Tip O' Tex Courts

This court was located at 1312 South F Street. Originally the cottages were part of Col. Sam Robertson's Del Mar Beach at Boca Chica development. Decades later when this development no longer generated customers the cottages were moved to Harlingen. This was done in the 1940s by Frank Carter of San Benito. At the time F Street was on the major highway to get to San Benito and then Brownsville. This was so because at the south end of the street was the only bridge that crossed the Arroyo Colorado.

The cottages apparently were shown to the McCarver family as a place to live. During World War II when very few housing units were being constructed, rental housing was at a premium in Harlingen with its Harlingen Army Air Field.

In the 1980s the property was purchased from an owner in Mexico by Joe Conde and his wife. The mortgage will be paid off in October 2003. At that time he may consider doing some renovation on the property.

There are cottages and original #5. Much that exists is the original construction. # 13 was redone for the Conde's son.

Fourteen mail boxes lined up on a rail in front of the complex indicate that once the court was occupied by numerous tenants.

There were 13 cottages