

WHY?

Was it lack of investigation? Was it just an error? Or was it intentional?

Following are Excerpts from The Crockett Democrat:

Issue of May 13, 1948:

"Council votes to push collections of \$26,000 in delinquent taxes as audit reveals no funds available.

"Audit report shows the City to be on verge of bankruptcy."

The above articles appeared in issues of the Crockett Democrat only one week apart. Why the discrepancies? Was it because the Mayor desired to make a loan to or for the City of Crockett through the loan brokers, Allison and Henderson?

Are The People of Crockett Entitled to Actual Facts?

Crockett Democrat issue of January 13, 1949:

"Now the last improvement bond issue went into stock piles of pipe, valves, and other things. When the necessary materials were bought, the city did not have enough money to put the sewer lines in place or extend the water mains out to where they should have been.

Following are figures, showing generally where the \$200,000.00 worth of "useless" material, mentioned above, is. These figures were taken from the records and audit on file at the City Hall of Crockett, Texas, and open to anyone's inspection; all figures given below are in close round numbers, and the exact amounts can be verified at the City hall.

Two Water Storage Tanks, Capacity 310,000 gallons (both tanks now in use and needed)	\$ 32,000.00
New Sewerage Treatment Plant and lift station both urgently needed and now in use	60,000.00
Total 14750 lin feet of water lines both 6 and 4 inch lines all in use at present time, 16 Fire Hydrants; Total 10400 feet, 15", 12", 10", 8" and 6" sewer lines; and 1800 lin feet force main sewer line; Labor, material and incidentals, all badly needed and now in use	71,450.00
Machinery and Equipment purchased, all still on hand in daily present use, in good condition	10,550.00
Administrative and Legal Expense in handling bond issue	6,000.00
Materials on hand, including pipe, valves, meters, sewer pipe. Estimated cost	20,000.00
(Estimated Present Value \$30,000.00)	
TOTAL	\$200,000.00

We feel the people of Crockett are entitled to FACTS—and then make their decisions at the polls—regardless of whether we are for or against the bond issue.

Paid for by Interested Tax Payers of City of Crockett, Texas.

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CROCKETT

THURSDAY ONLY

"Man Eater From Kumaon"

— With —

Sale — Wendell Corey

— With —

Jeane Page

The gripping story of deadly conflict in the deepest jungles.

FRIDAY — SATURDAY

ROY ROGERS

— In —

"Night Time In Nevada"

— With —

Andy Devine — Adele Mara

— With —

The Sons of The Pioneers

SUNDAY — MONDAY

BETTE DAVIS

ROBERT MONTGOMERY

— In —

"June Bride"

— With —

JIMMY WARELY

JENNIFER HOLT

Also Chapter No. 3 of Camp 888

SUNDAY — MONDAY

"Tarzan And The Mermaid"

— With —

JOHN W. WEAVER

BRUNDA JOYCE

Also Chapter No. 4 of Camp 888

State Class Help Needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Munn attended

deliberations at Longview

Friday, when a flowing oil well was

dedicated to the Boy and Girl Scout

of East Texas. Proceeds from the

well are expected to support the boy

and girl Scout organization of East

Texas. Mr. Munn represented the

most Texas area for the Girl Scout

organization.

Building Permits.

The last building permit issued by

City Secretary J. B. Woodson during

1948 was to J. B. Smith for a resi-

dence in Hogg addition. The date

was December 28.

The first permit of 1949 was issued

on January 14 and was to J. U. Heas-

ley Jr. for a residence in Pinecrest

addition. The two permits mentioned

above add up to \$4000 in new con-

struction in the city.

Crockett State Bank Election.

Stockholders of the Crockett State

Bank held their annual meeting Janu-

ary 11 and selected the following

directors: W. H. Denny, S. T. Denny,

N. L. Satterwhite, E. T. Oiler, J. W.

Bennett and Frank Towery.

The directors then held their annual

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officers: W. H. Denny, president; B.

L. Satterwhite, vice president; Charles

L. Fuller, cashier, and Alia Petty,

assistant cashier.

Car Overturns.

A man named Johnson, from Pale-

stine, lost control of his car and, late-

ly Tuesday night of last week, over-

turned. Although bruised up

considerably, the Palestine man re-

ceived serious injury. A passerby

brought him to a Crockett hotel and

a wrecker was dispatched to bring in

his car. It is said that the man was

driving rapidly toward Crockett and

that a bicycle rider loomed up sud-

denly in front of him, whereupon he

took to the bar ditch and overturned.

Hide Wanted.

Will receive bids for lease and re-

capture of 1 Motor Grader, Tandem

Drive, approximately 25 H. P., Diesel

Engine, and Power Control and 1200

2 1/2 tires on all wheels. Bids to be

opened February 14, 1949.

The County expects to trade in at

part of first year rental. 1 used Cat-

pillar No. 10, Auto Patrol, Tandem

Drive Motor Grader and one used

Caterpillar 10 foot pull grader, bal-

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to be in cash. Roy Selman,

County Judge, Houston County, Texas,

is Highway, California.

A highway collision occurred on U.

S. Highway 287 in north Crockett,

near the Jink Manning store, Thurs-

day afternoon. A jeep operated by

Billy McCarty, who was turning, and

light vehicle occupied by Mr. and

Mrs. Jesse Rupp of Latona and trav-

eling southwest collided in the high-

way. Billy Rupp and a youth named

Vickers were with McCarty. Both ve-

hicles were badly damaged. Mr. Rupp

was brought to a local hospital for

treatment. Her injuries were not

thought to be serious. Others escaped

with minor injuries, mostly bruises.

Last Home.

Ray Harts, long water, short chain

around neck. Left from Arker, last

seen on Kennard highway. Notify G.

C. Oliver, Kennard, Texas, Route 1.

H. S.

To The Citizens Of Crockett:

The undersigned, who are all the Aldermen of the City of Crockett, feel duty bound to inform the people of certain facts in connection with the \$100,000 bond election to be held in Crockett on January 28, 1949.

Under the present City government of Crockett, City taxes cannot be raised for the reason that the rate is now as high as is allowed by law. If this bond issue carries, we will be required to take money now used by the general fund and use this money to pay off these bonds. This will result in the curtailment of the services furnished by the City such as street maintenance, garbage disposal, fire protection, police protection, and all other work now done by the City.

IF THE BOND ISSUE CARRIES, AND IF THE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE POPULATION OF CROCKETT IS OVER 5,000 AND THUS AUTOMATICALLY RAISE OUR TAX LIMITS.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that if you vote these bonds we will be forced to adopt such a resolution and raise your tax rates.

We think it only fair to give you this information before you cast your vote.

O. B. Rhone
C. N. Sullivan
Dr. L. W. Thomason
T. D. Craddock
R. C. Overstreet

Our Service Policy

The best way to express our thanks and to be assured of the continued patronage of our service customers is for everyone in our organization to observe these simple rules:

- TO USE ONLY FACTORY ENGINEERED AND INSPECTED PARTS.
- TO FOLLOW FACTORY PROCEDURE THOROUGHLY.
- TO REPORT ANY LIKELY FAILURES IN CAR PERFORMANCE — BUT TO DO ONLY THE WORK AUTHORIZED.
- TO DO ALL WORK CHEERFULLY AND AS QUICKLY AS GOOD WORKMANSHIP WILL PERMIT.

All of us should assume that our customers earn their money the hard way, as we do, and have the right to expect from us what we would demand, if our positions were reversed.

24-Hour Wrecker Service EAST TEXAS MOTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.

Plymouth and DeSoto Automobiles
Case Farm Machinery

Legion Meeting Monday.

Brillford Post No. 134, American Legion, will meet Monday night in the Knights of Pythias hall. At that time the Legion fair board will be elected. It is expected, also, that some will be received by that time.

Pythian Installation.

Officers of Davy Crockett Lodge No. 107, Knights of Pythias, will be installed at a rally meeting in the hall of the Crockett quints' castle hall Friday night, January 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Sam Halvard is the incoming, chancellor commander, to visitors into a five-point lead with success Marcus Mason, J. W. Ar-

beige, deputy grand chancellor, will be the installing officer.

BULLDOGS DOWN HORNETS TUESDAY

The Crockett High Bulldogs staged a sustained second half rally to nose out the Huntsville High Hornets 33 to 32 in the local gym Tuesday night, before a capacity crowd. Trailing 21-12 at the half, the Crockett quints' cut steadily into the Huntsville fire's lead until a brief flurry pulled the issue squarely up to Friday night's contest at Madisonville. The Huntsville B team easily defeated the Crockett B quintet.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bailey Jr. of play and W. T. Hoskins broke the Palestine were here Sunday.

IT'S TIME NOW

(Call 154)

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Time to start checking with us on those

Spring House Keeping Improvements.

Estimates

Cheerfully furnished.

Without obligation

L U M B E R

ROOFING NAILS

WINDOWS DOORS

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INSULATION

Telephone 154

Stowe Lumber Company



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[controll] [uncertain]

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