

Ocean Sediment Study Underway

A scientific party from A&M University sails from Galveston Monday to seek additional clues to specks of asphalt in sediments from 13,000 feet below the Gulf of Mexico.

The asphaltic particles were found in cores taken this spring in a cruise by Dr. Maurice Ewing and a party from the Lamont Geological Observatory of Columbia University and A&M researchers.

Now the Aggie researchers want additional cores or samples from the deepest part of the gulf. The particles hold special interest to geologists attempting to unravel the geological history of the gulf basin.

"What the asphalt particles signify, I'd hesitate to say," William J. Bryant said. He is scientific chief of the 12-man party sailing aboard the A&M Research Vessel Alaminos.

Cores taken during the three-week cruise will provide additional insights but not a final answer, Bryant cautioned.

"It has been speculated that some of the (organic) materials were carried to the ocean bottom by turbidity currents," Bryant said.

These are currents set in motion by earthquakes or the equivalent of underwater landslides. Science first took notice of such currents after the underwater cable linking Europe and America was broken in several places by such currents. Scientists later found evidence of these currents in fossil remains.

"But no one has observed a turbidity flow per se except in Lake Mead," Bryant said.

These currents may play a key role in carrying sediments including organic materials from relatively shallow waters to the Sigsbee Deep.

The Deep is a vast area at the bottom of the southwestern gulf, an area where the bottom is so level at spots that there is only a foot change in elevation over 8,000 feet horizontally. Such a slope is less than that found on what is considered flat land.

The Sigsbee Deep lies off the Campeche Banks, a relatively shallow area of the gulf known to fisherman and shrimpers.



A NEW GOLD OAK LEAF
Mrs. Wiley W. Bell examines her husband's new insignia of rank, a gold oak leaf, following a ceremony in the office of Col. D. L. Baker, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. Bell is Signal Corps officer assigned to the advanced ROTC section.

Firemen's Training School Dates Announced By Smith

Dates for the 35th annual Texas Firemen's Training School at A&M will be July 19-24, H. D. Smith, the school's director, announced.

Approximately 1,850 men from Texas and 20 other states will participate in the week-long program. The enrollment figure includes 250 firemen who will serve as consultants and instructors.

The following week, July 26-31, an additional 175 industrial firemen will arrive on the campus for the annual industrial fire protection school.

The 1963 school attracted 1,823 fire fighters, marshals, inspectors and others from 430 Texas towns, 29 other states and three foreign countries.

TTI Men Receive Positions

Three transportation research officials of A&M have been appointed to national committees of the Highway Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

Charles J. Keese, executive officer of the Texas Transportation Institute, will serve again for two years on Advisory Panel G-Traffic, Section Three—Operations and Control. The assignment is in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program the HRB is operating with funds of almost \$2,000,000 contributed by the states.

Dr. R. N. Traxler, head of the asphalt technology department of the Institute, has been reappointed to NCHRP Panel D — Materials, Section 9 — Bituminous Materials.

Frank Scrivner, who heads the pavement design department in the Institute, serves again as a member of the HRB committee on mechanics in earth masses and layered systems and becomes chairman of the committee of right pavement design.

ORDINANCE NO. 404

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO ASSURE A PART OF THE COST OF IMPROVING A PORTION OF PARK PLACE IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, AGAINST ABUTTING PROPERTY AND THE OWNERS THEREOF, ADOPTING ENGINEER'S ROLLS, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of College Station, Texas, has heretofore ordered that the following portion of a street in said city be improved by raising, grading and filling the same, paving and installing drains, inlets and storm sewers where provided in the plans, with necessary incidentals and appurtenances and in accordance with the plans now on file with the City and in accordance with the specifications therefor, said portion of said street being as follows, to wit:

All that certain portion of Park Place described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of Park Place and Fairview Avenue thence in a westerly direction along Park Place until same intersects FM 2154.

The improvements to Park Place shall consist of a six (6) inch compact depth limestone base with a one (1) inch plant mix surfacing 24 feet in width as provided in said plans and specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined to assess a portion of the cost of such improvements against the owners of the property abutting thereon and against such property; and

WHEREAS, the present condition of said street endangers the public health and safety and it is necessary that the improvements thereof be proceeded with while the weather permits, and such improvements are being delayed pending the passing and taking effect of this ordinance and the other proceedings incidental thereto, and such facts constitute and create an emergency:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, THAT:

I
The City of College Station does hereby determine to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements on said portion of street against abutting property thereon and against the owners of such property and said assessments to be levied in exercise of the power granted in Article II, Section XI of the Charter of said city, and as provided by Acts of 1927, 40th Legislature of the State of Texas, First Called Session, Chapter 106, page 489, as amended, commonly known as Article 1105-B, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

II
Said rolls or statements be and the same are hereby adopted and approved.

III
The several amounts proposed to be assessed against such parcels of property and the owners thereof, the other matters and things as shown on said rolls or statements being as follows, to wit:

Name of Owner	Description	West Park	No. of Front Ft.	Amount
John Manthei	Lots 1 & Pt. 2, Blk. 1	"	100.	\$ 75.00
L. G. Jones	Lots Pt. 2 & 3, Blk. 1	"	65.	48.75
Mrs. Francis Smyth	Lot 4, Blk. 1	"	65.	48.75
Monroe J. Goldberg	Lot 6, Blk. 1	"	57.5	43.12
Francis Cox	Lot 7, Blk. 1	"	50.	37.50
W. L. Pipkin	Lots 8 & Pt. 9, Blk. 1	"	65.	48.75
E. N. Roots	Lots Pt. 9, Pt. 10, Blk. 1	"	80.	60.00
E. W. Landus	Lots Pt. 10 & 11, Blk. 1	"	67.5	50.62
Wayne Todd	Lot 13, Blk. 1	"	65.	48.75
Mrs. A. F. Buchanan	Lot 14, Blk. 1	"	68.5	51.38
R. L. Parsons	Lot 15, Blk. 1	"	50.	37.50
Mrs. Lois Webb	Lot 16, Blk. 1	"	89.3	66.98
R. G. McMullan	Lot 17, Blk. 1	"	50.	37.50
C. F. Smith	Lot 18, Blk. 1	"	50.	37.50
T. W. Leland	Lot 19, Blk. 1	"	50.	37.50
W. F. Adams	Lot 20, Blk. 1	"	41.0	30.75
R. R. Lyle	Lot 10, Blk. 2	"	215.	161.50
E. R. Bulin	Lot 11, Blk. 2	"	100.	75.00
W. R. Logan	Lot 11-B, Blk. 2	"	75.	56.25
Ran Boswell	Lot 13, Blk. 3	"	150.	112.50
Ward Const. Co.	Lot 20, Blk. 3	"	150.	112.50
L. G. Jones	Lot 13, Blk. 4	"	225.	168.75
Henry Jones	Lot 20, Blk. 4	"	214.4	160.80
W. M. Sparks	Lot 1, Blk. D	"	75.	56.25
Isaac Peters	Lot 1-B, Blk. D	"	100.	75.00
Mrs. Ann Baker	Lot 1, Blk. A	College Park	117.5	88.13
J. T. Sanders	Lot 18, Blk. A	"	117.5	88.13
City of College Station	Blk. B	"	250.	187.50

Where more than one person, firm or corporation owns an interest in any property above described, each person, firm or corporation shall be personally responsible only for its, his or her pro rata of the total assessment against such property in proportion as its, his or her respective interest bears to the total ownership of such property and its, his or her respective interest in such property may be released from the assessment lien upon payment of such proportionate sum.

IV
A hearing shall be given by and before the governing body of the City of College Station, Texas, on the 15th day of June, 1964, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of College Station, Texas, to the owners of the respective parcels of property and to all others in any way interested, whether they be named herein or not, all of whom are hereby notified to be and appear at the time and place herein named and fixed, and said hearing shall be continued from time to time and from day to day, if necessary, until all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, shall have been fully and fairly heard, and at which hearing any mistakes, irregularities or invalidities in any of the proceedings with reference to the making of said improvements or assessments therefor may be corrected and the benefits by means of said improvements, and the amount of the assessments, and the apportionment of the cost of the said improvements, and all other matters and things shall be determined, and the real and true owners of the property abutting upon the said street to be improved, and any and all others in any way interested, their agents and attorneys shall be and appear at said hearing at said time and place and present and make any protest or objections which they or any of them may have as to the said improvements, as to the benefits therefrom, as to the cost thereof, as to the amounts of such assessments, or as to the amounts assessed, or as to any mistake, irregularity or invalidity in any proceedings with reference to said assessments, such improvements, or to the contracts therefor and as to any other matter or thing in any wise connected either with said improvements, contracts, or proceedings and after all desiring and presenting themselves to be heard, either in person or by agents, attorneys, or representatives have been fully and fairly heard, the said hearing shall be closed and assessments will be ordinance and in accordance with law and the proceedings of the city be levied against the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, whether such owners be named herein or not, and whether the property be correctly described or not. At such hearings anyone in any wise interested or affected may subpoena witnesses and introduce evidence and have the right to appear and be heard.

V
Assessments against abutting property and the owners shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property and a first and prior lien on the property against which assessments are levied, and shall be due and payable on or before thirty days after date of completion and acceptance of the improvements and such assessments shall bear interest from date of such completion and acceptance until paid at the rate of eight per centum (8%) per annum, payable annually, provided, any owner shall have the right to pay the assessment at any time before maturity by paying principal and interest accrued to date of payment, provided further that if default be made in the payment promptly as the same matures the entire assessment shall be collectible together with reasonable attorney fees and cost of collection, if incurred.

VI
The improvements in each unit constitute an entirely separate district and independent unit, and the proposed assessment for improvement in each unit is in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance in connection with any other unit all to the same extent and as fully as if entirely separate proceedings had separate hearings, and separate notices thereof ordered.

VII
The City Secretary of the City of College Station is directed to give notice to the owners of property abutting upon the said portions of street named to be improved and to all others interested, of the time, place and purpose of such hearings and of all matters and things by causing a substantially correct copy of this ordinance to be published at least three times in a newspaper published in and of general circulation in the City of College Station, Texas, the first of which publication shall be made at least ten days before the date of such hearing, and by such publication all owners of property abutting upon said portions of said street, whether such owners be named herein or not and whether the property be correctly described herein or not, as well as to all others in any wise interested therein or to be affected thereby, shall be and are duly notified and no error or mistake in the name of any property owner, in the description of any property or in the amount of any proposed assessment shall in any wise affect or invalidate such notice or any assessment levied pursuant thereto, and the real and true owners of such abutting property shall be and are by such notice duly and fully notified. The City Secretary is further directed, but not required to give further notice of such hearing by causing a substantially correct copy of such published notice to be mailed to each owner of property abutting upon such portions of said street, but all such notices by mail shall be only cumulative of such notice by advertisement and publication, and said notices by advertisement and publication shall in all cases be sufficient and binding whether or not any other kind or character of notice be given.

VIII
The present condition of said portions of street endangers health and public safety, and it is necessary that the improvements thereof be proceeded with at once and while the weather will permit, and such facts constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity requiring that the rules and provisions providing for ordinances to be read more than one time or at more than one meeting be suspended, and requiring that this ordinance be passed and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended and this ordinance is passed and shall take effect as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of May, 1964.

APPROVED:

S/J. A. Orr

Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

S/K. A. Manning
City Secretary

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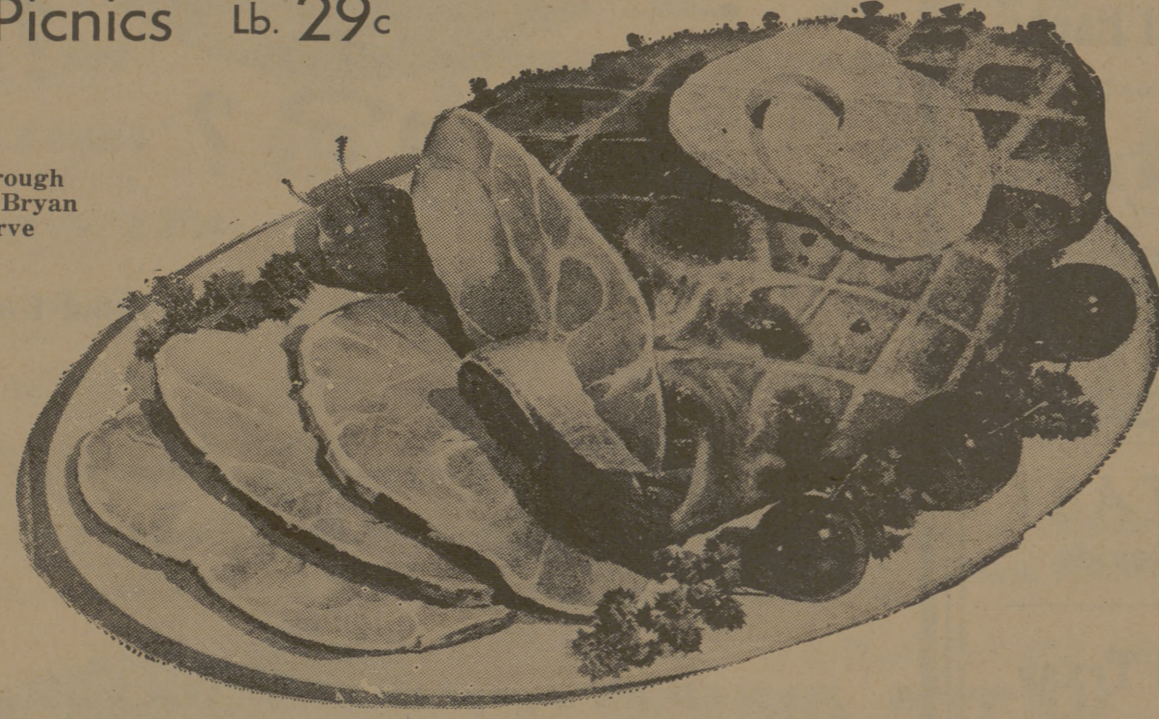
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