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Daisetta’s Main Street is due to be expanded into a modern four-lane highway, with the extra width to come from the west side. Since this picture was made last winter, a Minimax Store, a new Jay’s Variety Store and new oilfield office building have been built or started.



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HULL-DAISETTA GROUP IN AUSTIN MEETING

Seventeen civic leaders from Hull and Daisetta journeyed to Austin Monday to meet with the Texas Highway Commission. They presented a plan which was very cordially received to four-lane a straight route from the corner in front of Hull-Daisetta High School to a point in the west side of Hull. The proposal has the sanction of the County Commissioners Court. State Engineer E.C. Greer, who was present, commended the group for their far-sightedness in recommending just the type of bypass which engineers consider good practice. Commissioners Charles F. Hawn and Hal Woodward sat for the state commission. The H-D group requested an on-the-ground survey to be made by the highway department for such a route. The request was received and a reply is expected shortly.

**PHOTO ABOVE:** Looking north on the route, which is already set for four-laning in Daisetta. Under the new proposal, the turns several hundred yards away in this picture would be eliminated and a straight route to Hull substituted.

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## Lost Mules, Lost Horses

by Kevin Ladd

Mr. Albert Tullos of Hardin told me the following story.

When Mr. Jake Rawlinson came into this country, he settled in the Moss Hill-Hardin area and brought with him eight mules and eight horses that he had purchased up in Trinity County. He brought them down here and locked them away in a corral, only to have them break out of that corral like a bat out of Hell and then head for parts unknown.

Mr. Jake secured the help of Mr. Albert Tullos and of Pete Miller, and they started tracking. Some of the mules or horses had shoes and they followed them by tracing the shoes. They spent a great deal of time carefully following the animals, tracking them to a sandbar on the Trinity River.

The horses and mules saw them coming up, and a big bay horse led them into the waters of the Trinity. The men sat and watched as the animals swam across. Mr. Albert said, “Well, Jake, you’re gonna lose them.” Mr. Jake was one of these people who would put up with a bunch of animals only so long and then he was favorably disposed toward just forgetting that they ever existed. He said, “Well, let them all go.”

The horses swam across and reached the other bank to freedom (or so they thought). The horses gathered on the opposite bank only to find that they were blocked from any further progress westward by a high bluff. It could have probably been scaled by Sir Edmund Hillary on his mountain climbing expedition, but not by eight horses and eight mules.

The horses realized that they were caught and swam back across, where Mr. Jake caught the leader, the big bay horse, and the rest of them followed along.



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