whom neighbors say was active in the case his church and extremely protective toward his family was charged Tuesday with murdering his son by placing cyanide in the boy's Halloween treats.

Ronald Clark O'Bryan, 30, an optician, was charged with the cyanide poisoning of his son, Timothy O'Bryan, 8, who died Thursday night after eating Halloween trickor-treat candy.

Bond was set at \$100,000.

A source in the investigation said the charge was filed against O'Bryan after he took a polygraph lie detector test Monday and officers discovered he had recently taken out a \$38,000 life insurance policy on his

In a massive investigation, Pasadena police had found five of the powdered Pixie Stix containers containing cyanide. The containers had been collected by the dead youth, his sister Elizabeth and other children who accompanied them trick-or-treating.

The elder O'Bryan said he took the children trick-or-treating on two streets in a Pasadena subdivision not far from their home in Deer Park, another Houston Ship Channel industrial city.

The incident had set off calls by mayors in the area to end the practice of giving treats to children at Halloween. Residents in the area had started a reward fund and had raised over \$1,800 when the arrest was announced.

Neighbors said the O'Bryan family was active in their church and that O'Bryan closely supervised his son's activities

Capt. R. E. Rhodes, who heads the Pasadena detective division, said he could not say where O'Bryan

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sprawling district which stretches from Wichita Falls to the tip of the Panhandle and upset the GOP in-

It appeared for a time in the vote count that Republican Rep. Alan Steelman of Dallas might be eased out by veteran Democratic politician Mike McKool, but Steelman pulled out in the final tabulations.

Democrats retained the seat being vacated by Rep. O. C. Fisher, himself a Democrat, in the big 21st district in Southwest Texas. The winner was Bob Krueger, although Republican Douglas Harlan mounted an attractive and vigorous

Texas thus will have a U. S. House delegation of 21 Democrats and three Republicans, a loss of one seat by the GOP

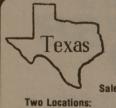
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legal aspects involved," he said. The Pasadena Police Department would like to praise the conscientious cooperation of the citizens of the neighborhood where the investigation was conducted and the many offers of assistance from citizens.

"We must not comment further for fear of jeopardizing the case,' Rhodes continued.

"Obviously, we and the district attorney felt there is sufficient evidence for a charge to be filed. We are wrapping up some loose ends of the investigation.

O'Bryan, holding back tears, told reporters Friday how he held his son in his arms after the boy became ill. He said then he did not realize his son had been poisoned until he was told by police.

Before his arrest, the father said in an interview that Timothy once

the abduction after police used elec-

When found, Robert David Lacy

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Other residents of the area said they were relieved that the hint of suspicion which had shrouded the area since the death had been lifted.

The O'Bryan family was active in the Second Baptist Church in Pasadena. The Rev. Jimmie Jones, pastor, said they had been members for several years and attended regu-

Jones said he had visited Tuesday with Mrs. O'Bryan and she was "holding up well. She has a lot of

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