white nylon net dress like those of the bridesmaids and a white veil cap with an Anthurum lily on the side. She scattered pink rose petals on the aisle from a basket.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Herbert C. Patterson, was gowned in a costume of blush pink satin with a pearl leaf design outlining the close round neckline of the fitted bodice. A row of small covered buttons extended the full length of the bodice in the back, and the long, fitted sleeves ended in petal points over the hands. The sleeves were also trimmed with a pearl leaf design. The gown's full, shirred skirt extended into a cathedral-length train.

THE BRIDE'S FINGERTIP veil of blush pink illusion fell from a satin half hat trimmed with orange blossoms. She carried a cascade bouquet of lilies of the valley and stephanotis surrounding a center white orchid. She also carried a white Bible, a gift from the maid-of-honor and a traditional bridal

diamond cross owned by Mrs. Clyde Hayes of Beaumont.

William D. Youngblood of Austin was best man. Other attendants were William P. Hobby Jr., Houston; Donald D. French, San Antonio; and Robert F. Crawford, Kenneth K. Caswell Jr., Marvin W. Crowe, and John Watson, all of Austin. Jack Waggoner and Henry Johnson, also of Austin, were ushers.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. Arrangements of white gladioli flanked the terrace. Maroon daisies and white gladioli were used throughout the house.

CHAMPAGNE, PUNCH and cake were served from three tables on the lawn, which was lighted with hurricane lamps. The bride's bouquet, surrounded by the pink bouquets of the bridesmaids, formed the centerpiece for the cake table. The cake was a large ring with pink and white flower decorations. Alternating at serving cake were Mesdames Fred Pryor, E. E. Shropshire and George S. Matthews of Austin, and Mrs. Ralph Christopher and Miss Jerry Wood of Beaumont. White gladioli, Maroon daisies and asters decorated the punch table.

Miss Brownie Stacy of Austin was at the guest book, and 60 friends of the bridegroom's family completed the houseparty.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Miller chose a formal dress of aqua chiffon with rhinestone trim at the neckline and a hat of white, studded with rhinestones. She wore a shoulder corsage of white roses.

THE MOTHER of the bridegroom wore a short formal of blue nylon net with a hat of pink iridescent feathers. She carried pink Elfe roses fashioned into a purse corsage.

Mrs. Herbert C. Patterson, wife of the uncle who gave the bride in marriage, wore a blue lace dress with pink accessories and a Rubrum lily corsage.

When she left for a two-week wedding trip to Miami Beach, Mrs. Perry was wearing a travel suit of white Irish linen with a white imported lace blouse and black accessories. She also wore a white orchid corsage.

After the honeymoon, the couple will be at home at 4005 Maplewood Drive.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. William P. Hobby and Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Bradburn of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Harris, Dallas; Mrs. Lou Sherck, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Christopher, Miss Jerry Wood and Bob Schieble, Beaumont; and Mrs. Phil Radovitch and Mrs. Paul Dishman, Hereford.

The rehearsal dinner was given Friday night by E. H. Perry Sr., grandfather of the bridegroom, at the Austin Club. Sixty guests, including the 24 members of the wedding party, attended. A blue and yellow motif was carried out in the yellow roses on the buffet table, the small nosegays of yellow roses and blue forget-me-nots on six guest tables, and the cluster of blue maline wedding bells, roses and forget-me-nots on the table for the bridal party. Above the buffet table, which was laid with an orchid cloth over green, were two blue love birds in a cage covered with yellow roses.

Other pre-nuptial parties for the couple included a spinster party given for the bride Thursday by her sisters, Misses Helen and Georganne Miller, at the apartment where the newlyweds will make their home. The bride's attendants and wives of the bridegroom's attendants were guests at the buffet supper. After supper they made the attendants' headdresses.

A surprise stag party feted the bridegroom Thursday night at the home of the host, William D. Youngblood, 2812 East 22nd. Men in the wedding party were guests at the barbecue supper.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 22 July 1951: C1.

TERMINIX HAS PROVEN RECORD

During the spring of the year, especially in rainy wet periods, wise homeowners anxious to protect the heavy investment they have made in their homes, will make certain that their property is free of termites.

And for their protection, these

homeowners depend upon an established reputable company doing business in Austin and directed by people who are known in local business circles to serve them.

Such an institution is the Terminix Company of Austin which for the past 16 years has given

insulating service against termites to hundreds of satisfied home owners in this city.

The Terminix Company of Austin was recently purchased from the F. G. Schlegel estate by Edgar H. Perry III and U. O. Andrews, both well known business men here. Perry is now manager of the company.

Pointing out that the spring is an active season for termites, the new owners said a Terminix representative at the owner's request will make an inspection of the home and premises without any obligation to determine the existence of termites or possible termite damage. Arrangements for such an examination can be made by calling the Terminix Company of Austin, dial 2-5189, or visiting the firm's office at 109 East 10th Street.

All contracts made by the Terminix Company of Austin with homeowners are insured by the Sun Insurance Company of New York, one of America's oldest underwriters, which is ample guaranty to Austin homeowners of the effectiveness of Terminix service.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 May 1952: 12.

COMMODORE PUFFING UP

If Commodore E. H. Perry is passing out cigars these days, he's got good reason: a great-granddaughter.

Miss Sherlan Priscilla Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry III, arrived Wednesday at 6:25 p. m. at St. David's Hospital. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Perry is the former Miss Kathleen Priscilla Miller of Beaumont. Her mother, Mrs. George Miller of that city, will be visiting at the Perry home, 4901 Ridge Oak Drive, for about a month.

Austin grandparents of the youngster are Mrs. Frank Robinson and E. H. Perry Jr.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 Mar 1953: 15.

In the Hall, In the Bath It's Plastic

When plans for the "Home for All America" specified plastic panels for hall light, a patio roof and a tub enclosure, Builder W. L. Mayfield Jr. didn't have to go outside Austin to find what he needed.

There's a plastic factory right here — the Perry Manufacturing Company, one of the business projects of Edgar Perry III, grandson of Commodore E. H. Perry. It started this year on Willow Springs Road and is shipping material all over Texas and out-of-state. Plastics from this factory are being used in the "Home for All America" in Alexandria, Va. and North Little Rock, Ark. as well as Austin.

These sheets of corrugated glass-fibre reinforced plastics combine beauty and durability. They will not rust, rot or corrode.

When you visit the home at 5601 Ridgeoak Drive this Sunday between 2 and 9 p. m. or any day this week, you'll see the plastic panels running down the center of the hall, across the activity area and into the boys' bedroom. Behind the panels are regular screw-in type lights but the effect will be that of indirect lighting. The sliding tub enclosure in the bathroom eliminates the need for a shower curtain and is non-breakable so the youngsters couldn't throw a block through it.

In the roof of the patio, the plastic panels form a sun screen and filter the light. Estimates by experts place the life of glass reinforced plastics at 20 years, exposed to sun, rain and soil. They are being used increasingly for greenhouses where the hail proof feature is a valuable asset.

Perry Plastics for every use for your home are sold at Calcasieu Lumber Company.



ON DISPLAY—Products of the Perry Manufacturing Company of Austin will be displayed at a new showroom, Perry Plastics Center at 4330 North Lamar, beginning Monday. Pictured with glass-fibre

reinforced plastic structural sheets built by the company are Henry Thompson (left), technical director of the plant, and Edgar Perry III (right), company president. (Neal Douglass Photo.)

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 01 Aug 1954: A7.(left) and Austin, Tex.. 19 Sep 1954: F6. (right)



DECK CLUB OPENING—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Perry III and other guests at the opening of the Deck Club in the Commodore Perry Hotel Wednesday night serve themselves at the buffet supper table. More than 200 Austinites attended the

Austin Statesman-United Press
 formal opening of Austin's newest club, which featured dinner, two bands and a floor show. Members of the new club and their guests sat at tables clustered around the swimming pool and on the outdoor terrace.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 Oct 1956: A19.

DID YOU SEE . . .



Of fashion-worthy black will be the cashmere sheath dress and fitted Empire jacket which will be worn by Mrs. Edgar Perry III, center, to the Austin Ballet Society's production Friday evening. The fitted jacket, with long tapered sleeves, is strikingly enhanced by a lavish mink collar. The cocktail sheath beneath is sleeveless and has a square neckline. Complimenting Mrs. Perry's ensemble will be black satin opera pumps and clutch bag, and pearl earrings and drop necklace.

Also at the Municipal Auditorium for the ballet will be Mrs. Kenneth McCalla Jr., right, wearing a pure silk black sheath. Attached to the sculptured bodice are insets of silk chiffon which form square necklines and bracelet-length sleeves. A wide crushed cummerbund encircles her waist. Her large, shaped handbag is black satin, and her opera pumps, suede with satin toes. She will wear short white kid gloves and pearl and rhinestone earrings.

At the Stephen F. Austin High hearts and flowers dance Valentine evening Miss Ginny Rodgers will be wearing a formal gown of white tulle and taffeta. The long-torso bodice is fitted to the bouffant skirt, fashioned of three flaring tiers. Each tier is enhanced by rows of tiny ruffles. She will wear white satin opera pumps and rhinestone jewelry. To carry out the festive color scheme of the day she will wear an evening coat of red velveteen.

For the Tri-L Club's dinner-dance Thursday evening Mrs. Skip Bohn has chosen a gay black

dress of wool crepe. The bodice, which features a deep cowl neckline and tapered wrist-length sleeves, is fitted to the full gathered skirt. She will wear crystal chandelier earrings. Accessories will be black faille sandals and a black velvet cocktail bag from India enhanced by gold metallic embroidery.

A Tuesday luncheon was the occasion for Mrs. N. L. Schiller's wearing a two-piece ensemble of snowflake white wool knit. The sheath skirt featured inch-wide vertical panels of alternate lifted cable-stitch pattern and soft flat weave. The three-quarter-length-sleeved fitted bodice was accented by a tiny round collar and band, from neckline to waist, of white wool crochet. Jewelry was a pin and earrings of large pearls centering rhinestone sprays. Her pumps and handbag were black kid.

A brown sheath dress of sheer wool, which features a short Empire-length jacket, will be worn to the Junior League luncheon and style show Tuesday by Mrs. Clayton Blakeway. A wide boat neckline and tiny half-sleeves accent the dress' fitted bodice. The jacket has sleeves of three-quarter length. Her accessories will be brown alligator. She will wear pink crystal necklace and earrings and a small pink-flowered hat.

For the recent Headliners' fete and for special party occasions Mrs. Charles Herring, left, wears a lateday dress of delicious watermelon pink. Chiffon over jersey, the dress features a fitted bodice, gracefully shirred from cowl neckline to dropped waist. Soft panels extend from back neckline to waltz-length hem over the full-flowing skirt. White iridescent opera pumps, a gold and white brocade bag and antique cameo earrings and bracelet are Mrs. Herring's accessories.

To welcome spring Mrs. T. J. Greene will wear a suit dress of brilliant blue and green printed silk to the Thursday meeting of the Delta Delta Delta alumnae. The jacket, fashioned with a single back pleat and a self bow at high neckline in front, is fitted at the banded hipline over the sheath

skirt. Navy bone buttons close the jacket. With the ensemble she wears earrings of blue stones and silver from Hong Kong and navy kid pumps and handbag.

A black fur muff will strike a fashion note Wednesday evening at the Ladies of Civitan Valentine dance. Mrs. H. T. Baker will carry the muff with a white nylon chiffon dress, featuring a tucked, scoop-necklined bodice and a lavishly full skirt. Her necklace, earrings and bracelet will be crystals, and her evening sandals will be gold. She will wear long white doveskin gloves.

A mother of the bride, Mrs. Robert H. Williams, chose a pink champagne afternoon dress of woven silk for the Saturday marriage of her daughter, Carolyn, to Mike Stone. Tiny brown floral patterns were sprinkled on the material of Mrs. Williams' dress. A necklace of gold and baroque pearls complimented the high round neckline. The front sheath skirt extended into circular fullness at back. She wore satin opera pumps and eight-button gloves of beige.



For City Council,
PLACE 5
 ★
 MEET
EDGAR PERRY III
 AND
HIS FAMILY
 ★

How well do you know Edgar Perry III? His friends describe him with words like "compassionate," "thorough," "hard-working," "modest," "serious" and "dedicated."

Twenty-eight years old, Edgar Perry has already proved himself worthy of the highest responsibilities of public service.

As the father of two little girls, he is vitally interested in helping to make Austin the best place in the world for children to grow up.

His great appreciation for children and youth has been demonstrated by his good works and is reflected in the first plank of his platform. He pledges full support to a city-wide attack on juvenile delinquency—not only through the police department, but through a vigorous program to remove the causes of juvenile delinquency. He favors an expansion of recreation facilities and believes each citizen should be invited to become a part of an organized plan to help the dependent and neglected or delinquent children who live in our city.

Edgar Perry is a director of the Texas Baptist Children's Home at Round Rock and, as a Civitan, helps sponsor Austin's Teen Canteens.

Edgar Perry III was born and educated in Austin. He is the grandson of Judge George S. Matthews and of Mr. E. H. Perry Sr., and the son of Mrs. Julia Matthews Robinson and the late Edgar H. Perry Jr. He has one sister, George Anne (Mrs. Lewis Little).

While attending the University of Texas, Edgar met Kathleen Miller of Beaumont. While on the campus, Edgar and Kathleen were principals in another election. Kathleen was one of the five finalists for Sweetheart of the University of Texas in 1951. Edgar had his mind

set upon marrying her, so he quietly campaigned against her.

"I figured I wouldn't see her for a whole year if she won," he explained. They were married July 21, 1951.

Sheri, their oldest daughter, is described by her mother as "just like Edgar, with the same dignity and strong personality that her father has."

Sheri, like her mother, has been a busy volunteer at the campaign headquarters. At home she pastes the trading stamps which the Perrys receive with grocery purchases into books, so now she is helping her Daddy by pasting labels on envelopes. Kimberly, the Perry's tow-headed three-year-old beauty who takes after her mother, is spending a lot of time with "Gran'ma" until the campaign is concluded.

If you have not met Edgar Perry III, ask your neighbors about him. He is a man of faith and a man of works. As Mrs. William Saunders, welfare aid chairman of the Red Cross, says:

"You have no idea what Edgar is giving—of himself and of his means—to the people of Austin. He works constantly to help those in need. He has taught a Sunday School class for patients at the Austin State Hospital and made arrangements for the hospital patients to hear the Austin Symphony Orchestra . . . and many other worthwhile accomplishments. I am convinced that Edgar Perry's dedicated purpose is to be of help to the people of his city."

Electing **Edgar Perry III** to the City Council, Place 5, will broaden the opportunity of his service to Austin and its people.

(Pol. Adv. paid for by friends of Edgar Perry III)



For City Council, Place 5

POLL FOR PERRY AND PERRY WILL PULL FOR YOU

Tell your neighbors about Edgar Perry III, or ask them and they will tell you. He is a man of faith and a man of good works:

- Outstanding Christian Layman
- Experienced, Successful Businessman
- 28-Year-Old Civic Leader
- Director, Boys' Clubs of America in Austin
- Director, Austin YMCA
- Generous Supporter of Worthy Causes
- Trustee, Texas Baptist Children's Home
- Builder of a Better Austin

FRIENDS OF **EDGAR PERRY, III**

(Paid Pol. Adv.)



Happy wives share the pleasure of victory with their just-elected city councilmen husbands. At left are Mr. and Mrs. Hub Bechtol and at right Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Perry III. Bechtol won a Place 1 seat over three

opponents in Saturday's balloting and Perry took the two-way Place 5 race. Both are newcomers to the council where they will join three incumbents.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 02 Apr 1959: A3. (left) and The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 Apr 1959: A1. (right)



JAYCEES GET POLL TAXES—Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce took their "pay your poll tax" campaign to City Council members in an effort to promote collection before the deadline. Because there were no poll tax pads available at City Hall,

the group stopped by the South Austin Central Fire Hall. Here, Councilman **Edgar H. Perry III**, left, gets his tax receipt. Jaycees are Melvin Rowland, center, and Jack Ritter Jr. Poll taxes should be paid before Tuesday.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 29 Jan 1961: A2.

**MEMORIAL HILL PARK
(Memorial Hill Cemetery, Inc.)**

**Statement of Interment Property Sold in Memorial Hill Park
Under "Perpetual Care" Period Ended Dec. 31, 1960.**

**Property Sold to Dec. 31, 1960 — 72,214.25 Square Feet
STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND**

Cash in Fund	\$ 98.77
Trust Fund Invested	9,610.33
Customer Notes in Process of Collection	5,814.35
Total Reserve for Perpetual Care	\$15,523.45

**Trustee Of Perpetual Care Fund:
The Capital National Bank
Austin, Texas**

OFFICERS OF MEMORIAL HILL CEMETERY, INC.

**Edgar H. Perry, III, President
Russell J. Horn, Secretary**

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Feb 1961: A32.

Zoning Changed

**The City Council by a 3 to 1
vote has granted a change in zoning
at 24th and Leon Streets for
the erection of a filling station.
Mayor Pro Tem Edgar Perry III
cast the dissenting vote.**

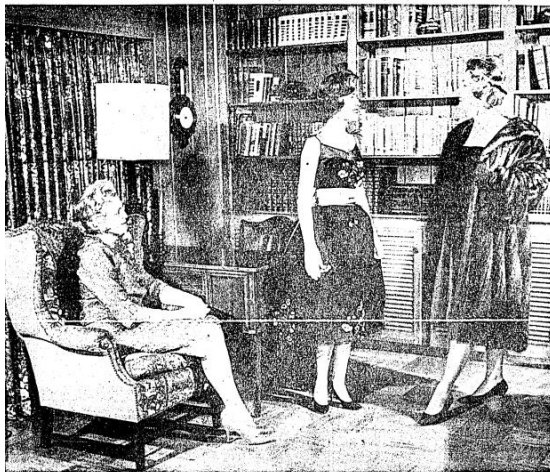
The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 17 Nov 1961: 17.

Austin's Ten Best-Dressed

By CAROLYN BEAV BRIGHTON
Fashion Editor

Even if we're not looking for a job, seeking a husband or running for office, fashion is important to us. . . . Together, we spend \$40 billion a year just filling our closets. Fashion is the main support industry in the US after steel and groceries, and it is vital to the economy. . . . It is also meaningful to us individually. It helps us present a pleasing aspect . . . to our husbands, our friends and to ourselves. It expresses our personalities. . . . Some women are more successful with fashion than others are . . . and these women are not just in a crowd, not because of ostentatious costumes but because of simple appropriateness of dress. . . . The list of dress have been chosen by Austinites as the best-dressed ladies in the city for 1961. They are Mrs. D. H. Cummins, Mrs. Franklin W. Dennis, Mrs. Frank C. Enoch, Jr., Mrs. Michael Frary, Mrs. Edgar Perry III, Mrs. Ben Redwine, Mrs. A. H. Holloman Jr., Mrs. Spencer Scott, Mrs. Jack Steinbrenner and Mrs. F. W. Westley. . . . These women dress fashionably without ostentation. They achieve a classic look without extravagance. Most say they couldn't afford to follow every fashion, but they wouldn't even if they could. Many of the ladies on the list place emphasis on "good" when describing their clothes. Quality in fashion is definitely more important than quantity.

One of the best-dressed boys she is still wearing a "good" suit she bought 10 years ago, though the sleeves and hems have been lengthened and shortened with every season. Another buys "good" things on sale, and another likes "good" accessories to make basic drapes chic. . . . The remarker in Mrs. Scott's wardrobe is an old suit and good basic dresses, which she accessories with striking hats ("I love hats") and shoes. She is too partial to handbags and purses. "When I have a good finding, I don't mind carrying it over and over again." . . . Mrs. Steinbrenner's favorite fashion is the non-comparable dress that "looks as good" in September as it does in April. Devoted to the classic look—"I have something I like, I wear it for years"—she also appears in the newest fashions without being "baddy." . . . Her miniature pillow, among the first in Austin last year, was quite the object of compliments. . . . Like several ladies on the best-dressed list, Mrs. Steinbrenner loves to shop at sales. Others concentrate on their wardrobes only once or twice a year. Mrs. Redwine finds little method works best for her. At the beginning of each spring and fall season, she confidante her clothes and does the necessary shopping. (Continued on Page C3)



MRS. O. H. CUMMINS, MRS. RAS REDWINE AND MRS. MICHAEL FRARY



MRS. FRANKLIN W. DENIUS AND MRS. EDGAR PERRY III

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 28 Jan 1962: C1.

RACE

(Continued from Page One)

nending the work of the council several weeks ago.

White was first elected in 1951. He is the only member of the council other than the mayor to occupy an office in city hall. White's third floor office was made available to the senior member of the five-man group by a special act of the council in 1956.

White said he had been urged by friends from all over Austin to seek reelection and he appreciated the expression of confidence. He said he wanted to be on hand for the next two years when Austin should enjoy her greatest period of growth and development.



MAYOR LESTER PALMER
... He will run again



American Statesman/UPI
BEN WHITE ENTERS RACE
Veteran seeks seventh term.

Palmer, Shanks In, Perry Out

Reelection Asked

Speculation about two members of the City Council—Lester Palmer and Louis Shanks—came to an abrupt halt Tuesday morning when both men announced they will seek reelection.

At the same time, Mayor Pro Tem **Edgar Perry III** formally announced he will not seek reelection.

Palmer has filed for Place 4. Councilman Shanks filed again for Place 3.

With Mayor Palmer's announcement that he would seek his fifth term, the remaining blank on the council slate was filled.

Perry said he had made up his mind six months ago not to run again. He said he didn't realize at the time, however, that this would mean waiting until the council filing deadline to make his announcement.

"I have several reasons for not offering myself as a candidate for reelection, but I'll mention only one," said Perry. "I sincerely believe there should be one or two new people on each council. In that way continuation of experience is assured. I believe the current situation is ideal. If the people choose to do so, they can return to office three experienced councilmen and two new councilmen."

Perry occupies Place 5. Palmer said he was running again because he believed in the tremendous growth potential of Austin. The mayor further

pledged to continue to work hard for the city if reelected.

"The next two years will see Austin reach a new dimension in its development," said Palmer.

"We should see a great expansion in industry, more conventions for the city and new tourism," Palmer said.

The mayor admitted that his decision to run again had been a nip and tuck battle in his own mind. Palmer said he did not decide to seek reelection until about noon Monday.

The 54-year-old vice president and general manager of Calcasieu Lumber Company has served as mayor for the past two years. A native of Austin, Palmer served as acting mayor for seven months when the late Mayor Tom Miller became ill.

With the filing deadline set for midnight Wednesday, the council races shape up in the following

manner: Place 1, Bill Garrison and Ronald J. Byers; Place 2, Ben White; Place 3, Paul W. Stinson and Louis Shanks; Place 4, Lester Palmer; and Place 5, Travis LaTue.

Meanwhile veteran councilman Ben White filed Monday afternoon for his seventh term of office. White filed again in Place 2.

Nominating petitions for Palmer and Councilmen **Edgar Perry III** and Louis Shanks were also filed late Monday afternoon. The petitions were filed by banker Howard Cox, who acted as the leader of a citizens committee to draft the three incumbents for reelection.

Cox said the petitions, which bore some 300 names each, were drawn up by the same civic leaders, plus a number of other persons, who presented the entire council with a resolution com-

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Address 4901 RIDGE OAK

Amount FIXTURE AND NAT 1.00 30.00
10.00 additional paid for tap

Plumber THE BASEY CO. Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 9-17-51

Size of Tap Made _____

Size Service Made _____

Size Main Tapped _____

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock _____

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From Curb Cock to Tap on Main _____

Checked by Engr. 10-8-51 RC

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock
1	Elbow
1	St. Elbow
1	Bushing
1	Reducer
1	Pipe
1	Lead Comp.
1	Nipples
1	Union
1	Plug
1	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
1	Valves
1	Job No. <u>323</u>
1	P. No. <u>7400</u>

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