



LOTSAs POT -- Deputy Loyd Mitchell, right, of Summersville, and Texas County Sheriff Ray Dow Clayton with sacks of marijuana seized by authorities last week.

## Officers Discover Marijuana Crop

A sizable plot of cultivated marijuana was seized Friday night by area authorities. The green plants were growing on property located near the Texas-Howell-Shannon County lines.

No arrests have been made but officers have identified a suspect who is under investigation.

The marijuana, with a street value estimated as high as

\$15,000, will be destroyed sometime this week by Texas County Sheriff Ray Dow Clayton.

Deputy Loyd Mitchell of Summersville, who was at the scene Friday night, said the plants were under surveillance but since the crop was ready to harvest it was decided to seize the plants.

Male plants, which had been staked, were pollinating and the stalks growing in an area

about 40 feet square could have been pulled out of the ground in a relatively short time, Mitchell pointed out.

Assisting in the stakeout were officers from Howell County and the Mtn. View Police Department.

The site is on state-owned property leased to Pete Wilbanks, an auctioneer. Wilbanks is not a suspect, officers stated. However, a man had been observed in that area on numerous occasions during the summer, they said. Mitchell said information supplied through an informant led to the crop's location. One stalk of the plant was more than 10 feet tall.

## \$44 Million Authorized For FLW Improvements

More than \$44 million dollars in improvements to Fort Leonard Wood has been authorized, according to Congressman Richard H. Ichord. In a telephone call late Tuesday to The Houston Newspapers, Ichord explained that funds for new facilities and the up-

dating of outmoded buildings were not among those cuts in funding accepted by the House Armed Services Committee.

In other words, the improvements to Fort Wood will stand as recommended by a subcommittee. "I am pleased to announce that among the projects retained intact was the total of \$44.5 million for military construction at Fort Leonard Wood," Ichord said. "The desperate need for new facilities and the updating of outmoded buildings at Fort Wood was recognized by the full committee, and the funding for these projects received full authorization."

Ichord listed the authorized projects for Fort Wood as follows:

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## Doug Long Files For Judge's Post

A Waynesville attorney, Doug Long, filed for office last week and became the first candidate to seek a newly-created circuit judge's post in the 25th Judicial Circuit.

Long, a Democrat, is probate judge of Pulaski County.

The 38-year-old lawyer is a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and received a law degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The new judge's post was created through legislation enacted by the Missouri General Assembly. Judge E. W. Allison, Rolla, will share the district's work load with the new judge.

The new circuit judge will be elected in next year's November General Election.

# City Hall Remodeling Contract Accepted

October's first regular meeting of the board of aldermen of the city of Houston was a busy one. Three bids for remodeling of the present city hall and construction of a new addition were received.

Submitting bids were Tom C. Barlow, Grove Springs; Britton Brothers, Springfield, and Sherrell Campbell, Houston. The low bid was from Tom C. Barlow with an overall bid of \$33,032,00 and five alternate bids on certain parts of the plans and specifications.

After discussion of the overall bid and the alternates submitted the council on motion tabled the bid until the next regular meeting of the council on October 15, at which time a decision will be made.

In other business, City Attorney William E. Gladden on motions made, seconded and carried, read Ordinance No. 423 the required three times. This ordinance was prepared to carry into effect the state law as it relates to solid waste disposal. On the third and final reading and on voice vote the ordinance carried un-

animously and is now in full force and effect.

Resolution Number 44 was by motions similarly made, seconded and carried, read the required number of times and passed unanimously by voice vote. This measure was for the purpose of giving the Mayor and City Clerk authority

and direction to execute the contract for solid waste disposal between the city and Writex, Inc., the successful bidder.

Due to unavoidable delays, October 1 was not the starting

date for the pickup of trash.

While October 15 was set for the tentative date to begin the pickup service, the public is reminded there will be notice by the contractor of dates, times and

routes. The trash service will not begin until adequate and timely notice is given, Mayor Margaret Hiatt emphasized. The trash service will not be- (Turn to page 4, this section)

## Gobble Converts To Tire Business

A Houston business has converted from vehicles to tires.

Warren Gobble, International Harvester pickup and truck dealer here since 1957, announced this week the opening of a tire store at his business location, Brushy Creek Road at U. S. 63.

The firm will be known as Houston Tire Service.

Affiliated with the General Tire Company, Gobble said he will stock other brands of tires as well as recaps.

All other phases of his former business are discontinued. "We plan on handling nothing but tires," Gobble said.



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## Tigers Keep Rolling, Liberty Next Opponent

Playing impressive football at home its first three games of the season, Houston takes a 3-0 ledger on the road Friday night to Liberty.

Marshfield was no match last week for the Tigers, who rolled for 265 yards of offensive punch. The score was 30-0.

Despite Liberty's 1-2 record, Bengal coach Lloyd Block is casting a cautious eye toward this pairing. "We always find ourselves in a tough game at Liberty," he points out.

After road appearances at Thayer October 12 and Ava October 19, the gridiron action returns to Tiger Stadium

for clashes against Cabool and West Plains, generally regarded as the teams most likely to have a shot at stopping Houston's quest for a South Central Association championship.

But Salem raised eyebrows around the SCA last week by upsetting West Plains, 6-0. The Dent Countians are a much-improved squad over last season.

Elsewhere in the conference last week, Ava stopped Willow Springs, Cabool downed Liberty and Mtn. Grove rolled over Thayer.

The Big Red defense turned

in its first shutout of the season here Friday night, yielding only 135 yards of offense to Marshfield.

Tiger defenses have allowed only 13 points to score in the first three games.

A Frank Rowles pass interception returned for 28 yards gave Houston its first touchdown.

John Mitchell came on to convert. Mitchell put on an impressive kicking demonstration in the first half. Converting again following Alan Brown's 15-yard TD scamper, the big senior guard then booted a 35-yard field goal in the

waning seconds of that stanza. Houston led 17-0 at the intermission.

Tiger scoring in the second half came on a 48-yard pass play from Steve Skyles to Carl Clark and another Alan Brown run, this one from 20 yards out.

This week's SCA schedule: Ava at Cabool, Salem at Thayer, Mtn. Grove at West Plains, Willow Springs at Doniphan.

The Kansas City Star sports page this week ranked Houston fourth among the state's Class AAA schools.

## Local Golfer Wins Tourney

Virgil Davis has won the championship of the Missouri Department of Conservation Golf Tournament.

The tourney was held Wed., Sept. 26, at Hough Park in Jefferson City and attracted about 25 players, employees of the Conservation Department.

Davis fired a 75 over the par 70 layout, a hilly, tough course. Second place went to Al Hoskins, Cape Girardeau, and third position was won by Vern Seiler, Clinton.

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# School Cafeteria Serves 800 Lunches

"Get out in that kitchen and rattle those pots and pans." That lyrical line from a popular mid-1950s song "Shake Rattle and Roll," describes what happens in the Houston Schools' cafeteria each school day.

A crew of nine women, work-

ing in a spacious kitchen, rattle king-sized pots and pans to the tune of 800 hot lunches. Then during a span of 80 minutes at midday the fare is consumed by that many hungry students.

The routine begins at 7:30 in the morning, an hour be-

fore the school bell rings. That's when work begins preparing for the day's lunch.

Some three and one-half hours later -- at 11:10 -- the first wave of youngsters forms a line and begin picking up trays of food. They sit at long rows of tables to consume their meals then return their plastic tray to a window, behind which is located a scrubber and an automated tray washer.

The process repeats itself until 12:30. Then it's time to clean off the tables, finish cleaning all the trays and eating utensils and start thinking about tomorrow's lunch. Heading the cafeteria is Supervisor Verna Scott, a veteran of 10 years at the job. Other women of her staff are Ester Elliott, Sammie Haney, Glenna Heiney, Betty White, Norma Troutman, Frances Wade, Sarah Lou Mayberry and Orena Smith.

Supplemental assistance comes from Tommy Vandiver, a custodian who supervises

dish washing, and 13 high school students.

On a recent Monday the cafeteria menu read: Hamburger on a bun, potato chips, brown soup beans, orange juice, apple cobbler, milk. In order to serve that meal, cooks prepared 934 hamburgers, 24 pounds of potato chips, 60 pounds soup beans, two cases of quart-size frozen juice, 18 No. 10 cans of sliced apples for the cobbler.

Most of the food is purchased from wholesale supply houses. Very little food is furnished these days by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"All we're getting from the government now is flour, brown beans, butter and rolled wheat," Mrs. Scott says.

Food shortages currently are presenting problems at the cafeteria. Some items difficult to obtain Mrs. Scott says, are ham hocks, apple products, dried eggs, fresh hamburger and canned sliced franks.

"You can tell your readers

the reason the school lunch menu is not in the newspaper this year is because we cannot prepare a set menu. Since supplies are difficult to purchase I simply am not able to predict what foods will be available a week in advance."

As an aid to planning well-balanced meals, Mrs. Scott refers to a U. S. Government Type A lunch program guide which provides food requirement standards.

High food prices necessitated a five-cent, across-the-board increase in meal prices this year. Grade students pay 35 cents, high school and junior high 40 cents and faculty members pay 45 cents. Extra half pints of milk may be purchased for eight cents.

According to Mrs. Scott, visitors are always welcome at the cafeteria. "School patrons should drop by and look at the cafeteria and any parent who wants to, can come and see what kind of food we serve their children."



FOURTH GRADERS in the chow line at the Houston Schools' cafeteria. Preparing trays of food, from left, are Norma Troutman, Glenna Heiney, Sammie Haney and a high school helper, David Herndon. Supervisor Verna Scott, (below), checks on food inside a fast-cooking convection oven.

## Treated for Injuries

The following persons were treated and released for injuries during the past week at Texas County Memorial Hospital:

September 25 - Edna Haggard, 68, Houston, twisted ankle; Alva McCown, 16, Bucyrus, abrasions to left elbow and left knee in fall from truck.

September 27 - Steve Ingram, 15, Licking, abrasions on left wrist and elbow when hit by car; Danny Clinton, 14, Cabool, sprained left wrist and left thumb while playing football; George Gaston, 61,

Yukon, insect bite; Charles Hoelyer, 13, Waynesville, injured left hand while playing football; Kenneth Babbitt, 30, Cabool, fell from truck, bruising top of head; Delma Haney, 37, Houston, laceration to eye lid in auto accident; Jerri Haney, 13, Houston, swollen right leg, abrasions to left knee in auto accident.

September 29 - William Moore, 21, Houston, contusion to left jaw; Carol Jene Lofton, 29, Houston, bruised left

