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Primary Elections Held Saturday

Judge's Race Tied 151 to 151

TO FACE EACH OTHER IN SECOND PRIMARY JUNE 6

Incumbent County Judge J. K. (Jake) Martin and W.C. (Dub) Fincher tied 151 each for the Sterling County Judge race (in the Democratic Primary) here last Saturday. They will again face each other in the run-off primary here on June 6. In the primary Danny Stewart received 18 votes to 17 for veteran County Commissioner E. F. McEntire for that office in precinct 4. Clinton Hodges was the only candidate for county commissioner, precinct 2. He was running for the place being vacated by Dayton Barrett.

In the Republican County Primary here George Bush got 12 votes for U.S. Senator to 1 for Morris. In the governor's race Eggers received all 13 votes.

In the Demo U.S. Senator's race Lloyd Bentsen polled 206 votes to 90 for incumbent Ralph Yarborough. The county went as did the state. Crawford Martin here polled 189 votes to David Brown's 82—for attorney general of Texas.

The Sterling County Democratic primary votes went as follows, according to the official canvas of the votes by the Sterling County Democratic Executive Committee on Tuesday afternoon:

For United States Senator:	
Ralph W. Yarborough	90
Lloyd Bentsen	137
For U.S. Representative, 17th District:	
Omar Burleson	252
For Governor:	
Preston Smith	237
For Lieutenant Governor:	
Ben Barnes	131
For Attorney General:	
David H. Brown	165
Crawford C. Martin	219
For Comptroller of Public Accounts:	
Robert S. Calvert	245
For State Treasurer:	
Jesse James	165
For Commissioner of General Land Office:	
Bob Armstrong	73
Fred Williams	94
Jerry Sadler	201
For Commissioner of Agriculture:	
John C. White	234
For Railroad Commissioner:	
Ben Ramsey	223
Connie Lawson	49
For Supreme Court of Texas (Assoc. Justice, Place 1):	
Jack Pope	236
For Supreme Court of Texas (Associate Justice, Place 2):	
Ruel C. Walker	234
For Supreme Court of Texas (Assoc. Justice, Place 3):	
James G. Denton	146
Matt Davis	66
Hawthorne Phillips	36
For Court of Criminal Appeals (Presiding Judge):	
John F. Onion, Jr.	232
For Court of Criminal Appeals (Judge):	
Earl W. Smith	184
Truman Roberts	78
For State Senator, 24th Dist:	
David Ratliff	243
For State Representative, 66th District:	
George Baker	247
For Assoc. Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, 4th Supreme Judicial District:	
Bob Shannon	234
For County Judge:	
W. G. (Dub) Fincher	151
J. K. Martin	151
For County and District Clerk:	
W.W. Durham	259
For County Treasurer:	
Mrs. Sallie Wallace	272
For County Commissioner, 2:	
Clinton Hodges	15

For County Commissioner, 4:	
E. F. McEntire	17
Danny Stewart	18
For Justice of the Peace, 1:	
E. R. Edwards	191
For Democratic Chairman, Precinct Chairmen renamed:	
D. Kirk Hopkins, No. 1;	
Reynolds Foster, No. 2;	
Riley King, No. 4, and Perry Matthews, No. 4.	
Run-off To Be Held in Courthouse Box for Whole County	

The run off primary here on June 6 will be consolidated and all voters from over the county will vote at the courthouse—in the district courtroom, said Democratic Executive Chairman Jack Douthit. This is allowed when there are no precinct races to be decided in a run-off.

There could be a state race or two, but will not definitely know until the state executive committee canvasses state races and notifies the county committees. This will be known for sure by next week, if not announced in the newspapers before the official canvas.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. Mae Martin	
John Thompson	
Lester Foster	
W. B. Allen	
Mrs. Bennie Balderaz and infant daughter	
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week included—	
Ezekiel Fuentes	
Mrs. Chesley McDonald	
Mrs. Forrest Foster	
Spencer Jackson	
Mrs. Billy White	
Mrs. Burl Pringle	

KIN INJURED IN VIET NAM

Albert McGinnes received word Tuesday that his nephew, Sgt. Garland W. McGinnes, radio-telephone operator with the 196th Infantry Brigade in Vietnam, had been wounded on May 4th. Details regarding the circumstances under which his wounds were incurred are not available at this time. He suffered the loss of his left eye, injuries to the chest, fractures of both legs, his right hand and foot.

Sgt. McGinnes was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for endangering his own life in order to attend a fellow soldier who had been wounded. Having served in Vietnam for a year, Sgt. McGinnes was due to leave for home on May 20. He is in 91st Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai. As soon as he is able to be moved he will be evacuated and returned to the states for recuperation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGinnes of Eldorado.

Firemen To Elect Officers Monday

The Sterling Volunteer Firemen are to elect new officers at next Monday's meeting. All members of the Volunteer Firemen are urged to be present to vote.

Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mrs. Worth B. Durham returned Monday evening from Houston where Mrs. Morgan had ear surgery last Friday at the Houston Medical Center.

Blast Burns Henry Holcomb

What is presumed to be an accumulated LPG gas blast Friday night wrecked a house and seriously burned the occupant, Henry Holcomb. The blast occurred at about 9:35 p. m., shaking the neighborhood. Holcomb told Jack Douthit who took him to the hospital for treatment, that he got into bed—and struck a match to light a cigarette—then the whole house seemed to explode.

Holcomb's hands and feet were badly burned; his hair was singed short, and he had serious burns on his body. After treatment here by Dr. Swann he was sent by ambulance to the V.A. hospital in Big Spring for treatment.

The blast shook the neighborhood close-by and the account by Jack Douthit, who lives immediately across the street, went as follows: "We heard the blast and I ran out in my yard to see if I could see any fire. I saw Henry in his yard, but thought he was doing the same as I—looking for the blast. Seeing no fire anywhere, I jumped into my car to drive around and see if I could locate the blast. Henry whistled at me and asked me to take him to the doctor—said he felt like he was afire all over. He had put on an old jacket and had a towel holding it around him. He got into my car unassisted and we went to the hospital. He told me of his striking the match for a cigarette and the whole house 'blew' up on him. He complained of being hot and somewhat sick at his stomach."

Nothing was on fire at the house, but the windows and walls had been blown outward and the roof was nearly all loose and about to fall in. The fireplace had been blown out and pushed over. The house was to all intents and purposes—wrecked. It belongs to the First Baptist Church here—having been left to it by the late Fannie Copeland in her will.

Henry's relatives removed his belongings from the old wrecked house Sunday. He was reported as having some lung trouble from the searing blast.

Henry was moved to a San Antonio army hospital for burns treatment the first part of this week.

Mrs. Lena Welch Is Buried Here Monday

Mrs. Lena McCasland Welch, 90, daughter of a pioneer Sterling County family, was buried here Monday afternoon in the City Cemetery. She had died in a Big Spring hospital Friday morning.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Lowe Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Officiating at the services were Rev. Ross Welch and the local pastor, Rev. Harold Orr. Mrs. Welch was married to John R. Welch November 1, in Center City. He died in 1962. She was a resident of Sterling County for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include five sons, W. B. Welch of Green Forest, Ark., W. S. Welch of Grandfalls, G. O. Welch of Sterling City, Floyd R. Welch of Long Beach, California and Novie Welch of Big Spring; three brothers, Ercher McCasland, Martin McCasland and Stacy McCasland, all of Mills County; 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Viva Randolph, died in February, 1967. Nephews were pallbearers.

Odessa Firm Low Bidder on Hospital Building

An Odessa firm, J.W. Cooper Construction, Inc. was the low bidder on the construction of the Sterling County extended care facility (nursing home) and improved hospital facilities, at the opening of the four bids Wednesday afternoon. The Cooper bid was for 364,400.00 for the building only. The kitchen appliances and rooms furniture were not included in the price, said J. K. Martin, County Judge.

The contract has to be approved by the State Health Department and Hill-Burton, said Martin, and John Allen, the architect, was to meet with them on Thursday of this week. Work is to be begun when approval is granted and the contractor moves in for beginning work.

The high bid was from the Templeton Construction Co. of Temple, said Martin, and it was for \$403,200. There were four bidders on the proposed job.

If the Department of Health does not approve the low bid, the commissioners court will move up and award the next lowest bidder the job, said Judge Martin.

The county voted a \$200,000 bond issue for the facility two years ago, and later secured a Hill-Burton grant of \$186,000 as a matching grant for the job. Voters had overwhelmingly passed the bond issue by almost a solid majority.

Burl Pringle's Mother Dead

Mrs. Ora Vivan Pringle, Pringle, 74, died about 2:40 a.m. in Ballinger Memorial Hospital Monday following a lengthy illness. She was the mother of Burl Pringle of Sterling City.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo with burial in the Fairmont Cemetery there.

Mrs. Pringle was born Nov. 19, 1895 in Bogota. She was married to Willie Pringle in 1912. The couple moved to Florida and returned to San Angelo in 1926. They had lived in the San Angelo area for 44 years.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Eunice Sartain of Carlsbad, Mrs. Doris Tate of Grand Prairie and Mrs. Juanell Patton of Ballinger; a step-daughter, Mrs. Mary White of Miami, Fla.; two sons, Burl Pringle of Sterling City, and W. R. Pringle of Midland; six sisters and two brothers.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dave Gentry, A.S.U. freshman basketball player from Mertzton, will be the speaker for the morning service this Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Dave is the vice-president of the Baptist Student Union at A.S.U. Jimmie Lynch, who had a lead roll in "Tell It Like It Is" program put on by the BSU in San Angelo and surrounding areas, will come with Dave and bring the special music.

The evening service will be under the leadership of Fred Igo. The program will carry out the week's emphasis on Soil Stewardship. Fred is well known as vocational agricultural teacher in the Sterling school system. He is also a teacher of the the junior Sunday School class and a deacon in the Baptist Church.

Rev. Andy Daniels, pastor of the church, will be in a revival meeting at the Fort Concho Baptist Church in San Angelo Friday through Sunday.

Couple Observes 25th Wedding Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster observed their 25th wedding anniversary at their ranch home here last Saturday. They served a barbecue supper to about 80 friends who gathered to help the couple observe the day.

Friends came from the Sterling area and from San Angelo and Sonora.

The Fosters were married here on May 2, 1945 in a ceremony performed at the First Baptist Church by the Rev. W. J. McCawley, pastor.

WE HAVE SHRUNK

David Marx, local census, counter or enumerator, along with Charles Probandt, have finished with their counting.

Marx said their totals on their report showed 749 persons in the city and a total of 1023 in county—and city.

These figures are down about 100 from the 1960 census.

A golden opportunity in law enforcement awaits qualified young men. Get in touch with your Texas Department of Public Safety office or patrolman.

In case of fire, dial 8-4771.

Lions Hear Singers from School

Over seventy school children from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, entertained the Lions Club at the Wednesday luncheon. Mrs. Dick Mitchell of Garden City, who teaches private piano to students at the school, had worked up the program, and principal Bobby Dodds brought the children on the school bus. Teachers of those grades accompanied the students, being Mrs. Arthur Barlemann, Jr., Mrs. Jack Douthit and Mrs. Marvin Foster. Mrs. Mitchell accompanied the singers on the piano. They sang such songs as They Call the Wind Maria, Do, Re Me, Raindrops Falling on My Head, and Eidelweiss.

Dan Glass suggested that the dump grounds would probably have to be moved from the present site, due to the closeness to Highway 87.

Guests present were John Allen, Alvin Porter and Marion Hays.

The prize went to W. W. Durham.

Vernon Blackman III

Vernon Blackman, who is a long-time employee of the Collins ranches, is ill in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. He may be hospitalized for some time, according to Mrs. Claude Collins.



AROUND THE COUNTY



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR., COUNTY AGENT

Pecan casebearer season is approaching once again. According to the statewide entomology report, the casebearers will probably be later than normal again this year. This is based on the emergence pattern determined by banding trees and reports from all section of the state.

According to the reports as compiled from county agents in all parts of the state as of last Thursday, moths had emerged in only one county. This was in DeWitt County, county seat is Cuero, about seventy miles southeast of San Antonio. Some pupae were trapped in the bands in Ward County (Monahans) as well as some counties in South and Central Texas.

Fifty bands were put on trees in John Brock's grove this past Monday. The bands are of corrugated pasteboard known as brooder guard. They are placed on the limbs on the rough wood. Once they reach the rough wood, they pupate and emerge as the adult moth. With the bands in place, it is possible to trap the pupae in these bands as they leave the terminals of the branches where they have overwintered. In putting out the bands, it is recommended that they be placed on branches with wilted terminals. This was not possible this year in Brock's grove as a frost sometime ago killed all the terminals. This year, the bands had to be put out in hopes of catching the migrating pupae; trees in the grove which have always had casebearers were treated with extra bands. It has been proven that certain trees will usually have a heavier infestation than others so this year reliance is going to have to be placed on these trees.

The pupae are removed from the bands, placed in a screen wire cage, and observed. When the adult moths emerge, it is possible to set up a spray schedule. Spraying should be done eight to ten days after five to ten per cent of the pupae have emerged as moths. The control measures this year are the same as in the past. Use three pounds of 25% wettable Malathion and two pounds of 80% wettable Sevin per hundred gallons of water. Zinc sulfate should be added to control rosette, an iron deficiency. The amount this year has been upped to four pounds per hundred gallons of water. If you wish add a fungicide for the control of scab, add four tenths pound Du-Ter per hundred gallons. On a small scale, use three tablespoons Malathion, 1½ tablespoons Sevin, and six tablespoons zinc sulfate per gallon.

The late frost which damaged pecans, as well as other trees, should not cut out a pecan crop this year. It may reduce it however. Many of the primary buds were killed by the frost and some of the secondary buds have also been damaged. There are buds however that are putting out the small male catkins and the female flowers and unless there is further damage, these should set pecans. The pecans themselves will appear beneath the female flowers. Because of the damage to many of the primary buds, we asked one of the specialists about this and the above is his reply. He said that several years ago in New Mexico in one of the large commercial groves, this happened. When the flowers bloomed, it was found that all were female flowers. The grower secured pollen from the male flowers and distributed it over the grove from an airplane. There was little difference in production that year compared to other years. This year, the flowers here on the trees are of both types so the trees should still produce a nut crop. It may not be as good as in other years however. Time will tell.

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The summer of 1970 play Colorado River Little League Baseball play gets underway next Tuesday, May 5. President of the league this year is J. D. Mumford of Robert Lee. Vice-president is Bill Tom Roach and Winne Waldrop is secretary-treasurer.

Sterling City has two teams this year: The Giants, coached by Stan Horwood and the Astros, coached by Jack Peel.

Robert Lee has two teams—the Cardinals and the Indians. Bronte has one team—the Yankees.

Here is this year's schedule with the first team named as the home team:

- MAY 5
Cardinals—Giants
Astros—Indians
Yankees—Open
- MAY 8
Giants—Indians
Cardinals—Open
Yankees—Astros
- MAY 12
Open—Giants
Indians—Yankees
Astros—Cardinals
- MAY 15
Giants—Yankees
Open—Astros
Cardinals—Indians
- MAY 19
Astros—Giants
Yankees—Cardinals
Indians—Open
- MAY 22
Giants—Cardinals
Indians—Astros
Open—Yankees
- MAY 26
Indians—Giants
Open—Cardinals
Astros—Yankees
- MAY 29
Giants—Open
Yankees—Indians
Cardinals—Astros
- JUNE 2
Yankees—Giants
Astros—Open
Indians—Cardinals
- JUNE 5
Giants—Astros
Cardinals—Yankees
Open—Indians
- JUNE 9
Cardinals—Giants
Astros—Indians
Yankees—Open
- JUNE 12
Gants—Indians
Cardinals—Open
Yankees—Astros
- JUNE 16
Open—Giants
Indians—Yankees
Astros—Cardinals
- JUNE 19
Giants—Yankees
Open—Astros
Cardinals—Indians
- JUNE 23
Astros—Gians
Yankees—Cardinals
Indians—Open

SOCIAL SECURITY MAN HERE ON MAY 8

Don Minyard, Field Representative for the San Angelo Social Security office, has scheduled his May visit to Sterling City. He will be at the County Courthouse on Friday, May 8 from 10:30 a. m. to 11:30. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at that time.

ALUMNI GROUP SETS DATE FOR MEETING

The Sterling School Alumni Association has set June 20 for this year's dinner and dance. Mrs. Charlie Davis, president said the reunion would be held in City Park.

C. J. Copeland is vice-president of the group; Mrs. Nan Davis is secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Bill Bynum is historian. The dance committee is composed of Ross Foster, Marvin Foster and Bobby Westbrook.

Sophomores to Have Car Wash May 9

The sophomore class of Sterling High School is having a car wash here May 9, said Lupe Amador this week. Cars will be washed for \$1.50 each and the place will be the Stockman's Supply Store.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Train NOW to drive semi truck, local and over the road. You can earn \$4.00 per hour, after short training. For interview and application, call 214-742-2924, or write Safety Dept., Nationwide Systems, Inc., 4747 Gretna, Dallas, Texas, 75207.

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If you will donate a book, take it to Brooks Dry Goods. Any kind will do—Green, Frontier, Scottie, Gold Bond, etc.

The community center has been redecorated by the clubs and county and looks nice.

So, some new chairs and the like are needed.

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REWARD NOTICE

A reward of \$500.00 will be paid by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to any person (other than law enforcement officers) giving information causing the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons found butchering or stealing any sheep or lambs or goats belonging to any Association member in good standing. When two or more persons give information, the above sum will be divided at the discretion of the Board of the Association. When two or more defendants are involved in a single crime, the total reward is limited to \$500.00, but the conviction of one defendant, even though the other defendants are acquitted, will entitle the claimant or claimants to said sum of \$500.00. All claims must be submitted within ninety (90) days following conviction. If, upon conviction, a defendant confesses other thefts, no additional reward will be paid. All decisions concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association. TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION

FOR SALE—or rent. House just west of Ray Nixon's. 2 bedrooms. See Louie Alexander or H.L. Bailey.

HELP WANTED—

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In case of fire, dial 8-4771.

1970 Political Announcements

The following candidates announce their formal candidacy for the offices below, subject to action of the Democratic Run-off June 6, 1970:

For Sterling County Judge:

J. K. MARTIN (Reelection)
W. G. (Dub) FINCHER

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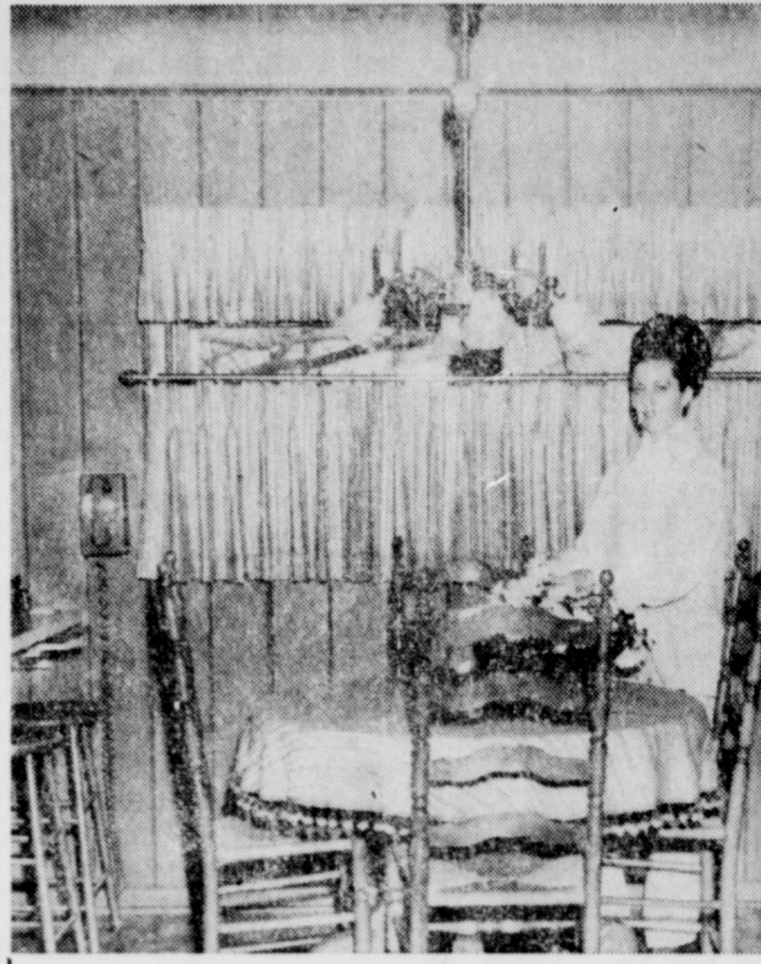
Morning Mail To Be Later

Postmaster W. R. Brooks, said this week that the early morning mail would be arriving at 8:30 a.m. each morning beginning May 2. The morning mail has been arriving here at 7:30 and followed by a later mail about 9 a.m. The 8:30 arrival will be the only mail coming in from San Angelo after today. Don Evans will still bring the Big Spring mail each morning, arriving at 11 a.m.

The early mail for Sterling is scheduled to leave the San Angelo station each morning at 6:45, EXCEPT when it is necessary to wait for any or all connections. The driver will wait for all connections when necessary.

The mail will leave here as usual—4 p.m. daily on week days.

The Sunday and holiday mail schedules will remain the same, said Brooks. On Saturday, the mail will leave here at 12 noon, as now.



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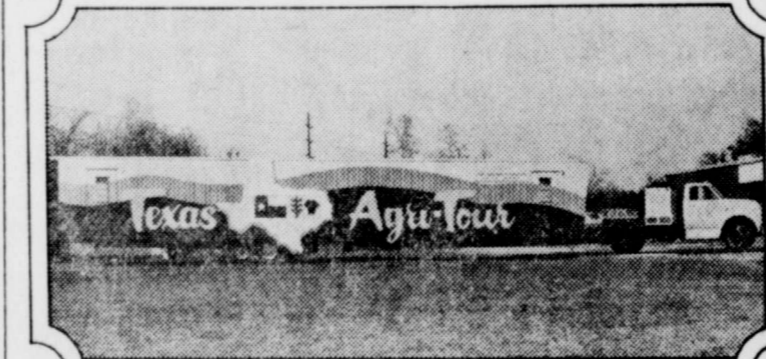
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TAP Agri-Tour Mobile Unit To Visit Sterling City in June

The Texas Department of Agriculture Agri-Tour mobile unit will visit Sterling City during the Miss Wool of America Pageant, announced Monte Sumner, Marketing Specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture. The unit will be here on June 4.

The Texas Agri-Tour unit's appearance in several West Texas towns during the pageant is made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the Mohair Council of America and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said the Texas Agri-Tour unit is expressly designed to promote high quality Texas agricultural products. White explained the Texas Agri-Tour unit is designed to familiarize Texans with the fibers products that are produced in the state.

Sumner said the 56-foot long traveling slide show will be open to the public during the tour. Operators of the colorful presentation of Texas products which includes a special exhibit which features a narrated color slide program that tells the story of Texas fibers, are Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moreland. The two have traveled thousands of miles throughout the state with the unit.



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STERLING CITY, TEXAS

Oil Production Keeps Gaining Momentum Here

With ranching as a long-time picture, Sterling County now has come to the forefront in oil production. Last year brought a total production of 25 million barrels of oil--since 1947.

The settlers of the area saw good grasslands and settled for that reason. (Some few even saw farming possibilities--dry land kind.) The livestock industry was foremost however and that was what Sterling's economy was built on.

Oil companies sent geologists in back in the 20's and did some leasing and shallow tests. Some resulted in small amounts of oil. Nothing spectacular was noted--but most all old timers felt that there was oil here. It only remained for improved drilling techniques and procedures--off in the future--for real production. Almost every land owner felt this way.

Well, in summer 1947 Bill Lane of the Plymouth Oil Co. leased up quite a block of leases to the north and west of town to try for deep production--or at least testing. They were going all the way to the Ellenburger.

They began drilling that summer on the Georgia Frost No. 1, 11 1/2 miles northwest of Sterling City on the Colorado City highway. It was the first real determined deep test to get oil production here.

In August 1947, the Plymouth Company cased the Georgia Frost well and deepened it 25 feet. After the perforations were made the well began flowing--at the rate of 8 barrels an hour with gas ratio 900-1. The flow was through a choke of 5/8 inch at bottom-hole with a one-inch opening.

The well caused much excitement here in Sterling City. Other companies got set to drill in that vicinity--on the Claude Collins ranch, the Spade Ranch, the Forrest Foster ranch--and others.

The Plymouth Company was so pleased with production that they gave a big free barbecue for everyone at the site. Over 500 persons showed up to celebrate the production of oil in Sterling County.

The well was on a section of land that F. M. (Shorty) Williams had willed to Mrs. Frost and S. M. Kennedy, both of Oklahoma. The Williamses had also left a section to the Church of Christ and one to the Foster Cemetery.

Landowners that had unleased land were swamped with lease hounds. Bonuses of \$10 per acre and \$1 rental were quoted daily. Soon all land owners that really wanted to lease had done so.

Royalty buyers were active too. Mrs. Frost sold half of her royalty on her half section for \$50 per acre, and kept half of it. Her brother, Kennedy, sold half of his royalty at \$100 per acre and kept half of it. Many landowners refused \$100 an acre for part royalty and kept thinking there was no ceiling to offers. Claude Collins was offered \$250 per acre for some of his royalty. Plymouth was to have to drill two wells on his country in order to hold their lease.

Pete Ainsworth joined with the Plymouth Company in throwing the Barbecue. Mike Griffith, vice president of the Plymouth, Dan Ritter and other locals all pitched in and helped with the feed.

Bill Lane, of the Plymouth Co., kept saying the company wasn't satisfied with the small production of the well. The company began all kinds of treatment to improve the flow. They acidized, they re-perforated, they shot the well and even deepened it--and even tried a higher pay--but it seemed the more they tried the less the well produced. They swabbed that No. 1 well so much they probably thinned the casing by half. They would swab and the drillers

would taste the stuff--to see if it were oil, acid, or what. They would cement in new plugs, re-shoot the well and drill out plugs--all to no avail.

Well, Sir, that well finally just kinda died. It was a real letdown.

But drilling in that area started. A test a mile away on Willie Mae Foster's was the next test. Also on J. C. and N. H. Reed's lands tests were started--with somewhat high hopes.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Co. decided maybe the first results of the Georgia Frost were okay. They cemented back up to the original depth and re-perforated--and hoped for a resumption of the original oil and gas flow. All they could get was oil and water by swabbing. The water was salty. The company just did not care to pump a deep well for 3 barrels of oil and 3 barrels of water hourly. It was too expensive a way to get oil.

Nothing else much happened in 1947--no real oil pays were found. Lessors, royalty buyers and wildcaters all were busy around here, though trying to get production--or leases--or anything they could.

Cities Service Co. drilled a test on Claude Collins Hackberry Ranch to test the Ellenburger. The company officials told Mr. Collins that if they didn't find something down there about as big as the Pacific Ocean they would just plug up the hole. They found oil--alright--but not enough to suit them.

Then by the end of the year Anderson-Prichard Oil Company started a test on Marvin Frances Foster's land south of Sterling City. The Plymouth Co. was still trying to improve the Georgia Frost and bring in the Willie Mae Foster test.

Hopes were still high for oil for Sterling County, though, and in February, 1948, the Anderson-Prichard Marvin Frances Foster well hit production in the lower

Permian and flowed 25 barrels hourly of 38 gravity oil on a test. This brought the oil fever back to Sterling County. The company and drillers though the pay was from the Wichita-Albany--which was basal Permian. So oil fever was now centered to the south of Sterling City.

Royalty was talked, sold, traded and re-based by all citizens. Some of the land owners made good royalty sales. All nearby landowners could have sold royalty for real sums of money.

The Apco-Vickers (as it was called later) flowed 815, 40 barrels of oil on the M. F. Foster test. It was 28.5 gravity, a little low gravity to suit oil companies--but the fever persisted and drilling kept on. Marvin Frances sold some royalty. Bob Foster sold some royalty and prices quoted were as high as \$150 an acre.

Many companies, many drillers and many wildcaters and hopefuls drilled tests in every part of the county. L. S. Yarborough and Son of Midland, Texaco, Anderson Prichard, Standard Oil and Gas, Humble Oil and Refining Co., Ray Albaugh, Pan American Oil Co., and many others figured in the drilling tests over the entire county.

The tests nearly all had some pay and caused excitement between landowners and the companies and the local citizens.

Ranching was great--when you could get oil lease money in yearly--and in some cases nice royalty payments. Ranchers nearly all picked up supplemental income from the oil people. Some ranchers were admittedly content just to get the lease money. The oil--if it were down there--was safe. So they reasoned, Nobody was hurting even if there was not a lot of production here.

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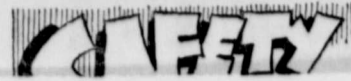
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More Oil

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But small operators began hitting shallow production; deep production was being brought in in areas over the county--nearly every direction out of Sterling City. Production grew steadily and each year saw more and more oil being produced and found in Sterling.

The far north, the northwest, the west, the south, and east parts of the county all had some production. Some started out as pretty big producers and got smaller. Some have held their own for years. Oil production had been steady and constant for many years.

Then, on some new trials to the north part of the county, considerable production was found. The north part of the county boomed and settled down as the drilling was completed and the fever subsided.

Later--the real production that put the county in the oil producing business was brought in mostly south and west of Sterling City. The wells are good ones. Fewer disappointments are listed--although now and then a test is plugged up.

The royalty checks come in regularly. The oil income exceeds the ranching income in many a rancher's bank account. This fixes it so the landowners can improve their land. They can push and chain brush and mesquite. They can dig the pear off. They can build better corrals, fences, barns, homes, etc. They can have more water wells. They can terrace their land and plant and irrigate feed crops for their stock.

Many ranchers are so cleared off now that old-timers would not recognize them if they were suddenly back in Sterling County after a long, long absence.

So, mixed with livestock raising or ranching, the oil business has been good to Sterling landowners--and always will be. Many of the gains here in ranch improvement are due primarily to oil hunting, oil leasing, and now oil production.

In all likelihood, it will not take but a few more years now to get the second 25 million barrels of oil produced here in Sterling County. Many guesses can be made, but one guess is it will not take over 7 or 8 years at the most--to get the second 25 million barrels.

At present production of nearly 3 million barrels a year it will take 8 years--but more wells are being drilled all the time--and nearly all add to the total.

So, hats off to Sterling County--which really gets underway with the oil business.

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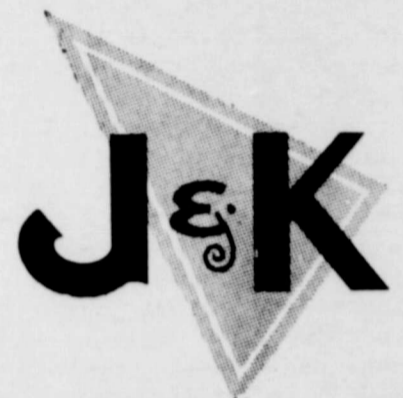
The world's deepest producing well and the world's deepest dry hole both are in Pecos County, Texas, Oil Facts reports.

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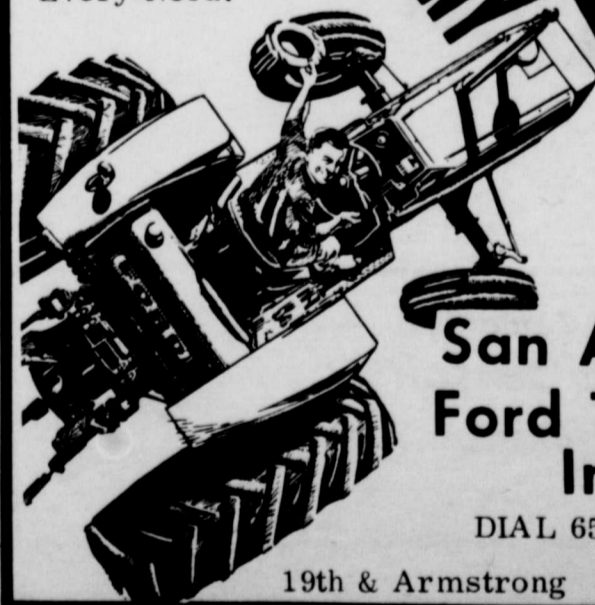
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Former 'Clerk in Store' Got New Lease on Life

From the imaginative mind of this mild-mannered Virginia-born Texan came the idea of drilling for oil in wooded Nacogdoches shortly after the close of the Civil War.

This man was Lyne Taliaferro Barret who came to Nacogdoches County in 1850 when a youth of eighteen years. He was listed by the county's census that year as "clerk in a store."

Nine years after men came to Texas, Barret's interest in petroleum was sparked by the sensational Edwin L. Drake discovery in Pennsylvania, August 27, 1859.

It was in that year, Barret leased a track of land and began boring with an auger. But the Civil War put a stop to his dreams but, following the war, he picked up the threads of his

life again and obtained a new lease late in 1865.

His drilling equipment consisted of an auger eight feet long and eight inches in diameter. The well was "spudded" in on December 20.

In 1866, at a depth of 106 feet, the well began to produce water, oil and gas. It had a flow of ten barrels a day. Some of the oil was sold by the bucketful for lubrication of wagons and buggies.

In 1866 he went to Pennsylvania and arranged for John F. Carll to come to Texas to assess the value of the well plus the future oil possibilities of the area. Carll arrived with equipment and a second well was drilled.

It proved to be a "duster," and since oil was being produced plentifully and cheaply in Pennsylvania, Carll abandoned the project and returned home. Barret also gave up and the project lay dormant for nearly two decades.

About the time Barret was finding oil in Nacogdoches County, W. Cochran leased property to drill at Sour Lake but nothing came of it.

Another oil prospector began to drill in Angelina County in the early 1860's. This was Jack Graham. He didn't obtain enough oil to make it worth his efforts. After serving in the Civil War, he did not return to his seeps to produce oil.

For five to six years after Barret's discovery, no appreciable quantities of petroleum or natural gas are known to have been found in Texas. But in 1871, brothers G. A. and R. G. Graham drilling in Young County for salt water found gas at a depth of 131 to 136 feet but, apparently, did nothing about it.

In 1874, asphalt, tar or petroleum were known to exist in eighteen counties, including Hardin, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Sabine and Shelby counties.

But the oil fever apparently hadn't hit the people strong enough to cause them to invest their time and money to seek the sticky substance.

Exploring Less, Demand Still High

A new study by Chase Manhattan Bank shows that U. S. oil companies' spending for exploration and production has declined sharply in recent years, while demand has continued to rise.

The share of total capital outlay and exploration expense devoted to finding and producing petroleum in this country dropped from 77 per cent in 1956 to 57 per cent in 1966.

Oil Facts, published by the American Petroleum Institute, notes that the bank attributes the cutback to the erosion of the incentive to take the risks involved in searching for oil and

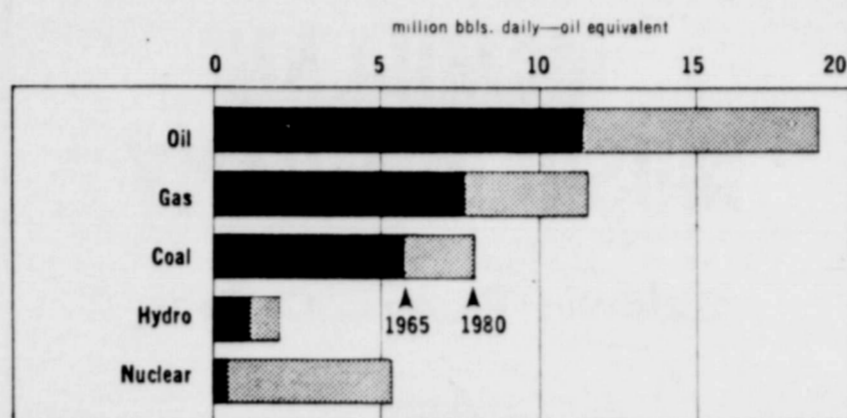
gas. Industry leaders are quoted as saying a cost-price squeeze is the principal reason for the 30 per cent drop in exploratory drilling in the past decade.

Demand for petroleum in this country is expected to increase nearly 50 per cent by 1980. Frank N. Kard, president of the Institute, says it has been conservatively estimated that U. S. oil companies will have to spend \$115 billion worldwide between now and 1980, to meet the demand.

Federal and state motor fuel taxes are costing U. S. motorists \$22.9 million a day.

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RAPID GROWTH PREDICTED IN PETROLEUM DEMAND



Projections by the Chase Manhattan Bank indicate that oil and natural gas will continue to supply nearly three-fourths of the nation's energy in the years ahead. The dark bars show demand for the major energy sources as of 1965 and the lighter bars the bank's predictions for 1980.

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Outside the gates of Jerusalem there is still in existence a

tube of stone which brought water into the pool of Siloam. In the excavation of the city of Pompeii, lead water pipes were found.

In 1865, despite opposition from railroads and teamsters, Samuel Van Syckel laid the first successful oil pipeline, roughly five miles long.

The first major pipeline was completed in 1879. It extended 110 miles from Coryville, in western Pennsylvania, across the Allegheny Mountains to Williamsport, and was regarded as an engineering marvel of the

age. Today, pipelines systems are a nation-wide network, with trunk lines, feeders, terminals, storage tanks, switch systems, dispatchers, and telegraph, telephone and radio systems.

As the crude oil is produced, it is stored in "lease tanks," or tanks on the land leased by the oil producer for his well.

Oil Production Sets New Record We're Still No. 1

The United States produced a record-breaking 3.2 billion barrels of crude oil in 1967.

During 1967, the nation retained its title as the No. 1 oil producer in the world and help to alleviate free world fuel shortages caused by the Middle East strife.

U. S. oil production in '67 averaged nearly 8.8 million barrels daily.

Preliminary estimates indicate the following daily average for other leading oil-producing nations:

USSR 5.7 million barrels; Venezuela 3.5 million; Iran and Saudi Arabia about 2.6 million each; Kuwait 2.3 million and Libya 1.7 million.

Museum Dinosaur Has Neighbor At Smithsonian

The 100-million-year-old Diplodocus dinosaur in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., has a new neighbor. It's the Burton-Humphreys Still, a massive contrivance used by chemists at the Indiana refinery in 1912 to develop the first commercial method of cracking, or splitting, molecules of heavy oil to produce gasoline.

The still is one of more than

100 artifacts, models and other displays that make up Petroleum Hall.

According to the latest issue of Petroleum Today, the 5,500-square-foot exhibition area features other eye-catching displays. The largest unit is a 728-square-foot mural which presents a panoramic view of all phases of petroleum operations. Another exhibit is a 12-foot operating scale of a modern drilling rig.

For the 13 million visitors who through the Smithsonian each year, the Diplodocus skeleton will undoubtedly keep his reputation as a big attraction.

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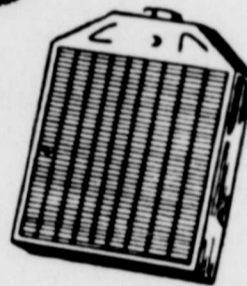
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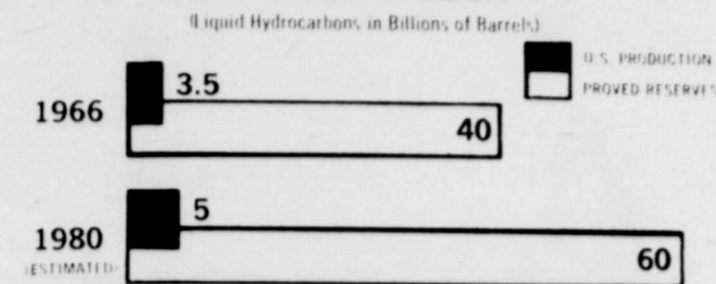
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In recent years U.S. producers have succeeded in maintaining proved reserves of liquid hydrocarbons (crude oil and natural gas liquids) equal to about 12 times their annual production. But as demand and production increase, maintaining this margin becomes more difficult. By 1980, when domestic output is expected to reach 5 billion barrels annually, a 12-year "cushion" of reserves would amount to 60 billion barrels. Industry and government leaders agree that a sharp increase in exploration will be necessary to find these reserves for the future.

Water Well Diggers Struck Oil

In 1894, water well diggers hired by the City of Corsicana were failing in their efforts because they kept hitting oil. Businessmen formed the Corsicana Oil Development Company and brought in Pennsylvania drillers to run it. In 1897 a frenzied oil boom struck the city and Texas oil production reached 65,975 barrels from 47 wells. New companies were formed and derricks popped up all over the east side of town, in yards, gardens and horse lots.

By the end of 1898, Corsicana had almost 400 producing wells. Daily oil production was 2,300 barrels, compared to 500 at the end of 1897.

of land near the well that had gone begging at less than \$10 an acre, suddenly sold for up to \$900,000. In 1901 alone, 1,750,000 barrels of oil were shipped from the new field.

Spindletop ushered in a new era in the use of petroleum--for fuel oil, lighting, and lubrication. Exploration in other parts of Texas was intensified.

Production was outstripping the demand until J. S. Cullinan of Pennsylvania came to Corsicana and built an illuminating oil and gasoline refinery that was a predecessor of the Magnolia Petroleum Company. The refinery had a capacity of 1,000 barrels and cost \$150,000.

The Corsicana boom saw the rotary drill replaced the auger for drilling. Oil was soon used to settle dusty streets and also to burn in locomotives. The Texas Legislature passed a law in 1899, the first oil and gas statute, requiring the casing of productive wells and the confining of gas to prevent its waste.

Then in 1899, Patillo Higgins and his associates who had failed to find oil at Sour Springs Mound

brought Anthony F. Lucas, an experienced salt dome prospector of Washington, D. C., to Texas.

Lucas began drilling south of Beaumont in October, 1900, and on January 10, 1901, the drill pipe shot through the top of the derrick. A powerful column of dark green oil spouted twice the height of the derrick and showered the surrounding area.

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The oil rush to Beaumont brought 50,000 people almost overnight to a town of 9,000.

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Meantime, a specially prepared "mud" composed of water, clay, and chemical additives is pumped down through the inside of the drill pipe. When it reaches the bottom, it is forced out through perforations in the bit, and returns to the surface. The mud flushes cuttings from the well, cools the bit, and cakes the walls of the hole. This helps to keep the hole from caving in until it can be lined with steel casing.

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Tri-Basin Area Once Was Covered With Water

Quite a number of years ago—230 million, to be exact—the areas now comprising West Texas and Southeast New Mexico were covered with a shallow sea of water.

Three specific regions known as the Midland, Delaware and Marfa Basins lay beneath the deepest portions of the sea.

The Midland Basin, covering 18 counties, extended from the present Edwards County to Lubbock County. West of the Midland Basin was a more shallow area known as the Central Basin platform, which covered the present counties of Andrews, Gaines, Ector, Winkler, Crane, Ward, Pecos and Crockett.

The shallow area separated the Midland Basin from the Delaware Basin, which extended from the present Reeves County in a northwesterly direction to Lea and Eddy counties, N. M.

Also in the Delaware Basin were parts of Ward, Pecos, and Crockett and Culberson counties. Situated southwest of the Delaware Basin was a region known

as the Marfa Basin, which encompassed portions of the present Presidio, Jeff Davis, and Culberson counties, and extended into the region now known as New Mexico.

The three basins were the central part of a larger area known as the Guadalupe Basin.

Tiny algae, their bodies laden with calcium, began to reproduce at an amazing rate in the warm, shallow waters surrounding the three deep basins.

Sponges and bryozoans, a class of moss-like marine animals, also found a suitable environment for rapid reproduction in the shallow waters.

Bernhard Kummel of Harvard University says the widespread reproduction of various organisms indicates that there might have been an almost constant upwell of deep water currents from the basins.

The geologist says the currents probably transported different sediments from the stagnant depths of the three basins

some were plant-eaters. One of the reptiles in particular, the theriodont, was a forerunner in the development of mammals.

Marine life also was quite widespread during the period. Dunbar says that more than 500 species of marine life have been identified in rocks from the period in Southwest Texas.

Plant life was not especially abundant during the period. The climate, according to Dunbar, was generally cooler and rather arid, causing many previously abundant plants and trees to disappear.

One exception was the conifers, including firs, pines and cedars, which were ideally suited to the climate, developing quickly were small, and that many were also microscopic in comparison with the giant insects of the previous age.

Several million years earlier, an ancestor of the common cockroach reached the length of four inches, and centipedes reached the length of 12 inches.

Reptiles also were very much in existence during the period, but they were for the most part considerably smaller than the animals of 150 million years later.

Dunbar's studies reveal that the maximum length of reptiles was around 15 feet. He reports that many were carnivorous, and to the surface of the water area, thus providing ample food for the multiplying organisms.

As a result of the intensive growth of organisms, reefs soon began to form around the rims of the basins.

Kummel says the Delaware Basin might have been as deep as 1,800 feet in its deepest spots.

There were also numerous insects during the period in which the Permian Basin was under water, according to studies by Carl O. Dunbar, professor emeritus of paleontology and stratigraphy at Yale University.

Dunbar says that most of the existing insects during the period as the predominate type of woody tree in the area.

However, of all types of life existing during the period, marine life probably was the most successful. Kummel points out that a major wave of extinction destroyed a large number of marine animals later in the period.

He says that several theories have been advanced explaining the reason for extinction. Probably the most plausible, he says, is that the seas withdrew from the continents at the end of the period, thus diminishing the natural habitat in which the marine animals could survive and multiply.

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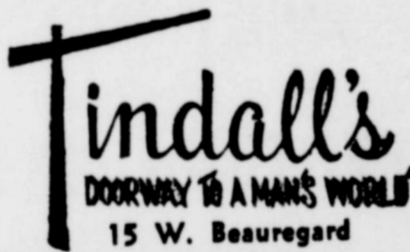
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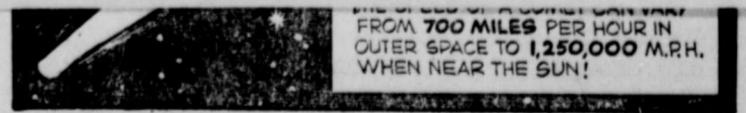
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Supplementing domestic production, we import some crude oil and refined products, principally heavy fuel oil. In early years, most of our crude came from Venezuela, Mexico, and Colombia.

Venezuela is still our largest supplier, having sent us 174,357,000 barrels in 1963, or 42 per cent of our total imports. Approximately 25 per cent of our crude oil imports in 1963 came from the Middle East; nearly 22 per cent came from Canada.

In 1950, we imported more than 177,714,000 barrels of crude oil

and 132,547,000 barrels of refined products, a total of 310,261,000 barrels.

In 1963, imports amounted to over 77,582,000 barrels, of which over 412,660,000 barrels were crude oil and 364,922,000 barrels were refined products.

A major factor in our petroleum supply is the aboveground storage of crude oil and refined products, referred to as "stocks."

These stocks are maintained in a number of ways: at tank farms at or near the oil fields; in tankers, pipe lines, or in trucks that are carrying the oil from field to refinery; at the refinery, either before or after the manufacturing process; and at points of distribution of the finished products to the consumer, such as bulk plants or terminals.

The volume of crude petroleum and petroleum products in storage varies considerably at dif-

ferent periods.

During the depression of the 30's, stocks rose to high levels, and during the Korean War and World War II, intense demand for products reduced stocks sharply. The quantity of oil normally in storage provides working stocks for refineries and takes care of seasonal fluctuations in demand.

Pipelines carry 44 per cent of the petroleum tonnage transported in this country, but trucks, water carriers and railroads also play important roles. The gasoline purchased at a neighborhood service station may have reached the pump through a combination of several means of transportation.

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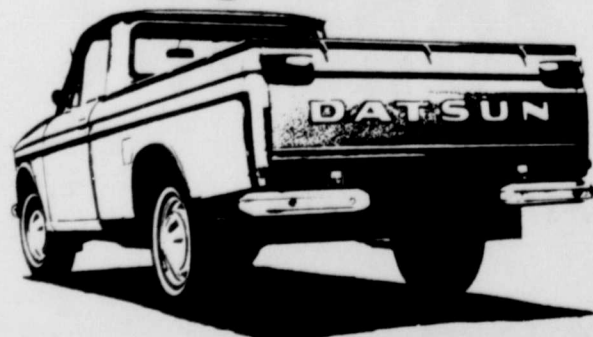
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Development of Public Oil Lands Brings Big Returns

The United States government has collected more than \$4.5 billion from petroleum companies for operations on federally owned lands since 1920.

About 60 per cent of this total—nearly \$2.7 billion—was from offshore leases on the Outer Continental Shelf. The most productive offshore fields lie off the coast of Louisiana, with other fields active off Texas and California.

Revenue from petroleum operations on federal lands hit a new high of more than \$896 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1967. Of that amount various states received \$44 million and \$148 million was deposited in escrow accounts pending settlement of offshore boundary disputes between state and federal governments.

Offshore leasing accounted for about \$780 million of the total for fiscal 1967.

State governments, too, collect millions of dollars each year from petroleum operations on state-owned lands. A recent study by the Interstate Oil Compact Commission indicates the total collected by petroleum-producing states amounts to more than \$360 million a year.

Twenty-four states participating in the IOCC survey reported that a total of 28.5 million acres of state-owned land were leased for oil and gas exploration—an area larger than the state of Ohio. Wells on those state lands produce about 411 million barrels of oil and nearly two trillion cubic feet of gas a year.

Louisiana reported annual income of nearly \$155 million from state-owned oil and gas lands. The figure for Texas was almost \$115 million. Other states near the top of the list included New Mexico with over \$28 million, California with \$27 million, and Alaska with \$17 million. Since the completion of the Compact study, Alaska collected more than \$19 million in a sale of state oil and gas leases in the Cook Inlet area.

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Since 1902, countries in northern Europe have been exchanging important scientific data on the seas that touch the shores of 100 nations. Depth charts for all coastal waters have been collected by an international organization with headquarters in Monaco.

During the International Geophysical Year, a decade ago, oceanographic data centers were established by the United States and the Soviet Union. The two superpowers are continuing to share the knowledge gained with scientists around the world.

Yet the United States is still spending proportionately less on deep-sea research than half a dozen major countries.

The Harvard Business Review issued a 1968 study which showed that Russia, England, Japan, Canada, France and West Germany — whose combined gross national product equals that of the United States — have published twice as

many papers on oceanography.

Russia and Japan are both ahead of the United States in the oceanographic techniques to support their fisheries. Japan is stepping up its underwater research, including the development of unmanned vehicles controlled remotely by a mother ship.

The federal deep-sea research program is at approximately the same stage our space program was before the Russians launched Sputnik in 1957.

We have increased oceanographic spending from about \$20 million in 1958 to \$400 million in 1969, but are still lagging.

At the start of the space program, however, our main need was money.

Helium, which played a vital role in our moon shots, was in adequate supply for our space program.

Now there is a question of whether we will have adequate helium supplies for future ocean research. The rare gas is equally important, indeed vital, to any man-in-the-sea exploration. No other breathing mixture is safe below 50 feet.

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So, in order to probe the sea, we are going to have to extend our helium conservation efforts to insure that when sea exploration is at its peak there will be plentiful helium for our divers to breathe.

Most of all we are going to have to put the ocean frontier in the top financial priority, not only for our own sake but for mankind.

As the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering and Resources said in a report to the President:

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Similarly, we will need to get iron, copper, nickel, cobalt and dozens of other minerals — and they are there in vast deposits on the ocean floor.



Drilling in U.S. Continues 10-Year Decline

Exploratory drilling for oil and gas in the United States continued a 10-year decline in 1967, according to Oil Facts.

Preliminary reports indicate that about 8,600 exploratory wells were drilled in this country last year — a drop of more than 40 per cent since 1957. Oil Facts says industry leaders regard the continuing decline as ominous because petroleum demand is rising rapidly.

A new Federal Trade Commission report shows that oil company profits rank midway between the highest and lowest rates of return among 23 industries studied.

Oil Facts notes that although the net income of the oil companies studied has increased in recent years, the rate of return is still below the 1957 level.

Figures up

U.S. oil companies will have to invest up to \$200 billion between now and 1980 to meet the anticipated increase in petroleum demand, according to Oil Facts. Domestic demand averaged 12.3 million barrels daily in 1967. The figure is expected to rise to 17.5 million barrels a day by 1980.

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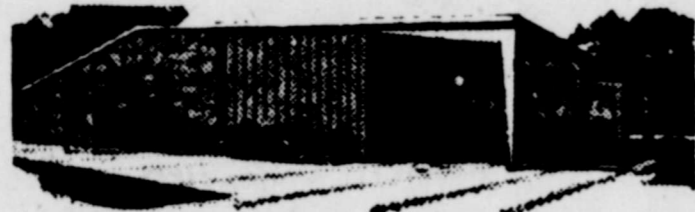
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Gas Field Closed To Shield Cranes

A petroleum company has delayed development of a newly discovered gas field until next May in order to avoid disturbing the world's last flock of whooping cranes.

It is reported that the discovery well is three miles off the Texas coast, near the wildlife refuge to which the sensitive birds return after spending their summers in Canada.

Another oil company won a citation from the National Audubon Society a few years ago for helping to protect the whooping cranes. With the assistance of wildlife conservation authorities, the size of the flock has increased from 14 to 49 in the past three decades.

Offshore Income Lags Behind

Oil companies have quadrupled the production of crude oil from off shore Louisiana waters since 1958, and increased natural gas production from that area six-fold.

But they have a long way to go before recovering the money invested to make these achievements possible.

The petroleum industry's total investment to date in offshore Louisiana operations was recently estimated at \$7.5 billion. This includes the cost of drilling building platforms and pipelines and the payment of lease bonuses to state and federal governments.

The industry's offshore Louisiana income so far--after paying royalties and operating costs--it estimated at \$3.5 billion, leaving a deficit of \$4 billion.

Production of crude oil and lease condensate from offshore Louisiana wells increased from 57 million barrels in 1958 to more than 243 million barrels in 1966. In the same period, offshore natural gas production rose from nearly 169 billion cubic feet to more than one trillion cubic feet.

Profit margins in petroleum fields are lower than they were 10 to 15 years ago.

Texas Users for Texas Products

Consumption begins at home when it comes to products of Texas refineries. And, in many instances, at lower costs, because of the closeness of the state's consumers to sources of supply and manufacture.

The average price for gasoline in the principal marketing areas of Texas, for example, is below the national average by about 7 per cent. A network of "products" pipelines linking primary refining areas with the heaviest marketing centers among the state's 15,000 service stations helps cut down the distribution costs for the flood of gasoline and other fuels demanded by a population "on wheels." In operating nearly six million motor vehicles, Texans burn about 4.7 billion gallons of gasoline a year. Only California motorists burn more.

Texas farmers use more petroleum products than farmers in any other state. The latest figures available indicate commercial farms in Texas spend more than \$143 million for oil and fuel annually. Heavier fuels and distillates find a ready need with railroads and ships operating in or from the state. More fuel is sold for railroads in Texas than in any other state. And nearly one seventh of all the fuel sold ships in the U. S. is taken aboard in Texas ports.

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'Extraordinary Opportunities' Seen for Future Growth

Increased production and production capabilities highlight the annual reports of two major oil firms released last week coupled with forecasts of "extraordinary opportunities" for future growth.

Atlantic Richfield completed in 1969 its first year since the merger of Sinclair Oil Corp. and Standard Oil Co. of Ohio recently finalized its merger with BP Oil Corp.

The Sohio-BP merger opens up to Sohio a major position on the oil rich North Slope of Alaska as well as doubling Sohio's refining capacity and adding a 16-state marketing network. BP was a U. S. subsidiary of British Petroleum Co. Ltd. of London.

Charles E. Spahr, chairman of the board of the Ohio-based firm, indicates the Alaska oil discovery interests obtained in the merger were the most significant.

"It is apparent," he said, "that production from Prudhoe Bay properties will help generate capital and provide resources for the profitable growth of this company for many years to come."

Sohio and its subsidiaries now market in 21 states and the District of Columbia, own and operate bulk plants and terminals throughout that territory, and have interests in products pipelines along the east coast.

The company also has an interest in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, a proposed pipeline that will run from Alaska's north slope to the Port of Valdez on the Gulf of Alaska.

"While the investments required to develop Alaskan oil are large," Spahr says, "the

ultimate return promises to be even larger, with the information we have about the oil reserves, the results are far less speculative than many oil ventures."

The merger gave BP 1,000 shares of Sohio special stock equivalent to a 25 per cent common stock interest. The stock has voting rights but is not entitled to dividends until Jan. 1, 1975, or when the rate of sustainable net production from the Prudhoe Bay properties reaches 200,000 barrels per day.

Atlantic began its second year since the merger with Sinclair on a note of optimism, but expressed anxiety about new tax laws and inflation.

"We are pleased with the first year-end results," said Chairman Robert O. Anderson.

"In the coming year we anticipate additional advantages to be gained from the merger. However, continued inflation and changes in the federal income tax laws, which could increase expenses substantially, make it difficult to forecast 1970 earnings."

Atlantic now has assets of more than \$4 billion and operates in 22 states, 13 foreign countries and from offshore areas in both hemispheres.

The North Slope of Alaska continues to be the area of greatest interest for that firm also. It is conducting a large scale experimental seeding effort on the slope and is engaged in negotiations with other owners of leases in the Prudhoe Bay productive complex for the unitization of the field.

Atlantic, like Sohio, has a 27 1/2 per cent interest in the Trans Alaska pipeline System.

Both firms reported increased activity in uranium, oil shale and coal.

Sohio reports crude oil production with its merger is up

1,000 barrels per day to a total of 51,048. Atlantic reports a four per cent hike in crude oil production in North America of an average of 454,200 barrels daily.

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ALUMNI GROUP DATE FOR MAY 10
The Sterling City Alumni Association is holding a dance for this year on Friday, May 10, at the Sterling City High School. Mrs. C. J. Copeland, president of the group, said the dance would be held at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Bill Lian, secretary, said the dance was composed of Rev. Vin Foster and the Stockman's Su-

Sophomores to Wash May 9
The sophomore class of Sterling City High School will be washed at the Lupe Amador Wash on Friday, May 9, at 10 a.m. The wash will be held at the Lupe Amador Wash and the plan is to have a picnic at the Stockman's Su-

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Two-thirds of the nation's oil wells are classified as "stripper wells," meaning that they can produce only a few barrels a day. Together, however, they produce 485 million barrels a year. This exceeds the combined annual output of all the wells in Oklahoma, Wyoming and New Mexico. Stripper well fields in 25 states are estimated to contain one-fifth of the nation's oil reserves.

Future Expected To Surpass Past

The future of petroleum chemistry will undoubtedly surpass even its astounding past. Abundant new sources of oil are being discovered faster than oil is consumed. As a result of improved exploration, recordery and refining methods, the U. S. today has ten times the proved resources it had in 1900. And throughout the world, modern scientific techniques are enabling the industry to find and develop new fields. Meantime, chemistry continues to synthesize new products from petroleum, enriching our lives. Among the more interesting new developments on the horizon are aviation fuels, petrochemicals, electrochemistry and metallurgy.

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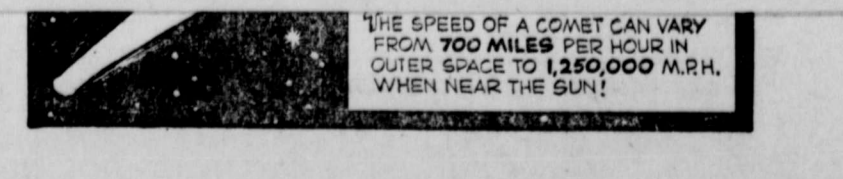
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In 1956, Texas Production Set Record

In 1956, Texas' all-time crude oil production record of 1,107,808,000 barrels was set.

A state investigation of slant-well drilling in East Texas was triggered in 1961, when an illegal well slanted at a 55-degree angle pierced the casing of a 25-year-old well. By 1963, investigators had found 93 wells slanted to obtain oil from someone else's lease.

Meanwhile, through trials and booms over the years, the processing of Texas oil and gas has become a major industry in the state. By 1962 investments in petrochemical plants on the Texas Gulf Coast were \$4 billion, with about a hundred plants in the Houston area alone pouring out \$8 billion in products a year.

Drillers went deeper and deeper and in 1963 the world's deepest gas well was completed at 19,895 feet near Fort Stockton. Conservation has been a major concern in recent years. The industry and the Railroad Commission have made great strides in combating water pollution.

About 90 per cent of the salt

water produced in drilling is now being pumped back to underground formations where it cannot harm fresh water.

The Railroad Commission passed laws to provide wider spacing of wells, granting them higher production rates, so fields could be developed with fewer wells and less cost.

The Legislature, in 1965, passed a pooling statute which set up provisions so that various owners of a field could combine small tracts of land into a larger unit, where a single well, would be drilled and all would share in the proceeds.

The nation's economy in recent years has brought about changes in the industry too. There is less exploration than in previous decades and reserves have declined slightly in recent years. More emphasis is being put on secondary recovery, by going back to old wells to squeeze out the last feasible drop. Most large companies have been through cost-cutting programs in recent years.

Texas is again being called upon to provide the extra pro-

duction for the Vietnam war, and despite vast discoveries of oil around the world still provides the nation with a fourth of its total energy.

Today the state's petroleum operations, in 210 of its 254 counties, provide \$4 billion a year in income, payrolls of \$1.3 billion and 22.3 per cent of state tax revenues.

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Natural Gas Demand Is Up

Noting that the U. S. today relies on natural gas for one-third of its energy requirements, the American Petroleum Institute publication states that the demand for natural gas has increased nineteenfold over the past 45 years. Looking ahead, it points out that Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has called for the addition of 30 trillion cubic feet of natural gas annually to the nation's reserves to serve the growing population.

Petroleum Today explains that natural gas is so tightly locked in the subterranean rock under New Mexico that normal production techniques cannot free it economically. The purpose of the explosion is to fracture large sections of the rock and, hopefully, make the trapped gas more readily accessible.

The actual blast won't provide much of a show for the official

observers on the scene, the magazine says. The real spectacular will happen underground, and "it will happen fast."

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May Allowable Is Sliced

The Railroad Commission pointed to the amount of crude oil on hand and a change in figuring production Wednesday in slicing the May statewide oil allowable to 64, 5 per cent of potential.

The rollback in the allowable halted a four-month string of 68 per cent factors, highest in 17 years.

The May allowable will permit maximum production of 3,504,375 barrels a day, or 147,530 fewer than in April.

Estimated actual production will fall only 43,750, the commission said.

The reduction was ordered for next month despite nominations by major purchasers totaling 20,922 barrels a day more than in April. The Bureau of Mines forecast that the demand for Texas crude next month would exceed this month's demand by 100,000 barrels.

The bureau's forecast of 3.2

million is still below the estimated production, and the nomination of 3,251,851 barely exceed the estimated production.

Commission Chairman Ben Ramsey said Texas' crude oil stocks on April 3 totaled 105.7 million barrels, 200,000 more than the previous week, 2.7 million more than a month ago and 10.4 million barrels more than a year ago.

Ramsey also said the commission had learned that production is running higher than it used to when the commission calculated that a change of one point in the allowable would raise out-put by 12,500 barrels a day.

"Production is greater than expected," he said, "and we're getting a lower percentage of underproduction."

The only change in written nominations was by Clark Oil & Refining Corp., which raised its request by 10,000 barrels a day to 21,392. A spokesman said

Clark expected to reduce its inventory in April by one million barrels.

Cosden Pipeline Co. said it had been able to sell 8,000 barrels of crude this month and "we're out of the woods as of now and hope to avert the pipeline proration that was threatened April 1."

But a spokesman for American Petrofina Pipe Line Co. said that "due to high allowables" the company had run out of storage space for its surplus East Texas Crude oil. "We're faced with a turnaround overhaul at Mount Pleasant in June," the spokesman said, "and unless we make room, sell crude, we've no place to store the oil." Petrofina has a refinery in Mount Pleasant.

Allowables, by district in barrels per day, are:

- San Antonio No. 1—54,855.
- San Antonio No. 2—222,169.
- Houston—459,394.
- Corpus Christi—231,841.
- Kilgore No. 4—43,626.
- Kilgore No. 6 outside East Texas Field—216,724.

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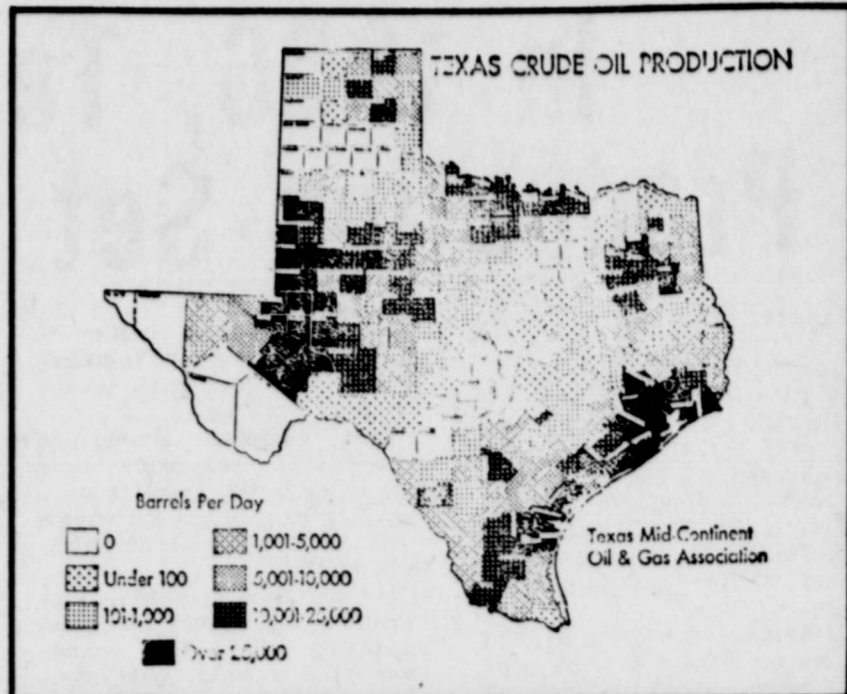
- Abilene—129,391.
- San Angelo—131,377.
- Midland—859,601.
- Lubbock—702,837.
- Wichita Falls—176,733.
- Pampa—89,471.

Big Tax Bill

Americans are paying federal and state motor fuel taxes at a rate of \$22.9 million a day in 1968.

This is an increase of 83 per cent over the daily collections of \$12.5 million a decade ago, when the combined state and federal gasoline tax rate averaged 8.91 cents a gallon.

In January, 1968, the average rate was 10.72 cents a gallon—the equivalent of a 47 per cent sales tax on the retail price of regular-grade gasoline.



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Exploration Phenomenon

Another physical phenomenon used in oil exploration is magnetism.

The earth has a magnetic field somewhat similar to that of an ordinary bar magnet, but its lines of force are not uniformly located. Wherever you are, the needle of an ordinary magnetic pocket compass will line up with the horizontal component of these lines of force. But this is only part of the story.

There is also a "dip" or angle to the surface that can easily be found for your locality by balancing a steel knitting needle, or a very large sewing needle, from a silk thread and then magnetizing the needle.

Turn the needle so that it points north and south and it will dip, indicating the actual direction of the earth's magnetic lines of force at your location. (Be sure to balance the needle before magnetizing it.)

Almost all elements are magnetic to some degree. Iron, nickel, and cobalt, which have a strong magnetic response, are called ferromagnetic. The response of other elements is so much weaker it is perceptible only in very strong magnetic fields.

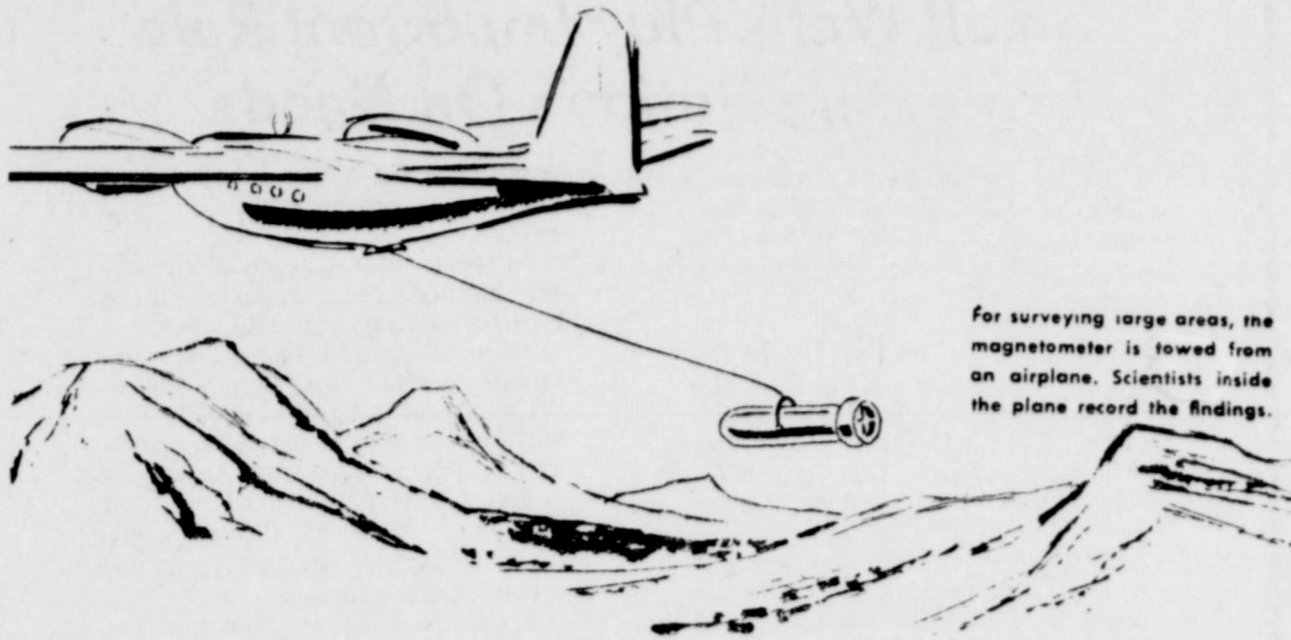
Those elements which respond weakly in the same direction as the ferromagnetic elements are

called paramagnetic. Others respond in the opposite direction and are called diamagnetic. They include bismuth, gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead, antimony, cadmium, and mercury.

Now let us see how magnetism is used in exploring for oil. The device employed is a magnetometer. It was first used in exploring the earth's magnetic field to secure data for the preparation of navigational charts. The magnetometer is essentially a very fine and delicately suspended compass needle used to find both the horizontal component and the dip angle.

As the instrument moves over the ground, the varying depth of paramagnetic rock layers below the surface causes changes in the dip angle. Turns or dips of the needle too slight to be noticed by the human eye cause a tiny mirror on the needle's suspension to change the direction of a beam of light. Through a microscope the light can be seen moving across a scale.

For surveying large areas, the magnetometer is suspended from an airplane. Signals from the magnetometer pass through a cable to recording instruments inside the plane. In a few hours an airplane can chart an area that might take months or years to survey on the ground.



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Quality of Gasoline Is at All-Time High

The average antiknock ratings of premium and regular-grade gasolines sold in the United States are at record high levels and still rising.

That fact is confirmed by separate laboratory tests conducted on a regular basis by the U. S. Bureau of Mines and by the Ethyl Corporation.

Antiknock (octane) rating is one of several criteria by which motor fuel quality is judged.

The monthly Ethyl survey is based on more than 1,100 samples collected across the nation. Average octane numbers of premium gasolines have risen from 71 in 1925 to 100.1 as of December, 1967. The average for regular-grade gasolines increased, in the same period, from 55 to 94.3.

The same upward trend is shown in studies by the Bureau of Mines.

In spite of the improvement in quality over the years, today's gasoline prices--before taxes--are lower than those of the early 1920's.

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SOCIAL SECURITY HERE ON MAY 8
Don Minyard, senator for the state, scheduled his office in Sterling City, the County on Friday, May 8, from 10 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. to file a claim or get information on other business. Security Administration contact him at 267-6306.

ALUMNI GRADUATE FOR MAY 9
The Sterling City Association has scheduled a dance for this year on Friday, May 9, at 8 p. m. Mrs. C. J. Copeland, president of the association, said the dance would be held at the home of C. J. Copeland, 1001 Davis St. Mrs. Bill L. Copeland is secretary. The dance is composed of Rev. J. W. Foster and Mrs. C. J. Copeland.

Sophomores to Wash May 9
The sophomore class of Sterling City High School will have a car wash here May 9, from 8 a. m. to 12 p. m. Lupe Amador is chairman. Cars will be washed for \$1.50 each and the place will be the Stockman's Supply Store.

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Small Wells Play Important Role In Meeting Nation's Oil Needs

Careful management of small wells provides United States consumers with 500 million barrels of oil annually which otherwise would be wasted by being left underground.

A report by the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and the National Stripper Well Association says there are about 377,000 "stripper" wells in this country—wells which produce no more than 10 barrels of oil a day.

Although their individual output is small—averaging only 3.6 barrels daily—stripper wells produced a total of nearly 5.5 billion barrels of oil during the past decade.

Currently, these small wells provide one-sixth of all U.S. oil production. The fields in which they are located are estimated to contain

more than 6.2 billion barrels of oil—one-fifth of the nation's proved reserves.

In several states, secondary recovery methods are responsible for a large percentage of the oil recovered from stripper well fields. These operations usually involve injection of water or gas into underground formations to restore used-up pressures and thus push oil toward the wells.

Even with the aid of modern technology, however, all wells eventually either run dry or become uneconomical to operate.

When that happens, the well has to be closed down. According to the annual stripper well reports, an average of 14,500 wells were closed down each year during the last decade, while the search for new reserves continued.

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A new study published by the Colorado School of Mines says potential future discoveries of natural gas in the United States could total 690 trillion cubic feet. This would be in addition to current proved reserves of 286 trillion cubic feet.

However, the study—quoted in Oil Facts—emphasizes that future economic incentives and improvements in technology will determine how much of this potential gas will actually be found and produced.

Half Tonnage To Vietnam Is Products Of Oil

The petroleum requirements of the U. S. armed forces have doubled since the Korean war, but military officials report that the men in Vietnam are being well supplied with fuels.

Oil Facts quotes military spokesmen as saying that more than half of the tonnage shipped to Vietnam consists of petroleum products. Once the oil reaches Vietnam, it is kept moving to its destination by barges, pipelines, trucks and aircraft. Oilmen and the military have created complete petroleum installations where nothing had previously existed but sand or jungle.



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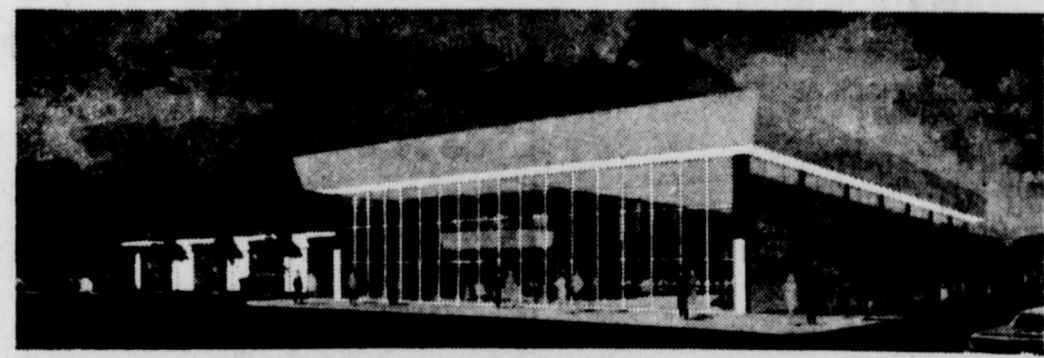
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Oil Industry's Beginning Is Linked To Ancient Seas

Through the centuries, man's speculations on the origin of oil rank among his most imaginative, according to Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

During the Middle Ages, for example, a Polish scholar more gifted in the Psalms than the sciences, explained oil seepages in his country as evidences of the Garden of Eden. Portions of the Garden sank during the Great Flood, he surmised. In good time, a part of Adam's bounty became petroleum.

Some explanations were more bizarre. For hundreds of years, the puzzlement of surface oil deposits often ended with explanations anchored in the bodies of saints, corpses of giants, or fluids of departed whales. As late as 1656 an encyclopedia defined petroleum asphalt as "a kind of clay or slime, naturally clammy, growing in certain countries of Asia".

Modern man has produc-

ed arresting theories, too. Less than a half-century ago, Dmitri Mendeleev, the great Russian chemist, suggested the cauldron of the inner earth turned seeping sea water and subterranean deposits of iron and carbon into oil and gas.

More recently scientists have tinkered with theories likening the depths to a gigantic electric battery whose elements interact to begin the hydro-carbon or the petroleum chain. Most daring of the modern proposals is that of one Immanuel Velikovsky who argues oil was rained on the earth by Venus when it was a comet. He proposes that carbon and hydrogen gases in the comet's trailing tail partly liquefied on entering the earth's atmosphere and fell in a flaming spectacle.

Where does petroleum come from?

The majority of today's geologists believe oil, in a very roundabout way,

comes from the sea--from the seas of millions of years ago. This is the organic theory of the origin of oil.

This evidence indicates that great amounts of inland organic material -- tree branches and trunks, matted foliage, animal carcasses, and fish--floated with the muds, ooze, and sands washing into the earth's primeval oceans. In addition, the seas themselves contributed the remains of addition, the seas themselves contributed the remains of their countless inhabitants, both plant and animal. Perhaps most vital of all were the minute but legion amounts of algae, the vegetable forms that teem in water.

Trapped under gradually thickening layers of the earth's surface, the muds and ooze and sands changed, and so did the organic materials in them. The muds became shales, the ooze limestones, the sands sandstones, all forms of sedimentary rock. Sealed from the air, protected from ordinary decay by sea water, attacked by pressure, heat, bacteria, and time in the presence of catalysts, the lowly remnants of surface life yielded oil and gas, tremendous sources of potential energy.

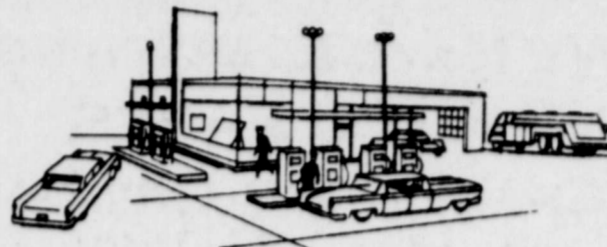
More than 99 per cent of the world's petroleum has come from sedimentary rocks.

Geologists call the rocks where they believe oil and gas formed source beds. As these shales and limestones compacted, they gave up their fluids, some of which contained oil and gas particles. Carried by the flow of subterranean waters, the particles entered more porous rocks, called reservoir beds. To be meaningful to man, the particles must have eventually ended their migration in a geologic structure sealing off the reservoir.

More than \$24 billion in state and federal highway user tax collections have been spent on non-road projects since 1956.

Domestic taxes on the U. S. petroleum industry and its products reached a record high of nearly \$10.5 billion in 1966. This was an increase of 38 per cent

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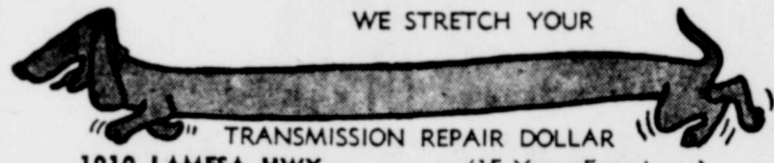
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**'Seas' Of
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Most of the world's oil and gas deposits occur in sedimentary basins and along continental shores long since removed from view by the inexorable sculpting of geologic time, according to the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

Fortunately for Texas, waters of the past swept abundantly across its face. When the age of oil dawned more than a hundred years ago, the state was destined to rise to the pinnacle of the petroleum world once its vast resources were discovered.

To understand the processes that created these veritable "seas" of petroleum, one must realize that things are not as they seem--not if today's oil is being pumped from depths that were a distant yesterday's surface.

The earth seems stable enough. Actually, it possesses remarkable stability on a day-to-day basis that makes life much less haphazard than it might otherwise be. Barring cataclysmic disaster, today's roadbeds, lake shores, mountain views, and town sites will be those of tomorrow.

But have you ever watched the etching of a West Texas sand dune by the force of the wind? Or perhaps observed the eroding action of a cloudburst on an unprotected hillside? Then you know something of nature's changing character and destructive processes.

Under the corrosive influences of wind, rain, snow, frost and vegetation--the scalpels of geologic time--the deformation of the earth's surface moves forward relentlessly. Rocks shatter under the influence of frost and expanding roots. Sand borne by the wind blasts at defenseless surfaces. Waters bubbling with the acids of decayed plants apply the finishing touches to the destruction. Solid rock becomes sand or clay and is susceptible to the washing actions of a sudden shower or a river's currents. Debris is carried to the sea where, in ceaseless waves and tides, the sediment is scattered over the ocean floor. Swept clean the surface is again attacked by the tireless forces of nature.

At the same time counterbalancing movements are taking place. As the elements eat away at the surface, great segments of the earth are slowly, almost imperceptibly, rising from the sea. In distant years, these uplifts may become great mountain ranges and alter beyond recognition the shape of our continent as we now know it.

In explaining the geologic history of Texas, geologists begin with the distant epoch they call the Precambrian. During this age, 600,000,000 years ago and beyond, thick sediments apparently piled up, to be gradually transformed by heat and pressure in future ages into granite and gneiss and schist--all

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Trust Fund. This represented 36.5 per cent of the special taxes which the federal government collected from motor vehicle owners and operators. For fiscal 1967 alone, the amount that went to the General Fund was \$1.4 billion.

By the time all figures are tabulated, diversion of state highway user taxes in the 1957-67 period is expected to exceed \$5.5 billion.

Gas Potential Measured in Trillions

A new study published by the Colorado School of Mines says potential future discoveries of natural gas in the United States could total 690 trillion cubic feet. This would be in addition to current proved reserves

of 286 trillion cubic feet. However, the study--quoted in Oil Facts--emphasizes that future economic incentives and improvements in technology will determine how much of this potential gas will be found.

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hard, tightly packed rocks whose formation occurred under tremendous temperatures which would have destroyed any organic materials contained in them.


The next period, 600,000,000 to 270,000,000 years ago, is of great importance to the Texas petroleum industry. It is in sediments of Paleozoic times that much of the state's petroleum has been found. During this age, geologists believe, the present coastal plain of Texas was a great land mass which drained into seas occupying much of central and western Texas. These sedimentary formations now contain the deep reservoirs of West Texas. Later, but during the same geologic age, the formations which hold many of the oil-bearing reservoirs of North and West Central Texas were created. And still later, between 270,000,000 years ago, strata which have yielded much of the oil of the Panhandle and West Texas were formed.

During the Mesozoic age which followed, great changes in Texas land masses occurred. Apparently early in the age, dated from 225,000,000 to 70,000,000, Texas stood above the seas as a result of massive uplifts of land. But as time progressed, the seas encroached. By the end of the age--in Cretaceous time, from whose formations come large amounts of East Texas oil--the inundation had moved northward entirely across the surface. The eastern areas of Texas were now depressed and drainage reversed.


What followed is the youngest age by geologic standards, the Cenozoic, dated from 70,000,000 years to the present. During its span, streams and rivers sought new routes, pushing eastward toward the sea and depositing sediments on and at the end of their journey. The ocean washed at the continental shore-line of Texas, spreading sediment in ever-thickening layers on the floor of the sea. In the

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American consumers are the chief beneficiaries of the mineral depletion provision of the federal income tax code, according to Congressman A. Sydney Herlong Jr. of Florida. "The strongest justification for this provision", he says, "is what it has accomplished in giving us an ample supply of reasonably priced energy fuels and raw materials needed to maintain an industrial civilization."

Oil Facts, the Florida Congressman points out that percentage depletion applies to oil, gas and more than 100 other minerals.

Representative Herlong said percentage depletion--which encourages mineral producers to continue the search for new reserves--has made it possible for the nation's mineral industries to meet the rapidly rising demands of industrial civilization in peacetime, wartime and the cold war era.

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Figures Reveal World Fleet Increases

The world tanker fleet as of December 31, 1962, totaled 3,259 vessels--an increase of 70.5 per cent over the immediate post-war figure. Of these ships, 1,955 were owned by non-oil companies, 807 by oil companies and 497 were government-owned.

For the purpose of this classification, an oil company is defined as an enterprise which engages in, or whose parent concern engages in, some phase of the oil business other than the ocean transportation of oil.

A non-oil company is one whose sole petroleum activity is transporting crude oil or petroleum products by tankship.

On December 31, 1962, the total deadweight of the world fleet came to 72 million tons. This represents a gain of 48 million tons, about 201 per cent, over September, 1945, and an increase of 3,136,300 tons, or 4.6 per cent, over December, 1960.

Oil Is Young

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formations of this age are found the Tertiary reservoirs of the Gulf Coast.

Although they display general agreement over the limits of the various periods, geologists differ widely over the age of oil. Some geologists believe oil formed while the organic debris gathered on the ocean floor. Others assert oil formed later than the accumulating stage but before the sediments became rock. Still another group favors a theory which contends oil is being formed in buried rock strata today. The carbon 14 method of radioactive dating indicates some oils are relatively young, perhaps 5,000 years, but this does not disprove that some petroleum may be very old.

Supplying Men in Vietnam

The petroleum requirements of the United States armed forces have doubled since the Korean War, but military officials report that the men in Vietnam are being kept well supplied with

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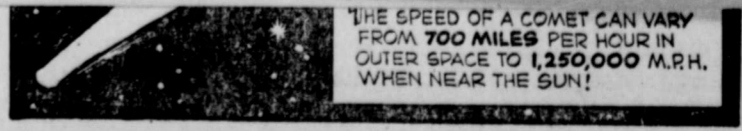
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Crude Oil Production Well Above Normal

The United States increased its crude oil production 48 million barrels above normal levels during the summer and early fall of this year, to meet international fuel shortages caused by the Middle East crisis.

Admiral Onnie P. Lattu, director of the Interior Department's Office of Oil and Gas, said, "Americans everywhere may be grateful that our main sources of these indispensable liquid fuels are our own, and

that when the hour of need arose, they were available not only to us, but to our friends as well." Events of the past few months, he added, served to remind all Americans of petroleum's vital role in national security.

Oil Facts, reporting on the petroleum industry's response to the emergency, notes that oil production during much of the summer exceeded normal levels by nearly one million barrels a day. Unusual stresses also were placed on pipelines, tankers and refining facilities.

Of the "extra" oil produced, about 22 million barrels went to Europe and 21 million barrels to the U. S. east coast to replace interrupted imports. Smaller amounts went to eastern Canada and the U. S. west coast. By contrast, the American Petroleum Institute publication notes, U. S. crude oil exports in the past five years averaged only 1.5 million barrels annually.

During August, the U. S. supplied 20 per cent of England's oil needs, compared to a normal level of only 1 per cent.

Oil companies worked closely with the federal government in maintaining supply and transportation. Government officials praised oilmen for their cooperation and their ability to cope with emergencies.

J. Cordell Moore, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, said order was restored to the world oil picture "by the historic flexibility and responsiveness of the oil industry and the outstanding performance of individual oil companies."

*Reduction in
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A recent survey of 43 oil companies and their subsidiaries revealed a substantial reduction in petroleum industry fires during 1966.

The total number of fires reported dropped 32 per cent below the 1965 level. The frequency of fires per 100 properties declined 47 per cent.

During the past 37 years the petroleum industry's average annual fire-loss ratio has been 9.2 cents per \$100 of insurable values. The ratio for 1966--8.1 cents per \$100 of insurable values--was well below that average.

Facts About the Industry

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The "fuel cell" is a novel device that converts chemical energy directly into electrical energy. Unlike a storage battery, it needs no charging and unlike a dry cell, it is never "used up." The fuel cell can use almost any hydrocarbon fuel and generate electricity from its oxidation. Some authorities believe that its actual efficiency may some day be triple that of conventional internal combustion engines. Possessed of great potential, it promises to supply electricity for homes and other buildings, and to furnish quiet power for transportation.

The future of petroleum chemistry will undoubtedly surpass even its astounding past. Abundant new sources of oil are being discovered faster than oil is consumed. As a result of improved exploration, recovery and refining methods, the United States today has 10 times the proved reserves it had in 1900, and throughout the world, modern scientific techniques are enabling the industry to find and develop new fields. Meantime, chemistry continues to synthesize new products from petroleum, enriching our lives. Among the more interesting new developments on the horizon are:

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Oilmen, Military Working Together

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Vietnam consists of petroleum products. Oilmen and the armed forces, he added, are working shoulder to shoulder to see that deliveries are made on time.

As of two years ago, oil companies were doing 95 per cent of the job of delivering petroleum products to the men fighting in Vietnam. More recently, Colonel Johnson said, military supply teams have been able to take over an increasing share of that responsibility. Within a short time, military authorities expect to have one million barrels of storage capacity in Vietnam.

The armed forces use jet fuel, aviation gasoline, motor gasoline, diesel fuel, heavy oil such as Navy Special fuel, liquefied petroleum gases, lubricants, greases and other oil products. It takes careful planning and coordination of effort to deliver the right products to the right places around the world at the right time.

John Ricca, deputy director of the Office of Oil and Gas, U. S. Department of the Interior, recently complimented the petroleum industry on its ability to "take stride the demands made upon it as a result of the Vietnam war."

Excellent progress has been made in emergency petroleum preparedness during the past year, he said, through the cooperation of oilmen with the government.

Complete petroleum installations have had to be created in Vietnam where nothing existed but sand or jungle. Docks, wharves, piers, tank farms and other facilities have been built. The oil is kept moving to its destination by barges, pipelines, trucks and aircraft.

Some Navy bombers, for example, were converted to flying service stations. By refueling combat planes in mid-air, they are credited with having saved more than 380 aircraft and their pilots from crash-landing into the sea.

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Almost Half Of U.S. Oil Lies In Lone Star State

The "shock waves" generated by this state's explosive entry in 1901 onto the world petroleum scene still reverberate in strength and diversity through the Texas economy, according to a recent issue of Texas Oil and Gas, published by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

The 48-page publication, which summarizes in "source book" form the complicated sweep of petroleum industry activities, notes that Texas, after producing thirty billion barrels of crude oil, still has nearly half of the nation's petroleum reserves.

The publication presents the story of Texas petroleum in eight chapters, illustrated with 52 photographs, 13 of which are in full color.

The chapters, in brief, cover:

Geology -- The organic formation of oil--a process

in which petroleum developed from the great amounts of living materials--is believed by most geologists to have produced the vast deposits of oil and gas found beneath Texas soil today. The organic materials carried to these basins and seas became trapped under gradually increasing layers of soil and rock and were transformed into petroleum.

History--The state's first oil well was drilled in the fall of 1866 near Nacogdoches by a former store clerk, Lyne Taliaferro Barret. But, it was Spindletop, in January, 1901, that, in one fell swoop, made America the leading nation in oil production and made Texas the leading oil state.

Drilling and exploration-- Because of the necessity of going deeper to find new petroleum reserves, costs per well have climbed steadily. The cost of the average oil well is now \$55,

960. In the past century, 550,000 holes have been drilled in the quest for Texas oil, 11,109 of these in 1966. Nearly 29 per cent of all the wells drilled in the U. S. last year were in Texas.

Production--Texas crude oil production has surpassed the billion-barrel mark five times during the past 16 years and has stayed near this remarkable figure in the years remaining. The state has produced over 30 billion barrels of oil and still accounts for about 35 per cent of the nation's raw petroleum. Texas fields are being given extended lives through the skilled use of secondary recovery methods.

Transportation--Every 24 hours the Texas petroleum industry must move nearly half a million tons of oil from fields to refineries and then move about that much finished products into the economy.

Refining--The state has 48 refineries, most of them located on the Gulf Coast. These plants have a total capacity of some 2.7 million barrels a day--about 26 per cent of the nation's total and more than any other state. More than 2,600 petroleum products are produced at Texas refineries.

Natural Gas--Natural gas heats and cooks in more than two million Texas homes and provides the

energy, either directly, for virtually all of the state's industries. Texas produced about seven trillion cubic feet of gas in 1966, again making the state the leader in U. S. natural gas production, a title it has held since 1929. The state has 42.7 per cent of the nation's natural gas reserves.

Public service--The petroleum industry paid \$244 million in state taxes in 1966--roughly one of every

five tax dollars collected by the state. This doesn't take into consideration tax payments made to the multitudinous local subdivisions of government. State government also receives great benefit from petroleum extraction in the form of leases, bonuses, and royalties paid on state-owned land. Too, the state's largest selective tax is on the petroleum industry's chief product--motor fuel.

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**Incentives Play Major
Role In Search For Gas**

Potential future discoveries of natural gas in the United States could total 690 trillion cubic feet, according to a new study published by the Mineral Resources Institute of the Colorado School of Mines.

The study report emphasizes that future advances in drilling and production technology will determine how much of the potential gas will actually be found and produced.

In addition to the estimated 690 trillion cubic feet yet to be discovered, the nation had proved gas reserves amounting to 286 trillion cubic feet as 1967 began.

During 1966, Americans used about 17.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The demand is expected to rise sharply in the next several years, reaching 36 trillion cubic feet a year by 1990.

The new study is regarded as the most reliable, most scientific and most objective of the several future gas supply estimates published in recent years. It was conducted by the Potential Gas Committee, a group of more than 100 industry experts.

Support for the project came from the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, and the Independent Natural Gas Association of America.

The study covers all states but Alaska and Hawaii. Revisions at two-year intervals will reflect any significant developments such as efforts to free gas from "tight" rock formations with underground nuclear blasts. Project Gasbuggy, the first such experiment, is slated this fall in New Mexico.

PETROLEUM RANKS HIGH IN ASSETS PER WORKER

Petroleum companies have nearly five times more money invested per employee than the all-industry median, according to a recent survey.

Reporting on the 500 largest U. S. industrial corporations, Fortune magazine shows petroleum companies' median assets per worker as \$86,328. This compares with \$18,212 for all industries. Among some petroleum companies, the investment per worker ranges up to more than \$300,000.

The Fortune survey also demonstrates that petroleum profits are reasonable. Petroleum companies' median return on investment in 1966 was 12.3 per cent. For all industries the figure was 12.7 per cent.

World production of crude oil in 1963 was estimated to be 9,503,000,000 barrels—a new record. Of this, the United States produced 29 per cent, or 2,752,723,000 barrels.



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Creative Handcrafts Win Hands Down

Hooray for the beret, it's easy to crochet!

And so are the pert skirt and the "vested" interests of an attractive matching ensemble now appearing on the cover of a popular magazine.

The three-piece outfit, quick to make and fun to wear, includes a skirt worked from the waistband down in easy double, treble crochet stitches. The fringed bolero is worked from the waist up in one piece to the squared armholes. And the beret is made from a double strand of yarn.

The ensemble sets the style in fun for a gay assortment of crafts for the whole family. McCall's Annual of Creative Handcrafts also contains 24 pages of bewitching stitching and instructions for more than 38 different stitches.

"Our new 1970 issue," remarks Nan Comstock, editor, "is many faceted and all the facets are brilliant. It will help the whole family to enjoy the delights of surrounding itself with beautiful, amusing things made by hand."

The mane event in embroidery gives a lifelike dimension to lions. Manes are in Turkey work loops, but the different yarns used—fine yarns for the small lion, knitting worsted for the large—produce contrasting effects.

Lampshade dress-ups are fun to make with scraps of string and yarn in colors which match your decor. Trims are glued or sewn in various designs and patterns on plain paper or fabric-covered shades. For a three-dimensional effect, perky tufts are made by cutting loops of yarn sewn to the shades.

Made in machine applique, the colorful butterfly is composed of fabric scraps in cool, summery shades of blue and green. Pieces of fabric in contrasting colors and textures are glued to a coarse linen back-



ground; outlines and details are machine embroidered.

A fun project for Dad and a fascinating gift for a child is the big wooden barn on wheels and seven wood animals for playing "farm." These can then be put into the barn and pulled along. The barn has white trimmed windows all around and a pretty Dutch door.

The shell flower plaque consists of a myriad of shells in assorted sizes, shapes and colors grouped together to make lilies of the valley, hyacinths, and many other real and imaginary flowers. These are attached on burlap-covered cardboard, then finished with a felt bow for a summery wall hanging.

Ad-lib whimsies combine bits of yarn with rustic weathered wood and imagination for fun-to-create wall plaques. Motifs are outlined with nails, then yarn is wrapped around nail to complete design. The

plaques are embellished with household items such as tacks for corn kernels, beads for flower centers, and pipe cleaners for a spider.

To amuse tots, the three little pigs of storybook fame are made in cuddly knitting. They carry their building materials—bricks, twigs and straw. The trio is knitted on double-pointed needles, then stuffed with cotton batting.

Cutouts known as "All-Day" cookies are fun to bake and fun to eat. The extra-big cookies (the elephant is eight inches long) will create excitement at any gathering of little gourmets. A special dough makes sturdy cookies to cover with plain-and-fancy designs in sugar icing.

As a whole, the helpful and handsome 1970 McCall's Annual of Creative Handcrafts, now available on your newsstands, provides varied and crafty ways to brighten your days.

Lions to Recognize Outstanding Family

Everyone Asked to Vote

The Sterling City Lions Club will recognize the outstanding family of Sterling County when they hold the annual ladies night program soon. The idea is to recognize the work for community improvement and betterment, as well as unselfish public service here. A family can work on fund drives, hold civic or public service type club positions, can do more for their community and fellow citizens—and such family is to be recognized with a plaque from the club honoring them for their efforts.

Everyone can vote. Anyone who lives in Sterling County may vote. Just fill in your choice on the ballot below—and mail it to P.O. Box 435, Sterling City, Texas. Just think who you believe has done enough during the year to get your vote—then fill in this ballot and mail it to the club's committee for the tallying.

Outstanding Family Ballot

I vote for outstanding family of Sterling County:—

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TEXAS OIL PRODUCTION

Texas, the nation's leading oil producer, has yielded more than 21 billion barrels of oil during the past 79 years of recorded production, according to the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

This has meant a statewide distribution of income which currently averages about \$3.4 billion a year. With 207 of the state's 254 counties producing crude oil, each section of the state is marked by several prolific fields. Texas' daily oil production is more than 1.1 million barrels.

"More investment is needed to find new oil fields to replace those now being depleted," says Corbin J. Robertson, Association president. "By the end of this century the demand for oil and gas will have doubled. Between now and 1980, some \$200 billion will have to be spent to find enough energy to continue our present standard of living and guarantee national security. Clearly, the country needs policies which will stimulate the drilling of more wells. Our reserves are shrinking."

Sterling County, which has had recorded production since 1947, has had a total crude oil output of 20,419,986 barrels up to the beginning of last year. Sterling County production in 1968 was 2,715,453 barrels at the rate of 7,419 barrels a day. At the end of 1969 more than 25 millions barrels of oil had been produced here.

Texas has 36 counties scattered over the state which produced at the rate of 25,000 barrels or more per day. The three largest are: Andrews, 203,520 barrels per day; Ector, 172,654 barrels per day; and Crane, 128,839 barrels per day.

Gregg County is the only county that has produced more than two billion barrels of oil. Andrews, Ector and Rusk counties have produced more than one billion barrels of oil.

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BRIDAL SHOWER

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Hostesses are Mrs. Leoniel Talamantez, Mrs. Casimiro Medina, Mrs. Ascencio Constanancio and Mrs. Andrew Coronado.

BOYS RANCH DRIVE UNDERWAY

Riley King, chairman for Boys Ranch of West Texas for Sterling County, said this week that donations of livestock or cash for the ranch were now being accepted. If you want to make any kind of donation to Boys Ranch, set or get in touch with Riley.

JOINT VBS SET FOR JUNE 15-19

The joint Methodist-Presbyterian Vacation Bible School dates have been set: June 15-19. The nursery through grade two will meet at the Methodist Church. Grades three through six will meet at the Presbyterian Church. Classes will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:30.

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Club to Host Hospital Shower

Epsilon Zeta
The Epsilon Zeta Club here will host the May Week Hospital shower here May 16. The tea or shower will be held in the community center on that day from 9 to 11 a.m. said Mrs. Sam Barnett for the club.

Needed for the hospital are mostly linens: fitted twin or regular size sheets, 72X108, draw sheets 46X72, corded bed spreads 75X100, pillow cases, towels, wash clothes and blankets. All items may be purchased at Brooks Dry Goods here.

Mrs. Barnett said any and all gifts will be appreciated by the club. All items will go to the local hospital.

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This McCall's coat and dress ensemble is created to win flowery compliments. The skinny sleeveless coat plays it straight over a billowy-sleeved shirt that comes with its own dramatic scarf.

Think pink for extra fashion impact: a hot pink double-knit

fabric for the coat, a garden of pink fantasy blooms for the jersey dress. McCall's Step-by-Step Pattern #2238, designed to make sewing easier, is for misses sizes 10-18.

Long, long jackets and short skirts are a very suitable combo for spring, as Misses Pattern #2276 reveals. A collarless sweater jacket, molded over a little slink of an A-line dress, pretty well sums up the shape of things to come this year.

The costume is especially prophetic—and pretty—in tones of pink. Choose a shocking-pink crepe for the dress, and add the excitement of print, in the form

of a geometric-patterned knit for the jacket.

Want a little suit that isn't a cliché? Make the same jacket in solid pink cotton or synthetic knit, add a matching A-skirt, and coordinated polka-dot blouse with flyaway scarf. Pure pizzazz! This pattern offers still another exciting way to suit yourself: a coat and skirt combination with princess flare.

Depending on your choice of fabrics, these designs could be worn almost anywhere: Easter Parade, PTA meeting or even cocktail party. But why shouldn't they be as practical as they are pretty? After all, it's only fitting!

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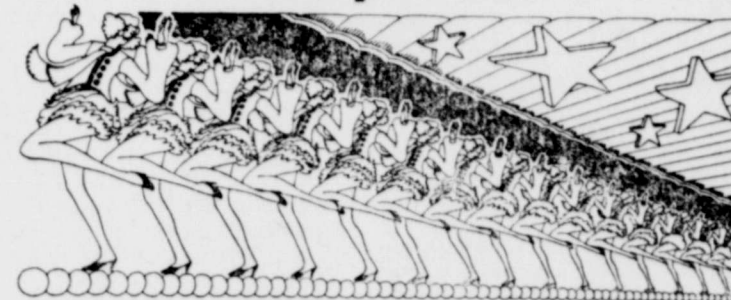
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