



Lyon Hotel/City Hotel

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In May of 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Lyon of Biloxi, Mississippi purchased the Fink Hotel and after extensive remodeling opened the Lyon Hotel.

Mrs. Roy Willis became the manager of the Lyon Hotel in May of 1948.

As part of the hotel, Mrs. Lyon ran an engraving shop in the Lyon Hotel with the artwork beginning created by Bee Lyon, a recent graduate of a college for engraving in Mississippi. In the same workroom, Mr. Lyons' operated a completely equipped jeweler's repair shop.

In September of 1950, The Lyon Hotel was sold to W. A Bullard of Sheridan, Texas.



“Great minds are related to the brief span of time during which they live as great buildings are to a little square in which they stand...”

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Mr. Bullard, an employee of the Schuman Auto Supply firm of Houston, Texas, explained that his decision to move to Hallettsville was based on the fact that Hallettsville was located in the center of his trade territory and the reputation of the Lyons Hotel. Mrs. Bullard would be in charge of the hotel during Mr. Bullard's business trips.

In August of 1951, it was announced that a contest would be held to select a new name for the Lyon Hotel.



During the first week of September, the Bullard's announced that the Lyon Hotel would be renamed the City Hotel. The City Hotel name was an entry of Alex Wes-sels of Rt. 5 in Hallettsville.

In 1959, the United States Post Office was built on the site of the City Hotel originally known as the Fink Hotel.

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