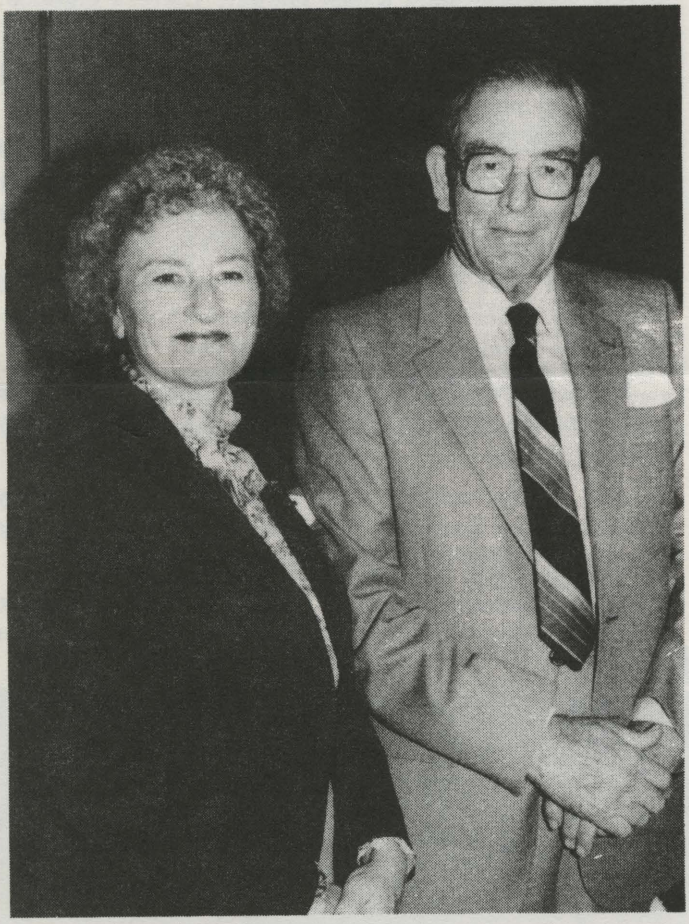
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Volunteers Honored at Lufkin Banquet

State Senator Roy Blake was the guest speaker when the board and staff of Deep East Texas MHMR Services hosted its Sixth Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet recently at the Lufkin Civic Center.

Honored were 29 volunteers who this past year donated at least 100 hours in personal, volunteer service to the clients of the regional mental health and mental retardation service center.

"Local people doing things to help each other. That's the real spirit behind the local, community MHMR movement," Sen. Blake said in his remarks to the gathering.

"This past year, a total of 329 volunteers provided more than 13,000 hours of time, and that special attention to the clients that dedicated volunteers can provide so well."

Senator Blake was introduced by V.B. Woods of Trinity County, chairman of the MHMR Board of Trustees. Invocation was delivered by the Rev. Kenneth Goodell, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Lufkin. Entertainment was provided by the Lufkin High School Swing Choir under the direction of Tom Stiles.

Singled out for special honor and recognition was Janis Bergman from Trinity County who was presented a 1000-hour gold bar for volunteer services. Mrs. Bergman is a leader among citizen groups who support MHMR activities. She is chairperson of the Trinity County Advisory Council and a member of the Advisory Councils' Executive Committee.

Those honored from Angelina County were Thelma K. Anderson, a 500-hour gold bar award, Ernest Chastain, an award for 490 hours of service, and Billie Lamb, honored for 171 hours of volunteer service.

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Temple Foundation Awards $60,000

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation recently awarded Deep East Texas MHMR a $60,000 grant for the purchase of five vans, used to transport clients to service units in Polk, Jasper, Hardin, Newton and Shelby counties.

In addition, the Silsbee Association for Retarded Children contributed $6,000, the Jasper United Way, $2,000, and MHMR, $7,000, toward the total purchase price of $75,000.

MHMR receives 30 percent of its funding from local sources such as the Temple Foundation. Fifty percent comes from the state, and 20 percent from federal sources.

The agency annually serves approximately 5,000 clients who are suffering from mental retardation, mental illness, drug abuse, and alcoholism.

"We are impressed with the excellent operations and services of MHMR and we commend the commisioner's courts in the 13 counties served for contributing funds for these excellent services for persons unable to help themselves. The foundation is glad to be a part of these endeavors," said Ward Burke, Temple Foundation trustee and a member of the MHMR board of directors.

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation was created in honor of the founder of the Southern Pine Lumber Company which merged with Eastex Incorporated to form Temple-Eastex, Inc.

The grants by the foundation express the appreciation of the Temple family for the contributions company employees have made toward the progress of East Texas institutions and organizations.

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Volunteers Donate Over 13,000 Hours

Honorees from Hardin County were Ruth Buffington, Betty Caraway, Henrietta Fleetwood, Peg Hedleston, Bobbie Hendrix, Bernice Powell, Kristi Sellers, and Doris Wells.

From Houston County was Dallas D. Clark who received a 500-hour gold bar award.

Receiving recognition from Jasper County was P.V. Malone who is also a member of the Public Responsibility Committee, an organization which investigates incidences of the abuse or denial of rights of the mentally impaired.

Those honored from Nacogdoches County were Rose Adams, Mechelle Ball, Randy Hunter, Theresa Ligotino, Marjorie Mueller, and Mary Peavy.

Marva Lewis from Newton County was honored for 141 hours of volunteer service this past year.

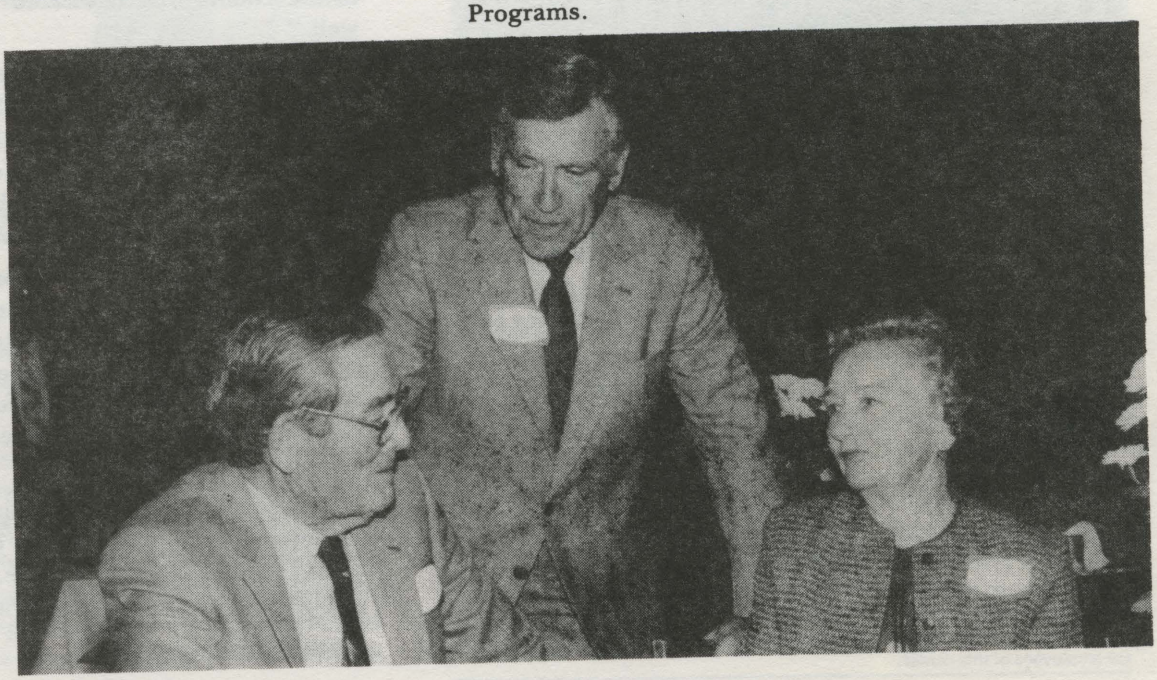
Honored from Polk County were Helen Malone, a member of the Polk County Advisory Council, and Dorothy Roberts, who donated her time at the Polk Community Counseling Center in Livingston.

For her work at the Sabine/San Augustine Sheltered Workshop, Cheena Jeanes from Broaddus was recognized. She donated 105 hours this past year.

Honored from Shelby County was Mike Dean for the 168 hours of volunteer time spent at the Shelby County Halfway House.

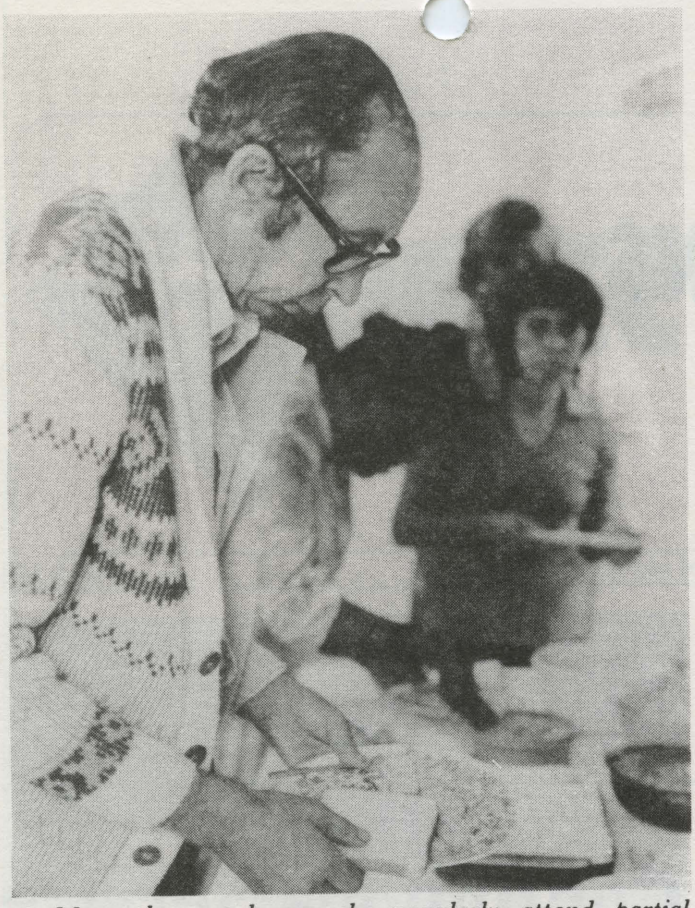
And finally, coming from Tyler County were Mary Hanks, Esther Lazenby, Teri Mason, and Melva Lois Yancey.

Wayne Lawrence, Ph.D., is the MHMR Executive Director. Gwen Cunningham is Director of Volunteer Programs.



State Senator Roy Blake visits with Mr. & Mrs. V.B. Woods during the Sixth Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet for Deep East Texas MHMR Services, held recently at the Lufkin Civic Center. Mr. Woods is chairman of the MHMR Board of Trustees.

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More than a dozen who regularly attend partial hospitalization activities in Lufkin recently treated themselves to a salad luncheon they planned and prepared themselves. Hero Mitchell fixes his plate and is followed by Nelva Collins, Paula Tull, and behind her, Cenola Yarbrough.

Day Activities Include Luncheon

It was like a reward, a way of topping off a morning spent in service to others.

More than a dozen who take part in the partial hospitalization program in Lufkin and Angelina County, treated themselves to a salad luncheon recently after spending the morning doing volunteer work at the Angelina Nursing Home.

They usually go out to lunch as a group to a local cafeteria, but this time they decided instead to all bring a dish and share the company and one another's favorite recipes.

"This is part of 'Free Thursday,' " explains Unit Director Nell Newton. "They planned the day's activities entirely, and planned all the details of the luncheon."

At the nursing home, the partial hospitalization clients visit with the residents there and help them with games and other activities.

Evening Lions Aid the Handicapped



In their most recent project, Nacogdoches Evening Lions donated $1,385 to have the front entrance area paved at the Nacogdoches Halfway House. Unit Director Nancy Jones is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Lions President Larry Faulkner. Others are, from left, Lions Bill Green, Steve Lee, and Jimmy Zahirniak. Right is Mark Severns, MHMR coordinator of continuity of care, who was instrumental in securing the donation.



Disability Rally Planned at Austin

Thousands of physically, mentally, and developmentally disabled Texans and their friends from all regions of the state are expected in Austin, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 2, 1983, for a Disability Rally at the state capitol building.

Purpose of the Rally is to focus public attention on the unity and strength of disabled citizens, their families, supporters, and friends.

In addition, resolutions of support, currently being circulated around the state to collect the names of thousands of Texans, will be delivered to the Capitol.

"We have organized events to give everyone a chance to meet and talk with legislators and other state officials of Texas," said Frances T. Hornung of Austin, chairperson of the Disability Day Steering Committee. "With all of us working together, we can have a real impact on our legislators in Austin."

For information, please contact Joe McCulley at MHMR Central Administration, 639-1141, or the local advisory council chairpersons, or members of associations for retarded citizens and mental health associations in your area.

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Employee of the Quarter . . .



Georgia Murphy, left, proudly displays her employee-of-the-quarter certificate to Deputy Director Susan Rushing.

This fall's employee of the quarter at Deep East Texas MHMR is Texas Southern graduate, Georgia Murphy, currently switchboard operator-supervisor at Central Administration in Lufkin.

Miss Murphy was presented her certificate by Wayne Lawrence, Ph.D., Executive Director, during the Center's staff development meeting at the Lufkin Civic Center.

She came to MHMR, February 19, 1980, as a secretary I, receptionist and secretary to the Director of Grants, Management and Planning. Since then she has worked in the program support division and financial services division where she is currently assigned.

Continuous Service is Recognized

Clients of Deep East Texas MHMR Services come to rely on the continuity of a stable MHMR staff. It is not surprising therefore that continuous service is highly valued at MHMR.

Staff who have at least three years of continuous service at MHMR at the end of FY 1982 were recognized recently at a staff development meeting.

Those with seven or more years of service are Marty Walker, Clem Lathan, Larry Welker, and Jo Ann Fries.

Staff with six to seven year service are Rita Kenebrew, Marva Lewis, Sally Navarre, Eileen Mason, Paul Jackson, Peggy Smith, and Sandra Smith.

With five to six years service are Louise Jinkins, Larry Heaton, James Adams, Gwen Cunningham, Anita Campbell, Jo Bray, Willie Johnson, Barbara Nettles, Duane Alcorn, and Sue Jasper.

Serving between four and five years are Nell Newton, Lila M. Salles, Betty Pate, Franklin Avant, Betty Gardemal, Kathy K. Wells, Sandy Skelton, and K.P. Williams.

Those with between three and four years of service are Linda Naff, George Patterson, Nancy Jones, Robby Patterson, J.B. Cook, Benny Russell, Sandrel Slaughter, and Harold McDonald.