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IMPEACHMENT HEARING OPENS

James E. Ferguson Is Again Candidate For Governor SHEPPARD SUPPORTS OIL TARIFF

FROLIC CAST WORKS HARD

Rehearsals of the two-act musical minstrel frolic to be staged at midnight next Tuesday in the Fitz theater under sponsorship of the City Federation and direction of Chris King, are being held tonight. The first act, featured by a comedy entitled "Inside In," includes a group of talented local women. Throughout the show, the second act, of which will feature novelty songs and music by Grady Gilder's 11-piece dance orchestra, fun predominates in great quantity. The show's attractiveness will, after all, center about the well-dressed chorus of local girls. Their dancing in rehearsals has brought joy to the heart of even the director. These girls are Dolores Allen, Grace Taylor, Nora Pearl Marchbanks, Melba Cagle, Nellie Mae Sullivan, Margaret Bette, Ozella Orr, Pauline Hubbard, Eula Moore, Esther Guthrie, Jennie Barley, Valeria Sligh, Evelyn Merrill, Mildred Taylor and Lucille Rix. In the cast of "Inside In," the following have leading parts: Tricie, the hotel stenographer, Helen Allen; Sylvia Madeline Ripley, Mrs. Philip Schoeneck; Billie Barton, prospective investor in the hotel property, Mrs. Levering; Vivette, Miss Barton's maid, Maxine Thomas.

William O'Keefe, 80, Pioneer of City Dies In El Paso

Death of William O'Keefe, 80, brother of Mrs. William Hayden of Big Spring, occurred at the home of his son, Dan O'Keefe, 610 East River street, El Paso, Friday morning, his relatives here were informed. Mr. O'Keefe came to Big Spring in 1880 soon after the Texas & Pacific railway reached this point and was well and favorably known as one of the men who helped establish the city. His death followed brief illness from pneumonia, although he had been in failing health several years. Mr. O'Keefe resided here until six years ago. He was engaged for many years as a holler-maker in the railroad shops here. Twenty-two years ago a bit of steel, lodged in his eye, caused blindness. Besides his widow and his sister here, who also is one of the early settlers, Mr. O'Keefe is survived by two children, Dan of El Paso and John of Fort Worth; three sisters residing in Ohio and a brother, John O'Keefe of Tucson, Arizona. Funeral services will be held in El Paso Monday. Relatives from Big Spring, as well as several friends, plan attending the rites.

Robinson Enters Political Race

Charlie Robinson, a resident of Howard county for the past 20 years, authorized The Herald to announce his candidacy for county commissioner from Precinct No. 2. Mr. Robinson has been actively engaged in farming for years in the Midway school community. He is announcing his candidacy for the commissioner's post determined to serve his constituents to the best of his ability if elected. Mrs. R. L. Gleser is reported quite ill in a local hospital.

STATEMENT CITES FIGHT BY TEXANS

"More Than Tariff Fight," Declares Senator

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (AP) — Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, announced today he would support duties on oil and gasoline. He said in a formal statement the "interests of the consumer demands that the independents be preserved." The fight of independent oil producers, Sheppard added, is more than a "tariff fight." "It is the fight," he added, "of the smaller business units against the larger, the fight that is taking place in almost every branch of American business and industry, a fight which must be won by the smaller units if the country is to be saved from economic domination by the few. It is a fight to preserve competition and repress monopoly."

Tom L. Baxter Heads Council

Tom L. Baxter of the Typographical Union, was elected president of the Big Spring Central Labor Council and Union Label League Wednesday evening in a business session of the organization. Mr. Baxter is an experienced printer, former proprietor of several newspapers and is well-versed in the aims and aspirations of the organized labor movement.

Real Estate Board Will Meet Tonight

The Big Spring Real Estate Board will meet in the offices of Cook and Scheig in the Petroleum building at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening. The board of directors will meet at 7 o'clock in the same place.

W. O. W. Will Hold Installation Rites

The Woodmen of the World will hold public installation of officers at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening. The Woodman Circle and their families will be special guests for the occasion.

WOODMEN CIRCLE IN REGULAR MEETING

Howard Grove No. 664 Woodman Circle met in regular session Thursday evening with 16 members present. Mrs. Lulu Cronover was introduced into the order. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the business.

No Sleep In 15 Years



Without sleep for 15 years is the remarkable record of L. B. Stone, a local medical scientist, who battled at his condition and they are unable to cure it. A peculiar ailment wound in the head is blamed for Kerr's more than 1,000 sleepless nights.

CITY FACES DAMAGES IN COURT CASE

L. B. Stone Complains Of Flood Water Control at 10th-Main

City officials and their attorneys were again fighting against a damage suit filed in district court Thursday morning in which Leland E. Stone, proprietor of the Stone Variety Store, alleges that gross negligence by the city in failing to properly direct storm waters in the vicinity of Tenth and Main streets caused damage to his property at that location in the sum of \$4,255.50. The plaintiff, Mr. Stone, was the only witness to testify Thursday morning. Just as Mr. Stone was turned over to defense counsel for cross examination, Fritz R. Smith, district judge, recessed court until 1:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. Stone testified that his property, which includes a 75 by 100 feet lot on which is constructed one two-story apartment house facing Main and a duplex house facing Tenth street, was valued at \$6,000 prior to the time flood waters damaged his premises. During the direct questioning, Mr. Stone told of merchandise stored in one of his garages that was damaged by flood waters and stated that his property was valued at \$6,000. When plaintiff's counsel asked if he knew the value of property now after alleged damages have been done, Mr. Stone replied that he is not sure to which answer his counsel said, "Sit," but the witness repeated that he was not sure. The plaintiff further testified that prior to the time Scurry street was paved and prior to the time an embankment was erected on the south side of Tenth street, his property was not subject to damage by flood waters. He testified that no flood waters reached his property until the pavement was laid on Scurry street. Mr. Stone alleged that the city changed his drainage system on Scurry street and paved it in so changing the grade of the street forced the course of flood waters across his property. In defendant's answer to the or-

Road Committee Calls Conference

An important meeting has been called by the Chamber of Commerce road committee for 3 p. m. Friday in the director's room of the First National bank. A general discussion of the road program for Howard county will be held. Several score men representing various trades and businesses of the county have been summoned to join in the discussion.

Anti-Chain Group Sues W. K. Henderson

AUSTIN, Feb. 20 (AP)—The Texas Anti-Chain Association today entered an appeal in the court of appeals at Austin. The suit was filed by W. K. Henderson, La. and his co-defendants against the association.

DECISION IS ANNOUNCED BY OFFICIAL

Magnolia To Deliver Ector Oil To Local Plant

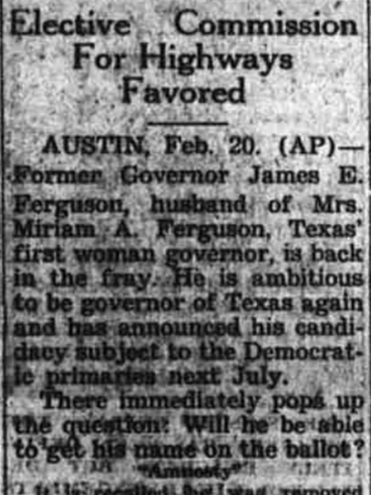
COSDEN OIL COMPANY WILL ENLARGE ITS CRUDE OIL REFINING PLANT IN BIG SPRING TO POSSIBLY DOUBLE ITS PRESENT CAPACITY WHICH IS 50,000 BARRELS DAILY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM STANLEY COSDEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE REFINERY LOCATED FOUR MILES EAST OF BIG SPRING ON THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY. DECISION TO EXPAND THE REFINERY HAS BEEN DEFINITELY REACHED, BUT DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AND EXACT ADDITIONS TO BE MADE TO PRESENT EQUIPMENT HAVE NOT BEEN CONCLUSIVELY DECIDED, MR. COSDEN SAID. IT WAS NOT INDICATED WHEN THE EXPLANATION PROGRAM WILL START IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE REFINERY SUPERINTENDENT. In addition to announcement that Cosden's refinery in Big Spring will be enlarged, it was definitely stated that arrangements with Magnolia Pipe Line Company has been made to run Cosden Oil Company's Ector county production into southern Howard county where Cosden Pipe Line Company's carrier will be used in directing the crude into the refining plant. Magnolia's pipe line office in Odessa reported that the deal with Cosden had not been definitely closed so far as information at Odessa is concerned. However, it was stated that the deal may have been closed at Magnolia headquarters in Dallas and not reported at the present time in Odessa. Magnolia's trunk line across West Texas crosses Ector county about ten miles north of Cosden Oil Company's producing leases on University land in sections 1 and 2 in block 35. Magnolia officials admitted that survey for the ten-mile extension line from its main carrier into the new Jenkins pool of Ector county has been surveyed. However, no indication when actual work will start was obtained. Cosden Oil Company has two producing wells in Ector county capable of producing approximately 2,000 barrels daily open flow.

AGGRESSIVE UTTERANCE NOT MADE

Elective Commission For Highways Favored

AUSTIN, Feb. 20. (AP)—Former Governor James E. Ferguson, husband of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Texas' first woman governor, is back in the fray. He is ambitious to be governor of Texas again and has announced his candidacy subject to the Democratic primaries next July. There immediately pops up the question: Will he be able to get his name on the ballot? "Amnesty" It is recalled he was removed from office in 1917 and that under the constitution impeachment carried with it "disqualification from holding any office of honor, trust or profit." But the 59th legislature passed what is known as the "amnesty bill," directing that the inhibition with reference to holding office again be removed from those who have heretofore been impeached, and the sponsors of that piece of legislation had former Governor Ferguson in mind when they proposed it. Then along came the 40th legislature and Governor Moody. The "amnesty law" was repealed. But friends of the former governor declared that once the legislative body had invoked its power of pardon in that respect another legislature could not undo it. A pretty law question probably that will be thrashed out by the appellate courts if there is any contention over the matter of giving "Farmer Jim," as he became known during his first term as chief executive, a place on the ballot. That question came up in 1924 and to get around it Governor Ferguson filed both his name and Mrs. Ferguson's for a place on the ballot. They turned him down, but put Mrs. Ferguson's on. He took to the hustings and Mrs. Ferguson was elected. She served one term or until Attorney General Dan Moody stepped out and defeated her for re-election. Not Aggressive? But the Ferguson of today, if his latest announcement is to be taken as an indication, is not the aggressive Ferguson of yesterday, as one may judge by the tenor of this extract from his formal announcement: "If there be those who may find satisfaction in personal abuse and vicious criticism of me or my record then they have the field all to themselves without murmur or protest from me. I have long since made my peace with God and I shall not now permit the heat of politics to engulf me in personal hatred." Since his removal from office Ferguson had been a candidate for United States Senator. Also, he had organized in Texas a party of his own, called the American Party, and ran for President as its nominee. Moody Again? Entry of Governor Ferguson into the already crowded gubernatorial race has revived speculation as to political plans of Governor Moody. Some believe Ferguson's candidacy will have him out for a third term. Many had predicted that re-

TOMBSTONE FOUND IN SUBWAY



Digging for a new subway in New York, workmen come across a buried tombstone, 155 years old, which was erected in memory of Ann and Mary Barclay, 3 and 5, who died in 1774 and 1775, respectively. The stone bears the epitaph: "You that have tried terrestrial joy and here can find no rest, come follow me, you'll find it true: to be with Christ is best."

W. R. PURSEK DECLARES FOR ALL THREE CITY BOND ISSUES

YOUTH HURT IN CRASH ON BANK HEAD

Left Ankle Seriously Injured In Collision

Le Roy Moxin, 16, with whose father The Herald has a contract for delivery of papers to Coahoma and Stanton, suffered a serious injury to his left ankle about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the motorcycle on which he was riding crashed into an automobile on the east Bankhead highway near the Cosden Oil Company refinery. Immediately after the accident occurred physicians at a local hospital where the injured boy was taken expressed doubt his foot could be saved, but at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon circulation through the injured foot had been at least partially restored and hopes for complete recovery were expressed by hospital attendants. Young Moxin never lost consciousness from the shock, but watched calmly while his foot was disengaged from the fender of an automobile into which his ill-fated machine crashed. He told a coherent story of how the accident occurred from his hospital bed. "I was turning the corner near the refinery and as I straightened the machine and headed directly west the lowering sun blinded me momentarily and the next thing I knew I had crashed into the car." The boy is a freshman in Big Spring high school. His father, L. Moxin is employed at the jewelry store of A. H. Wood on East Ector street. The family resides at 905 Lancaster street.

BIRTH NOTICE

Born Wednesday, February 19 to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Howie, 111 Nolan street, a baby boy.

TESTIMONY OF AUDITOR IS DETAILED

\$18,247 Not Properly Accounted For, He Says

AUSTIN, Feb. 20. (AP)—State Auditor Moore Lynn testified before the House today that State Comptroller S. H. Terrell had not accounted properly for \$18,247.76 which had been withdrawn from two Austin banks and which had been charged was misappropriated and fraudulently converted to the comptroller's personal use. Lynn said. The hearing of the proposed impeachment charges proceeded before the house with a bare quorum in attendance. Not included in this amount were two items of \$600 each, which had been deposited by Terrell in a "special" account in the American National bank on August 23, 1928, and July 13, 1929. Lynn said, presenting photostatic copies of state warrants covering these amounts drawn by the comptroller on the state treasury, representing that they were for postage. They were indorsed by Terrell and bore a notation "for deposit." Another item included in the sum "unsatisfactorily accounted for" was represented by a check for \$657.13 drawn from the Austin National bank and made payable to a banker in Burleson, Lynn said. "We are investigating that item at this time, trying to ascertain if it was personal or for the state," Lynn said. Lynn testified that a copy of a report filed by an auditor privately employed by Terrell to check his department revealed a total of \$18,247.76 state funds unaccounted for. He said that his report and the report of Terrell's auditors were checked, except that Terrell's auditor considered certain items accounted for and he (Lynn) did not so accept them, as satisfactorily explained. He declared he had found that Terrell's auditor accounted for \$5,800 which had been paid into the treasury since he (Lynn) had completed and released his report to the legislature. He said that his investigation conducted since the deposits had been made revealed that this sum had been made up of checks of \$750 drawn by E. G. Grafton, brother of Ben Grafton, 4300 by Worth House, \$500 by Grafton, and \$200 by Powell, employee of the comptroller's department. The balance had been deposited in cash, Lynn said. "I traced the checks from banks on which they were drawn," Lynn said. "They were all payable to Ben Grafton, and all checks except one were from out of town banks. "I cannot say where the cash came from," he added. Rep. Alfred Petach, attorney for the house, read into the record four letters from Terrell and his employees to the Magnolia Petroleum Company of Dallas. These letters acknowledged receipts of sums totaling \$2,123.74, which represented tax due the state by sales of gasoline to the United States government. These sums were to be held in reserve by the state pending a decision of the

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Local Members At Regional Banquet For Lions Clubs

A group of Big Spring Lions attended the Ladies night banquet of the Midland Lions Thursday evening in the crystal ballroom of the Scharbauer hotel, when Melvin Jones, of Chicago, secretary-general of Lions International, gave the principal address. A. C. Kater, of Houston, Lions district governor of Texas, was also a speaker.

Cecil Collins, of Big Spring, gave the response to the welcoming address, creating a great deal of comment by his well-worded and well-given talk.

Among the Big Spring speakers were the following: Frank Reynolds, Lion president; M. R. Shewalter, now of Rowell, N. M.; H. S. Paw, Cecil Collins, Seth Parsons, R. C. Pyatt, B. T. Cardwell, M. L. Hensley, Pat Ray and their guests.

Among the 200 banqueters the following Lions clubs of this district were represented: Pecos, Colorado, Big Spring, Big Lake, Stanton and Lamesa, and a visiting Lion from the El Paso club.

Mrs. Latson Is Hostess

Mrs. W. W. Latson was hostess to members of the three-four bridge club Wednesday afternoon in the Latson home on Twelfth street, with a clever Valentine party.

The St. Valentine theme was effectively carried out in the bridge and house decorations, as well as in the prize wrappings and in the menu of the delicious salad course served. Mrs. Max W. Howard received high score prize, a pretty hand-painted sugar and creamer set, wrapped in a heart-shaped package to simulate a large Valentine.

Those present were Mesdames W. T. Strange, Jr., T. S. Jenkins, J. E. Krugendall, Max W. Howard, Karl H. Estes, L. H. Hamlett, M. Wentz, G. L. Rowley, L. A. Talley, Jake Bishop, C. C. Carter and J. C. Moore.

Mrs. Moore will be the next club hostess.

G.F.F. Bridge Club Organized

Mrs. W. A. Shaw was hostess to a group of friends on Wednesday afternoon when the G. F. F. Bridge club was organized. Mrs. R. E. Lee won high score award and Mrs. M. B. Eppers won low.

Those present at the first meeting were Mesdames R. E. Lee, W. T. Barrett, A. H. Marx, H. W. Nall, M. B. Eppers, W. H. Shaw, J. O. Gilliam, T. L. Strachner, Mrs. Sparks, of Abilene, a visitor, and the hostess.

Pastor And Wife Hosts To Class

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Bailey were hosts to members of the Coffee Memorial class of the Methodist church Thursday evening in the Methodist parsonage.

After an evening of games, in which Mrs. King won the prize, a delicious refreshment course with Valentine plate favors, was served to the following: Mesdames Shull, Striplin, Shaw, King, Ward, Crosssett, Johnson, Talbot, Painter, Zinn, True, Purser, Stolling, Edwards, Pickle, Eason, Gay and Neel.

Mrs. W. H. Ward will be hostess to the class in March.

Mrs. E. O. Hardy and son, Wilbur, are guests of relatives in Elton.

Steer Hoopsters To Be Guests Of Lions

Members of the Big Spring high school basketball squad will be honored Friday noon by the Lions club of Big Spring which is preparing a special program for the athletes.

All members of the Lions club are urged to attend the regular meeting Friday noon in the basement of the First Christian church. An interesting program has been arranged by Dr. C. C. Carter.

William Wooster was called to absence Tuesday by the illness of Mrs. Wooster.

CLASSIFIED ADS

ATTRACTION wanted on farm by mother and widowed daughter; mother good plain cook and manager; boat of reference; no trifling; no want work. Address Box 514, care of Herald.

Little Girl, 10, Eats So Much Mother Amazed

"My 10-year-old daughter had no appetite. Then we gave her Vitamins and now she eats so much we are amazed."—Mrs. W. Soosten.

"That supplies the body with important elements of iron, calcium and liver support. This is just what little stomach children need to eat and the QUICK results are surprising. The very best of all—no sugar, no starch, no fat, no oil, no salt, no preservatives. 2-10 Tablets, 25¢ each."

TESTIMONY

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United States supreme court as to legality of the tax, and one letter explained that if the legality was upheld they would be deposited in the state treasury, and if it was not they would be returned to the Magnolia Company. They were written during the period from September 15, 1926, to March 3, 1928.

Lynn explained he had found other items in the escrow account, including two inheritance tax items which apparently had been unaccounted for by the comptroller, an item of \$235 from the Keeling Oil Company, and an item of \$2,324.84 by the Independent Oil Company of San Angelo.

"On January 24, 1930," said Lynn, "I asked Mr. Terrell for full information on the two inheritance tax items. I also sent him a request to identify bank deposits which were personal. On January 22 and 23 he had told me that the indications were that the greater part of the deposits were personal, but there might have been some state deposits among them. He answered my letter on January 23, and told me that the items I had requested information on had been handled by two of his appointees who had recently died, and that was all the information he gave in answer to my request."

Sought Information

Lynn said that in his letter he had asked for information as to which monies had been paid into the state treasury and which had been returned.

"In his letter of January 23, did Mr. Terrell give you any information about the inheritance tax items, or the oil company items?" asked Petros.

"He mentioned only the Keeling Oil Company item of \$235," answered Lynn. "He did not give me any further assistance as to whether the Magnolia Company, of the Independent Company, accounts had been cleared into the treasury."

Terrell's letter of January 23, 1930, was then read in which the comptroller was quoted as saying that the inheritance items of \$1,362.67 and \$4,155.86, respectively, had been turned over to the treasury, as shown by treasury receipts, and also that the Keeling item of \$235 had been deposited with the state treasurer. The letter ended by stating that with regard to the other items, the assistants who had handled them were dead, and that he had engaged an auditor to audit these accounts.

Lynn said his men in examining accounts in the Austin National Bank had found where \$4,155.86 had been paid by the estate of William O. Allison.

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regardless of who should be candidate. Moody would seek another term in an effort to carry out his penitentiary centralization idea and to propose shifting of the tax burden from the landowners and homeowners to a basis of "ability to pay," or changing the present system of enacting a tax from a citizen whether he is able to pay it or not rather than computing it according to the earnings of those levied against.

It was reported that Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt, appointed to

his second office by Governor Moody when Attorney General Claude Pollard resigned, had definitely decided to announce for reelection to his office. It was known that he had considered his campaign a candidate for governor. Public announcement by him that he would seek the attorney generalship would be taken as a menace that Gov. Moody had definitely made up his mind to ask for a third term. Moody and Bobbitt are close political friends. Bobbitt should have first call on the governor's office when Moody vacates and the attorney general's friends believe that he will put in a bid for it the minute his governor-friend decides to relinquish it.

No Personal Hatred

"I have long since made my peace with God, and I shall not now permit the heat of politics to engulf me in personal hatred," Governor Ferguson remarked when he had delivered himself on this piece of information to opponents. "If there be those who may find satisfaction in personal abuse and vicious criticism of me or my record let them be at once advised that they will have the field all to themselves without murmur or protest from me."

He also said he would not enter into "frantic mental or physical struggle for election."

"I shall conserve my strength for the performance of the duties of the office to which I will be called," he said.

Ferguson stated his platform briefly as follows:

For a business administration and the veto of any liquor legislation by pro or anti-something to eat and something to wear without a row over something to drink.

The reduction of public offices, notably the combination of the office of assessor and collector and the limitation of fees to \$3,000 a year.

Preventing any bank from loaning over ten per cent on its capital and deposits outside of Texas.

The right of the borrower to redeem any home or other real estate within two years after foreclosure.

Abolishment of the landlord's lien, so that a tenant may mortgage his crop to his merchant for yearly supplies.

Election Board

For an elective highway commission of five, one at large, and one from North, South, East and West Texas.

Opposition to the issuance of any state road bonds, and for a three-cent gasoline tax and the building and grading of less expensive roads which will give more roads to the farm and the mill.

Against the road hog and the enactment of the present law and truck vehicles that use the public highways for profit to the exclusion of the traveling public.

A highway history museum, open and organized.

For putting the state complete farms in the hands of farmers and liberal issuance of pardons to meritorious prisoners.

CITY FACES

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lign position, the city states that Mr. Stone's property is located in the west corner of the entire block and that property from 10 to 30 feet higher in elevation is located to the north, west and east, which constitutes natural cause why water

should accumulate at his lot. The city further advised that paving of Henry street is not the cause of flood water concentration, if any, at the corner of Tenth and Main streets as it is alleged in the plaintiff's petition.

After the jury had been selected to hear the L. E. Stone damage suit, Fritz R. Smith, district judge, dismissed other jurors serving on the case now in progress will be the final work of this term of district court.

Three men charged with felonies entered pleas of guilty to offenses as charged in indictments Wednesday afternoon. Three suspended sentences were returned by Judge H. D. Condit. He gave a one-year suspended sentence for possession for sale of intoxicating liquor, Harrison Jones, a 18-year-old boy charged with forgery, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but sentence was suspended and Carl Findley charged of automobile theft by bailie was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but his sentence was also suspended.

W. R. PURSER

"I want to ask my friends to lay aside all ill-feelings engendered from any cause and do the things that their conscience tells them is best for the town."

"I am one of those who believe that the people of this town at the coming election will elect men who will properly spend the money that we place in their hands, and who will hasten the improvements that we authorize before the summer months come upon us."

"VOTE FOR THESE BONDS and help to build your town and make it a better place in which to live and earn a living."

defect, we are likely to have typhoid fever and other malarial diseases."

"I have seen a map of the proposed extension and I think they are all needed and will take the amount of money asked for to make such improvements."

"I am for the water bonds because I think we need them. We have grown from a small town to a little city and we need to consolidate our gains and do some permanent improvements all at once and reap the benefits therefrom. Seventy-four additional fire plugs and the additional reservoir and the additional six-inch mains will save our citizens practically as much in fire insurance premiums as we will have to pay in additional taxes on account of the water bonds. The plan is to seek out new territory that will produce water and will produce additional wells, anticipating a growth of our city, all of which is a great idea and is the proper course to pursue."

"As to the railroad bonds: We have an opportunity to secure another viaduct eliminating a hazardous crossing leading from our city out by the cemetery and out the highway towards Gail, where a large part of our rural population live. We have an opportunity to secure this for \$20,000 for our part, which will be 10 per cent of the total cost, which looks to me like a grand business proposition. If one life is saved thereby having such a viaduct in the next 20 years, it is a good investment."

"In my opinion we have the op-

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portunity to build a viaduct that will perhaps reach a population of 20,000 people, but we cannot grow without the necessary improvements for such growth."

The railroad company is building its shops here and is demanding of us that we furnish an adequate sewer system and with an adequate water supply and fire protection, and I dare say that there are none of us who would contend that we should not do this, for those shops are our greatest asset."

2 Glasses Water, Not Too Cold, Help Consumption

One glass water in the morning, take 2 glasses a half hour before breakfast. You get quicker and better results by adding a little simple Synerin, 1/2 cc. (found at Ad-lerika) to one glass.

Unlike other remedies, Adlerika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and removes old poison you never thought were in your system. Adlerika stops GAS and sour stomach in 10 minutes! Relieves constipation in 2 hours. Cunningham and Phillips, druggists, and J. D. Biles—adv.

Ideal Club Meets With Mrs. Croft

Mrs. L. W. Croft of 306 Tunnels street was hostess to the Ideal Bridge club Wednesday in regular session of games. The Valentine note was included in all decorations with lady Valentines given as plate favors. Bridge appointments also carried out the St. Valentine idea. A two-course refreshment plate was served.

Mrs. George L. Wilke won high score in the games.

Members present were: Mesdames Ashley Williams, M. M. Edwards, Herbert Lee, C. D. Saxley, Robert T. Einar, Steve Ford, W. W. Jackson, Joe Clark, Nath Parsons and George L. Wilke.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson has been re-hospitalized her home after a few weeks' stay in the hospital. She is reported doing nicely.

Elmer Hardy Class Will Give Party

Members of the Elmer Hardy Sunday School class of the First Methodist church will entertain at a Valentine party in the basement of the church. Husbands of members will be special guests and all members are reminded of the entertaining program planned for the evening.

Send Again Named Stanton School Head


STANTON, Feb. 11. (S. C. L. News) has been re-elected to his place as superintendent of the Stanton schools. Mr. Stone is completing his first year of service in the Stanton system, having come here last year from Elton.

FIRST

IN
BIG SPRING
and
HOWARD COUNTY
Established in 1890

UNITED STATES
DEPOSITORY

"The Old Reliable"
The First National Bank



MILE-A-MINUTE MARTY

—by— King-Chevrolet Co., 3rd & Johnson



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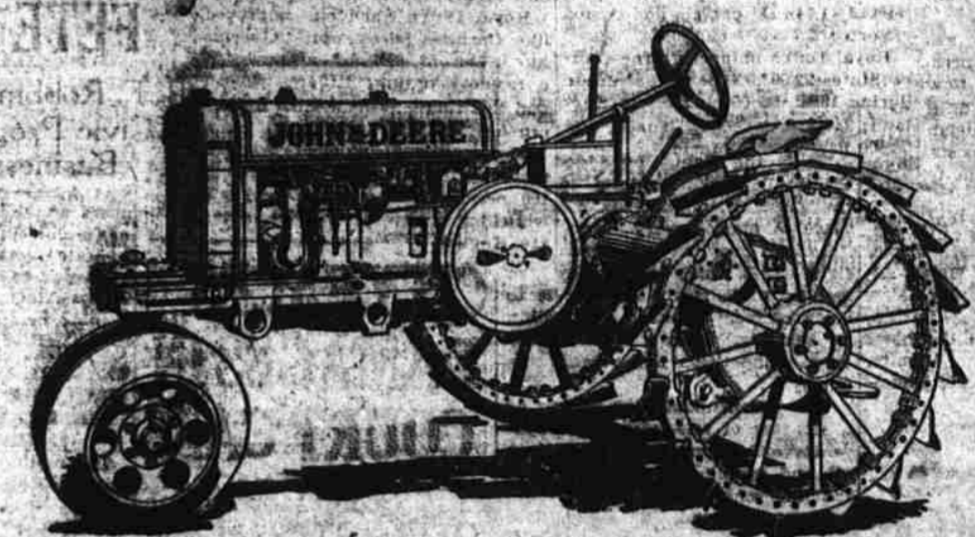
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THREAT OF SOUTH AMERICA ACTUAL SURVEY OF HIDDEN OIL RESOURCES DISCLOSES

Potential Oil Production In Half-Dozen South American States Causes Industry To Shudder With Fear When Thinking Of Future Outlook

Editors Note: The following story written by Sofia M. Suppes, editor of the Tulsa Tribune, is reprinted to give some idea of the stupendous hidden fields in South America that have already been partially explored. This article is directed principally at South America, yet it is today the second largest oil producing country in the world.

Atlantic (that great continent which sank beneath the Atlantic ocean many years ago) is now definitely known to be located on another ocean, a veritable ocean of crude oil.

So vast is the potential oil production of South America as determined by the half dozen states already explored, that even the most courageous of men has not yet dared to venture a guess as to how much oil it will eventually produce. Only a small fraction of its territory has been geologically explored, but a few square miles have been tested by the drill, yet it is today the second largest oil producing country in the world.

In two decades Venezuela alone has attained an annual crude oil production totaling 137,000,000 barrels, a figure reached in the United States only after 50 years of exploration and drilling, and the expenditure of billions of dollars.

Venezuela, it must be remembered, is but a small state located on the northern coast of South America, and this huge production is from but four oil fields, Lagunillas, La Rosa, Mene Grande and Ambrulosa.

Lagunillas, which produces more than 50 per cent of Venezuela's entire output, being credited with 91,500,000 barrels of oil since its discovery two years ago, has a drilled area of only 750 acres—a recovery average 120,000 barrels per acre.

This field has been proved productive for a distance of but eight miles, about half of that of Greater Gusher, with neither the width nor length, as yet determined.

Gusher, Shallow Wells Venezuelan wells have an initial flow of as much as 1,000 metric tons daily, about 42,000 barrels. Production is found from 285 feet—about 825 feet, down to 4,265 feet. Drilling is easy and cheap, with practically all of it done by rotary methods.

Crude oil can be produced in Venezuela at a cost averaging from 11 cents to 15 cents per barrel. Cost of transportation to New York or Atlantic seaboard refineries is about 65 cents to 75 cents per barrel, and the loading charge more than 25 cents, indicating that Venezuelan oil can be delivered on the eastern seaboard of the United States from \$1 to \$1.25 per barrel.

Backed by a tremendous gas pressure, and from salt water pressure, that causes the wells to flow until they are exhausted or until ruined by the brine, Venezuelan wells have little if any lifting costs. Much oil is shut in, provided, due to lack of present market.

In fact the owners contend that they practically "turn on a tap and get all the oil they want." Sir John Cadman, chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., in an article in The Oil and Gas Journal in December, 1928, said, "In order to secure the production of crude required for export, all that has to be done is to open the necessary number of valves by means of which the production of crude can, from day to day and hour to hour, be regulated to our requirement to a nicety, just as regular and as gradual as when turns on the water for one's bath."

Imports Are Gaining In the first nine months of 1929, imports of crude oil and refined oil products, particularly gasoline, from Venezuela into the United States, totaled 62,727,000 barrels—a gain of 5,500,000 barrels over the imports received in the same period of 1928, when 59,249,000 barrels were imported.

In the first 10 months of 1929, Venezuela produced a total of 118,148,358 barrels of crude, while all other South American states produced an additional 36,178,682 barrels, bringing the total production up to 154,327,040 barrels in 10 months from South America.

Forty per cent of all crude oil produced in Venezuela is shipped into the United States, when it competes with our own fuel oil production. Most of the remainder is re-exported to Venezuela, and the greater part of the gasoline output is also imported to the United States where it has for the past two years formed the greatest and most serious competition ever encountered and has at least caused the collapse of the crude oil and refined oil markets.

Sept. 20, 1929, refinery stocks of crude oil on our own Atlantic seaboard totaled 12,547,000 barrels, of which 5,748,000 barrels was Venezuelan crude. Total imports in the first nine months of 1929 show an increase of 35 1/3 per cent over the same period of 1928, showing the constantly growing danger from this cheap foreign crude oil and gasoline.

One Year's Increase In the week ended January 25, imports of crude and refined oils at principal United States ports, totaled 1,389,000 barrels, a daily average of 322,957 barrels.

Oil and refined products imported into the United States from Venezuela in the first 10 months of 1929, totaled 101,442,488 barrels, as compared with 80,544,790 barrels in the same period of 1928.

More than 100,000,000 has already been expended by the major oil fields of America, Holland and England in Venezuela, in obtaining

California Corp., now merged with the Texas Co., whereby 1,896,556 acres were transferred to their subsidiaries, the Union National Petroleum Co. and the California Petroleum Corp. of Venezuela, whereby each company must expend \$3,500,000 in drilling, exploration and acquisition of additional properties in Venezuela. The Texas Petroleum Co. controls undeveloped prospective acreage in Venezuela, Colombia, and elsewhere in South America.

New England Oil Corp. has concessions on 247,000 acres in the Maracaibo Lake basin. The North Venezuelan Petroleum Co., Ltd., has concessions on approximately 1,786 square miles of leases in Falcon, Venezuela, and controls 134 tracts in the Amerasia Petroleum square miles elsewhere.

Espananza Petroleum Corp., con- Corp., has 700,000 acres in its Venezuelan concessions.

Steaming under the tropical sun but two degrees removed from the equator, the Venezuelan oil fields offer little inducement to a civilized person, yet almost 10,000 Americans are laboring there, under two-year contracts, to bring to production this greatest of all oil reservoirs.

Lake Maracaibo, around which most of the oil activity is now centered, is thickly coated with petroleum, while the trees, camps and grounds are well drenched from the flowing gusher wells. Poisonous insects and snakes add to the discomforts, as do lack of practically every modern convenience.

American drillers are paid \$400 per month and their room, "rough necks" are paid \$300. The board, tool-dressers and rotary engineers, geologists, and all executives, are, of course, paid much higher salaries.

CHEAP NATIVE LABOR Native labor is used for the rough labor such as digging ditches, for they are not only pitifully ignorant but hopelessly lazy. The workmen receive five Bolivars a day—about \$1 each.

Modern camps are maintained by all of the major interests for their own employees, each of which has its own barracks, or sleeping quarters similar to army barracks, and half a dozen cottages for men with families. Cook and dining halls are well equipped, and the food is said to be excellent, in fact the only decent meal to be found in the oil country is to be secured in these camp boarding houses.

Included in the camp are the offices and supply houses of the company. Royal Dutch Shell has improved like Curacao Island until it seems like a bit of Holland at dawn in a tropical setting, drillers report, and this company maintains a modern hospital with a physician from America. Oil field workers with the Royal Dutch Shell are almost 100 per cent American, they say, while but a few of the executives are English.

Oil production is to be found practically all around Lake Maracaibo, which is 30 miles long and from five to eight miles in width. The town of Maracaibo is on the west side of the lake, and has about 100,000 inhabitants, being the capital of the state of Zulia, with its own "president," similar to our own governors. The town, however, is for the greater part a huddle of native huts.

Whole Lake Leased The Andes mountains rise sharply back of Maracaibo town, and by effectively cutting off all sea breezes, wall the town, lake and oil fields in a steamy caldron of heat. Outlet of Maracaibo lake is through a "bottle neck"—the Caribbean Sea—the inlet being both shallow and narrow, and necessitating vessels with but slight draft being used, to attain that stagnant body of water.

Wells are not only drilled to the water edge, but like on our own gulf coast and in California, are located well out in the body of water. In fact, every foot of the lake is under lease for oil exploration.

Curacao, the capital of Venezuela, is located 5,000 feet above sea level in the Andes mountains, and in this delightful spot the "aristocracy" of the Venezuelan oil country congregate. A large and interesting foreign colony live there permanently and a fine country club, the center of all social activity, is very popular.

Five large oil refineries are now in operation in Venezuela alone, while several smaller ones are scattered about the country and on the two islands of Curacao and Aruba, three plants are going full blast.

Dutch Shell Oil Co.'s Curacao refinery, with a capacity of 147,000 barrels of oil daily, is of course the largest and aside from the Shell's small plant on the island of Aruba the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. (Standard of Indiana) has a 110,000-barrel refinery.

Pan-American's refinery is modern in every respect and has a large cracking installation now in full operation.

West India Oil Co.—the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey—has a 1,000-barrel topping plant in operation at Maracaibo City.

Venezuelan Royalties, Inc., is now erecting a 10,000-barrel topping plant on the Paraguana Peninsula, which will be enlarged to 20,000 barrels a day soon through the installation of the Dubbs cracking process.

Lago Petroleum Corp.—Standard Oil Co. of Indiana operates a topping plant at Colombia with 1,000 barrels daily capacity and is now being enlarged to 1,750,000 barrels.

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Methods For Combatting 'Chain' Stores Outlined By 'Independents'

DALLAS, Feb. 19.—Newspaper advertising space and the radio are to be used in the educational campaign now being planned by the Home Merchants' Protective League, to inform the people of Texas of the facts concerning the methods and practices of the foreign-owned chain stores, and the effects of those methods upon the financial structures of the communities in which the chains are operating, it is announced by Grady Harrow, executive secretary of the League, 717 South Ervay street.

"The League is an organization of bona fide merchants and independent business men in all lines who are united thus to combat the inroads of the Northern and Eastern-owned chain stores now draining Texas of millions of dollars annually," said Mr. Harrow. "It was organized on a state-wide basis by these merchants themselves at a meeting held in Dallas on Feb. 12. This was attended by over 200 business men from all parts of the state.

"Hence it is not a money-making scheme nor was it furthered by professional promoters. Its purpose is to work for the square deal for the independent business man, to secure legislation which will curb the powers of the foreign-owned chains and to guide public sentiment so that the passage of such legislation for the purpose of Texas capital shall be assured.

"As far as we know it is the only state-wide movement of this kind which originated with the merchants themselves and the officials of which are all Texas business men."

Deputy Dunn Arrests Tool Thief Suspect W. E. Dunn was arrested by Deputy Sheriff D. D. Dunn Wednesday morning on a complaint alleging theft of carpenter's tools valued at more than \$50. The accused man made a statement to James Little, county attorney, and was held. The tools were recovered.

Mrs. G. Martinez Succumbs Here Funeral services for Mrs. Graciela Martinez, who died in her home in the north section of the city at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, will be held at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Father Theo Francis, of the Catholic church, in charge.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery. The deceased was 43 years old at the time of death.

Glasscock And Howard Divide Two Locations

Two new locations, one each in Howard and Glasscock county, have been staked during the past few days and work of erecting ber-

SEVEN NEW BILLS ARE RETURNED

After returning seven additional indictments charging six men with forgery, automobile theft or liquor law violations, the Howard county grand jury, which was empaneled February 3, was discharged Wednesday morning by Frits R. Smith, district judge, who thanked individuals of the jury for faithful fulfillment of their duties.

Indictments returned charged S. T. Tipton with forgery, Harrison Jones with forgery, Carl Findley with automobile theft, M. W. Call with transportation of intoxicating liquor, G. W. Tomblison with forgery (two bills) and R. F. Brown with possession for sale of intoxicating liquor.

After receiving the grand jury's final report, Judge Smith ordered all criminal cases for trial Wednesday afternoon. There are several men charged by indictments who are now in jail awaiting trial and those cases will probably receive first attention to relieve the jail cost of Howard county.

Two damage suits, one tried Tuesday and the other called for trial Wednesday morning, were settled through agreement. J. M. McKenzie, plaintiff against the Big Spring Refining Company for damages alleged to have been done plaintiff's property by waste oil and water draining from the defendant company's crude oil refining plant, accepted \$600 as settlement for property damages. The original petition sought of recover \$1,650.

The suit of Helen Gilliam against Parlies Gilliam, alleging alienation of affections, was called for trial Wednesday morning, but an agreement was reached whereby the plaintiff accepted \$400 as settlement before the jury was empaneled. The suit was filed Jan. 29, 1929. Walter Woodward, state sen-

ator of Coleman, was associated with his brother, Garland A. Woodward and James A. Brooks, in representing the defendant. Thomas and Coffey, local attorneys, represented the plaintiff.

MERIWETHER WELL STILL SHUT DOWN

PHILLIPS STARTS WORK ON DERRICK OVER NEW BORDEN LOCATION Meriwether Oil Company's No. 1 Smith, semi-wildcat in southern Howard county, remained shut down at midweek at a total depth of 2,275 feet where operators believe they topped the Glasscock county lime. Operators are not positive just when drilling will be resumed on the well.

No. 1 Smith is located 120 feet from the south line and 2,400 feet from the west line of section 46, block 33, township 2 south, T&P Ry. Co. survey and is approximately three miles north of Glasscock Brothers' No. 1 Edwards which is producing approximately 100 barrels daily from pay topped at 2,377 feet.

Rig builders started construction of a derrick over Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1 Tom Good location in southwestern Borden county during the week as the operating company continued to move drilling tools and equipment to the wildcat location. No. 1 Good is located in the southwestern corner of the southeastern quarter of section 46, block 33, township 4 north, T&P Ry. Co. survey.

February Birthdays

Feb. 1—Col. Charles A. Landbergh. Feb. 7—Charles Dickens. Feb. 8—General Sherman. Feb. 11—Thomas A. Edison. Feb. 12—Abraham Lincoln. Feb. 12—Gen. Robert E. Lee. Feb. 14—St. Valentine's day. Feb. 23—George Washington. Feb. 23—James Russell Lowell. Feb. 27—Henry W. Longfellow.

APPROVAL GIVEN MAY FETE PLAN

B. F. Robbins Explains Civic Program To Business Men

Members of the Big Spring business men's club unanimously voted to cooperate with the Women's Federation and to help in whatever manner possible in promoting the festival to be held in this city during May. J. B. Pickle, president of the business men's organization, submitted the club membership to the Women's Federation from which a committee will be drafted to work on the festival.

Verbena Barnes presented the Women's Federation plans to the club and asked endorsement. Carl Blomfield worded a motion to the effect that the club lend its cooperation in the movement and B. F. Robbins seconded the proposal.

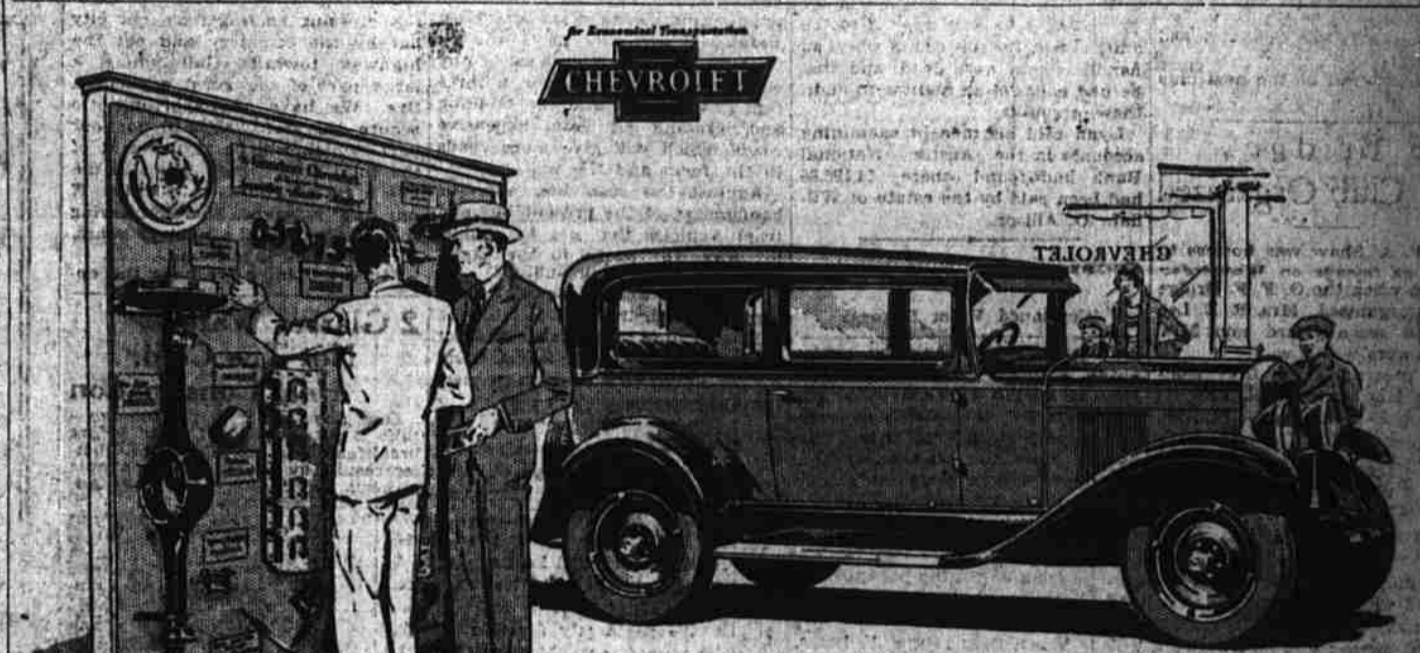
Previously Mr. Robbins had explained in detail, plans of the Chamber of Commerce civic committee for the clean up and paint up campaign that is to be launched in Big Spring. He insisted that the only method through which the plan can become completely successful is by securing cooperation of every club member and independent citizens in Big Spring.

Willard Sullivan, chairman of the week's program committee, suggested that Big Spring provide a place in which a union church service can be held Easter morning. He pointed to the Rose Bowl in California as an example of a community meeting place and the many uses to which it can be placed. Mr. Robbins suggested that a union service on the Scenic Drive mountain will be impressive and will attract huge crowds.

There was no definite action taken, but Rev. W. C. Bailey, pastor of the Methodist Church, promised to put the problem before ministers of this city and report their sentiment in the matter.

Fritz R. Smith, district judge, was called on for a brief talk by Mr. Pickle. Judge Smith told how Boy Scouts had been used successfully in a clean up campaign at Snyder, his home town, and how a hen shower in which every man and woman, boy and girl, in the city brought a hen netted \$1,300 cash in every respect and was used for school purposes. In addition to Judge Smith, George Mahon, district attorney and Stanley Norman were introduced as visitors by John Wolcott and Clyde E. Thomas.

Lusia Rangel, 22, daughter of Antonio Rangel, died in the family home early Friday morning. Funeral services have been announced for 5 o'clock Friday evening, with Father Theo Francis in charge. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.



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Simmons University Cowboy Band Will Tour Europe

MUSICIANS' FAME NOW WIDESPREAD

BY NELSON A. HUTTO

Less than five years ago a college band went to a small West Texas town to fill a concert engagement. Thirty boys, riding on boards in a truck, reached the place about an hour before sundown and began preparations for the performance. They hoped to play before a big crowd in the one-story, wooden, dirt-floored structure that was dignified by the name "City Auditorium."

Suppers were eaten, horns were tuned, and the stage set. Eight o'clock came, and the ticket man took his place at the window. After 15 minutes, the manager came to the front.

Not a customer in sight. He called on a few men to jolly him and for the next 15 minutes strains of "The Old Gray Mare" and other such melodies were played. This brought a few straggling customers and scores of small boys.

At 9 o'clock the band played to an audience of 220-20 on the inside and 200 on the outside. At 11 o'clock the 30 men started home. The manager counted the proceeds. Nine dollars! All the boys had left more than that in the town for hamburgers and shaves.

Few would recognize this as the Cowboy Band of Simmons University, Abilene, because those who have heard of that organization know it as the most widely traveled and best known amateur band in the country, as a band which plays before big crowds instead of empty seats. Many know it as the band which went to Washington last year as the official music makers of the Hoover Good Will Special from Texas; as the band which was invited into the White House after the men had played on the lawn before the president's mansion, and as the band which went on to New York and was invited to play at a performance at the Ziegfeld Theatre. But few know it as the straggling little musical organization which began less than five years ago to build itself into a figure of national prominence.

Five short years encompass the history of this unique band. The little engagement to empty seats in Baird was typical in 1925. The Washington engagement is typical of today.

And now an even bigger trip is being planned for them. Guy Colterman, attorney and grand opera patron of St. Louis, has been in Europe making arrangements for a good will tour of England and the continent by the Cowboys. Fred L. Haskett of Dallas is in charge of arrangements on this side, and is getting up a party of several hundred who will go with the band. Among this crowd, several prominent Texans will go as guests. This is the first tour of this kind ever planned for a college band in this country.

The programs to be played by the Cowboys while in Europe will feature music of the Southwest and the early cattle range. Already the director, Prof. D. O. Wiley, has gathered a number of manuscripts of cowboy music. Some of them are being donated through the efforts of David Guion, Texas composer, who has had his own compositions arranged for band music by John Phillip Sousa.

Some of the best known cowboy songs to be used by the band are: "O, Bury Me, Not on the Lone Prairie," "Goodbye, Old Paint, for I'm Leavin' Cheyenne," "The Old Chisholm Trail," "Sheep and Goat Walkin' in a Pasture" and "Get Along, Ye Little Doggies."

But if the cowboy band had never dreamed of a trip to Europe, it could still claim the title, "The most widely traveled college band in the world." Since that discouraging incident in 1925, when it could not draw a crowd without a halibut, the cowboy band has traveled over 30,000 miles; gone into 16 states of the union and into Mexico; has played, most of the time as the center of attraction, at conventions, rodeos, governors' inaugurations, fairs, theatres and on the concert stage in cities like Dallas, Birmingham, Little Rock, Tampa, Atlanta and Washington. It has carried the fame and spirit of the Texas cowboy into the Creole districts of old New Orleans, into the stately avenues of the old southern cities in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina; into the famous Pennsylvania avenue of Washington, and right into Broadway itself. Even the indifferent crowds of Forty-second street stopped to look at "the Texas Cowboys."

Yet the Cowboy band is composed of college boys. Do they really go to school, take regular courses and make their credits? Yes, indeed. Of course, not only must they take their work in school, but they must take certain work in the



school of band music and meet a high standard in these courses.

The idea of a cowboy band originated by chance. In 1922, when Simmons routers went on a special train to cheer their football team at Brownwood, a number of the boys in the 20-piece band wore boots, 10-gallon hats and other such cowboy equipment, mostly for the fun of it.

A number of the band members were ranch boys and it was no trouble to get the paraphernalia. In Brownwood they were greeted as "the cowboys."

When they returned home, the idea of a cowboy band persisted. Professor D. O. Wiley, who that year had been made director, was in favor of it and agreed with the boys that it would be a good idea if they had cowboy uniforms to wear on parade. But the question was, "Where do we get those uniforms?"

The chamber of commerce at Abilene partially answered the question for them the following spring. When looking around for a band, to represent the city at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at San Angelo, they decided on the Simmons band. W. G. Kincaid, then secretary, had 35 pairs of chaps made for the band and the boys were asked to buy their own hats. The cowboy idea was to be carried out in uniform for the first time.

In the two years that followed the band made many trips as the Abilene Chamber of Commerce musicians, and on these occasions wore the uniforms, which really belonged to the city organization. Although they attracted much notice over the state, they made no great progress and were still officially the "Simmons band."

On March 25, 1925, the step was taken which lifted the band out of the realm of obscurity and placed it on the road to fame. On that date it was incorporated as "The Original Cowboy Band of Simmons University," a manager and a board of directors were appointed and the name was copyrighted so that no musical company in this state except the Simmons group may call themselves "the cowboy band." G. B. Sandefur, then a student in Simmons, was elected manager, T. N. Carwell, B. E. Ball, Dr. Julius Olson and C. M. Caldwell were named directors, with Carwell as president.

Sandefur is still manager, and his efforts, together with those of Professor Wiley and Drum Major Kuhn, largely have made the Cowboy Band famous.

The spring which followed, the incorporation of the Cowboy band was filled with a number of short trips to West Texas towns, most of

which turned out something like the one mentioned at the first of this story. The first step of the new manager was to buy a truck and place boards on each side for the boys to ride when they traveled out of town to concerts. Later buses were secured and last year the band bought a parlor bus.

The boys would go out on these trips after school hours, play that evening and return home about midnight, after riding the boards several hours and having played to crowds which could be measured by the dozen.

"We gotta pay for this truck," the manager would say. "Gib," he is called by his close acquaintances. Those who have witnessed the rapid growth of the Cowboy Band give Gib Sandefur plenty of the credit.

And so the boys kept making trips. And, sure enough, the time came when they "turned the corner." Hundreds began to come in place of dozens. Then the manager was no longer compelled to seek dates. He merely answered correspondence asking for the services of the Cowboy band. And now they play for no one without a substantial guarantee of a good crowd. Their debt for the first truck has changed into assets totaling nearly \$50,000.

Elements of good fortune have played a part in the success of the band, however. One is its connection with the United Confederate veterans. It was this which first gave the "cowboys" a chance to tour the Old South and to entrench themselves in the heart of every wearer of "The Gray."

In the fall of 1925, when the Texas meeting of the U. C. V. met in Abilene, the Cowboys were selected as the official Texas band to go to the national meet at Birmingham the following year.

When they represented the Texas delegation in the Alabama city in 1925 the veterans named them as the official band of the national U. C. V. The 1927 reunion was held in Tampa, Fla., and at this meeting the band was made the lifetime official band of the Confederates. So, as long as there is a remnant of the gallant army of Lee, the Cowboys will act as their official music makers and bring cheer into their hearts with the battle song of "Dixie."

When the 1928 reunion was held in Little Rock, Ark., the Cowboys carried along a special added attraction in the Simmons Cowgirls, pep organization of the university. These 50 young women, attired in cowboy hats, golden jackets, purple riding shirts and boots, "stole the show" from the Cowboys.

One old grizzled veteran approached the school authorities



1. G. B. Sandefur, graduate manager of the band.
2. The Cowboy Band, taken on the steps of Abilene Hall, as it is today. At the left, standing are, Professor Wiley; Bob Crosby, an honorary member and known as the world's champion cowboy, and Y. P. Kuhn, drum major.
3. The band of 30 pieces, as it was five years ago.
4. Professor D. O. Wiley, director of the Simmons University Cowboy Band.
5. "Bovopolus No. 2," the parlor motor bus, which the organization owns, and in which it makes short trips in luxury, a decided contrast to the trucks in which it formerly rode to its engagements points.

with the idea of lining up all the Cowgirls and permitting him to salute them. The officials thought it was a grand idea and instructed the girls to line up, but, alas, the stunt had to be called off, because they found out that the old warrior's idea of a "salute" was to kiss each of the beauties from the West.

The Cowboy Band has been called "the most official band in the world." This usually is said in jest, but it really is true. Besides acting as the official band of the Confederate veterans for several years, the Cowboys have served in a like capacity for other important bodies.

In 1927 the Cowboy band acted as the official band at the inauguration of Governor Dan Moody at Austin. Two months later it played for the Texas Cattlemen's Association convention at El Paso and was made the official band of that organization. It has held that post since that date, playing for the cattlemen at Amarillo and Houston. In May, 1928, it competed in the band contests at Fort Worth, held by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. By virtue of winning first place in the five-year division, it was made the official band of the W. T. C. C. and still holds that position.

But above all the Cowboy Band is the official band of Simmons University. Anyone who might doubt this need only witness an incident which happened in 1925, which proved its loyalty. The band was playing for a rodeo in San Antonio. Their date expired at 10 o'clock and the Simmons foot-

ball team was due to play Southern Methodist University at Wichita Falls the following day. But the members of the band wanted to play for that football game. So, on their own choice, they were allowed to make the trip of more than 450 miles from San Antonio to Wichita Falls between 10 at night and noon the next day by bus. It sounds impossible, but the Cowboy Band played for the Simmons Cowboy football team the next day. And no one noticed any lack of pep!

Besides serving as official musicians for these organizations, the Cowboys fill many miscellaneous engagements. They furnish the pep for many trade trips and motor caravans sponsored by chambers of commerce. They have dates each year with rodeos and at the grandstand performances at fairs. They secured their most ambitious fair engagement, this year when they played at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. While in Dallas they turned an extra trick by making a phonograph record in a widely known studio. Each year they make concert tours, one time of Western Texas and the next time of the central part of the state. Conventions of all kinds, Elks, Realtors, American Legion and others, seek their services. The management has been compelled to refuse many engagements, for the bandmen are allowed only a limited number of days out of each school term in which to travel.

Although the Cowboy Band has gained most of its fame through parades and other street appearances, its work in concert is stressed above everything else by Director

Wiley. "I used to think a band was not good for anything except halibut," he said, "but now I realize its artistic abilities. When I was persuaded to take over the band in 1922, I took it more or less of a joke, and expected to keep it only until some one else came along for the job."

Professor Wiley's original position in Simmons was professor of violin. Since the membership has been doubled to 100, Professor Wiley's work of molding it into an artistic ensemble has been even more difficult. The musicians, even though they are boys, however, are carefully selected. Compulsory rehearsals twice each week and group drills every day also play a great part in the band's efficiency.

"Where did you get that snappy drum major?" is the question heard from any crowd where the band marches. "That snappy drum major" is simply the gymnasium instructor in Simmons who has consented to give much of his time to make the Cowboy Band one of the snappiest street parade bands in the country. Y. P. Kuhn has already gained the title in many newspapers as "the best drum major in the South." The gym coach was a murch leader for a United States navy band during the war.

Many people inquire about the inscription on the parlor bus which reads "Bovopolus No. 2." There's a story behind that. Before the purchase of the parlor bus, the boys rode two rough-riding, patchy buses which had to frequently be pushed through

and mud filled out of ditches. They named the first "Mabel" for an unruly New Mexico mule they had seen at the Cotton Carnival at Roswell. The other they named "Bovopolus" for a Texas steer which had pitched every would-be rider in a rodeo at Wichita Falls.

The new parlor bus inherited the title. The manager of the band, when asked what has accounted for the rapid growth of the organization, says, "It's the spirit of the men." It's an answer that doesn't mean much. Unless maybe a visitor to the band offices glances up and reads an inscription on the wall which reflects the feeling of the entire personnel. The inscription reads:

"If you intend to do anything that will cast reflection on the good name of the Famous Cowboy Band and the University, get out before you are thrown out!"

HIGGINS—Petition circulated for bond election for paving roads in Hamphill county.

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Mrs. Davis Hostess To Triangle

Mrs. Jim Davis was hostess to the Triangle Bridge club Wednesday afternoon in her apartment on Runnels street, with three tables of guests assembled for games. Patriotic George Washington decorations were carried out in party details, the bridge appointments and house decorations bearing out the motif.

Candy filled cherry trees were given as party favors, and fittingly harmonized with the red, white and blue color idea of the refreshment course menu. Quartet tables were covered with red, white and blue cloths.

Mrs. E. M. Cline won the score award and Mrs. J. H. Copeland won high for visitors. Each was presented with an attractive prize wrapped in patriotic colors.

Members present were: Mesdames Robert Currie, E. E. Fabrenkamp, E. W. Larnax, Monroe Johnson, Omar Pitman, E. M. Cline, Miss Jenn Jordan, while visitors were: Mesdames M. H. Bennett, Eck Lovelace, J. H. Copeland, Ira Thurman, and E. O. Wolfe.

Mrs. E. E. Fabrenkamp was announced as the next hostess.

Infant Of Forsan Couple Interred

Beside prayer was said at 1 o'clock this afternoon for the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henson, of Forsan, with Rev. G. Bailey, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge. Interment was to be in the New Mt. Olive cemetery. The baby died early morning.

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Announcements
The following have authorized The Herald to announce they are candidates for the offices designated, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 26, 1930:

- For Congress, 20th District: E. E. (PAT) MURPHY
- For Representative, District 51: FENROSE E. METCALFE
- For District Attorney, 2nd Judicial District: GEORGE MAHON
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector, Howard County: JESS SLAUGHTER
- For County Superintendent and Public Instruction: PAULINE GANTRELL
- For County Judge: H. R. DEBENPORT
- For County Attorney: JAMES LITTLE JOHN G. WELTAKER
- For County Treasurer: E. G. TOWLER
- For County Tax Assessor: ANDERSON BAILEY
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. One: C. C. BAYES
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. Two: PETTE JOHNSON CHARLIE ROBINSON
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. Three: J. C. ROSSIGNOL GEORGE G. WHITE
- For County Commissioner, Precinct No. Four: JOHN WILLIAMS
- For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 3: J. F. ORY

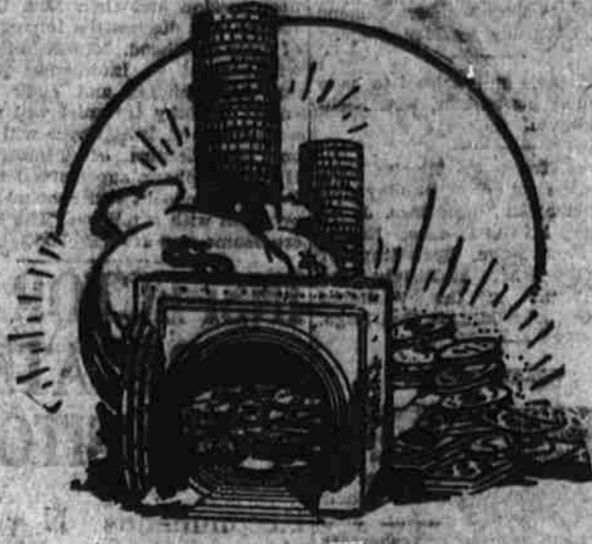
The Herald has been authorized to announce the following are candidates for City Commissioner, subject to the regular city election April 1, 1930:

- H. L. COOK
- J. B. FIDDLE
- C. E. TALBOT

The True Index to City Growth



INCREASE IN POPULATION



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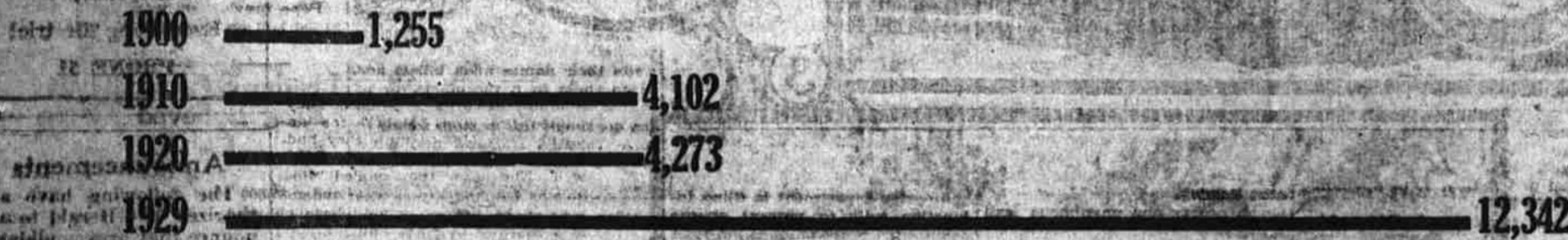
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POSTAL RECEIPTS

The following chart graphically depicts the continuous growth of Big Spring

POPULATION



BANK DEPOSITS



TELEPHONES



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Many Children Are Vaccinated

County health officials express confidence over work done recently in the smallpox vaccination campaign in which 53 children of the Central Ward and North Ward were vaccinated last week and 64 were vaccinated in the Junior High school and the South Ward Tuesday.

Of the children of the Central and North Wards vaccinated last week, 98 percent were "taken," which means that the vaccine has taken effect.

Children of the Mexican school will be vaccinated next week. March 1 has been designated as smallpox day when rural children will be given vaccine in the community clubhouses here. Eighteen children will also be given the second dose of diphtheria toxoid on that date.

Error Places Wrong Corpses In Two Caskets

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—An undertaker's error threw two military funerals in towns 600 miles apart into confusion yesterday.

At Murphysboro, Ill., members of the American Legion had gathered for the funeral of their one time comrade, William E. Wagner, 49, who had died in a Chicago hospital. There was a procession from the railroad station and the impressive ceremony of the military funeral. In Ulrichville, O., it was the same funeral there being for John W. Phillips.

Both former service men had died at the Edward Hines Jr. Memorial hospital within a few hours of each other.

In a Murphysboro chapel Mrs. Wagner lifted her mourning veil to look for the last time upon the face of her husband. In Ulrichville, the widow lifted her youngest son, Shiner, three years old, to see his father.

Each looked upon the face of a stranger. It was an error in the placement of caskets.

Rent County Medical Show Held Down At 3003

After falling to a total depth of 3,003 feet, confirmed Tuesday by steel line measurement, California Oil Company-Atlantic Oil Producing Company's No. 1 E. W. Wallace, Kent county well at West was shut down Wednesday awaiting orders.

No. 1 Wallace is 330 feet from the south and west lines of section 6, block G, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey. Line was topped in the wildcat at 1,420 feet when drilling had halted, the line had been penetrated 1,583 feet without showings of oil or gas. A slight amount of water was encountered in drilling to the present total depth, but has since been exhausted.

Whether the well will be carried deeper or abandoned at the 3,003 feet mark, has not been definitely determined.

TERRACE WORK ON LAST LAP

The last lap of the spring terracing and poultry program for the county will be held this week, according to J. V. Bush, county agricultural agent. A terracing demonstration was held on the J. B. Thomas farm in Green Valley Wednesday afternoon, the demonstration starting at 1:30 o'clock sharply.

The remaining two schools will be a poultry culling demonstration in the R. L. Stallings place in the Leona addition at 9 o'clock Thursday morning when all farmers and poultrymen of the community are cordially invited to attend; and the last terracing demonstration of the spring on the Bond farm in the E-Bar community at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

J. F. Ory Asks Reelection As Public Weigher

J. F. Ory, who has served in the capacity as Public Weigher in precinct No. 1 for the past term, announced Wednesday morning that he will be a candidate for reelection in the coming election.

"I have played a fair and square game with the farmers of Howard county and with all other people with whom I have had any office contact," he said. "I find that they are not satisfied with the way I have done my job, and therefore I am offering myself as a candidate for reelection."

THREE NEW LOCATIONS ARE STAKED IN ECTOR OIL POOL

Eighteen Locations And Drilling Wells Now Exist In New Judkins Field, Which Has Four Oil Producers And One Gasser

Three new locations and continuation of preparations to drill a dozen or more locations made last week in the Judkins pool of Ector county, featured mid-week oil reports in West Texas.

Probably the most important of the two new locations is Independent Oil and Gas Company and Tidal Oil Company's No. 1 Scharbauer, which is located approximately one and one-quarter miles north of the present most northern producer. The location staked 330 feet from the east line and 330 feet north of the Texas & Pacific railroad right-of-way in section 6, block 44, township 4 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey.

The other new location was staked by Skelly and Amerada for their No. 1 University, 2,310 feet from the south line and 440 feet from the east line of section 1, block 35, University lands. This section has already been partially proven by Couden Oil Company which completed one of the largest producers in the new field, and the Skelly-Amerada field is a direct south offset to Couden's A-1 University.

Couden's A-1 University, 2,310 feet from the north line and 440 feet from the east line of section 1, block, which averaged 1,250 barrels daily from pays at 3,595 feet and an increase at 3,640 and 3,636 feet, has been pinched and is now flowing through a half inch line at the rate of 105 to 120 barrels daily.

Humble-Penn and Atlantic's No. D-2 Klob, Rumsay and Abrams, an east offset to Couden's No. A-1 University and 2,310 feet from the north line and 440 feet from the west line of section 7, block 44, township 3 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, was spudded Monday and was drilling below 160 feet at the mid-week.

Humble et al's No. D-3 Klob, Rumsay and Abrams will be ready to drill within a few days as the derrick is now standing over the location. No. D-4 Klob et al is a new location 322 feet from the south line and 440 feet from the west line of section 7, block 44, township 3 south.

Humble's No. 2 York, 990 feet from the south line and 440 feet from the west line of section 16, block 44, township 3 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, was spudded last week and is reported drilling below 800 feet Tuesday.

Humble's No. 3 York, 1,650 feet from the north line and 440 feet from the west line of section 16, block 44, township 3 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, was spudding when last field reports were made. Humble-Penn and Atlantic have staked locations and are now at work building derricks over Nos. 4, 5 and 6 York in section 16, which are all east offsets to Landreth and Humble and Gulf locations on University lands in section 2.

No Increase Found Landreth Production Company has definitely completed its No. S-1 University at a total depth of 3,700 feet. No. S-1 University was originally bottomed at 3,662 feet where it tested approximately 906 barrels of oil daily. However, operators decided to deepen and open the second pay if possible. In drilling from 3,662 to 3,700 feet there was no increase noticeable. Before pinching the well for continuous production, it tested 816 barrels of oil in 24 hours. No. S-1 is located 1,650 feet from the north line and 440 feet from the east line of section 2, block 35, University lands.

The well was the first extension west onto University lands after Humble-Penn and Atlantic had opened the pool by Nos. 1 York and Klob. Liano Oil Company's No. 1 Hogan, more than one mile south and slightly east of Humble, Penn and Atlantic's No. 1 Klob, the discovery well had drilled to a total depth of 2,110 feet in lime and anhydrite. The well is located 330 feet from the north and west lines of section 18, block 44, township 3 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey.

Four Producers At the present time there are four oil producing wells in the Judkins pool capable of flowing around 3,000 barrels daily, one gasser and 18 locations or drilling wells. The three major producing interests in the Judkins pool were linked with more pipe line rumors during the early part of this week including a possible Humble loop line from Ector county to McCamey where it will tie in with the company's West Texas trunk carrier; a four inch screw line now under construction from the new Ector county field by Burford Oil & Refining Company will accommodate approximately 2,500 barrels of Landreth's production daily while Couden Oil Company is reported dealing with Magnolia Petroleum Company to run Couden's production through the Magnolia main line near the field to storage in the Big Spring area where it will be used in supplying the Couden refinery with crude oil. The authenticity of all rumored pipe lines and pipe line deals is somewhat doubtful in the present stage of development, but those reported are rather

Purina Dealers Attend Meeting

H. M. Neal, A. N. Burns, and F. E. Calvery all of Big Spring, together with S. B. Coston of Lamena and Fred Hale of Coahoma left early Wednesday morning for Fort Worth where they will attend the convention of Purina dealers, which will be held at the Texas Hotel. They expect to return Saturday. It is expected this will be the largest convention this company has ever held in Texas and the first convention held in the south that the president and vice president of the company have attended.

W. I. Scrivner Visits Friends In County

W. I. Scrivner of Tempe, Ariz., a former resident of Howard county, is in Big Spring attending business. He arrived here Tuesday morning and expects to spend three or four days before returning to his home in Arizona.

Mr. Scrivner owns property in southern Howard county where the Pure Oil Company has a small producing well. The property is located just north of Howard County Oil Producing Company's leases.

Fort Worth Bank Easily Withstands Brief Tuesday Run

FORT WORTH, Feb. 19 (AP)—Business returned to normal at the First National Bank today after an afternoon and a night of more or less excited conditions.

Except for a large number of deposits and receipt of another \$1,000,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, there was no indication that anything out of the ordinary had occurred.

A new account of \$100,000 was opened noon after 9 a. m. a number of depositors, who yesterday became alarmed at a "run" and withdrew their money, came jiggling it back.

Bank employees looked tired, but they smilingly accepted the scores of "congratulations" and expressions of confidence.

The First National Bank's December 31, 1929, statement follows: Resources, grand total, \$36,423,940.85; as follows: loans and discounts, \$14,720,551.08; overdrafts, \$18,557.24; United States bonds, \$1,639,150; Federal reserve bank stock, \$60,000; City of Fort Worth Independent School district bonds, \$89,343.87; other stocks and bonds, \$673,384.85; real estate, \$991,200.62; customers' liability, \$3,350; cash and due from banks, \$7,407,908.64.

Liabilities: Capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$1,000,000; undivided profits, \$160,000; reserved for taxes, \$10,206.98; deposits, \$18,945,056.98; banks, \$7,223,677.69; postal savings, \$49,324.73; total of \$24,139,069.37; other liabilities, \$114,864.50.

Ladies Of Episcopal Church Meet Monday

A short business meeting and a lesson on "The Love of Christ" made up the regular Monday afternoon session of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Episcopal church. Mrs. Markham was hostess for the afternoon and served delicious refreshments at the conclusion of the afternoon. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Verd Van Gieson, auxiliary president.

Members present were: Mesdames Verd Van Gieson, W. C. Bray, J. S. Nunnally, B. O. Jones, Dey Hilliard, Shine Phillips, H. W. Leeper, O. L. Thomas, D. L. Ringler, Homer Markham, E. L. LaFevre, and a new member, Mrs. George Garrett.

Miss Cantrell Will Attend N.E.A. Meet

Miss Pauline Cantrell, superintendent of Howard county schools, plans to leave Feb. 20 for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend the fifth annual convention of the National Educational Association, to convene there for a week's session ending March 3. Miss Cantrell will return here March 4, she said. She will report on the convention activities at the regular monthly meeting of the Howard County Teachers' association scheduled for March 8.

George L. Wilke is reported improving in health in his home in Edwards Heights.

Blrd F. Smith of Chicago, Ill., is in Big Spring this week, in the interest of Couden Refinery.

Mrs. C. H. McDaniels Jr. left Wednesday morning for Clyde where she will be the guest of her mother for a few days.

Knott Parent-Teacher Association Observes National Anniversary Of Movement; Trustee Ticket Selected

KNOTT HERALD BUREAU KNOTT, Feb. 19.—The Parent-Teacher Association met in regular session Friday evening, February 14. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Faye Johnson. A short and interesting business session was featured by decision of the association to sponsor a Boston tea party at the school building Friday evening, February 21. It will be a community social.

After the business session and a short program the cake ceremony was presided over by Mrs. L. E. Castle, who had prepared a large birthday cake, in honor of the 33rd anniversary of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations. The cake bore 33 candles, a larger one in the center in respect to Mrs. Theodore Birney, the founder of the National Congress.

The candles were lighted by members, each giving an appropriate verse illustrating what the P-T-A stands for. After the ceremony the cake was auctioned by Prof. Whittington. The proceeds will go to the national treasurer to be used to promote national activities. Tom Castle, D. G. Hart, and Miss Gertrude Turner were musicians for the evening.

VALENTINE PARTY

An informal Valentine party was enjoyed Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greer. A number of appropriate games were played. The following guests were present: Mrs. S. C. Gist, Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Shortes, Misses Faye Gist, Minnie Belle Page, Annie Mae and Mamie Lee Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spaulding, Miss Martha Trout, Mr. and Mrs. G. Trout, Bill Trout, Son Walker, J. D. and Winston McGregor, Libburn Oliver, Everett Nichols, Palmer Smith, Garland Wood, Veleah Kemper, Glen Sample, Mr. McWright, and Miss Blasius, teachers at Vealmoor. Mrs. Archie Spaulding and baby, and Earl Whittington.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nichols are the proud parents of a son, who arrived February 11. Mrs. Nichols was carried to a hospital in Big Spring Sunday, February 15. She is reported doing well.

AT BROWN

The Knott singing class was represented at the Brown school Sunday by the following: Mrs. Beh Sample, Mrs. G. Shortes, T. J. Brown and family, J. C. Spaulding and wife, F. O. Shortes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greer, Mrs. Jack Allen, Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips, Mrs. S. C. Gist and daughter, Faye.

Miss O'Delle McGregor and Miss Irene Pettus were week-end guests in the John Bruton home at Elbow.

Rev. W. W. Petus and family went to Elbow Sunday. He preached there Sunday. They were accompanied by Hughey Petus and wife.

Miss Gertrude Roman left here for Fort Worth Tuesday of last week. She will enter a business college to complete a course in shorthand. She went first to Corsicana, where she visited friends.

Mrs. N. C. Duke and children were week-end guests of Mrs. C. H. Shortes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duke were Sunday guests of Miss Delphine Shortes at the home of her father, A. Shortes and family.

Walter Smith has moved his family to the Neal farm, where they are erecting a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grantham visited Mrs. Grantham's sister, Mrs. Rufus Stallings of the Lomax community last Sunday.

Mrs. Jewel Oliver was seriously ill Monday, a Big Spring physician having been called to her bedside.

George and Wiley Burchell and Huston Martin spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives at their old home in Merkel. Mr. Martin's aunt, Mrs. Dollie Wolford, returned home with them.

Rev. B. G. Richbourg filled his regular appointment at the Baptist basement Sunday morning and evening.

TRUSTEES NOMINATED

The former trustees of Knott school district called a meeting of the citizens of the district Monday evening for the purpose of suggesting names to be placed on the ticket for trustees of the Knott Independent School district. These are to be voted upon February 22. Mr. Hodnett, president of the old board, presided at the meeting and W. T. By acted as secretary. The meeting voted to nominate the following fourteen men on the ticket, seven to be elected from the "center" section of the district: W. M. Peterson, J. W. Long, E. H. Wood; from the east side, W. T. By, C. H. Shortes, J. C. Gist, north side, F. O. Shortes, J. C. Allred, and Ben Johnson; west side, John An-

Coahoma P.T.A. To Meet Tuesday

COAHOAMA, Feb. 14.—The Coahoma P-T-A organization will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18. An interesting program designed to attract all members of the organization and others interested in P-T-A, activity has been arranged, according to J. H. Kannenberg, superintendent of Coahoma schools.

The program will open with the entire group singing "Work for the Night to Come." A brief invocation will be followed by the business session and then Mrs. G. T. Hutton will discuss the importance of early childhood. Mrs. Sam Smith will present an interesting paper on "Our Children and Their Parents." Dorothy O'Daniel will offer a reading and Julia Boyce will talk on "The Lure of Tomorrow."

Mr. Kannenberg, superintendent of Coahoma schools, will conclude the program with a talk on "The Modern Home and Its Perplexities."

INSPECTOR FOR STATE IS VISITOR

Big Spring is violating the state stream pollution laws and its present sewer disposal plant is of an obsolete design, not large enough to care for present needs and its location and construction are such that attempting to enlarge or repair it would be wasteful, declared H. E. Hargis, sanitary engineer for the state health department, who was in Big Spring Friday on a regular tour of inspection.

Best solution of conditions existing here would be construction of a new and larger disposal plant, so situated that sewerage would flow into and out of it by gravity. The new plant should be more distant from the city, said Hargis.

His Power The health department operates under laws enabling it to stop by injunction operations of municipalities or other bodies deemed dangerous to the public health. Mr. Hargis said the state fish, game and oyster department is filing injunction suits to prevent stream pollution in many parts of the state and that many of these cases are no worse than that existing here.

"Your present plant consists of an old, round Emhoff tank and an sludge bed," said Harris, who had inspected it during the morning. "The plant is of an old design not used nowadays and is very inefficient. In the first place, it was designed for a city of not more than 7,500 persons, if that many. You really are violating the stream pollution act by putting this sewerage into a stream in the condition in which it is being allowed to flow down an open stream bed."

Continuing, Mr. Harris said: "The location of your plant is too near the city. It can never be operated well because there is no method of disposing of the sludge. This inability to dispose of sludge arises from the fact that underground water stands barely under the surface and so long as that condition exists you will be unable to pump off the solids and that's what you have a disposal plant for."

"If the only problem was to get rid of the water in such a way as not to be offensive or dangerous to the public health, it would be an easy matter. The water could be chlorinated. But, under present local conditions, sewerage cannot give a complete treatment. There is not enough fall from the level of the plant, and besides the ground water makes efficient operation not possible."

Too Small "The sewer lines leading to the plant are entirely too small to care for present needs of the city. This causes sewer stoppage and overflow of manholes along the line, sending the sewerage down an open ditch. The present necessity of pumping the untreated sewerage on down the stream bed, past the disposal plant, is ineffective and inefficient. And it also is costly. You have to have a man there to attend to the pump and, I am informed, the power bill for operating this pump is something like \$100 monthly."

"If you could build a gravity sewer plant, so that pumping sewerage into it and out of it would not be necessary, operation cost would be cut to practically nothing."

"It is very doubtful that the state health department would approve of any plan for additional sewerage treatment facilities at the site of the present plant. This approval would be necessary before such improvements could be made."

"The best solution for Big Spring is a new, larger gravity flow disposal plant more distant from the city."

It was learned from the city manager that an additional sludge pump is being installed at the dis-

St. Valentine's Day Origin Is Martyr's Memory

BY CAROLYN EARLY And ho for Feb. 14, St. Valentine's day! The red letter day in the calendar of youth throughout Christendom, the day on which the birds wed and lovers send each other tender sentiments of youthful ardor fashioned on dainty filligrees of lace and color. This day was set aside by the early church fathers as a day of lover letters to friends in honor of the good saint whose day it bears, for St. Valentine was a man renowned for his deeds of love and charity. The day, however, was placed on the calendar of saints as a day for the expression of Christian love, instead of secular.

Who was St. Valentine? He was a bishop of Rome during the third century and is described as a man of most amiable nature and remarkable gifts of eloquence, being successful in converting pagan Romans to Christianity. And it was for this reason that he incurred the displeasure of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who hated and persecuted the little Christian band, even going so far as putting to death St. Valentine, whom he had beaten with clubs and then beheaded. His followers are said to have preserved his bones, which are still exhibited to the credulous traveler at the Church of St. Praxedes, in Rome, and he was still further honored by Pope Julius, who erected a church to the martyr's memory. The gate leading to it, which is now called the Porta del Popolo, was known for several centuries as Porta Valentini.

Strange to say, we celebrate the day of his death, instead of the day of his birth, for Feb. 14, 270, is the day on which he was beheaded. Archbishop Wheately points out the festival of St. Valentine's day was originally meant as a time to express Christian love and charity, and that it is probable that a connection of name and date came from a coincidence of date only. That when the saints came to be placed on the calendar, St. Valentine's name was given to the day of his death, rather than the day of his birth, and this was made a festival, to offset that of the Lupercalia, on the fifteenth.

The custom of sending Valentines originated with St. Valentine's own people, the ancient Romans, and it was apparently the practice for both young men and women to write their names upon billets and place them in a receptacle, to be drawn by the opposite sex. From the continent this custom seems to have reached England and Scotland as early as 1440, and was in high favor for centuries. The man apparently had two Valentines, the maiden who drew his name and the one whose name he drew. He was privileged to dismiss himself from all obligation to the former by presenting her with a gift, but he was expected for a given length of time to devote himself to attendance on the maiden whose name he drew. An old writer remarks: "A sport which often ends in love, as might be expected." The girls of that time were probably warm advocates of the practice, for the gentlemen were expected to lavish their Valentines with gifts. The men, however, enjoyed the giving, too, for the successfully defeated the attempted reform of the zealous church fathers, who, from time to time, endeavored to substitute the names of saints for those of girls in the lottery. One of the last of these attempted reforms was undertaken by St. Francis de Sales, of Geneva. The historian says, regarding this failure: "Since imitating a saint is a more difficult task than dancing attendance on a pretty girl, we cannot be surprised that the innovation did not take among the young men of Geneva."

Eubanks Returns From Capital City

L. A. Eubanks has returned from Austin, where he attended a meeting of district representatives of retail credit bureaus in Texas. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing plans and policies of the bureaus in Texas cities during 1930.

Oil Field Worker Injured Seriously

Rudy Moseley, employe of the Continental Oil company, sustained a serious head injury Thursday when struck by a mechanical device in the field. He was brought to a local hospital where he has received treatment for concussion of the brain, a broken nose and a fractured jaw bone.

His condition is reported by attending physicians as being fairly satisfactory.

Local Women Aid Midland in New Organization

In answer to an invitation from a group of Midland clubwomen, a committee of members of the Big Spring City federation met in conference in Midland Wednesday, with a view to aiding Midland women to form a federation of women's clubs, similar to the local organization.

Ladies from here who attended the Midland conference included Mrs. E. O. Ellington, president of the city federation; Miss Verbona Barnes, Mrs. F. F. Gary, Mrs. Shine Phillips and Mrs. L. L. Freeman.

Mrs. Paul Vickers, of Midland, presided over the meeting, in which methods of effecting a federation were discussed. Many courtesies were extended Big Spring ladies while in Midland, among them a luncheon in the Seabreeze hotel at which about 35 Midland clubwomen were present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Schuler of Snyder were visitors in the Big Spring Monday. They expect to make their home here in the near future.

J. C. McKinnon Funeral Set For Saturday Here

Final arrangements for the funeral of John Calvin McKinnon, 73, one-time resident of this locality, who died in San Antonio early on Thursday morning, have been announced by members of the family who arrived here from San Antonio Friday morning.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday in the chapel of the Charles Eberly funeral home, where the body is being prepared for burial. Rev. W. G. Bailey, pastor of the Methodist church, will have charge of services, assisted by Mrs. Charles Morris, who will lead the song service. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. McKinnon was born in Alabama in 1856 and was 73 years old at the time of death. He had been a resident of West Texas a number of years previous to moving to San Antonio to make his home. A number of relatives reside in Big Spring and vicinity.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth McKinnon, he leaves the following children: Mrs. J. T. Bell, of Stanton; J. M. McKinnon, of the Elbow community; Miss Maggie McKinnon, of San Antonio; and the following, who reside here: Mrs. J. R. Horton, J. B. McKinnon, F. M. McKinnon, Mrs. R. C. Dunagan, J. F. McKinnon, Mrs. Era Brannough, Mrs. Kate Brannough and a sister, Mrs. Mary Hancock, of Delton.

Former Garza County Banker Arranges Bond

LUBBOCK, Texas, Feb. 14 (AP)—J. M. Pope, former Garza county banker, was free on bond today for the second time on charges growing out of the closing of the bank of Southland Dec. 2.

Through his attorney, Pope made bond of \$2,000 last night in each of six cases charging acceptance of deposits in a bank he was alleged to have known was insolvent. Bond in these cases was reduced yesterday from \$10,000 to \$2,000 in each case.

Pope previously was freed on \$7,500 bail on a charge of theft by bailment.

Leader Of Auto Theft Ring Believed Taken

WILLIAM ESTEL WOOD, leader of a San Antonio, Texas, gang of 14 men, was taken to a hospital here, charged with violation of the national motor vehicle theft act. He was arrested by Sheriff Frank Mills on request of federal agents.

Mills said federal agents had been working several months investigating an automobile theft ring which operated through the southwest from Texas to California and that two other arrests had been made. W. E. Hogwell at Abilene and Coleman Armstrong at Clovis, New Mexico, Mills said the ring maintained a string of stations across the southwest, through which stolen cars were passed.

Knott Made Independent School Unit

Last steps necessary to making the Knott school district an independent unit were effected Tuesday in a meeting of the Howard county school trustees with the trustees from Martin county. The meeting was held in Stanton when the following Howard county members met with the Martin county group: Tom Ashley, J. A. Bishop, Sam Little and Miss Pauline Cantrell, superintendent of the county schools and secretary to the board.

A group of seven trustees will be elected for the new independent school Feb. 28, when all qualified voters will meet in an election in Knott, Miss Cantrell said.

Local Women Aid Midland in New Organization

In answer to an invitation from a group of Midland clubwomen, a committee of members of the Big Spring City federation met in conference in Midland Wednesday, with a view to aiding Midland women to form a federation of women's clubs, similar to the local organization.

Ladies from here who attended the Midland conference included Mrs. E. O. Ellington, president of the city federation; Miss Verbona Barnes, Mrs. F. F. Gary, Mrs. Shine Phillips and Mrs. L. L. Freeman.

Mrs. Paul Vickers, of Midland, presided over the meeting, in which methods of effecting a federation were discussed. Many courtesies were extended Big Spring ladies while in Midland, among them a luncheon in the Seabreeze hotel at which about 35 Midland clubwomen were present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Schuler of Snyder were visitors in the Big Spring Monday. They expect to make their home here in the near future.