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Lavaca County, Texas

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## Beginning of the.... Bel Air Motel

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Chester Austin of Austin purchased the Henry Koehn property on the west side of Hallettsville located at the triangle intersection of Highways 90A and 77A. Work should begin in about a week or ten days and the new motel is due to be open in July. The hotel will have 25 units and a swimming pool.

The Grand Opening of the Bel-Air Motel was held on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Many people from Hallettsville attended the grand opening. The 25 units are air conditioned, and wall heated. The baths and showers are all of tiles and the units have wall to wall carpeting or rubber floor tile. The windows have vertical blinds and telephone service is available in each room. Beautiful chenille bed spreads cover the beds and there is ample closet space. A swimming pool is also available.

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The New

Bel Air Motel & Restaurant

At intersection of U.S. Hi-Ways 90A and 77

Hallettsville, Texas.

Air conditioned, swimming pool. Vented heat, T.V., Tile
Bath-combination shower and tub. Room phones.

Reservations phone 720 or 721

Next: The Triangle and Cloud 9 Motels

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