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TEXIAN NAVY DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Freeport, Texas, August 25, 1956

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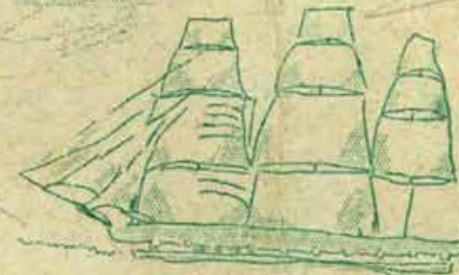
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A small fee for adults to cover expenses - 25¢

3RD ANNUAL
TEXIAN NAVY DAY
CELEBRATION

August 25, 1956
4:00 P.M.

Hopper Stadium, Freeport, Texas



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THE TEXIAN NAVY

The TEXIAN NAVY is a phrase that does not sound very formidable, yet as records are found depicting the exploits of those few small vessels commanded by brave men, too often unfamiliar with seafaring, it is realized that without them there may not have been a GREAT STATE OF TEXAS TODAY.

Texas had a long shoreline and it was early realized it must be protected. Early in 1836 four vessels were acquired and commissioned and under the LONE STAR FLAG, proved very useful in cutting off supplies to the invading troops of Santa Anna.

The Schooner Liberty of some 60 tons was the first to be commissioned and was sold after the winning of the battle of San Jacinto, late in 1836. It was joined by the Schooner INVINCIBLE, which was wrecked in August of 1837, as was also the BRUTUS in October of the same year. The Independence was captured in April 1837. Texas now had her freedom but had lost her little navy.

The Second Congress found it imperative to provide protection for the Republic's long seashore line and voted money and authorized the purchase of new ships for a second navy for TEXAS. The Brig Potomac was acquired in early 1838, while the Steam BRIG Charleston was bought in 1839 and renamed the ZAVALA and was sold for scrap in 1844.

Frederick Dawson of Baltimore and delivered the Schooner San Jacinto, which was wrecked in Oct. of 1840; the Schooner San Antonio wrecked in Sept. 1842; and the Schooner San Bernard which was transferred to the United States Navy after the Mexican War and Texas became one of the United States of America. Also the brigs Wharton and Archer which were also transferred to the United States Navy in June 1846.

The Sloop of War Austin, named for Stephen F. Austin, was the most important ship in the second Texas Navy and served as the Flagship until she was transferred to the United States Navy in 1846. She was commissioned December 1839 and was commanded by Commodore Edwin Ward Moore from December 1839 to July 1843.

by -
Betty M. McCroskey
Wharton, Texas

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PROGRAM

- Drill by - Junior Posse -----Sponsored by C. B. Robertson
- Music - Angleton High School Band
- Introduction - Master of Ceremonies - Mr. Frank Tritico, Treas. of Sons of Republic, Houston
- Invocation - Rev. J. H. Freeland
- National Anthem -
- Salute to Flags - Mrs. W. P. Coleman - State Chaplain - San Antonio, Texas
- Welcome - Mr. Les Kelley, Manager Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce
- Response - Mrs. Barclay Megarity, Pres., State D. R. T.
- Introductions of State Officers, Historians and Other Guests
- Reading Governor's Proclamation - Sam R. Fisher, Houston
- Solo ---"Song of the Brazos", Mrs. Seawillow Allen, Boling accompanied by Orchestra
- Band Music ----Angleton High School Band
- Remarks about purpose of Texian Navy Day - Mr. Frank Tritico
- Vocal Quartette - Alvin Group - Mrs. E. C. Mason, Manvel
- "Utah" Carl and Son Carl, Jr. - with guitar and Texas Songs, Galveston
- Visit U. S. S. Grouse at New Harbor Basin in Freeport

Artemio Rodaiguz
Visit to Pass to Reedolph
Joe F Blanton - Hous. Pres. S.R.T.