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DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL
MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER SPOTLIGHTED

This section will be a regular feature for the next several months in order to introduce each Board member to the citizens of the region.

Mr. Ward R. Burke is currently serving as a DETRMHMRS Board of Trustees member representing Angelina County. Mr. Burke also is serving as chairman of the Board.

Mr. Burke was born and raised at Burke and spent all of his childhood in Angelina County.

He attended Stephen F. Austin State University for two years and later attended the University of Texas Law School where he graduated with an LL.B (now Doctor of Law) in 1939.

Mr. Burke served in the United States Marine Corps where he held the rank of First Lieutenant upon release from active duty and retired from the Reserves as a Major.

He served as District Attorney for the Second Judicial District from 1947 through 1952. He is presently a member of the law firm of Burke, Leach & Sloan and also serves as General Counsel for Temple Industries.

He is a former member and president of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, The Lufkin Independent School District Board of Trustees and The Lufkin Council for Retarded Children. Mr. Burke is also a former member and chairman of the Board of of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

He is active in many phases of work at the First United Methodist Church of Lufkin.

Mr. Burke is married to the former Anna Belle Dill of Austin. They have three daughters; Betsy Elaine Burke, an employee of the Lufkin Workshop and Opportunity Center; Barbara Ann Smith of Lufkin, who is a case worker for The Texas Department of Public Welfare and Marilyn Ruth Burke, who is a teacher of Pre-school Handicapped children in Fairfax County, Virginia.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET IN CROCKETT

The April meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center in Crockett, Texas. As always, the public is invited and urged to attend. Interested individuals can get to the Community Center by traveling South on State Highway 19 (off the square), take the first right turn, and the Community Center will be in sight.

## NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED

During the months of February, March and April the following new employees have joined the DETRMHMRS staff: Mary Cox, Psychological Assistant; Juanita Hoot, Trainer, San Jacinto County Develop-Mental Center and Rita Kenebrew, Trainer, Jasper Developmental Center.

## ADVISORY COUNCILS MEET

The Tyler County Advisory Council met on February 2, 1975 at the County Courtroom at Woodville. Members present were Mr. Bob Boykin, Mr. Sam Sullivan, Rev. Raymond Parker, Rev. Roger Shumate, Mrs. Jack Esler and Mr. Brad Smith.

DETRMHMRS staff present were Judy Westbrook, Barbara Arnold, Betty Ecker and Si Morrison.

Major items of discussion included the transition of the Developmental Center from a pre-school to a program for the mentally retarded and program admissions criteria. The opening and growing patient load of the recently opened outpatient clinic were also discussed. Mr. Boykin reported available volunteer funds now exceeds $600.00.

## KTRE-TV TO AIR DETRMHMRS' PROGRAMS

Members of the DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees, staff, as well as a volunteer will appear on KTRE-TV's "Feedback" program on Sunday, May 11. The DETRMHMRS representatives will answer questions concerning the purpose of our programs, involvement of volunteers, etc. Please consult your local newspapers for exact air time.

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## MH Programs
Mrs. Betty L. Ecker, Director

Angelina County Outpatient Clinic
302 North Raguet
Lufkin, Texas 75901
713-632-7757
Ms. Ruby Ward, Director

Trinity County Outpatient Clinic
P. O. Box 570 (mailing address)
Groveton Hospital & Nursing
Home (location - 1 mile North
of Courthouse on Hwy. 287)
Groveton, Texas 75845
713-642-1633
Mrs. Linda Cobb, Director

Tyler County Outpatient Clinic
1006 West Bluff
Woodville, Texas 75979
713-283-3084
Mrs. Barbara Arnold, Director

Newton County Outpatient Clinic
P. O. Box 978 (Old Hospital Bldg.)
Newton, Texas 75966
713-379-8464
Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, Director

Jasper County Community Counseling
Center
P. O. Box 1017 (mailing address)
162 East Lamar (location)
Jasper, Texas 75951
713-384-8589
Mr. Jolyon Bowman, Counselor

Polk County Community Counseling
Center
415 North Washington
Livingston, Texas 77351
713-327-4197
Mr. Don Braun, Counselor

Nacogdoches County Community
Counseling Center
305 East College
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
713-569-0066
Mr. Jon Ed Smith, Counselor

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
Inpatient/Emergency Care
1204 Mound
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
713-564-4611

## MR Programs
Mr. Russ Burbank, Director

Houston County Developmental Center
All Saint's Episcopal Church Annex
(temporary location)
1307 E. Houston Avenue
Crockett, Texas 75835
713-544-2812
Mrs. May Beth Hailey, Director

Jasper County Developmental Center
P. O. Box 118, Brookeland, Texas 75931
(mailing address)
401 College (location)
Jasper, Texas 75951
713-384-4207
Mrs. Marty Walker, Director

San Jacinto County Developmental Center
P. O. Box 207 (mailing address)
(located across street from courthouse-
North side)
Coldspring, Texas 77331
713-653-4410
Mrs. Alta Patrick, Director

Tyler County Developmental Center
P. O. Box 817 (mailing address)
517 Pavilion (location)
Woodville, Texas 75979
713-283-2787
Mrs. Judy Westbrook, Director

Polk County Sheltered Workshop
1215 S. Washington,
Livingston, Texas 77351
713-327-8922
Mr. Jack Calhoun, Acting Director

Lufkin Workshop & Opportunity Center
P. O. Box 1237 (mailing address)
1305 S. Third St. (location)
Lufkin, Texas 75901
713-632-6867
Mr. Doug Nicholson, Director

Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop
3220 E. Main
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
713-564-6605
Mr. Steve Willingham, Director

Shelby County Sheltered Workshop
P. O. Box 208 (mailing address)
(1½ mi. South of Center on Hwy. 96)
Center, Texas 75935
713-598-7634
Mr. Tom Watkins, Director

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## OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

A region-wide open house to be held at each DETRMHMRS program is planned for Friday, May 23, 1975. Each organizational unit will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The staff is in the process of contacting each local advisory council in order to involve council members in the open houses. Council members will be asked to assist in such areas as greeting visitors, providing transportation, refreshments, etc. Further information is forthcoming.

## TARC CONVENTION HELD

The 25th Annual Convention of the Texas Association for Retarded Citizens was held on April 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Austin, Texas. Mr. Ward R. Burke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Russ Burbank, Director of Mental Retardation Programs, were in attendance at this convention. Numerous topic were discussed at various meetings including pending legislation pertaining to Community MHMR Centers, special education for retarded individuals, etc.

## REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO MEET

The Regional Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Chemical Dependency Advisory Committees will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the DETRMHMRS' Administration Offices located at 125 North First Street (second floor) in Lufkin, Texas. An agenda and directions to the Administrative Offices will be mailed to the Committee members in the near future.

## GROVETON NEWS FEATURES TRINITY CLINIC

The Groveton News featured the Trinity County Outpatient Clinic in its April 3, 1975 publication. The article outlined the growth of the clinic and the leadership of Mrs. Linda Cobb. It also stressed the clinic's emphasis on the prevention of emotional and chemical dependency problems.

## NACOGDOCHES HOSTS MARCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of DETRMHMRS held its regular monthly meeting in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Nacogdoches County Courthouse on Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. Items of business discussed included:

Plans for open houses at all DETRMHMRS organizational units in May;

Pending legislation pertaining to Community MHMR Centers;

Discussion of the Volunteer Services State Council Board Meeting;

Contractural arrangements for alternate living situations;

Authorized the purchase of several items of equipment including electric typewriters and transcribing equipment;

Approved the nomination of Mrs. Eileen Mason of Woodville for the Tyler county Advisory Council;

Decided against utilizing the WATS line for long distance telephone calls and authorized the staff to continue using direct distance dialing;

Discussed the status of grant applications; and

Set the date and location of the April Board meeting which will be held at the Community Center in Crockett on April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

## COMMISSIONERS COURTS RESPOND TO DETRMHMRS' REQUEST

The Board of Trustees, staff, and clients would like to say a special thank you to the Commissioners Courts in the 13-county Deep East Texas region for supporting DETRMHMRS' programs. Following is an up-to-date listing of each county's status:

| County | Pledged | Received |
|---|---|---|
| Angelina | $22,751.00 | $8,531.61 |
| Hardin | 9,657.00 | |
| Houston | 5,510.00 | 5,510.00 |
| Jasper | 8,748.00 | 4,374.00 |
| Nacogdoches | 13,802.00 | 3,450.50 |
| Newton | 4,752.00 | 4,752.00 |
| Polk | 8,241.00 | 2,747.00 |
| Sabine | Pending | |
| San Augustine | Pending | |
| San Jacinto | 3,438.00 | 3,438.00 |
| Shelby | 7,179.00 | 7,179.00 |
| Trinity | 4,145.00 | 2,072.50 |
| Tyler | 5,915.00 | 5,915.00 |
| | $94,138.00 | $47,969.61 |

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