

was abandoned as Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway substituted.

News reports state the highway from Red River to Laredo is now being marked by the highway department as Jefferson Davis Highway and the highway commissioners say Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway is settled for the Orange-El Paso road.

This if persisted in means the destruction of the Old Spanish Trail from St. Augustine, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., as a national highway, for Texas with one-third the distance across the continent can make or break the project.

The Old Spanish Trail was organized at Mobile in 1915 and has been a continuous active organization ever since. At a conference in Houston in 1919 San Antonio was asked to assume the national headquarters work. The value of connecting such a project across Texas was recognized and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce appropriated \$1000 and others followed with support in loyal measure.

In the 10 years of this work members have spent over \$100,000 personally. They have succeeded not only in making the Old Spanish Trail a connected transcontinental trunkline of very valuable possibilities to the South, but they have fostered the construction program until \$35,000,000 has already been spent; \$7,900,000 of construction in progress will be completed this year; \$10,000,000 of new construction will be inaugurated in 1925.

The Old Spanish Trail is known all over the land. It is of record in national offices everywhere, on all maps, in government manuals, at schools, libraries, colleges, and with all magazine editors interested in outdoor life and auto travel. More magazine and feature articles are published than for any other national highway. Its name, its historical background, its potential service to national tourist travel, and the possibilities of its territory for settlement, development, fishing, camping and resting, all appeal to the Northern editors. If let alone it will be the nation's best-known highway.

The O. S. T. Association in the past 10 years has published 40,000 service and general maps; 10,000 four-color lithograph wall maps, 50,000 miscellaneous leaflets and booklets; 20,000 travelogs, and now has a wealth of material ready for a Texas Travelog of 20,000 copies; magazine and feature articles have reached a circulation of over 4,000,000; over 2000 miles of roads have been marked and new marking is necessary; zero milestones have been dedicated by presidents and governors; O. S. T. field men have traveled over 50,000 miles in this work, in the early days they wallowed in mud and mire working out courses of the highway across the continent; now the women are organizing and beautifying the highway and they, too, have made great contributions to the service.

Is all this now to be broken down and all this time and money to be wasted? And what explanation can we as Texans make to these other states from Florida to California that trusted our loyalty and entrusted the national work to Texans? What is the Texas situation with a trunkline north and south and one east and west, both marked Jefferson Davis and both of them nationally known highways of interstate character and with nationally recognized names? And what of the great travel move-

work—there can be no dependence on finances or on the allegiance of the workers in other states, or in this state, and national magazine articles are in abeyance with a half dozen editorial requests are before us. Texas has a vital interest in the preservation of this Old Spanish Trail project, and in its utmost development and publicity. North Texas has the same interest as South Texas for travel must pass southward to get to this trunkline. It is a serious thing to hamper, hurt or break a project that has achieved so much and that now is enjoying unrivaled construction progress in all its states, and that has built up such favorable recognition all over the United States.

## SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS IS PLANNED

Tyler, Texas, May 9.—From June 6 to 20 the home of Mrs. Walter Connally at Hitt's Club Lake, eight miles north of Tyler, will be the scene of a summer camp for girls between the ages of 14 and 21. The camp will be under the auspices of the Young Peoples Service League of the Episcopal diocese of Texas, open to girls of all denominations, and proposes to train for leadership.

The camp staff includes Miss Dorothy M. Fisher of Houston, matron-in-charge; Rev. W. N. Claybrook of Tyler, Bible instructor; Mrs. J. R. Greenhill, Jr., of Houston, camp director; Miss Rachel Summers of Austin, assistant director; Miss Maggie Clarke of Tyler, health director; Miss Sadie Schnemayer of Austin, camp dietician; Miss Zenda Ashbacher of Houston, swimming instructor, and Mrs. Earl Scroggins, Mrs. D. G. Connally and Mrs. J. D. Patterson, all of Tyler, counsellors.

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