Brief and Application of "CLYDE"

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TEXAS — TECHNOLOGICAL — COLLEGE

Where the peaches and apples are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the mockingbird never is mute;
Where the soft wings of zephyr oppressed with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Clyde in their bloom.

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Honorable Locating Board,

Texas Technological College,

Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :- Clyde and Callahan County hereby makes application for a visit from your honorable body with a view of locating the Texas Technological College in our vicinity, and we believe your committee will agree when you have visited our community that we will deserve and merit very serious consideration of our many advantages that we have to offer the school that are not usually found in a town the size of Clyde, thus offering all the conveniences of any of the larger cities and yet having the clean country atmosphere in social life, which has long been recognized as the greatest asset a school can have.

We have tried to set out in this brief every item which we thought would be of interest to your Board and yet have tried to make it as concise as possible, eliminating photographs and anything else except what we thought the law intended should be set out as we believe this should be left to your judgment after seeing our city and location.

We know your Board will be told over and over again that each applicant has something no other town has, when probably numbers of other towns have the same asset, but when we say that Clyde is a model community from the standpoint of diversified farming, public schools, churches and cooperative enterprises and one that stande preeminent in the shipment of fruits and vegetables over all West Texas, we are amply prepared to verify the statement by records which cannot be disputed. At the same time we make large shipments of wheat, oats, maize and cotton seed and practically every other product of the farms.

We have only made statements that can be verified, avoiding all attempt to magnify or exaggerate as we believe your board will be fair with us and that such is not necessary.

We discuss our various inducements on the following pages and give a page to each item and feel confident you will give our claim earnest consideration.

LOCATION:

Clyde is located on the T. & P. Railway and Bankhead Highway 140 miles west of Fort Worth and 15 miles east of Abilene.

With respect to our other State institutions, Clyde is approximately 200 miles from Canyon, 250 miles from Alpine, 200 miles from Denton, 250 miles from Austin, 300 miles from College Station, and 350 miles from Huntsville.

Clyde is the center of a densely populated section of the State and with the adjoining counties of Stephens, Eastland, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Taylor and Jones and Shackelford contains more than 200,000 people and within a 100 miles radius of Clyde there are more than 600,000 people.

Within a radius of two miles of Clyde there are 2500 to 3000 people, progressive, live citizens, who will gladly work over time to get the school and to take care of the students.

The T. &. P. Ry. is by far the best railroad in West Texas and will furnish ample railroad facilities to reach the school to those coming by rail, while the Bankhead Highway through Clyde will likely bring fully as many by motor cars.

Our site offered for the College includes land on the southeast of the city and on the west, beginning with the city limits and running through as fine farming country as there is in Texas of varied soils and products with water only twenty feet under the ground and with electric high power line and natural gas line, both, running through the location. The site being immediately north and adjoining the T. & P. Ry. right of way.

The site comprises any part of more than 4000 acres which would best be suited for the purpose in the judgment of your Board.

The cost of any 2000 acres selected will be well within the $150,000. allowed to buy the site.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:

Clyde is the highest altitude between Fort Worth and Pecos. There are some 60 cloudy and rainy days with 300 clear during the year. According to the U. S. Weather Bureau at Abilene, the latest frost in Spring was April 23, 1907, the earliest autumn frost was October 19, 1917. The average crop growing season for the last 37 years is from March 22 to November 9th. The Mean Annual atmospheric pressure is 30.00 inches. The mean annual and monthly temperatures : Jan. 44.6, Feb. 47.0 March 56.4, Apr. 64. 3, May 71.9 June, 79.1, July 82.7, Aug. 82.1, Sept. 75.6, Oct. 65.2, Nov. 54.0, Dec. 46.1, and Annual, 64.1. The mean monthly and annual rainfall: Jan. 0.87, Feb. 0.91, Mar. 1.15, Apr. 2.61, May 3.85, June 2.72, July 1.96, Aug. 2.43, Sept. 2.56, Oct. 2.49, Nov. 1.37 Dec. 1.17, and annual 24.13.

LAND:

The Clyde committee has signed options on approximately 4,000 acres of land, about which there is no question of title, ready to deliver a Fee Simple title to you. The site for the Administration building is within ten minutes walking distance to any residence in town. This land is all tillable, and grazing land.

CLYDE'S LATITUDE	approximately	32½	degrees N.
Longitude	"	99½	" W
Altitude	"	2000	ft.

Geographically within 50 miles of the center of the State.

FUEL:

Clyde has natural gas furnished by the Texas Company from the big Eastland and Stephens County gas fields, the supply never having failed since it was put in, like it has in cities further west.

We consider the natural gas one of the greatest assets any city can have and we believe that the judgment of your Board will be that the school should be located in a town supplied with natural gas as it not only means a great deal to the health of the students because of its regular and even temperature but saves starting fires and gives students more time for study.

LIGHTS AND POWER:

Clyde is supplied with lights and power by the West Texas Utilities Company line, which has the largest power plant in this section and Clyde has all the light and power facilities that Dallas has. This power will, no doubt, be necessary in giving proper facilities in the various kinds of machinery and equipment necessary to carry on a school of this character.

Our FUEL and LIGHTS and POWER are, beyond question, the equal of that of any city applying for the school and yet the students will have the environment conducive to study that is not possible in the larger city.

DORMITORIES and ROOMING HOUSES:

From the reading of the law, we take it that the State wants to avoid the building of the dormitories for the students and like every other town, not excepting any, Clyde does not have quarters to house three or four thousand students, who would likely come into our community.

However, CLYDE HAS ENTERPRISE and INTEREST enough to make such a bond as might be required by the Locating Board or the Board of Directors to guarantee that there will be built Dormitories and ROOMING HOUSES sufficient to take care of the students and we agree to let the Board of Directors be the judge of the facilities necessary and to start work in time to complete them by the time the College buildings are completed and ready for instruction.

Because of the numbeous fruits and vegetables produced in our section and that various canned fruits, preserves, jellies, pickles ets. put up here that can be obtained so cheaply, a boarding house can be run here with less cost to the students, a greater variety of diet, so necessary in boarding houses, and with a greater profit to the owner than in probably any other community in West Texas.

Because of this we already have people in our community and in others who are willing to put their money freely into furnishing quarters for the students if such should be desired.

WATER SUPPLY:

Our Water Supply of pur limestone water, pleasant to the taste and healthful in every way is found at a depth of only about 15 to 25 feet and in such quantities as would furnish any of the larger cities. Our city well has been pumped all day with a two-inch stream without lowering it.

We also agree to furnish water under pressure to meet the requirements of the College at the average rate charged by nearby towns and we will make such bond as may be required to guarantee a water system, which will, in the opinion of the Board meet the requirements of the College in every respect.

The dam will not break and the supply is inexhaustible and pure and cannot be polluted like a river or lake.

The City of Baird gets her entire supply from a well two miles east of Clyde.

THIS BOND WILL BE MADE GOOD FOR $300,000. This will guarantee your Board against inadequate supply and quarters for students.

CONCLUSION:

Our Committee knows that your Board wants to make the selection of a site that will be accessible to the most people and one that will give opportunity for the school to make the growth it should make and one that will satisfy or at least meet with the reast criticism of the district designated in the law and we call your attention to the fact that there is no commercial rivalry between our town and any of the applicants and there would undoubtedly be a greater cooperation among the losing applicants to make the school a great success if located in a town without this rivalry than if located otherwise.

You cannot locate the school further east than Clyde without getting into the oil field district and you cannot go much further west without getting in the gyp water district and a sparsely settled country, a country which could reasonably ask for a school like this 15 or 20 years hence if the population continues the same as the last 10 years.

Breckenridge, Cisco, Eastland, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger, Brady, Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Colorado, Stamford, Haskell, Snyder, Hermleigh would none of them seriously object to the school being located here because we are in their midst and can be reached within a few hours. Clyde is well-known and popular for its fruits in all these places.

We believe that a fair inspection of our country by your Board will convince you that everything we have set out in this brief is true and we believe you will not find any other location more suitable to serve the people and furnish the conveniences of the city with the healthful environments of the country, nor any community that will work harder to make the school what it is intended to be.

Such other information as your Board may desire will be gladly furnished.

Respectfully submitted,

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