

The Johnson County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center is scheduled to open Sept. 1. It will replace a mental health outpatient clinic, an arm of the state hospital in Austin.

board of trustees, said the first priority is hiring someone to fill the \$35,000-a-year director's post.

He said he had six applicants as of last week and would like to have about six more.

That has been the main job of the Cleburne outpatient clinic, said Bascom Hodges, director of community programs at the Austin State Hospital.

But Robertson said the clinic's

services available to citizens of Johnson County," said County Judge Wayne Bridewell. "I think this will help a lot of people who couldn't afford this kind of help privately in the past.

isation sponsored by state Rep. Bruce Gibson, D-Godley. Bridewell said the legislation was required so the county could create a mental health district and qualify for state grants.

McLennan DA says he fears for his life

Law agencies after him, Feazell says

By GAYLE REAVES
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McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said this week that he fears he could be murdered or wrongly indicted because of his criticism of the work of law enforcement agencies in dealing with Henry Lucas, the man who claimed to have killed hundreds of people and then recanted those confessions.

A federal grand jury was convened Monday in Austin to investigate allegations of corruption in Feazell's office, according to Feazell and law enforcement sources who asked not to be named.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jan Patterson declined to confirm that the grand jury is investigating Feazell. Federal prosecutors "just don't talk about grand juries, particularly this one," where witnesses have come under "some pressure," she said.

Feazell labeled the federal investigation a retaliatory "witch hunt" prompted by the Texas Department of Public Safety and its director, Col. Jim Adams.

Feazell said the investigation is a way of getting back at him for his criticism of a Department of Public Safety task force's handling of Lucas. At Feazell's prompting, a McLennan County grand jury earlier this year investigated Lucas' confessions and declined to indict Lucas in any of three Waco-area slayings to which he had confessed.

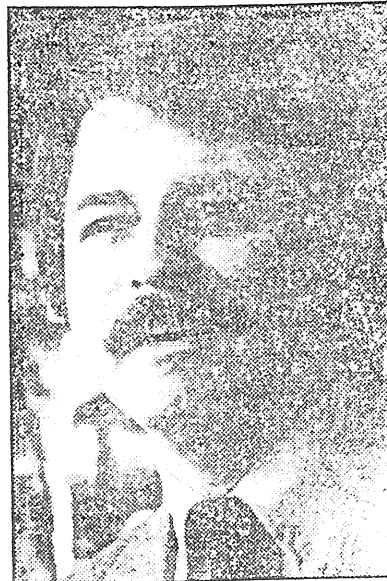
"I am the subject of a (federal) grand jury investigation because I said that task force members may have acted unethically or inappropriately—some mealy-mouthed language" like that, Feazell said. "As a result of that small intrusion into the pride of the Texas Rangers, I may be indicted."

When asked about his conclusions

regarding the role of law enforcement officers in accepting possibly bogus confessions from Lucas, Feazell said that if he answered the question truthfully, "It could get me indicted or murdered."

Asked if he had received death threats, Feazell said he had been "warned at the beginning to leave this Lucas thing alone or I would be ruined." He also said a local law en-

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Vic Feazell

Group forming to help needy

Parker County churches, organizations join forces

By JO SCHWEIKHARD
Star-Telegram Correspondent

WEATHERFORD — Parker County churches and service organizations are combining resources to help the needy, and leaders of Manna Inc. believe that their organization will serve people more efficiently than government programs.

The Rev. Don Scott, minister of First United Methodist Church, is trying to coordinate efforts to open Manna headquarters Aug. 1 at 315 N. Main St.

Scott said that through Manna, needy people will make one stop for food, clothing and, perhaps, financial assistance. He said Manna will serve as a bridge for people who must wait days or weeks for federal assistance.

The Rev. Michael McCormick of St. Stephen's Catholic Church said Manna will keep people from "shopping around" for assistance.

"As a church and a community, we try to meet the needs," he said, "and the need is a synchronized effort to help all the needy."

Scott said Manna eventually should be able to expand its services to special programs, such as nutrition planning and household management.

"What Manna does will be determined by the needs of the people of Parker County," he said.

Manna is a non-profit organization dependent on private contributions and will not accept governmental assistance, Scott said.

He said people should be responsible for their neighbors, and he believes that churches have unfairly allowed governmental welfare agencies to assume that responsibility.

Scott said that although Manna will help serve the transient population, which often seeks assistance through local churches, its primary goal will be to assist Parker County residents.

Scott said many of the people needing Manna's services are hard workers who, because of unfortunate circumstances, need help.

"A lot of the people that we are

servicing or seek to serve really have tried, they've worked hard," he said.

People using Manna's services will be asked to pay nominal fees for clothing or food or can work for Manna in exchange for assistance, Scott said. Manna wants people to retain their pride, rather than feeling charity has been forced upon them.

He said Manna could offer help for the more expensive things, such as medical bills, that individual churches and organizations cannot afford to handle.

Manna's goal, he said, is to help people get back on their feet.

McCormick said Manna needs volunteers from throughout the county to donate food, clothing and labor.

Manna needs workers to sort, contribute and organize items. As Scott said, the group needs food, toys, children's clothing, kitchen utensils and other household items and containers for storing food from coffee cans to non-working refrigerators.

The world gains nothing when we hide needs

Last week, All Saints Hospital had the initial meeting of what it hopes will become an Executive Forum, for women only.

Psychologist Sharon Rush was the speaker, and her topic was *The Hidden Needs of the Executive Woman*.

Among those, she listed the need



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to be angry, it's OK to express it, even though women's anger makes people very nervous.

She said that there is research showing that when a company has only a few women with power, the company will tolerate them, even encourage them. But when the number of women with power reaches a

critical mass, there are more options for change or consequences if the situation continues.

Women have to learn that power is OK and that it is OK for them to have it and to use it, Rush said.

"We need to stop making unnecessary choices," Rush said.

Women have been told for too long things such as "You have to give up marriage if you're going to travel

Those may seem like things too obvious to mention, but this may be the first meeting I've attended that dealt with executive women (and I've been to a bunch of them), where the speaker didn't lecture the women about being sure they were competent at their jobs — and then told them how to dress.

It has been my experience that

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McLennan DA says federal investigation is witch hunt

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forcement official was supposed to have predicted in May that Feazell would be shot or have his car blown up.

"You're talking to a potential political prisoner. I might as well be in Poland preaching (for) Solidarity," Feazell said.

Feazell said that in recent months he has been followed and his phone has been "illegally tapped." He said telephone company security personnel had determined that wire-tapping equipment had been used

on a telephone pole near his house, although the equipment was not there when the phone company checked.

In response to Feazell's charges, Adams said in a statement, "Any allegation that the Department of Public Safety conducts 'witch hunts' has no basis in fact. The department does not conduct an investigation unless there is a sound basis for one." He declined to specify whether the department was assisting in a federal investigation of Feazell's conduct in office. Adams

earlier had declined to confirm reports that the agency is conducting its own investigation of Feazell.

Feazell claimed that the department's agents "were ordered to get something on Vic Feazell or else" and that the agency had been working closely with the FBI in the investigation of his conduct in office.

Feazell said a department intelligence agent has been serving subpoenas for the federal grand jury. The agency declined any further comment on Feazell's charges. Federal grand jury subpoenas are not

public records.

"I know the FBI has been out talking to almost everyone I ever met in my life, asking them, what do you know on Vic Feazell," the prosecutor said.

He said allegations of misconduct by district attorneys usually are handled by the Texas attorney general's office. "But not this one — for this one they brought in the FBI... accompanied every step of the way by the DPS," Feazell said.

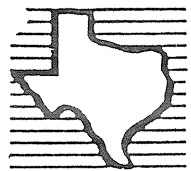
Feazell and Attorney General Jim Mattox are friends; Mattox support-

ed Feazell's call for an investigation into the credibility of Lucas' confessions, and his office helped in that investigation.

Mattox told reporters in June that he was concerned that a Department of Public Safety investigation of Feazell might be retaliation for Feazell's inquiry into actions of the Texas Rangers' Homicide Task Force. Mattox said the agency was investigating Feazell's handling of drunken driving cases and other allegations that he would not enumerate.

Dallas television station WFAA has been reporting on allegations concerning the Waco prosecutor for a number of weeks.

Because of those stories and the FBI and Department of Public Safety investigations of him, Feazell said, "My wife has cried herself to sleep every night for three months." When people "accuse you of being a crook and a felon and putting contracts on people and letting drugs run rampant ... it's been pretty bad," he said.



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Fire funds: Donations sought in Young County

The Young County Rural Fire Department is seeking donations to operate and improve its rural fire stations next year.

Fire Chief Schuyler Nantz said the department is asking rural residents who receive fire protection from the department to donate \$20 per residential structure, and 15 cents per acre.

The stations are Newcastle, Murray, Graham Rural, Eliasville and Jean.

The Young County Rural Fire Department has about 130 members and operates 16 trucks.

WEATHERFORD

Peachy keen: Parker County to celebrate crop

Parker County merchants Saturday plan to celebrate the crop that helped make their county famous when they sponsor a Parker County Peach Festival.

"We are hoping that this is going to be a yearly thing, and we want

Frazier accused of deceptive acts

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sive lawsuit involving interlocking companies whose tentacles embraced the entire North Texas area.

These claims never translated into action, however, and Salazar eventually left the attorney general's office without having filed suit. Meanwhile, Frazier filed suit against Mattox.

While progress ceased in the consumer protection division of the attorney general's office, attorneys in the environmental protection division quietly prepared a suit of their own against Frazier and filed it in October.

This suit accuses Frazier and three of his companies of numerous

gan her work in earnest in March.

The documents claim that only "rudimentary" roads are built in Frazier's subdivisions. In two of them, in fact, the roads are so bad that school districts refuse to allow their buses to travel down them to pick up children.

In several subdivisions, the water systems are described as inadequate. In one of them, according to the filings, no water was available.

The documents also assail Frazier for overstating the strength of the title sold to consumers, misrepresenting the size of the plots and failing to abide by deed restrictions.

"In Songbird subdivision," according to the documents, "con-

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