

THE SECOND FRONT

New Physician To Begin Practice

A new doctor — recruited here by Texas County Memorial Hospital — will begin practicing Sept. 1.

Dr. A. Craig Fisher of Columbus, Kan., will begin his practice with Dr. Joe Wall at Houston Medical Center.

Fisher, 35, has a bachelor's degree in nutrition-biology from Park College in Parkville. He received his doctor of osteopathic medicine in 1991 from University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City.

That was followed by an internship at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City.

"I am eagerly looking forward to joining the community and developing long-term friendships with my patients," Fisher said.

"It's also a privilege and opportunity to be joining a practice of such an accomplished physician as Dr. Joe Wall."

It is the sixth doctor in the last four years to be recruited to the county by the hospital. Earlier placements have resulted in two emergency services doctors, Drs. Melvin Hodde and William David Myers; a surgeon, Dr. Smith Gaddy; a general practice, Dr. Eugene Honeywell; a women's clinic in obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics, Dr. Mary Crawford.



New Doctor

A new doctor will begin duties Sept. 1 in Houston. Dr. Craig Fisher will join Dr. Joe Wall, left, at Houston Medical Center. Fisher comes here from Kansas.

Campaign Spending Targeted

Backers of a proposal to limit campaign contributions to all Missouri politicians have started gathering signatures on initiative petitions to put the issue on the ballot next year.

The change would apply to all politicians — from governor to local officials such as school board members. There currently is no limit on how much a candidate for state or local office can receive.

The group wants to put the issue on the statewide ballot in November 1994.

The proposal would:

- Limit campaign contributions per election to \$250 for an office with fewer than 100,000 constituents, such as state representative; \$500 for candidates in larger districts, such as state senator; and \$1,000 for all statewide offices.

- Make illegal any contribution to a candidate through a third party.

- Ban political action committees from making contributions to candidates.

- Ban candidates from keeping large campaign committee "war chests" after an election.

- Outlaw contributions to lawmakers while the Legislature is in session.

- Forbid contributions from one candidate committee to another candidate committee.

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One of those political barn burners that comes along from time to time will take place in Missouri next year when Republican U.S. Sen. John Danforth vacates his seat.

The political plum will draw several hopeful candidates who will spend a bundle of money on the race.

Steven Carroll, a Democratic state representative from Hannibal, was in Houston last week drumming support for a possible candidacy in the August primary.

Gerri Rothman-Serot, a St. Louis Democrat who lost a general election race last year to incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Kit Bond, already is declaring herself a probable candidate.

Observers feel former Republican Gov. John Ashcroft will be his party's nominee to replace Danforth.

It will be a high stakes proposition. Carroll admits it will take at least \$800,000 to make an effective primary race.

St. Louis last week unveiled its new mass transit rail system — Metro Link.

Passengers on the new train Friday were Houston's Don Shelhammer and City Administrator John Lewis, who were in town for a meeting.

They were impressed with what they saw, despite witnessing a mild altercation between some young, black people in their train car.

Misc: For those who haven't been in Springfield's municipal airport lately, recent construction improvements there have upgraded the facility...

New doctor: Mary J. Crawford, D.O., began duties Monday at Southwest Missouri Family Health Care Inc. on South Sam Houston Blvd.... A Viburnum businessman writes the newspaper telling of a scam involving restaurant menus: Businesses are solicited to buy space on the menus, he says. The problem is the menus never arrive...

Texas County native Gordon Vandivort is a man in blue. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, that is.

Vandivort's new duty station is with Troop A, up in Saline County. The trooper's profile: HHS graduate, former electrician, second lieutenant in the National Guard, a pilot, college graduate, a bachelor.

Police Investigate Accidents, Issue Citations

Houston police investigated several accidents and issued charges against several individuals.

Items from the blotter, police:

—Investigated an Aug. 9 accident that officers said occurred when a vehicle driven by Everett S. Grose, 87, of Houston, was attempting to cross the Highway F intersection at U.S. 63 and struck a vehicle operated by George J. Boesl, 68, of Houston.

—Arrested Christopher E. Sawyer, 21, of Raymondville, on a probation warrant on Aug. 6. He also was cited for driving while license revoked.

—Charged Shawn W. Skouby, 18, and James E. Burris Jr., 20, both of Houston for minors in possession of alcohol on Aug. 3.

—Charged James B. Boddy, 29, of St. Louis, with discharge of fireworks following an incident on

Dooley Street on Aug. 3.

—Investigated an Aug. 4 accident that police said occurred when a vehicle driven by David L. Walker, 41, of Cabool, had stopped, and backed into a vehicle driven by Helen N. Montgomery, 68, of Houston. The incident occurred at West Highway 17 and South Sam Houston Blvd.

—Investigated vandalism to the window of a van parked at a

restaurant. The vehicle was owned by Bill Bradley. The loss was estimated at \$175.

—Are investigating a rash of thefts Aug. 7 from soda machines. Losses were reported at Gene's Service Center, Houston Discount and Ramey Supermarket. The total loss was estimated at no more than \$80. Entry was made using a key.

Hartshorn Teen Hurt in Bike-Cycle Mishap

A Hartshorn teenager was seriously injured in a motorcycle-bicycle on Highway Y in southern Texas County on Tuesday afternoon.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol said a bicycle operated by Jessie E. Young, 13, of Hartshorn, pulled into the path of a motorcycle driven by Delbert J. Davidson, 35,

of Mountain View.

Cpl. David Horst said both were taken to a Mountain View hospital and airlifted to St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield.

An accident late Saturday night north of Success on Highway 17 injured four area teenagers.

Tpr. Curt Haden said a vehicle driven by Taressa L. Poppoff, 16,

of Plato, went out of control and struck a tree.

Poppoff was injured, along with: Kenneth J. Weir, 16, Plato; Tony R. Shelton, 17, Ellis Prairie; and Tabatha H. Parker, 15, Plato. All were taken to a Fort Leonard Wood hospital.

Road Naming Deadline Passes with Lots of Help

An estimated 90 percent of Texas County's roads received names before a deadline passed Tuesday, an official said.

The names are needed for a 911 project that includes Wright and Texas counties. As part of a system to develop mapping for the effort, names will be used rather than county road numbers.

Carol Ann Freeman said participation went well. There are more than 900 roads in Texas County and more than 400 in Wright County.

In instances where more than one

name was submitted, the county commission where the road is located will make the determination, she said.

The names will be turned over to Miller Management Services, a Columbia business, which is preparing maps for the project. When a caller dials 911, a dispatcher will be able to determine where the call is being placed.

The system becomes operational by Dec. 31, 1994.



911 Project

Carol Ann Freeman, director of a 911 project for Wright and Texas counties, reviews a map that highlights county roads in Texas County. Tuesday was the deadline for submitting names for roads as part of an addressing system that will be used when 911 becomes operational by Dec. 31, 1994.

Guidelines Set for Roads

Members of the Texas County Commission on Monday approved a township advisory board's plan that will result in uniform standards for all new roads in the county.

Acting on the recommendation, the three-member board okayed the advisory group's suggestion that all county road/plat specifications be followed before the approval is given for a county road.

The process will require a landowner to notify the township in which the road is situated. The township in turn will submit the paperwork to the county commission.

In other matters, commissioners: —Lent its support to a solid waste plan for the region that will be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

—Approved Circuit Clerk-Recorder of Deeds Wilmer Diederich and two deputies to attend a circuit clerk and records convention in September at Columbia.

Bass Tourney Raises Funds For School

A bass tournament held Saturday to raise funds for construction of a concession stand and press box at Tiger Stadium raised \$686.

The Houston board of education discussed fencing at Tiger Stadium, as well as construction of the concession stand.

The board also discussed paving the parking lot north of Hiatt Gymnasium. Ozark Asphalt will be contacted.



New Officers

A new officer has joined the Houston Police Department. He is Darren Snyder, who comes here from the St. Robert Police Department. He is joined by Tim Ceplina, right, who joined the local department earlier this year. He was previously an employee with the Texas County Sheriff's Department.

Loyd Mitchell Retires as Deputy

A longtime Texas County deputy retired effective Tuesday.

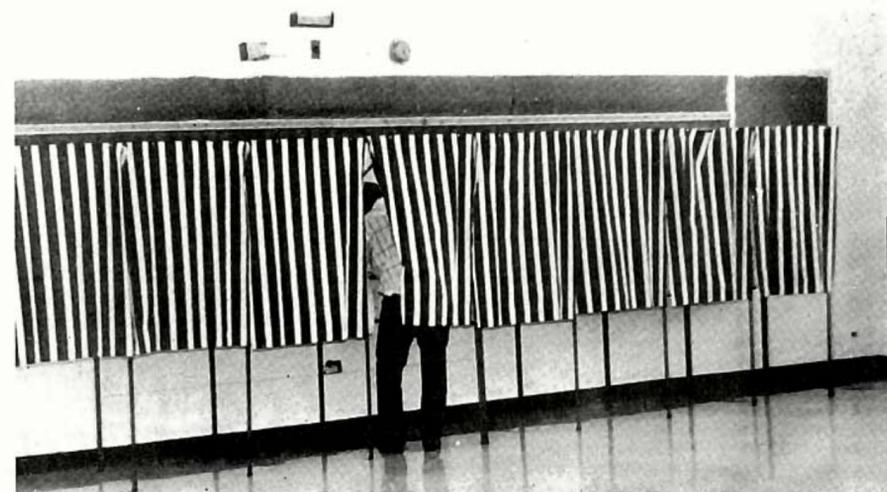
Loyd Mitchell, who has been involved in law enforcement for nearly three decades, retired.

Mitchell has been a county deputy for more than 20 years, serving the Summersville area in

eastern Texas County.

Carl Davis, a reserve officer for the past three years, will replace Mitchell, said Sheriff John Vandiver.

Davis will be moving to the Summersville area, Vandiver said.



Light Turnout

A single person completes a ballot in a booth at the Plney Township precinct last week. Voters turned down a hospital levy issue. In Plney Township, only 17 percent cast ballots.

Several Cases Heard in Court

Several cases have been handled by the Texas County prosecutor's office.

A review shows:

•Ronnie George of Licking charged in a child abuse case was acquitted Monday by a Phelps County jury.

•Raymond G. McKee, a Texas County man, admitted violating his probation and received a five-year term in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The judge retained the right to review the case after 120 days. He also will travel to the Mineral Area Treatment Center.

•Charles L. Williams, 50, of Houston, entered a guilty plea on two charges of sodomy. He received a 15-year prison term on each count. However, the judge retained the authority to review the case after 120 days.

Board of Appeals Affirms Earlier Tax Decision

The Texas County Board of Appeals, affirming an earlier decision of the county board of equalization, decided this week not

to exempt a Springfield hospital's clinic from the tax rolls.

Cox Medical Centers, which owns Mayuga Medical Clinic in

Cabool, contends that its not-for-profit status means that the county should not assess the Main Street business.