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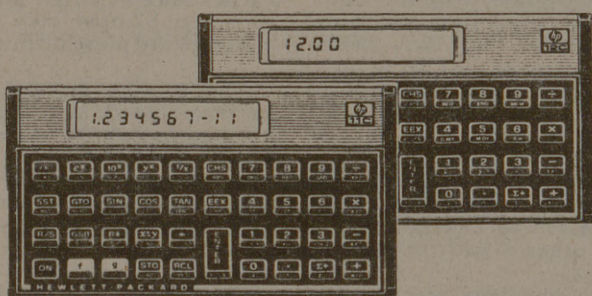
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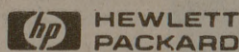
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Geter active in civil rights since release

Associated Press

GREENVILLE — More than a year after Lenell Geter's conviction for an armed robbery he didn't commit was overturned, the aerospace engineer divides his time between civil rights activities and making his peace with this Northeast Texas town.

The young engineer captured national attention in his struggle to have the conviction overturned. He shared his triumph with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which initiated his legal campaign.

Geter talks with reverence about the NAACP and the role its attorney, George Hairston played in his case. He told the Dallas Time Herald he plans to be in Dallas this week to attend several events at NAACP's 76th annual convention.

Last week, Geter founded the Geter Justice For All Foundation to offer referral services for inmates needing assistance. He is a regular speaker before alumni associations and church groups and has sold the film rights to his story to a Los Angeles production company.

In 1982, Geter was convicted of robbing a fast-food restaurant in the Dallas suburb of Balch Springs despite testimony from co-workers that he was working when the robbery occurred.

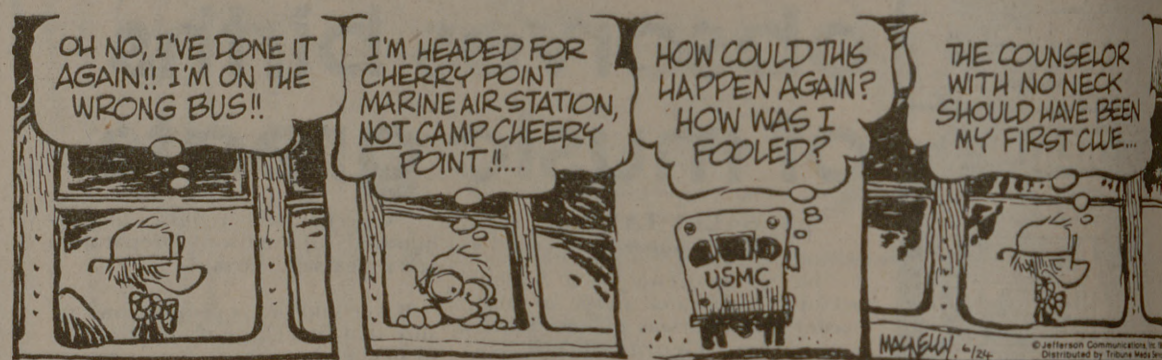
Geter spent 16 months in a Texas prison before he was released and then cleared of the charge after another man was identified as the robber.

Although prosecutors called the conviction a case of mistaken identity, Geter has said it resulted from racism, shoddy police work and overzealous prosecutors.

Geter said there was a time when he did not want to go back to Greenville. But he has returned to the Northeast Texas city, where he lives with his wife, Marcia, and works for E-Systems as an engineer on aerospace projects.

Geter said he has experienced nothing but friendliness from residents since his return. He frequently is cornered by people who just want to talk to him or shake his hand.

SHOE



by Jeff MacNeil

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by Tom Bartel



Amateur radio group hams it up at field day

By BRETT MCGLAUN
Reporter

The Memorial Student Center Amateur Radio Committee — station W5AC — traveled to Lake Somerville this weekend to participate in the 52nd annual Field Day.

The nationwide event is an opportunity for amateur 'ham' radio operators to test their skills under less than ideal conditions. This experience gives ham operators an opportunity to see what it would be like to operate under emergency conditions.

To fulfill the requirements of the event, the radio club or member must operate the radio transmitter without a radio tower and away from

conventional power sources for a period of 27 hours.

The object of the field day is to talk to as many operators as possible outside the immediate area in the designated time.

"We talked with everyone," Robert Eden, director of operating for the Texas A&M club said. "We talked with people from Alaska to Florida."

Eden said the MSC Amateur Radio Committee left for Lake Somerville Friday around 5 p.m. and returned to College Station around 2 p.m. Sunday. The team operated their transmitter from a Winnebago, he said.

Eden said five members of the group alternated operating the

radio and recording the information in the "Dup," or log sheet.

The call numbers and location of each station reached by the club will be sent in for ranking with other stations that competed in Field Day over the country.

W5AC contacted 264 stations at different locations around the country and Canada. Eden said the results were about what he had expected.

"Looks like we'll be about average," he said.

The MSC Amateur Radio Committee has been a part of A&M since 1925. It transmits messages from MSC for emergency operations and relays phone and signal messages from as far away as the South Pole.

Pastor suggests dropping 'Baptist' from church's name

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The pastor of a large Austin Baptist church wants to drop the word "Baptist" from the church's name because he thinks it hurts attendance.

It's a word that Pastor Gerald Mann fears can convey "narrowness" and "heresy hunting."

"I'm proud to be a Baptist in the traditional sense, but I'm not proud to be a Baptist in the present sense," Mann said Sunday.

So he's proposed a name change. The Riverbend Baptist Church would become the Riverbend Church, followed by smaller letters noting the congregation's affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I think the word Baptist keeps people away," Mann said. "Our whole mission (at Riverbend) is to reach people who aren't going to church."

Mann first suggested the change last week when he reported to his congregation on the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which, to the distress of Mann and other moderate Baptists, was dominated by fundamentalists.

Mann, whose church attracted 1,600 to the two Sunday services three weeks after it opened at its new location in April, said he is not advocating that Riverbend withdraw from the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Baptist organization.

"The reason I'm not bolting from the convention is we (the Southern Baptist Convention) have the best Christian witness program," Mann said.

"What's at stake here is the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has always been a cooperative effort to minister to people around the world. We're Christian witnesses before we are Baptists."

"It is not a change in loyalty, it's a change in emphasis. If the word Baptist is associated with controversies, narrowness, fundamentalism, heresy hunting—I fear that's what's happening already — my thought would be to change the name to Riverbend Church of Austin, then in smaller letters below 'Affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.'"

Riverbend congregants will have the final word on the name of their church. Mann said he has heard no reaction to his suggestion.

Mann said he considers Riverbend an ecumenical church because it draws worshippers from many faiths other than Baptist, and he said that fundamentalism is opposite from the positive, upbeat approach to religion at Riverbend.

"Our church has nothing to do with all that negative," Mann said. "I don't want to taint the good spirit of this church. I don't want to be involved in that."

Farmer upset with wheat sale

Associated Press

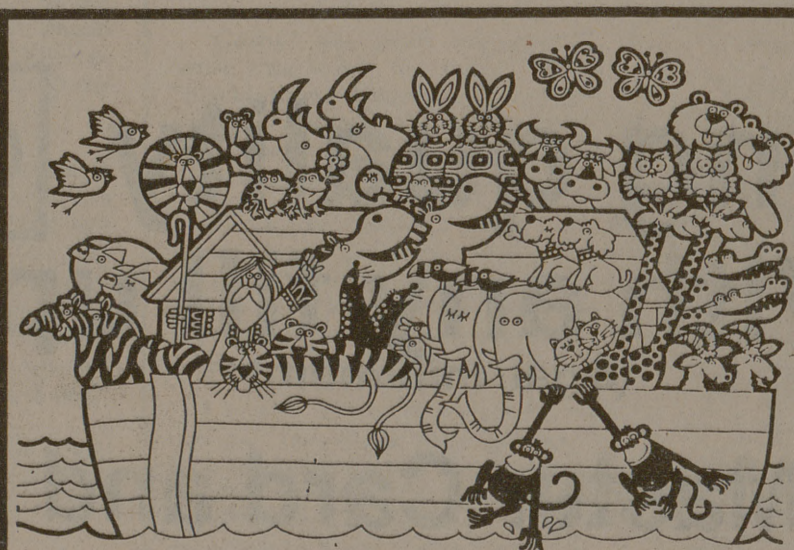
ST. LAWRENCE — Gary Seidenberger, who says he's weary of low crop prices, carved his view recently on the dismal economy of farming — in 15 acres of wheat.

Seidenberger, 42, used a tractor-pulled tandem disc to cut the words "Farming Stinks!" out of block in his wheat patch.

"I had just sold my wheat and was really disgusted with it," Seidenberger said.

He received \$2.60 a bushel for the wheat. 10 years ago, wheat was bringing about \$5.50 a bushel.

Seidenberger, who's farmed for nearly a quarter of a century, said he's not broke and has no plans to abandon agriculture. He wants to call attention to the farmers' plight.



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