

INSCRIPTION

HISTORICAL MARKER AT SITE OF LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 1933 - 1976

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DEDICATION

It is fitting and proper that the dedication incised on the monument here is repeated at this time: THAT WE DEDICATE THIS HISTORICAL MARKER "TO THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY BY ALL CLASSES WHO ATTENDED...FROM 1933 TO 1976."

LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 1932 - 1976

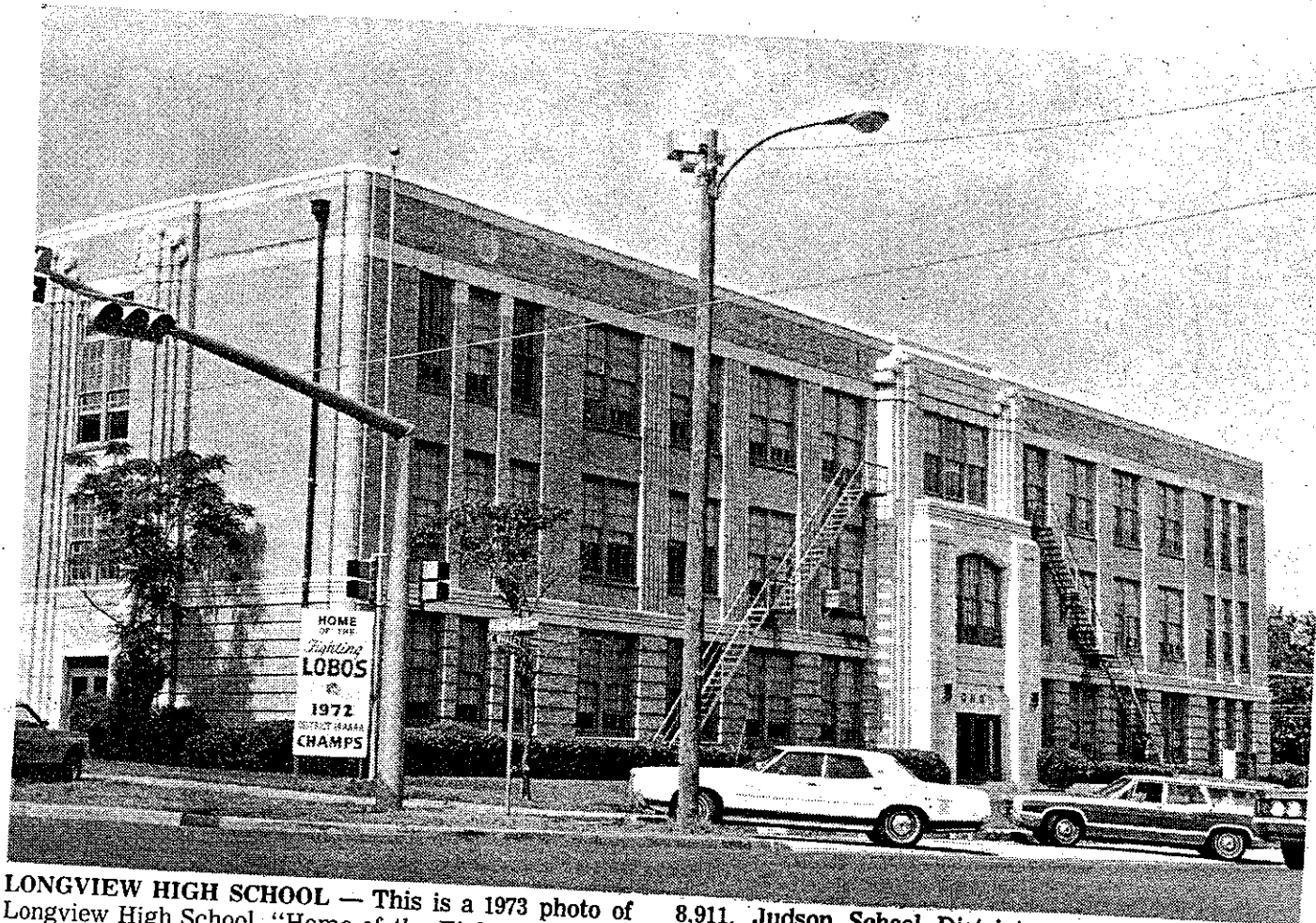
Public education in Longview began in a building in downtown Longview in the 1880s. Soon the center of education moved to the southeast corner of Green and College Streets. The sudden and massive influx of people beginning in 1931 with the discovery of oil in what came to be the Great East Texas Oil Field resulted in extreme over-crowding in the public school system. The accommodations of a four year old high school building were over-taxed.

In 1932 a three story concrete and brick high school building for three grades was erected on this site, fronting on Whaley Street. The urgency to relieve the over-crowded conditions necessitated round-the-clock construction at times. The structure was designed by noted architect Mark Lemmon and was built by R. F. Ball. It featured art deco entrances with terra cotta and fluted pilasters. The classrooms had hardwood floors. A gymnasium also served as an auditorium. A modern chemistry laboratory and library were well equipped. Redbud trees were planted near the streets.

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TOTAL WORDS: 201+

Note: the downtown historical markers (not the Official Texas Historical Markers) contain an average of 130 words. The number of words varies, in part, because of the size of the etched photograph, from 106 to 144 words.



LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL — This is a 1973 photo of Longview High School, "Home of the Fighting Lobos." It is only one of many buildings which comprise Longview Independent School District which has a valuation of \$146,669.060, and scholastics numbering

8,911. Judson School District was consolidated with Longview in 1965 and a junior high and an elementary campus of this district is operated there. (Staff photo by Faye Pool)

Era 2 in Gregg County School History

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S. J. Blocker to head its schools. He was a builder and an architect, as well as an educator. He designed and supervised the construction of the brick high school building in 1909, the first brick school in the entire county. Then old Campus

Ward, East Ward and Northcutt Heights Schools were built. Two of these later burned and had not been rebuilt at the coming of the oil boom. A junior high school was built just before the oil boom and was being used as the high school building at that time. The old

high school had been turned into a ward school which was serving grade students for most of the city.

At White Oak, pioneer settlers T. J. Tuttle and J. E. (Uncle Bee) Shelton took the first steps to make this school a reality.

In 1885, they built a one-room boxed schoolhouse about 20x30 feet and school opened to the boys and girls of the community with W. M. Dunagan of Upshur County as teacher. This first school was used until 1912 when it was replaced by a more modern two-room building. En-

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Gregg County Historical Commission

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone
903-757-2261

March 1, 1994

Kathy Pope
The Southwell Company
P. O. Box 299
San Antonio, Texas 78291

Re: LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 1932 - 1976 (historical marker).

Dear Kathy:

Enclosed are a line drawing picture, a narrative text and a check for \$1,325.00.

Please construct a 27" X 40" cast aluminum historical marker on a post with a laser etching of the enclosed photograph. This is to be of the same style as job no's. 91-0285 or 91-003. Please justify the margins and use appropriate letter size.

Earlier you had advised me of a delivery time of 4 - 6 weeks. Also, the cost was as follows:

plaque	\$ 950.00
etching	250.00
post	<u>125.00</u>
	\$1,325.00

If there are any questions please contact me.

Kathy, thank you very much for your generous help, advice and patience.

Sincerely,

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.

Enc. - 3.

JOHN W. HARRISON FOR 1952 CLASS REUNION
404 TERRACE
LONGVIEW, TX 75601

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Pay to the Order of Spethwell Company \$ 1325⁰⁰
Thirteen hundred twenty five and 00/100 Dollars

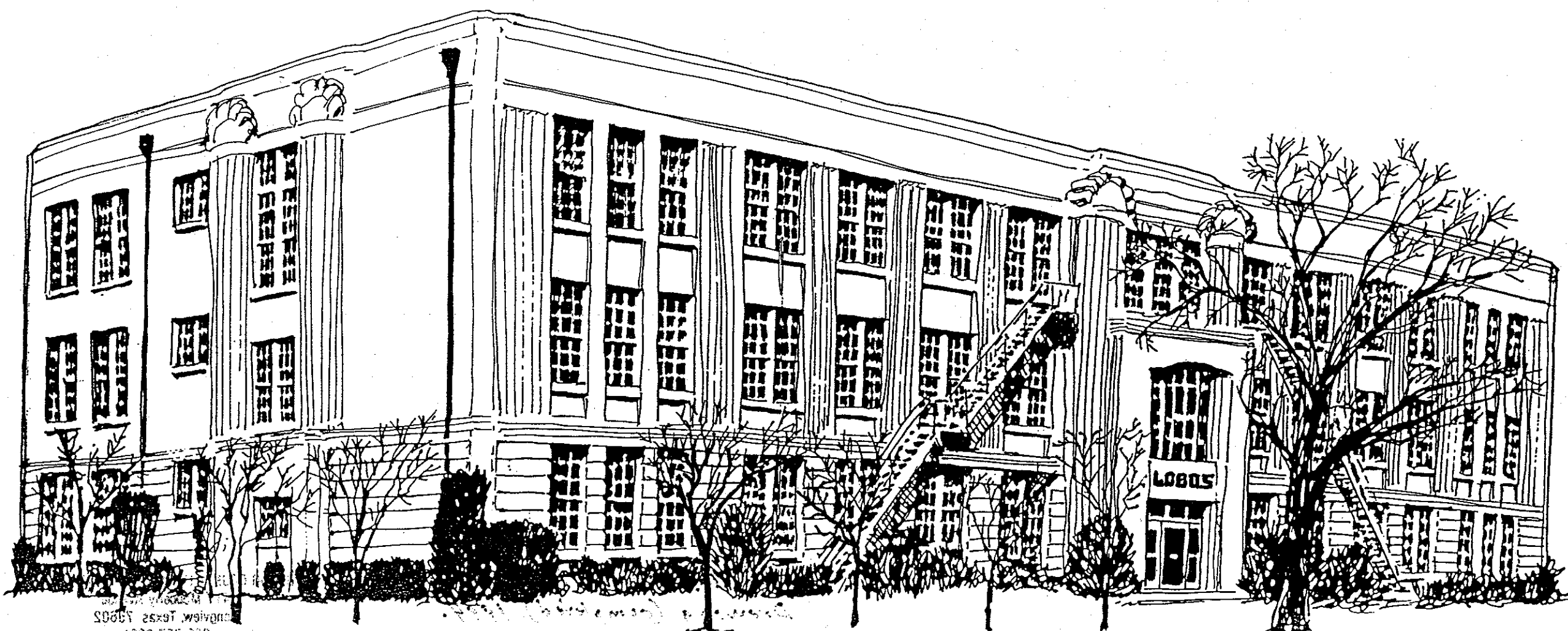
First National Bank

100 N. Bolivar 1302 Judson Rd.
Marshall, TX Longview, TX
903-935-9331 903-758-1010

For

John W. Harrison

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800-521-2201
1000 West 13th Street
Arling, Texas 79005

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORDER

TO: Gregg County Historical Commission
 417 Mobberly Avenue
 Longview, TX 75602

Date: March 8, 1994
 Quote #
 Our Job # 94-3829
 Your P.O. # Norman Black

Attn: Norman Black

RE: Longview High School
 1932 - 1976

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your order. Your order is appreciated and will have our best attention.

STANDARD PLAQUE

QUANTITY: One (1)
 MATERIAL: cast aluminum
 FINISH: black background
 SIZE: 27.00" wide X 40.00" high
 BORDER: Single Line
 LETTERS: Classic
 MOUNTING: Post

PRICE: 1 @ \$950.00 = \$950.00
 1 Etching @ \$250.00
 1 Post @ \$125.00
 Shipping & handling: \$40.00
 Total price: \$1,365.00

COMMENTS:

PAYMENT POLICY: 50% Deposit / Balance C.O.D. F.O.B.: San Antonio, TX

Shipment to be accepted within 90 days.

PRODUCTION: ± 6 weeks

SHIP VIA: UPS - regular ground

Shop drawings/rubbings will be mailed in 2 weeks and upon receipt of approval your order will be shipped in +/- 4-6 weeks.

The Southwell Co.

Bill to:

Attn: Norman Black
 Gregg County Historical Commission
 417 Mobberly Avenue
 Longview, TX 75602

Ship to:

Attn: Norman Black
 Gregg County Historical Commission
 417 Mobberly Avenue
 Longview, TX 75602



By: Kathy Pope

ORDER BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

The Southwell Co. standard cast metal plaque: raised letters on a painted leatherette texture background. Our standard: pattern design, letter style, border design, satin finish, lacquers & paint colors/materials, mounting method & hardware, casting methods & materials. Three (3) standard rubbings (proofs) submitted for approval prior to casting. Standard mounting attachments included in price. Unless otherwise noted, quoted delivery charges are for standard ground service by a common carrier. Tax will be added unless tax exempt information is on file with us.



Gregg County Historical Commission

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone
903-757-2261

March 22, 1994

Kathy Pope
The Southwell Company
P.O. Box 299
San Antonio, Texas 78291-0299

Re: Job # 94 3829, Longview High School 1932-1976.

Dear Kathy:

Enclosed is the additional check for \$40.00 for shipping & handling of the marker.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman Black".

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.

Enc.

JOHN W. HARRSON FOR 1952 CLASS REUNION
404 TERRACE
LONGVIEW, TX 75601

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Pay to the Order of Southwell Foundry \$ 40.00
Forty and No/100 Dollars

First National Bank

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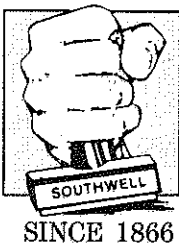
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SHIP
 VIA: CENTRAL

YOUR P.O. NO.		TERMS: DUE UPON RECEIPT	OUR REF. NO.	SALESMAN	CUSTOMER NO.	DATE
NORMAN BLACK		RETURN REMITTANCE COPY WITH PAYMENT	943829	SC-99	27126	04/28/94
QUANTITY	PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE			NET AMOUNT
1	CAP	CAST ALUMINUM PLAQUE	950.00	0%		950.00
1	ETCHING	PHOTO-ETCHED PLAQUE	250.00	0%		250.00
1	POST	ALUMINUM OR BRONZE POST	125.00	0%		125.00
1	F	FREIGHT & CRATE	40.00	0%		40.00
<p>27 3/4"W X 40"H, ALUMINUM, SINGLE LINE BORDER, CLASSIC LETTER STYLE, POST MOUNT - "LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL 1932-1976"</p> <p><i>Thank you for your prepayment of \$1,365. Invoice for your records</i></p> <p>Please Pay From This Invoice</p>						

NO STATEMENT WILL BE SENT

ORIGINAL INVOICE

KEEP THIS PORTION
 FOR YOUR RECORDS

Payment due in Bexar County; San Antonio,
 Texas at above address.

GROSS INVOICE AMT:	1,365.00	INVOICE NET	1,365.00
DISCOUNT AMT:	0.00	TAX @	0.00
INV. #	109749	EMP.	KP
MOLD/JOB#	94-3829	TELE:	903-757-2261
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			1,365.00

>>>>>CREDIT STATUS:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE SOUTHWELL CO.



Saturday, October 29, 1994

Park brings back memories for Longview H.S. alumni

By George Zarazua
Staff Writer

■ LHS homecoming queen 3A

Some alumni of the now-demolished, downtown Longview High School were teary-eyed Friday after dedicating a small memorial park at the site.

Others gathered around a historical marker there and talked about their high school memories.

All continued to express sadness that the school had to be demolished in 1988, because officials said it was too costly to repair.

"When that newspaper story appeared in 1988, that long expected news still came as a shock," said Johnny James, Class of 1964.

James recited a poem during the dedication which he wrote after he learned the school was going to be demolished.

"It's such an awful plot," James said reading his two-page poem. "To turn your grounds into a

parking lot. For what I do not know; Our downtown business is, oh, so slow."

About 100 alumni filled the 30-foot by 20-foot memorial park during the morning dedication. The rest of the school site is a parking lot.

For hundreds of students that attended the school, the park becomes the only reminder of what used to be their alma mater.

"I think this is wonderful," said Elizabeth Robison, Class of 1934. "I'm very proud that they did this."

Robison, the valedictorian of her class, carried with her a maroon, 1934 high school yearbook as she talked with former classmates.

She too grieved for the school.

The three-story concrete and brick Whaley Street high school served as home to 1932-76 Lobos. It featured



By Darlene Chapman/Staff Photographer

John Harrison Jr. gestures as he takes part in the dedication of the Longview High School Memorial Park on Whaley Street Friday.

art deco entrances with terra cotta, fluted pilasters and a modern chemistry laboratory.

The dedication of the small park came after more than a year of planning and fund-raising by some of the high school's former students.

Alumni from almost every class that attended the school made donations totaling about \$5,000 to build the memorial. On Friday, about \$500 of the donations was contributed to Longview High School scholarships.