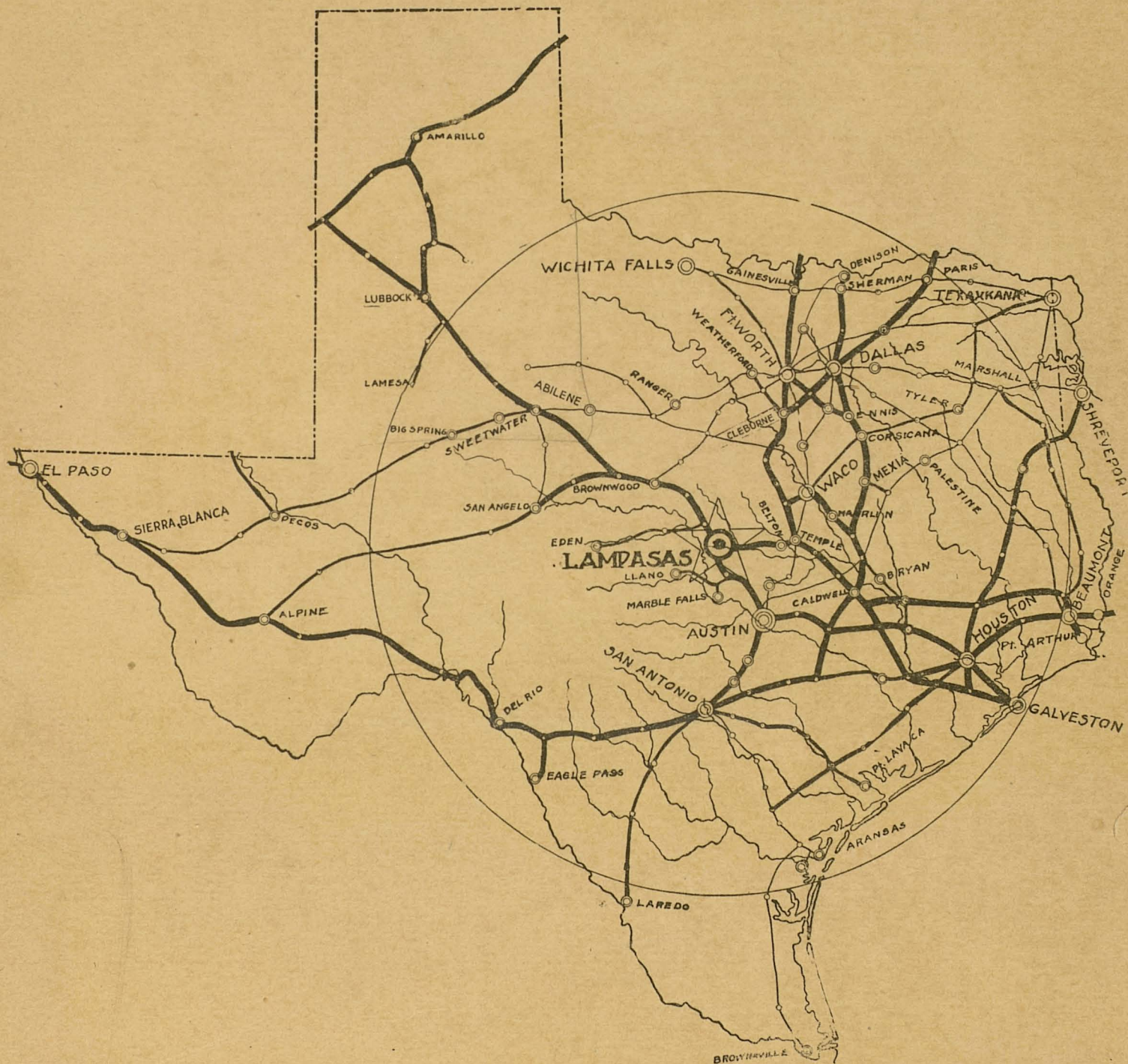


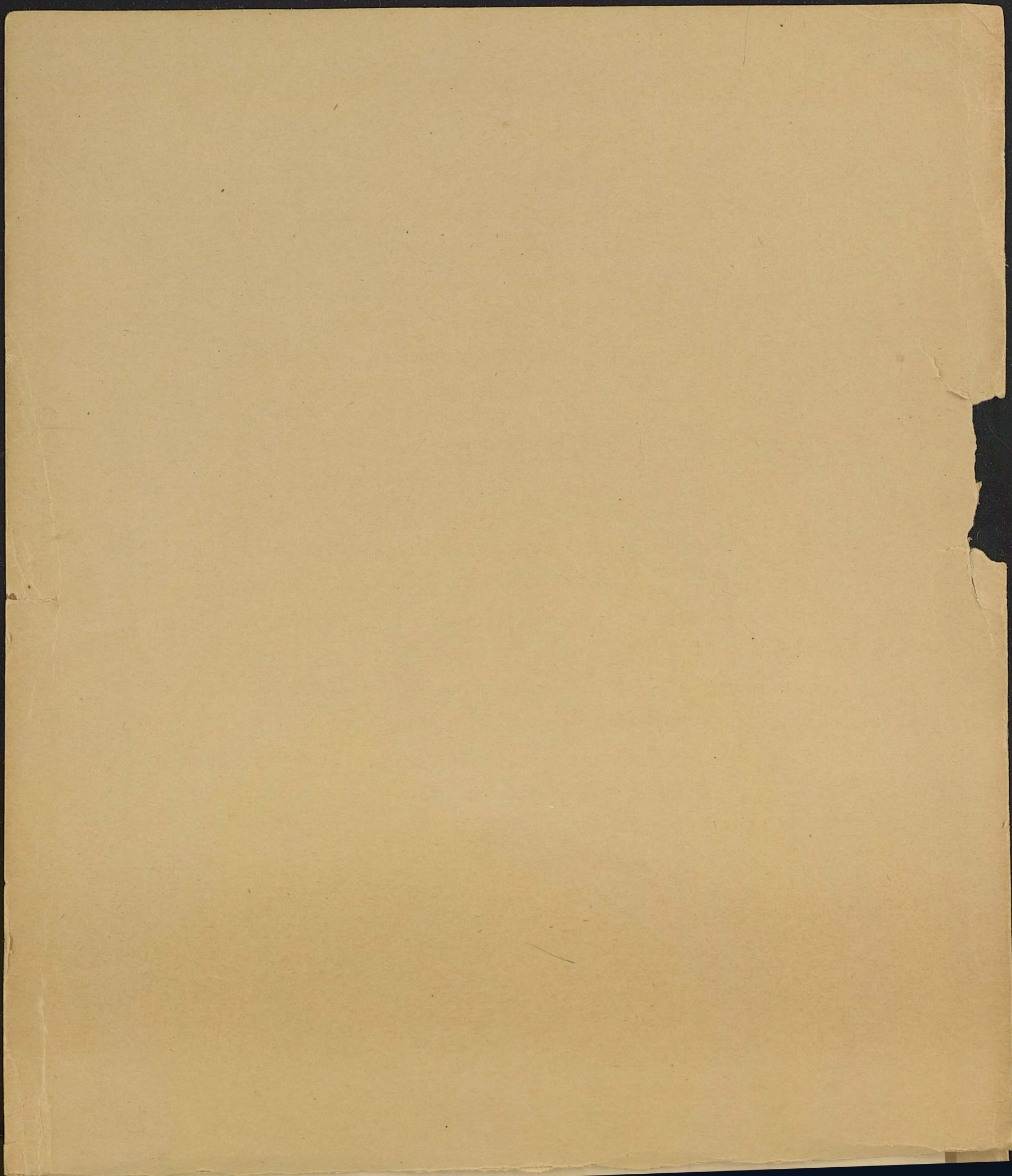
LAMPASAS BRIEF

FOR

Texas Technological College



PREPARED BY
THE LAMPASAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

SENATE BILL.

Senate Bill 103, locating the Texas Technological School provides in the enacting clause for an establishment of a "STATE SCHOOL WEST OF THE 98th MERIDIAN AND NORTH OF THE 29th, PARALLEL" thereby providing for a State institution, and due consideration should be given to the interests of all of Texas in making its location to the end that it not be located in a section of the State where only a small portion of Texas would receive the benefits of the State money expended, and where it would be classed as a failure in the beginning.

It being the only school of its kind in Texas, or the Southwestern part of the United States, no political, sectional or selfish reasons should be permitted to enter into the selection of a site for the school. The interests of the ENTIRE STATE should be the first consideration of the Board in making the location.

PURPOSES OF THE SCHOOL.

The purpose of the school is State wide in its nature, in that the law provides it shall be a co-educational college giving thorough instruction in technology and textile engineering from which a student may reach the highest degree of education along the lines of "manufacturing cotton, wool and other raw materials produced in TEXAS, not West Texas, North, South or East Texas; but to teach manufacturing of the raw materials of all of TEXAS in order that the boys and girls of

this State "MAY ATTAIN THEIR HIGHEST USEFULNESS AND GREATEST HAPPINESS AND IN SO DOING MAY PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR PRODUCING FROM THE STATE ITS GREATEST POSSIBLE WEALTH."

The law further provides in Section 3, for courses in farm and ranch husbandry and economics and the chemistry of soils and the adaptation of farm crops to the peculiar soil, climate and conditions of that portion of the STATE in which the college is located. Consideration should, therefore, be given to locating the school in that section of the State within the prescribed boundaries that will come nearer furnishing the diversified conditions found in the State as a whole, in order that every section of the State may receive a benefit from the school it is helping to support. As is specifically provided in Section 3 of the Act "FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE MATERIAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE TO THEIR HIGHEST POINT OF VALUE AND USEFULNESS BY TEACHING THE ARTS OF COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURING."

L O C A T I O N.

The school must be located by the Board West of the 98th, meridian and North of the 29th, parallel where, bearing in mind the reasons for the school, the Board believes the purposes of the school can best be carried out. The primary consideration being that the college should be located where it will in the future render the greatest service to the State, and the section of the United States for which it is intended. Consideration being given to climatic conditions, supply of water, accessibility and such other materials as appropriately enter into a site.

LEGISLATIVE INTENTION.

The Legislature under the terms of Section 1, 3 and 4 of the law, there-

fore, require the Locating Board to place this school West of the 98th, meridian and North of the 29th, parallel, where the various purposes of the school can be successfully carried into effect, and have recommended **ANY TOWN** within the prescribed territory that can best meet the provisions of the law.

ARGUMENT.

We, therefore, submit that the main points to be passed upon by the Locating Board are as follows:

1. "THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION WHICH SHALL OUT WEIGH ALL OTHERS IN THE MINDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCATING BOARD, SHALL BE TO LOCATE THIS COLLEGE WHERE IT CAN, IN THE FUTURE RENDER THE GREATEST SERVICE TO THE STATE."
2. Climatic Conditions.
3. Water Supply.
4. Accessibility and such other matters as appropriately enter into the selection of a desirable location of an institution of this kind.

LAMPASAS COUNTY.

Lampasas County has a population of approximately 10,000, an area of 740 square miles. With an altitude from 1050 to 1250 feet. Is located in the center of Texas, on the dividing line between the rich farming lands of central and east Texas, and dry farming lands of west Texas. Bounded on the west by the Colorado River, the Lampasas River running from North to South through the center of the county, and the South Fork of the Lampasas River running from West to East, is fed by numerous small creeks, and some of the largest springs in the South, furnish an inexhaustible supply of water for irrigation and other purposes. The North and Northwestern part of the county is high and rolling, similar to the lands of North and Northwest Texas, and are suitable for experimenting in dry

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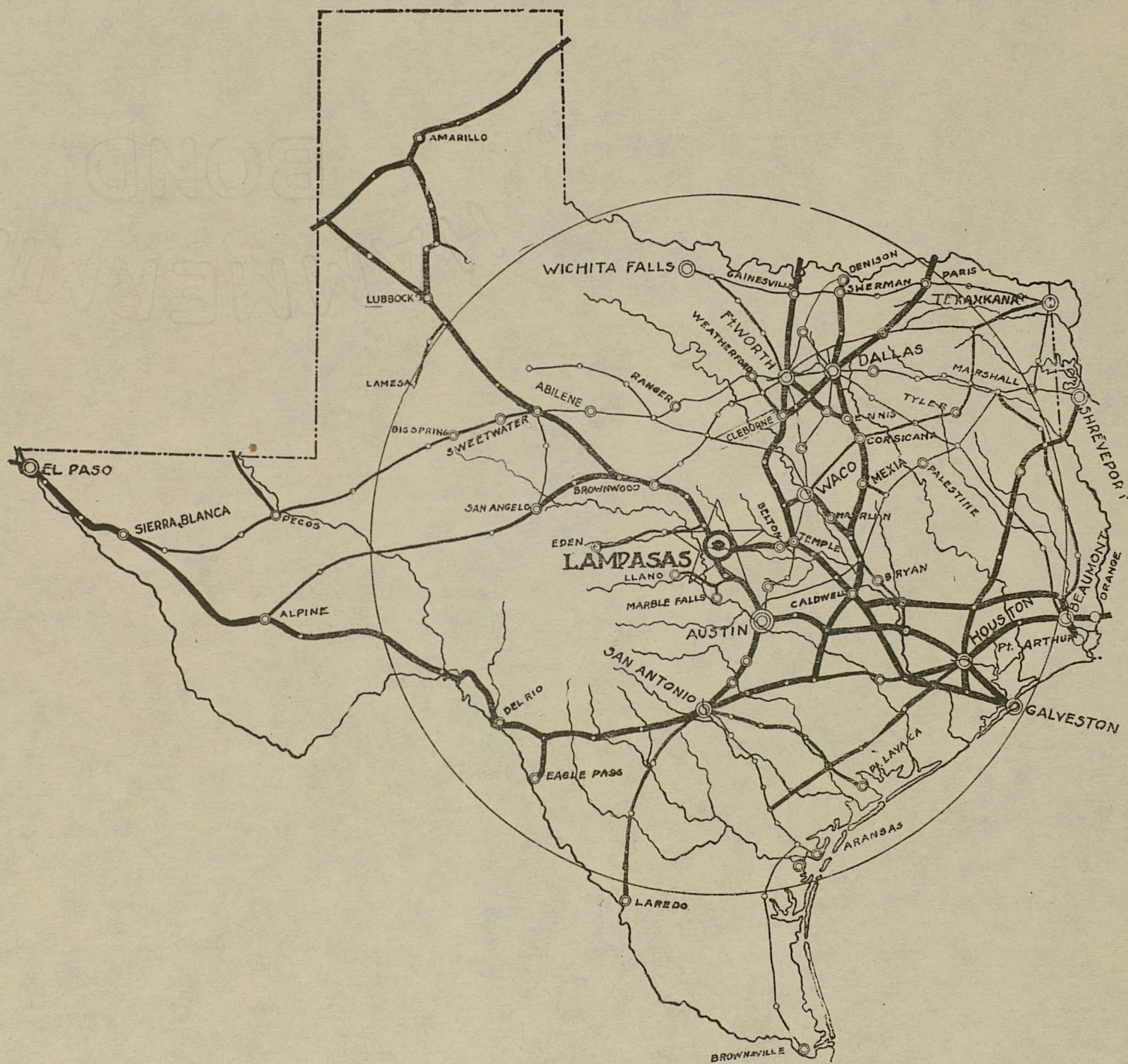
farming, stock raising &c., while the valleys, and the South and Southeast part of the county have as fine farming land as can be found in the black land belt. The county is the home of the diversified farmer. Every character of raw material produced in the southwestern part of the United States can be, and is now being, produced in Lampasas County.

PRODUCTS OF LAMPASAS COUNTY.

There is shipped from Lampasas annually approximately 600,000 bushels of oats, 450,000 bushels of corn, 90,000 bushels of wheat, 9000 bales of cotton, over a half million pounds of pecans, million and one-half pounds of wool, \$500,000 worth of cattle, \$300,000 worth of sheep, \$15,000 worth of goats, \$25,000 worth of hogs, \$50,000 worth of horses and mules, \$250,000 worth of poultry, and from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in hides and furs, furnished by the county and approximately \$200,000 worth shipped out of Lampasas County that were purchased in this district.

LAMPASAS CENTER OF TEXAS.

The map on next page shows clearly that the City of Lampasas will best serve all of Texas. The circle covers the territory within a radius of two hundred and fifty miles of the town of Lampasas.



LAMPASAS CITY.

The City of Lampasas is located in the southern part of the county on the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railways, on one of the main highways from Northwest Texas to East and Southeast Texas, and is the gateway from Northwest Texas to South, Southwest, East and Southeast Texas, and a possibility of an interurban line from Waco in the near future.

REASON FOR LOCATION OF SCHOOL AT LAMPASAS.

We submit the following reasons why Lampasas is better suited for the location of the Texas Technological School than any other town West of the 98th, meridian and North of the 29th, parallel.

ACCESSIBILITY.

LAMPASAS GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER OF TEXAS.

Lampasas is located in the geographical center of Texas, west of the 98th, meridian and north of the 29th parallel, near the geographical center of Texas, 75 to 100 miles west of the center of the population of Texas, on the main line of the Santa Fe, and on the Southern Pacific Railway. There being located within the radius of 250 miles of Lampasas approximately 4-5 of the population of Texas, over 1-2 of the population to be served (the State of Texas) would necessarily have to pass through Lampasas to reach the school if it was located at any other point west of us.

LAMPASAS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO TEXAS.

All points south of the 32nd, parallel and east of the 98th, meridian in Texas will have to pass through Lampasas to reach any town in the northwest or western portion of the State. All points South of the 31st parallel and east or west of the 98th, meridian will have to pass through Lampasas, if the school is

located northwest or west of us. If the school is located southwest, or south, of Lampasas 75 per cent of those north of the 31st, parallel and west of the 98th, meridian will have to pass through Lampasas to reach the school. It is, therefore, located "WHERE IT CAN IN THE FUTURE RENDER THE GREATEST SERVICE TO THE STATE."

RAILROAD SERVICE SUPERIOR TO ANY COMPETING CITY.

Lampasas has better railway service from all points in Texas than any other city west of the 98th, meridian; it can be reached from various points in Texas as follows:

Austin in 3 hrs. 50.mil
Waco in 4 hrs. 09 mi.
Houston in 8 hrs. 39 mi.
Galveston in 10 hrs. 24 mi.
San Antonio in 8 hrs. 39 mi.
Dallas in 9 hrs. 39 mi.
Gainesville 11 hrs. 16 mi.
Beaumont in 14 hrs. 09 mi.
Lubbock 11 hrs. 19 mi.
Marshall 18 hrs. 09 mi.
Texarkana 20 hrs. 09 mi.
Brownsville 23 hrs. 59 mi.
Paris 17 hrs 49 mi.
Wichita Falls in 14 hrs. 49 mi.
Amarillo in 15 hrs. 24 mi.
Abilene 8 hrs. 4 mi.
Brownwood in 2 hrs. 36 mi.
San Angelo 7 hrs, 36 mi.
Llano in 3 hrs. 15 mi.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

Altitude of the City of Lampasas 1050 to 1100 feet.

The climatic conditions of Lampasas are ideal.

LAMPASAS HAS MILD WINTERS AND PLEASANT SUMMERS.

The average temperature for the years 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922 was as follows: Highest general average for any month 84, and lowest 50.

January	- -	Maximum average	80,	Minimum average	26,	General	53
February	- -	"	" 83,	"	" 22,	"	52
March	- -	"	" 84,	"	" 22,	"	53
April	- -	"	" 91,	"	" 30,	"	60
May	- -	"	" 94,	"	" 47,	"	75
June,	- -	"	" 99,	"	" 57,	"	78
July,	- -	"	" 102,	"	" 61,	"	81
August,	- -	"	" 104,	"	" 65,	"	84
September-	- -	"	" 101,	"	" 52,	"	76
October,	- -	"	" 93,	"	" 75,	"	64
November,-	- -	"	" 86,	"	" 25,	"	55
December,-	- -	"	" 82,	"	" 18,	"	50

PREVAILING BREEZE.

During the summer prevailing breeze is from the south, and the nights are cool and pleasant.

NO SAND STORMS - NO CYCLONES.

Lampasas is free from sand storms and is so located that there is no danger of cyclones, and is not visited by the severe hot winds of the plains country of further west. The location of the school in the sand storm belt would be detrimental to the machinery and equipment for the textile and manufacturing branches of the school and the extreme dryness of the atmosphere in the far western section of the State would be detrimental to the material to be used in the school textile plants.

AMPLE RAIN FALL.

The rain fall for the years 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922, show an average annual rain fall of $35.86\frac{3}{4}$, as follows:

January	2.59	July	1.67
February	1.37	August	2.71
March	3.14	September	5.12
April	4.74	October	$2.56\frac{1}{4}$
May	3.24	November	$3.02\frac{1}{4}$
June	4.20	December	1.50

GROWING SEASON.

The entire year might be called a growing season as there are some kind of crops being grown at all seasons of the year, very few days in the year not being suitable for outdoor work.. Our winterseasons are mild, and it is an exceptional winter if we have any snow, the short growing season in northwest Texas would be of little benefit to the school.

We have no record of the number of days of sunshine and cloudy weather, but from a conservative estimate we have on an average of over three hundred days of sunshine during the year. Lampasas is classed both as a winter and summer resort.

H E A L T H.

Lampasas is noted as one of the healthiest towns in Texas, Lampasas is so located that it is well drained and the school, if located in Lampasas, on either of the sites selected, would be in an ideal location from a health standpoint.

NO TUBERCULOSIS OR MALARIA.

Lampasas is not visited by tubercular patients and this should be given careful consideration by the board to the end that the school not be located where there would be a danger of the student coming in contact with persons who are daily visiting and taking up their residence in the higher and dryer climates of west and northwest Texas.

Malaria is unknown in our county.

ABUNDANT WATER SUPPLY- APPROVED BY STATE.

Lampasas has an inexhaustible supply of pure water, (see report from State Health Department filed herewith) furnished by some of the largest springs in Texas. Is located on the bank of the south fork of the Lampasas River, fed by a number of large springs located within the city limits, furnishing an inexhaustible supply of water sufficient to supply a city of 50,000 or more population.

CITY CAN FURNISH NECESSARY WATER.

Water may be furnished through the municipally owned City Plant, which now has a capacity of 1,150,000 gallons per day, with an unlimited supply of water or pumped by the school itself from the River or springs.

SHALLOW WATER.

An abundant supply of water may be found at a depth of 20 to 50 feet, and can be used for irrigation or other purposes.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The municipal authorities have under consideration the installation of a modern sewerage system and in all probability will in the next six months secure the installation of such a plant.

OTHER CONDITIONS.

CROPS.

Lampasas is especially adapted for a school of the character to be located because it is the home of the diversified farmer. Its valleys and farm lands are equally adapted for the raising of cotton, corn, wheat, oats and vegetable of all kinds, a number of farms now under irrigation and more susceptible of irrigation, with a number of truck farms now in operation, while its grazing lands are stocked with the best grade of cattle, sheep and goats, and its river valleys furnish more pecans than almost any other section of the state.

RAW MATERIALS - LAMPASAS WOOL STANDARD.

Raw materials of every character produced in the southwestern part of the United States can be found and successfully raised in Lampasas County. Lampasas County wool being used as a standard for the grading of Texas wool, it being recognized as the best grade of wool in the south. Lampasas has some of the largest wool buyers in Texas, and has one of the largest hide and fur buyers in Texas.

MANUFACTURING POSSIBILITIES.

The outstanding feature of the law being to promote and develop the manufacturing of Texas raw materials. The fact that the manufacturing interests of Texas are in Central Texas and points near Lampasas and east of us, and will, in all probability, be so in the future, and that Lampasas is in the center of the production of raw materials, and will always be, makes the location of the school at Lampasas where it will now, and will always be in a location that will render the **GREATEST POSSIBLE AID TO THE ENTIRE STATE** and the section to be served by the school.

FRUITS.

All kinds of fruits can be successfully grown in and around Lampasas, and especially peaches, pears, plums, apricots, figs, grapes and strawberries.

STUDENTS NEED HAVE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

It will be necessary for the students in the study of the technical subjects taught in the school to visit manufacturing establishments in order that they may secure first hand information, as it will be impossible for the school to have complete plants of the various classes to be taught in the school and if located in Lampasas they will have easy access to the main power plants and manufacturing establishments in central and south Texas, whereas, if the school is located in the extreme west or northwest part of Texas, they will not have these advantages.

ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS.

The location of the school west, or northwest, of Lampasas would place it out of reach of the great body of students from central, east, southeast, and southwest Texas, and to a great extent lessen the possibility of the school being a success from a standpoint of attendance and service to the State as a whole, and would, therefore, necessarily mean the expenditure of over a million dollars

of the States money from which the State as a whole would realize little benefit.

NEARNESS TO SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

If located at Lampasas it would be of easy access from the various State Departments, State Schools, Executive and Legislative Departments where it can be furnished by the State Board of Control at **A MINIMUM COST OF TRANSPORTATION** and save the State and students thousands of dollars each year in transportation alone.

ATHLETIC EVENTS - ADDED INCENTIVE FOR ATTENDANCE.

It would be, if located at Lampasas, of easy access from the various schools in Texas, for athletic and other contests, which in itself would be an added incentive for an attendance from all sections of the State, and would be especially accessible to the A. & M. College and the University of Texas, and convenient to each of these schools for athletic contests of all kinds.

SOCIALLY AND MORAL CONDITIONS.

SOCIALLY AND MORALLY, Lampasas is the equal to any section of our State. Every religious denomination being represented in Lampasas, and the following have churches in our city: The Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Christians, Episcopalians, Christian Scientists and Catholics. But two felony bills have been found by the Grand Jury in several years, and the general moral condition of the County is considerably above the average of any Texas City.

A CITY OF HOMES.

Lampasas is a city of beautiful homes, and has more home owners than almost any other city of its size in the State. It is considered one of the ideal home towns of the State and the people are homebuilders with that wonderful western hospitality.

Lampasas has one of the best High Schools in Texas, and has just completed a \$40,000.00 addition to its High School, making public school buildings in the City worth over \$100,000.00.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Our mild winters and pleasant summers are ideal for physical training the year round and offer wonderful opportunity for recreations of every kind. The Colorado River 15 to 20 miles West of us, the Lampasas River 10 miles East and the South Fork of the Lampasas running through our city furnishes ideal camping ground and places for all classes of outdoor sports.

CONVENIENCES.

Lampasas has a modern municipally owned water system, with sufficient water power to furnish the City and the school. An up-to-date Fire Department, modern electric power plant, with sufficient power to support a town of two or three times its size. With sufficient power to furnish school all power needed. The municipal authorities have now under consideration a contract for a modern sewerage system.

POPULATION.

Lampasas has a population of approximately 3000 people, practically 100% native born Americans, about 5% being negroes.

DEPARTMENT STORES.

Lampasas has two modern department stores that would be a credit to a town three or four times its size; has two national banks and one private bank with individual deposits of over one million dollars.

GOOD STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Lampasas has good streets, having 24 blocks of tarviated streets with contract let for 24 more blocks, and has 76 blocks of cement sidewalks, with a number of more blocks under contract by virtue of a recent ordinance passed by the City Authorities.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

Lampasas has two poultry dressing establishments. Four wholesale grocery establishments, and every other line of business represented by establishments that would be a credit to a town of twice its size.

SANITARIUM.

Lampasas is located within 60 miles of Temple, where there are three modern hospitals recognized as the best, or among the best in the Southwest, with direct railway service in two hours of Lampasas.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

Lampasas has five small hotels and a number of boarding houses sufficient to care for the several hundred visitors we have every summer, and in the event the school should be located at Lampasas, proper accommodations will immediately be made to take care of all students attending the school.

FUEL CHEAPER AT LAMPASAS.

One of the main items of expense to the school will be the furnishing of fuel. Oak and cedar wood can be secured in the county in unlimited quantities at from one-third to one-half the price that it can be secured if the school is located further west, and lignite, which will be used in the manufacturing establishments, can be secured at Rockdale at from one-third to one-half the freight rates if the school is located further west of us.

BUILDING MATERIAL CHEAPER AT LAMPASAS.

Limestone and other building material can be found in Lampasas, with rock quarries easily accessible to the school site, and sand and gravel for cement and other building purposes can be found on the lands owned by the school, if located at Lampasas. Also granite rock can be furnished from the adjoining county of Burnet. Lampasas has two lumber companies located in the town, William Cameron & Co., and W. F. & J. F. Barnes Lumber Company, being two of the largest concerns in the State. Therefore, the buildings necessary for the school can be placed at Lampasas

considerably cheaper than any other town in West or Northwest Texas.

LOCAL LOCATION FOR THE SCHOOL.

Lampasas can furnish Five locations for the school, any one of which, in our opinion, will meet the requirements of the law and the needs of the school.

S I T E N O . 1 .

Is located one-half mile southeast of the Court House, on each side of the South Fork of the Lampasas River, and on each side of the Santa Fe Railroad, containing approximately 800 acres of tillable land, ranging from black waxy soil to gray or chocolate soil, with an inexhaustible supply of water for drinking and irrigation purposes. Two modern irrigation plants now in operation, with water at a depth of from 20 to 50 feet sufficient for irrigation purposes, with well now on the land from which water is being pumped for irrigation purposes. The land extending from the River in each direction with a gradual rise to the higher or grazing land, with an ideal location from 25 to 50 feet above the level of the tillable land on the edge of the corporate limits for location of the school. The building site having ideal drainage, and being convenient to the residence section of the city and within one-half mile of the Court House. With sufficient sand and gravel and native limestone on the tract for building purposes. This tract lies between what is known as the Belton and Temple Road and the Gatesville and Waco Road, at cost of less than \$150,000.00.

S I T E N O . 2 .

Site No. 2, is practically the same as Site No. 1, except that it lies between what is known as the Georgetown and Austin Road, and the G. C. & S. F. Ry. Right-of-Way, having approximately 800 acres of tillable land, including the river valley referred to in Site No. 1, an irrigation plant with the same building site or, if desired, an ideal building site one-fourth mile West of the one described in Site No. 1, within one-half mile of the Court House. At a cost of less than \$150,000.00.

S I T E N O. 3.

Site No. 3, is located North of the Court House within two blocks of our High School building, lying between the Lometa and Center City Road, taking in what is known as Burleson Creek Valley, with approximately 700 acres of tillable land, ranging from black to a chocolate loam soil, with an inexhaustible supply of water from 25 to 50 feet in depth that may be used for drinking, irrigation and other purposes. The site for the school building is level with sufficient ground for buildings and recreation purposes within six to eight blocks of the Court House, at a cost of less than \$150,000.00.

S I T E N O. 4.

Site No. 4, is located West of the Court House with an ideal location for building adjoining the residence section of the town and adjoining Hancock or Anderson Park, including in the location one of our largest springs and our Fair Grounds, which will be an ideal location for recreation ground, with approximately 600 acres of tillable land ranging from a black soil to chocolate or gray loam, with an inexhaustible supply of water from the River, at a cost of less than \$150,000.00.

S I T E N O. 5.

Site No. 5 has the same location for buildings as Site No. 4, adjoining the residence section of the town, including one of our largest springs and our Fair Grounds, with from 800 to 1000 acres of tillable land, lying between the Austin and Burnet road, traversed by the H. & T. C. Railroad. The soil ranging from black waxy to a chocolate or gray loam, and an inexhaustible supply of water. Costing less than \$150,000.00.

LAMPASAS MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

We submit that Lampasas will meet every requirement of the law nearer than any other town in West, or Northwest Texas; that Lampasas can come nearer **RENDERING THE GREATEST SERVICE TO THE STATE** than any other point applying for the school.

That its climatic conditions are ideal, its water supply sufficient for any purpose, and that it can meet any contingency that should appropriately enter into the selection of a desirable location for a school of this character.

WEST TEXAS A. & M.

We submit that if the school is located west or northwest of Lampasas its purposes will be limited to an A. & M. College for West Texas, but if located at Lampasas, its purposes will be **STATE WIDE** in its nature, and every requirement of the law and purpose for which the school is established can be successfully met, as intended by the Legislature.

In conclusion, we ask that our claims be given careful consideration, and that the Board use every effort to locate the school so that the interests of all Texas can be best served, and assure you that the Locating Committee has our sympathy in the work it is required to do in locating this school for the State, and will receive our hearty appreciation for any consideration that it may give our claim.

Respectfully,

LAMPASAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

BY

Ray L. Walker
Secretary.

T E X A S
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
AUSTIN, TEXAS.
Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

Dr. J. H. Florence, Pres. &
State Health Office.

Dr. W. H. Beazley, Asst.
State Health Officer.

V. M. Ehlers, Chief Sanitary Eng.
E. G. Eggert, Sanitary Engineer.
R. H. Holland, Sanitary Engineer.

SUBJECT: WATER ANALYSIS.

April 14, 1923.

My dear Sir:

With further reference to the above subject, we desire to report result of our analysis of your specimen of water as submitted, gave evidence of the absence of any organisms belonging to the B. Coli group.

This result indicates that the water from which the specimen was taken, was safe for drinking purposes at the time the collection was made. Kindly remember, however, that one examination is not always a fair representation of the status of any water, due to possible intermittent contamination entering any water supply. It is therefore kindly suggested that additional specimens come forward from time to time for more definite determinations. A copy of our instructions for collecting and shipping specimens is here-with enclosed for your use.

Again thanking you for your interest in this phase of health conservation, I am,

For the State Health Officer,

Very truly yours,

V. M. Ehlers,
State Sanitary Engineer.

Mr. Thos. J. Hocker,
Lampasas, Texas.

T E X A S
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

John H. Florence, M.D.
Pres. & State Health
Officer.

February 2nd, 1922.

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL WATER ANALYSIS.

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TEMPLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TEMPLE, TEXAS.

April 18, 1923.

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E. W. L. Hartmann

Mr. Roy L. Walker, Secretary,
Lampasas Business League,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Walker:

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last evening your letter was read relative to the endorsement of Lampasas as the logical point for the Technological School. A motion was made by W. H. Taylor, duly seconded and carried to the effect that we endorse Lampasas as a location for this School.

We trust you are successful in landing this and that it will serve Texas as a whole better by being located in your City.

Yours very truly,

W. A. SPENCER,
Secretary.

WAS-JF.

YOUNGMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BELTON, TEXAS.

Directors:

E. H. Head
C. P. Little
H. T. Cochran
C. B. Wade.

April 18th, 1923.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At a regular meeting of the Young Men's Chamber of Commerce of Belton, Texas, held at its place of business on Tuesday night April 17th, 1923, the following resolution was unanimously passed: That we heartily endorse the City of Lampasas, Texas, as a suitable location for the West Texas Technological College, being much more accessible to our City than any of the West Texas towns applying for the same; and that in the selection of said location would render the greatest service to the entire State of Texas.

M. H. HALSEY, President.

E. E. UPSHAW, Secretary.

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Walter Weatherby.

MILLS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS.

4/5/23.

Lampasas Chamber of Commerce,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter asking for indorsement of your City for
site of Tech. College received.

The indorsement was made by unanimous vote, and if
using our name will help you to secure the school, will be
glad to have you use same.

Very truly,

MILLS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

J. A. Gillespie, Secrt'y.

J. E. & T. C. ROOT LUMBER COMPANY

KILLEEN, TEXAS.

4/19/23.

Mr. Roy L. Walker, Sec'ty.
Lampasas Business League,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Learning of your effort to obtain the location, at Lampasas, of the "Technological College" of which we are deeply interested, and knowing of your many advantages, we see no reason why you should not be successful.

In this connection would state that we are glad to endorse your move and would heartily endorse the action of the Locating Board, should they definitely decide, to locate the College at your place.

We are thoroughly familiar with the surroundings at Lampasas and taking in to count its central location, railroad facilities, improved highways, water supply, climate conditions, the excellent church and school interest and spirit, and the high-class type of enterprising citizenship, we feel no better point could be selected.

We compliment you in this move and are anticipating your success and beg to remain.

Yours very truly,

CH. N. LAW, Mayor.

J. E. ROOT, Ex-Mayor.

JER/HY.

THE FIRST STATE BANK

KILLEEN, TEXAS.

April 18th, 1923.

Chamber of Commerce,

Lampasas, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

We as representative business houses of Killeen, Texas, and indeed glad to know that your good place is in the contest for the location of the "TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE." Judging from the four main points, which the Locating Board have state would be considered in locating this institution, we consider that your town so far is by far the best applicant, and we therefore give our hearty endorsement to it.

Yours respectfully,

Horace N. Low.

Norman Bros.

Crown Drug Store,
By Thos. H. Norman.

I. A. Guffin, M. D.

W. L. McGill, Supt.,

Killeen Schools.

W. E. Ellis, Druggist.

N. A. Schwold, M. D.

Chas. Hairston, Merchant.

J. E. Root,

L.E. & T.C. Root Lumber Co.,
Killeen, Texas.

T. H. Minor, Cashier First State Bank,
Killeen, Texas.

Claude McBryde, President Guaranty State
Bank, Killeen, Texas.

First National Bank, Killeen, Texas,
J.L. Swope, Cashier.

Shofner-Stirling Co. By W.C. Stirling.

Chanslor-Chanslor, Y.E.E.C.

Swope Bros. By J. R. Swope.

D. L. Wood, M. D.

HAMMERMILL

TEXAS-COMMERCIAL-NEWS
FARM AND INDUSTRIAL

Sugar Land, Texas,
April 25, 1923.

Mr. Roy L. Walker, Secretary,
Lampasas Chamber of Commerce,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir,

It is very unfortunate that a school so strikingly an all-state necessity should have been clouded with this 29th-parallel-98th-meridian limitation; but, rather, it should have been of, by and for all Texas, with its location limited only to Texas!

There are three prime considerations which should have right-of-way in the location of this great school, and I shall name them in order of their importance:

1. IN THE MIDST OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS: A school of technology must of necessity have at its very door the practical application of the problems it deals with-- and it deals with the problems of "industrial arts," and this covers every phase of industrial life.

2. HEALTH. The health of the student body is of the highest importance because upon a virile youth does the reach of a college depend.

3. WHERE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES MAKE THE SCHOOL EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL TEXAS YOUTH.-- That would dictate the school's location near the center of Texas, as near as the first two considerations would permit.

That shall be a great day when in matters of this sort all men in Texas shall be able to think statewide Texas, and when personal gain or community pride shall not shackle our high emprise with provincialisms of the direst sort.

I shall await with great interest the locating committee's report, and wish for the best.

Yours very truly,

S. W. ADAMS,

Editor Texas Commercial News.

AMMERMILL

SOUTH TEXAS COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

S.M. McAshan, V. Pres.
E.F. Gossett, V.P. & Cashier.
Wm. S. Patton, V.P.
P.J. Evershade, V.P.

April 14th, 1923.

Geo. Ellis, Asst. V.P.
R.H. Hanna, V.P.
John Dreaper, Asst. Cash.
E.P. Stallings, Asst. Cash.

Mr. H. N. Key,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Key:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th, with Chamber of Commerce folder, contents of both of which have been read with interest.

It would seem to us very desirable to have the new Technological School located in Lampasas, because of its geographical position, the climate and water afforded there.

A "location" board has, I understand, been appointed by the Governor, and, while I fear we would not have much influence with the members of the Board, if opportunity should arise through which we can be of any service I assure you we will be most happy to do so.

I sincerely hope Lampasas will be selected as the location, and, with kindest regards, in which my associates join, remain,

Yours very truly,

S. M. MCASHAN, Vice-President.

J.A.Pondrom, Pres.
Lang Wharton, V. Pres.
Geo. Waverley Briggs
E. J. Gammon, Jr.
Geo. N. Aldredge
Ray Nesbitt

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

April 14th, 1923.

Soula J. Smyth, Cashier,
C. J. Savage, Asst. Cashier
C. J. Oldham, Asst. Cashier
Lee Newbury, Auditor.

Mr. H. N. Key,
% First National Bank,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Key:

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th, inst., which has reference to the effort being made by the citizens of Lampasas to have the Texas Technological College located in your city.

As I recall it, the location of this college was left to a Board of Trustees or Commissioners appointed by the Governor and if you will kindly give me the names of those having the matter in charge, I will be glad to write them, urging them to give the claims of Lampasas serious consideration.

Assuring you that it is always a pleasure to be of service in any way, I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. A. PONDROM, President.

JAP-g.

THE AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

April 12, 1923.

Mr. J. F. White,
Lampasas, Texas.

My dear Mr. White:

Your letter of the 11th, in reference to locating the Technological School in your City received.

In reply I beg to say to you that I believe that Lampasas would be an ideal place for the school. It is healthy, you have good water, and the climate is good, and it looks to me as though everything would be favorable for the congregation of a lot of students at your place.

I am for your City, and would be glad to do anything that I could to aid and assist you in locating this school in your City.

Yours very truly,

E. P. WILMOT.

THE STELFOX COMPANY

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

April 14th, 1923.

Mr. Roy L. Walker, Secty.,
Chamber of Commerce,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Walker:-

With great interest, I have just read your letter regarding the location of the Texas Technological School at Lampasas.

Knowing the real enterprise of your people, the high moral standing of your community, the physical health conditions the best in all Texas, and the nearness with which you are to our great University of Texas, we commend most highly your efforts, and feel sincerely that the location of this new State College at Lampasas would be of great benefit to all Texas.

Very truly yours,

THE STELFOX COMPANY,

E. J. PALM, Pres.

AUSTIN-TAYLOR GROCERY CO.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

April 10, 1923.

Mr. Roy L. Walker, Sec.,
Lampasas Business League,
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th, and note with interest the claims Lampasas is making for the Texas Technological College and I believe these claims are all well taken and that really and truly Lampasas would be an ideal location for this school. I can say truthfully that I have arrived at this conclusion without any selfish consideration due to the fact that Lampasas is probably more nearly in the Austin trade territory than are other applicants for this school.

I would be glad to use what little influence I might have in the interest of Lampasas.

Yours truly,

J. G. Wilcox.

JGW:CB.

TEXAS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY

TEMPLE, TEXAS.

3/28/23,

Mr. Roy Walker,

Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I read with great interest that you are working to get the new West Texas College located in Lampasas. I consider this a very worthy cause and wish you the best of success in your efforts. If there is any thing I can do, any one to whom I might write or any service I might render do not hesitate to call on me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. C. Jackson, Mgr.

