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### BRONTE, TEXAS, OCTOBER 16, 1953

## Local Man Slugged By Holdup Pair

waste much time getting into was the name of a certain kind trouble Tuesday afternoon. In of cold drink. When Murtishaw less than an hour and a half, they leaned over to see the name, his stole a 1951 green Oldsmobile, assailant pulled out a full bottle drove to Bronte where they at- of pop and began striking him otempted to rob the Murtishaw ver the head. Murtishaw called Service Station, got away and for Mrs. Murtishaw and when he sped back to San Angelo where was finally knocked to the floor, they were arrested.

The 19-year-old youths face Whitaker and Robert Everhardt, both formerly of Ohio. The boys said they had been drinking when their whirlwind spree was begun.

Mr. Murtishaw, who was taken to the Bronte Hospital, said they drove up the pumps and told him to "f'ill it up." He said the tank was empty and he put in over \$4.00 worth of gasoline. The taller boy had gone into the station leaving the other under the wheel of the car. Murtishaw said he indicated that the one inside would pay the bill. Murtishaw went in and asked the boy, who was standing by the cold drink box, if he needed anythin



There's no thrill to us like a big football game - the crowds, bands, color and, of course, the football. That we enjoyed Saturday night at Jones stadium in Lubbock. Thought in that crowd we wouldn't see anyone we knew but found ourselves sitting right in front of ex-aggie Midland who (when the score got to a safe margin) gave us a bit of good natured kidding. Of course we lost the football game, our voices and some paint off the rear fender, but had a nice time anyway.

Two San Angelo youths didn't else. The boy asked him what he grabbed the leg of the man,

who drug him to the door of the two charges, one for car theft station. At about that time Mrs. and the other for assault with Murtishaw came on the scene intent to rob. They took the car and the man in the car, seeing about 4:30 p. m. and around 5:15 what was happening, jumped to drove into Murtishaws station. his pal's rescue, breaking Murti-The boys are Marvin Eugene shaw's hold by striking him with his fists.

> They then jumped in their stolen automobile and sped back to San Angelo, eluding road blocks

set up for them, where they were captured by an alert offduty Patrolman David Crockett, who remembered the description of the car. After a 12 block chase the two were captured and taken to jail.

Meanwhile Murtishaw is recovering satisfactorily from cuts and bruises about the face and head and was to have been dismissed from the hospital yesterday.

**JAMBOREE TO BE HERE OCT. 22** The Coke County Jamboree is

coming to Bronte! Many here will have the opportunity of seeing this popular show for the first time when they appear on the stage at the Bronte gym next prize money. Thursday night, Oct. 22, at 8 p. m. The group is making the ap-

## BENNY CORLEY TAKES TOP SPOT Exes Banquet AT STATE FAIR Benny Corley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Corley of Tennyson, Ten honors at the State Fair

won top honors at the State Fair of Texas this week. He had the grand champion in the junior turkey show with his pen of 3 hens. The 11-year-old 4-H boy sold his grand champion pen of 3 to Western Hatchery of Temple for \$500.

The local lad also received a good bit of favorable publicity during his Dallas stay, appearing on the Murray Cox radio show and WFAA TV. When interviewed by Dallas reporters, Benny admitted the bidding went better than he thought it would. "I kinda thought it would bring \$300." he said. "My head got to swimmin' a little after that, and it really was goin'

round when the price went up o \$500." This was Benny's second year raising turkeys in 4-H work. and he plans to have entries at the Coke County turkey show, yet

a couple of weeks away. What's he going to do with his money? At present he plans to buy a registered heifer and go into the cattle business. Other Coke county entries did well in the show and the County Agent's column lists the other ribbons won. Coke county toms brought an average of 69 cents a pound and the Coke hens av-

eraged 85 cents per pound, not including the Grand Champion. Coke Co. turkeys represented about 16 to 18 percent of the turkeys shown and the local kids brought home 20 percent of the

The Reserve Champion at the Fair was shown by a Decatur boy pearance for the benefit of the named Dwight Mooney. His tur- and their husbands are invited game. It wasn't certain who Bronte School band. Two "olid key brought \$329 from Esir Albon (to attend. hours of fun, good entertainment of Dallas. George Nicholas of Mrs. Wilson, president, said last play.

Bronte Ex Students is tomorrow they like following the banquet. for entertaining the visitors.

A registration tea will take are invited to attend.

The Homecoming Banquet is to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. A program of good entertainment is planned

## **Legion Auxiliary Installation** Next **Tuesday Evening**

Mrs. Fred L. White, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, will come to Bronte next Tuesday to install officers of the newly formed Legion Auxiliary. With her will come Mrs. J. C. Strickland, department of Americanism chairman, and a group of members order that their employees may from San Angelo and possibly some from Robert Lee.

Mrs. Bob Wilson will be installed as president of the group bers. Other officers are Mrs. Bill Longhorns Whip McKown, 1st vice president; Mrs. Out Trent, 13-7; Jack Doug Ivey, 2nd vice president; Mrs. R. H. Sims, Secretary; Hobbs Tonight Mrs. Sam Richards, treasurer Mrs. T. F. Sims, Jr., Chaplain; Mrs. J. B. Mackey, Historian and The installation will begin at

7:30 p. m. at the American Le- illas of Trent 13-7. gion Hall. All members of teh Auxiliary, prospective members

Waymon Percifull and wife of folks have long heen known for both turkeys. would be on hand for the ceremony. A membership drive is to follow the formal organization and the charter will remain open until November 11 to accept members.

Third annual Homecoming for and guests may visit as long as ad plans are nearing completion Around 200 reservations had been received earlier this week. Classes of 1913, 1923, 1933, 19place Saturday afternoon at the 43 and 1953 will be the honored Baptist Church at 2 p. m. and classes this year and officials will last until 5 o'clock. All exes hope to have one hundred percent attendance from those classes.

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E. F. Glenn, president of the association said "we are anxious to have everyone attend this program as we know they will enjoy visiting with old friends. If you ever attended the Bronte school or have been a teacher or trustee in the Bronte system. you and your husband or wife are extended a most cordial invitation."

#### STORES TO CLOSE

In connection with the banquet, the Bronte grocery stores and a number of other businesses here will close at 7 p. m. Saturday night. This is being done in attend the Homecoming and it is urged that everyone finish their shopping before that time.

The Bronte Longhorns won one that counted last Friday Mrs. Joe Ed Scott, Sgt. at Arms. night by winning their first conference game, easing by the Gor-

> The Longhorns and Gorillas played tight ball all through the would take the game until the

Nothing like an apology every week to keep everybody in a good humor and that's just what we owe the people on the Coke County Jamboree. The date was right in the story but we haven't found the guy yet who wrote the since the performers are donatheadline saying it would be Saturday night instead of Friday.

At any rate, if we caused any body to miss it, they can see the whole big show next Thursday night at the Bronte gym and help the local band at the same time.

Oil progress week the United States over has a particular significance here . The oil industry and its people have brought tremendous financial benefits to this county at a time when such a disastrous drouth as we have just experienced would have ruined us all. But more than that, the oil industry has brought to our county its fine people, who have contributed to our schools, community and social life more than dollars can measure.

Being on the receiving end of of a nice, easy going compliment Mmes. Kate Cox, J. M. Ruthercan make the day mighty pleasant, can't it?

folks have long been known for their shows and now appear on radio and television shows.

Entertainers include Chester Derrick as the Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Marvin Corley as the nation. Mule Ceek Minnie, Cornelius brothers string band, Floyd Gib-

son and the Puddle Jumpers, Musicians John Gaston, Richard Beck, Eddie Garvin, Sammie Joe Duncan and many others.

Proceeds from the show will go to the Bronte School Band ing their services. Admission is to be 15 and 35 cents and everyone is invited to attend.

Band members will sell tickets in advance and it will be appreciated if all who can will buy them in advance. However, tickets will be sold at the door on

the night of the performance. A spokesman for the band ur-

ged everyone to attend saying "Not only will you thoroughly enjoy it but you will be giving to a good cause. Your patronage will be appreciated as the goal now is more, much needed instruments for the band."

#### CHICKEN DINNER

Mrs. D. M. Ott entertained some of her neighbors last Wednesday noon with a chicken dinner. Present for the day were Clem Brantley.

both turkeys.

149 boys and girls from twenty five counties participated in the show, which is the largest junior market turkey show in

## FLOWER SHOP **TO OPEN HERE**

A new business will be form ally opened in Bronte Saturday of next week, Oct. 31. It will Shop", to be owned and operated by Claud and Estelle Word. The new business will be located in the T. F. Sims, Jr., building, next door to the Cactus Cafe. The building is now being remodeled and repainted and readied for the opening. The

ords have custom ordered the latest equipment for flower refrigeration and display.

They plan to keep cut flowers, pot plants and a selection of gift items. Free flowers will be given at the opening and more details will be given in next weeks

Enterprise. Mrs. Word said they other affairs. They plan to service Robert Lee, Blackwell, Tennyson and Norton.

friend, Mrs. C. A. Meador.

#### **Baptist Announcements**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. at the First Baptist Church, Bronte. Every member is urged to be present and visitors are cordially welcomed. In the 11 -a. m. morning worship service, the pastor, be the "Estelle Flower and Gift Rev. Maynard R. Rogers, will preach on the subject "The Prize of God's Heavenward Call."

> Training Union meets at 6:30 p. m. In the 7:30 evening service the pastor will preach on The Sixth Commandment.

ATTEND MEETING IN AUSTIN came when Arbie Phillips inter-Jeff Dean and Supt. B. C. Goodwin of Robert Lee and Supt. C. G. Parsons of Water Valley attended the State's Superintenden't Conference Monday in Austin.

Mrs. J. H. Turner returned will be equipped to take care Monday from Wickett where she tough Hobbs team tonight on the of weddings, funerals, parties and has been for the past seven Hobbs field. The Longhorns, Mrs. Kate Cox visited over the accident. They are both out of one who can is urged to go to ford, Kate Good, Tom Price and weekend in San Angelo with a the hospital now and are said to Hobbs tonight and support the be improving.

when they scored on the fourth play of the game. Eddie Braswell broke through and blocked a Trent punt. He then picked up the ball and raced 25 yards to the score. Harold Denton then went over to make the score 7-

Trent's only score came after they capitalized on a Longhorn fumble in the second period. Goodwin then carried it over from the 25. Estep kicked the conversion. The score at the end of the half was 7-7.

In the second half, the Longhorns showed more fight than ever. Trent only crossed the fifty once in the second half. Most of this half was played inside the Trent 40 yard line.

Final score in the ballgame Supt. J. L. Carroll of Bronte, cepted a pass in the final minutes of the game and raced 35 yards for pay dirt. Stevenson's try for point was no good. The final score ended 13-7.

The Longhorns had 9 first downs to 7 for Trent.

PLAY HOBBS TONIGHT

The Longhorns will take on a weeks. She has been at the bed- who are in high spirits will be side of her son and his wife, ut for a second win in a row. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Turner, who This is a non-conference game were injured in an automobile and should be a good one. Every-Longhorns. Game time is 3 p. m.

July 1, 1938 October 16, 1953] RAWLINGS OIL WELL IS ABANDONED

## LOOKING BACKWARD AT THE OIL **DEVELOPMENT IN BRONTE AREA**

Note - In keeping with oil sible to print all of the early progress week, we have selected attempts to discover oil here so ment of the oil well that was besome stories from old edtitions of the Broate Enterprise, which reflects the starting of the oil in- West for the use of her files in third attempt for oil in this imdustry in this area. It is impos- obtaining this information.

### The "hardest lick" Bronte has had in some time, far as its future as to its material prosperity is concerned, was the abandonwe have selected a few, which ing sunk on the E. C. Rawlings many folks here will remember. ranch, three and a half miles

We wish to thank Mrs. Minnie northwest of Bronte. It was the mediate vicinity. Some years ago

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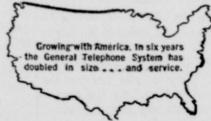
That's a point to remember when someone suggests public ownership "might do it better."

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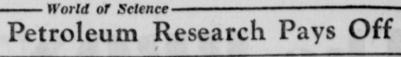


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# **Oil Progress Week** Oct. 12-17





Atomic energy, with its searing, burning rays; and sub-zero weather, with its spine-chilling fingers of ice, are pole spart in our normal lives; yet, in the petroleum industry's \$100 p flion a year research program, they are work-a-day "tools" which help bring about a never-ending flow of new and improved petroleum products. Atomic radiation helps test engine wear and improve lubricants. while man-made arctic weather helps perfect fuels and lubricants for all kinds of weather. In laboratories, too, test tubes and chemical magic enable researchers to probe the unknown. This ceaseless research program is one reason why the domestic oil industry has become a symbol of progress and free enterprise.

he would return, secure leases and sink a test. Mr. Ogden kept his word and returned. The leases were secured. Mr. Ogden took others in with him in order to

a test was made on the Rawlings of our people has been jubilant. ranch. It was abandoned. But, Hence when the well was aban-Homer Ogden was head driller. doned, it was a distinct disap-He said there was oil in that vi- pointment to all. The casing is cinity, and that soon as he could, being drawn and hauled away. April 17,1942

#### COKE OIL WELL MAKING GOOD TIME 2040 FEET NOW

Reports coming from the oil well being drilled on the J. S. have sufficient funds with which Craft farm, near Blackwell, are to complete the test. The spirit that the drilling is making most satisfactory progress. The drilling was started only two weeks ago, yet a depth of below 2000 feet has been reached. Much interest centers in this test, as the future of the oil drilling of the Bronte-Blackwell sector. Several tests have been made, but none that was thorough. Hence the J. S. Craft test is being watched with unusual interest.

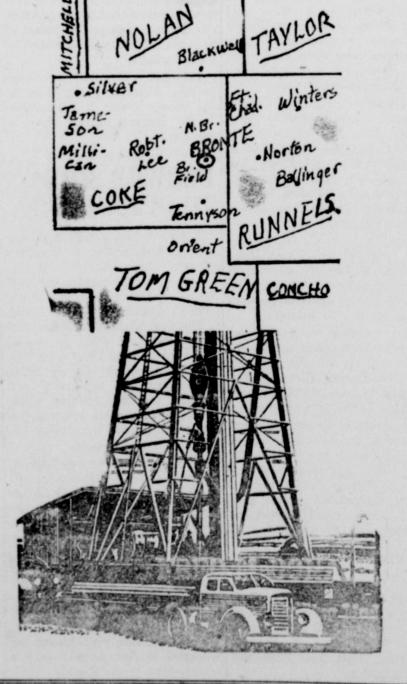
> May 8, 1942 COKE COUNTY GETS FIRST

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## **BRONTE PHARMACY**



### PRODUCING OIL WELL

Yes, Coke County has an oil well, a real sure enough flowing well. It came in Sunday, the J. S. Craft well at Blackwell, which was drilled by Wm. F. Morgan of Houston.

And the bringing in of this well has brought to realization the dreams of Coke county people for a third of a century. The well flowed Sunday for a time and was shut off, pending the completion of storage tanks. It is estimated to be a well with from 150 to 300 barrels.

#### July 23,1943 TEST HOLES FOR OIL WELL SUNK ON WYLIE RANCH

Wednesday afternoon, Lee Russell of McCamey moved into the Conda Wylie ranch, ten miles north of Bronte, with a spudder and a crew of men to sink test holes preparatory to making location for drilling an oil well.

The Cardinal Oil Company of San Angelo is sinking the well. Three test holes will be sunk in the effort to locate the drilling site for the well. The Wylie ranch venture is another effort to bring in oil in the Bronte section. Wells near Bronte that have been sunk within the last twenty five years; wells northwest of here on the E. C. Rawlings ranch have been sunk; two tests at Blackwell have been made without securing oil in commercial quantities. To the southeast of Bronte, two efforts have been made for the golden fluid. One of the wells was lost bringing it in.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That no equipment Trent and helped with the halfused for the purpose of storing time activities at the football wholesale quantities of such gas- game. The band formed at the es shall be permitted within the north end of the field and the corporate limits. All require- pep squad at the south. The band ments of the Rail Road Commis- in the shape of a sergeant's stripe sion of Texas as outlined in Di- marched onto the field playing vision III of Gas Utilities Dock- "Our Director." The pep squad et No. 141 and subsequent re-

guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for violation thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed One Hundred Dollars HAVE MEETING to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and each day of use

or operation of any such equipment shall constitute a separate offense. Passed and approved this the 7th day of October A. D. 1953. APPROVED: H. O. Whitt, Mayor ed president of the group. Ot- next meeting.

Secretary.

Seal

18 members present.

Rees, Reporter.

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## dospital News

Oct. 7 - Mrs. C. B. Mitchell of Robert Lee, Susan Griffin of Robert Lee admitted. L. M. Conradt of Hylton and La Jean Word dismissed.

Oct. 8 - Mrs. Richard Beck Mrs. Claud Clifton, Mrs. Ira Coppedge, Mrs. L. V. Locke admitted. Mrs. Clint Wilkins, Patsy Pittman dismissed.

Oct. 9 - Mr. H. E. Thorn of Blackwell expired at 6:05 a. m. \$2.00 Griffin dismissed. G. E. Davis of .\$2.50 Robert Lee, Robert Mathers of Robert Lee, J. E. Mitchell and Mrs. B. G. Timmons admitted. Oct. 10 - Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Ann Leathers admitted Mrs.

> sed. Oct. 11 - J. Gannoway admitted. Mrs. Claude Clifton, Mrs. L. V. Locke, Ann Leathers dismissed.

Richard Beck, Ted Mills dismis.-

Oct. 12 - Mrs. Bruce McFerrin of Silver, Dave Brunson admitted. Robert Mathers, Mrs. B. G. Timmons, Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, Miss Towner Key of Winters dismissed.

Oct. 13 - Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Mrs. Ira Coppedge dismissed. Claude Murtishaw, Mrs. Portis Robbins, Rev. C. W. Coleman, Mrs. Tom Payne, Jimmy Ray Eubanks admitted.

Oct. 14 '- Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Portis Robbins

#### BAND NOTES

Members of the Bronte band accompanied the Longhorns to met them at the mid field mark

#### **BAND MOTHERS** The Bronte Enterprise

after the general welfare of the band and the present problem The Band Mothers Club met is raising money for badly need-Tuesday night, Oct. 13, in regued instruments and other materlar meeting following PTA with ials for the band. Every member is asked to have a money mak-Mrs. John Coalson was electing idea ready to submit at the

ATTEST: Jerry Proctor, City her officers are Mrs. Chas. Phil-A cordial invitation is extendlips, vice president; Mrs. Lum ed to all mothers of band mem-Lasswell, secretary; Mrs.. Gar- bers to meet with the group and land Spencer and Mrs. Wade help with the projects. Next meeting will be after the next Purpose of the group is to see PTA meeting.

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#### NEW STUDENTS THIS WEEK

A new student in the high school this week is Dorothy Fretwell, a transfer from Arkansas. New students in grade school include Charles Allard, Robert Littlefield, Sandra Sue Bond, Steve Littlefield, Patsy Terry and Linda Terry.

#### SHOP BRONTE FIRST

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visions of said Division III Reg- and the groups together formed ulations are embodied and be- a megaphone and marched off came a part of this ordinance.

in that formation. The two orga-Any person, firm or corpora- nizations have been practicing tion violating any provisions f this week for stunts to do at the this ordinance shall be deemed Hobbs game tonight.

### TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS,

## The Oil People:

We join in paying tribute to a great industry and a fine group of people in the observance of

**OIL PROGRESS WEEK** 

**Clift Funeral Home** 

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N-SPUN LEO	цв. 18с	FRESH CROUND MEAT	цв. 29с
RANKS	LB. CELLO 45c	PORK SAUSAGE	2 LB. BAG 95c
LEO	18c LB. CELLO	CROUND MEAT	

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilson of ther, Mrs. H. L. Eaton. Colorado Springs, Colo., spent last weekend with his grandmo-TRY A WANT AD

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## October 16, 1953 HERE'S BLACKWELL

### By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

parents of a son. They have a daughter, 3 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delos Alsup and Mrs. Fareybell Holly, all of Blackwell.

the Texas Association of School Tuesday. Administrators in Austin earlier this week.

Blackwell Junior Class members are sponsoring "Pony Express" at the Raney Theater on Monday, Oct. 19.

Blackwell's Horents played at ending in a 20-20 tie.

duty in Europe.

McPeters over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Carlisle at- Mrs. Desmond Ragsdale and son; tended the 40th anniversary cele- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragsdale; bration of Mr. and Mrs. M. Holt Mrs. B. P. Ragsdale and Mrs. Anat Divide Sunday

Mrs. Sue Jaggers sustained a VACATION TRIP

broken hip when she fell Monday. She is in the Sweetwater Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Putman of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Holly are Hamlin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lofland recently. Cecil Hargrave of Douglas, Arizona and son, who is home on a Navy leave, visited Mrs. Annie Hargrave and Mr. and Ighter and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Supt. George Stoepler attended Mrs. Robert Tubb Monday and Norred and Earl Jr. The group

#### PICNIC DINNER

A picnic dinner was held Sunday at the park north of here honoring Mrs. Charles Jordan of Oakdale, Calif. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Ragsdale, Buffalo Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Christoval last Friday, the game Choyce Ragsdale and Randy, Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. Loy Rags-Billie Joe Magness is stationed dale, Shrystal and Kirk, Abiat Ft. Bliss, El Paso, for his ba-lene, Mrs. Tom Ragsdale and sic training. His wife, the for- Mrs. Doris Horzesky, Joey and mer Gwen Lofland, is staying Donny, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. with her parents in Blackwell. Layfette Johnson and Ann, Colo-Pvt. Troy Johnson of Camp rado City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaffe, Ark., is home on a 14 Robertson, San Angelo; Mr. and day leave. He will then go to Mrs. Harve McPeters, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Johnson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rogers Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tucker and and children of Midland visited girls; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hanna her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harve and children; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Saunder and family; Mr. and

nie Hargrave, all of Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCleskey and daughter, Peggy Jean, left Bronte Sept. 25 for a two weeks vacation trip. In San Angelo they picked up Mrs. Mc-Cleskey's sister, Mrs. E. M. Hall. At Mathis Lake near Corpus Christi, they were joined by her sister and brother and their families, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laucaught over 100 pounds of fish, all they could eat with plenty for the deep freeze.

They went on to San Antonio Sept. 28 where Mrs. T. S. Simpson and another sister joined them for a trip to Boonville, Ark., for a visit with another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pruitt.

The local group reported a nice trip and said they saw lots of pretty crops and beautiful scenery. While in Arkansas they went up in the Ozarks to the top of Mt. Gaylor. Mr. McCleskey was the only one with nerve enough to climb the tower. They also enjoyed eating good Arkansas apples. The trip covered 1960 miles and Texas looked good to them on their return.

Leon Sharp and family left Thursday for Bridgeport where they were to attend the funeral services for his grandfather Sharp today.



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## **Texas Gas Markets Are On Increase**

A gradual increase in new markets for Texas natural gas was expected to continue during the natural gasoline plants (177), 1953 with the state still supplying more than half of the nation's requirements.

Some estimates have placed the increase for marketed natural gas production in the U.S. at 8 per cent for 1953, according to reports gathered by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association as an Oil Progress Week feature.

Texas marketed gas production in 1952 was 4.3 trillion cubic feet, a 10 per cent increase over 1951. Marketed production of gas in Texas has risen 282 percent since 1940.

Casinghead gas (gas produced from oil reservoirs) accounted last year for 27 per cent of total gas production in Texas, or 1.4 trillion cubic feet. By January 1, 1953, some 95,835 oil wells were producing casinghead gas, compared with 77,479 a year earlier.

Total gas well gas production reached 3.7 trillion cubic feet in 1952. By January 1953, there were 9,202 gas wells in Texas, a year's gain of 793 wells. During the first eight months of 1953, an additional 607 gas wells were brought in.

Additional gas discoveries have added to Texas' 105.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, which is 55 per cent of the national total. Extensions were underway this year in the huge Panhandle gas field. Important gas fields also were being developed in South Texas.

Highly important in utilization of natural gas is the extraction of valuable liquid hydrocarbons. Texas has an estimated 3.1 billion barrels of natural gas liquid in reserve. Average recovery of these liquids per thousand cubic feet of gas has increased about 25 per cent since World War II.

The rise in field processing plants in Texas accounts for the increase in recovery of natural gas liquids. These liquids - natural gasoline, butane, propane

### October 16, 1953 | County (Grimes plant); Pecos

cluding domestic consumption.

pressure maintenance (22), and

cycling plants (33). The remain-

ing are classified as scrubbers,

Output of natural gasoline and

cycling plants in Texas during

1952 was over 375,000 barrels

daily of liquids. This figure is

due for an increase when the ma-

ny new processing plants begin

During 1952 the Texas petro-

leum industry slated over \$111

million for new or improved field

processing facilities. Included

was a \$2 million natural gasoline

Recent major projects planned

or underway include Phillips Pe-

troleum Company's \$5.5 million

propane, butane and pentane un-

it in Ector County; a 2 million

cubic feet per day gas capacity

natural gasoline plant in Clay

plant in Crockett County.

operations.

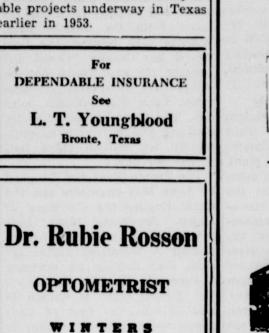
dehydrating plants, drips, etc.

Petroleum's plant at Pecos with etc. - are utilized for motor a 22,000 barrel daily output cafuels and various other uses, inpacity; Reef Fields Gasoline Corporation at Sweetwater which Texas has 390 plants (gasoline, has a natural gasoline plant with pressure maintenance, cycling, capacity to process over 33.5 miletc.) which process natural gas lion cubic feet of gas daily. liquids. Major facilities include

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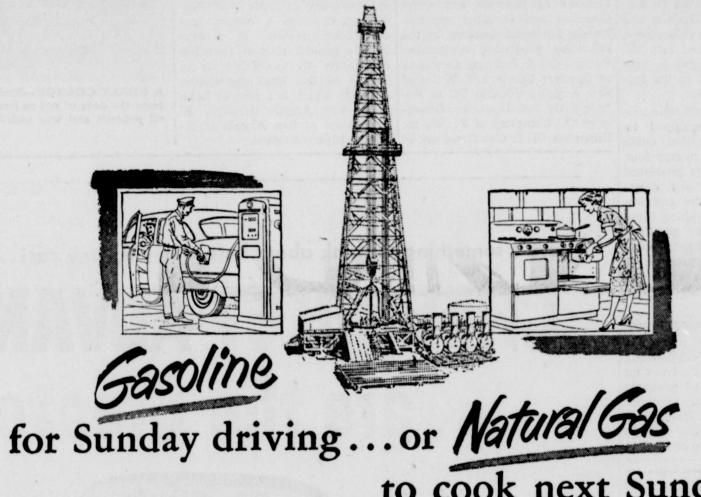
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Most people think only of gasolines, lubricants, and fuel oils when the petroleum industry is mentioned. The fact is, practically all oil producers are also natural gas producers. So today the driller of a wildcat, or exploratory well, calls his venture successful if the well discovers either oil or gas.

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Beginning with the location of the well, advanced geological and geophysical studies of underground formations aid in the selection of likely oil or gas producing



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areas, but still the odds against a wildcat well producing either gas or oil are eight to one.

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> So, whether a wildcat well discovers oil for gasoline or natural gas for the kitchen stove, it adds to the available energy resources of the most highly mechanized nation on earth; it supplies products essential for today's and tomorrow's high living standards; it gives additional strength to measures for National defense.

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## Lone Star Operates **2** Plants Near Here

Lone Star Producing Company the butane stream into its complants in the vicinty of Bronte ponents of normal and iso-buare providing increased supplies tane. This operation will reof gas, supporting conservation quire approximately \$100,000 in of this valuable natural resource and giving financial boost to the business and industrial progress of the area. These are the \$3,-000,000 gasoline plant in the Fort Chadbourne oil field and the \$200,000" dehydration and desulphurization plant three miles west of Bronte.

Until the gasoline plant was placed in operation last March 27, the Fort Charbourne oil field had been closed in for thirteen months by order of the Railroad Commission to halt the sure and four-staged to increase "waseful flaring of casinghead pressure to 2,800 pounds. From in Bronte in case of a shut-down. gas." The order eliminated the the gathering system the gas production of approximately 20,000 barrels of oil daily.

Establishment of the gasoline plant meant that producers and royalty owners could again take oil from the field, because the casinghead gas produced in conjunction with oil production had an outlet of economic value. Now, instead of being flared into the air, the casinghead gas is processed then returned to the formation for future use.

Lone Star's Fort Chadbourne gasoline plant is equipped to handle about 25 million cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours, and from it is processed more than 75,000 gallons of natural gasoline, propane and butane. Capacity to produce these liquefied petroleum products was stepped up by thirty thousand gallons on September 1 with installation of an additional de-ethanizer called for in the original plant plans.

#### Engaged in Engineering Study

Lone Star officials point out that it is engaged in engineering studies in the hope of advancing refinement methods of products to provide additional revenues for participating producers and royalty owners. Studies include the further possible seperation of

additional equipment including fractionator, loading line, pumps, instruments and other items.

Payroll \$15,000 Monthly

F. D. Ford is superintendent of the Fort Chadbourne plant where the payroll approximates mately ten million cubic feet \$15,000 each month. The plant, of gas per day. located approximately ten miles The Bronte plant was designed north of Bronte, performs the by Lone Star engineers and the dual function of products manu- Graff Engineering Company of facture and reserveir maintenance. Gas is brought into the plant at about 60 pounds presflows into five gas-engine driven that it was the first of such compressors with a combined out put of 6,160 horsepower.

Fort Chadbourne Field The Fort Chadbourne field is located in the extreme north sections of Runnels and Coke ent company of Lone Star Pro-Counties and contains approxifollowing producing companies; Burdell Oil & Refining Company brier Oil Company of Ft. Worth; L. Buelow of San Angelo is di-Hiawatha Oil & Gas Company of vision superintendent.

October 16, 1953 | San Antonio; Lester and Dufrield, Inc. of Abilene; Murray Petroleum Company of San Angelo; N. P. Powell of Tyler; Malco Refineries, Inc. of Roswell, New Mexico; Stanolind Oil & Gas Company of Fort Worth and George W. Strake of Houston.

#### Bronte Plant

The Bronte desulphurization and dehydration plant removes water and sulphur from the gas taken from the Bronte field. Without such process, the field would be literally "closed in" because its gas would not be suitable for commercial consumption, Lone Star officials soint out. The plant has facilities for cleaning and purifying approxi-

Dallas. Automatic plant shutdown controls are employed, including a telephone signal system that notifies an operator The Bronte plant is unique in plants operated by Lone Star in which direct fired re-boiler has been applied to a glycol-amine

plant. Lone Star Gas Company, parducing, operates a natural gas mately 250 wells operated by the distribuion system in Bronte for the benefit of more than 250 customers. G. O. Wilson is in of Snyder; Currie and Wylie of charge of the local distribuion San Angelo; Humble Oil & Re- property which is a part of Lone fining Co. of Houston; Green- Star's San Angelo division. E.

## Fuel Dealer "Mind-Reads" Your Oil Tank From Afar

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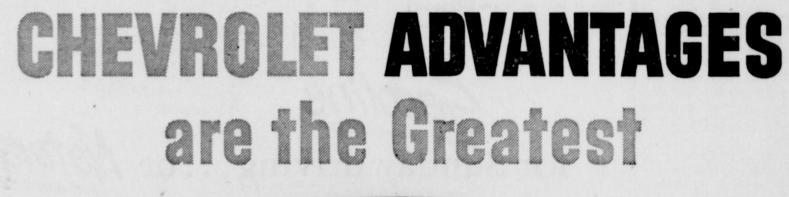
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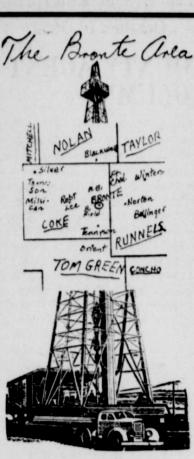
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## LOOKING BACKWARD AT THE OIL The Bronte Enterprise The Bronte area DEVELOPMENT IN BRONTE AREA

progress week, we have selected lease at Maverick had closed some stories from old editions of the Bronte Enterprise, which reflects the starting of the oil industry in this area. It is impossible to print all of the early attempts to discover oil here so we have selected a few, which many folks here will remember. We wish to thank Mrs. Minnie

West for the use of her files in obtaining this information.

#### March 26, 1937 OGDEN IS READY TO START DRILLING WEST OF BRONTE

"To get oil, or not to get oilthat is the question as to the oil situation in the Bronte section at this time. The stake was set this morning, as we go to press, by the geologist for G. A. Simons of Muskogee, Okla. and H. E. Ogden of Wichita, Kansas for a 3500 foot test on the E. C. Rawlings ranch five miles northwest of Bronte.

The location of the new well is about a quarter f a mile west of the well drilled some years ago on the Rawlings ranch. The well was started by J. W. Crotty which was later taken over by the Mid-Kansas Oil Company and drilled the contract depth of 3500 feet. Showings of oil were found in this well but not in sufficient quantity at the price of crude oil at that time for commercial purposes. Hence the well was abandoned.

**DECEMBER 24, 1937** MAVERICK OIL WELL ON FLETCHER SHUTS DOWN

It was a matter of regret and disappointment to all the people generally of the Bronte country when it became known first of the week that the owners of the

Note - In keeping with oil oil well on the Bert Fletcher down the well, after failing to bring in a producing well. Salt water seemed to be the hindrance.

> They did not plug the well, but only closed it down until after the first of the year - that announcement leaves the people with hope that after the holidays

the owners will return and under take further to make the well a

is there. It is possible that a general drill campaign will be started early next year.

miles northwest of Bronte is "drilling along," after encountering many difficulties.

#### November 6, 1942 MAVERICK OIL WELL DRILLING RESUMED

The Enterprise has the "inside"

The E. C. Rawlings well four time, according to information the Enterprise has, the interested

parties are successful oil men, having oil interests both in California and Texas. And the Enterprise was given the assurance that if the project is launched, it

about the probability of oil drill- will be carried to completion producer or else drill a new well. ing operations resuming in the drilling will continue until it is It is generally believed that the Maverick section. In this locality known that there is no oil.

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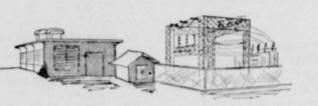
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> West Texas Utilities Company





The Bronte Enterprise October 16, 1953

## COUNTY AGENT COLUMN

Benny Corley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Corley, Tennyson, came out with the coveted Grand Champion honors Saturday at the State Fair of Texas Junior Market Turkey Show. This is his second year in the turkey business. Benny is one of three boys in Coke with Sears Turkeys this year.

There are thirteen boys and one girl exhibiting 25 pens of turkeys. Of this group there were 15 blue awards, 9 red awards and one white. In the sale Tuesday the red and white awards sold for 20 cents and 10 cents above market price respectively. The blue award turkeys were sold at auction as were the Grand Champion.

The quality of Coke County turkeys was shown by the fact that only three pens of toms were sifted because of small blemishes. No hens were sifted. The average sifted for the show was 35 percent. Adult leaders helping the boys show their turkeys were Bob Cox, James Arrott and Aubrey Denman.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Randal McCutchen and daughter have gone to Grand Prairie to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sharp and son have been visiting and attending business in Fort Worth and Luling the latter part of last week.

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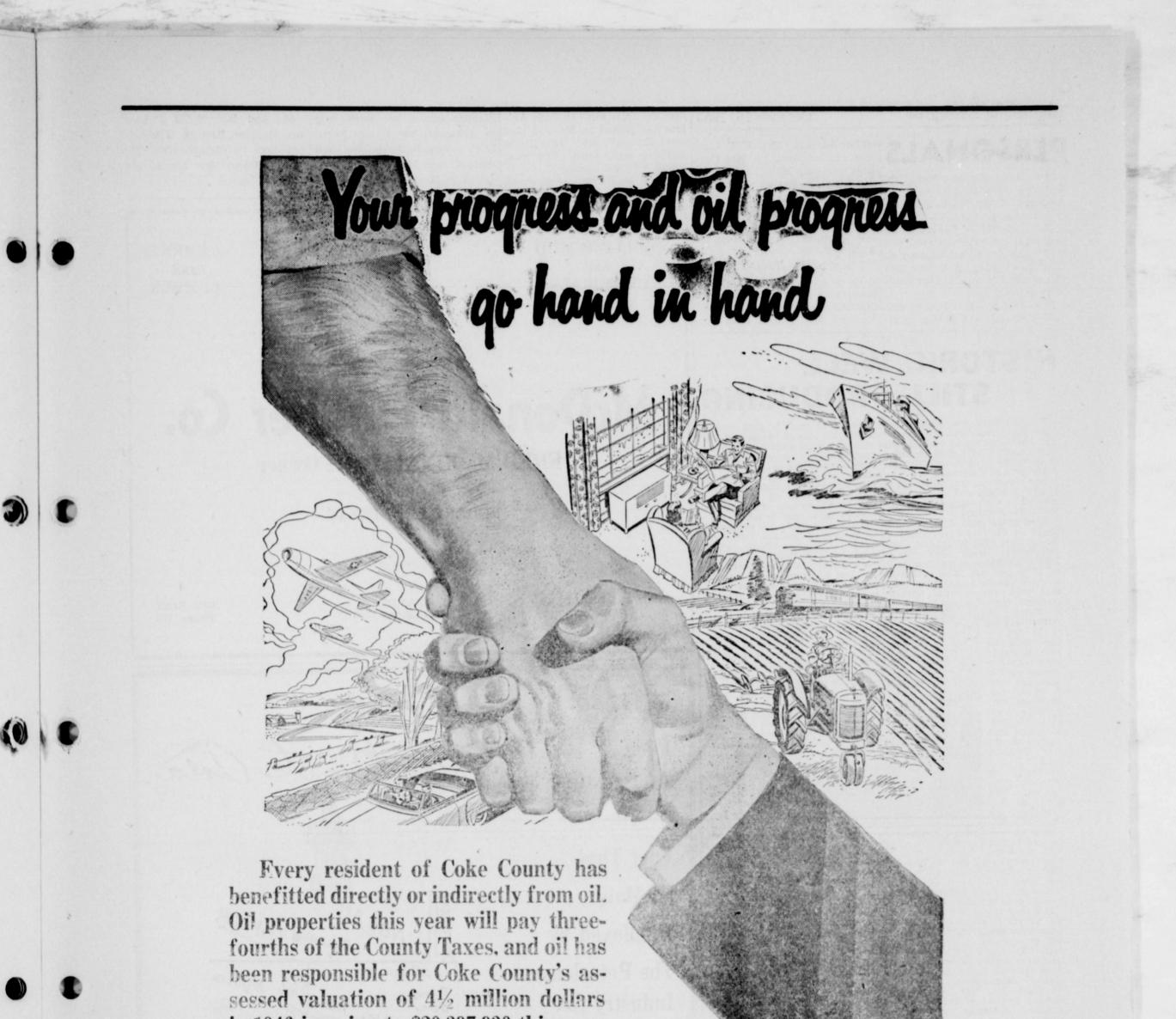
**OIL PROGRESS** 

UNDOUBTEDLY MEANS

Yes, the Oil Industry of West Central Texas is indeed proud to be a part of the progress of this section of Texas. This great industry feels that it has helped to improve the standard of living of our people. Ways of doing things have been changed — changed for the better, thousands of good paying jobs have been made available to people of this area because of oil and gas. We are provd of the folks who make up this association and this industry.

We believe that oil and progress go together

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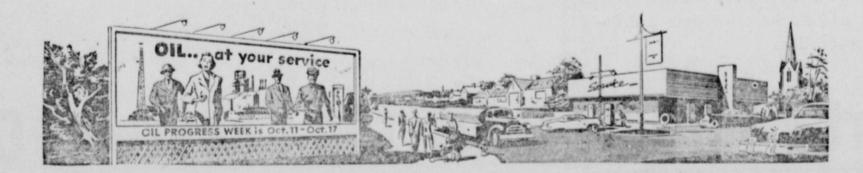


in 1946 jumping to \$20,397,930 this year.

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Taxes from oil properties are making it possible for Coke County to have better roads and other worth while improvements, and in addition the industry is furnishing employment to hundreds of our citizens at good wages. We congratulate the oil operators and royalty owners and everyone connected with this highly important business in the observance of Oil Progress Week, Oct. 11-17.

## Coke County Commissioners Court COKE COUNTY, TEXAS



## PERSONALS

Mrs. D. Larkin and Mrs. Tom Williams visited last week in home. the home of Mrs. W. B. Fulgham ger, were also guests in her at Petersburg.

Mrs. Matthew Caperton is helping her brother-in-law, Fred McDonald, Jr. with bookwork at his lumber yard in Robert Lee A&M football game in Lubbock this week. His regular bookkeeper is on vacation.

Mrs. Earl Moon of Strawn was Mr. and Mrs. Jess Percifull and here Thursday and Friday to vi- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball. The

October 16, 1953 Jess Pecifulls went through Abi- Monday fom a two weeks trip Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Stevens Noel Percifull, who went on to sit her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Gar-Lubbock with them. The local dner and Mr. Gardner. Mrs. Gargroup returned Sunday. dner's sister, Mrs. Joe Weeks and daughter, Betty Joe, of Ran-

lene and picked up Mr. and Mrs. to Arkansas, her former home. and daughter, Barbara have mo-She accompanied her son and ved back to Bronte after 'livwife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ruth- ing in Hobbs, New Mexico the Mrs. J. M. Rutherford returned erford of Uvalde, on the trip.

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## **HISTORIC WELL** STILL PRODUCING

Do you think you could dig a deposits of coal in that region. hole thirty feet deep by hand if Santa Fe began experimenting you knew you would end up with with oil for locomotive fuel in the an oil well? That's what happened early 1890's. Successful experiin the early days of searching for ments proved the practicability of black gold in California.

Santa Fe Railway.

Back in the early days, the railroads in California purchased a 320 acres of oil land at Olinda, Calilot of their coal to operate their fornia, in Orange County, about locomotives from New South eight miles northeast of Fuller-Wales, Australia, at a cost of \$6.50 ton and started drilling operations. to \$7.00 per ton. The coal was The first hole sunk was a successshipped usually in sailing vessels ful well-and today, fifty-six years

Europe to Australia. That is to say, a ship would sail with a cargo from some European port to Australia and lf, on arriving, no return cargo were available, the vessel would load with coal for our Pacific coast. reaching an American port, usually San Diego or San Francisco, the boat would discharge its car-

with timber, proximately wheat or minerals and sail back to 3.864 gallons of fuel results. Each Europe. Rather than sail in bal- gallon of this refined oil will haul last from Australia to California a ton of freight 625 miles or actu-It was considered better to carry ally the 1952 production of the first coal at a comparatively low rate. Santa Fe well drilled in 1897

It is hard to say who first proved pushes a diesel locomotive today the practical value of oil as a over 2,415,000 miles of rail. Daily locomotive fuel; yet, according to production is good for 6,617 miles our present information, a man of a diesel unit operation, accord-named Thomas Urquhart, superin- ing to Electro-Motive Division of tendent of motive power of a Euro- General Motors Experts. pean railroad, made the first suc-cessful experiments. By 1886, terests were conducted by two Jrguhart had 143 locomotives companies in California, the burning fuel oil in regular daily Petroleum Development Company American railroadmen and the Chanslor-Canfield Midway service. seem to have become interested Oil Company. However, in 1921, In this proposition, for at this time similar experiments were started on certain lines in the oil regions of western Pennsylvania. These experiments were disband-ed, however, because of the vast

oil for locomotive use but the re-

Mrs. Frank Bond of Cisco spent

Attending the Texas-Tech and

Saturday night from Bronte were

last Thursday and Friday in the

A. S. Whatley home.

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completed in April and the old records show that 4,960 barrels of oil flowed from "Olinda No. 1" that year. Last year it pro-duced 386 barrels, and altogether it has produced nearly 100,000 barrels. When the

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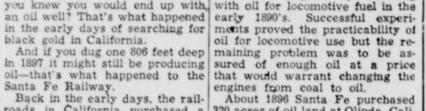
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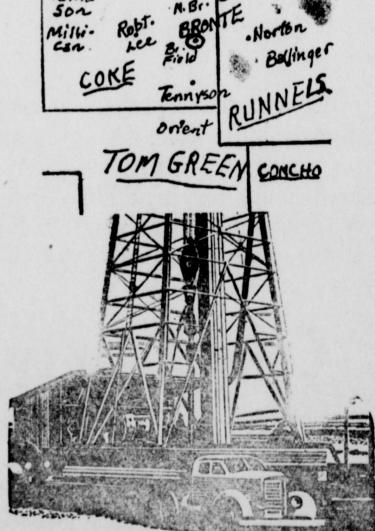
## **Gin Notice**

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## 1300 Rigs Are Required for **Drilling Operations in Texas**

To keep up one of the main some come three-for-a-million sources of income in Texas dollars. oil and gas production, it takes

some 1,300 rigs, roaring and clanking in every part of the state, to put down wells at a rate averaging about 50 a day.

Latest figures, compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association from Railroad Commission and industry publications, show that drilling activity for the first eight months is about the same as last year on a statewide basis. Some areas, however, have hit substantial slumps and the overall dry hole risk was about 2 per cent steeper.

Plans for drilling, as reflected by 12,821 applications for permits, were more than 3 per cent higher than at the same time in 1952.

The drilling crews by the end of August had finished their work on 12,051 wells - 2 per cent less than last year - and 37 per cent were dry holes. The operators were rewarded with 6,977 oil producers, 6 per cent fewer than in the same period of 1952.

In the state's total drilling program, 2,844 attempts were made to find oil in new territory. The same heavy odds against these wildcat wells continued to prevail with about 85 per cen of them dry. (These figures are based on Commission definitions of wildcats which are not quite as restricted as the exploratory well definitions used by the dry hole rate of eight out of American Association of Petroleum Geologists who show a nine.)

#### 17.462 Wells in 1952

Faced with these stiff odds and higher drilling costs, operators had drilled about 4.5 percent fewer wildcats this year than last. At an industry-wide cost of 2,400 dry holes, however, 396 oil discoveries had been added to the state's list of producers.

During all of 1952, Texas operators chalked up 17,462 wells, 10,222 being oil producers, 738 gas and 6,502 dry holes. These Rig Operations Down in W. Tex.

A shutdown of the Spraberry area reportedly has caused a drop in the number of rig operations in West Texas. At present the area is increasing its deep drilling activities.

In Andrews County, far West Texas, there are about 40 rigs drilling to the 12,000 foot level. Each well will require about six months to finish.

The state's deepest hole was completed last Spring in Pecos County at 16,696 feet - and dry.

At the end of the first seven months of 1953 there were 1,299 drilling rigs operating in Texas, compared with 1,393 for the same 1952 period. Overall decline was over 6 percent.

In District 8 (West Texas) operating rigs jumped from 305 to 339, an 11 per cent hike.

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#### RESOURCES

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included 4.041 wildcat attempts which found oil 587 times; gas 43 and nothing, 3,746 times.

It has been estimated that footage drilled in Texas in 1953 totaled 83 million, of which nearly 30 million feet were dry.

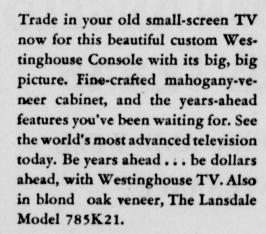
The state's ability to produce oil in billion-barrel a year quantities is keyed to the results of the search for oil and the development of discoveries.

#### Large Capital Investments

Large capital investments in expensive equipment and services, coupled with an annual payroll of some \$187 million, makes Texas drilling an important economic factor. Last year dilling operations employed some 43,127 crewmen - tool pushers, roughnecks and many others.

A drilling rig capable of cutting a hole 3,000-5,000 feet deep costs some \$150,000 and one that will go down 15,000 feet runs into the half-million bracket.

Because every well is a different problem, per-foot drilling costs vary widely, making an industry-wide average almost impossible. In areas like North Texas (which is a cheaper drilling area than, say, West Texas) a 3,200 foot oil well might cost around \$31,000. A dry hole there that deep (which does not require the equipment of a producer) would be some \$14,000. Out in West Texas many wells average better than \$100,000 and



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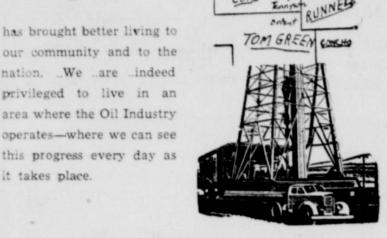
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### BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS

#### By Mrs. Herbert Holland

Sunday guests in the J. C. Boatright home were Mr. and Mrs. Sparks Boatright of San Saba, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hester, Virginia and Gary of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Boatright and Bobbie of Miles, Mrs. J. B. Arnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams of San Angelo visited the Herbert Hollands Saturday and the group all went to Cross Plains to spend the weekend with the James Holland family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith of Ballinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle Thursday. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oats the Marvin Stephensons. and Mary of San Angelo and J. W. Caudle, who is attending fast club meeting Saturday in college in San Angelo, and Dean the home of Mrs. Wesley Prinz-Stephenson visited them.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gleghorn and children of Miles visited Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gleghorn Sunday. Monday guests of Mrs. Herbert Holland were Mmes. Lydia

Walther, Doxie Laudder, Bill Willman, J. W. Clark, Wesley crocheted and enjoyed refresh- Mrs. Herbert Holland.

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ments of homemade ice cream and cake.

Attending the SAC Rams and Ranger football game Saturday night in San Angelo were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Boatright of San Marcos visited Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright. Saturday night the rott and Jim Bob of Tennyson, group went to Ballinger where blue shower last Thursday night and Lloyd Hester of Hardin Sim- they had supper with their sismons, Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. C. ter and brother-in-law, Mr. and H. Hester and Luther of near Ab- Mrs. Luther Gann. Others preilene visited them Saturday sent were Mr. and Mrs. Boom Holland and W. E. Powell of San

Antonio, Mrs. Mozelle King and son, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. John Macowsky and daughter of Norton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Boatright and Bobbie of Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Brunson and children of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Manning of Ballinger visited Sunday with blue, were served.

Present for the Jolly Breaking were Mmes. Doxie Laudder, Al D. Richards, Frank Reichert, J. W. Clark, Herbert Holland, Dick Peiser and the hostess. The Bears." group will meet Saurday with Mrs. Reichert.

Vicki Holland of Cross Plains visited the first of last week Prinzing. The group knitted and with her grandparents, Mr. and

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cox of Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker. The Walkers visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen at Coleman Tuesday.

#### HONORS MRS. GARDNER SHOWER AT HUMBLE CAMP

The Humble Recreation Hall was the scene for a pink and honoring Mrs. W. C. Gardner.

Hostesses for the affair were Mmes. Bill Clark, Jim Rasco, James Wells, T. F. Sims, Jr., and A. S. Whatley.

Twenty-two guests were registered. A pink and blue color scheme was carried out. The table was laid with a blue cloth and was centered with pink zinnias and queen's wreath. Punch and bootee shaped cakes, iced with pink and trimmed with

Entertainment for the evening was in the form of a radio quiz program which took the ladies back to their baby days. Mrs. Whatley was mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. George Thomas gave the "Story of the Three

Out of town guests included Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Earl Moon of Strawn; her sister and daughter, Mrs. Joe Weekes and Betty Joe of Ranger and her aunt Mrs. Frank Bond of Cisco.



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#### October 16, 1953 Last Rites Held for ART CRAFT CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS Mrs. Jesse Best. 55 Eureka Craft Club

Death came Tuesday afternoon

to Mrs. Jesse Best, 55, of San

Angelo, former long-time resi-

dent of Bronte. She was found

dead at her home when her hus-

band returned from work at 5:54

p. m. Cause of death was coro-

nary occlusion, according to a

verdict by J. B. Holberg, jus-

Mrs. Best had been in ill health

for a number of years, particu-

larly since she was injured in

Mrs. Best had lived in Bronte

Funeral services were held

, Interment was in the Fair-

view cemetery under the direc-

tion of Massie Funeral Home of

tice of the peace.

San Angelo.

Mexico.

the Lakeview tornado.

### **Thorn Funeral** Held at Blackwell

#### By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Funeral services for Herman Thorn, 58, resident of Blackwell for 38 years, were held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the Baptist church there. Rev. R. L. Cooksey, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Blackwell cemetery under direction of Wells Funeral Home of Roscoe.

Pall bearers were Fletcher Pinkard, Earl Cook, Homer Cook, Melvin Tubb, Ernest Ware and loween colors carried out. M. L. Barnes, Sr.

Mr. Thorn, who farmed west of Blackwell, died at 6:05 a.m. Friday in the local hospital. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thorn of Sweetwater. He was born in Barton, Alabama on Jan. 17, 1895, and married Miss Addie Raney of Blackwell in 19-16. He is survived by his parents; his wife; four sons, Clifford of Winters, Douglas of Maryneal, Cecil Clay of the Navy and Gayland, who lives at and children of Odessa have been home; a daughter, Mrs. Zula Petty of Comanche; a foster daughter, Mrs. Oletha Fullwood Barnett of Lyford; four sisters and to be with her daughter, Ann, eight grandchildren.

His son, Cecil Clay, who was with US Naval forces in Korea arrived home Tuesday.

Met in Home of Mrs. Best Members of the Eureka club met in the home of Mrs. Everett

Best last Monday afternoon. Ten members were present including Mmes. Bill Braswell, J. R. Johnson, Kate Cox, Leslie Lammers, Susie Jackson, Marvin Leck, Thurman Parker, Trecie Wrinkle, John Coalson and the hostess.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served with the Hal-

The program was given by during the period between 1911 Mrs. Marvin Leck, who spoke on and 1942, moving to San Angelo "The Room That Serves a Dou-11 years ago. ble Purpose" and Mrs. Trecie Wrinkle, who spoke on "The Way We Should Look on Life as We Grow Older."

The next meeting will be an ley Carroll of San Saba officiaall day meeting with a covered ted. dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Leslie Lammers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Leathers visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herron. Mrs. Leathers stayed over for a few days who was taken to the hospital while they were visiting here.

TRY A WANT AD

The Art Craft club met in the home of Mrs. Minnie B. West on October 14.

Roll call was answered with each member giving their favorite tree and its history. Especially interesting were the history

of the pecan tree given by Mrs. Fred McDonald and the history and description of several species of California trees given by Mrs. Leonard Keeney. Mrs. Fewell Sims gave two poems as an opening exercise, Friendship" and "Smile, Brother, Smile."

In a short business session with Mrs. Taylor Emerson, president, presiding, a report fom the nominating committee was given. An election was held and the following offices clected:

yesterday, Thursday afternoon, President, Mrs. Taylor Emerat 3 p. m. from the Kickapoo con; Vice President, Mrs. Lecz Baptist Church here. Rev. Charard Keeney; Sec'ty-Treas, Mrs. 5. D. Leonard.

A committee composed of Mrs. J. D. Leonard ,Mrs. Fred Mc-Donald and Mrs. Emmet Caperton was appointed to draw up the

yearbook. At the recreation per-She is survived by her husiod, Mrs. Caperton entertained band; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. the group with some good acting. Sunshine pal gifts were exchanged. A refreshment plate of cake and punch was served to Mmes. Caperton, Emerson, Rob Herron, Sam Gray, J. D. Leonard, Leonard Keeney, Fewell Sims, Nannie Ash, Fred McDonald, Forrest Clark, Bob Knierim

and visitors Mmes. Shirley Ann Reel and little Miss David Ann Reel and Miss Byers. Mrs. Reel assisted her mother in serving. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Nannie Ash at the home of Mrs. Merle Billingsley on Nov. 11.

## PRISON RODEO **DRAWS 20,000**

HUNTSVILLE - The biggest rodeo staged in the entire Southwest set new attendance records here Sunday, October 4th, when 20,000 spectators saw mad rampaging Brahma bulls and wild bucking horses win the first performance of the "Battle of the Outlaws."

This is a new attendance record for the famed Prison Rodeo's opening day.

The wild prison livestock emerged from the day's fray victor- nesday where they attended the made except by the school board. ious over the stripe-clad cow- funeral services for Mrs. C. G.

## **PTA Meeting Held Tuesday Night**

Theme for the second PTA meeting was "Parents Till the Soil" given by J. T. Henry last Tuesday night in the Bronte gym.

The meeting opened with a song led by Thomas Knox and accompanied by Mrs. Chet Holcombe. Mrs. Buddy Kirkland was the leader and Mrs. George Thomas gave the birthday of the group. An offering was taken for the local PTA to send to the National PTA.

A business meeting was conducted by the new president, Mrs. J. D. McEntire. The Halloween carnival was discussed and the group agreed to have a Queens race and a parade on the night of Oct. 31. On October 30, which is the night of the Bronte-Rankin ball game here, PTA mothers are asked to donate cakes and pies to be sold with coffee.

Committees were appointed to study projects for the coming year. It was suggested that the PTA buy a commercial mixer for the lunch room or help the Bronte band to buy some instruments.

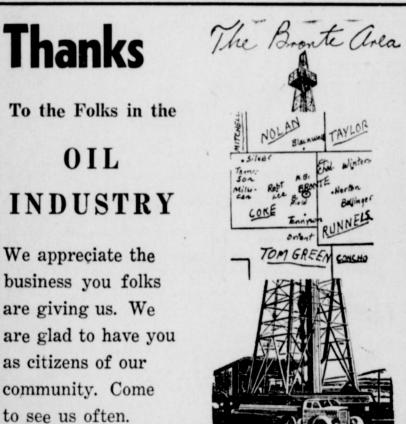
Special music was furnished by Mrs. Walter Phillips. She was assisted by John Gaston and Rudy Guiterrez.

Supt. J. L. Carroll closed the meeting with a prayer.

### Mrs. Willoughby Hostess To Club Thursday, Oct. 8

Mrs. O. H. Willoughby was a speaker for the progressive club when they held their regular meeting last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Joe Carter. Her subject was "The Eisenhower Cabinet." Mrs. A. N. Rawlings spoke on "National Federation." Members present for the meeting were Mmes. B. F. Bridges, Edna Butner, R. E. Cumbie, W. C. Duncan, W. J. Gideon, C. C. Glenn, F. S Higginbotham, Frank Keeney, J D. Leonard, T. C. Price, A. N. Rawlings, O. H. Willoughby, L. T. Youngblood, J. E. Fuller and the hostess.

Vetal Flores and Mrs. Chas. Keeney were in Rising Star Wed-



Pallbearers included Carroll Leathers, Joel Webb, Eris Miller, Lester Leathers, Charles Sims and O. R. McQueen. All exdept Mr. McQueen were nephews of Mrs. Best.

## **Trustees Discuss Street Paving**

Bronte school trustees Monday night discussed the paving of the street which runs in front of the school building and voted to go their pro rata share in paving the street, provided other citizens along the street are interested in the project.

A spokesman for the board said that considerable interest had been evidenced by these citizens and by the Church of Christ, which is also located on Jefferson street, but that no definite commitments had been

Henry Wrinkle of Bronte; four sisters, Mrs. Floyd Gibson of Tennyson, Mrs. Jack Newman of California, Mrs. Everett Best of Bronte and Mrs. John Leathers of New Mexico; two brothers, Charlie Wrinkle of Comanche and Sherman Wrinkle of New





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The group found that the street can be hot topped with a primer coat, 2 coats of gravel and 2 coats of asphalt for a cost of 55 cents per running foot on a 20 foot wide street. Any residents who wish to extend the paving to their property line would be able to do so for an additional 25 cents per square yard.

The spokesman said these figures mean that the cost of paving along the street would run about \$30 per 50 foot lot, or about \$15 for each landholder of one lot.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board of trustees, in the Monday night meeting, also authorized the purchase of some band equipment, the purchase of a public address system to be used at the fottball field and the gym, the purchase of a sewing machine for the homemaking department and hired Mrs. R. W Sims as an additional lunchroom worker.

Rev. Maynard R. Rogers, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Bronte, will attend the 68th annual session of the Baptist Convention of Texas, which convenes at San Antonio, beginning October 20 and lasting through October 22. He will drive to San Antonio in time to attend the Texas Baptist Brotherhood meeting Monday night, October 19. He goes as a voting messenger from the Bronte Baptist church.

boys. Of the 63 inmate riders who came out of the chutes only 17 managed to stay atop their bucking, gyrating mounts the required 8 seconds to qualify for a contest ride. The remaining 46 went sprawling in the dust. To contestants and spectators alike the stock used in this year's show proved to be the wildest and toughest ever put into the arena during the 22 years of the rodeo.

Folks who wish to see the rodeo this year are urged to make their reservations early by sending a check or money order to Rodeo Ticket Office, Huntsville, Texas, for reserved seats at \$2.40 each and specifying the date they plan to attend. Best chances for choice seats are for the third and fourth performances, Sunday, October 18th and 25th. All shows begin promptly at 2 p. m.

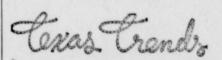


The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:--(From the Twenty-third Psalm.)

Sults. They were accompanied by Mrs. Robert Lowry of San Angelo.



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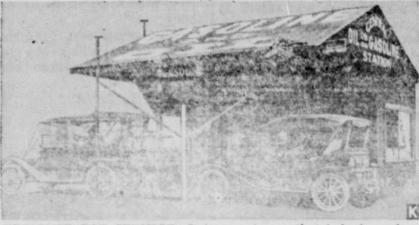
To keep pace with his rivals, he sells the best products available and sets high standards of personal service from free air to clean rest rooms.

What makes this competitive service possible? A far-flung complicated network of oil companies, terminals and wholesalers whose efficiency, high standards of service and intensely competitive methods are in the best tradition of American business.

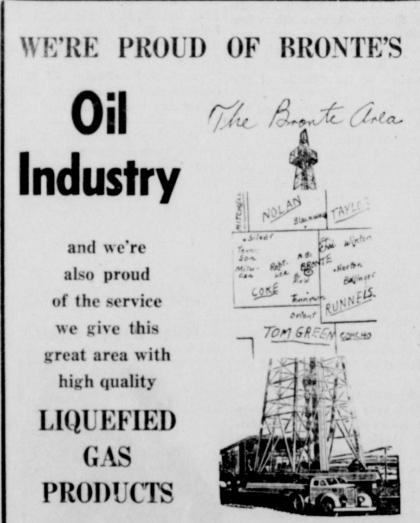


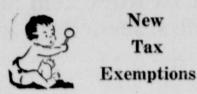
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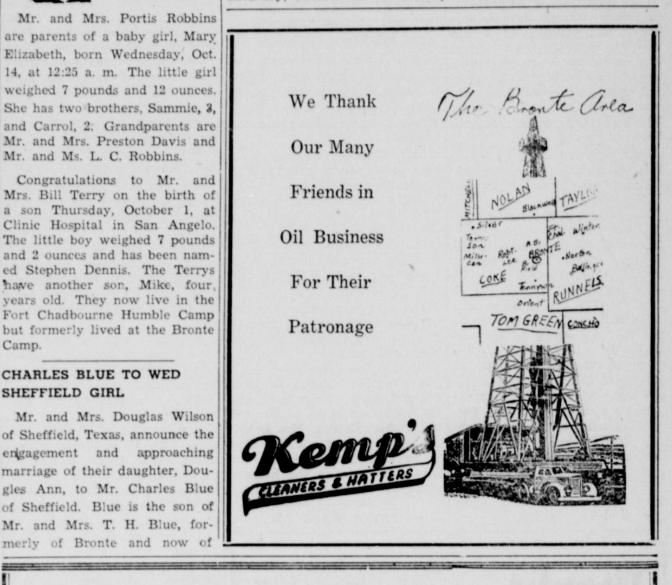
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Sheffield.

ployed with Rowan Drilling Co. The wedding will take place at Sheffield. He attended the Saturday, October 31. He is em- Bronte schools last year.

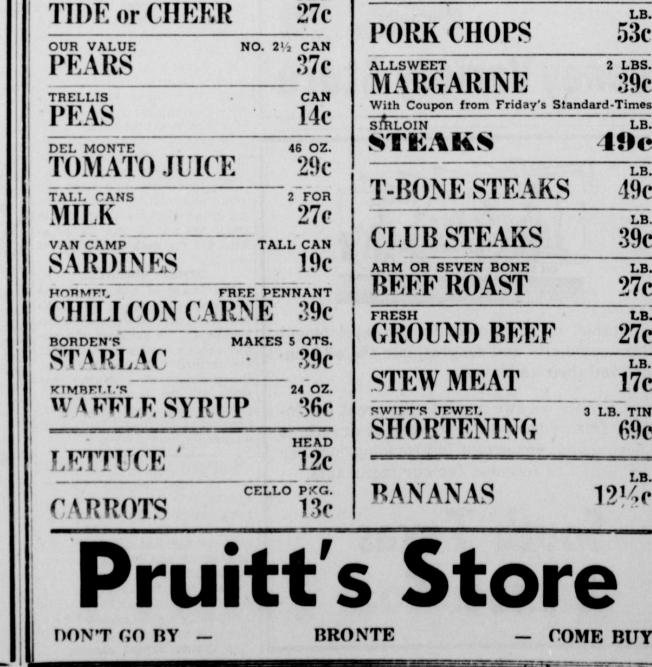




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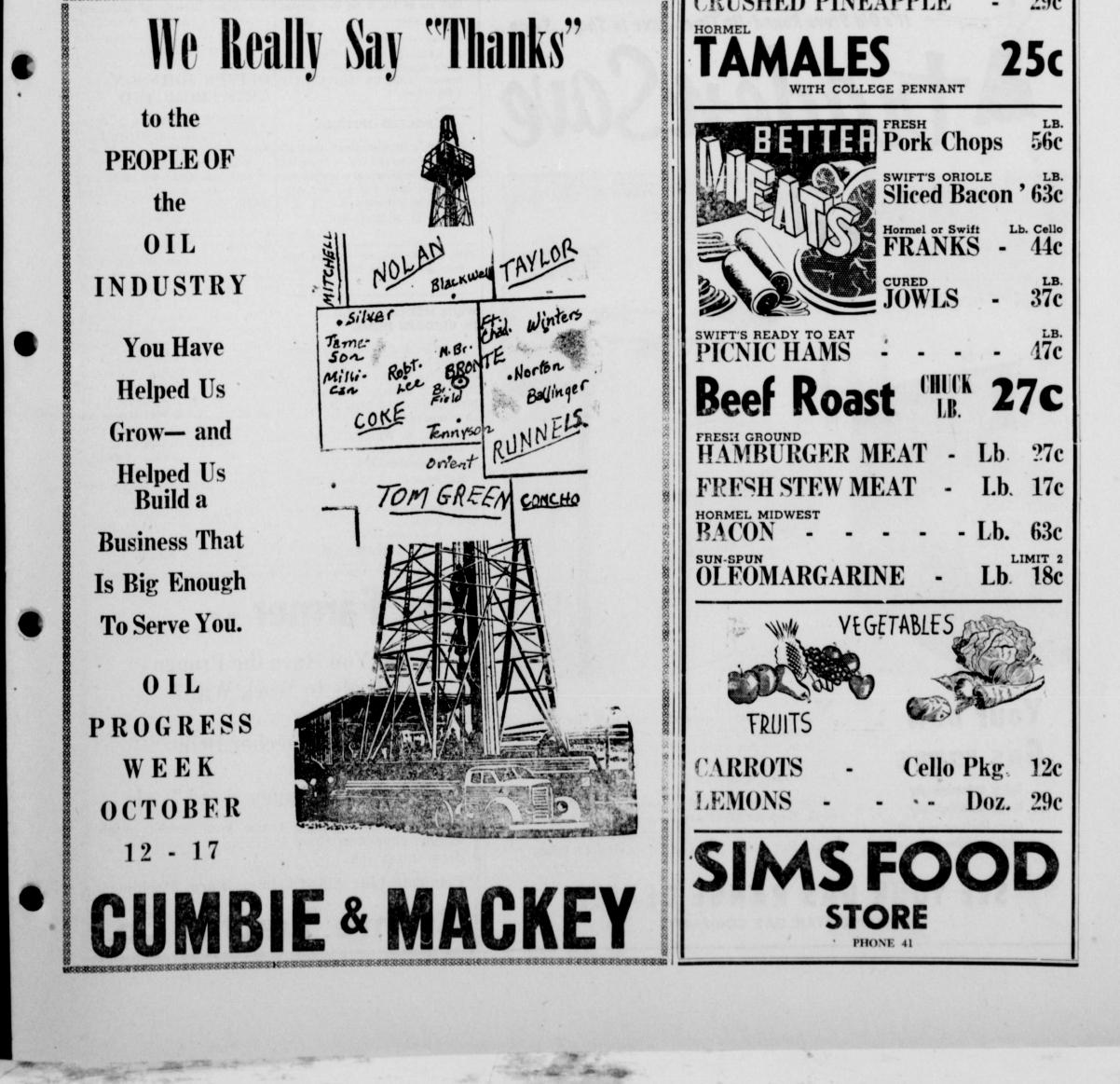
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