

Controversy dragging on in Northgate

(Continued from Page 1) would not like to see Northgate become a part of Bryan.

Other merchants are disenchanted with the idea of annexation or merger with Bryan to solve any problems.

J.E. Loupot has been involved in the Northgate area as a merchant since 1940. He has watched the development of College Station and the city's acquisition of utilities and city services.

"In the beginning we asked the city (Bryan) for services but we were disowned," said Loupot. "We were the poor children."

Loupot has had sewage problems in the past. "In the 1950's, overloads used to back up," he said.

On one occasion Loupot broke his sewage main open and let the sewage run out in the street instead of backing up into the store.

"We need a new system, this one is inadequate," said Loupot. "It will cost us any way we go, but when we needed them (Bryan) they didn't want us."

Bernie Gessner, operator of University Cleaners, says the sewer situation is a minor problem and another spinoff from the recent utilities suit. Gessner is past president of the Northgate Merchants Association.

College Station recently sued Bryan for the right to buy electrical power and other utilities from sources other than the city of Bryan. College Station won the suit and can now buy power from other sources when their contract with Bryan expires.

"Bryan is the old town, and they resent being told what to do," said Gessner. "College Station has a lot of different ideas. This whole situation is strictly a matter of planning."

Gessner said that the sewer system will need to be replaced, but that the job can be done without annexation of the Northgate area by Bryan.

Lab to stress water purity

Specialized training for Texas Panhandle water utilities operators is booked Oct. 3-7 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Floydada.

A mini-lab stressing water purity regulations, testing and chemical analysis will be conducted by three instructors of the Water and Wastewater Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (EES). They are Bob Langston, Willard Davis and Joe Linger. Plant operators from throughout the Panhandle are to participate.

The program will deal with water suitability tests required by the Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Water Quality Board.

Seniors may seek Rhodes scholarships

Texas A&M University seniors may begin applying Monday for Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford University, said Dr. Paul Van Riper, campus Rhodes representative and political science professor.

Applications must be made by Oct. 12. Interested students should see Van Riper between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in room 120 of Bolton Hall, or by appointments made in Bolton, room 130.

The scholarship is open to both men and women. Candidates must be unmarried U. S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. A grade point ratio of 3.7 or better is desired, said Van Riper.

Scholarships, awarded for two years, cover tuition and provide some travel assistance and a maintenance allowance equal to about \$3,500 annually.

Three Texas A&M students have received Rhodes Scholarships, the most recent being 1976 graduate Paul Hasse, now at Oxford continuing studies in philosophy. Hasse was the first Aggie to become a Rhodes Scholar since Texas A&M attained university status.

Red fire engines aren't colorfast

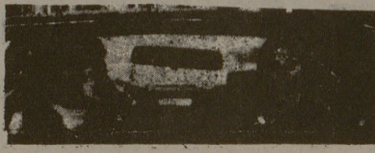
DENVER — The red fire engine is on its way out, said a fire truck manufacturer. The new look at the stationhouse is lime yellow — for safety's sake.

Richard Gergel, an executive for engine manufacturer Ward La France of Elmira Heights, N.Y., said the lime yellow fire truck has gained popularity since its introduction six years ago in St. Louis.

He told the International Association of Fire Chiefs' convention Monday that the standard, red fire truck is not as safe as lime yellow because "at night the eye is almost blind to the color red."

Gergel said 40 per cent of all new orders received by his firm for fire engines called for lime yellow trucks. He said the numbers of requests for red engines has dropped annually since the new color was introduced.

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