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## BANDITS ROB MARLIN BANK OF \$40,000 Winter Blizzards Claim Toll of 115 Lives Over U.S.

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Total of 40 Years Are Given Boykin




# Through 6 Depressions-Shoulder to Shoulder The Southwest and Its Pioneer Railroad 

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URING Christmas week, 1872, the last spike was driven in the extension of the Katy Railroad that connected Texas with the North and East. The event was hailed enthusiastically as the formal opening of a great new commercial and agricultural Empire. But not even the most visionary settler of those days could have dreamed of the achievements of the next threescore years.

Together-we have conquered many obstacles
The conversion of the Southwest from wilderness to civilization in less than the span of a single lifetime would be amazing enough had it been able to proceed without interruption. Unfortunately, economic depressions of other days penetrated even into this new land, to retard and delay, but never discourage its resolute people. We of today have concentrated our attention so closely on the difficulties of the present that we are likely to forget that this is the sixth depression which the Southwest and the Katy have conquered together.
"Conquered" is the word, for each experience has been a sustained struggle. Shoulder to shoulder, the people of the Southwest and its pioneer railroad have fought repeat edly in patience and fortitude-displaying the unsung heroism of prolonged and resourceful resistance.

## Spring 1933

## - Katy independence jeopardized

> As recently as six months ago, this railroad was apparently approaching a crisis-its cherished Southwestern independence jeopardized. To appeal to the people of the Southwest in the ex-
tremity was the natural course. On behalf of this railroad which I have the honor to head, I did so, freely and without restraint. I told simply what the pioneering Katy has meant, in originally opening and then contributing to the subsequent development of the Southwest. I spoke with particular emphasis on the record made by the Katy since 1929, summing up as the basis of our plea for your support, these four "planks" in the "Katy platform"

1. . The Katy has sought no loan of the people's money, through any governmental agency.
2. . The Katy has unflinchingly paid taxes, interest and all other bills.
3. . The Katy has retained its individual Southwestern identity, free from mergers and outside domination that would destroy its singleness of purpose and service.
4 . . The Katy has actually improved its service, facilities and equipment through the darkest days of this depression, confident of the future of our country-and the future of the great Southwest in particular.

My pledge to you-the people of the Southwest
Now, as the year 1933 is fast passing into history, I make the following report and pledge, to which the people of the Southwest are entitled
1.. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines will meet its currently maturing obligations without borrowing, either from the people through their government or from any other source.
2.. This whole organization, every man and woman of it, is pledged to the devoted service of the people of the Soutbwest, whose generous support bas made the achievement possible.

The Katy expresses its sincere thanks To those old friends of the Katy who continued and increased their support, we are grateful beyond measure. To the newer patrons who were encouraged by our appeals to patronize us more extensively or possibly for the first time, we express our sincere thanks. We are convinced that having given our railroad a trial and come in contact with that spirit of human service which marks all Katy people, you will not need to be encouraged henceforth to regard the Katy as "your railroad".

Shoulder to shoulder as of old, the people of the Southwest and the Katy march on into 1934, mutually confident that the achievements of the past are but an indication of a more glorious future than the most visionary citizen of today can imazine.
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