

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
DA-2022-007262; GF-2022-017035
301 WEST 6TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1919 commercial building.

ARCHITECTURE

The building at 301 W. 6th Street is a single-story brick warehouse with rhythmic fenestration, a corner entrance, and Art Deco cornice detailing. The

RESEARCH

The building at 301 West 6th Street was constructed around 1919, though the lot appears to have been in use as commercial and dwelling space since at least the 1890s, per Sanborn fire insurance maps and occupancy histories.

Onorato Del Curto sold the corner lot at 6th and Lavaca to the San Antonio-based Riegler Ice Cream Company in 1919. It became a manufacturing and sales center, with plate-glass windows to display the state-of-the-art facility and enameled interior¹ to pedestrian traffic. By the 1920s, the Austin Ice Cream Company had purchased the building as their Austin headquarters, manufacturing Violet Crown Ice Cream products. In 1926, a group of Temple investors with the Bell Ice Cream Company had purchased the company, though the building kept the Violet Crown name. By 1931, the expanding Bell Company planned to construct a new factory at 10th Street and Guadalupe,² and the Roy Rather Refrigeration Company purchased 301 W. 6th Street.

During the 1930s, after a brief stint at 201 W. 6th Street, Morris and Curtis Mosteller moved their seed business into the former factory.³ During the late 1930s and early 1940s, their advertising focused on the wartime Victory Garden effort, and Morris Mosteller dispensed regular planting advice as part of his role as garden committee chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.⁴

Throughout the historic period, the secondary building sharing a party wall with 301 W. 6th Street—known through the years as 502, 504, and 506 Lavaca Street—served a variety of business and industrial occupants, most notably the Lindsey Auto Electric Company. Lindsey Auto Electric remained at the Lavaca Street address for at least twenty years.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate to high integrity. Non-historic awnings have been removed. Brick painting may have occurred in the historic period. Though the windows have been replaced, they do not appear to have altered original openings.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:

¹ "ICE CREAM FIRM WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE." The Statesman (1916-1921), Mar 09, 1919. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/ice-cream-firm-will-erect-new-building-here/docview/1643613231/se-2?accountid=7451>.

² "Bell Ice Cream Ice Lets Contract for Building." The Austin American (1914-1973), Feb 08, 1931. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/bell-ice-cream-lets-contract-building/docview/1611317519/se-2?accountid=7451>.

³ "OWNED AND MANAGED." The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 06, 1938. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/owned-managed/docview/1610325223/se-2?accountid=7451>.

⁴ "Workers in Over 5,000 Victory Gardens in Austin Toil in Hot Sun these Days." The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Apr 20, 1944. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/workers-over-5-000-victory-gardens-austin-toil/docview/1609891712/se-2?accountid=7451>.

- a.* Architecture. The building is a good example of early twentieth century industrial architecture, with Art Deco detailing. It is associated with the earliest period of modern refrigeration in Austin, and it appears to be the only intact, purpose-built structure remaining of this type and era within the downtown warehouse district.
- b.* Historical association. The property is associated with the Riegler Ice Cream Company, Austin Ice Cream Company, Violet Crown Ice Cream, and Capital Seed Company. These businesses represent an era of technological advancement in building construction and food production, as well as a vital resource for Victory Gardeners during the second World War.
- c.* Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d.* Community value. The property does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
- e.* Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Initiate historic zoning. Should the Commission decide against initiation, encourage adaptive reuse, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-017035
LOCATION: 301 W 6TH STREET

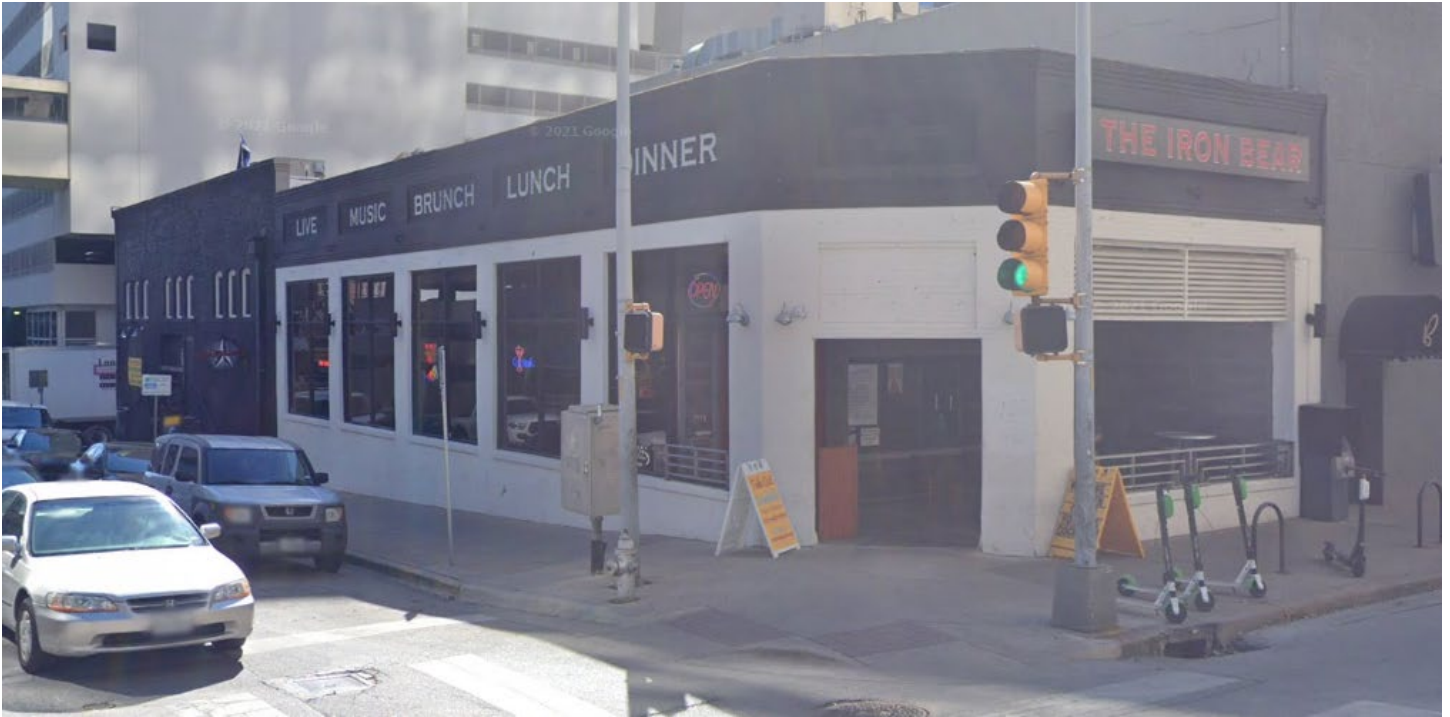
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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2021



Source: Applicant, 2022

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, January 2022

- 1959 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
506 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric parts and repairs
- 1957 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
506 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1955 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
506 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1952 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
506 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1949 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
506 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Clinic
- 1947 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
504 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1944 301 W 6th St.: Vacant
504 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1941 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
504 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1939 301 W 6th St.: Capitol Seed House
504 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1937 301 W 6th St.: Paul Williams, accountant, Austin Federation of Musicians; Tax Assessors & Collectors Association
504 Lavaca St.: Lindsay Auto Electric
- 1935 301 W 6th St.: US Department of Labor National Reemployment Office
- 1932 301 W 6th St.: Rather Co. refrigeration
502-504 Lavaca St.: Robert E. Whiting battery and electrical supply
- 1929 301 W 6th St.: Bell Ice Cream Co. of Austin
502-504 Lavaca St.: Robert E. Whiting battery and electrical supply
- 1927 301 W 6th St.: Frank Bros (men's furnishings)
502 Lavaca St.: Johnson Rubber Co.
- 1924 301 W 6th St.: Austin Ice Cream Co.
502 Lavaca St.: Johnson Rubber Co. and Firestone Service Station
- 1920 301 W 6th St.: Riegler Ice Cream Co.
301 ½ W. 6th St.: Onnorato Del Curto, owner
502 Lavaca St.: J.O. Buass & Sons (sheet metal works)
- 1916 301 W 6th St.: Vacant
301 ½ - Onorato Del Curto, owner
502 Lavaca St.: J. O. Buass & Sons (roofers)
- 1914 301 W 6thSt.: Frank Raggio Grocery
301 ½ W 6th St.: Onorato Del Curto, owner
502 Lavaca St.: Samuel L. McCulloch, President-treasurer McCulloch Livestock Co., also notary; Minot B. McCulloch, McCulloch Livestock Co.
- 1910 301 W 6th St.: Andrew Raggio (grocer); Onorato Del Curto, owner
502 Lavaca St.: Anders G. and Eric G. Malmberg, Shoemakers
- 1906 301 W 6thSt.: Andrew Roggio, general merchandise
502 Lavaca St.: Alice Prince, Ellen Miley

Permits

4839

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. Vacent Address 221 W. 6th St. **INDEXED**

Plumber Rich Size of Tap 3/4" Date _____

meter 739897

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 12/6/1927

Water service permit, 1927

OWNER C.M. Bartholomew Estate ADDRESS 301 West 6th

PLAT 7 LOT 7 BLK _____

SUBDIVISION Orig. City

OCCUPANCY Business College

BLD PERMIT # 109091 DATE 7-29-68 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$3,500.00

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES _____

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --

Remodel existing comm. bldg.

Building permit, 1968

OWNER Harrison & Pearson ADDRESS 301 W. 6th St.

PLAT 7 LOT 7 BLK 53

SUBDIVISION Original City

OCCUPANCY Awning

BLDG. PERMIT # 192189 DATE 3-1-80 OWNERS ESTIMATE 900.00

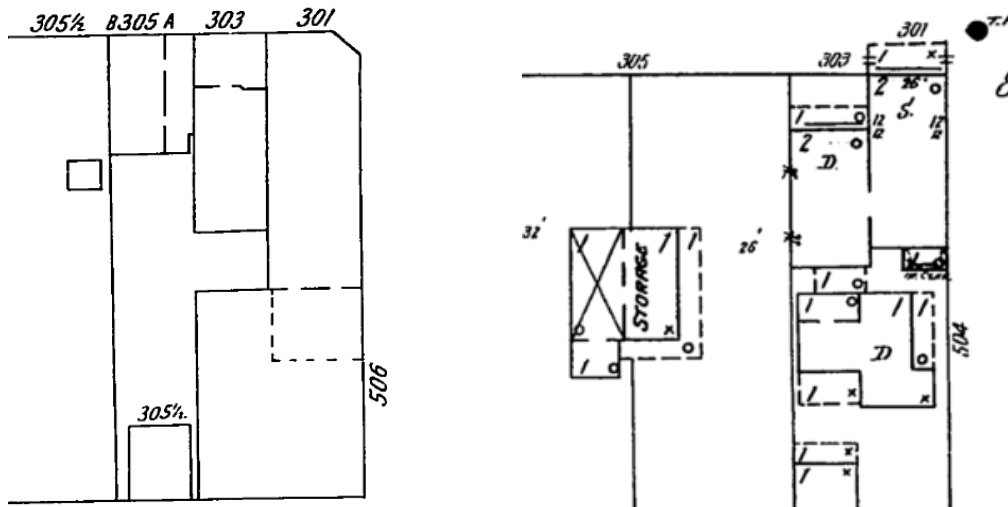
CONTRACTOR Dismukes Blind & Drapery NO. OF FIXTURES _____

WATER TAP REC# _____ SEWER TAP REC# _____

Awning -install 7 canvas awning on front & dis
of bldg.

Building permit, 1980

Historical information



Sanborn map, 1935 and 1900

ICE CREAM FIRM WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE

Tomorrow work will begin on a new industry for Austin, or rather a new home for a new industry. This will be a most attractive and up-to-date sales and storage home for the Riegler Ice Cream Company of San Antonio, for which will be put up a building for their newly established branch in Austin.

The new building, which will be erected on the property owned by Del Curto Bros., corner of Sixth and Lavaca streets, will be 30x148 feet in extent, and have plate glass front and sides, while the interior will be white enamel. The building will be made attractive with flowers and pretty lighting effects, and will be one of the best equipped sales and storage plants in the South. It will be opened, it is expected, in sixty or ninety days.

It will have automatic refrigerating equipment, the temperature regulated scientifically, and every appurtenance up to date and sanitary as science can devise.

The new plant will be equipped to take care of all orders, nowever big, and will be prepared to furnish at a moment's notice, plain or fancy ice cream for every occasion. The plant will be operated entirely by Austin people, under the management of J. B. Gasser of Austin. Orders from one-half gallon, on up, will be delivered. It is interesting to know that Riegler is one of the largest manufacturers of ice cream in the South. The establishment has been in operation for the past twenty-five years in San Antonio. It has grown and branched out, adding the latest improved methods of making ice cream, and has passed the

Government's test in sanitation, with the highest honors, being known as "the cleanest place in Texas." Ninety per cent of army business is done by the Riegler Ice Cream Company.

To show to what an extent the ice cream business has grown, a check for \$13,700 was given Riegler's for one month's supply of ice cream for Kelly Field. Ice cream was consumed by the ton, rather than by the gallon, there.

In speaking of establishing a branch in Austin, Mr. Gasser stated that Riegler had intended for a year to come to Austin, feeling that such an ice cream plant was a necessity for Austin, and that the industry in Austin was going to increase very materially. Already orders from the surrounding towns had been coming in very satisfactorily, and when the plant is fully established, in its handsome new home, it will be a credit to the big institution of which it is a part, and Austin will have a business that will add lustre to her name.

Riegler's opened their branch in Austin Feb. 1, and have two trucks in operation, delivering ice cream.

Pretty menu booklets are now on the press, which will be distributed to the hostesses and homemakers of Austin, giving them many ideas in entertaining, and in the serving of fancy desserts, ice creams in all pretty forms and devices.

"ICE CREAM FIRM WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Mar 09, 1919.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/ice-cream-firm-will-erect-new-building-here/docview/1643613231/se-2?accountid=7451>.

ation made to it later on.

Sightly Buildings Going Up.

The Riegler Ice Cream Company building, now under course of construction, corner of Sixth and Colorado Streets, will be an ornament to the business section of Austin. It is being built of the best quality of brick, will be finished on the inside with enamel and will be slightly in each detail. The automatic cold storage plant will be one of the most modern in Texas, and the building will be used for storage and sales purposes. That it will supply the needs of a large number of towns in this section of Texas is a foregone conclusion.

Austin Realty In Demand.

There have been more realty transfers involving valuable properties and the exchange of big sums of money within the past few months, in Austin, than has been recorded here for years. On the whole, this city is a cleanly one, civic care evincing itself on every side, the business enterprises are sound and the general healthful condition is conducive to the most optimistic predictions for Austin's rapid and solid advancement.

Ainsworth, J. S. "PROPOSED HOTEL, OTHER ENTERPRISES, BOOST AUSTIN." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Apr 20, 1919.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/proposed-hotel-other-enterprises-boost-austin/docview/1643806415/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Reception Tomorrow.

Among the events of interest on Thursday's calendar is the reception given by the Riegler Ice Cream Co., at their new home, 301 W. Sixth Street.

The reception is a celebration of the opening of their attractive new home in Austin, and will be held from 4 to 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The affair promises to be very delightful. There will be music, refreshments and souvenirs and Austin people are cordially invited.

"Reception Tomorrow." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Aug 13, 1919.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/reception-tomorrow/docview/1617137498/se-2?accountid=7451>.

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FROM FOUR TILL EIGHT P. M.

REFRESHMENTS

SOUVENIRS

MUSIC

301 West 6th Street

Riegler
ICE CREAM CO.

Phone 2811

"Display Ad 9 -- no Title." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Aug 13, 1919.

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MRS. O. DEL CURTO.

The funeral of Mrs. O. Del Curto, wife of O. Del Curto, was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Father McDonald officiating. Mrs. Del Curto, whose residence was at 1914 West Sixth street, was a member of one of Austin's oldest families, and her death came as a shock to a wide circle of friends in this city. Mrs. Del Curto is survived by her husband and three children, Frank M. Del Curto, Miss Mary Louise Del Curto and J. M. Del Curto, the latter serving as bacteriologist for the Department of Agriculture. Funeral services were private.

FRANK RAGGIO, aged 51 years, a resident of Austin all of his life, died early Tuesday morning at a local hospital following an illness of two weeks. He is survived by one brother, Antonio Raggio of Austin, and a niece, Miss Jane Cuneo of Austin.

The remains were removed to the residence of his brother, 406 East Second street. Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. Father Quinlan officiating. Interment will be in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Tom Cuneo, Joe Macken, Frank Maddox, Pat McNamara, Louis Ghezzi and Gus Moberg.

"MRS. O. DEL CURTO." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Sep 16, 1920.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/mrs-o-del-curto/docview/1617014370/se-2?accountid=7451>.

"The Dead." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Dec 01, 1925.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/dead/docview/1616721925/se-2?accountid=7451>.

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"Display Ad 9 -- no Title." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Jul 15, 1922.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/display-ad-9-no-title/docview/1616864497/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Austin Ice Cream Company Sold to Temple Business Men

Assets of the Austin Ice Cream company were purchased Monday afternoon by a group of business men of Temple for a consideration of \$33,000. Announcement of the purchase was made by Joe T. Bonner, one of the new owners, immediately following the closing of the contract.

Purchasers of the ice cream plant located at Sixth and Lavaca streets are: Joe T. Bonner, F. L. Denison, J. C. Mitchell, Lem Burr, and Roy C. Alstadt, all of Temple. The old corporation under the sale was dissolved and the new owners plan to incorporate the new group about Wednesday or Thursday of this week with a capitalization of \$50,000.

The new owners of the Austin plant are experienced creamery men, owning plants at Temple, Lubbock and Lampasas. Ice cream and kindred products will continue to be manufactured here and new machinery and equipment costing between \$10,000 and \$12,000 will be added during the coming month, it was announced.

Although the new owners control four plants, the Austin institution will be independent and its deposits and resources will be kept in Austin.

The deal was transacted through C. N. Avery of Austin. Mr. Bonner announced. J. W. Etter and J. C. Capt were president and vice president of the Austin Ice Cream company under the previous ownership.

"Austin Ice Cream Company Sold to Temple Business Men." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Nov 01, 1926.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/austin-ice-cream-company-sold-temple-business-men/docview/1616675405/se-2?accountid=7451>.

The Same Name, But Not the Same Product



Violet Crown Ice Cream

has changed owners, management and formula.

We had no thought of changing the name but are changing the formula to make a product in keeping with the beautiful name.

We are going to offer to Austin and its trade territory in VIOLET CROWN ICE CREAM in bulk, bricks and fancy individual moulds a product that will not only look and taste good but will be exceedingly high in food value.

The wise house wife and hostess will appreciate more and more the wonderful food value in VIOLET CROWN ICE CREAM and will serve it on the table, at parties and all social functions.

VIOLET CROWN ICE CREAM will make its way by the way it's made. Call for it by name.



BELL ICE CREAM CO. of Austin

J. B. GASSER, MANAGER

DIAL 9194

301 W. 6th St.

"Display Ad 68 -- no Title." The Austin American (1914-1973), Nov 14, 1926.

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New Company Takes Over Violet Crown Ice Cream Co.

J. B. Gasser was placed in charge of the Bell Ice Cream company of Austin last week, assuming his official duties as manager Thursday. The property was recently purchased from the Violet Crown Ice Cream company by Joe T. Bonner, F. L. Denison and J. C. Mitchell, incorporators, all of Temple.

Mr. Bonner was in the city all last week completing final plans for the future policies of the new company. He said that the company would start immediate work on improvements to cost \$10,000 or \$15,000. Although the name of the company has been changed the ice cream will carry the same brand name of Violet Crown as used by the former owners. Mr. Bonner is enthusiastic about the future of the company in Austin and optimistically stated that he was proud of his investment here. He further stated that his company would at all times co-operate in the building and boosting of Austin and its trade territory, and render a real service to both.

"We don't feel that any institution has a right to exist unless it does render service," Mr. Bonner said.

J. B. Gasser who has been placed in charge as manager, is a resident

of Austin and installed the plant and is thoroughly acquainted with the trade of Austin and its trade territory. He has had long experience in the manufacturing and selling of ice cream and other dairy products. Gasser says that he will establish Violet Crown ice cream as a product unsurpassed in purity and food value.

Mr. Gasser says that a special invitation is extended to the public to visit the plant at 301 W. Sixth street at any time in which they will be shown through the institution by the local management.

"New Company Takes Over Violet Crown Ice Cream Co." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Nov 14, 1926.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/new-company-takes-over-violet-crown-ice-cream-co/docview/1616978930/se-2?accountid=7451>.

BELL EXPANDS AUSTIN PLANT

Violet Crown Ice Cream Is Local Product.

About one year ago the Bell Ice Cream company, operating several ice cream manufacturing plants in Central and West Texas, bought out the interest of the Violet Crown Ice Cream company.

The first step made by the new company was to add new equipment to the factory.

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of the newest and most modern equipment for the manufacture of ice cream was installed during the first six months of their operations. Previously all ice cream mixes were shipped from outside sources.

Today the entire preparatory steps for the making of ice cream are made in the factory here in Austin.

Violet Crown Ice cream is shipped throughout South Central Texas in vegetable parchment lined containers, which system is also used for local distribution.

A fleet of six motor vehicles is necessary to handle the daily local

output of the factory. The company maintains its offices here in Austin and every transaction is consummated with local banks and other institutions.

Fourteen On Payroll.

R. W. Button, in charge of the plant, said, "We buy nothing outside of Austin that can be purchased here."

Fourteen persons are employed by the plant.

"BELL EXPANDS AUSTIN PLANT: VIOLET CROWN ICE CREAM IS LOCAL PRODUCT." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Aug 14, 1927. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/bell-expands-austin-plant/docview/1643720466/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Bell Ice Cream Ice Lets Contract For Building

Work will be started immediately by C. W. Moore, general contractor, on the construction of a modern new creamery plant for the Bell Ice Cream company at the northeast corner of 10th and Guadalupe street, it was announced Saturday.

The new plant, located across the street from the new Travis county courthouse, will be of brick and reinforced concrete construction and will cost \$25,000.

"Bell Ice Cream Ice Lets Contract for Building." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Feb 08, 1931. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/bell-ice-cream-lets-contract-building/docview/1611317519/se-2?accountid=7451>.

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Plenty of Ice

The modern electric refrigerator of today will at one freezing make from 6 to 20 pounds of ice depending on the size of the unit. Don't let any one tell you different. Electric refrigerators are absolutely dependable, maintaining cold even temperatures and furnish an ample supply of ice cubes at all times. The cost of operation is amazingly small.



"Display Ad 2 -- no Title." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Jun 19, 1932.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/display-ad-2-no-title/docview/1611718642/se-2?accountid=7451>

Mosteller Brothers Open Capitol Seed House

Two Austin men have opened a new seed store known as the Capitol Seed House and located at 201 West Sixth street. This store is owned and operated by Morris D. Mosteller and Curtis L. Mosteller, brothers.

The new store handles garden seed of every variety that is adaptable to this climate, the owners announced. The Capitol Seed House buys seed from the most reliable seed growers in this country and other countries.

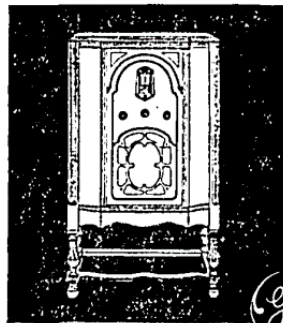
For beautiful lawns and flower gardens the Capitol Seed House has fresh bulk flower seed and many different lawn grasses. In addition, the store is exclusive distributor in Austin for Red Chain poultry and stock feeds. Pet owners will find everything they need for the proper care and feeding of their pets such as canaries, dogs, and poultry.

"Mosteller Brothers Open Capitol Seed House." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Oct 08, 1933.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/mosteller-brothers-open-capitol-seed-house/docview/1638169143/se-2?accountid=7451>.

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Delco Batteries
Delco Light
Products

504 Lavaca

"Display Ad 21 -- no Title." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Sep 22, 1932.

<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/display-ad-21-no-title/docview/1610432743/se-2?accountid=7451> and "Display Ad 53 -- no Title." *The Austin American* (1914-1973), Jun 27, 1937.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/display-ad-53-no-title/docview/1611465792/se-2?accountid=7451>.



OWNED AND MANAGED by M. D. Mosteller, above, the Capitol Seed House, formerly located at 201 West Sixth, is holding open house Wednesday afternoon and night at its new location, 301 West Sixth. The Universal Cowboys, Fort Worth string orchestra, will play. According to Mosteller, the change in location will afford ample room for expansion, brought about by the increasing interest being evidenced in gardening. The Capitol Seed House opened five years ago and since has made steady growth.

"OWNED AND MANAGED." The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 06, 1938.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/owned-managed/docview/1610325223/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Officials of Capital Seed House



Photo by Jensen

M. D. MOSTELLER
Owner and Manager



Photo by Jensen

C. H. GUSTAFSON
Manager Wholesale Department



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Manager Retail Feed Sales

M. D. Mosteller, of the Capitol Seed House, 301 West Sixth street, reports an ever increasing interest being shown in the planning and planting of flower and vegetable gardens in Austin and Central Texas. Within six years his seed store has grown from a very small single room to the pres-

ent large modern store, one of Central Texas' finest. C. H. Gustafson has been associated with the Capitol Seed House the past five years and has been in the seed business the past 15 years. Frank Mosteller has been associated with the store for three years.

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Tuneup of Car Motor Advised By Lindsay

During the colder days of late fall and winter that are ahead, the chances that the engine in your car will stall on you or will be hard to start will increase, says Joe Lindsay, owner and manager of Lindsay Auto Electric, located at 504 Lavaca street.

And when the car engine stalls on you, the chance is fine that the engine needs tuning up. And the best time to have that done is now—before the colder weather arrives. Why not take the car down to the Lindsay firm and let its experts in ignition check the various features that make the motor function.

By having the motor tuned up, it will mean a saving to you in greater economy of gasoline consumption, maximum power and top speed in performance. When the motor is tuned up at the Lindsay Auto Electric, the carburetor, spark plugs, battery, distributor, motor compression are all checked carefully as well as all wiring and all electrical connections.

Mr. Lindsay pointed out that a motor checkup is recommended by all car manufacturers at regular intervals from 6,000 to 10,000 miles.

And should your headlights fail to perform properly, it is suggested that you let the experienced staff of Lindsay Auto Electric check them for you and place them in top condition. This firm specializes

in headlight testing and use a special machine for that purpose.

The Lindsay Auto Electric firm is equipped with all of the latest and most modern testing apparatus approved by car manufacturers and employs the services of experienced, skilled workmen. The firm also handles a general line of electrical parts for all General Motors and Chrysler cars.

Should the ignition system of your automobile need attention, Mr. Lindsay invites you to try his firm's service.

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Workers in Over 5,000 Victory Gardens In Austin Toil in Hot Sun These Days

Spring is urging more and more people to call a spade a backache these days, according to the public agencies interested in promoting more and better victory gardens.

Toiling in the warm sun these days are workers in over 5,000 victory gardens in the Austin area

alone, not including approximately 600 community gardens, large tracts that are farmed by several families.

The Austin Chamber of Commerce, assisting K. D. Willingham, county agent, and other persons and organizations interested in the victory garden program, has mailed out more than 5,000 mimeographed letters of instructions to prospective or active gardeners.

Regardless of the recent frost, the letter says, there is still plenty of time to plant a profitable victory garden.

M. D. Mosteller, chairman of the chamber's garden committee, urges people to plant vegetables that produce over a period of time, that are easy to grow, produce the most, and of which there is the possibility of a shortage.

Mosteller urges gardeners to plant only seeds that will germinate properly. If the gardener is in doubt about his seeds, he may have them checked at the state department of agriculture.

Seeds that should be planted now, Mosteller says, include: Beans (all

kinds), beets, carrots, corn, lettuce, tendergreens, onion plants, Irish potatoes, radishes, tomato plants, cucumbers, okra, squash, pepper plants and egg plants.

In planting, the safe general rule is to plant only three times in depth the size of the seed, Mosteller said. It is better to plant seeds too shallow than too deep, and seeds should not be planted too thick.

Soil should be kept pulverized after planting is completed. "Proper cultivation lets sunlight and warmth into the soil, and at the same time retains moisture in the earth. Proper cultivation will do more to speed up the growth of your plants than almost anything else," Mosteller said.

"Workers in Over 5,000 Victory Gardens in Austin Toil in Hot Sun these Days." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Apr 20, 1944. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/workers-over-5-000-victory-gardens-austin-toil/docview/1609891712/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Greater Need For Gardens Emphasized

Warnings this week by war food administration officials that American civilians will have less food this year add emphasis to the need for more victory gardening in Austin and surrounding territory, members of the Chamber of Commerce garden committee agreed Tuesday morning.

The committee discussed plans, including the publication of a page advertisement in the *American and Statesman*, for informing the public about how to grow garden vegetables.

Ed St. John, new chairman of the committee and a successful victory gardener for the past few war years, presided at the meeting attended also by Mrs. Paul Vollette, emergency war food assistant in the county home demonstrator's office; Mrs. Paul Hornberger, Mrs. Tom Roberts Jr., Fred S. Nagle, M. K. Steger, M. D. Mosteller, Murray P. Ramsey; K. D. Willingham, Travis county farm agent; Thomas Mayes, negro county agent; and Jessie L. Shelton, negro county home demonstration agent.

The committee agreed there is necessity not only for encouraging past victory gardeners to expand and increase their efforts, but for furnishing information that will cause new victory gardens to be grown in this area this year.

Mayes told of plans, in cooperation with the negro chamber of commerce, of interesting more negro citizens in the growing of victory gardens.

The committee asked that persons offering plowing services notify the Austin Chamber of Commerce so that victory gardeners might obtain those services when needed.

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