











A CONTESTANT AT the Tri-State Rodeo Club playday Sunday rounds the barrel during the event. [Photo by Linda Haynes]

### Congressman Jack Hightower Comments On Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. "I am disappointed that we did not pass a budget to report to a conference with the Senate. There were many members of Congress who voted very responsibly and worked hard, in good faith, throughout this whole budget process. The delay in putting our economic house in order hurts everyone. If the economy is to improve, and interest rates are to be coming down, the Congress must not delay significant action.

"I supported the Latta Bipartisan Recovery Budget proposal, as amended, because although it was imperfect, I felt it was Congress' last chance to act decisively to get a grip on runaway government spending. Although there were a number of things in the proposal that I did not like, this vote was certainly consistent with my whole philosophy of cutting spending, cutting taxes and balancing the budget. During the long amendment process prior to the vote, I voted for the Miller Substitute which would have provided for a balanced federal budget. The Latta

Substitute was also amended prior to its consideration in order to add more funding for Medicare. "When it became clear that the House might not pass any budget at all, I decided that however imperfect, the Jones proposal should be supported because of the potentially

disastrous implications of the House failing to decide on a budget for 1983. "I did not favor the Jones version because I thought it cut the rate of defense increase too much, and it went too far in raising tax revenue at a time when we should be reducing the tax load on the American

people. However, when the Latta plan failed to pass, it became imperative for a responsible Congress to pass something that could later be improved in a conference committee."

"I will continue to work for a responsible bipartisan solution," Hightower said.



### LIBRARY NOTES

by Sam Haynes

Pictorial History of the Wild West  
By James D. Horan and Paul Sann  
James Horan, author of other books such as "Confederate Agent", "Mathew Brady", "Historian With A Camera", etc. presents in this volume a true account of the bad men, desperadoes, rustlers and outlaws of the Old-West and the men who fought them to establish law and order. This book probably more accurately presents the lives and activities of famous outlaws and their nemesis on the side of the law than any other publication now available to the public, and is replete with authentic pictures and details not heretofore made public in the annals of the wild west. Very interesting accounts of the activities of such famous men as Clay Allison,

Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, the Dalton boys, Buffalo Bill, John Wesley Hardin, Temple Houston, Heck Thomas, Bud Ledbetter, Chris Madsen, Bill Tilghman, Cattle Annie and Little Britches, The Apache Kid, Tom Horn, Butch Cassidy, the Names Brothers and the Younger Brothers, grace the pages of this edition as well as accounts of lesser-known badmen and lawmen who were themselves prominent in the taming of the West. Unusual also is the excellent coverage given the "ladies" prominent in the battle of law and lawlessness such as "Calamity Jane", "Belle Star", Pearl Hart", and "China Polly" as well as others who made dubious contributions to our western heritage. Complementing the

numerous pictures of this "Rogues Gallery of the West," are pictures by Frederic Remington and other great artists who contributed much to accurate pictorial history of our country. Any lover of the "Wild West" will thoroughly enjoy this book, and will find true answers to many questions left un-answered by other

publications. "Pictorial History of the Wild West" is now available at Lovett Memorial Library.

### Price Decontrol Boosts Stripper Oil Production

By Avery Rush, Jr., Chairman, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

One very positive effect of the accelerated decontrol of crude oil prices last year was the best-ever year for drilling, nationally as well as in Texas. A less-publicized, but also very positive effect, was a tremendous increase in stripper well production. According to preliminary figures from the National Stripper Well Association, output from wells which produce 10 barrels or less of oil per day totaled about 420-million barrels. That represents an increase of some 10-million barrels (4.7-percent) over 1980 production from stripper wells. In Texas, the increase was even more dramatic. Last year's production of 156.9 million barrels, a 15-million barrel jump over the 1980 level, represented a 10.6-percent increase. Also increasing dramatically was the number of stripper wells active last year in the state: 114,788 wells. That number is up 11,194 from the 1980 total of 103,594 and represents a 10.8-percent increase. Those figures are good news for the petroleum industry in Texas. Last year, the state witnessed the phenomenon of many drilling projects which were specifically designed to bring stripper wells into production. More wells drilled and more wells producing means additional work for service and supply companies, further strengthening the state economy. The value of this production—using a preliminary statewide average figure of approximately \$34.58 per barrel for crude oil and condensate—amounted to more than \$5.4-billion. Additionally, the severance tax paid to state government—at the rate of 4.6-percent of wellhead value—was more than \$249.6-million from these producers, often referred to as marginal wells. Obviously, the benefits for Texas from a healthy petroleum industry are widespread. Decontrol of crude oil has allowed stripper well production to play an even more significant part in the industry's continuing contribution to economic well-being here. These figures also mean that Texas—the nation's No. 1 crude oil and condensate producing state last year with 928,710,351 barrels—realized 16.9-percent of its production from wells averaging 3.7-barrels per day. Certainly the search must go on for big reservoirs all the way up to major fields with ultimate recoverable reserves of 100-million barrels or more. But, it is no time for this country to take actions that would discourage the recovery of oil from marginal wells. An end to the so-called windfall profit tax on stripper well oil would be one way by which to prevent a downturn in this vital area of domestic petroleum production.

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ALL THAT REMAINS of the living quarters of the Wind Inn at Alanreed is this fireplace and pile of rubble. The motel was destroyed in a fire of undetermined origin last week. [Photo by Linda Haynes]

### ALANREED BRIEFS

James Harrison visited his mother Polly Harrison here Saturday enroute to the army reserve camp in Arkansas.

The Willis Mays of Pampa were here at the W.H. Davises during the weekend. The Davises went home with them to attend graduation for one of their granddaughters in Amarillo.

The Don Horn family of Borger spent Thursday night here with the R.D. McLains.

The storm last Thursday evening did quite a bit of damage to phone cables, etc. Several phones out south were out.

Visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Patton, Becky and Donald of Las Alamos, New Mexico, Mrs. Bennie Wood of Rockdale, and Mrs. Charles Vineyard of Glen Rose.

Visiting with the Bert McKees Sunday were daughter Margie and family of Spearman.

Visiting with Polly Harrison were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reed.

The Alanreed Home-maker's Club met May 26 in the home of Polly Harrison with seven members and three visitors present. The meeting was opened by Mary Davis and scripture from 1st Corinthians 4:3-4 was read by Polly Harrison. Roll call was answered with "My favorite flower" by Anita Bruce, Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Nell Keese, Ruby Horde, Rose Hall, Ruth McLain, Polly Harrison, Sophia Hutchison, and Deanna Finck. Ruby Horde

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and Rose Hall became new members. Refreshments of fruit cake, fruit salad, coffee and punch were served by the hostess, Ruth McLain was instructed to pay for

one of the replacement tables lost in the fire. Next meeting June 9 will be with Sophia Hutchison.

Mr. Robert Bruce was in Pampa on business Friday.

Francis L. Petty returned to his home in Midland Monday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Luther Petty since Friday.

Two brothers of McLean—James Archie and Carl Arthur Dwyer have been chosen as members of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at different schools. Archie is a senior in the School of Agriculture at Texas Tech University and Carl received his master of science degree in natural science at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

From the files of The McLean News by Sam Haynes

10 YEARS AGO...  
E.M. Bailey, Editor  
Neal Hugg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hugg of Counselor, New Mexico, and grandson of Mrs. Opal Hugg of McLean, was runner-up for high point man in a track and field meet held at Lindrith, New Mexico. Hugg broke the broad jump record, also took first place in the 75-yard dash, took first place in the 220-yard dash and was second in the high jump.

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Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Cullison were Mrs. Cullison's grandsons, Mike and Mark Vogt and Mr. Rodney Vogt, all of Houston. They were enroute to Boulder, Colorado.

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Francis L. Petty returned to his home in Midland Monday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Luther Petty since Friday.

20 YEARS AGO...  
Jack Shelton, Editor  
Two brothers of McLean—James Archie and Carl Arthur Dwyer have been chosen as members of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at different schools. Archie is a senior in the School of Agriculture at Texas Tech University and Carl received his master of science degree in natural science at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

30 YEARS AGO...  
Lester Campbell, Editor  
Mrs. Jessie Skipper, former resident of McLean,

was killed instantly Monday afternoon when she was struck by lightning in the yard of her farm home six miles west of Sudan.

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A youth summer program, sponsored by the McLean Lion's Club and financed by contributions from individuals of the area, will be conducted in McLean in June, July and August under the direction of Coach Don Leach.

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Cub Scout Den No. 3 hiked to McClellan Creek Monday afternoon. Den members accompanying the boys were Mrs. Ed Jones, Mrs. Lawrence Watson, and Mrs. Glemma Back. Light refreshments were served to Charles Jones, Jimmy Watson, Gary Back, Jack Back, Roy Richardson, Kenny Williams, Frankie Yearwood, and Den Chief John Papan.

40 YEARS AGO...  
No paper available for this date.  
50 YEARS AGO...  
T.A. Landers, Editor  
Miss Joellene Vannoy left Friday night on an eastern college omnibus tour. She expects to be away some seven weeks.

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Will Glass of Alanreed was in McLean Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Sloan of Pampa visited in McLean Saturday.

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Mrs. S.D. Shelburne went to Oklahoma city Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis.

60 YEARS AGO...  
T.A. Landers, Editor  
The local American Legion is staging a rodeo and barbeque to be held at McLean on July 3 and 4. Every effort will be made to attract big crowds for these two days. Quite a number of attractions will be had and the crowds will be well entertained during the rodeo.

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In a matched game between the McLean baseball team and the Ramsdell team Tuesday, the local boys won by a score of 4 to 2.

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Jack Cooper and Sheriff Graves of Pampa and Rufe Thompson of Lefors were in McLean Tuesday on business.

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Among those who visited the oil well at Alanreed Monday were: T.J. Coffee, Dr. Montgomery, C.C. Cook, I.D. Shaw, Johnnie Back, and C.L. Cooke.

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Mrs. W.B. Upham and daughters, Misses Frankie Mae and Fern, S.M. Castleberry and Melvin Davis motored to Amarillo Saturday, returning Sunday.

70 YEARS AGO...  
A.G. Richardson, Editor  
Quite a bit of excitement, was created on the streets Saturday afternoon when it was learned that S.O. Cook had been accidentally shot. Upon investigation it was found that he had been struck by a twenty-two calibre bullet from a target, accidentally discharged by A.J. Mayfield. The bullet struck just above the collar

bone on the right side of the neck and ranged around lodging about two inches under the skin at the back of the neck. He was carried to the office of Dr. Donnell and Pillans, where a short examination was held, after which he was taken to his home to receive further surgical treatment. Dr. Ballard was called into conference and the three physicians made a thorough examination, pronouncing the wound not at all dangerous. Owing to the difficulty of getting at it was decided not to cut the bullet out at the present.

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J.S. Earp left the latter part of the week for Eastland county in response to a message stating that his father was not expected to live.

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A crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Sitter last Sunday evening.

Local baseball fans enjoyed a real treat on last Thursday afternoon when the Shamrock aggregation blew in for a double header with the McLean boys. The first game lasted for the regular nine innings but the second was cut short at the seventh. The first game resulted in a victory for McLean by a score of three to four. The feature of this game was the pitching of Marvin Cooke, who credited with a long string of strikeouts, getting five of the first six men out. Shamrock tried two or three pitchers before they struck out their stride and the locals landed heavily but could not connect with enough pieces and suffered a genuine defeat to the tune of three to one. Ross Biggers and Minnie Massay occupied the mound this session. The only spectacular play in this game was the catching of a high fly in the extreme right field by one of the Shamrock boys.

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I am not young enough to know everything.  
James Matthew Barris

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Who will not suffer labor in this world, let him not be born.  
John Florio

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