

Bryan forms census review

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The Bryan City Council unanimously approved the creation of a committee to promote and review the 1980 census Monday night. The Complete Count Committee was created to ensure a correct count and to review the census for errors. The city had a lot of problems with the last census, City Manager Ernest Clark said, and the committee might minimize any errors in the new census.

In other action, the council approved a citizens participation plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Clark said the plan is merely a formality required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development since Bryan already has such a program. Councilman Henry Seale said the plan is "more governmental bureaucracy creeping into our over-taxed system, and I resent it." Mayor Richard Smith agreed and

said the program has worked well without the plan. Requiring citizen participation won't increase it any, he added. The council also awarded contracts for various improvements totaling nearly \$630,000. Among these are contracts for the repairing and painting of the water tower and improvement and development of two parks. A resolution to authorize a \$4,000 contract for a study on the Old Carnegie Library Building was also approved. The first phase of the study involves developing scale drawings for the existing building. These drawings will be done by a Texas A&M University architecture graduate student, who will receive a salary for his work.

The second phase consists of studying the possible rehabilitation of the building. It has already been designated as a museum by the council at the request of the Brazos Valley Historical Society. However, other uses will be considered by the Community Development committee.

Smith said the city should help the committee develop guidelines for the building's ultimate use. Councilman Joe Hanover questioned the spending of \$4,000 for such a study even though the Community Development Committee is furnishing the funds.



Councilman Henry Seale

BISD to apply for federal aid

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The Bryan Independent School District will apply for a Federal Impact Aid grant at the end of this month, the board of trustees decided Monday. Dr. Charles B. Jones, director of planning and evaluation for the school district, said this type of aid is available to any district in which at least 3 percent of the students live in

low-rent housing, or whose parents are on active military duty or work on federal property.

Out of a total of 9,274 students in the district, 304 of them fall into one of these categories (3.28 percent), making the Bryan School District eligible for the federal aid, Jones said. "Federal Impact Aid is the least restrictive of all federal monies," he said, adding that the approximately \$10,000 which he estimates the dis-

trict will receive from the government will be used to supplement district programs.

In other action, the board received a check for \$10,000 presented by the Brazos County Industrial Foundation to be used to purchase machinery for a metals trade program.

The program is a cooperative effort between the Bryan School District, the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and the Brazos County Industrial Foundation to train local residents in the operation of industrial machinery. Dick Peacock, who made the pre-

sentation on behalf of BCIF, said he feels this is an important project because it will train people in the community for the many industry-related jobs which are expected to occur locally in the near future.

"The machinist training equipment that this money will provide for the school district will assure our local industry that it will have a qualified source of applicants for positions as skilled technicians," he said.

The program is scheduled to begin in March and will be held at the old vocational building on Highway 21, which is being renovated for that purpose.



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- THE HILLEL FOUNDATION:** Is holding a welcome-back wine and cheese party at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Foundation Building at 800 Jersey St. in College Station.
- MICROCOMPUTER CLUB:** Is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 203, Zachry Center.
- ORAL INTERPRETATION PERFORMANCE GROUP:** Will hold auditions for the North Texas State University Interpretation Festival at 7 p.m. in Room 100 HECC. Anyone interested in the auditions, may contact Jo Hudson in Room 339, Harrington Tower or call 845-3451 ext. 72.
- STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** Will pose for pictures for 1980 Aggeland at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Zachry Center.

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