



Chamber Tours McKenna Complex

The Pacific Chamber of Commerce recently toured the McKenna Equipment Company, Inc. new complex in Dailey Industrial Park, south of downtown Pacific. The McKenna group is one of many new business — industrial complexes planned for the park.

From The Editor

Our city's Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Monday was an unusually enjoyable one with all the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bay and their son Bill played a selection of good old American music. Mel, you know, is the Mel Bay of Mel Bay Publications, who are putting up a new building out at the Dailey Industrial Park. They publish instructions and folios for musical instruments.

Mel played the tenor banjo. The banjo, Bill said, is the only authentic American instrument and the tenor banjo is smaller, sharper tuned and more difficult to play than the ordinary kind. We, apparently the entire chamber, enjoyed the music.

We also enjoyed Mel's comments.

He related how, when he was a young man (he's a DeSoto native), he played some of the "better spots" with night life in and around Pacific.

"We didn't have intermissions there," he said. "We had time out."

He said one place in Pacific is the only one he ever played where the band leader had a black jack instead of a baton.

Of course, things have changed a lot around Pacific since then.

Many attending the luncheon meeting also went out to the park to see the McKenna Equipment Company's new building.

Joe McKenna showed us how his firm makes equipment which is used by the major food processing people to put lids on containers of their products.

Right now they're working on a milk jug lid heat-sealer

which will help keep the product fresh and minimize the tampering.

We didn't realize they're the folks responsible for the plastic lids used to cover open coffee cans and the container covers for every brand of oleo-margarine but one.