

Receives Doctorate



Dr. E. Jo Baker, center, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at Georgia Institute of Technology with Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Gordon

Birdwell following Dr. Birdwell's successful oral examination for the doctor of Philosophy in Psychology.

Gerald Birdwell Receives Doctor's Degree

Gerald Gordon Birdwell recently successfully completed work for doctoral degree in Philosophy in Psychology from Georgia Tech University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Birdwell previously earned (with honors) undergraduate degrees in industrial design and psychology and a master's degree in engineering psychology at Georgia Tech, and served six years as assistant professor of industrial design and psychology at Georgia Tech and Clark to finance

the extensive eight-year research program which culminated in his dissertation. The research involved the design, development, and construction of a patentable class of multiplex manual control devices and the backup electronic apparatus to evaluate their effectiveness with human subjects. Analysis of the results required the resolution of methodological issues including multivariate exploration of the structure of latency criterion statistics and the development of an intra-subject distribution summarization scheme. During 2½ years of testing subjects Dr. Birdwell operated the test equipment and Mrs. Birdwell manually re-

corded 995,328 latencies, which she then transcribed onto coding sheets for keypunch onto 20,736 computer punch-cards. Dr. E. Jo Baker, assistant vice-president of Academic Affairs at Georgia Tech, who continues to teach certain advanced psychology classes, served as Dr. Birdwell's research advisor for both his master's and doctoral studies. In a surprise move, Dr. Birdwell dedicated the project and the copyrighted dissertation to Professor Emeritus Hin Bredebeck, the founder and director of Industrial Design at Georgia Tech until his retirement. Mary Lou and Gordon

Thelma Koebelen, Bride-elect Norman Peterson, Honored

A miscellaneous bridal shower complimented Miss Thelma Jane Koebelen, bride-elect of Norman Clark Peterson, on June 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Newgulf Clubhouse. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Brenda Andel, Mrs. Mary Belle Brockman, Mrs. Zora Chaka, Mrs. Elsie Chiles, Mrs. Earlene Dufner, Mrs. Bonnie Fiala, Mrs. Dorothy Fiala, Mrs. Helen Fojtik, Mrs. Marion Hester, Mrs. Agnes Janak, Mrs. Edan Kael, Mrs. Cindy Kincer, Mrs. Martha Kolojano, Mrs. Jane Mason and Mrs. Don McLeod.

Christine Koebelen, sister of the bride-to-be, registered the guests, Mrs. Jane Mason read the toast, Mrs. Marion Hester served the punch and Wanda Koebelen, sister of the honoree, also registered the gifts. Upon arrival the bride was presented with a corsage of yellow silk carnations with brown ribbons and a tuxedo. The bride's mother, Mrs. Odis Koebelen, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Q. M. Peterson, were also presented with corsages of yellow silk carnations and yellow ribbons. Refreshments of congealed fruit, salads, finger sandwiches, assorted cookies, mints, roasted pecans and pineapple punch were enjoyed by the group. Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. Q. M. Peterson of Sheridan, mother of the groom-elect; Mrs. H. B. Christ of Richmond, Mrs. L. J. Horak, Jr. of Sweeney; Mrs. Calvin Horak of Brazoria and Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Jr. of the inspection of interested friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Birdwell and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birdwell expressed special gratitude to dissertation committee members who travelled from as far as Lawton, Oklahoma (Fort Sill) for the occasion. Dr. Birdwell expresses gratitude to all who have helped in the extended research; morally, financially, and physically. Several publications of the research are now in progress. Dr. and Mrs. Birdwell will continue to reside at their home at 1461 Woodland Circle, S.E., in Atlanta (30316) until the dissertation will be loaned to the Sula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Rock Island News

By Mrs. Norma Frnk (234-2200)

(Delayed in the mail) Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moss of Lafayette, La. spent the weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moss and relatives.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Earl Waits were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waits and Eric, Mr. and Mrs. John Hooper and Sharon, all of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hooper returned home to McAllen after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hooper, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Al Robinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Venghaus guests over the past weekend were Mr. and Mrs. David Venghaus and Josh of Belton and Carl Venghaus of Beaumont. While here they attended Jacques Smith's dance recital in Sheridan.

Celebrate Birthdays Sharon Denise Hooper enjoyed celebrating her first birthday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hooper last

Pleasant. The hostesses' gift to the honoree was a Hoover Convertible Vacuum Cleaner. The couple plans an August 18th wedding date.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brad Engstrom of Garwood

became the very happy parents of a baby girl born at 7:44 a.m. on June 13th, 1979, in the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton. The little lady

day with Sharon, also. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carpenter of Cleveland spent several days visiting Mr. L. M. Girind.

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Senior Citizens Needs, Concerns Are Listed

(By Mrs. Connie Ise Sr. Citizens Director)

Van transportation continues to be the busiest activity of the Services to Senior Citizens office; 96 people rode on 18 trips in May. They were transported 1015 miles and 128.6 gallons of gasoline was used. Of these 12 were new people who had not used the van before. Fourteen persons needed escort. All persons are helped on and off the van if they will permit it and parcels are carried for them. Approximately 115 information and referral calls were handled in May.

This was also the month of the Extension Services Older Texan Fair in Nade. This office had an exhibit and also gave out a number of service awards to people who had been especially helpful to this office and to the people it serves.

Needs assessment questionnaires have been passed out in several areas of the county and a hearing was held in Vox Populi. Of those survey sheets returned so far the following problems and needs were men-

tioned. The greatest needs or concerns, not surprisingly, were money and health. At least one person's biggest worry was the disrepair of their home. The Vox Populi people said their greatest need was a meeting place. The cost of energy is causing severe problems for many seniors. Most say that unless they have family willing to take them there is no way for them to get to the medical center in Houston. Even when they are still able to drive most older people feel they cannot cope with Houston traffic. A desire for a nutrition program was expressed by many people most felt they would be willing to

contribute, to at least the extent of food costs, to be able to have such a program. A lack of maintenance and house-keeping service were one of the major factors in people being unable to stay in their own homes; even for those who are financially comfortable and otherwise able to care for themselves, yard work, home repair, heavy cleaning were most often mentioned. Legal services do not seem to be a problem. All people polled want a senior center in their home town, a place to socialize and to hold meetings.

Many wanted expanded services of all kinds.

Garwood Lions Install Officers At Pier 59

The Garwood Lions Club held a ladies night installation of officers banquet at Pier 59 in Wharton Wednesday evening of last week when Randy Waligura took over reins of the club from Guy Beane, Jr. Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor-elect Frank Teykl of Wallis installed the officers, reminding the officers and members that you get in return what you offer in service in Lionism. He praised the club for its outstanding activities and told the officers-elect that the "rewards in Lionism are great. Have fun working with other members of the club."

The incoming officers installed included Waligura as president; David White, first vice president; John Mader, second vice-president; Guy Conner, third vice president; Tom Rohrer, secretary and treasurer; Monroe Krenke, Lion tamer; Jack Dromgoole, tail twister; and directors Truman Engstrom, Mark Wied, Parke Christensen and Ed Wied.

After Waligura received the gavel, symbol of leadership, he presented a past president's pin to Mr. Beane. Urges Activity The new president reminded club members and guests that the Lions Club is the primary functioning organization in the Garwood community and noted that "we need to keep our club active in order to help our community from becoming only a whistle stop in the middle of the road."

He stressed the need for new members and retention of old members and the need to keep them active. He asked for the cooperation of the other officers in "steering the ship in the right direction."

Beane earlier expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as president of such a great organization. He extended thanks to the officers and members for their co-operation and paid special tribute to four persons who had helped so much during his year, Mrs. Robert (Mills) Schurring, Mrs. Hebert (Sue) Engstrom, secretary Tom Rohrer and Bill Carpenter. He gave to each a token of his appreciation.

The zone chairman presented certificates in behalf of District Governor Mark Anderson to Beane for being a 100% Club President and also a 100% Club Secretary's certificate to Tom Rohrer.

New Members Installed Teykl also installed Parke Christensen as a new member of the club stressing the obligations and privileges of Lionism and the need to serve his fellow man through Lionism.

Door prizes, potted plants used for decor, were awarded by the acting Lion tamer David White to Mrs. Wendy Waligura, Mrs. Bud Shoop and Mrs. Buren Kallina.

Special guests for the event included Mesdames Louis Miller, Bud Shoop and Buren Kallina; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kana of El Campo; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frnk of Eagle Lake.

Decorations for the

Check List For Vets. Planning Use of GI Bill

S. R. "Shep" Poland, Financial Aid Officer at Wharton County Junior College reports "If you're a veteran planning to enroll in or return to college under the GI Bill, the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Houston, has a useful check list to help keep those VA education benefits coming regularly."

If you have any questions about the GI Bill or eligibility for it, contact the nearest VA regional office, a service officer from one of the national veterans organizations, or Shep Poland at Wharton County Junior College, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton. Phone 532-4560, extension 72.

Wharton County Dropping Autos Off Tax Roll

Two significant decisions affecting some county taxpayers were made Monday (June 11) by Wharton County commissioners. Both dealt with the new Tax Relief Amendment or HB 1060. Tax Assessor-Collector Frank Konvicka told commissioners that he has decided to drop all vehicles off the tax roll that weigh less than one ton and are used for personal use. However, trucks weighing one ton and more will remain on the tax roll.

By commissioners not

event were prepared by Mesdames Schurring White and Beane. Yellow chrysanthemums flanked by lighted crystal candelabra were on the speaker's table. At the base of the candelabra were miniature hats topped off with floral arrangements and surrounded by greenery. This decor was also repeated on the tables at which the guests were seated.

City Manager Notes That Inflation Is Taking Its Toll

City Manager T. J. Smith submitted the following comments in the annual audit of the 1978-79 funds submitted by CPA Wm. Pierce Arthur, Jr. to the Eagle Lake City Council last week:

"We need to watch closely all operations to keep within our budget. While our income is rather static, the expenses continue to rise. Inflation is becoming a major problem in handling city finances."

"We have achieved a goal of operating a city without a general obligation bond indebtedness. No money is required to be set aside from tax collections to pay off bonds. The revenue bond schedule of payments is being successfully handled from revenues."

"The Federal Revenue Sharing funds are being invested to match Federal funds for future improvements of the wastewater collection and disposal system. The Austin Road improvement is being paid from Revenue Sharing funds collected earlier and ruled by government regulations not proper to match other Federal funds."

"The State Sales Tax continues to show a steady growth of economy within the community. We will see some leveling off with the removal of sales tax from the electrical and gas utility bills. The sales tax has been most helpful in providing services without excessive ad valorem taxation."

"I want to thank the citizens of Eagle Lake, the city administration and my fellow employees for their continued support, cooperation and confidence. It has been a pleasure to manage our city's operation in a manner that has brought about growth, prosperity and pride to the community."

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