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Juvenile Fee Report To Be Ready Friday

A committee of district judges will report to the County Juvenile Board Friday on its investigation of a \$120,000 architects' fee awarded by Commissioners Court for construction in Dallas County.

Dist. Judges Dick Dixon, Robert L. Hall and Faine L. Bush held their first meeting at noon Tuesday, a day after Dist. Judge Sarah T. Hughes, juvenile board chairman, appointed them to investigate the 12 per cent fee. Judge Dixon, chairman of the committee, said members agreed to study the contract and make recommendations on it Friday.

The juvenile board ordered the investigation after discovering that Maurice Peterman, architect, and W. D. Robinson, an engineer associated with him, had been awarded a 12 per cent contract for building a \$600,000 juvenile home and supervising \$400,000 in repairs to Sunshine Home and Boys Industrial School at Hutchins.

Each of six district judges on the board Friday agreed that the fee had been presented to them as 6 per cent. They said they were not aware of provisions in the contract until after Commissioners Court had signed it with Peterman and Robinson.

Judge Dixon Tuesday would not discuss what recommendations he would make to the juvenile board committee, or what the board would do with its report.

The report probably will be made for presentation Monday during a public hearing on the contract before Commissioners Court.

Julian Capers Jr., managing director of the Dallas chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., asked for the hearing. In a letter to County Judge Al Templeton, who heads Commissioners Court, Capers said Tuesday he wanted to appear because of "certain statements in the contract which this organization considers to be an unjust reflection on the integrity of those Dallas citizens who are engaged in the business of general contracting."

Capers apparently referred to a provision in the contract which declared the contractor would hire a general contractor because it "recognized" the practice of general contractors subcontracting the work, charging cost plus 10 per cent and adding a 15 to 25 per cent profit.

Instead, the agreement signed by the court provides that the county will let contracts direct to each trade.

"There are certain clauses in the document," Capers' formal request for a court hearing declared, "which seem to indicate that Commissioners Court is without any comprehensive understanding of the use of the contract method of construction as a complete and universally used safeguard for the public in the expenditure of public moneys."

John Sorenson, general manager of the Dallas Building and Construction Trades Council, which represents some 10,000 construction workers, also asked a hearing.

Herbert M. Fatum, president of the Dallas chapter of the American Institute of Architects, said his group advised Commissioners Court in September that architectural fees, including engineering services, should be 6 per cent of construction costs. Dallas architects entered the squeal when they objected to the court's employment of a St. Louis architectural firm to plan the building.

FATAL FIGURES

Killed in county motor vehicle accidents outside city limits:

44
Killed in motor vehicle accidents inside the city:
40
Dallas County 1948 total:
84



CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

The first 1948 Christmas trees arrived in Dallas Tuesday all the way from British Columbia. This group of children were the trees' first admirers. They stood outside the A&P Super Market warehouse to watch Raymond Floyd, head of the produce department, unload the trees. The trees will go on sale Monday. Like most other items, they will be priced a little higher this year, about 12 per cent over 1947.

PIANO A WONDERFUL GIFT

Deaf Children Thrill To The Feel of Music

By HELEN BULLOCK

Members of the Dallas Lions Club Tuesday presented a grand piano to the Pilot Institute for the Deaf, then stayed awhile to see just what piano music can mean to children who can not hear.

The Lions settled down into midge chairs in the school's rhythm room and heard Teacher Mary Belle Seagrath explain:

"These youngsters can't hear the music. We try to teach them to feel it in their bodies so they can carry it over into speech inflection. With our old upright piano we could teach only two tots at a time."

Just then seven tiny boys and girls filed into the room, surrounded the big new piano, gripped its edges with their fingers. They read these instructions on Miss Seagrath's lips:

"Shut your eyes. Keep them closed while the piano plays. When it stops, raise both your arms high."

Eyelids were squeezed together. Mrs. J. L. Chaney, the pianist, began to play. Vibrations of sound surged from the piano strings through the mahogany into fourteen small hands.

Each time the melody quit, up went fourteen arms. The next demonstration was with slightly bigger pupils. They clasped the piano's edge while Mrs. Chaney beat out a march. Up went a small boy's hand. Miss Seagrath nodded to him and he marched in time to the music.

Others recognized a skater's waltz, an Indian war dance and music, as its vibrations flowed from the floor into their feet.

"It's hard to realize they can't hear," said one astonished Lion.

The rhythm band of seventeen pupils played Jingle Bells and Santa Claus Is Coming to Town. The rhythm the children feel is See CHILDREN, Page 24, Col. 2

School Board Okays Plans Of Buildings

Three building projects were authorized by the Dallas School Board Tuesday to be constructed from part of the \$4,000,000 bond issue to be sold in early fall next year.

The projects, recommended by School Supt. W. T. White, include additions to Booker T. Washington High and Preston Hollow schools and a physical education building at Sunset High School. White said plans for the Sunset building include a gymnasium, auditorium, lunchrooms, shops and additional classrooms.

The board's action made a total of six construction projects scheduled for next year. At the last meeting, the board authorized a junior high addition to Forest Avenue High School, a senior high school for South Oak Cliff and a special school for crippled children.

White said that if plans and drawings for the six projects are completed in time by the board's consulting engineer, architects for the projects should be approved at the Tuesday, Dec. 7, meeting.

CEILING VOTED IN OAK CLIFF ON LION COSTS

The Oak Cliff Lions Club Tuesday voted a ceiling on high prices—especially the prices of the Oak Cliff Lions Club.

The directors summarily ordered that the club promote fewer ticket sales.

They also ordered Taltwister John Willis to limit his fines for being late, missing meetings and so on to no more than 20¢. In recent weeks, Willis, who evidently is a financial optimist, had been fining members as much as \$3.

The board hastily amended the limit on fines to provide one exception. The limit does not apply when the victim is a city or county official, it said. The limit there is still Willis' imagination.

HOSPITAL TO OPEN FOR T.B. CHILDREN

By HARRY MCCORMICK

The first children's tuberculosis hospital in Texas and probably the first in the Southwest will be opened here about Jan. 1, it was announced Tuesday. It will be backed by a million-dollar trust fund.

The hospital will be located temporarily in the ground floor of the Penicillin Research Foundation at 2223 Oak Lawn. It will be known as the Ivor O'Connor Morgan Memorial Hospital for Tuberculous Children, after the former Dallas woman who set up the fund.

R. B. George, president of the Dallas Children's Medical Center, and James C. Tenison, president of the Dallas National Bank and Linton S. Brindley, trust officer for

the bank, signed the contract Tuesday.

Under the agreement, the Dallas National Bank, as trust officer for the estate of Mrs. Morgan, will pay for equipping and altering the building and finance hospital operations. The medical center will administer the institution.

Mrs. Morgan, who died in 1937, left about a million dollars, much of it in downtown real estate, for setting up such a hospital. The bank, as trust officer of the estate, has been trying since then to set up a plan with Dallas medical and hospital men by which the will could be carried out.

Recently The Dallas News published a series of stories on tuberculosis in children pointing up the

need for such a hospital. Afterward Arthur C. Schoch of the Penicillin Research Foundation talked over a plan with Dr. John G. Young, chief of staff of the Texas Children's Hospital and a leading authority on tuberculous children.

"Mr. Schoch said he would give us a lease on sufficient space in foundation to house fifteen beds for children," Dr. Young said. "It is close by the Children's Medical Center."

Dr. Young then met with the trust officials of the Dallas National Bank and they agreed on the temporary location. Those interested pointed out that Dallas hospital plans at present are not settled. A new City-County Hospital is proposed, and Parkland Hospital might be turned into a tuberculosis hospital for adults with perhaps a children's department. St. Paul and Baylor Hospitals both have additions under way.

The co-operating parties said the Ivor O'Connor Morgan Memorial Hospital for Tuberculous Children is now organized and will continue under the provisions of Mrs. Morgan's will, although they reiterated that the present location is only temporary.

The new hospital will do prevention, treatment and research work in tuberculosis in children. The research will be carried on by the medical center and the Texas Children's Hospital, both of which will co-operate closely with the new institution. Mrs. Morgan's will, it was pointed out, made no provision for research, and the Dallas National Bank has been meticulous in carrying out her wishes.

Dr. Young pointed out that research at this time is most important. Rapid improvements are being introduced in new drugs and treatments, he said.

The announcement by the Dallas National Bank and the Children's Medical Center fills a gaping need in Dallas. Parkland and many other hospitals have had to reject children suffering from tuberculosis.

Dallas tuberculosis authorities say the need for increased hospital space for adults suffering with the disease is still unmet. They have estimated that 500 adults in Dallas need hospitalizing. They are now spreading the disease among children and adults for lack of space to treat them at Woodland Hospital, the only tuberculosis hospital here.

They estimated too, that approximately fifty children in the county need hospitalization, many of them in homes where adequate care and treatment are out of the question.



R. B. George left, exchanges the fountain pen with James C. Tenison, president of the Dallas National Bank, as their names were signed to a contract which brought into being the Ivor O'Connor Morgan Memorial Hospital for Tuberculous Children in Dallas. The bank, as trustee for Mrs. Morgan's million-dollar trust fund, will equip and pay for the operation. The Children's Medical Center, of which George is president, will operate the institution. In the rear, left to right, are Dr. John G. Young, Robert S. Hawthorne, both of the Children's Hospital of Texas, and Linton S. Brindley, trust officer of the Dallas National Bank.

The Theme of Our Fashion Show today will be
Pocket Edition of our Christmas Gifts Walking Show
Baker Hotel Mural Room, 12:30



The adaptation of a Christian Dior blouse and the Directoire suit, and like two French loves meeting, the air is a very happy one. Wear them separately, or be sentimental and don't separate them. The jacket, with a collar that touches the tips of your ears, should be worn up like a dandy's. The skirt, just a slim cylinder. Imported light worsted in grey. 195.00 The blouse of pure silk polkadot to be ordered specially. 69.75 Famous Second Floor Shops

french accent!



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