

Bedias School News 1937-1938

City Leadership

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Below is another excerpt from a page of the Bedias School News for 1937-38 that was passed along to the Bedias Museum and Library. If anyone has any other old copies of the Bedias School News, please give us a call and we can make copies for the Museum and print excerpts in the Bedias Newsletter. The two stories below are quoted exactly as they appeared in the Bedias School News.

"Pep Squad Organizes"

"The High School Pep Squad met the past week and organized for the year. This time more spirit and more PEP was shown than ever before. The following Yell Leaders were elected by the Student Body: Helen Smith, Neal Adams, Myra Ballard, and Robert Lee Upchurch."

"Football Team Shows Splendid Form"

"With practically only one weeks work out Coach Gray and his Alligator squad have hewn off lots of rough edges and we have promise of the best team Bedias ever turned out. With about ten lettermen back and lots of new material things are taking a turn for a successful football season rapidly.

The season opener with Navasota will not find the team in top shape but with the present spirit and the reserves now showing good form Navasota is in for some surprises Friday. Let's all give the boys our hearty support and we may all get a change to see some Alligators eat a bunch of Rattle Snakes.

We will publish a roster of our team this week and some more about the team in general with some comment on individual players as well as the entire squad."

Mackie Bobo-White

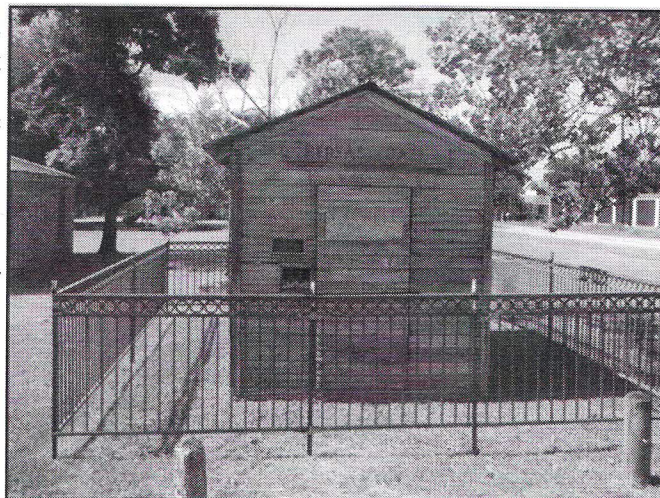
Old Bedias Jail

The Old Bedias Jail, located on the grounds of the Bedias Civic Center, will be featured in a book identifying small Texas Jails of the past. Dr. Robert Moore, a retired A&M Professor, is publishing a book on tiny jails around Texas he has discovered and located based on word-of-mouth, rumors, sleuthing, and researching.

The Bedias Jail probably was built in the 1920s and mostly housed local residents who had a little too much to drink on a Saturday night and/or were disturbing the peace, according to legend. It was originally located on the north side of Main Street between the Post Office and Hwy 90. It was moved to the Williams' Property next to the Town Branch on Magnolia Street sometime in the late 1940s, according to Mack Plaster, father of Mackie Plaster Bobo-White.

When Mackie Bobo bought the Williams' Property in the 1990s, there was a barn on the property that was in poor disrepair. As the Bobos were tearing down the barn, they "discovered" that the interior of the barn was the Old Jail. Local residents identified the Old Jail. It was in perfect condition, as you see it now on the Civic Center Grounds. Several local residents, including Phillip Ray Upchurch, Charlie Harrison, Bobbie Isbell, Rex Carr, Charlie Robertson and Don Crowson put the Old Jail on logs and pulled it with a tractor the two blocks to the Civic Center. Mackie Plaster Bobo-White and her sisters, Nancy Cook and Meredith Manning Yarbough donated the Old Jail to the City of Bedias. The fence around the jail was made by former Bedias resident Tommy Turner. If you have not had the chance to look at the Old Jail up close, please stop by and examine the bars and note that the interior of the walls are about a foot thick. No one was getting out of the Old Bedias Jail! We will keep you informed when the book on Tiny Texas Jails is published.

--Mackie Plaster Bobo-White



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