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Dannels' Design Art Gallery

Features "Best of Show" Art

By Jeff Penka

Merlin Dannels of Eagle

Lake was among six ex-

hibitors to win a "Best of

Show" award in the Art

Show at the Colorado County

Fair held Dec. 15 in

Colorado.

Dannels entered the award

in the Professional Oil

division displaying her paint-

ing "Barnyard Blues" which

is pictured on page one of this

issue. Her oil painting, "Barn-

yard Blues," also of Eagle

Lake, was awarded a "Best of

Show" for her panel art in the

senior division.

The best artist, has been

introduced in art for many of

her life and has just recently

opened up a studio next to her

home at 303 West Pearce

and calls it "Dannels' Design

Art Gallery." Her "Best of

Show" painting is on display

there as well as several other

winning paintings she ex-

hibited in the art show last

week.

The studio could be trans-

formed into an apartment, if

it was ever closed. Besides

the large room which can be

divided by a sliding door,

the studio includes a kitchen

ette, a bathroom and two

separate closets.

Dannels needs most of the

space for her supplies

but also states that she calls

it "Dannels' Design Art Gal-

lery" and is open to the

public.

"Every artist has their

own style," she explains.

"They're just there to remind

you of what it was like when

you first started painting."

The art gallery was

completed in September and

was built by her husband,

Jack. It seems that it didn't

take much to convince him

that it was necessary.

"There just wasn't any

more room for the art work

in the house," said Dannels.

Just with about 10 students

carrying on in the house at

present.

As the new year begins, the

director's meeting Dec. 19th,

as the 14-member board also

elects Charles Schneider III

of Mountain Home as vice

chairman and J. C. "Jah"

Strahan of Burnet as sec-

retary.

All three directors were

appointed to the board by the

former Gov. David Wilson.

Tate and Schneider were

named in 1975 after the

State Legislature, enlarged the

LCRA board from 12 to

14. "Jah" and "Jah" will

be reappointed in 1979 and

reappointed in 1979.

A Burnet attorney, Tate

has also served as vice

chairman and secretary of the

board. Schneider has man-

aged the board's financial

affairs, including the

annual 70,000-acre TO Hunt-

ing and Kerrville and

backing interests in Kerrville

and San Antonio.

A Burnet civic leader and

retired businessman, Stra-

han was before served as

secretary of the board. He

was vice chairman in 1978

and will be chairman for

1979.

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Minimum Wage Going Up Jan. 1 to \$3.10

On January 1, 1980, the

minimum wage for business

subject to the Wage and Hour

Law, increases from \$2.90 per

hour to \$3.10 per hour.

However, a break for the

employees comes in the fact

that the Social Security rate

remains at 6.13%, but before

you get too happy about that,

it should be noted that the

taxable wage base will be

increased from \$20,900 to

\$25,900. So expect to pay

more social security taxes in

1980.

Employers are reminded

that they will match the

6.13% social security rate on

each employee's salary, up to

the maximum of \$25,900.

According to the Texas

Press Association's monthly

service bulletin, the U. S.

Department of Commerce has

the study shows that fringe

benefits costs total over 30%

of the payroll. These are

subsidies, noted the

TPA report. "Most em-

ployers take these fringe

benefits for granted. The

beginning of a new year is an

ideal time to note that the

figure on paychecks is not the

whole story."

both the State and Federal

levels, and providing liaison

between private industrial

groups and the University

President, Jarvis Miller.

With good times,

may good times.

Pringle is New

ASCS Chief

Secretary of Agriculture

Bob Pringle confirmed Sta-

ple as the new Texas State

Executive Director, as of

December 2nd.

Pringle, a Bryan resident,

has been with the Agricul-

tural Stabilization and Con-

servation Service since Sep-

tember of this year, serving

as a Consultant to the U. S.

Department of Agriculture as

Assistant to the Texas State

ASCS Committee.

Prior to joining ASCS,

Pringle held the post of

Assistant to the President of

Texas A&M University, di-

recting the University's

government relations program at

the time.

"Many kids today just can't

make it through school," he

explained. "As Gary we have

an excellent academic and

vocational program and the

benefits from the center include

financial assistance, the

comprehensive health

services and the

purpose of Gary

Center is to train disad-

vantaged young people to make

a living and to better them-

selves," Pringle says and

concluded saying, "A trea-