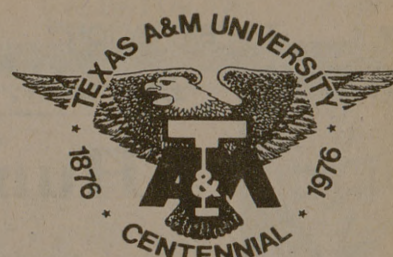


Mostly cloudy with showers and thundershowers today, high in low 70s. Low tonight in the mid-50s. Decreasing cloudiness with chance of thundershowers on Friday. High tomorrow in low 70s. Precipitation probability 60 per cent today, 40 per cent tonight, and 30 per cent tomorrow.



Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

### What ticket?

University Police Headquarters was crowded with students yesterday paying or challenging parking tickets. Students with past-due violations were prevented from preregistering.

## Committee to explore Marine recruit death

Associated Press

LUFKIN — Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Tex., says a House subcommittee will begin within the next two weeks its own investigation into the recruitment and death of a Marine recruit from Lufkin.

Wilson yesterday said the investigation will be conducted by the House Armed

Services subcommittee on personnel chaired by Rep. Lucien Nedzi, D-Mich.

Wilson said the chairman's staff met with Marine officials Tuesday and the Marines "made it certain" that serious abuses had taken place at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Yesterday Marine officials at San Diego, Calif., announced that a captain and two

drill sergeants will receive general courts-martial and another sergeant will receive a special court-martial for their involvement in the training exercise that resulted in the death of the Lufkin recruit, McClure. In addition, the commanding officer of the recruit training regiment will receive a letter of reprimand.

McClure, 20, was injured last December during a recruit training exercise involving pugil sticks — a weapon used to simulate a bayonet. He was knocked unconscious and was transferred to a Houston hospital where he died in March without regaining consciousness.

Wilson raised serious questions about the manner in which McClure was recruited by the Marines, including the claim that McClure was coached to pass the Marine test.

In its announcement yesterday the Marines said that:

✓ Sgt. H. E. Aguilar will be tried by general court-martial on charges alleging negligent homicide, maltreatment of a recruit, dereliction of duties and violations of a general order.

✓ S. Sgt. Harold L. Bronson will face a general court-martial on charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, maltreatment of recruit, dereliction of duties and violations of a general order.

✓ Capt. C. V. Taylor will go before a general court-martial on charges alleging dereliction in the performance of duties, failure to obey a lawful order, and violating a general order.

✓ S. Sgt. H. C. Wallraff will be tried by a special court-martial on charges alleging dereliction of duties and violating a general order.

✓ Col. R. A. Seymour, commanding officer of the recruit training regiment in which McClure served, will receive a letter of reprimand. Other administrative punishment was expected for Capt. J. B. Ullmann of the headquarters and service battalion.

### Auto insurance may rise again

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Car insurance companies are in a "back-to-the wall situation" because of inflation and will have to ask the state Insurance Board for rate increases this summer, an industry spokesman said today.

The board, which raised rates an average of 17 per cent on Jan. 1, has scheduled its annual car insurance hearing for July 15.

He said medical and car repair costs covered by auto insurance have nearly tripled in the past eight years.

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## Two lawmen run for sheriff spot

By LILLIAN FOREMAN

Incumbent Sheriff J.W. Hamilton and detective John Miller will contend for the Democratic nomination in the May 1 primary of the Brazos County sheriff's race.

Hamilton, 68, is a 30-year resident of Brazos County and has served as sheriff of Brazos County since 1946.

Hamilton said that he is qualified for the position because of his past experience in law enforcement.

"Experience is the main thing. You can't beat it," he said.

Hamilton said he is running for sheriff because he believes in law enforcement that will benefit the citizens of the county.

Hamilton said he has upgraded the sheriff's department and has kept within the budget for the last four years.

He doesn't anticipate any great changes in the department for the next four years.

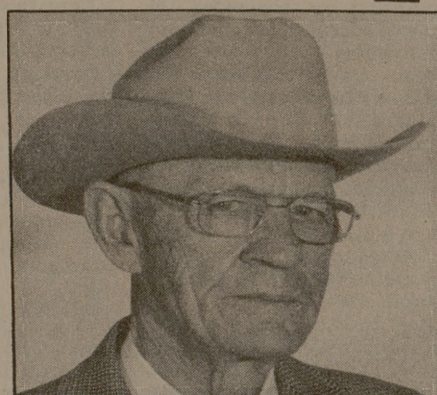
"I would like to have personnel, though, for a night patrol when funds are available," he said.

"I'm all for the protection of the citizens and their property."

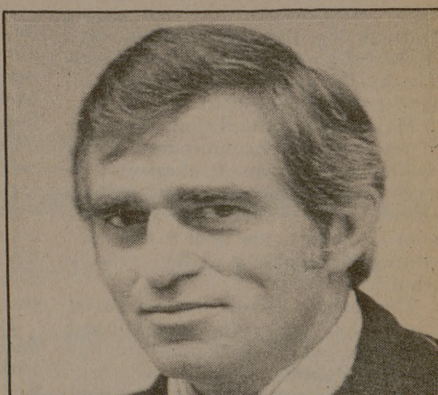
Hamilton lives at 913 Stanfield Circle in Bryan.

Hamilton's opponent, John Miller, 39, has been active in law enforcement for 10 years. His first two years of law enforcement were spent with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the last eight years in Brazos County. He also has 420 hours of police schooling, many of which were received at A&M.

Miller has previously been selected to provide personnel protection for President Ford and Governor Dolph Briscoe during



J. W. Hamilton



John B. Miller

their visits to the community. He was also instrumental in several heroin investigations and in solving local theft rings, burglaries and homicides.

Miller is currently employed by the College Station Police Department in the Criminal Investigation Division as a detective.

He said that he favors an active coordination of Brazos County law enforcement with other local and state law enforcement agencies.

"This will provide a more complete form of protection for the citizens of Brazos County and also extend to areas that are not under the jurisdiction of Bryan or College Station police," he said.

Miller also advocates rehabilitation programs for first time offenders and drug addicts. One of his main concerns is to separate juvenile offenders from adults and

to upgrade present jail facilities. When funds are available, Miller says that he would like to establish a separate juvenile facility that would have specially staffed personnel.

"There is no sense in burdening the residents for extra funds at this time," he said.

Miller says that he favors direct supervision of all investigations and prompt, courteous response by the sheriff's department to all calls and complaints from the residents.

Miller said that he would like to also create a position for a chief deputy in the Brazos County sheriff's office.

"This would provide a man in the sheriff's office at all times when I would be gone. As it is now, there is no one there when Mr. Hamilton is gone that is capable of taking over the responsibilities of the office," he said.

## Precinct 7 constable primary draws two

By DAVID WHITE

Rick Cockrell will try to bring youth and new blood into the race for county constable of precinct seven, the College Station area, while his opponent, incumbent E. W. Sayers will stand on his experience in the primary election, May 1.

Cockrell, 24, of 409 Jane St. in College Station, is a teacher at Allen Academy. He hopes to interject young ideas into the job and acquaint local youth with law enforce-

ment and the need for a change in the attitudes young people have toward the law.

Cockrell says he will carry the constable duties beyond the normal functions.

"I'd like to see the local youth become more involved in youth organizations and community organizations to keep them busy. I would try to do this as constable with the cooperation of the police."

Cockrell is a graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor of arts in history. He is also

an accredited teacher. He said he has no experience in law enforcement but if elected, he would be sent to a constable school for training.

He says that Sayers has had some confrontations with the local youth and college students and he would try to cultivate better relations with them.

Sayers, 57, of 506 Brooks St. in College Station, works for Montgomery Wards in

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## State supreme court closes police records

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court yesterday ruled that the press and the public have no legal or constitutional right to see all police records.

The Houston Chronicle filed suit to test Texas' 1973 Open Records Act and constitutional guarantees of freedom of the press.

Before the act went into effect, the Chronicle argued, police customarily allowed reporters to see offense reports and rap sheets.

When the Houston Post requested airport police records in 1974, however, the city declined, and Atty. Gen. John Hill said the information was not public. Later, Hill said police could furnish to reporters the information they had been furnishing through the years.

## Shuttle rides free next week

All students can ride the University's shuttle bus system for the next two weeks free of charge. E. C. Oates, chairman of the Shuttle Bus Operations Committee, said yesterday.

Oates said the students need only present a Texas A&M ID card to ride a bus during May 3-14. The free bus rides are to acquaint students not using the shuttle bus with its operation.

Bus passes for 1976-77 will cost \$15 per semester, and student-spouse tickets will cost \$22.50 per semester.

Students purchasing bus passes may also obtain a free night permit for their car. The permit allows students to park on campus weekdays from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. and all day weekends.

Bus passes and night permits are available at the University Police station.

Oates said about 5,000 students used the shuttle system last fall and he said he expects over 6,000 to use it this coming fall.

Nevertheless, police refused to permit reporters to see "rap sheets," which contain the suspect's name, a photograph, marital status, names of relatives and identifying marks such as scars and tattoos. Police also reserved the right to withhold the offense reports.

The primary purpose of the "rap sheet" was to list chronologically all of the offenses for which the suspect has been charged, but, the Supreme Court said, "The final deposition of the charge is not always noted."

Disclosure of such information, the Houston Court of Civil Appeals said, contains "the potential for massive and unjustified damage to the individual."

Neither the Open Records Act nor the state or federal constitutions require "disclosure of the complete records sought by the Houston Chronicle," the Supreme Court said in an unsigned opinion.

Since the city of Houston did not appeal the appeals court ruling, the Supreme Court did not respond to whether the press and public have a "statutory or constitutional right to obtain all of the information which the court of civil appeals has held to be public information."

The appeals court ruled that police administrative records — such as police blotters, show-up sheets and arrest sheets — are public information. These records include the name, age, sex, race and occupation of a suspect; name of the arresting officer and the charge.

The appeals court also said the Chronicle had a constitutional right to see a portion of the offense report, including a detailed description of the offense, location, identification and description of the complainant, premises, weather and the names of the arresting officers.

Off-limits in that report, the appeals court said, are police speculation about a suspect's guilt, police views on a witness' credibility, summaries of purported confessions, and the results of polygraph examinations. This information, the court said, reporters often pick up anyway in interviews.

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The intelligence panel declared that "intelligence activities which undermine individual rights must end" and made a total of 96 recommendations, including the formation of a strong congressional panel to guard against future spy agency abuses.

Without the new watchdog panel, "the great work of this committee will have been lost," said Mondale.

But within hours of Mondale's remarks, the Senate Rules Committee voted to gut

## Senate panel urges intelligence watchdog

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate intelligence committee's catalogue of a variety of domestic intelligence abuses marks the end of its investigation and the beginning of a fight over whether a special congressional panel should monitor spy agencies.

In a 396-page report released Wednesday, the committee detailed previously disclosed abuses such as CIA domestic spying, the FBI's Cointelpro program and the National Security Agency's eavesdropping.

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Both Tower and Goldwater are members of the Armed Services Committee, which traditionally has been responsible for monitoring activities of the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency and NSA. Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., a member of the intelligence committee, declared Wednesday that "Congress bears a heavy responsibility for ignoring its constitutional oversight role."

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