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One of the reasons the economy of Bryan-College Station is booming is the rash of construction projects around the area. This pro-

By CHARLES HARPER

In June, figures form the De-

On the other hand, the unployed in the Brazos county area e estimated to comprise 3.5 pernt of the labor force, according to CC sources. The figure is down m last year's rate of 4.7 percent.

urrent figures are lower than state and national figures 5.2 nd 6.3 percent, respectively. In 1977 as a whole, Bryan-College Sta-om ranked fourth lowest nation-

However, per capita income of yan-College Station ranked 258th

through Friday

community's demand

de in umemployment.

ject is the Bryan Building and Loan (BB&L) building near the corner of Villa Maria and Texas Avenue in Bryan.

Kids get ahead

## Head Start a hit

By STEVE LEE Battalion Reporter

Both A&M Consolidated and Bryan school districts believe in giving certain pre-school children a head start before entering kinder-

In fact, "Head Start" is the name of a program implemented by both school districts, designed to give disadvantaged children preparation

for elementary school. The program is funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare with funds from the Office of Child and Human Development in Dallas.

The two school districts share the money, with Consolidated being the grantee agency and Bryan the dele-

For this fiscal year, the total figure given to the districts for Head Start is in excess of \$150,000. Approximately \$70,000 of that is sent. to the Bryan school district, says Dr. H.R. Burnett, assistant superinten-

dent of Consolidated.

The children in the program usually start at age three and continue two years to facilitate a smooth entry

into kindergarten. To determine eligibility, the children from both school districts are screened to ascertain if they are from families that are economically deprived or without the benefit of

education. Physically and mentally

handicapped children are also screened for inclusion. No more than 10 percent of the students can be from higher-income families. There are 16 handicapped students enrolled at Consolidated with seven of those being from higher-income families

Burnett outlined four purposes of the program—to provide educational development, health services, nutritional information and to en-

courage parental involvement.
Bryan holds an eight-week summer session for Head Start children with half-day classes.

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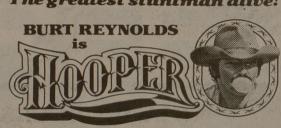
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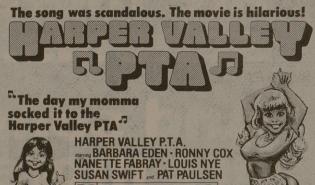
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unemployment among nation's

Sources at the State Comptrol-Probably a lot of folks still think of the fact that the student population, and insurance and mining companvan-College Station as a whistle p and a collection of small shops. consisting largely of non-wage earners, is counted in the local census. in truth, the area is a growing Since the per capita figure is derived by dividing annual personal to buy food and-or drink had a troplex with an economy to income by total population of an area, this would produce a mislead-

rtment of Labor, published ough the Texas Employment mmission, show employment in ingly low per capita income.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Statistics indicate that Bryan-College Station is a good area up 11 percent over the last r. O.H. Patterson, labor market place to do business-for some alyst for TEC, says even at these tes the labor force does not meet

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out of 265, was among the lowest in businesses. Those enjoying the gross income of almost \$7 million, greatest amount of prosperity are non-manufacturing businesses, with ler's office credit this low figure to eating and drinking places at the top

according to Department of Commerce figures published by the state comptroller's office. Food stores were next, doing a whopping \$16 ies among those doing the least million business.

Many local bankers say that although the oil industry's entry to the local community may have sig-

much of the economy still hinges on

Texas A&M University.
Bankers say that business has been booming, but will probably level off. One banker went so far as to say that the local economic welfare is directly related to the enrollment at Texas A&M.

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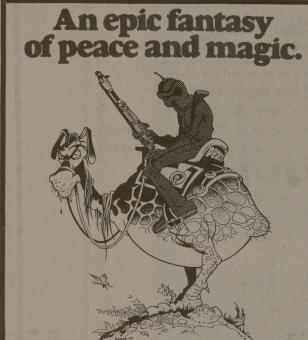
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