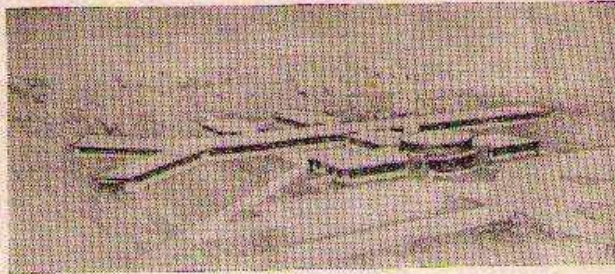


Caja 32
conteniendo 13
documentos 20

75

Southwest Texas Clinic

COMMITTEE OF TRUST
 J. WILL HARRIS, CHAIRMAN
 J. F. MOFFETT, VICE CHAIRMAN
 H. E. GILL, SECRETARY
 D. S. REDUS, TREASURER
 SERAPIO MACHADO
 REFUGIO COLUNGA
 WILLIAM E. HUGHES
 REPRESENTING MONTERREY, MEXICO



ARCHITECT
 ROBERT H. H. HUGMAN, A.I.A.
 ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS
 JOHN M. MARRIOTT, A.I.A.
 WALLIS J. WADE

INTERNATIONAL, INTERDENOMINATIONAL, NON-PROFIT
 FOR TEXAS AND MEXICO
 DILLEY, TEXAS

Over 1000

July 11 1947.

Rev Dr. Edward G. Seel., President.
 San German Puerto Rico.

Dear Dr. Seel:

My ear is as big ~~as big~~ as the main sail of a schooner, after listening on the Radio for two weeks trying to tune in one Poly's Mas Coral while it was performing in New York. We were all disappointed not to have heard it sing. I hope some recordings have been made and in time we can hear the records. I rejoice with you all and congratulate especially Prof. Beth and the individuals who worked so hard to make poly known through song. Had it been possible for me I would have gone to New York to hear the singing but especially to meet and to know you personally. If you are ever in Texas be sure to come and see us.

The PRESBYTERIAN , in announcing the Masa Coral's programs for Philadelphia said: "The Polytechnic was founded by and is maintained by the Board of National Missions". I founded the Poly as an independent, interdenominational institution in 1912. No mission Board had any thing to do with it. Dr C.L. Thompson, then Secy of the Home Mission Board allowed us to use his name as one of the original trustees of that first Board of Trustees. In May 1909 I was sent by P. Rico Presbytery to the General Assembly in Denver. On my way back I secured from two Women Societies and one individual in Kansas \$900., (\$300. each) for beginning my Polytechnic. When the Mission Board heard of this they immediately told the people of Kansas not to contribute further to the Poly. Mr. Olin, the treasurer of the Home Board put me out of his office remarking, "Harris, that Polytechnic is only an idea in your head. When you die it will die." Three years later George W. Perkins, a member of the H.M. Board, learned from that I was a missionary of the HMB and at the same time carrying on an independent school; proceedings were started by Perkins and I soon went with my school under the HMB. This arrangement was mutually understood that as soon as the Poly could get on its feet it would again be placed under an independent Board. This was done in 1920, five years later.

At the request of Dr. Marquis of the HMB, I wrote a short and clear story step by step, from 1909 to 1920 for the new Board of Poly and for the HMB. A copy of this is in the archives of Poly in the safe of San German. Ask Mrs. Lydia Gregory to look it up for you, if you have not seen it. Please keep that copy for some day when we are all gone it will be a valuable