



HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE PROGRAM TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER CELEBRATION

*JUNE 18, 2026
5:00 P.M.*



The Home Management House Serves Tea in the Patio.



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TEXAS TECH



Welcome

Judge Curtis Parrish

Lubbock County

Lawrence Schovanec

President, Texas Tech

The Home Management Program Story

Tim Dodd, Dean

College of Health & Human Sciences

Marker Unveiling

Judge Curtis Parrish

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Reception & Open House

HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

AT THE END OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, HOME ECONOMICS BEGAN AS AN ORGANIZED SOCIAL MOVEMENT, EVENTUALLY LEADING TO THE FORMALIZATION OF HOME ECONOMICS AS AN ACADEMIC UNIT WITHIN U.S. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. SEVERAL PROGRAMS BUILT PRACTICE AND DEMONSTRATION COTTAGES, KNOWN AS HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSES, THAT WERE WELL EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST HOUSEHOLD TECHNOLOGIES. IN JANUARY 1928, TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE'S SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS OPENED A HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE (OFTEN CALLED THE HOME PRACTICE HOUSE OR PRACTICE HOME). THE PRACTICE HOME RESIDENCY COURSE PROVED SO POPULAR, THE SCHOOL MODIFIED ITS SCHEDULE TO ALLOW MORE STUDENTS TO ENROLL.

IN 1936, WHEN LUBBOCK RESIDENT WILLIE HINSLEY DIED DELIVERING HER NINTH CHILD, BARBARA (D. 2022), BARBARA'S FATHER AGREED WITH A SUGGESTION BY DR. M.C. OVERTON AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR SUZANNA "SANNIE" CALLAN FOR THE HOME'S RESIDENT STUDENTS TO TEMPORARILY RAISE THE CHILD. BARBARA LIVED AT THE HOME FOR THREE YEARS, WITH APPROXIMATELY 52 STUDENTS CARING FOR HER. "PRACTICE BABIES" CONTINUED WITH MORE CHILDREN, MOSTLY INFANTS OF TEXAS TECH STUDENTS AND FACULTY. LATER PRACTICE BABIES DID NOT LIVE AT THE HOME FULL TIME, RETURNING TO THEIR PARENTS ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS. BY 1951, 18 CHILDREN HAD BEEN PRACTICE BABIES. IN 1959, TEXAS TECH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE AMONG THE LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF HOME ECONOMICS DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAMS UTILIZING PRACTICE BABIES IN THEIR HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE PROGRAM. IN THE EARLY 1960S, THE PROGRAM EVOLVED INTO DAY-TIME ONLY CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF STUDENTS AND WAS DISCONTINUED BY THE LATE 1960S. AFTER THE HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE RESIDENCY PROGRAM ENDED BY 1972, THE RENOVATED COTTAGE REMAINED AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS.



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