



YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT HISTORY

1900

1899

Henry Schultz traveled to Greenville, SC for YMCA charter and came home empty handed.

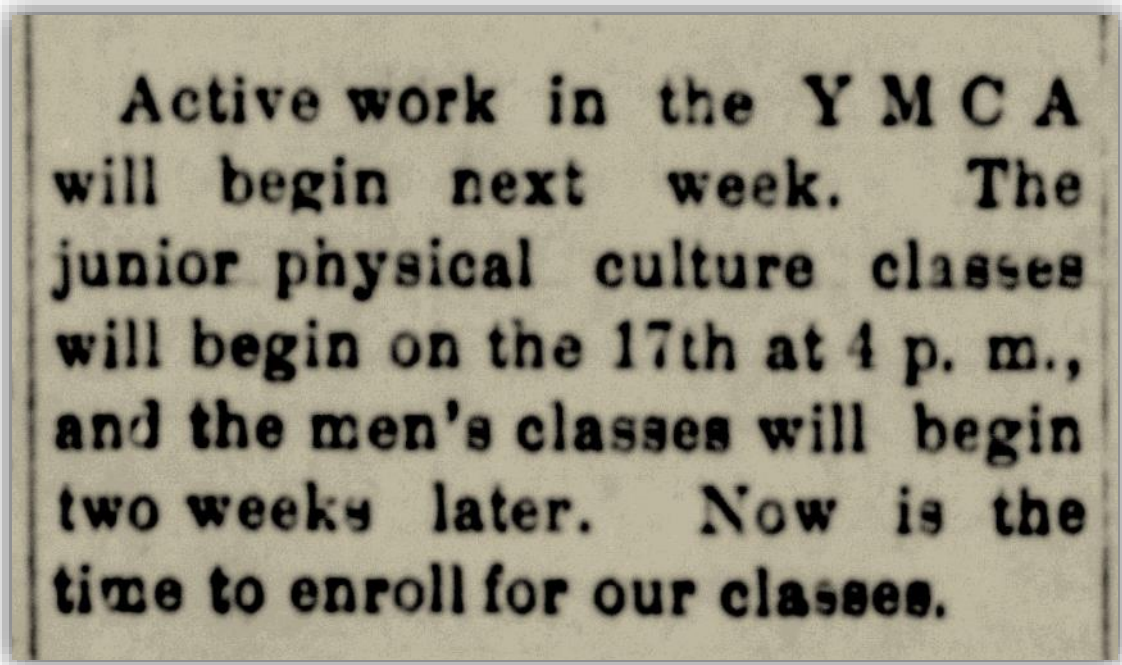
April 1906

Membership reached its highest in April when it numbered 190. Of these, 60 were under 17 years of age.

The Association seeks to meet this demand. The average daily attendance at the rooms during the year was 26.



September 15, 1906



1908

YMCA building on corner of Main and Goodwin was leased to John and Helen Krapf. This was the beginning of the Delaware Hotel.

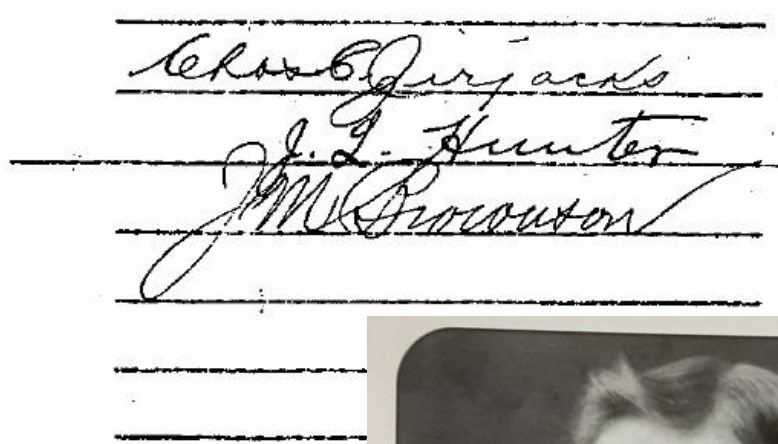
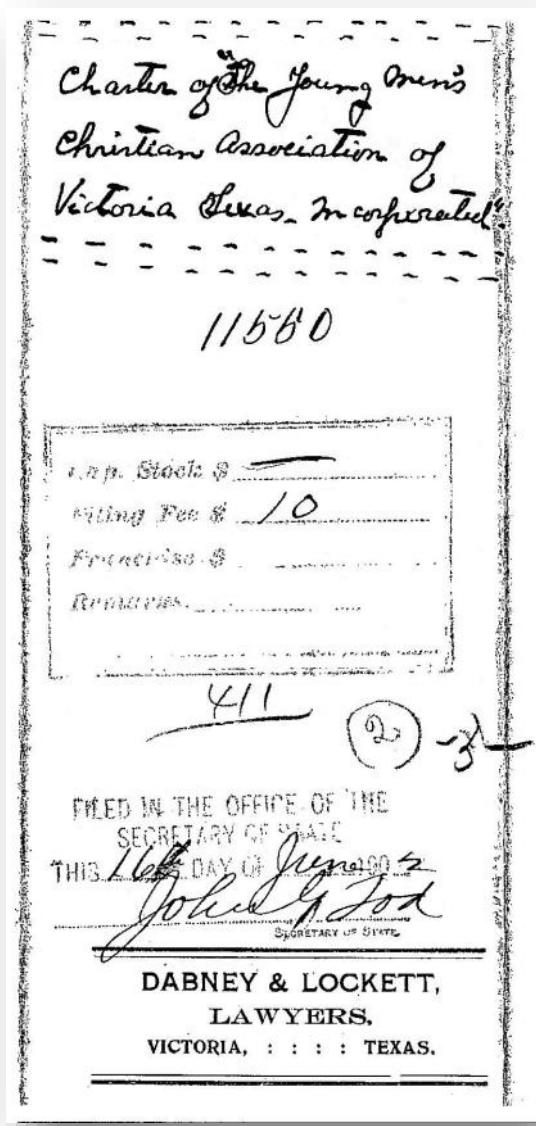


June 16, 1902

Charter for the YMCA of Victoria, Texas was purchased for \$10.

Founding Members:

J.C. Wilson, J.M. Brownson, F.B. Lander, W.C. Barnes, G.W.L Fly, J.F. Hart, J.F. Morris, S.G. Reed, C.C. Zirjacks, J.L. Lockett, Jr. and J.L. Hunter, General Secretary.



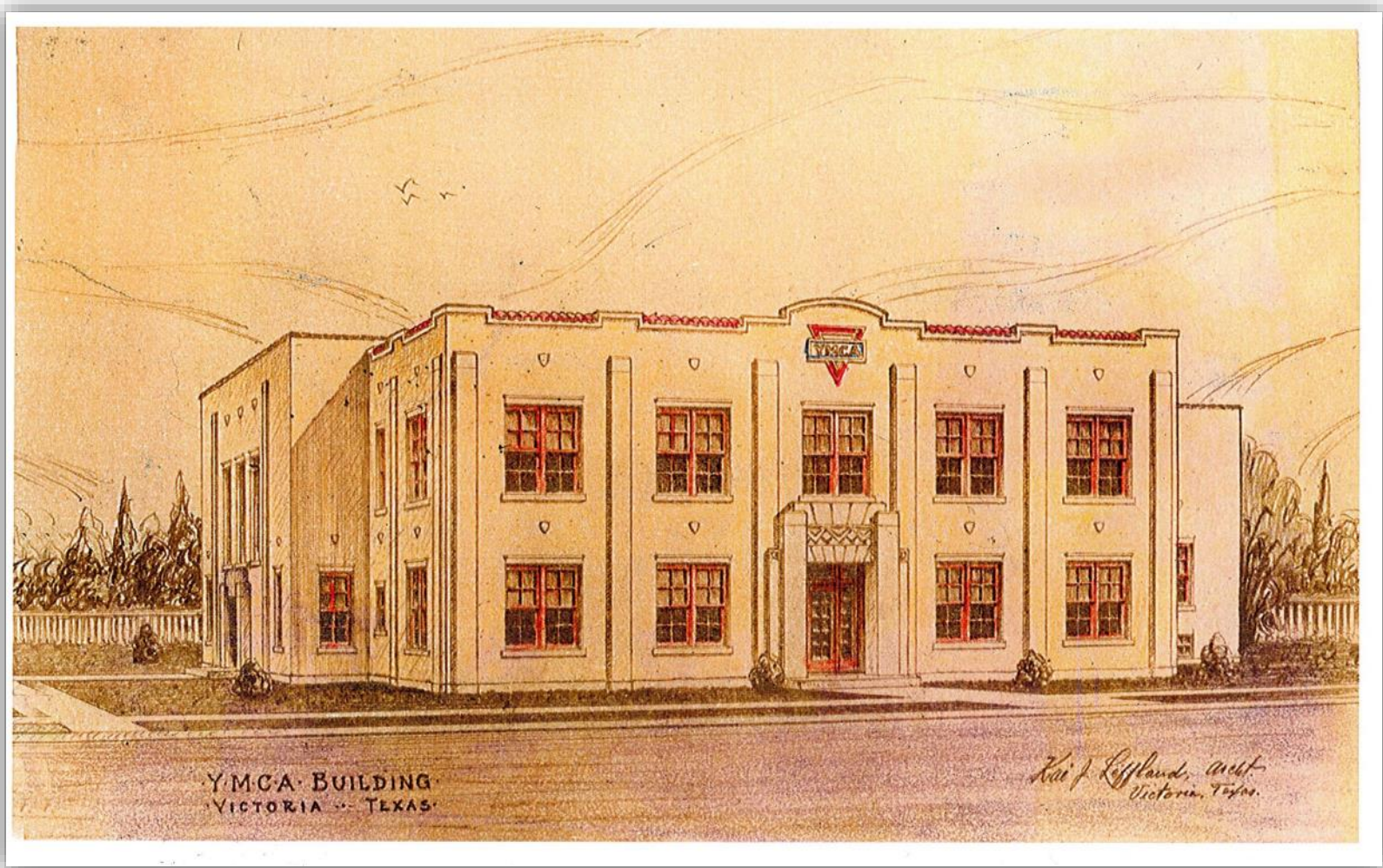
1907

Join us for a men's meeting at the YMCA. Last Sunday was the largest since they began four weeks ago.

General Secretary:
J.D. Brasington

1912

Located at 107 E. Commercial/
111 Commercial and Liberty





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1930

May 31, 1933

Fifty-six boys and girls attend swim lessons at Pleasure Island.
Red Cross swimming buttons will be handed out by Mayor, Ben Jordan.



July 7, 1941

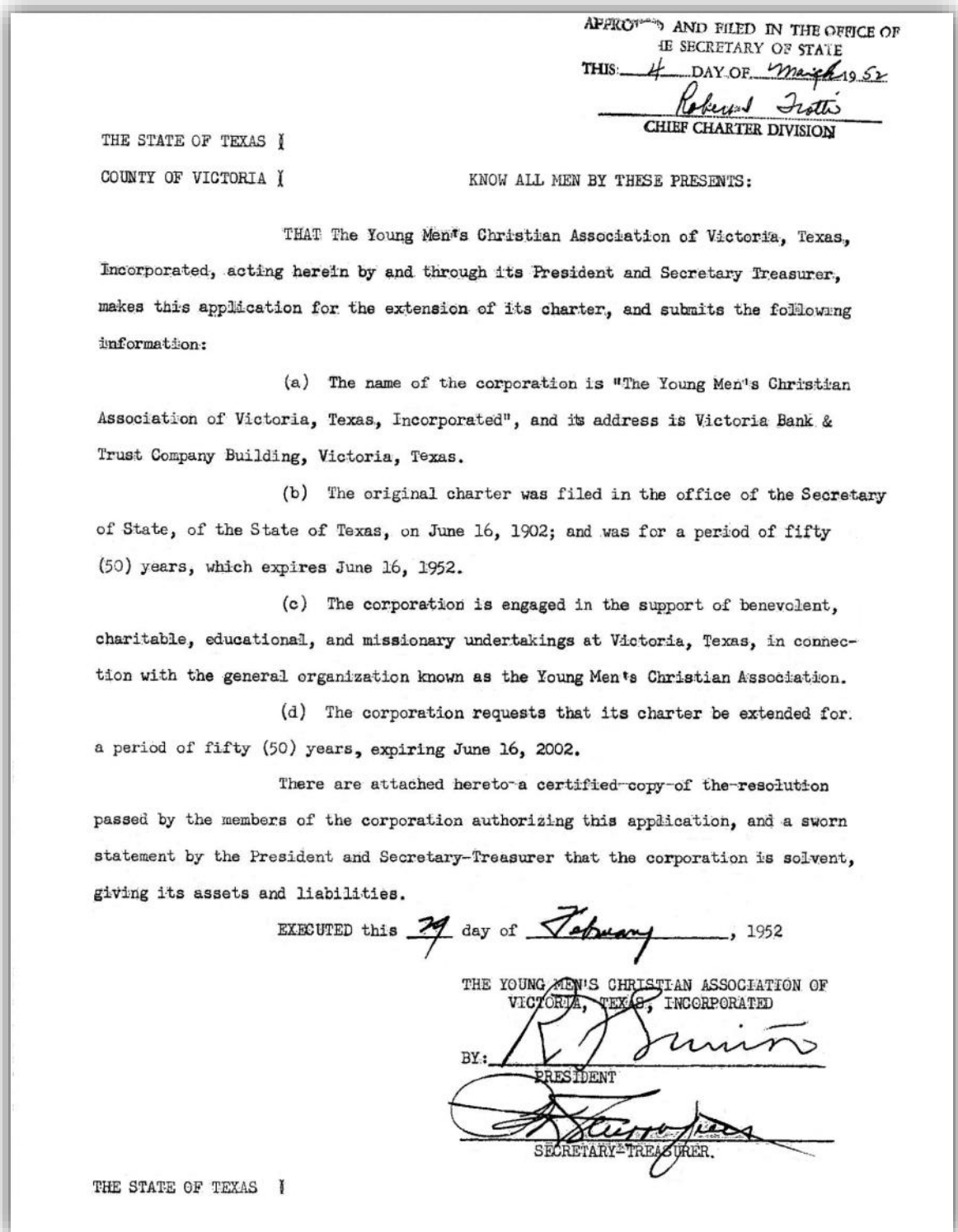
Soldiers entertained at the YMCA.



June 16, 1952

Extension of YMCA charter. Charter purchased in 1902 was good for 50 years.

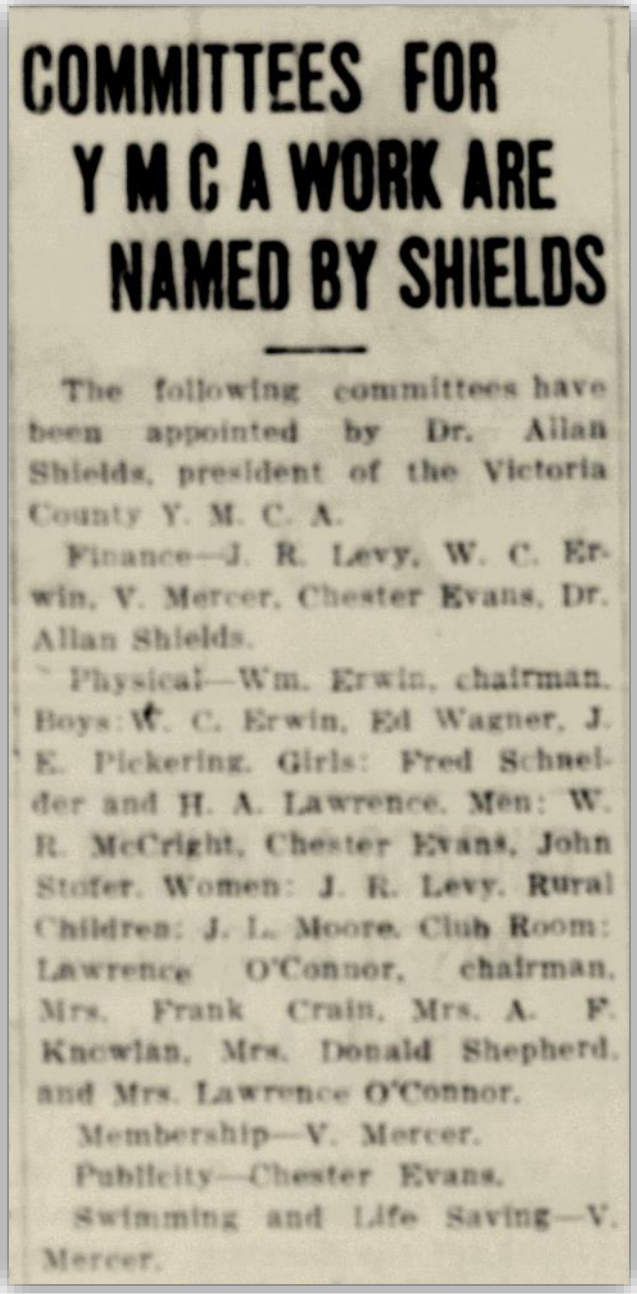
R.F. Smith, President
P.K. Stubblefield, Secretary-Treasurer



March 20, 1932

Committees named for YMCA work.

General Secretary:
Dr. Allan Shields



1930s-1940s

YMCA hosted many Fight Nights for wrestling and boxing.



1946

August - 107 E. Commercial building previous occupied by the USO is requested by City Recreational Council for it's recreational programs.

October - Victoria City Council tentatively approved the building for use as a Youth Recreation Center but "considerable amount of work is necessary before it will be acceptable to the city".

1953-1963?

Located at
3400 N. Ben Jordan.

1955

Presbyterian Youth Center and Teen Haven Gym use 107 E. Commercial building.



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1960

1960-1964

YMCA membership grows 158%

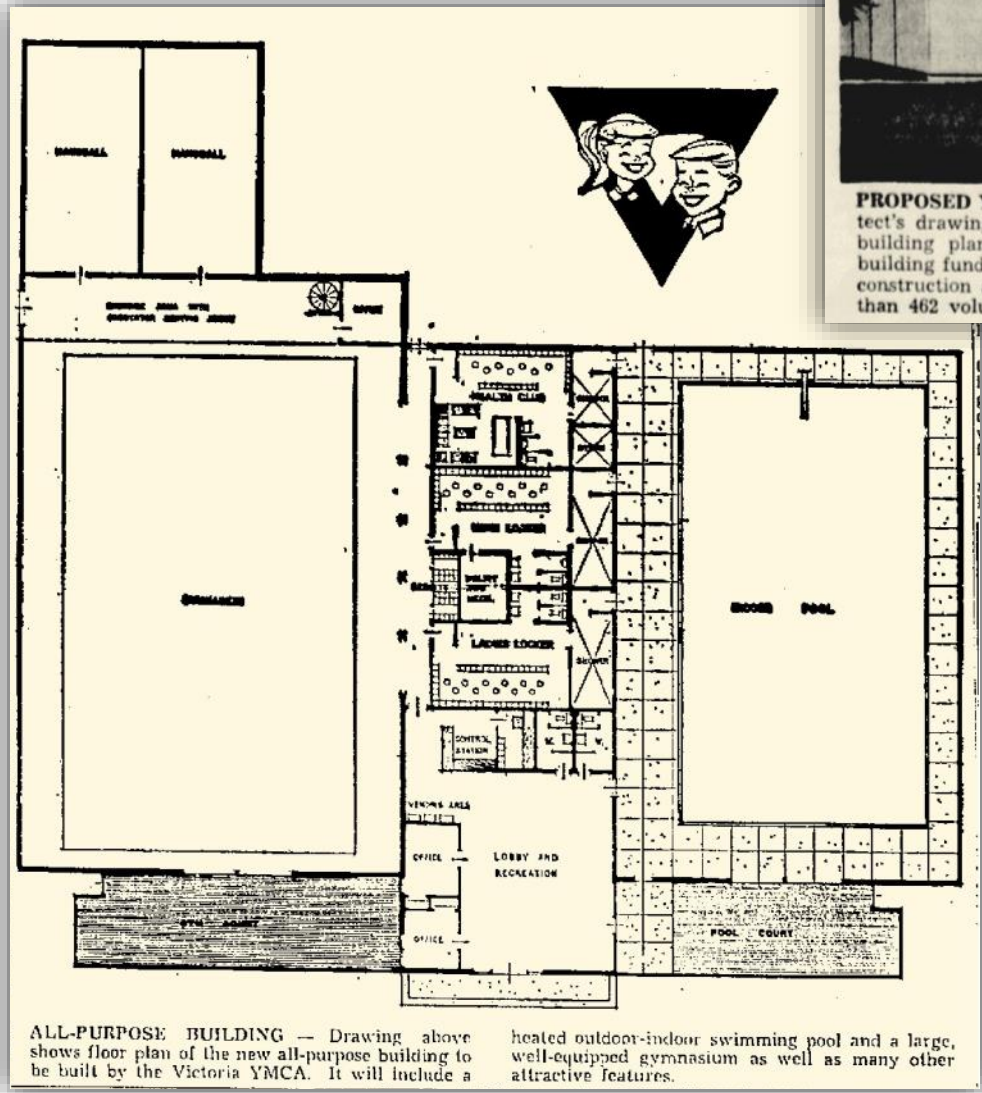
April 16, 1961

Second membership campaign kicks off with the announcement that the YMCA has acquired a swimming pool at Foster Field.



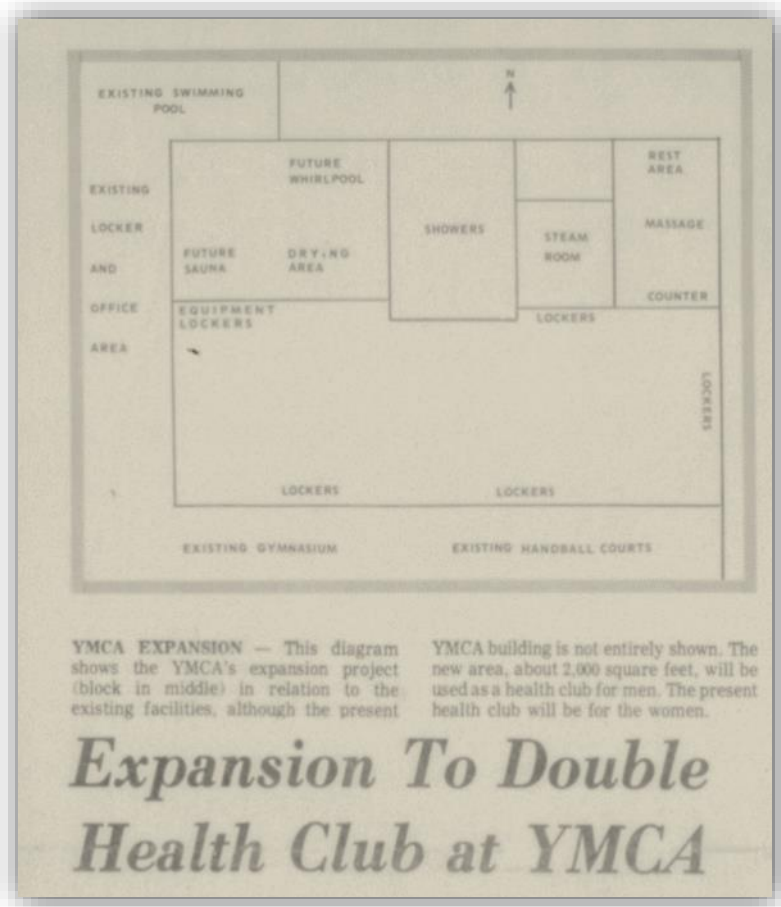
1965

Plans for new YMCA building at 1806 N. Nimitz



January 4, 1975

Victoria YMCA is more than doubling the size of its health club adding about 2,000 square feet.



August 7, 1960

President, C.M. Ferguson reports Manuel Corey as new General Secretary.



1962

Groundbreaking on 4.5 acres of land donated by Corrine Woods and Woods Family Memorial Trust.

General Secretary:
Wallace Gill



August 25, 1966

New YMCA facility at 1806 N. Nimitz opens.



1978

Tommy Bauer Wing of administrative offices added.





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1990

1984-2001

Executive Director:
Larry Koonce

1997

Purchased adjacent Junior Achievement building to become YMCA Youth Development Office.



1999

Calhoun County YMCA serves 30% of all residents in county and provides 6,000 square foot wellness facility with only indoor pool in the county.

2001

Three of the six racquetball courts are converted to an aerobics studio.

CEO: Randy Grant



2008

7.3 acres purchased in Port Lavaca as future home of Calhoun County YMCA.
Major Victoria renovations.

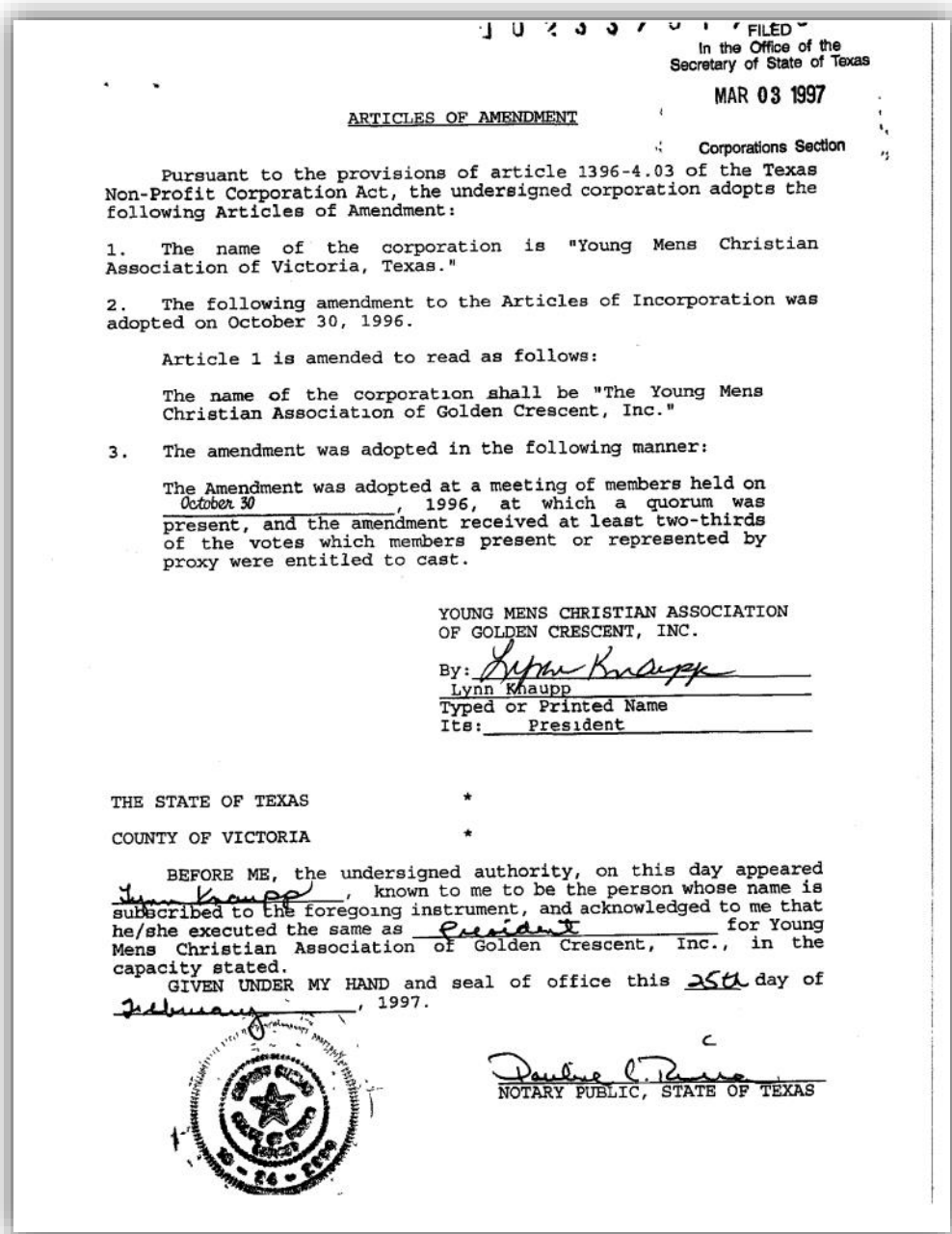


1996

Calhoun County YMCA began

1997

Calhoun County YMCA received its National YMCA Charter as a branch of the YMCA of the Golden Crescent



1999-2000

Significant growth in after school programs as the YMCA expands to 14 schools in Victoria, 2 schools in Calhoun, 1 in Cuero and Edna.



2006

"Membership For All" policy adopted. We strive to turn no one away because of their inability to pay.

CEO: Kevin Fiorillo

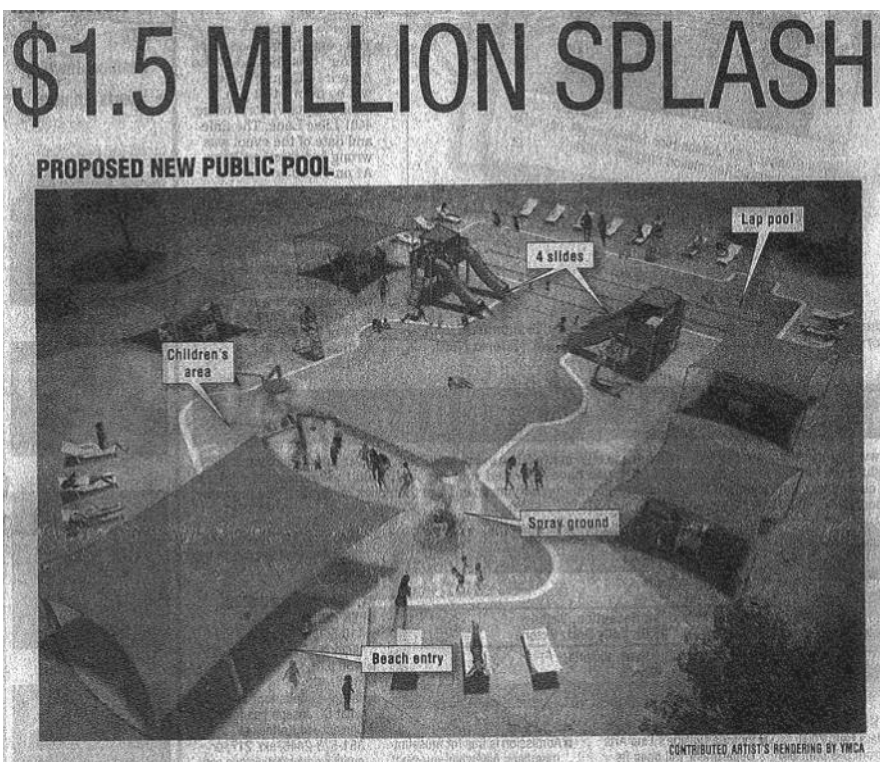


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2010

2014

City pool plans in the works.



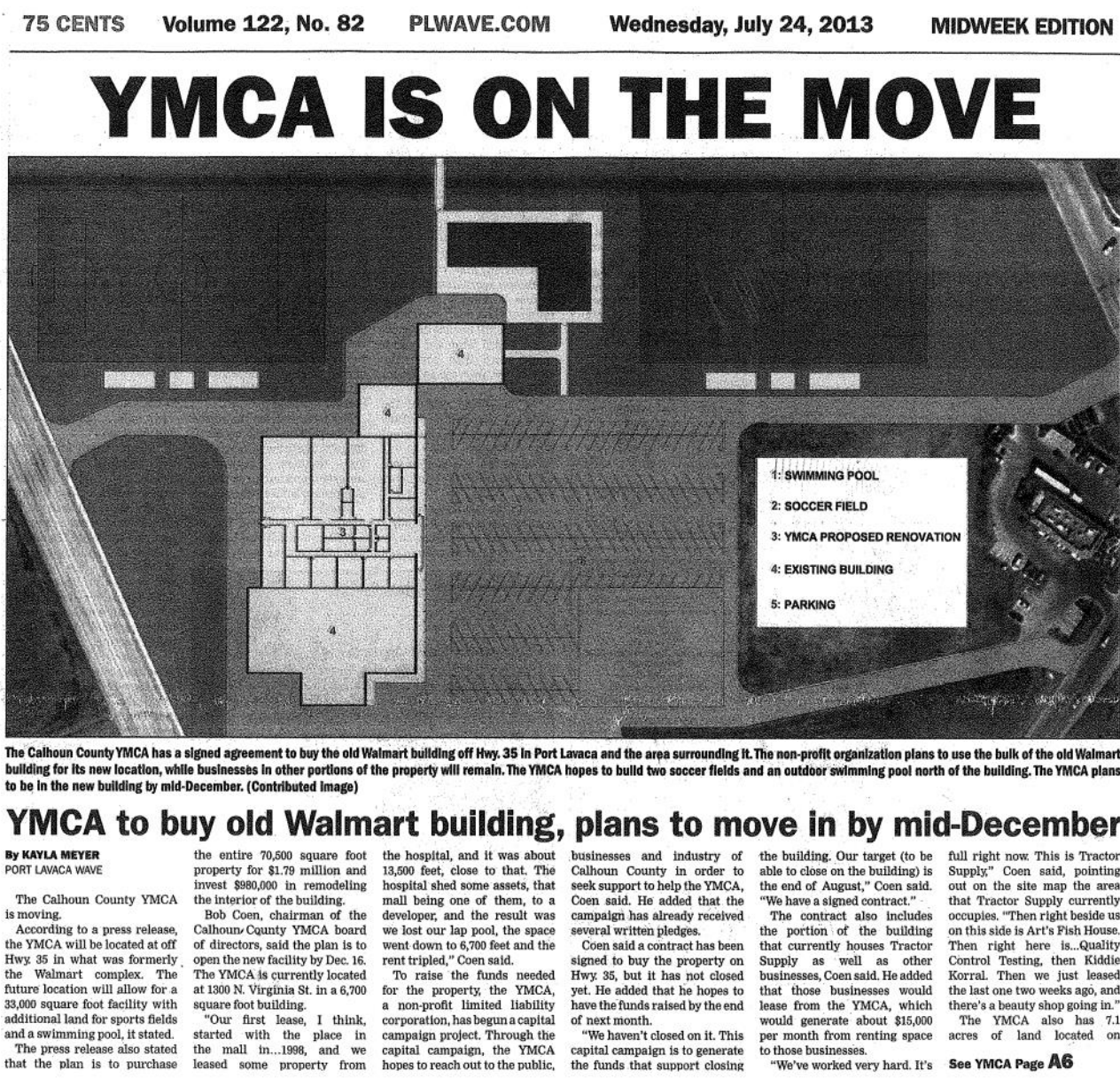
2011-2018

CEO: Chris Seilkop



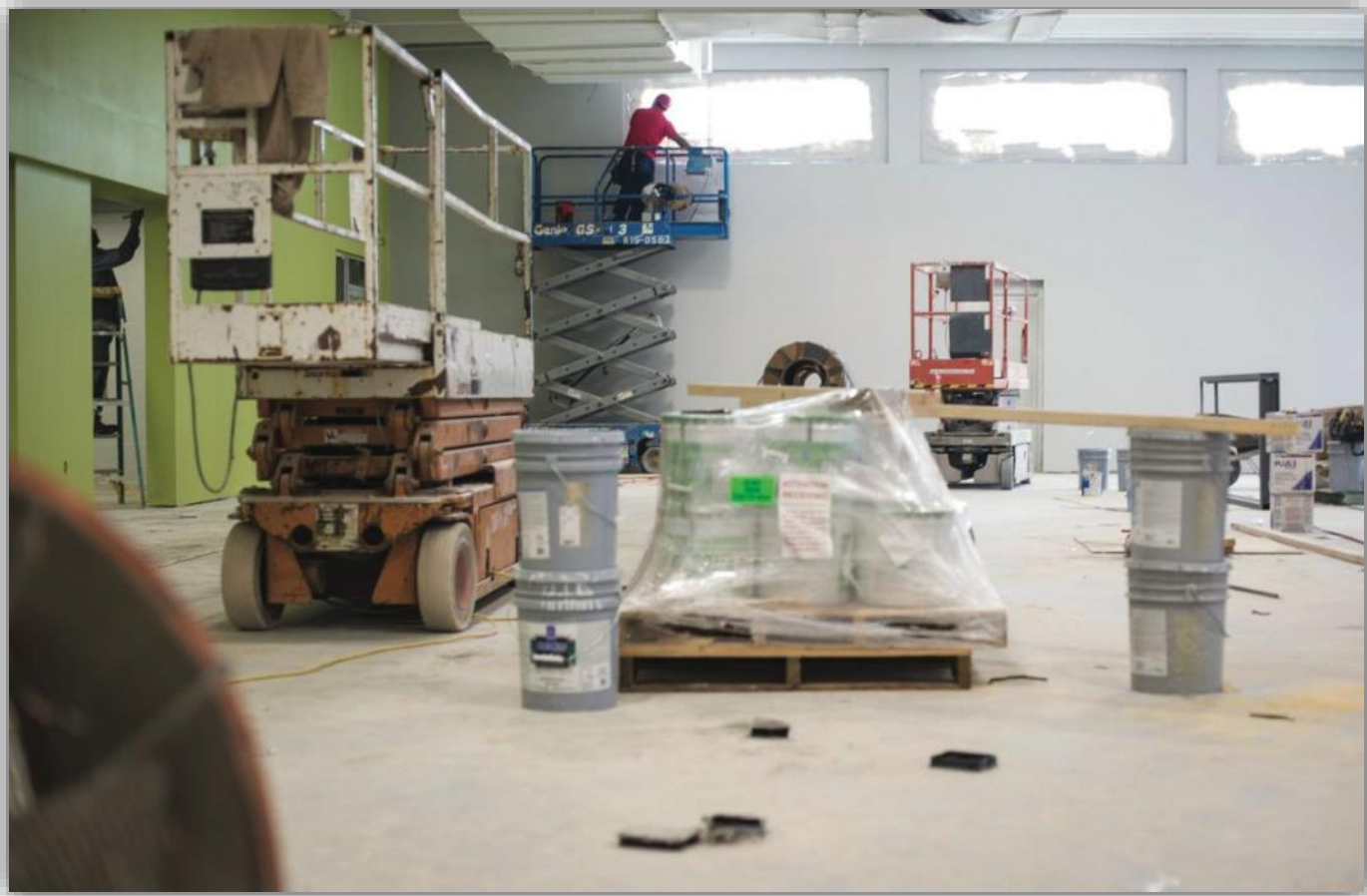
2014

Calhoun County YMCA moves to new location



2015

Groundbreaking for new Victoria pool, building renovations.



2017

Victoria County YMCA renamed the Barbara Bauer Briggs Family YMCA.

New outdoor pool opens.

2019

Renovations complete at the Briggs Branch. 24 hour access now available at both branches.

CEO: William "Bud" Oliver

