

The best equipment a man can have is an unwavering faith in his own manhood and in the goodness and justice of God. In September 1934, Mr. G. E. Tommy Thompson, thus equipped, became principal of all twelve grades in the Kermit schools and coach of all the boy's athletic teams in Kermit High School. Serving in this capacity until World War II broke out, Mr. Thompson then began serving his country in the United States Navy. Following the war, he returned to Kermit and resumed his duties as high school principal and, later, as assistant superintendent of schools.

April 6, 1948, marked the beginning of Tommy Thompson's notable career as Superintendent of Schools. It was at this time that the Board of Education elected him to a three year term in this position. Subsequent boards have unanimously renewed his contract. This school year, 1974-75, brings to a close forty-one years of dedicated service to the school and the community. Twenty-seven of these years have been filled with the privileges and responsibilities that accompany the position of superintendent.



Despite the many demands on his time outside of Kermit in lending his expertise to various educational challenges, Mr. Thompson has always been certain that his own school remained his first concern. During his forty-one years of service to the Kermit schools, he has seen over 3,000 students graduate from Kermit High School and has felt a personal pride in the achievement of each graduate.