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## NOW POURING CONCRETE ON PALACIOS END OF HIGHWAY 58

### 6100 SOLDIERS VACATE CAMP PALACIOS SUNDAY; CAMP PRONOUNCED BEST EVER

Governor Dan Moody and General Jno. A. Hulen Praise and Boost Camp Palacios

Sunday at 7 a. m. 6100 members of the Thirty-sixth division of the Texas national guard, tired of their 15-day period of summer training, but showing all the evidences of veterans who have gone through a hard campaign, began to entrain for their homes in various parts of the state, 20 sections of trains being used for this movement, and all that remained to tell of the encampment Monday was the worn spots of the turf along the company streets, and the various drill fields. Over night the camp became a prairie dotted with many mess shacks.

Major General John A. Hulen, commanding the division, and his staff Saturday expressed the utmost satisfaction over the result of this year's training camp. They said it was the most successful period of training held since the World War. The men of the division all exhibited the beneficial effects of the intensive instruction.

This was especially true in the review held Friday in honor of Governor Dan Moody, commander-in-chief of the state forces. The soldiers marched with the snap and vigor of veteran warriors. A feeling of evident pride in their work animated every unit.

Saturday was a day of preparation for Sunday's evacuation of Camp Palacios. The principal item on the day's program was the distribution of the big payroll of \$196,000. Following this event there was a general relaxation after the hard work of the past two weeks. Farewells were exchanged between the officers of the various units, as well as among the rank and file.

New regimental colors and battle

From every source of information comes the news that the encampment this year was one of the best ever held and Gen. John A. Hulen announced that as far as he was able to say the camp would be held here every year hereafter beginning the first Sunday in August.

### Bite of Insect Proves Fatal to Lieut. Toncray

Word was received here early Monday that Lieut. Henry E. Toncray, 35, who was taken to Houston last Wednesday in a critical condition had died in the Baptist Hospital in that city Sunday night. His death was supposedly the result of the bite of some insect, to which he paid no attention and neglected until it became so infected that blood poisoning set in, with the result as above.

Lieut. Toncray was the pilot and owner of the big 5-passenger seaplane that was stationed at Grassy Point on East Bay while the soldiers were here, and many of our citizens and visitors got magnificent views of Palacios-by-the-Sea, Camp Palacios, and beautiful Tres-Palacios bay from the air during his stay, and he made many friends by his gentlemanly and friendly conduct.

The aviator was a first lieutenant

CENTRAL AVE. GATE AT CAMP TO BE LEFT OPEN DAILY UNTIL 11 P. M.

Gen. T. D. Barton, of Camp Palacios, called at the Beacon office Wednesday, and informed us that from now until further notice, Central Ave. gate at Camp Palacios would be left open every day until 11 o'clock p. m., in order that picnic parties or any persons wishing to visit the grounds may do so. Visitors are requested not to drive off of the streets or park their cars on any of the lawns, and to clean up all refuse from lunch served, etc., also to bear in mind that the gate will be closed promptly at eleven p. m. as long as these privileges are not abused the camp grounds are open to visitors.

Last Thursday and Friday proved delightful days for a party of twenty-eight, who boarded "Lady Pilot" for the Gulf as their destination. They stopped on the way over at half moon reef where they fished, also visited the light house. They enjoyed bathing, fishing, floundering, sight seeing and gathering sea shells. All had a wonderful time and hope to come to Palacios on their vacation next summer and make another such trip.

### Blessing Items

BLESSING, Texas, Aug. 21.—School will open in the Blessing Independent School District, Monday, Sept. 9th.

Miss Rosalie Nelson is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Della Braden for the week.

Mrs. Marvin Bradford and family, of Houston, are visiting the J. J. Gillespie family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Beard have re-

### WHERE DO YOU STAND?

On a billboard in the city of Louisville, Ky., are these words: "Just what you think of your home town is your home town's opinion of you."

There's so much truth in that we want to ask every Palacios citizen to think it over. Take the men of your acquaintance; look them over.

If they are bopsters, if they have faith in their home town and love it, what does their home town think of them?

On the contrary, if they are knockers, if they have no faith in their town, if they are natural-born or self-made pessimists, what does their home town think of them?

When a fellow loses faith in his county when he gets so he can see nothing but the handicaps of his home town, when he does nothing but knock and kick—and nothing to promote the progress of his home town—how can he expect the love, or even the respect of its citizens.

If you are not satisfied with your home town, or if you have an idea it could be made better, then why not make your criticism constructive—why not make public a remedy for the ills you point out?

If you want to take the lead in anything in the way of improvement you can always find someone willing to help. But don't find fault without suggesting a remedy. That's unfair to both yourself and your town and will neither help the town to be better nor elevate you in the estimation of its citizens.

### 85-Foot Whale Flounders In Shallow Water of Matagorda Bay

This part of Texas is having a "whale of a time" and the end is not yet.

Since last Saturday, persons from far and near have been flocking to a place on Matagorda Island, just west of the coast guard lighthouse, where a whale measuring 85 feet in length got stranded in shallow water while chasing a school of redfish.

The redfish, literally thousands of

but could not move it.

Two shrimp boats were rigged up and cables attached to the whale, but the motors failed to develop enough power to pull the mammal.

The whale was in water about five feet deep. The whale, about 14 feet high, had sunk several feet as the waves and current gradually dug the sand out around it.

The crew of the lighthouse aided

### R. W. Briggs & Co., With Some 200 Men, To Pave Near 1-4 Mile Road Per Day

HARPER-REYNOLDS

A wedding of interest to Palacios friends took place in Huntsville, Monday, Aug. 19, when Miss Troy Hamlet Harper, of Huntsville, became the bride of I. Edgar Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Reynolds, of this city. The newlyweds are now enjoying a short honeymoon trip and will be at home in Houston after September 3rd. Edgar was reared in this city and has a host of friends with whom we join in extending hearty congratulations.

### Miss M. Turner Dies Suddenly Monday Noon

The sudden death of Miss Mattie A. Turner, at noon Monday came as a shock to her friends and neighbors. She seemed in her usual health that morning and had visited with neighbors, never dreaming her life's journey was so near at end. Relatives and friends were notified and a nephew from Salem, Oregon, and a niece in Bloomfield, Iowa, are on their way here, expecting to arrive Friday. Funeral arrangements will be made after their arrival.

Miss Turner, with her brother, came to Palacios about four years ago for their health and both were so greatly benefitted they decided to remain and make this their permanent home, purchasing the Wm. Hall property on Lucas Ave., just west of Pavilion St. Miss Turner soon became a strong booster for Palacios and told her many

1,000 FEET LAID UP TO THURS.; EXPECT TO BE IN TOWN EARLY NEXT WEEK

The R. W. Briggs and Company paving outfit, with a man crew of 150, some 50 trucks or more, a huge concrete mixer, unloading crane and hopper, was brought into Palacios Sunday afternoon as soon as the railroad tracks were clear of the trains handling the homegoing Texas National Guards. The work of unloading was begun early Monday morning and the pouring of concrete on Palacios end of Highway 58 is well under way. Work was begun at Elder's Dairy barn and is coming this way as fast as the road bed can be put in proper condition, concrete mixed and poured.

Seventy-five men were left up on the Bay City side to do some finishing work and when that is completed, they will come down here and work will be done on the road up until midnight every day it is possible to work. Up to this Thursday afternoon 1000 feet of concrete have been poured.

The marriage of Miss Cecile Geraldine Grant and Mr. Theodore Alan Elder is announced for Saturday, August 24. The ceremony will take place at the home of Mrs. Mary H. Elder at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. G. F. Gillespie pronouncing the nuptial vows.

L. Gass and daughter, Mrs. Lula Frady, left Sunday for Ft. Worth, where they will be joined by Mrs. Gass and little Miss Luvana Margaret Frady, who have been visiting relatives in that section of the state the past several weeks. Mr. Gass will do some extensive buying of fall stock for his store while away.



# PALACIOS SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER NINTH

**W. C.** Gray, president of the Palacios school board, informs us that September 9 has been set for the opening of the 1929-30 term of school in Palacios. The faculty has all been selected and as far as we know all have accepted.

Supt. Newsom, who has been attending school in Colorado, is expected to return the latter part of this week and

will make further announcement in regard to pupils registering. Practically the entire faculty has done some special school work during the summer vacation, preparatory to giving their very best efforts for the teaching of young minds, and as usual we are looking forward to another year of outstanding work for the Palacios Schools.

## MANY VISITORS AT B. Y. P. U. GROUNDS

T. S. Forehand, manager of the B. Y. P. U. Grounds, informs us there is an unusual number of visitors there this week and among them, are Capt. Gordon Taylor, a teacher in the San Marcos Baptist Academy, and Dr. J. L. Mims, of Dallas.

Dr. **W. H.** McKinsie, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Waxahachie, is spending his vacation there, he has with him his two sons, and two friends, A. E. McDonald, and J. S. Herring.

Prof. S. R. Spencer, of Baylor U., accompanied by Miss Cora Evans, of Waco, and Miss Isabelle Jackson, of Orange, are also here for their vacation.

Scoutmaster Frank B. Hines and Mrs. Hines, accompanied by 21 Boy

## DR. R. G. LUBBEN, FORMER FRANCITAS BOY, TO AT- TEND MATH. CONVENTION

Austin, Texas, Aug. 21.—The University of Texas will be well represented at the national convention of the American Mathematical Society to be held at Boulder, Colo., August 27-29. A number of them will read papers before the society. Those who will attend are N. E. Rutt, Dr. Leo Zippin, Dr. Harry Schultz Vandiver, John Henderson Robertson and Dr. R. G. Lubben. Dr. Lubben is the son of Chris. Lubben, who lives in Francitas, and received his earlier education in the schools there. He has many friends in Palacios who are pleased to learn of his advancement and honors being conferred on him.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Richardson, of Waco, are here visiting their aunt

and during the time she has been here as hostess of the Inelda Rooming House, she endeared herself to many of our visitors who stopped with her, who with Palacios citizens regret her demise.

## TRAYLOR HARDWARE CO. TO MOVE TO NEW LOCATION SEPT. 1st

The Traylor Hardware Company has leased the building just recently vacated by the Queen Theatre, and plans to move their stock there by the first of September.

Workmen are busy putting the room in a No. 1 condition, walls are all to be refinished, floor made as good as new and ample shelving, etc., arranged. This building at the corner of Main and fifth streets, on the Highway leading to Camp Palacios is considered one of the very best locations in the city and Mr. Traylor considers he is very fortunate in securing it.

The building being vacated by Traylor Hardware Co. is owned by **W. C. Williams** and he is having it extensively repaired. A new awning has been placed along the front, and the second story replastered and decorated, while the main store will be done over as soon as Mr. Traylor moves his stock. So far the building has not been rented but we feel sure it will not stay vacant very long.

Mrs. Alice Angel, of Port Arthur, came in Tuesday in response to a message telling her of the sudden death of her friend, Miss Mattie A. Turner, and will remain until after the funeral services. Mrs. Angel is looking fine and tells us all her family are doing

well under way.

Mrs. L. J. Chaddock, accompanied by two of her nieces came over from Victoria last Thursday and remained until Wednesday, guests of her daughter, Mrs. Wylie Milam. They were accompanied home by Miss Marvel Chaddock, who had been here several weeks visiting her sister, Mrs. Milam, and friend, Marion Harrison.

Our city park has a very deserted and forlorn look this week since all the carnival paraphernalia has been removed. We wonder why our city dads do not have civic pride enough to have this one place, at least, cleaned of trash and weeds mowed? How can we expect our visitors to be pleased when a place like this and our weed grown-up bay shores greet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Malander and family, of El Campo, accompanied by relatives from West Texas, enjoyed camp life and our delightful sea breeze in the B. Y. P. U. Grounds the past week. While here, the party, twelve in all, indulged in a fishing trip on board the "Lady Pilot," with splendid success and a fine time is reported by all of the crowd.

A big truck and trailer of the West Texas Motor Freight lines of Houston-San Antonio and Austin, motored into Palacios early Wednesday morning. A receptacle resembling a box car and of like dimensions was carried by the truck in which all freight was placed and no doubt when our hard-surfaced roads are completed, this kind of freight service will be a regular thing for Palacios.

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