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28th ANNUAL  
TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

sponsored by  
FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEDINA VALLEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #226  
Name & Number, Conservation District

Nomination for CIVIC ORGANIZATION, CLUB, COMMUNITY GROUP, or CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for most outstanding contribution to and support of conservation.

D'HANIS LIONS CLUB

Name of Organization

CHRIS FINGER, D'HANIS, TEXAS

Name of President of Organization

D'HANIS, TEXAS 78850

Mailing Address

Briefly describe the activities of the CIVIC ORGANIZATION in support of conservation in your District. You may include supporting documents such as copies of awards, banquet programs, newspaper clippings, pictures, etc.

Mail to: W. A. (Bill) King, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, by February 15, 1973.

Form 13/73



# *Medina Valley*

## *Soil and Water Conservation District No. 226*

HONDO, TEXAS

### D'HANIS LIONS CLUB

The D'Hanis Lions club was organized in 1949 for the purpose of supporting the community. The D'Hanis volunteer fire department was organized from the efforts of the Lions Club. The organization of Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 was because of the efforts made by the Lions Club. The water district drilled a well to the Edwards formation and insures permanent water for the community.

In 1960 a planned city park , dedicated to the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America. The Lions Club maintains the park.

In 1961 the D'Hanis group was slected as first in the State as Conservation Group. This group was knows as the Upper Seco Group (D'Hanis) The group was Howard Rothe, Lawrence Rothe, Bonnard Rothe, Bill Rothe, Calvin Wendele and Herman Ney. All of these members are members of the D'Hanis Lions Club.

One of the big projects that the Lions Club undertook was the flood control project on the Seco Creek. The Club raised \$7,000.00 to help relieve the town of D'Hanis from floods by cutting a ditch that helped relieve flood water. The Lions club supported the Seco Creek Watershed PL-566 application for flood prevention. The meetings that were held on the Watershed were supported and financed by the Lions Club.

The application for a sewer system in D'Hanis was iniated by the Lions Club. This sewer system is not complete but when complete it will be from the efforts made by the Lions Club.

D'HANIS LIONS CLUB

D'HANIS, TEXAS 78850

A RESUME OF ACTIVITIES OF THE D'HANIS  
LIONS CLUB IN SUPPORT OF CONSERVATION  
IN MEDINA VALLEY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 226

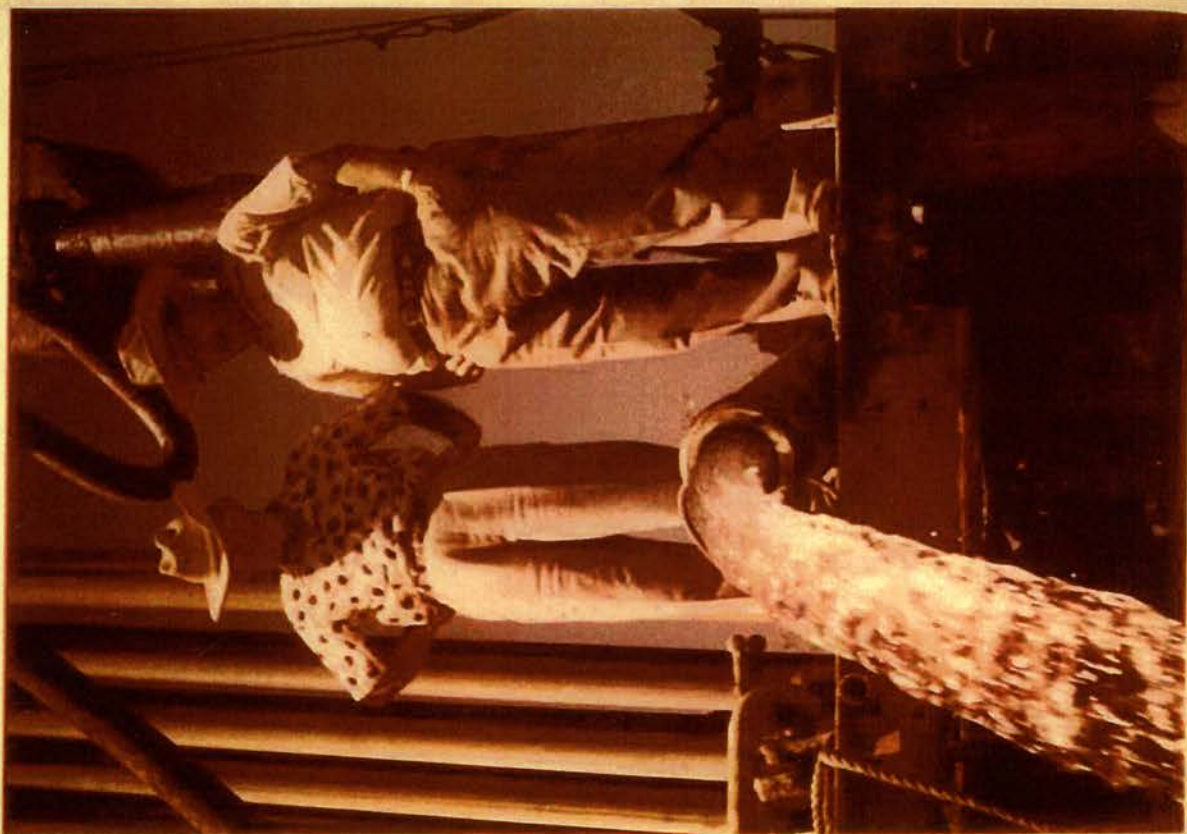
January 24, 1949.....CHARTER NIGHT.....

The D'Hanis Lions Club with 25  
members became a chartered member  
of Lions International.

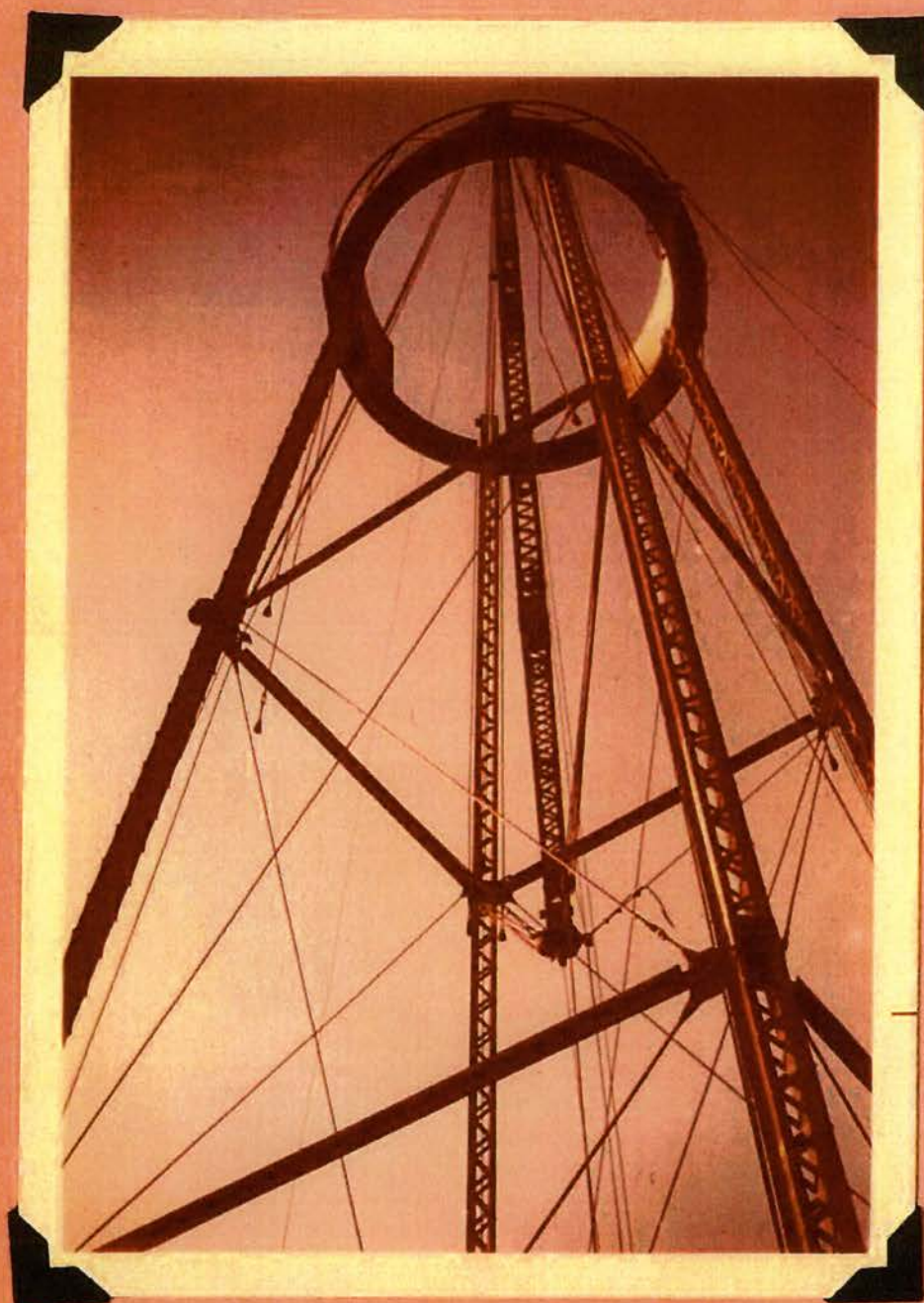
1952.....Organized and supported the D'Hanis  
Volunteer Fire Dept.

1954.....Initiated, organized and supported  
community efforts to organize the  
Medina County Water Control and  
Improvement District No. 2. A water  
well was drilled into the Edwards  
Formation to insure a permanent water  
supply for the community. An elevated  
storage tank was erected.

\*Project supported with pictures,  
following page.







1955....to Present....Initiated an annual city clean-up. Vacant lots were cleared of undesirable brush, garbage, refuse, weeds and brush were collected and Lions members volunteered the use of their trucks to remove the garbage from the lots and haul it to the community dump.

1956....to Present....Initiated the plans and underwrote project to install street lights within the city. The club continues to support the project by paying the light bill with finances derived from a community birthday calendar sponsored by the Lions Club.

\*Project supported with newspaper clipping, following page.

## wer Trust anted This ocialism"

ments of public electric say they're against it be- it's "socialism". But such sm is okay with them when ivate Power Trust is for it. ample, look at the Niagara bill.

House recently passed it by overwhelming vote of 313 to is is the same House which ed the Hells Canyon public bill by a wide margin of It is the same House which tedly rejected previous Nia- public power bills.

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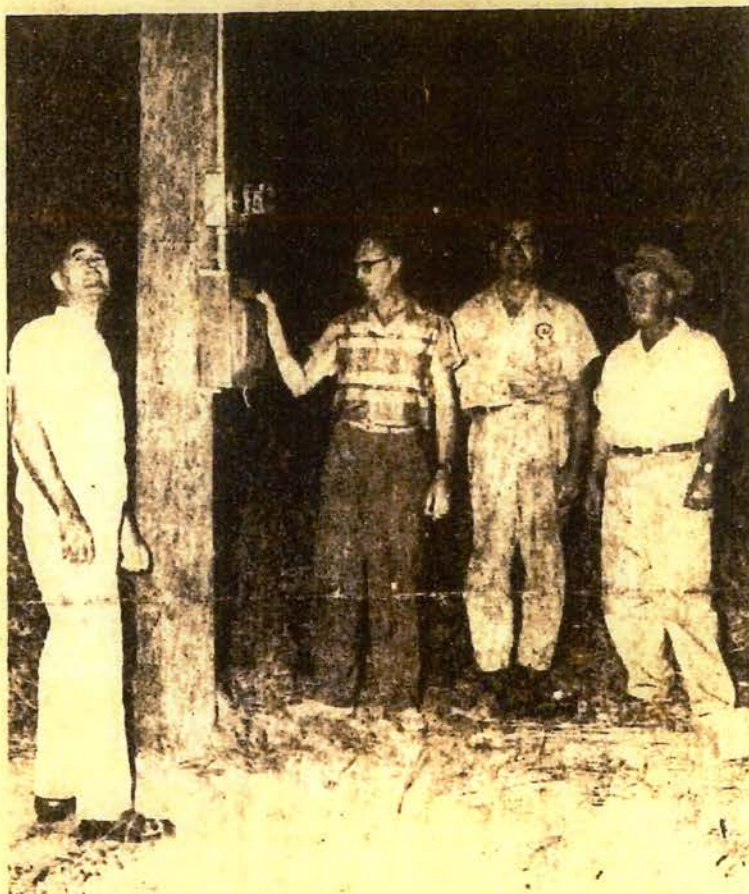
did this bill slide through illy, with many inveterate of public power voting for it? answer is simple: The Nia- Mohawk combine, a big h of the Power Trust, end- d the bill and urged Con- to pass it.

private utility combine did for a special reason. A rock at Niagara wiped out a large of its power plant. To replace loss, Niagara Mohawk has buying huge amounts of r from Canada, at a high . The combine wanted to get per power from the New State Power Authority, n will build the new Niagara

o, the bill was a compromise ure giving private power in- ts favors at the expense of public-owned and farm co- systems.

xt time you hear or read r Trust propaganda against e power "socialism," re- ber this Niagara power case- ews that "socialism" is okay the private power interests a they get what they want. 's also why they like the Ad- stration's power "partner- policy, under which the tax- ers pay the cost of building s, while private utility comes get the power and profits.

## D'HANIS LIGHTS UP



David Zinsmeyer, Chairman of Lighting Committee of the D'Hanis Lions Club, turns on new street lights at D'Hanis. Raymond Nester, Howard Rothe, and Don Scott — President of the Club, were also present along with a large number of D'Hanis residents.

On the night of August 28, 1957, the town of D'Hanis took on a new appearance, as ten new street lights were turned on for the first time. Prior to that time, there were no street lights in the town, which is on U. S. Highway 90 about 9 miles west of Hondo.

The lights were installed by the Cooperative at the request of the D'Hanis Lions Club, which had been working on the project for over a year. Under an agreement reached between the Club and the Cooperative, the Cooperative furnished and installed the lights at no cost to the Club. The Club will pay a monthly bill on each light,

sufficient to cover their operation and the amortization of their cost over a thirty year period.

The lights are of the 175 watt Mercury Vapor type installed in a new type "luminair". Seven of the lights were installed along Highway 90 and the other three in the main business district just north of the highway.

We think the D'Hanis Lions Club is to be highly commended for the project. It will make D'Hanis a much safer place to live and drive through, as well as add much to its night time appearance.

## Kitchen Korner

### ITALIAN SPAGHETTI, CALIFORNIA STYLE

2 tablesp. bacon fat  
½ cup sliced onions  
1 lb. chuck, ground  
1 minced clove garlic  
1 minced green pepper  
1 No. 2½ can tomatoes  
2 8 oz. cans tomato sauce  
1 6 oz. can whole mushrooms undrained  
1½ teasp. salt  
¼ teasp. pepper  
1 teasp. dried sage  
¼ teasp. dried thyme  
1 teasp. dried rosemary  
1 bay leaf  
1 cup water  
2 tablesp. salad oil  
Meat Balls

### 1 lb. spaghetti

In bacon fat in large kettle saute onions until tender. Add beef; cook, stirring often, until meat loses red color. Add garlic and rest of ingredients except oil. Meat Balls, spaghetti. Simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, 1½ hr., or until as thick as you like.

Meanwhile, in hot oil skillet brown Meat Balls quickly on all sides. About 20 min. before sauce is done, add Meat Balls. Also cook spaghetti as label directs; drain. Pour sauce over spaghetti on platter or individual plates. Makes 6 generous servings.

### MEAT BALLS

1 lb. chuck, ground  
½ cup packaged dried bread crumbs  
1 minced clove garlic  
2 tablesp. snipped parsley  
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 egg  
½ teasp. salt  
¼ teasp. pepper

Combine all ingredients; mix well. Shape into golf-ball sized balls. Use as directed in Italian Spaghetti above.

## Something Wonderful Happens When You Live Better Electrically

You will have more time spend with your family or in productive enterprise when you plan your home for better living electrically. There's not a room in your home where electricity can't make living more comfortable, do away with a time taking chore, or help you have more fun together.

If you plan to remodel your new home, or redecorate, the electric cooperative will send you the booklet entitled "Ideas Help You Live Better Electrically". Included is a handy planning guide and check off list help you plan your new home.

## OPERATING REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

|                                  | 1956           | 1957           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Members Billed             | 6343           | 6569           |
| Average Bill—Farm                | \$7.82         | \$8.44         |
| Average Bill—All Members         | \$19.26        | \$21.14        |
| Average KWH—Farm                 | 230            | 261            |
| Average KWH—All Members          | 966            | 1090           |
| Miles Energized—Distr. & Transm. | 4178           | 4152           |
| Cost of Purchased Power          | \$41,317.75    | \$45,379.72    |
| Total KWH Purchased              | 7,162,436      | 8,287,900      |
| Total KWH Sold                   | 6,125,264      | 7,158,708      |
| Percent Line Losses              | 14.48          | 13.62          |
| Total Assets                     | \$8,951,495.22 | \$9,879,126.95 |
|                                  | \$12,921.40    | \$16,123.80    |

## Irrigation Connections

r. David G. Odam installed a HP motor on his property

June 17, 1958 . . . . City of D'Hanis flooded by Seco Creek  
\*See photos following page . . .





1960....to Present....Planned and landscaped a city park,  
dedicated to the Future Farmers of America and the  
Future Homemakers of America. Their respective  
emblems are attached to a monument in the center of  
the park. The Lions club continues to maintain the  
park.

1961....Identified and awarded Outstanding Conservation  
Farmers and Ranchers in the community.

1st Place: State Outstanding Group  
Upper Seco Group (D'Hanis)  
Howard Rothe, Lawrence Rothe, Bonnard Rothe,  
Bill Rothe, Calvin Bendele, Herman Ney

\* All are members of the D'Hanis Lions Club.  
PHOTO FOLLOWING PAGE

1963....to Present....Organized a Civic group to collect and  
pool money resources of community businesses and  
individuals, to purchase the community FFA and 4H  
member's livestock, entered in the Medina County  
Junior Livestock Show.



1964 . . . . Initiated, planned and financed a \$ 7,000.00  
Flood Control Project on Seco Creek.  
\*Project supported with pictures and newspaper  
clippings, following page . . .









May, 1967 .... to Present.... Initiated and correlated efforts of the community to work on the Seco Creek Watershed Project.

\*Project supported with newspaper clippings, following page.

# Seco Creek

# Hearing Set

# May 17



ONE OF THE REASONS why the Seco Creek hearing is being called Wednesday, May 17, is shown in this picture taken by E. L. Abbott of the Soil Conservation Service following the serious D'Hanis flood of 1958. This scene is looking south in D'Hanis toward the railroad tracks. The water had gone down about three feet when the picture was taken.

## SPARKS

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what flies up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight."

—Pillar

Edna G. McDade

### SHARED PRIDE

Sharing Medina County's pride in the accomplishments of the 4-H Club members, which brought home top honors in a 4-state district competition last week at C. E. Garing, retired county agent, is a retired county agent, "The boy set off to a good land" and County Agent G. E. Garing helped put the finishing touches to a good job well done.

### BEATING

Continually a full man but he is often with a more than good record of a career down can find. News release from Texas A. & M. University contain much information and more.

### Woman's Auxiliary to T.M.A.

Last week, reports the DALLAS NEWS, predicted that participants as soon as 1955 or 1956, a complete "space program" to be called the United Nations, will be ready for occupancy by astronauts in the Apollo space station mission program.

Dr. von Braun says this is not a dream idea but a scheduled and funded flight program, "stimulus with simple looking for true separate space craft of payload packages."

Mentoring, such as the ordinary or even after do not earn money, watch for the vacancy sign (you play to a job).

Editors: DONALD

### County Reports Third Worm Case

One additional case of screwworm was confirmed May 13 by officials at the Southwest Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Austin, bringing the total case load since the Texas case law since the weekend in force.

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As the hearing set for Wednesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the District Court at D'Hanis, the hearing will be held in the courtroom of the District Court at D'Hanis.

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# THE HONDO ANVIL HERALD

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## City Studies Future Utilities Expansion

### MOVIE HOURS ARE CHANGED

There has been a change in the movie hours at the Hondo movie theater. The hours have been changed to 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The change in movie hours is due to the fact that the theater is now a drive-in theater.

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICES AT D'HANIS NEXT SUNDAY

The baccalaureate services for the graduates of the D'Hanis High School will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the church at D'Hanis.

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### NEW CORPORATION

A new corporation has been formed in the city of Hondo. The corporation is called the Hondo Electric Utility Company.

The Hondo Electric Utility Company is a new corporation.

### When primary time

When primary time is over, the primary time is over.

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1969....to Present....Correlated community efforts to study  
and design a sewer system for the community.  
Plans are in the final stages.

\* Project supported with newspaper clipping,  
following page.

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Financing plans for the \$300,000 project call for a \$200,000 bond issue to be financed by a \$3 monthly charge to customers, and a \$100,000 grant from the Farmers Home Administration.

The water district's five-member board has been planning the project.

In addition to the \$3 monthly charge which will

pay principal and interest on the bonds, homeowners will pay an estimated \$1.25 per running foot to install sewer line from their property line to the main.

These costs are for D'Hanis property owners who hook onto the proposed sewer line during construction. Those who wait until later will be charged an additional \$35 tap fee.

Those spearheading the project note that the system will allow the community to eliminate cesspools, septic tanks and outhouses.

They note that the system will improve property values and will help the school and church which need sewer service badly now.

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department will make us stall a sewer system, because of cesspools, septic tanks and outhouses polluting our works. Then we (will) have no choice and it will be much more then.

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Pay Your Poll Tax NOW! Last Day -- January 31

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## D'Hanis Begins Flood Control Program

S P A R K S

By Bill Berger

"Forge thy tongue on an anvil of truth, and what files up, though it be but a spark, shall have weight."  
—Plutarch

My column this week was almost completely written for me, thanks to some press releases which found their way to my desk.

First was this one from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

"Expressing his desire to restrain beef imports, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman stated today that the negotiations are now underway between major exporting countries and the U. S. This announcement came at a meeting with members of the American National Cattle Raisers Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, other state cattlemen's organizations, the Rio Grande Bureau and Farmer's Union, should be.

The grass, Larry added that he will appoint a Beef Advisory committee to assist in working out the negotiations with the U. S. He expressed his interest in immediate action with regard to beef imports and beef products imports into the U. S."

ing season just goes to show that some of the suggestions from the South Texas barbeque can go a long way toward the right man in talking

### Three Democrats File For Primary

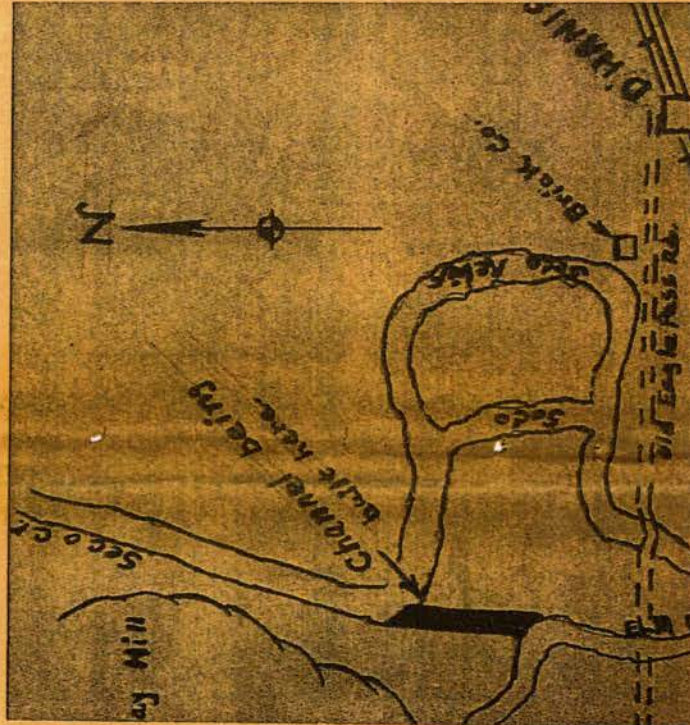
County Attorney Frank X. Vance filed application to have his name placed on the Democratic primary election ballot Wednesday with Ferd C. Meyer, Young Democratic chairman. Vance is the first county-wide office holder to announce.

Ray Keith of Devine has filed for constable, precinct 5, and Dave Howard of Uvalde has officially filed for nomination as state representative.

### Winkler Heads RM Association

At the annual meeting of the Hondo Retail Merchants Association, Inc. and Credit Bureau, Winkler was elected president for 1964. He replaces W. T. Crow, who served in the office during 1963. Other officers elected were Rocky Sadgwick, vice president; Tom Kuykendall, secretary; treasurer; and L. D. Williams, manager.

Directors of the organization are Mrs. Laura Windrow, James A. Bunker, Bob Kruger, Walter A. Bunker, W. T. Crow, Jack Winkler, Tom Kuykendall, Rocky Sadgwick and Fritz Lammert.



## Lions Club Sponsors All-Civic Project

With recorded disastrous flood losses dating back 70 years, the people of D'Hanis have this year determined to take cooperative action to forestall the likelihood of any such recurrence.

Under the sponsorship of the town's service-dedicated Lions Club, a flood control project is now under way. So eager are the sponsors and the community's citizens to get the job done that completion is now scheduled for about February first.

### OLD FLOODS

Records dated 1894 tell of the loss of lives as well as property at that time. Other recorded flood dates with major losses occurred in 1914, twice in 1932, and again in 1935 and 1948. The last flood made necessary help from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army to the amount of about \$5,000 in food and supplies for the flood victims.

Following the 1935 flood, previous studies made by the Bureau of Reclamation were presented but no preventive measures were taken. That flood, say those who lived through it, practically ruined the town of D'Hanis. Investigations were at-

Engineers issued the required permits and their endorsement of the plans. Landowners granted the necessary easements. The cost of the completed project will be approximately \$7,000 and almost, if not every dollar of it will be home-contributed.

### PLANS AND PROGRESS

An accompanying sketch shows the proposed solution to the D'Hanis flood control problem. Involved are two creeks, the Seco and the Parier. These creeks have plagued the area for many years. The heavy rains, particularly the downpours in the west end of town, where there is a concentration of smaller homes. The town's big brick plant has also suffered heavy flood damages with each flood.

Completed now is a levee, built on the east bank of the Seco on the property of Mrs. Walter Ellersford, to stop the overflow of water from the regular creek bed. Now under construction is a channel, on the west end of Glasscock land, to route the future flood waters directly south and away from town. The completed channel will measure

★ ★ ★  
tax payments have taken a sharp rise, and we report that as of Tuesday 2,128 have made payments. This is still far below what it should be, with two more weeks left until the end of January, there is a chance for a respectable number to be enrolled as voting citizens.

★ ★ ★  
People who enjoy cigarettes are finding it necessary to cut down on their reading these days.

★ ★ ★  
Cigarettes are big business, even in such a small area as Medina County. Based upon national statistics, and figuring our county population at 18,000, there were about 2 million packages used last year. This means half a million dollars — more than enough to take care of the entire cost of the new Medina Memorial Hospital, with plenty of money to run on for a long time.

★ ★ ★  
Not all the college scholarships are being offered to McVea and Baer this year. According to the Interscholastic League newspaper, there are several good awards being offered to participants in the literary and academic contests.

A spot check of the 1960 recipients of scholarships indicated that all except one of ten students who were aided were still in college and about to graduate, or are already doing graduate work.

## New Post Office Ready For Use August - November

Congressman Joe Kilgore's program reporting the Post Office Department's acceptance of city's bid for Hondo's new office arrived too late for auction in last week's January sale.

Good news spread quickly in town and reassured the Postmaster Harry Fillemann of approval was matched by Mayor Al Schiffer and council members.

The new masonry building will have an interior space of approximately 5000 square feet, with better than 550 square feet for a loading platform and approximately 12,645 square feet of outside area to be used for parking.

(See NEW PO, Page 2A)

**COMPLETION DATE**  
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places outgoing directors Ralph DeMontel and Bob Kohnman.

## Garden Club To Observe Arbor Day

In observance of Arbor Day, the Hondo Garden Club will present a special program for the school children of Hondo on Friday, June 17, at 2:30 p.m. at Meyer Elementary School.

Mrs. O. A. Fly is chairman of a committee with members Mrs. Richard Reilly and Mrs. Earl Lacy. Mrs. Fly will give a short history of Arbor Day as preliminary to the planting of a tree on the school grounds.

Representatives chosen from each of the Meyer grades will share in the planting by adding a shovel of dirt to the space provided for the tree.

The Arbor Day program and the gift of a tree for the school is an annual project of the Hondo Garden Club, according to Mrs. W. L. Taylor, president.

## City's 30-Cent Key Rate Right

An announcement last week that the city's key rate on insurance had been penalized five cents because of old water mains caused Homer Wilson of the local water department to make a trip to Austin to put the matter straight.

New mains had been installed last year to insure earning the 30-cent rate which had been applied. Through some oversight, however, this rate had not been properly recorded by the State Insurance Board.

Wilson was assured by the State Fire Insurance Commission that Hondo did qualify for the 30-cent rate and local insurance agents have also confirmed the rate.

## GROSS STAMP SALES UP 23%

Postmaster Harry Fillemann reports a 23 per cent increase in gross stamp sales in the Hondo post office for 1963.

The 1962 total was \$42,418.40, compared to the 1963 total of \$52,274.88.

"The increase," said Fillemann, "is due in a large measure to the increase in postal rates which went into effect last year."



D'HANIS FLOOD CONTROL PLAN

## APPLICATION FOR POLL TAX

You May Pay Your Poll Tax or secure Your Exemption by Filling Out This Form

Mail To, Assessor-Collector of Taxes,  
MEDINA COUNTY, HONDO, TEXAS

I hereby apply for Poll Tax Receipt or Exemption and by this instrument furnish you the necessary information to enable you to prepare said receipt.

(Home address must be shown.)

NAME .....  
HOME ADDRESS—If Rural Route,  
Give Box and Route—Also Street or Road .....

Age ..... (give birth date) ..... Telephone No. ....  
Length of residence in Texas ..... In Medina County .....  
Length of residence in city of ..... Years. ....

Occupation .....  
If in military service, were you a legal resident of Medina County at the time of entering active duty? .....

Male ☐ Female ☐ White ☐ Colored ☐ Native Born ☐  
Naturalized citizen of U. S. ☐

Birthplace — state of .....  
All of which I certify

Signed ..... If husband or wife of applicant check here ☐

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### TLB 48 Registers 14 Medina Men

Texas Local Board No. 46 announces the following list of registrants from Medina County:

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The City Council meeting scheduled regularly for the second Tuesday in the month on Jan. 13, was postponed to Wednesday due to Mayor Al Schiffer's absence on other business.

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and since the death of N. P. Pope last summer, had filled the position as acting chief of the bank.

Henry Martin Finger was named cashier. Other officers and directors, all re-elected, include: Elmer J. Leinweber, vice-president; Edwin K. Grell and Samuel D. Moss, assistant cashiers; and directors Frank X. Vance, W. F. Wallace, W. A. Bendele, Henry K. Finger, Robert P. Wallace, and Elmer J. Leinweber.

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## Flood Control Program



D'HANIS FLOOD CONTROL PLAN

### Lions Club Sponsors All-Civic Project

With recorded disastrous flood losses dating back 70 years, the people of D'Hanis have this year determined to take co-operative action to forestall the likelihood of any such recurrence.

Under the sponsorship of the town's service-dedicated Lions Club, a flood control project is now under way. So eager are the sponsors and the community's citizens to get the job done that completion is now scheduled for about February first.

#### OLD FLOODS

Records dated 1894 tell of the loss of lives as well as property at that time. Other recorded flood dates with major losses occurred in 1914, twice in 1932, and again in 1935 and 1948. The last flood made necessary help from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army to the amount of about \$5,000 in food and supplies for the flood victims.

Following the 1935 flood, previous studies made by the Bureau of Reclamation were presented but no preventive measures were taken. That flood, say those who lived through it, practically ruined the town of D'Hanis. Investigations were also made by the U. S. Corps of Water Engineers.

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#### SUPPORT

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Engineers issued the required permits and their endorsement of the plans. Landowners granted the necessary easements. The cost of the completed project will be approximately \$7,000 and almost, if not every dollar of it will be home-contributed.

#### PLANS AND PROGRESS

An accompanying sketch shows the proposed solution to the D'Hanis flood control problem. Involved are two creeks, the Seco and the Parker. These creeks have plagued the area for many years in time of heavy rains, particularly the lowlands in the west end of town where there is a concentration of smaller homes. The town's big brick plant has also suffered heavy flood damages with each flood.

Completed now is a levee, built on the east bank of the Seco on the property of Mrs. Walter Hitzfeldt, to stop the overflow of water from the regular creek bed. Now under construction is a channel, on the Woodrow Glascock land, to reroute any future flood waters directly south and away from town. The completed channel will measure 700 feet long, 100 feet wide at the base, and 200 feet at the top. Some 35,000 cubic yards of dirt are being moved under the direction of Sabinal contractor Al Rehm who was low bidder for the job.

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Mail To, Assessor-Collector of Taxes,  
MEDINA COUNTY, HONDO, TEXAS

I hereby apply for Poll Tax Receipt or Exemption and by this instrument furnish you the necessary information to enable you to prepare said receipt.

Some address must be shown.

NAME

HOME ADDRESS—If Rural Route,