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A final thank - you, too, for all those special people who came as guests --- and assisted in any way at our celebration!

REMARKS BY COUNTY JUDGE ROBERT N. BARNES

"I made comments based on these facts, in part, that are from the minutes of the Commissioners Court."

"December 1, 1913, bids were received on the new courthouse and jail. Separate bids on general contract for jail equipment, plumbing and electrical and phones. Total about \$225,000."

"February, 1913, the county judge was authorized to have trees planted. Harvey L. Page was paid from fees."

"Quarterly payments to county commissioners for supervising roads in their precincts were \$100 each (this makes \$400 a year) plus they got \$3 per meeting. (I said that the Caller-Times editorial board would have probably liked these annual compensations for county commissioners for \$415 a year.)"

"March 18, 1814: Courthouse and jail bonds were sold to George Clark. (His descendants are still in the community, of course.) The commissioners court consisted of Walter Timon, county judge; T.M. Lawrence, C.C. Wright, J.T. Bartlett and W.H. Hull."

"Also, during this time the court submitted and the people voted a \$165,000 bond issue for what we would now call the Nueces Bay Causeway to what we now call Portland." (San Patricio)

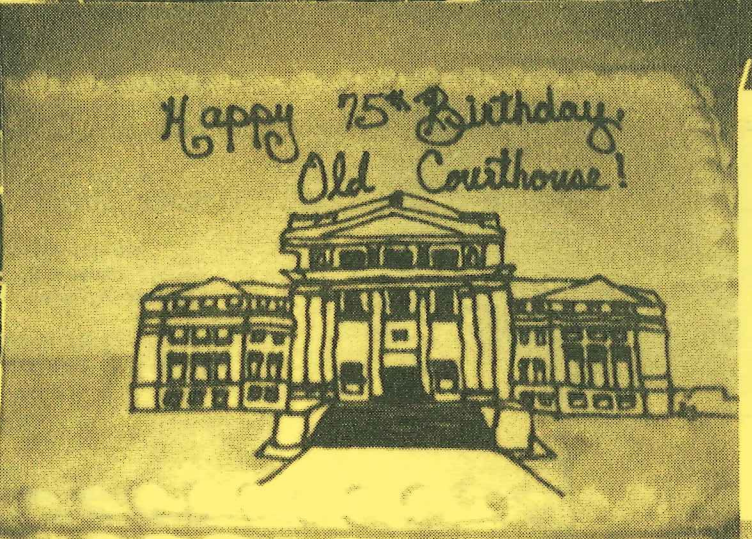
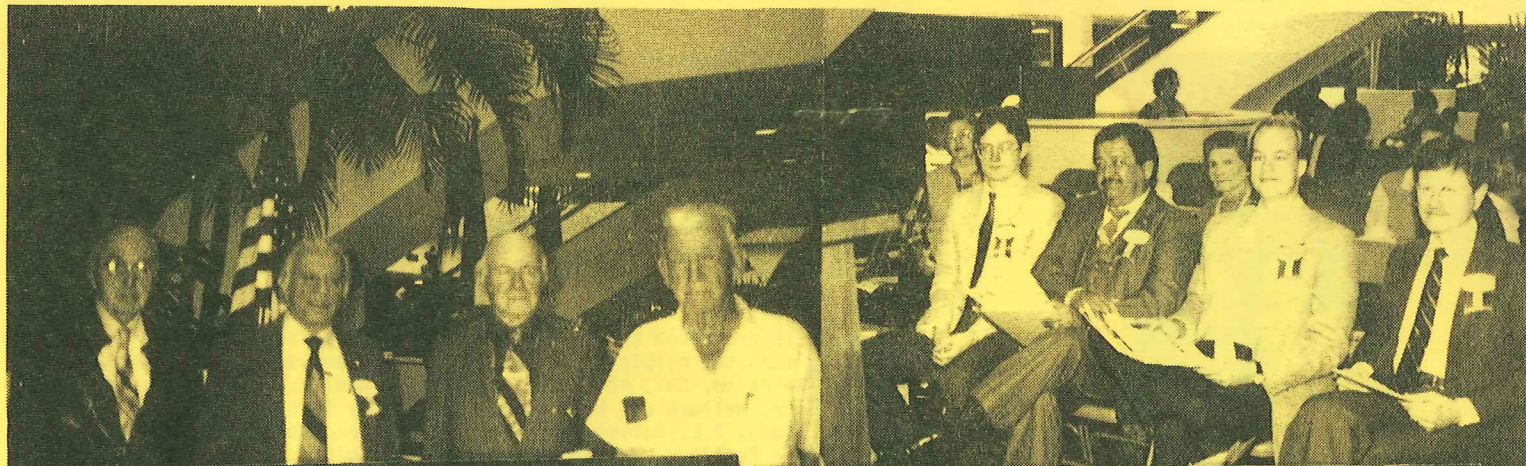
"November, 1914: Familiar names in the General Election were James Ferguson, governor; W.P. Hobby, Lt. Gov. (Bill Hobby's daddy). John Garner, Congress (former Vice President Under Roosevelt); Archie Parr, state senator; Pat Dunn, state representative, and August Uehlinger, county clerk (Marion's late husband's father)."

"January, 1915: Bids were authorized for the removal of the old courthouses and jail on the site. (No Walberg, etc., apparently objected.)"

"February 1, 1915: Commissioners met with contractor to receive the new courthouse and jail, and the county judge was authorized to hire a janitor."

"February 19, 1915: A public reception was held in the new courthouse and jail. The commissioners court in 1915 was the same as above, except that J.C. Baldwin replaced W.H. Hull."

"Also, in February, 1915, the commissioners court authorized the purchase of a 1915 model 8' seven-passenger Cadillac and hired a chauffeur. (The editorial board would not have liked this!)."



Happy 75th Birthday, Old Courthouse! and A Sesquicentennial Salute to Colonel Henry Lawrence Kinney

The atrium area in the lobby of the Nueces County Courthouse was a perfect setting for a grand celebration honoring the Old Courthouse and Col. Kinney, founder of Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi.

About 300 persons visited the exhibits, bought our memorabilia and attended our program and social hour.

The steering committee composed of: County Judge Robert N. Barnes, Peggy Bickham, Cecil Burney, Anita Eisenhauer, Dr. Dalia Garcia, Hannah Haegelin, Thomas Murphy, and Margaret Walberg, wishes to express grateful appreciation to the following:

Building Superintendent Tom Miller, Bill Curtis, and staff for setting up and dismantling.

Constable Johnny Alaniz and staff for serving as guards and helping dismantle.

County Auditor Thomas B. Murphy and his staff: Kathryn Moore Davis, Kay Goodwin, and Irma Zavala, for clerical and accounting help.

County Judge Robert N. Barnes and Mary Louise Pena, his secretary, for office space and general assistance.

County Sheriff James Hickey for his display of 1914 courthouse jail memorabilia and two deputies for security.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times, Corpus Christi Arts Council, KZTV, KRIS-TV and KIII-TV, and radio stations, for the wonderful coverage.

Art Community Center, for lending props.

HEB, Airline at Robert, for artistry in drawing the Old Courthouse on the birthday cake.

Corpus Christi Public Library Local History Room.

Special appreciation is expressed to the following, who participated in the program:

Color guards, District Judge Noah Kennedy, Jr., and District Judge Mike Westergren.

Speakers: Cecil Burney, Jim Rome, District Judge Joaquin Villarreal, Scott Johnson and Dr. Robert Wooster.

Hannah Haegelin led the pledges of allegiance, Peggy Bickham gave the invocation and Ray Garcia pronounced the benediction.