

# ARMY, SCHOOLS GIVE S. A. FULL DINNER PAIL

## Nix Professional Building Adds Three Stories to Reach 26

**SKYSCRAPER LEADING IN FLOOR AREA**

Total of 286,543 Sq. Ft. or 30 Per Cent Greater Than Second Largest in S. A.

The J. M. Nix Professional building, underway, will be 26 stories high instead of 23 as originally announced, according to Henry T. Phelps, who is completing plans for the enlarged structure. As a result, it will be the tallest building in the city, measuring 319 feet from the street to the roof.

Steel work was stopped several weeks ago at the seventeenth floor at which time additional steel was ordered for the new stories. Erection of the remainder for the steel will be resumed within the next two or three weeks, according to J. P. Higgins, general contractor for the \$2,000,000 structure.

**286,543 FEET SPACE**  
 The Nix building, before the addition of the extra stories, was the largest building in the city from the standpoint of floor space, having a total of 263,543 square feet. The addition gives it 23,000 square feet additional space or a grand total of 286,543 square feet, as compared with 265,600 square feet in the Smith-Young tower, its nearest competitor.

The Nix building will have 23 full size rentable floors, exclusive of the tower, which runs its total height from the street level to 319 feet.

**BUILDING PLAN.**  
 The first eight floors and basement will be used as ultra modern storage garage, while the next six will be used as office structure. The next two floors will be left unfinished for the present to be used as office space or hospital, according to demand. The next six floors will be used as a modern hospital and health ward with elaborate operating rooms on the top floor. The machinery, equipment, etc., will occupy the three-story tower.

**Willacy County Awards Contract for Road Work**

The Willacy commissioners' court has awarded the contract for the clearing of the new road to Red Fish bay and Legion bench the first of the week to Tom Heath of Mercedes.

It is desired by the King interests that the road strike the present road at the Saule ranch gate, and the new road comes in just above the ranch house. It is expected that within a few days the matter will be straightened out and work will go forward with a rush.

**Point Isabel to Receive Telephone Exchange Building**

A new telephone exchange building will be constructed and the latest type telephone common battery system will be installed at Point Isabel, according to an announcement made by J. C. Paxton, general manager of the Rio Grande Valley Telephone company.

**Bids Received on Curtains, Seats for Lake Building**

Bids are being received to close December 2 at 10 a. m. on seats and stage curtains for Woodlawn Lake recreation and library building, according to Emmett T. Jackson, architect.

### MOST HIGHLY DEVELOPED RECREATION PARK



**College Library to Get Addition Costing \$50,000**

Construction has been started on an addition to the Lady of the Lake college library building on Twenty-fourth street, reports Leo M. Dielman, architect for the \$50,000 improvement. The addition is to have two stories and basement and will adjoin the present structure.



San Pedro Park, on the north side, is S. A.'s most highly developed recreation ground, from intellectual as well as physical standpoints. Top, auditorium and fine arts building. Below, new north side library, under way. Below, swimming pool, and below that road improvements. Right, Miss Anna Mae Richert.

### PROJECTS TO GIVE WORK TO 10,100 AND WILL AID WINTER LABOR SITUATION

San Antonio will have a "full dinner pail" this winter and spring. Practically every architectural and contracting office and approximately 10,100 men will be employed by construction at Randolph field, "West Point of the Air," and 35 school jobs. The army and school work involve a total of \$16,000,000 for the 1929-30 period.

Attracted more than usually to San Antonio largely on account of army construction work and flocking of building in almost every city in the United States, workers are virtually pouring into the city. The new building projects just announced will play a most important part in relieving the situation, labor leaders declare.

**6000 AT FIELD.**  
 San Antonio's building industry today finds itself over supplied with labor, lenders state, the city's usual supply being adequate to handle the work, with the exception of some instances in the more skilled building trades. This occupancy at present is not serious, according to V. B. Bryant, manager of the employment department of the Open Shop association, who has been in the employment business in San Antonio for the last 16 years.

The work at Randolph field will employ approximately 6000 men between now and the close of the first six months of 1930, it is estimated, while the 35 school jobs, which involve the expenditure of \$6,000,000, the city and suburbs will give work to approximately 4000, including workers in architectural offices.

**NO MORE NEEDED.**  
 The work at Randolph field, Mr. Bryant points out, will employ less carpenters than masonry workers, due to the type of construction to be used. "No additional men of any consequence are needed here," said Mr. Bryant.

W. L. Hoefgen, labor leader at the Labor temple, stated that while he was not in a position to estimate the number of men the two large projects would employ, "they will not put half the unemployed men to work."

"However," he said, "they will relieve the situation a great deal."

**MANY BIDDERS.**  
 Raymond Phelps of Phelps and DeWees, architects for the school board, estimated that the school projects, including one senior high school costing about \$1,000,000 and other new junior schools and remodeling of present structures, would employ some 4500 to 5000 men, including architectural workers, clerks, masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, tile setters and others.

The buildings at Randolph field are drawing bidders on all types of work from all over America, while the schools' bidders are confined, so far, to San Antonio men. Practically every San Antonio architectural and contracting office will have something to do with the school work, it is indicated by early bidding on the first four jobs.

**SCHOOL BIDDERS.**  
 Will N. Noonan company, architects for No. 8 grade school addition, Peecos and San Fernando, reports 41 bidders. On the general contract are J. M. Oldham, J. E. Dicker, R. C. Shane, William Balzen, Rogers & Crosby, Allen and Allen, R. W. Frischmuth, Gilbert, Fahn & company, T. H. Walker, Thompson Construction company, William H. Rux, William C. Perry, C. A. Weber, H. A. Miller, Martin Ebert, W. A. Sonnen, Dielman Construction company, Ranspach Brothers, J. M. Chittin, N. Jones Construction company, K. C. Grauberg. On the plumbing and heating Noonan reported A. J. Monier, H. C. O'Donnell, A. H. Shafer, West & Gutzeit, Jial & Ormand, Seidel Plumbing and Heating company, Ed Holston, Wood and Jay, J. L. Chalkley Brothers, Kirkwood & Winston, Braden-Hudson, the writing, Altman Code, Loyd-Peale-Dittmar.

**Warehouse, Office Bids Close Dec. 3**  
 Bids will be received until December 3, at 10 o'clock, for the \$175,000 warehouse and office building to be erected on South Flores street for the International Harvester company, states J. M. Ryan, district manager. The structure will be in two sections, one ironing on South Flores and the other in the rear along the railroad siding. The front building will have three stories, 100 feet by 150 feet, and the other structure will have one story, 57 feet by 250 feet. It will be of brick, tile, concrete, steel and stone construction and will be fireproof. W. B. Price, Chicago, is the company's architect.

**E. Lullwood Gets Pretty New Home**  
 C. A. Cole, 214 Kings highway, is building a new home at 262 East Lullwood, Ferguson and Wood, 1011 Drexel, are contractors. The home is of brick veneer and sheetrock.

**Ridgewood Duplex Gets Under Way**  
 A new duplex is being built at 726 Ridgewood by William R. A. Greese Jr., 511 Commercial. The duplex has 10 rooms.

**Bandera Highway Another Residence**  
 Work is under way on a new residence on the Bandera highway for Wiggins Cary. The home is of stucco, frame and concrete.

### Board to Hold Annual Banquet, Inaugural Ball

The annual banquet and inaugural ball of the San Antonio Real Estate board will be held at the Alamo Country club Saturday evening, December 7, at 8 p. m.

The entertainment committee promises an evening of pleasure, good food, good dance music and several interesting features.

All members, active, associate, sales division and their families and friends of all members are welcome to attend. H. C. Thorman, Sterling Freeborn, V. G. Sharver compose the committee.

Cassey Y. Hirschfeld, sales director for Terrill Hite, Inc., will outline practical methods used in obtaining prospects at the selling conference, one of a series, being conducted by the sales division of the board in the Pan-American room of the Gaultier hotel, next Tuesday, at 8:45 a. m.

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