

STREET WIDENING WILL START SOON

Four Projects Meeting With Co-Operation of Property Owners.

Four street widening projects contemplated by the city commission in expending the \$220,000 set aside for this purpose out of the \$4,350,000 bond issue of last December, will soon be under way, and once work is started in earnest it will be rushed to an early completion, Mayor John W. Tobin said Saturday.

Much of the detail work of acquiring necessary property on the streets to be widened has been completed. This phase of the improvements was accomplished with the minimum of friction, Mayor Tobin said.

"We met with a splendid co-operation by a majority of the property owners on the streets to be improved, and we secured the property in much less time than we expected," he said. Market Street, South Flores Street, Bonham Street and Crockett Street will be widened.

All property needed for widening of South Flores Street from Main Plaza to West Nueva Street has been acquired and ordinances levying assessments against property owners for the improvement will be passed at next Monday's city commission meeting, Assistant City Attorney T. D. Cobbs said Saturday.

South Flores will be widened to 80 feet, with a 60-foot roadway.

Acquisition of all property needed in widening Market Street from Main Plaza to St. Mary's Street, will have been effected in a few more days, Cobbs said. A deed to property at the corner of Yturri and Market was obtained from Harriet O. Lassner Saturday.

"This piece of property is one of the main pieces," he said, and we are pleased at closing up for it, for we were anticipating a long delay in acquiring it."

There are 66 tracts to be acquired between Main Plaza and St. Mary's Street.

Some work has already been done on Market Street, a two-story building at the corner of Market and Main Plaza having been razed several weeks ago.

Market Street will be widened ultimately as far as Alamo Street. Its new width will be 70 feet. Ten-foot sidewalks on either side will leave a 50-foot roadway. The present width of the street varies, but the general average is only 37 feet from property line to property line.

Bonham Street will be widened from East Commerce to Crockett Street. It is 33 feet wide now, and will be increased to 50 feet.

Crockett Street will be widened from Alamo Plaza to Nacogoches Street. It will be made 47 feet wide, to conform to the width east of Nacogoches. It is only 33 feet wide now.

ENGINEER COMPLETES TOUR OF INSPECTION

Three-Mile Stretch in Medina County, Once Impassable, Now Smooth as Glass, Maj. W. F. Hutson Says.

Maj. W. F. Hutson, State highway engineer in charge of the San Antonio division, returned Friday from an inspection trip to projects that carried him through Kerr, Real, Edwards, Uvalde and Medina Counties. "Construction work is progressing smoothly everywhere," he said, "the labor shortage that existed for a time during the period when cotton picking in Southwest Texas was at its height no longer exists. All forces have been recruited to maximum strength and splendid headway is being made."

Three miles of heretofore almost impassable road across the corner of Medina County, on State Highway No. 51, has been transformed into a smooth stretch with a hard caliche surface, Maj. W. F. Hutson, State highway engineer in charge of the San Antonio division, said Saturday.

"This link is on the San Antonio-Bandera road and in its former unimproved state was the object of much criticism," Maj. Hutson said. "It is as smooth as glass now and has been built to endure permanently."

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CASA DEL RIO IN NEW HOME

La Casa del Rio, famous Mexican restaurant, has opened its hospitable doors in attractive new quarters in the **Maverick Building** basement. The shining cleanliness, perfect sanitation and comfortable quarters combine with the very attractive and appropriate decorations to promise an instant popularity for the new home of this widely known cafe. It is already open for business, and hosts of its old patrons have followed to the new home, to enjoy its hospitality and felicitate the management on the satisfaction of the new establishment.

La Casa del Rio—the House by the River—takes its name from one of the most famous old homes of the early San Antonio. In the days when Zachary Taylor was a familiar figure in San Antonio military circles, when young Lieut. S. Grant and the dashing Capt. Robert E. Lee were in service at the army barracks—which stood on the site now occupied by the Gunter Hotel—John Twobig, early San Antonio banker, typical pioneer Texan, lived in La Casa del Rio, at that time one of the loveliest homes in San Antonio. Its surrounding gardens were filled with multi-colored blossoms, and its grass-grown terraces led down to the lazy river.

The soul of hospitality, Banker Twobig was particularly lavish in his entertainment of army people, and the officers of those early days counted their social standing poor indeed, who were not included in the Twobig list of guests.

Long since, La Casa del Rio passed its period of usefulness as a residence, and a good many years ago the present management of the cafe that bears its name, seeing the value of the picturesque setting and romantic history of the old house, established a restaurant there and advertised it under the name by which the old house had been known for generations. The wheel of progress turned; the San Antonio Public Service Company bought this property, preserving the old house, for sentiment's sake, and making it useful as a storehouse. La Casa del Rio, the restaurant, moved into the basement of the Gunter Building, jealously carrying its name along. It has just moved to the **Maverick Building**, still zealously preserving the name by which it has long been known, and where, for old sake's sake, as well as the really excellent Mexican food, its numerous patrons will follow it.

In the aptly proper and familiar faces of waiters who have served La Casa del Rio for many years, and in the kitchen, Mexican women are making tortillas who have been associated with the establishment ever since it first opened in the house by the river.

Three Federal Courts to Sit in One District

The week beginning November 24 promises to be one of the busiest in the annals of the West Texas district of the Federal court, as sessions will be held in three courts, San Antonio, El Paso and Waco.

Judges from three different districts of the Texas Federal courts will conduct the sessions. Criminal cases will be heard in San Antonio by Judge DuVal West. The court probably will be in session for one week.

Judge W. H. Atwell of Dallas, judge of the Northern District, will hold court in El Paso for two weeks. The session will be devoted to civil cases.

Judge Estes of the Eastern District will hear civil cases in Waco for two weeks. The court at San Antonio will be a special session of the May term of court; the session at Waco is a special of the November term, and that at El Paso is a special of the October term.

John Hartman, United States district attorney, said Saturday that this would probably be the first instance of three court sessions in the district at the same time.

FIRE DISMOUNTS COP

Blaze Destroys Machine at Loss of \$300.

Fire dismantled Motorcycle Officer H. P. Flournoy Saturday morning when a blaze that he had built to warm his hands spread to his machine and damaged it beyond repair.

The officer had been detailed to prevent dumping of trash on a plot of ground on East Houston Street and the city limits. He raked up a quantity of trash and was hoveled over the fire when a gust of wind carried the flames to his motorcycle. In throwing sand on the blaze the officer's hands and face were slightly burned. His loss is estimated at \$300.

DYNAMITE STOLEN

30 Sticks and 100 Blasting Caps Taken From Warehouse.

A gang of small boys is said to be responsible for the burglary of the warehouse of Hercules Powder Company on the W. W. White Road about five miles from San Antonio and the theft of 30 sticks of dynamite and 100 blasting caps. Parents of boys in the gang are said to have given the police the tip, and officers were dispatched to the neighborhood of the magazine to search for the lads and their loot. J. E. Trimble, manager of the company here, said boys have frequently raided the magazine and stolen small quantities of explosive, but this is the first time they have taken any in large quantity.

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Court Grants Mother's Plea to Keep Sons

Mrs. Bessie Hertzberg-Mendyke's prayer to keep her two sons, William and Frank, who the San Antonio Humane Society officials claim are not in proper hands, was temporarily granted Saturday by Judge W. W. McCrory of the 94th District Court. The court passed the dependency hearing for 30 days to give Mrs. Mendyke an opportunity to rebut claims made by Miss Lillian Goodenough representing the society.

Miss Goodenough claims the children were forced to beg food at the army messes at Fort Sam Houston, and that they were not properly clothed. Mrs. Mendyke produced the children in court and bitterly denied all the charges. She declared she would force the Humane Society officials to prove their charges.

Mrs. Mendyke was indicted on a charge of bigamy several months ago and this case is still pending. She appeared in court a few months ago and admitted she had married Mendyke after her first husband had deserted her and her children were in need. Mendyke has cared for her and the children since then, she said, and they have never wanted for food.

STATE ACCEPTS ROAD IN ATASCOSA COUNTY

Final inspection of 17 miles of roadway on State Highway No. 2, between San Antonio and Laredo, was made by Maj. W. F. Hutson, State highway engineer in charge of the San Antonio division, and has been accepted by the State. The road extends through Lytle in Atascosa County and has been a nightmare to motorists for years, Hutson said. It was constructed of gravel and the State will probably add a hard surface top to it next spring, Hutson said.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Eugene J. Hernandez Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans will elect officers for the coming year at the next meeting which will be held November 26. Henry Perez, Frank M. Howry and J. H. Wofford were elected to membership in the camp at the meeting Wednesday night. The Kelly Field Players will give

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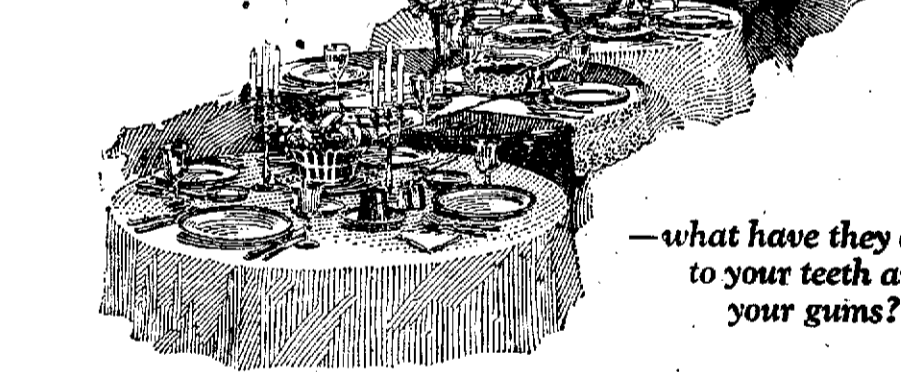
a vaudeville show and minstrel for the camp about the middle of December. William H. Kenyon, Harry Dancy and T. M. Casey of the entertainment committee announced. William W. Herring has been selected to make arrangements to have Department Commander William S. Longford and his aide W. R. Duke visit the San Antonio camp December 2. The woman's auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans have been invited to attend the meeting and to assist in providing entertainment.

SMALL FUNERAL SATURDAY

Funeral services for Montgomery Small, who died suddenly Tuesday afternoon, under auspices of the United Commercial Travelers. Religious ser-

vice were conducted by the Rev. Hugh McClellan, pastor of the Central Christian Church. Small had been a member of the United Commercial Travelers for 20 years. For the past several years he was engaged in the retail grocery business at 1505 East Houston Street. Pallbearers were J. L. Zimmerman, J. B. Winfield, J. W. McGee, T. M. Dechman, Sam Speir and J. F. Fentimann.

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