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Paving Outfit to Arrive Here Early Next Week

New Equipment of R. W. Briggs & Co. Pours 1400 Feet of 18-ft. Concrete Highway Per Day

EQUIPMENT FOR UNLOADING MATERIAL BEING BUILT AT R. R. YARDS

With the advent of good weather comes the announcement that R. W. Briggs & Co., who have the contract for paving our Highway from the T. N. G. Camp through Palacios to Pheasant, will complete the section that they are now on east of Bay City within a very few days and will ship a complete paving outfit to Palacios early next week.

The machine that is coming here is brand new, and of the latest design. It is being operated now near Van Vleck and the Engineers' office reports that it laid 1400 feet of 18-foot concrete on Tuesday and going stronger as the roads dry up.

Mr. Shuford, who is foreman for Mr. Briggs, on this job, was in Palacios on Tuesday looking over the Rail Road yard facilities for handling road material, etc. The unloading cranes, trucks, loading hoppers, and great piles of sand and gravel together with many cars of material to be unloaded each day requires considerable trackage and space.

With the first-class equipment that will be used on this job, and a continuation of good weather, we look for Mr. Briggs to do a first-class job and make a record run on the entire project.

HOUSTON-PALACIOS AIR SERVICE DURING CAMP

During the National Guard encampment here, a special airplane passenger line from Houston to the camp grounds will be in operation. W. R. (Bill) Moores, operations manager for the Texas Air Transport company, announced.

"Travelair" planes leave the Houston airport on Telephone Road daily at 6 a. m. and the Palacios airport at 7 p. m.

Local Packing Company Busy Canning Shrimp

9000 POUNDS RECEIVED WED.;
ARE EXTRA LARGE AND
FINE FLAVOR

The sound of the whistle at the Crawford Packing Company, tells the outside world this is shrimp season and the plant is now working with a full force taking care of the boat loads of shrimp arriving daily. Tuesday night boats brought in 5000 pounds and on Wednesday 9000 pounds were received.

Opening of New Queen Theatre Well Attended

EVERYONE ASTONISHED AT AT- TRACTIVENESS OF NEW PLAY HOUSE

"Isn't it beautiful!"—Such comfortable seats!—"Don't the pictures show up fine!"—"Not another town in the state the size of Palacios has a theatre its equal," were among the complimentary remarks heard on the opening nights of the new Queen Theatre. Capacity houses greeted the showing of the opening program on both evenings and the managers inform us they consider it a success in the fullest sense of the word. The large screen with its clear vision gives a perfect reproduction of the scenes even to minutest details.

The sound production was of splendid volume, making the music a pleasing feature. The carpeted isles, noiseless seats, soft lights and beautiful drapes all add to the interior attractiveness and makes it an ideal place of amusement.

Ramon Novarro, beloved by screen fans the world over, in one of the most thrilling film plays of his career and one of the greatest successes of the year, "The Flying Fleet," was the feature picture, with a two-reel M. G. M. Comedy also the M. G. M. News reel, was the program for the opening nights, and proved highly pleasing to all.

The opening of the new Queen Theatre marks another step in the development of Palacios.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH IN CAMP

The Thirty-Sixth division, Texas National Guard, is holding its fourth annual summer encampment at its permanent mobilization center, on the bay at Palacios. Texas has reason to feel proud of the National Guard division, which ranks high among the National Guard units of the United States. The Palacios encampment is better equipped this year than it was last, and in the course of time it should be one of the best equipped, as well as one of the most admirably located, training grounds in the Southwest. During the World War the Thirty-Sixth division covered itself with glory, vying with the Second division in bitter fighting on the Rheims salient west of the Argonne, and later taking over the sector and driving the enemy back for miles. Prior to the World War Texas National Guard units which helped form the Thirty-Sixth division had distinguished themselves in active service along the Rio Grande and in Mexico. The proud history of the Texas National Guard should be an incentive to officers and men now making up the division's strength—Houston Post-Dispatch

Watch the Skies Sunday Nite for Meteor Showers

Two Aviators Hurt in Crash At T.N.G. Camp

COMMERCIAL MONOPLANE OVER- TURNS IN FIELD NEAR ARMY CAMP

Bill Cloney, pilot, and Edmond Drouett, mechanic, were bruised when a Curtiss Robin monoplane of the Texas Air Transport overturned on the commercial airport here Monday.

The plane was coming into the field from Houston to carry passengers back and forth between here and Houston during the annual encampment of the 36th Division, Texas National Guard.

Observers said that Cloney evidently misjudged his distance, as the plane overshot the field and landed in plowed ground. It overturned, tearing off the right wing and damaging the propeller.

Cloney and Drouett were given first aid here.

OFFICERS OF 142nd INF. GIVE DANCE AT CLUB HOUSE MONDAY EVE.

By special invitation of the 142nd Infantry a large number of Palacios citizens were guests at a dance on Monday evening at the Officers of the 36th Division new Club House, at Camp Palacios. The reception room and dance hall were artistically festooned with an abundance of the wild snail, touched up with tinsel and

Major General William Lassiter to Ar- rive By Airplane Monday; Review of Entire Division At 3:00 P.M.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. HULEN IS WELL PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF TROOPS

Hundreds of visitors from Palacios and surrounding towns are expected to visit Camp Palacios Monday, when Major General William Lassiter, commanding the Eighth Corps Area, will review the Thirty-sixth Division, Texas National Guard, which is undergoing a 15-day field training program at the annual summer encampment.

General Lassiter will arrive at Camp Palacios by airplane at 10 A. M. Monday from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. He will inspect the training activities and hold a conference with officers of the division.

The review, in which the entire division will take part, will be held at 3 P. M. on the parade grounds near the camp quartermaster warehouse. Organizations and their commanding officers participating will be: 71st Infantry brigade, Brig. Gen. Will E. Jackson; 141st Infantry, Col. Eugene A. Eversberg; 142nd Infantry, Col. Charles W. Nimmon; 72nd Infantry Brigade, Brig. Gen. Geo. P. Rains; 143rd Infantry, Col. Oscar E. Roberts; 144th Infantry, Col. Holman Taylor; 61st Field Artillery Brigade, Brig. Gen. Claude V. Birkhead; 131st Field Artillery, Col. Charles A. Davis; 132nd Field Artillery, Col. Arch C. Allen; 26th Division Aviation, Major H. H.

Houston airport at 10 a. m. Sunday, an observation plane of the 36th Division Aviation was cracked up when it hit the boundary fence. The plane was piloted by Lieut. C. O. Graham, Houston. He was accompanied by Lieut. Earl T. Showalter, one of the refueling pilots who served the Billion Dollar City in its recent attempt to set an endurance record at Houston. Neither was injured. The plane will have to be sent to the army air station at San Antonio for repairs to the undercarriage, one wing, stabilizer and tail group.

The aviation section is commanded by Maj. Walter H. Reid of Houston, who though suffering from injuries to his back received in an accident while repairing an automobile, which requires that he be treated every other day and incapacitates him from piloting, will have active charge of the air squad on during the training period. Major Reid will return to Houston for his treatments every other day, going and returning by plane.

Thousands Visit Camp.

Palacios residents turned out en masse to welcome the soldiers back to the camp. The road from the city to the camp was black with automobiles from before daylight and all day as thousands came to view the camp and renew acquaintances made last year. Estimates placed the number of persons who came to the camp grounds during the day at near 2000.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON BUILDINGS IN BUSINESS SECTION

Palacios continues to improve with each week of building and remodeling in the business section of the city. We understand there are to be a number of improvements made on buildings on Commerce Street in the immediate future.

The Hillyer brick, now occupied by the Blue Bonnet Confectionery, is to have a new stucco front and entrance remodeled, while the interior of this popular confectionery will be beautified and probably some more new fixtures added.

C. L. Gaas, proprietor of one of the Red and White Chain Stores, is adding a number of new fixtures to his commodious stock of merchandise, groceries and meat market.

The L. Brewer building, recently vacated by the Nester Drug Co., will also be remodeled. I. A. Bubright, of Houston, will do the concrete flooring and plaster work, with W. T. Blair the roofing and Oliver Roeger will build a new awning on the building.

Contracts probably will be let soon for improvements to be made on the W. C. Williams building at the corner of Commerce and Fifth St., which will include new awnings and perhaps new awnings will be placed on other building on this street.

The brick building on corner of Main and Fifth Street, recently vacated by the Queen Theatre, is also to be remodeled and modernized for a business house.

J. L. Koerber's new concrete filling station on the corner of Main and Pavilion is well under construction and of a very attractive design.

Rumors are "floating in the air" of several other new buildings to be announced in the near future.

Palacios is on the boom and truly merits all the good things on the map.

We are informed that the shrimp are of extra nice size this season and of the finest flavor for some time.

Palacios is noted for her splendid shrimp and big fish as well as the delightful gulf breezes, and has the distinction of shipping fresh shrimp to Japan, besides many parts of the U. S. and Canada, while canned shrimp is shipped to practically every state in the union, to be used in cafeterias, hotels and homes.

A shrimp luncheon was served to a party of 70 visitors Tuesday evening. The sea foods are enjoyed more here than in the interior for the excellent flavor of their freshness is greatly appreciated.

111th ENGINEERS TO PLAY GULF SULPHUR NINE HERE SUNDAY

A base ball nine from the 111th Engineers of the 36th Division of the Texas National Guards, will cross bats with the crack Gulf team at the local park Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the American Legion. A good game is prophesied.

50-INCH AUTO TO SELL FOR \$200 WILL MAKE 50 MILES TO GAL. OF GAS

New York, Aug. 7.—The New York Times carried a story this week announcing that negotiations are under way for the large scale production of a new "baby" automobile which would be sold through a mail order house for \$200.

The car is the invention of James B. Martin, of the Martin Airplane Factory, Garden City, N. Y., where the models were built.

A feature of the car is that it has no axles in the usual sense of the word, each wheel being independently mounted in the reinforced body. "Aviator cord" is used in the suspension of each wheel instead of a spring.

Three models of the car have been built, and recently were demonstrated. The new car has a wheelbase of 60

inches, another step in the forward movement for Palacios and its managers, Messrs. Williams, Deutsch, and Goddin are to be congratulated on the realization of their fondest hopes in the completion of this beautiful play house and also for the presentation of the really good and up-to-date picture they are bringing here each week.

Plane Carries Ill Trooper to Base Hospital

CAMP PALACIOS, Aug. 7.—A transport plane of the Third attack group, Galveston, left Camp Palacios Tuesday afternoon for the base hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, with Clarence Jones of Somerville, who was suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Decision to send the youth to the hospital was made by medical officers of the camp who reported Jones seriously but not critically ill. The transport plane has been stationed at Camp Palacios during the encampment of the Thirty-sixth division, Texas national guard, to provide speedy transportation to the hospital of ill or injured troops who can not be properly taken care of in the field hospitals here.

Jones is a private in Company H, 143rd infantry.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Palacios Chamber of Commerce will not meet again until the last Saturday of this month. Members please bear this in mind and make plans to be sure and be there.

Judge Duncan of Bellville, arrived Monday with a party of six of his friends as guests for a fishing trip to the Gulf. Engaging the "Claire M." with Captain Richards in charge, the party left Palacios pier at early morn-

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