HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Applications for Permits in National Register Historic Districts
December 2, 2026
PR-2026-144763; GF-2026-148201
West Line Historic District
1014 Shelley Avenue

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1930 garage.

Architecture

This simple garage is utilitarian in its appearance and form. It is set back from the front of the property at the end of a side driveway. The narrow teardrop siding matches the main house, and the garage features a vented front gable. There are no decorative elements present, but the structure does complement the Craftsman design of the main house well.

Research

Original owners of the property were Ollie & Ethel Atkinson, who lived there until his passing around 1922, with Ethel staying at the address until her death in 1929. Ownership changed over several times in the years after, before Henry & Flornette Thieme bought the house in the 1940s and lived there for three decades, raising at least two children. During this time, Henry Thieme worked as a post office clerk.

Department Comments

Per city code § 25-11-213 (G)(4), the Historic Landmark Commission has 180 days to review demolition permits in National Register historic districts starting from the date the application was submitted. This period is set to time out on May 2, 2027.

Property Evaluation

Both the main house and the garage on the property contribute to the West Line National Register district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

1) The building is more than 50 years old.
2) The building appears to retain integrity.
3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff have evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria for landmark designation:
    a. Architecture. The building is a good example of typical garage and outbuilding architecture from the period of significance, however there are unique elements or details.
    b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
    c. Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
    d. Community value. The property does not 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 was not evaluated for its ability to convey a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

Staff Recommendation

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, relocation, or deconstruction and salvage over demolition, but approve the demolition permit application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. The Historic Landmark Commission must review new construction drawings prior to permit release in National Register Historic Districts.

Location Map



Property Information

Photos



Site visit, 2026

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, November 2026

1960	Henry & Florenette Thieme, owners; clerk at post office; with Henry Thieme Jr., bookkeeper at Modern Sign Company
1957	Same as above, now without son
1955	Same as above
1952	Same as above
1949	Same as above
1947	Same as above
1944	Same as above
1941	Charles & Sadie Stephens, owners
1939	Edwin & LaVerne Cocke, owners; department manager at Austin Goodyear Company
1937	Same as above
1935	Fred & Esther Bohls, owners; salesman at Monroe Motor Company
1932	Everett & Ferol Meade, owners; bookkeeper at Texas Public Service Company
1929	Ethel Atkinson (widow of Ollie), owner; saleslady at Charles Rosner
1927	Same as above

1924 Same as above

1922 Ollie & Ethel Atkinson, owners; trainman at Austin Street Railway Company

1920 Same as above

1918 Same as above

1916 Address not listed

Historical Information



SIX BURGLARIES SOLVED BY COPS

Police Friday sought a man who wears a Number 12 shoe as the burglar Thursday night of the home of Mattie Van Dyke, 1506 New York avenue..

Articles taken in the burglary included a ring valued at $125, a class pin from Prairie View college, and $5 in cash. Footprints left near the house showed the burglar wore a shoe of about size 12, officers reported.

Meanwhile police headquarters announced the solving of six residence burglaries in the Enfield section, following the arrest of a 16-year-old negro suspect. They said the negro admitted breaking into the homes of Dr. Frank Gregg, 1509 Windsor road; E. T. Cocke, 1014 Shelley avenue; Rex Shields, 1706 Wethersfield road; Hugh Kendall, 1607 Enfield road; J. C. Gerke, 1411 Newfield lane, and Mrs. E. Meredith, 1515A Palma Plaza.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 19 May 1939: 2.



MRS. WALLACE THIEME

Wallace Thieme, Nancy Lee Stark Exchange Vows

Miss Nancy Lee Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O. Stark, 4903 Lynwood Avenue, and Wallace Thieme exchanged vows Saturday night in an informal, single-ring ceremony at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Edwin V. Long officiated.

The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thieme, 1014 Shelley, is a graduate of Austin High School and is employed with the Stock Company.

For the wedding, the bride, who is a graduate of Austin High School, wore a navy linen suit with navy and white accessories, accessorized with a navy blue hat. Her matron-of-honor, Miss Louise Smith of Austin, wore a navy suit with pink hat.

Crosbie Lloyd of Austin served as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Johnson, uncle and aunt of the bride, were hosts to the reception at their home at 1701 West 33rd Street. The couple will live in Austin.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 Jan 1953: C11.

Newspaperboys Lauded For Learning To Work

Tribute to the newspaper carriers as "boys who are learning to work" was paid Monday night at the Central Texas Sales Rally sponsored by the Austin Sales Executive Club.

A group of newspaper carriers—the junior salesmen—were present in City Coliseum to hear Dr. W. H. (Bill) Alexander, one of two featured speakers, laud their work.

"I'll wager on the success of the newspaper carrier boys against any other segment of boys—because they're learning to work," declared Dr. Alexander, pastor for the largest Christian Church in Oklahoma.

Challenged

The 2,500 salesmen at the rally were challenged by Dr. Alexander to work enthusiastically and to use their talents for the betterment of their fellow men.

"Look sharp, think sharp, act sharp," was the advice given by Bob Bale, head of the Bob Bale Institute of Personal Development.

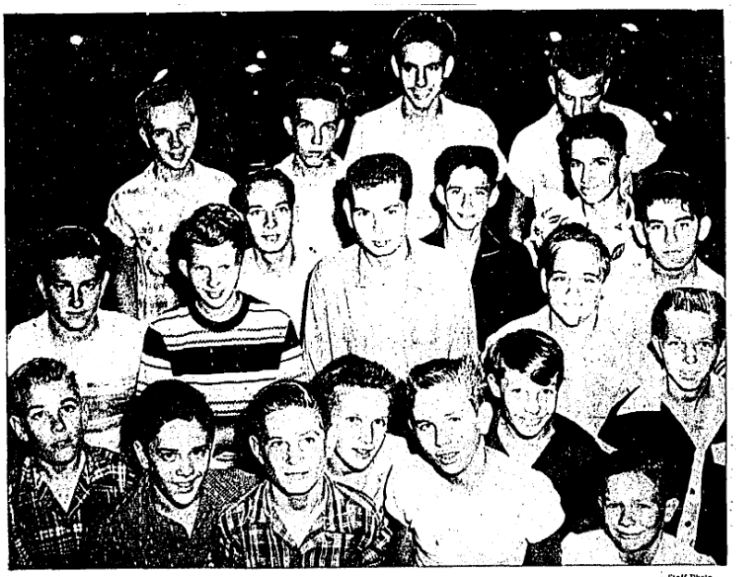
"They judge you by your mistakes and by your looks," he stated. A good rule, he said, is: "If you're a dog, wag your tail; if you're a man or a woman, smile."

Outstanding 26

The 26 outstanding newspaperboys of The Austin American-Statesman were honored at the rally. They were:

Bryan Adair, 1507 Summitt; Larry Bales, 806 Theresa; Rudy Balke, 1807½ Congress; Jimmy Barho, 1008 Ellingson Lane; Jim Von Biesterstein, 4300 Sinclair; Ray Belcher, 5517 Link; David Burleson, 1001 Riverside Drive; Henry Chapman, 1009 East 38th Street; Woodie Chapman, 1802 Waterston; Curtis Conrad, 923 East 49th; Stanley Denny, 1002 Ellingson Lane; Charles Foyt and George Foyt, both of 1910 San Antonio; Herbert Grumbies, 911 East 37th; and Allen Harris, 1800 East Third.

Also Lawrence Kieke, 3308 Hollywood; Pat Kotrlik, 3208 Hemphill Park; Larry Meyers, 4212 Sinclair; Pat McDonald, 912 West 22nd; Wayne Peschka, 2113 Meldridge; Tommy Roddy, 3707 Werner; Charles Shaw, 913 West Annie; Larry Smith, 1701 Newfield Lane; Ronnie Smith, 4513 Avenue G; Henry Thieme, 1014 Shelley; and Lloyd Treadwell, 1206 Fairwood.



—Staff Photo

These are the newspaper carriers of The American-Statesman who were paid high tribute at the Central Texas Sales Rally Monday night in City Coliseum. They were the top salesmen selected from a recent subscription campaign. More than 2,500 people attended the rally.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 Oct 1954: 13.