Staff Writer

Two longtime business establishments of Bryan-College Station, A. M. Waldrop and Beverley Braley clothing stores, are going out of bus-

A. M. Waldrop and Company, in business here since before the turn of the century, will close its store in downtown Bryan as well as the one on University Drive at Northgate. Here for 29 years, Beverley Braley will be closed out in January or be-

"We want to concentrate all of our efforts on the Tours-Travel business and I would like to go into retire-ment soon," Ralph S. Braley, hus-band of Beverley Braley said.

A. M. Waldrop company owner, 67 year-old Allister Waldrop said, "I want to retire to do a little sailing, play tennis, go camping and ride bicycles with my wife."

A. M. Waldrop was founded in 1896 and the first store was on Main Street in Bryan close to the present locations. The store was founded under a partnership and was called Parks and Waldrop. In 1910 the store became A. M. Waldrop and Co. when Parks decided to go into the furniture business.

After A. M. Waldrop Sr. died in 1936, his son, Allister Jr. took over the operations of the College Station store founded in 1927 and the downtown store where it is presently located.

'There weren't many stores there then and we were one of the first,' Waldrop said. "The business has been good ever since we had opened and now that my son is get-

Examiner says note concealed

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas County associate medical examiner charged Tuesday that a suicide note written by a Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. executive was concealed from authorities.

The suicide note came to light Monday in San Antonio. It attacked high Southwestern Bell employes and told how they sought to influence politicians.

It was written by T. O. Gravitt, 51, head of all the Bell operations in Texas. He took his life by carbon monoxide poisoning more than a month ago. The note also complained bitterly of the line of questioning by Bell investigators who interrogated him.

Dr. Vincent DiMaio, the associate medical examiner who performed the autopsy on Gravitt, said the suicide note has been turned over to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office.

The San Antonio Express said that the Bell officials first tried to prevent the family from having the note, but turned it over to Gravitt's son at his insistence

DiMaio said officials also requested samples of Gravitt's handwriting to compare it with that of the

Meanwhile, Sen. Ron Clower, D-Garland, said he had dispatched the staff of his Texas Senate Consumer Affairs subcommittee to San Antonio hunting witnesses for a new round of hearings.

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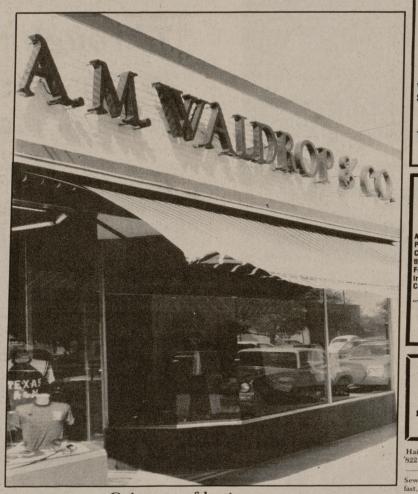
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George P. Mitchell, president of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association, said the logic of maintaining wellhead price controls is inane.

Mitchell made his remarks in a statement prepared as a response to recent remarks by Rep. John E. Moss, D-Calif., and an economic impact report prepared for Moss by the Library of Congress.

The report said in part there is little evidence increased prices would boost natural gas production as advocates of deregulation con-tend. It also contended consumers tive on consumer costs," Mitchell could pay up to \$75.6 million extra said. for natural gas through 1980 if price controls were removed.

"Even though the price of natural gas will rise, we believe the incremental supplies of natural gas will basis of energy equivalent. be less costly to consumers than the cost of alternate supplies of other fuels which will be required to offset the effects of deepening gas shortage, Mitchell said. One of the obvious intentions of the \$75.6 million estimate is to frighten consumers,

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because transportation and distribution, not the gas itself, comprise the major costs.

Rep. Moss and his Library of

Mitchell said the report recognized that natural gas is underpriced in interstate commerce when compared with other fuels on the

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