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keep up with it," he said. He explained that a city is typically two years behind on revenues collected from its tax base. If an industry establishes itself in a community in the said of the said. He explained that the said is the said. He explained that the said. He explained that the said is the said. He explained that a city is the said. He explained that a city is the said. He explained that a city is typically two plained that a city is typically the city is the said. He explained that a city is typically the city is the said that a city is typically the city is the city is typically the city in the city is the city in the city is the city in the city in the city is the city in the eliminate ing fall before the company is issued is thought of as 'they' — someone far company has another year before convention payment is due.

Blank's "We can't keep up," Nelson said, nuch word and he credited this income lag with

a high city employee turnover rate, a ack of office space, and understaf-

more brains, out of 500 possible staff positions, there are 71 vacancies, and the that some moual turnover rate in Bryan looms d grown a 54 percent, he said. The city can't blished be seen up with the pay scales of private aign fold industry, and so the city becomes a air after training school for jobs in the private seashore sector, he added.

ker beache "It becomes a cycle," Nelson

Nelson also pointed to an inherent attitude problem in the public as one factor affecting city re-

away who has the power and money a problem to do everything.

"They seem to think 'they' print money in the basement of city hall or something.

Nelson said this sentiment shows up in low voter turnout during bond elections. The citizens must realize that one of the city's main methods of acquiring revenue is through bond elections, he said, and when bond issues are defeated, the city is left to

'Unless citizens are willing to contribute, nothing can be done," he

Meanwhile in College Station, a move is under way to dispel this

to the city unskilled, but in a year or two he has gained the skills to get a higher paying job elsewhere, he said.

apparent apathy. Recently, city council appointed a 12-member Citizen's Planning Advisory Com-mittee to study the current master plan for the city, and to make recommendations for a new one. The current plan was significantly revised two years ago, but planners say it's

time for a new one. But the committee itself faces

It has met three times, and disinterest is already apparent. Only seven members of the committee showed up for the last meeting. Member Earl Bennett summed up

"I bet you can't find five people really concerned, to come up here to the committee until something progress.

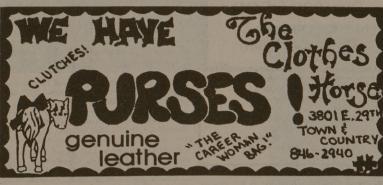
"We're going to have to educate the people before they can even answer the questionnaire," she said.

affects them directly," he said.

However, the committee is taking steps to reorganize interest in the city's problems. Through a survey and neighborhood meetings, it plans to map out where the people think the city should be going, and how it should get there.

But members agree the road ahead will be bumpy.

Former city councilman Ann Hazen, representing the Planning and Zoning Commission at the October 19 committee meeting pointed out the major obstacle blocking



Better drainage asked from city

Battalion Staff
When it rains, it pours. The Cole Station City Council was more the responsibility of the others.'

n residents at their city council eting citing a lack of proper drain-e channels in the area. "The basic prob

The petition accused the city of a k of maintenance on the local age systems, and named specially the Southwood Valley, Nor-an Circle and Longmire Bridge as as being hardest hit by

Gale Wagner, a Sandy Circle resi-ent, addressed the council on the blem, saying, "Only partial chanization of the existing streams exs, particularly in the Southwood

'It's not confined to creeks behind andy Circle and Norman Circle, vagner said. "It's not simply one neek or one bridge. There are probas everywhere. There are real

"The city doesn't know whose re-consibility it is. The developers on't claim responsibility. Who has asponsibility for it?"

er to the city staff for a study and

recommendation on the problem, saying, "The city must decide what is the city's responsibility and what is

The council was presented with a stition signed by 146 College Standard residents at their city. satisfied with the city's action on the matter, at least they had been noti-

> "The basic problem is drainage. The council is considering only the exact problem at the moment, not the potential problems.

Wagner said developers of the area, simply want to divert the drainage streams in the Sandy Creek area, which would move the water into the Bee Creek area, where a problem

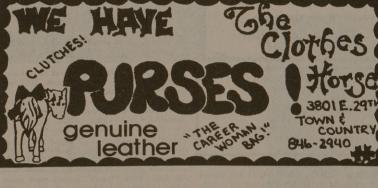
The council also decided to add College Station's name to a list of Texas cities who are protesting a gate rate increase request by Lone Star Gas Company.

The protest, sponsored by the Texas Municipal League, currently has 108 cities bonded together.

The protest calls for a reduction of the rate increase called for by Lone

Star Gas from the \$41.6 million annual rate requested to approximately \$7 million.

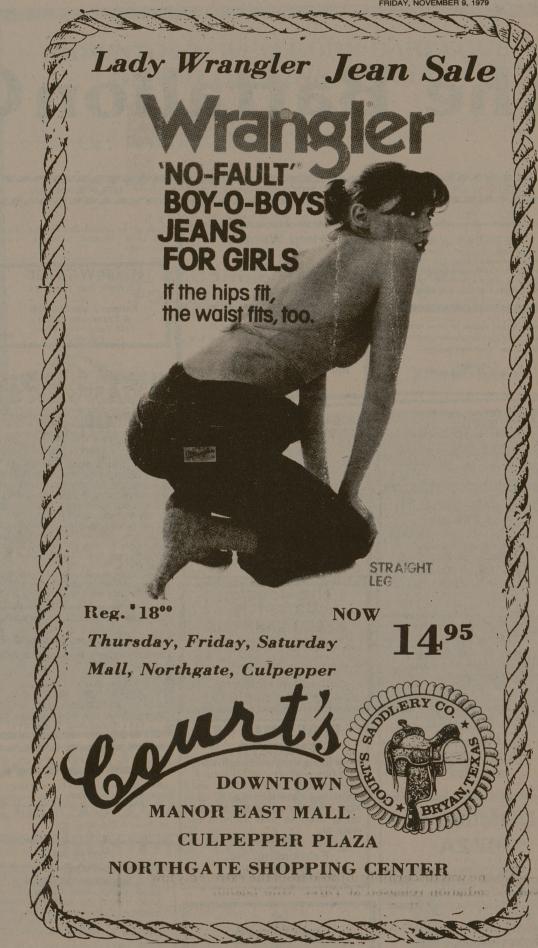
A gate rate is the amount of money the company charges to get gas to a Mayor Pro-tem Gary Halter city's limits. Local rates are deterwed the council turn the matter mined after a city adds local charges such as distribution costs and taxes.





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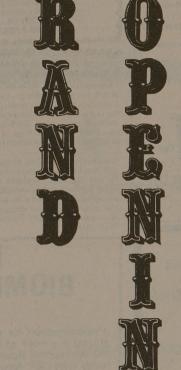
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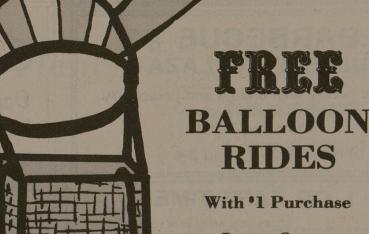


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