

IN KOREAN WAR ZONE



Cpl. Travis G. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor of Rankin, Texas, cleans his light machine gun after returning from a patrol deep behind enemy lines in Korea. He is fighting with the 17th "Buffalo" Infantry Regiment in the "Iran Triangle" area of the central front. Corporal Taylor's sunning mess gear hangs to his left on the tent, ready for the chow call. Shortly after the above picture was made, Taylor was wounded in combat on August 31, and was hospitalized at Swedish Hospital, Pusan, Korea. His parents heard from him, saying his condition is "all right." He had been in combat for some six months prior to his injury. He is a brother of Mrs. Harry Cowden of Crane. Note To Editor: This photograph was mailed from Korea 22 August, 1951: U. S. Army Photo

Girl Scout Troop No. 1 Holds Meet Thursday

Girl Scout Troop No. 1 held last week's Thursday meeting in the home of Dorothy Ingram and this week's meeting was held at the Walton Poage home. Art work in clay was done by the girls at this week's meeting. Mrs. D. O. McEwen and Mrs. Ingram are the troop leaders and Scouts attending the meetings are

Kay McEwen, Mary McCain, Jan Daugherty, Pat Dishman, Rovena Langford, Rachel Broyles, Suzanne Fitzgerald, Beverly Reed, Genevieve Poage.

Miss Cleona Quiett and Mrs. Dan Ryan attended a Delta Kappa Gamma meeting in Crane on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Edwards were business visitors in San Angelo on Tuesday.

Hasie, Green Get Engineer Contract

Decision Made Monday After Three Sessions

Upton County entered into contract with Hasie & Green Engineering Company of Lubbock Monday, after the majority of the commissioners court voted approval. Commissioners W. J. Price, Sam Holmes and Tom Trimble voted approval to entering into contract with the firm, and Commissioner Joe Conger against.

Commissioner Conger explained his vote by saying "On the basis of estimates of costs on construction made in the various proposals, I felt that I should vote as I did." He added, "Since the motion has been approved, I pledge my full support to the engineer and commissioners court."

Judge Fisher did not sign the contract. His signature is not necessary on the instrument, but usually the signature of the judge is on such a contract.

The action came as a climax of three meetings of the court, one on Thursday and on Saturday of last week, and the one Monday.

Feeling within the court room was "thick" throughout the meetings, with periodic "flare-ups" between Judge Fisher and various members of the court on the different proposals.

Doors of the court room were closed virtually all the time that the question of "hiring or entering into contract" with an engineer was being discussed.

The fee of Hasie & Green was 5% of the entire cost of the project. The first field parties were to begin work Thursday morning, and the court was told by Mr. Hasie that the preliminary plans and estimates would be ready in ten days.

FULL ACCOUNT

In the interest of informing the public on the procedures leading up to the final action, a full account of the three meetings is reproduced below, including many pertinent remarks, the general nature of the proposals, and the attitudes and comments of the various members of the court during the meetings.

The general "temper" in the

court room varied greatly during the three meetings.

On last Thursday morning, representatives of two engineering firms appeared before the court and presented proposals, along with close, stern examination by the County Judge.

Mr. Fred Hess, representing Allied Engineers, Inc., of Ft. Worth, was the first of the two to appear before the court. He said that his fee would be graduated, according to the size of the expenditure, for example, one million dollars or over, the fee was 5 per cent; between three quarters of a million and one million, the fee was 5 1-4 per cent; between one half million and three quarters of a million, the fee would be 5 1-2 per cent, etc.

He said that he would have the preliminary plans and estimates "as soon as possible, probably two or three weeks." He called attention to the work done by his firm on the Upton County Airport located in McCamey, and also told the court that his firm was financially able to handle such a large project. He said that he would handle the preparation of the plans and estimates personally, and would also personally make all estimates for materials in the contract.

His firm would have a competent and resident engineer on the job at all times.

Also, he said that if the bond election failed, that the court would not pay anything for the plans and estimates made by his firm.

Judge Fisher raised the question of "full plans and specifications prior to the election," and said that this question "had been stressed prior to this meeting. It has been discussed quite at length and don't think that it has been clarified."

Mr. Hess said that he "didn't think they would want the plans and specifications prior to the election, but he would be glad to fix them prior to the election for a fee."

He asked how long it might be before the court took any action. Judge Fisher said he didn't know, that the court might want to talk to some other engineers, and asked Mr. Hess if he knew of any other engineering firms that might be interested.

Mr. Hess said that there were 77,000 civil engineers listed in the State of Texas, and did not know. He did stress the importance of getting an experienced engineer to handle the work. He prepared a written proposal and presented it to the court.

He then left the court room.

MR. HASIE NEXT

Mr. Coleman Hasie, representing Hasie & Green Engineers of Lubbock, was the next to appear before the court to submit a proposal.

He laid before the court several blueprints of different jobs that his firm had handled. He also told of the costs on some of the paving that had been experienced in farm roads since the end of the war. He said that the job just being completed in Scurry County cost about \$14,000 a mile. It was a 29 mile job. He said that his firm had handled between 300 and 400 miles of paving since the end of the war and used the officials in the counties as references as to the quality and satisfaction of his work.

He said that his firm was financially able to handle jobs of large magnitude. He said further, "we want to handle the job and expedite it as quickly as possible. We are fully qualified. Our work will be done with engineering skill and good judgment."

He also went into the personnel

Red Devils Roll Marathon 59-14 Last Friday Afternoon

The Red Devils of Rankin High School completely outclassed a Marathon team in Marathon Friday afternoon. The Mustangs had defeated Valentine 93-0 the week before and Rankin had snowed Ackerly under 40-6.

The scoring started early in the game when Elbert Eckols went through the right side of his own

line to pay dirt. From this point on Rankin backs, Jimmy Yocham, Norman Yocham, Don Murphy, Elbert Eckols, Joe Ellis, Bobby Goodwin and Bob St. Clair ran wild through the Mustang team.

Broyles and Bruce McCain caught touchdown passes to add to Rankin's total number of points. Coach Scrivner cleaned his bench. Substitutions began before the first

half was over.

Marathon's scores came in the fourth quarter against Rankin's third stringers.

The Rankin subs played outstanding ball considering their size and experience.

The Devils are open this weekend. Their next game will be with Christoval in Christoval on the night of Oct. 5.

that he had available for the job, and said "they can get right on the job." He said that he would have four or five top engineers on the job at all times, and Mr. Green will give it his personal attention.

After a few comments between the Judge and Mr. Hasie relative to a job in Yocham County, Mr. Hasie said that he would have the preliminary reports and estimates in no longer than 10 days.

It was then that Judge Fisher remarked, "You mean complete plans and specifications. There's been a little mixup and difference on this the past week."

Mr. Hasie said, "No, just plans and estimates." This was to include type of roads, where they go, structures along the proposed sites, bridges, culverts, drainage, caliche sites, and everything that you will need for a real good job."

Judge Fisher said, "What this commissioner's court is interested in is complete plans and specifications prior to the election. Will you make these plans and specifications prior to the election?"

Mr. Hasie replied, "If the commissioners want it, we will do it; but I doubt the advisability of it, as it might reflect on the commissioners as being presumptuous as to the outcome of the election." He said that his firm could have the plans and specifications in six weeks to 60 days.

Once more, Judge Fisher asked, "Will you make complete plans and specifications prior to the election, with the understanding that the county will not be subject to cost in the event the bond issue fails to carry?"

Mr. Hasie replied, "If that is what the commissioner's court wants done."

Judge Fisher then said "there have been some people have asked that we have complete plans and specifications and hold an open meeting for a discussion."

(Editor's Note: He did not say who any of the people were who made this request.)

Mr. Silliman figured just briefly, his firm about \$16,000 to draw up the complete plans and specifications and then said that it would cost more, but if the court wanted them in advance of the election, that they would be willing to make such a gamble. The estimate was made on a basis of 50 miles of road.

He then asked Mr. Hasie to leave a written proposal.

Mr. Hasie said that he had a contract form that his company used, but there would have to be some changes made to comply with his proposal to this county. He said that his fee would be 5 per cent straight, regardless of the size of the job, and he would have the preliminary plans and estimates ready in ten days.

Judge Fisher then asked, "Mr. Hasie, do you know, or have any idea as to the size of this job?"

Mr. Hasie replied "No."

Judge Fisher then asked, "Have any of the commissioners estimated the cost of the job to you?"

Mr. Hasie replied "No."

Judge Fisher then asked, "Has anyone estimated the job to you?"

Mr. Hasie replied, "No, Judge, we planned to make the estimate ourselves."

Judge Fisher then said, "that there have been various persons around town making estimates as to the size of the job, and wondered if you had heard any of these?"

Mr. Hasie said that the cost would depend on many factors, including the amount of paving, the type of paving, and many other factors that would be controlled main-

ly by the commissioner's court.

Judge Fisher then asked that Mr. Hasie prepare a written proposal to leave with the court, and Mr. Hasie wrote out the proposal and read contents to the court.

Noting that complete plans and specifications prior to the election was not in the written document, Judge Fisher asked him if he would put it in there.

Mr. Hasie said, "I'll do it, if the court asks it, but strongly advise against it, as it will necessarily cause a delay in calling the election until they are completed, and I would not recommend it to the court. All you need to call the election is plans and estimates to call the election in 30 days after the court has been petitioned."

Judge Fisher doggedly asked, "Mr. Hasie, will you put that in there (referring to furnishing complete plans and specifications prior to the election)?"

"I'll put it in there," Mr. Hasie replied, "and you all word it like you care to."

The instrument was re-read aloud.

Judge Fisher said, "It is not quite clear about the county not being liable on the costs for plans and specifications if the election fails."

Mr. Hasie added this and commented that his proposal "would include fencing, right of way, cost of construction, and everything else you need for a real fine job." He also reminded the court that the contract must be limited either by time or money, and the best limitation was by time. This was to be set by the court. It is protection for the engineer who might expend money drawing up plans on the project, and if it is defeated, and then another election called shortly afterward and carries, the engineer has a chance to get some of his money back."

That concluded Mr. Hasie's visit in the court room.

After meeting with other persons on other matters, the court once more turned to the engineering question on the appearance of Jack Silliman, representing Silliman and Walker, Engineers of Ft. Stockton.

"If you are going to hire engineers other than those in your county, then we are interested," Mr. Silliman told the court.

Judge Fisher told him that the court had two proposals on file at the time, and you can file a proposal right now.

Mr. Silliman said that he did not come prepared to make a proposal, and further commented that if "the local boys are to get first choice, then they would rather not submit a proposal."

After a brief exchange of comments, Mr. Silliman indicated to the court that his firm would file a proposal on the proposed roads.

The court then decided to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday morning to decide on an engineer.

(Eds. Note: The stress put on "complete plans and specifications prior to the election as sought from Mr. Hess and Mr. Hasie was presented by Judge Fisher as being the "interest of the court." However, none of the commissioners, in the Tuesday session, or any other session known to this paper, ever indicated they were in any manner interested in such a thing. The mute silence by the entire group of commissioners was very noticeable during the "questioning" carried on by Judge Fisher.)

SATURDAY MEETING

By Saturday morning, the "temper" of the court had changed from that of details and long questioning to cordiality.

Jack Silliman, representing the firm noted above, met with the

court. He read his proposal which consisted of agreeing to furnish preliminary estimates, all necessary field data, and after the election to furnish adequate copies of plans and specifications for advertising for bids, to furnish inspectors necessary to get the desired results and named the personnel he would furnish, and said his fee would be 5 1-2 per cent.

Mr. Silliman went over some work recently completed by his firm, and said that Judge Fisher had estimated to him that some 50 miles of road would be included in the program, and stated that he thought the road could be built for \$12,000 a mile. He also said "I don't know what the other fellows can do, but we can't afford to furnish complete plans and specifications before the election."

He enumerated other figures on fees his firm had on other projects and then left the courtroom.

GREIF & COKER NEXT

Mr. Greif and Mr. Coker then entered the courtroom to make their proposal.

Mr. Greif arose and asked the court to accept his resignation as County Surveyor "effective this date" before the proposal of the firm was submitted.

He expressed his appreciation to the court, and said that he had enjoyed working with the court, and "that if you need service at a later date, we can work something out." It was made clear that Mr. Coker was also relieved as Deputy County Surveyor, and it was agreed by the court.

The court voted to accept his resignation.

Mr. Greif said that he wanted to be sure "that we're not county employees when we present our proposal."

Mr. Greif then told the court that his firm had two proposals to make. He then explained the first, and described it as the same proposal that he had made to the court before.

The fee was to be 6% of the contract. He then enumerated 15 different things that his firm would do under this proposal. They included every cost that would be due on the job including making property boundary right-of-way surveys with maps, all laboratory costs, locate caliche pits, have resident engineers on each project as let, and all the other work required by the engineer. He said that this was the same proposal submitted earlier to the court.

He said that he had read in the newspaper of other engineers who would handle the job at a 5% fee, so they had a proposal on a 5% fee.

Greif said that under the 5% fee, the county would pay extra for the boundary survey right-of-way, and all laboratory costs. He said that this "extra cost" would amount to several thousand dollars.

Then several minutes were used by Mr. Greif reading from the Texas Society of Professional Engineers pamphlet in which he enumerated "that the engineer should agree to furnish complete plans and specifications prior to an election." "engineers should discourage others from submitting bids on projects," "that the fee schedule as outlined in the pamphlet should be followed." (This schedule is the same as mentioned above in the proposal of Allied Engineers, Inc.)

Engineers who deviate from these are "unethical." Mr. Greif told the court from the pamphlet.

Then with the aid of Judge Fisher (Continued on Page 4)

Thousands of young eyes are going back to school this week—precious eyes that must be guarded.

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... AND THEY WERE HEARD

It took three meetings of the Upton County Commissioners Court, on last Thursday, Saturday and Monday of this week, but everything that was to be said to the court relative to retaining an engineer for proposed road work in Upton County was heard.

In fact, the last appearance before the court by an engineer came only a few seconds before the county entered into contract with Hasie & Green Engineering firm of Lubbock.

Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher opened the courtroom at every turn during the three meetings to hear proposals, explanations and comments.

On the basis of proposals offered, three of the commissioners were agreed that they had selected "the very best proposal made in the interest of the taxpayers of the county." The other pledged his full support and cooperation immediately after the vote was taken.

It is regretful that such a "stir" had to be caused over retaining an engineer. It would have been easily avoided had routine policy and general courtesy been followed.

And in this respect, this paper wishes to tell its readers most of that responsibility lies on the shoulders of the person who presides over the commissioners court... the County Judge. We say this only to clarify in the minds of those who might not be familiar with the "normal" proceedings in the commissioners court.

Because the offices held by these officials are necessarily subjected to the approval of the people every two years... and so that our readers may draw their own conclusions as to right and wrong... we have covered this entire procedure closely and bring it to you in detail in a story in this edition.

During these hectic sessions, we have seen gentlemen from distant cities "ignored and unheard," we have seen men from distant cities "humiliated" by unnecessary, and embarrassing, court procedures and questioning, we have seen favoritism displayed, we have seen "courtesy" virtually thrown out the window.

As we said two weeks ago, we do not, and have never implied otherwise, what was the best step to take on the engineering question. But we do feel that we have an obligation to our readers to let them know as accurately as possible what transpires in procedures that appear to deviate from normal policy.

There were four engineering firms in the final that submitted proposals to Upton County. No doubt, all of them were qualified to give a service commendable to their profession.

In reading the story, you will note various differences in their proposals. You might see more clearly why it took three meetings to reach a decision, with all the entanglements and implications.

Regardless of the implications of "confusion" that this paper might have caused, or the "unfavorable publicity" as it was described... we are certain for one thing... that the Commissioners Court did spend a great deal of time and study in attempting to get "the best deal" for the taxpayers of Upton County.

Tabulated Expenditures For Upton County

Beginning with the month of September, County Auditor J. A. Moore will file a tabulated expenditure of all the funds of Upton County to the Commissioners Court.

As a public service feature, The News will carry one of these funds on consecutive weeks after they have been presented to the court. Due to the great amount of work involved in preparing this type of news for publication, and also the cost involved, it is necessary to spread these reports over a period of three weeks.

Only tabulations on the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and the Park Maintenance and Operation Fund will be published. The expenditures of the Officers Salary Fund will be essentially the same each month, except for extra help in the various county offices; and the funds expended from the Jury Fund is limited to the salary of court reporters and to members of juries that serve the various courts of the county; and the other funds are bond funds and for the most part are limited to payments made from these funds as required under the conditions as approved in election; therefore, the expenditures are generally established by laws of the state, and will be generally the same from month to month.

Realizing that the citizens of Upton County do not have sufficient time to study these reports as filed with the commissioners each month at the court house in Rankin, The News is happy to bring this information into your homes as a public service.

TABULATED EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1951

Table with columns: CLAIMANT, WHAT FOR, RECEIPT, EXP. Includes items like H. E. Eckols—Feeding Prisoners, R. H. Lott—Court House Janitor, Sam Bean—Rankin Cemetery Caretaker, etc.

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Summary table for August 1951: Balance August 1st, 1951 (13,675.37), Receipts for August (283.26), Expenditures for August (7,958.52), Balance, Sept. 1st, 1951 (6,000.11)

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND

Table with columns: CLAIMANT, WHAT FOR, RECEIPTS, EXP. Includes items like O. C. Scarborough—Rankin Park Caretaker, E. F. Schnaubert—McCamey Park Caretaker, A. F. Cummings—Rankin Comm. Caretaker, etc.

Today's submarine is a missile launcher, a radar vessel as well as a commerce destroyer.

At the present time, 98 men are being saved out of every 100 wounded in Korea.

More than 1,800 Navy ROTC students graduated in 1951 and were commissioned in the Navy and Marine Corps.

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Advertisement for Basin Supply Co., 'Welcome to Midland!', 'We can outfit your CHUCKWAGON or your CHINACLOSET!', 'hardware', 'sporting goods', 'Basin Supply Co.', 'HOME FARM-RANCH SUPPLIES'

Table with columns: Pat Pauley—Lifeguard McCamey Pool (122.30), Elmer Armentrout—Labor (24.00), Balance August 1st, 1951 (4,815.43), Receipts for August (0.00), Expenditures for August (3,656.97), Balance Sept. 1st, 1951 (1,158.46)

Suez Temple To Have Officer Installation In San Angelo Friday

NOBLE GALLOWAY SAN ANGELO—Illustrious Noble Galloway of Tyler will officially constitute Suez Temple and install officers in a public ceremony at the Municipal Auditorium here on Friday evening, Sept. 28.

The program will get underway with a concert by the Suez Band at 7:45 o'clock. Sam Goldman of Big Spring is director. Calhoun is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children, representative aid vitam to the Imperial Council, and a past Imperial Potentate.

Following formal presentation of the Charter, he will speak on "What the Shrine Has Done to Help Cripples Children. The address will be carried over Radio Station KTXL, San Angelo, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Members of the Suez elective divan will be officially installed in office during the ceremony. After serving provisionally, they recently were renamed, following granting of the Charter by the Imperial Council during the summer. After installation, they will serve officially for the remainder of the current fiscal year, when officers will be named for the new year.

Also appearing on the program will be the Suez Temple Chanters, of which Manny Goldberg of San Angelo is president.

Benediction will be by the Rev. Ennis Hill, pastor of the First Methodist Church here.

Following the installation ceremony, Shriners, their ladies and friends are invited to a dance at the Wallace Moritz Building, formerly the Goodwin Tavern.

The aircraft carrier Wasp, recommissioned Sept. 10, 1951, follows eight forerunners of that name, but is the second to be commissioned as a carrier.

Ten per cent of the total weight of a U. S. Navy submarine is rubber, most of it used in the 252 storage batteries on board an undersea attacker.

Three Suspects Held In Rankin Burglary

Sheriff H. E. "Gene" Eckols, along with Deputy Bob Schlagal, left Thursday afternoon for Sanderson to return three suspects in connection with the burglarizing of the barn of Shorts Miers Monday night.

Four saddles were taken. They were valued at \$600.

A trip through the Sanderson-Del Rio area on Wednesday by two of the saddles. Early Thursday morning, the Sanderson Sheriff notified the Upton County office that three arrests had been made, and another saddle recovered.

The names of the suspects was not available at press time.

Cone styie drinking cups, \$12.50 per case of 5,000. McCamey News.

Rebekah Lodge Plans Anniversary Program

On Monday night, Oct. 8, the local Rebekah Lodge will observe the anniversaries of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with an appropriate program at their regular meeting.

Mrs. Pauline Diez, Deputy, will conduct a school of instruction at the same meeting and it is hoped that each member will keep the date in mind.

Esterbrook Fountain Pens at the McCamey News Office.

Advertisement for 'A Dependable Close-In Market' featuring a dog and 'BONDED AND INSPECTED' logo.

Advertisement for VALON and VALSPAR paint, 'EXCITING NEW Color FOR YOUR WALLS with VALON DURABLE OIL-BASE PAINT by VALSPAR', '16 lovely new colors', 'Oil-base, covers most surfaces with one coat', 'A smooth, velvety finish with either brush or roller', 'Washable with plain soap 'n' water', 'Fast drying, paint a room and move back in same day', 'Easy to use—no mixing, no priming, no 'painty' odors', 'RUSSELL-THOMAS CO. Crane, Texas', 'DON'T SAY PAINT... SAY VALSPAR'

Advertisement for C. W. BROWN MOTOR CO. 'greater stamina engineered in!', '...to do more work for your money', 'ADVANCE-DESIGN CHEVROLET TRUCKS', 'C. W. BROWN MOTOR CO.', 'FIFTH AND CROCKETT', 'McCAMEY, TEXAS'. Includes images of a truck and engine parts.

MOTHER FINDS HELP ...In Religion!

I FIND THAT IN RAISING CHILDREN I MUST HAVE HELP ABOVE THAT WHICH EARTHLY FRIENDS CAN GIVE. MY CHURCH FURNISHES THAT HELP WHEN I AM FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE



All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

2 Tim. 3:16

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Capps, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Worship—11.
Training Union—7 p. m.
Evening Worship—8.
Monday, WMU—3 p. m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting—8 p. m.

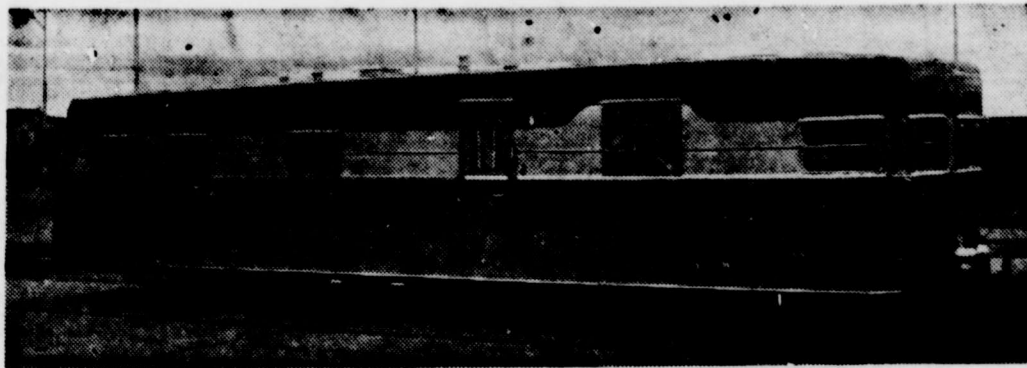
NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Upton County Courthouse
10:00 a. m. Sunday—Bible Classes.
11:00 a. m. Sunday—Morning Worship.
8:00 p. m. Sunday — Evening Worship.
8:00 p. m. Tuesday—Bible Study.
The North Side Church of Christ, newly organized congregation, is currently meeting in the District Court room of the Upton County Courthouse. Erection of a church building will commence shortly on Upton Street directly across from the high school building.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Don L. Cochran
Corner Eighth and Half
10:00 a. m. Sunday — Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Sunday—Morning Worship.
8:45 p. m. Sunday—Methodist Youth Fellowship.
8:00 p. m. Sunday — Evening Worship.
3:00 p. m. Monday—WCS.
8:00 p. m. 2nd Mondays—Wesleyan Guild.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Leon Kessler, Minister
Cor. 8th and Buckland Sts.
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
8:00 p. m. Evening Worship.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, Bible Study.

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FORD THEATRE

Hsie, Green Get Contract

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er the attention of the court was called to other factors in the pamphlet "that an engineer shouldn't do."

Mr. Greif then told the court that "we can save the county more than 1% on our proposal number one." He said that his firm would rather have the work under proposal number two, at 5%, because "we can make more money."

"UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY"
Mr. Greif told the court that he appreciated being allowed to withdraw the first proposal last week, "but due to the publicity, mostly unfavorable, we feel that we feel that we should re-submit on this basis."

With this, Mr. Greif left the courtroom.

MR. HASIE REMARKS

Mr. Hasie was given another appearance before the group, and told the court "that George (Green, his partner) do work wholeheartedly with the court, not only do we have personnel and excellent engineering organization, but we will not have any mix-ups with the commissioners court, and we will help you get an excellent job. We will give everything we have in the way of service."

Commissioner Price asked him if it were not true that the cost of job would depend on the kind of road the county wanted built, and Mr. Hasie said "That's right."

Price then asked if his firm would build the type of road "we ask you to build?" and Mr. Hasie answered "Yes."

And with this, Mr. Hasie left the courtroom.

Judge Fisher told the court that Mr. Hess had phoned and said that he would not be at the courthouse until 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock, and had not expressed a desire to talk to the court. "As far as I know, there are no further proposals to be presented." He asked for any comments, and Commissioner Trimble said "I think these proposals will require some study."

And with this, the court busied itself for some 15 minutes reading, and re-reading the proposals.

Commissioner Price was the first to speak, and he said "On the basis of not knowing the size of the bond issue, and on the basis of proposals made to us, I think Mr. Hasie's proposal is the best."

Commissioner Trimble then spoke, "I don't quite understand the two proposals made by Greif & Coker." After a brief pause, he continued "I want the court to know at this time, that I feel it is my duty to the people that I'm serving, and to protect my oath of office... and it will be on this proposal and other things in others."

Commissioner Conger remarked "That's the way I feel too."

Trimble then asked if "we have investigated these firms sufficiently" and Judge Fisher said "I think so, two of them have done work for us before." Trimble remarked that "it was just a thought."

Trimble then asked "what are these additional charges noted by Greif & Coker in proposal number two?"

Judge Fisher read from their proposal saying they included locations, drilling and coring for caliche pits, survey right of ways and laboratory costs.

At this point, the question of "complete plans and specifications prior to the election" and the entire court, including Judge Fisher, agreed that the court SHOULD NOT ask for this prior to the election.

Conger then commented "It's pretty hard to figure out, with some things included in some proposals, and other things in others."

Price then commented that "Mr. Hasie said he would prepare field notes for the court without cost"

and Judge Fisher said "I don't remember that."

Trimble said he remembered him saying "he'd make the field notes, but I don't remember about the cost."

Judge Fisher raised the question "if any one had any comment" and Trimble said "I'm not quite ready to decide. Let's thrash out these proposals and find out which one is cheapest and if it's not to be accepted, then let's find out why."

Conger said "I feel like Tom on that." (Referring to Commissioner Trimble.)

Price then spoke up "I think Mr. Hasie said he would work up the field notes at no cost to the county. I think we ought to call him in and get it clear."

Rather than call him in, Judge Fisher started a comment "Well, if you are not going to act... and Trimble broke in saying "we want to act, but act in the best interest of the taxpayers of Upton County."

MOTION DIES

At this point, Price made a motion that Upton County enter into contract with Hasie & Green. The motion died for want of a second.

Trimble was the first to speak, saying "The reason I was silent was because it's not clear yet as to what the difference in the amount will be in the proposals."

Price said "How are we going to figure it out?"

Judge Fisher said "I think Mr. Greif cleared that up on his talk about work done in other counties" (Eds. Note: these remarks are not shown above as Mr. Greif asked that they be allowed "off record.")

Fisher continued "I think you all know this county's experience with engineers in the past. Greif made it clear that he would have an engineer on the job at all times."

Price said "they all did."

Judge Fisher replied "Oh, no they didn't... they just said "substantially" part of the time." He then elaborated on this county's experience with the engineers on the Upton County Airport and the Benedum road, and pointed out that inspectors were not on the job all the time.

Fisher said further "I don't feel we'll have that trouble if we have local engineers."

Both Trimble and Price commented about the "local" inspector on the Benedum Road.

JUDGE RECOMMENDS

Then Trimble asked Judge Fisher "What do you recommend?"

Fisher said "I believe the best proposal submitted to the court is Greif & Coker Engineers proposal number one at 6%." He then re-read the proposal and made comments throughout the reading dealing with the various features of the proposal.

After the dissertation, Conger remarked "We had better not call a million dollar bond election" in a reference to the possible size of the bond issue.

Price asked "Why?"

Conger replied "It looks big."

Price said "It is big. It's up to us to present what is needed, and if they want it (the taxpayers), vote for it; if not, turn it down."

Judge Fisher then said "Gentlemen, you've heard my opinion." After a pause he continued "I feel that I should make a decision on these kind of things."

Conger broke in "I do too, judge."

Fisher continued "If I'm wrong, I'm sorry; if I'm right, I'm glad. I've studied these things closely the past few days... and you have my opinion."

Then a few minutes were used by the whole group about the importance of time on the project, that they had all the proposals and

"we're all present" so a decision can be made.

Judge Fisher then said "Let's read Mr. Hasie's contract." And then the contract was read.

There was a lot of discussion on several phases of the contract, but seemingly there was no meeting of minds on the meaning and intent of the instrument.

Conger then asked "Well, are we going to do something today, or are we going to study over it awhile."

Price said, "We got everything we need to make a decision."

Conger then made a motion to recess until Monday morning, and the court voted unanimous approval.

MONDAY MEETING

At the opening of the meeting Monday morning, a letter from Hasie & Green was presented to the court by Mr. Hasie. He said the purpose of the letter was to clarify the proposal of his firm made to the court. In the letter, the services to be extended by the firm were enumerated, and set out that there would be no cost to the county over 5% "of the entire cost of the project."

Upon Mr. Hasie leaving the room, Judge Fisher said "I take it that that's an amendment to Mr. Hasie's proposal, so I'm going to attach the original to it."

Price said "no, it is just clarifying what he told the court."

Judge Fisher retorted "It wasn't in the contract or proposal, and I don't think it was oral, so I take it as an amendment. You couldn't hold him to it if he did make such an oral statement."

During this time, the Commissioners were all reading copies of the letter submitted by Mr. Hasie.

Trimble said "I don't find anything that is contrary to his proposal."

Judge Fisher said "It's not in his proposal."

Trimble replied "He told us that he would make all right of way field notes," (referring to his proposal).

Judge Fisher said "No it doesn't." And then the judge read out of the book of Texas Society of Professional Engineers where it wasn't included.

Price said "Greif didn't have it in his proposal" and an exchange of words between Price and Judge Fisher ensued for some time, whether complete plans and specifications included right of way field notes or not. There was no general agreement between the two at the conclusion of the talking.

Price then said "This letter clarifies what he told the court."

Judge Fisher insisted "No, it doesn't."

Price continued "He (referring to Hasie) told us in this courtroom that he would write that in his contract."

Judge Fisher said "No he didn't. He just was to add plans and specifications."

Price said "All I'm trying to do is look out for the best interests of Upton County."

Commissioner Holmes broke in and said "It looks like the best, and looks like the cheapest, and for the best interest of Upton County," in referring to the proposal of Hasie & Green.

Price told the judge, "I'm ready to make a motion."

Judge Fisher left the courtroom to get the court clerk, and shortly Mr. Greif returned to the courtroom with Judge Fisher. The judge said that Mr. Greif had asked earlier for an opportunity to speak to the court.

Mr. Greif then addressed the court saying "I've done some figuring on costs over the weekend. On the basis of six inch caliche base, 30 foot crown, and 20 feet wide, I figure the cost will be \$12,000 a mile, exclusive of right of way and fencing. We know we can give you the job you want."

Mr. Greif then told the court of his work on the Crane-Rankin road while working for the state, the type of construction, the costs and other features. He noted that the state set up minimum requirements for that road, and that it wasn't standing up. He recommended a better type road on the proposed roads.

He continued "I wanted to talk to you about costs and generally let you know. I think we can build, and include everything, for about \$13,500, and might save 10% off of this."

He noted that a savings could probably be made by letting all the projects at one time, allowing a contractor save "moving in costs."

He concluded "I would like for you to consider our proposals. Two proposals were submitted to clarify our stand. We live here, and will keep on living here, and we would like to have the job. We feel like we can give you better service."

Price said "Didn't he say that

he would add to the contract?"

Judge Fisher replied "just on vice and that we understand your problems better."

With this, Mr. Greif left the courtroom.

Judge Fisher then asked "Are you ready for the motion and clerk?" and Price said "Yes."

Price then made a motion "After the study of all proposals submitted, that Hasie & Green be named engineers for the proposed road projects and that Upton County enter into contract with said firm." Commissioner Trimble and Holmes voted "Aye"; and Commissioner Conger voted "Nay."

In explaining his vote, Conger said "On the basis of estimates of costs of construction made in the various proposals, I felt that I should vote as I did. Since the contract has been approved, I pledge my full support and cooperation to both the engineer and the commissioners court."

The court went over the contract with Mr. Hasie and were working out various details for clarification, prior to calling in the county attorney to work out final details of the contract.

With the working out of the various phases of the contract, and explaining the various features that were included in the various clauses, this writer left the courtroom.

RANKIN VISITORS
Miss Johnnie Anderson of Houston and E. A. Limmer of Midland visited in the M. J. Edwards and Joe T. McCommie homes on Saturday.

Both are shell Oil Co. employees and have visited here frequently. Miss Anderson was transferred to the Houston office last spring.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bains Attends Treasurers' Meeting in Austin

Mrs. Elizabeth Bains, Upton County Treasurer, has returned from Austin where she attended the County Treasurers' Association of Texas' third annual convention Friday and Saturday.

Clay L. Price of Austin was elected president during the session to succeed Dwight Morrison of Beaumont.

Other new officers include Leon Jones of Longview, first vice president; C. A. Harkey of San Saba, second vice president; and L. W. Lerrick of San Antonio, third vice president.

Carl Bolin was retained as secretary-treasurer and W. B. Gurley of Fort Worth as a director.

Warren G. Harding of Dallas was named a new director.

The Steek Co. of Austin furnished entertainment for the Association's annual banquet on Friday night.

West Texas had the largest representation of any part of the state.

Attending were O. T. Jarvin of Brown County; Odell Smith, Cochran; Clyde Bostwick, Dawson; Mrs. Ava Johnson, Dickens; D. F. Sullivan, El Paso; L. L. Hanson, Glasscock; Mrs. Esther Gibbs, Mitchell; Mrs. M. Godwin, Oldham; Miss Jamie Hodges, Potter; C. A. Harkey, San Saba; Mrs. Mabel Parker, Schleicher; Clyde Speer, Stephens; J. R. Clark, Taylor; Mrs. Iola Eckert, Tom Green; Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Rains, Upton; Mrs. Elizabeth Groom, Yoakum.

San Angelo was chosen the 1952 convention city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith of Seattle, Wash., and Los Angeles, Calif., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Runyan this past weekend.

W. S. Ellis of Los Angeles, Calif., was in Rankin this week attending to real estate interests here.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Skip Makes a Slip

Miss Gilbert, the teacher, was telling me how Skip Lawson almost went to sleep in her physics class.

She noticed him nodding and—since they were discussing electricity—said in a loud voice: "Now maybe MR. LAWSON will explain what electricity is." Skip started up, looked around wildly, and blurted out, "Gee! I used to know, but I forgot."

"What a loss to science!" sighs Miss Gilbert. "No one to this day knows what electricity really is, and here we have a genius who could explain it—but forgot!"

Joe Marsh

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