

Land Given TFS For Outdoor Lab

A tract of land to be used for conservation education, research, and as an outdoor laboratory in the forest-related sciences, has been given to the Texas Forest Service, a part of the Texas A&M System.

The 29-acre tract of forest land is a gift of John H. and LoReese S. Pollard of San Marcos, Texas. It was dedicated Monday.

In accepting the gift, Paul R. Kramer, director of the Texas Forest Service, said the land would be known as Dimora, An Adjunct of the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest. "The need for outdoor laboratories where conservation education can be studied is growing. This property is well suited to the purpose for which it is dedicated," Kramer said.

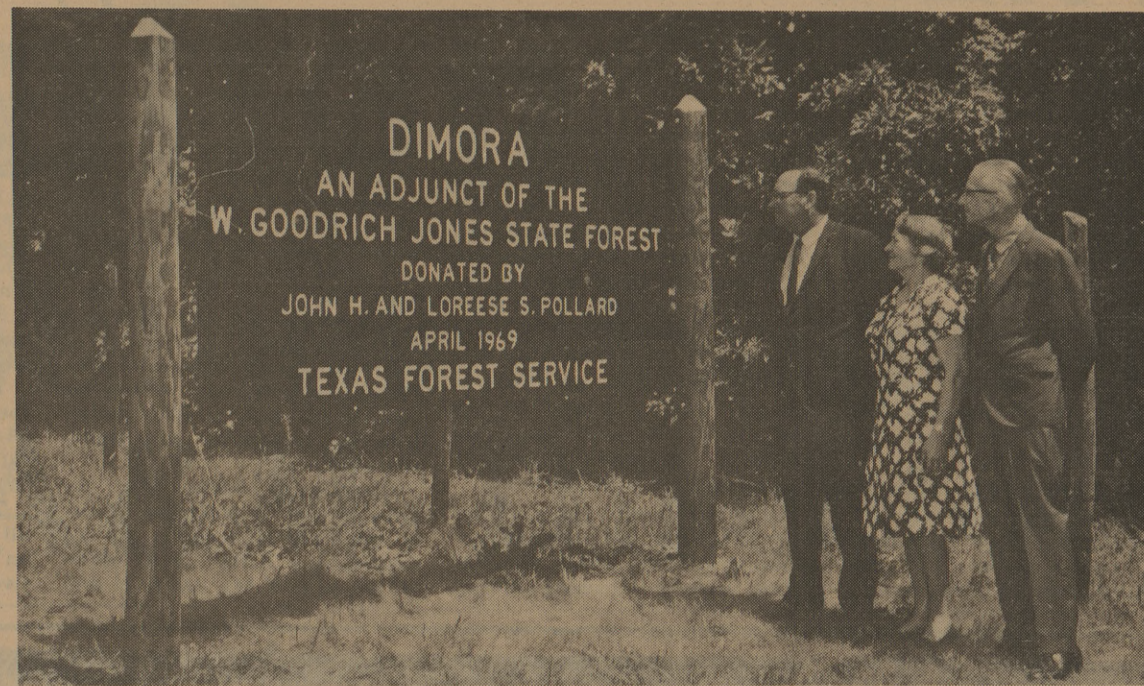
The well-timbered land is located 2 miles south of South Highway 105, on the Rabon Chapel Road in Montgomery County and is 11 miles north of the Jones State Forest.

Some 14 years ago, while residing in nearby Houston, the Pollards purchased the land and

used it as a weekend retreat. Each trip to "Dimora," as they affectionately called their country estate, trees were pruned or shrubs planted. Eventually, a small block building was erected as their home-away-from-home, a water well was drilled and later, a work shelter added.

When Pollard, a consulting engineer, specializing in sulfur and salt mining, was working in Louisiana, he often brought back specimen tree seedlings of cypress, maple, oaks and other plants which were planted at Dimora. Later, foot trails were cleared, and Mrs. Pollard planted flowering azaleas and japonicas along their borders.

As is true of any labor of love, the Pollards put a lot of themselves into their retreat but when they moved to San Marcos, the trips to Dimora became less and less frequent. When Mr. Pollard finally retired, they decided that Dimora would not be sold but instead should be given to an organization that would keep it intact and develop it for its natural beauty and usefulness as a conservation laboratory.



A&M's NEW LAND
Paul R. Kramer, left, director of the Texas Forest Service accepts a 29-acre tract of land donated by John H. and LoReese S. Pollard of San Marcos. (Photo by Texas Forest Service)

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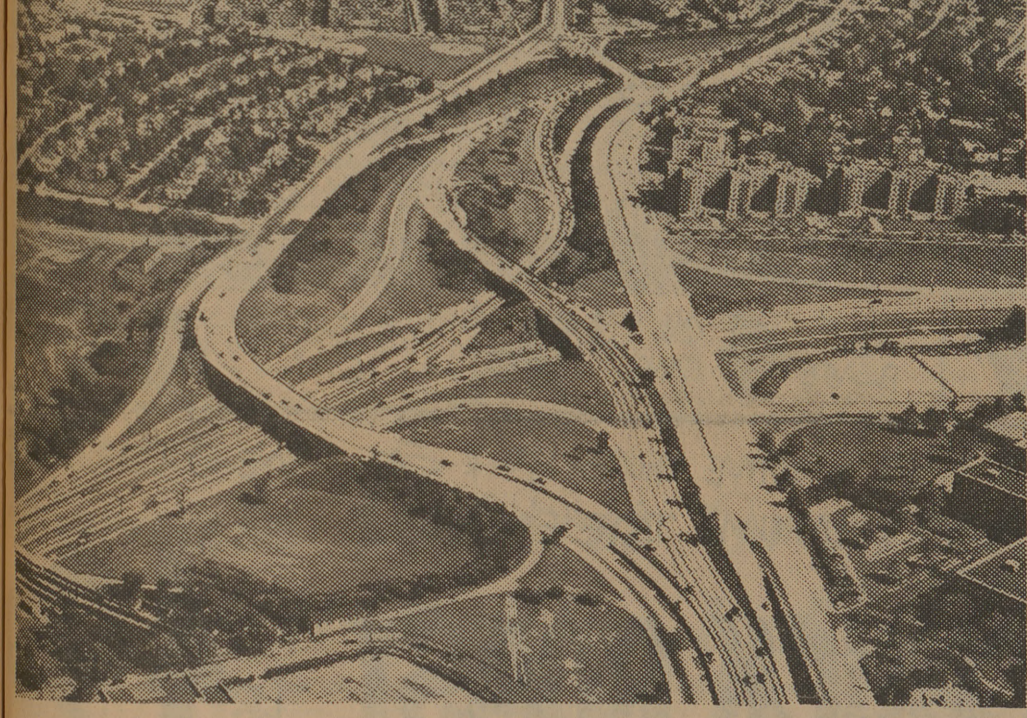
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Perhaps we are seeking too hard. Perhaps tranquility is not to be sought. Rather, isn't it what happens when you are at peace with yourself, no matter the circumstances?

You can be at peace with yourself only when you are at peace with God. He is the very center of your being, and His peace is freely given when you accept it.

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6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service	7:00 P.M.—Evening Service
7:00 P.M.—Preaching Service	
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY	FAITH CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School	9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sunday Service	10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
11:00 A.M.—2 P.M.—Tues. Reading Rm.	7:30 P.M.—Evening Service
7:00-8:00 P.M.—Wed., Reading Room	
8:00 P.M.—Wed. Evening Worship	COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
	9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
	6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service
	7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship
FIRST BAPTIST	A&M METHODIST
9:30 AM—Sunday School	8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship
10:45 AM Morning Worship	9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
6:10 PM—Training Union	10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship
7:20 PM—Evening Worship	5:30 P.M.—Campus & Career Class
6:30 PM—Choir Practice & Teachers' meetings (Wednesday)	5:30 & 6:00 P.M.—MYF Meetings
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6:30 P.M.—Training Union	5:00 P.M.—Sacrament Meeting
7:30 P.M.—Church Service	
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9:45 A.M.—Bible School	An Independent Bible Church
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship	
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EE's And Oceanographers Combine To Communicate

Electrical engineers at Texas A&M University are experimenting with an underwater acoustic communications system which could be a boon to oceanographers, fishermen and drillers of off-shore oil wells.

The system works on the same principle as sonar, used to measure distance under water just as radar does in the air.

"When you say 'sonar' the average person gets scared away," observes Dr. Stephen Riter, principal investigator of Texas A&M's acoustic communications program, "but there's a lot of practical applications which could benefit persons associated with the sea."

The beauty of the system being studied under the university's Sea Grant Program is its simplicity, the former NASA engineer maintains. He hopes to have a working model within a year.

"We are simply taking equipment that is available, along with techniques which are well known, and modifying them to solve problems that people

thought were unsolvable," he adds.

Riter's first model will be extremely simple in operational concept, while its electronics will be fairly complex and highly compact. He plans to connect small integrated-circuit transmitters and receivers to sonar transducers, which change electrical energy into mechanical energy and vice versa.

The mechanical energy, Riter explains, creates a sound which causes vibrations to radiate through the water to another unit which changes the mechanical energy back to electrical.

Initial transmissions will be simple codes based on length of time between vibrations. Riter foresees the first application of underwater acoustic communications in transmission of data from sensors and other equipment on or near the ocean floor to a surface vessel. The system also could be used for communications between two underwater units.

Present equipment will allow underwater transmissions of approximately five miles. Riter

believes the maximum underwater range is about 10 miles. He notes, however, distance could be increased by relaying the underwater signal to a buoy equipped to transmit via radio.

Acoustic communications systems in their simplest form, Riter points out, could be highly beneficial to oceanographers making deep-sea tests and to fishermen in locating schools of fish and transmitting information about the status of underwater nets. The technique also has application in the operation of well heads in oil exploration on the ocean floor.

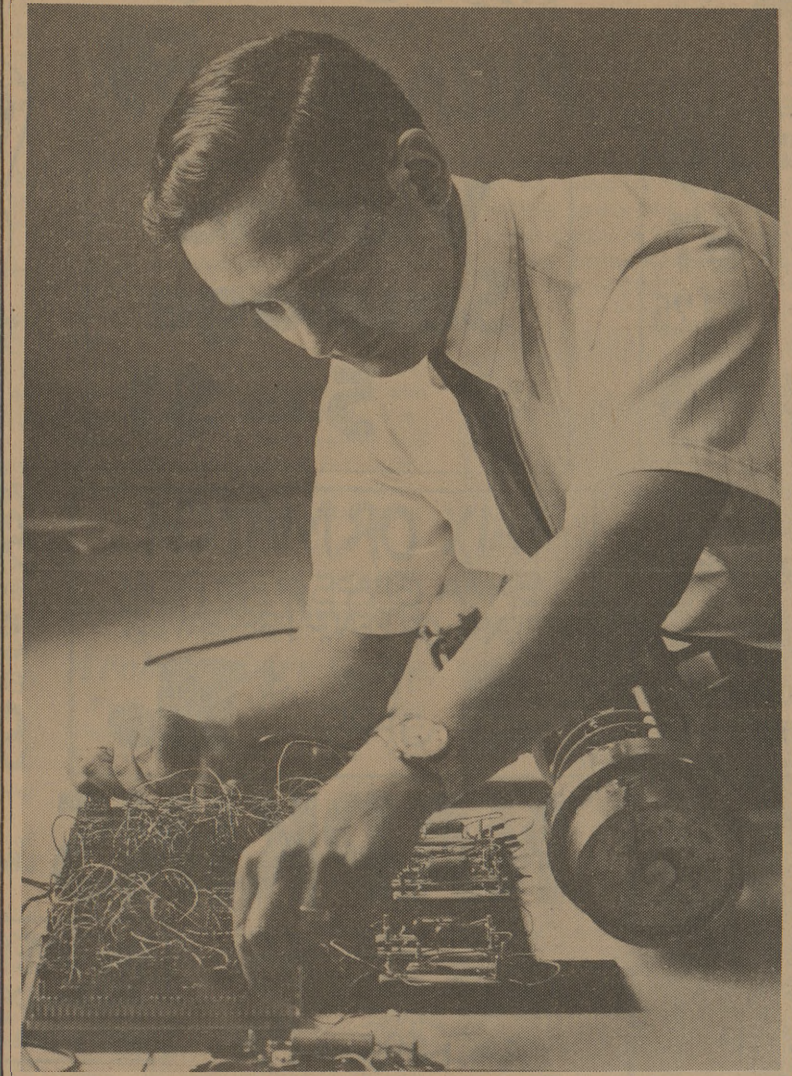
Texas A&M's Oceanography Department, which conducts numerous tests in the Gulf of Mexico with its research ship, the R/V Alaminos, is cooperating in the acoustics program.

As the state of the art improves, Riter sees no reason why the system could not accommodate voice transmissions and, at least in principle, television.

"If you are willing to spend the money," the Texas A&M researcher observes, "you can transmit anything acoustically that you can electromagnetically."

Riter predicts acoustic communications will be an important factor as man develops capabilities to live in the sea. He believes it will be as much an integral part of development of underwater habitats as structural problems.

He hopes there will be as much attention directed to development of a sea program during the next 10 years as there has been in space within the past decade.



SOME CONNECTIONS
Dr. Stephen Riter, of A&M's underwater acoustic communications program examines some of the equipment used in the system. Simplicity is the key to the system's success.

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