

A&M property manager retires, shifts career into homemaking

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Reporter

Going from Texas A&M property manager to homemaker, Ann Grady says she has an array of projects to keep her busy in her retirement.

"I have plenty to do, like clean the house for the first six months," Grady says.

"Most people, after retiring, say they don't have anything to do," she says. "But I will have a lot of time to do personal odd jobs. I will not be looking for anything like a permanent job because Mrs. Grady the property manager will become Mrs. Grady the homemaker."

Grady, whose retirement began Jan. 30, has been property manager at A&M for 17 years, although her first job here was secretary to the assistant comptroller.

Her official title as property manager was senior staff accountant for the property plant section. "It's my classification on the payroll," Grady says, smiling.

Grady received a degree in business education, specializing in accounting, from the Texas State College for Women in 1945.

As A&M's property manager, Grady accounted for all the land, buildings, equipment and improvements — other than buildings

and construction — at the University, she says.

The property department processes equipment vouchers by putting any equipment purchased on an inventory list, she says.

If a department buys a new typewriter, computer or desk, for example, the newly purchased item is recorded by the property department, she says.

Currently, the department has 73,000 pieces of equipment on campus totaling \$198 million, she says, thumbing through a large book on her paper-cluttered desk.

"As property manager, there is no typical day, it's always different and sometimes very tedious," Grady says.

During her retirement, Grady says she will be able to devote more time to her memberships in the A&M United Methodist Church and the University Faculty Wives social club. She also is involved in the Philanthropic Educational Organization, which is an international sisterhood.

"I will really miss the people — they were great to work with," she says softly.

Co-worker Janell Tucker says, "Everybody loves her — she doesn't play favorites and she doesn't have any enemies. I have only worked



Ann Grady, A&M's property manager for 17 years, retires. Photo by John Kasper

with her for two years, but I will miss her immensely."

Ann Stevens, who has been working for A&M since January, will replace Grady as the new property

manager. "It will be very difficult to fill her shoes," she says. Stevens is the former administrator of the Business Product Center Inc. in New Mexico.

Cattle thefts show rustling is still around

MARSHALL (AP) — A rash of cattle thefts in recent weeks across East Texas proves that an old nemesis of the livestock business — rustling — is still around, according to law officers.

Harrison County Sheriff Bill Oldham said there have been about 15 head of cattle stolen in three incidents over the past two weeks in the northwestern part of the county.

Cattle raiser Carolyn Williams found out recently just how easy it is for rustlers to strike. Someone sawed through a lock on a chained gate and stole her herd of eight cattle.

Williams said she was unaware that others in the area had been hit by rustlers.

"If I had known it was going on, I could have hid the cattle," she said, explaining she would have placed them on a tract of land not so easily accessible to thieves.

Williams said she probably won't be able to recover her cattle since they were not branded.

"Everybody should brand their cattle so they can be identified, because these days you can take and sell cattle and you don't even need a receipt," she said.

Oil company cuts free gas, sued by angry landowners

NEW HOPE (AP) — Natural gas hissed free of charge into O.R. Henry's house for 40 years now, and like the other 42 people getting the same deal, he thought it would flow that way for the rest of his life.

At least that's what a lease contract said that was signed in 1946 granting exploratory rights to an oil company.

But three months ago, Henry's golden egg broke.

Henry and the other rural Franklin County residents, including several retirees on fixed income, charged in a lawsuit filed last month that Texaco Inc. "acted with evil intent" when it stopped the free-gas service, which had been provided by companies recently purchased by Texaco.

Texaco cited safety concerns and said it was within its rights when it

shut off the free gas Nov. 10. A company spokesman said the gas was tainted with potentially dangerous contaminants.

But the residents scoffed at the safety claims and asked for damages of \$5 million for what they called "gross indifference" to their contractual rights.

"I never anticipated living without gas until the field was out of gas," said Henry, who was deeded his property in the 1950s by an elderly bachelor who had treated Henry like a son.

New Hope, an unincorporated community, and Franklin County — one of the smallest counties in Texas — are about 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

After the gas was cut off, Henry, a retired dairyman, spent more than

\$550 to install propane gas equipment to operate his stove and heaters. No other gas supply was available in the immediate area without construction of a costly pipeline extension, he said.

"Their timing was terrible," Henry said. "They cut us off right before the first cold snap of the season."

All 67 landowners who received free gas had been paid \$10 per tract in the 1940s for the exploratory rights, and had been receiving the processed gas since as early as 1941 as part of their contracts.

Texaco bought the contracts in 1984 when it purchased Getty Oil Co.

Brothers to be retried in diesel theft case

BEAUMONT (AP) — The government will retry a racketeering case in which companies owned by a prominent Port Arthur family are accused of stealing as much as \$40 million in diesel fuel from tugboat customers, a federal prosecutor says.

A four-month trial ended Wednesday with a jury unable to reach a verdict on racketeering charges against Henry Fredeman II

and William Fredeman Jr. of Port Arthur, three companies they own and eight of their employees.

The panel found the Fredeman brothers, their companies and employees innocent of two mail fraud charges involving the fueling of customers' boats. But the jury deadlocked 10-2 in favor of convicting the defendants on racketeering

charges after deliberating for seven days.

The government also charged that Port Arthur Towing Co., while under exclusive contract with the U.S. Department of Defense to deliver jet fuel, submitted false location reports indicating the boats were on standby awaiting government orders.

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