

Grand Jury Clears Sheriff of Charges

A Garza County grand jury last week cleared Sheriff Jim Pippin of charges concerning the purchase of stolen oilfield property.

Meeting until approximately 6 p.m., the grand jury returned indictments on Jackie Curb and Steve Hair.

Curb was indicted on felony charges of theft of property from Jack Hair.

Steve Hair was indicted on burglary charges of "entering a building with intent to commit theft," from C.E. Parsons.

No trial dates have been set and both are released on bond.

Livestock Show, Sale Opens Tomorrow, Continues through Sat.

A total of 103 hogs, 77 lambs, 26 steers, five heifers, 12 horses, four pens of chickens and four pens of rabbits have been entered in the 1986 Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which starts tomorrow and continues through Saturday.

Awards will be presented by FFA Sweetheart Alicia Pettyjohn, Green Hands Sweetheart Kerry Hart, Garza County 4-H Sweetheart D'Lynn Young and Southland FFA Sweetheart Shelia Haire.

Show activities begin after school at 4 p.m. Wednesday with weigh-in and check-in of animals until 9 p.m.

The poultry and rabbit show will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday with Tommy Young as show superintendent of both events.

The Thursday evening swine show has been moved up one hour to 6:30 p.m. with Stanley Young, extension agent from Lynn County, judging. The show superintendent is Tony Conner.

Jana Terry is superintendent of the horse show which will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Judging the horse show will be Manuel Davis of Clairemont.

The number of entries will determine the division of classes.

Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., the lamb show will begin with Scott Doss, agriculture instructor at Friendship High School, doing the judging. Lamb show superintendent will be Ken Young.

The heifer show is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday morning followed by the steer show. Judge for these classes will be Corky Wise of Wichita Falls. Ronnie Hardin will serve

as superintendent.

Other changes for 1986 include no top weight limit on lambs, and raising the top limit on the hogs to 260 pounds.

Also, due to the school no pass, no show rule, the association rule stating that an exhibitor must show his or her animal unless they have two in the same class, was changed to allow another FFA member to exhibit in the no pass, no show cases.

Also, some of the owners will be playing basketball on Friday night and will have to have someone else exhibit their animals.

The substitute exhibitor must be enrolled in a Garza County Public School and be a member of 4-H or FFA.

The awards show will precede the sale on Saturday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m.

Showmanship buckles will again be presented in the swine, lamb, horse and beef divisions to the top showman in each. No buckle will be awarded in the poultry and rabbit divisions.

The overall sportsmanship buckle will be presented to the winner of this prestigious award.

A ham lunch will be served at noon prior to the sale by the Extension Homemakers of Garza County for \$4 per plate for adults and \$2.50 per plate for 12 and under.

The EH will operate a concession stand throughout the show and will be assisted by older 4-Hers.

The annual sale of the top 82 animals will be auctioned by Monty Paxton of Lovington, N.M.

Jerry Thuett, a director of the association will be the announcer for each event.

'Brag' Pages Next Week!

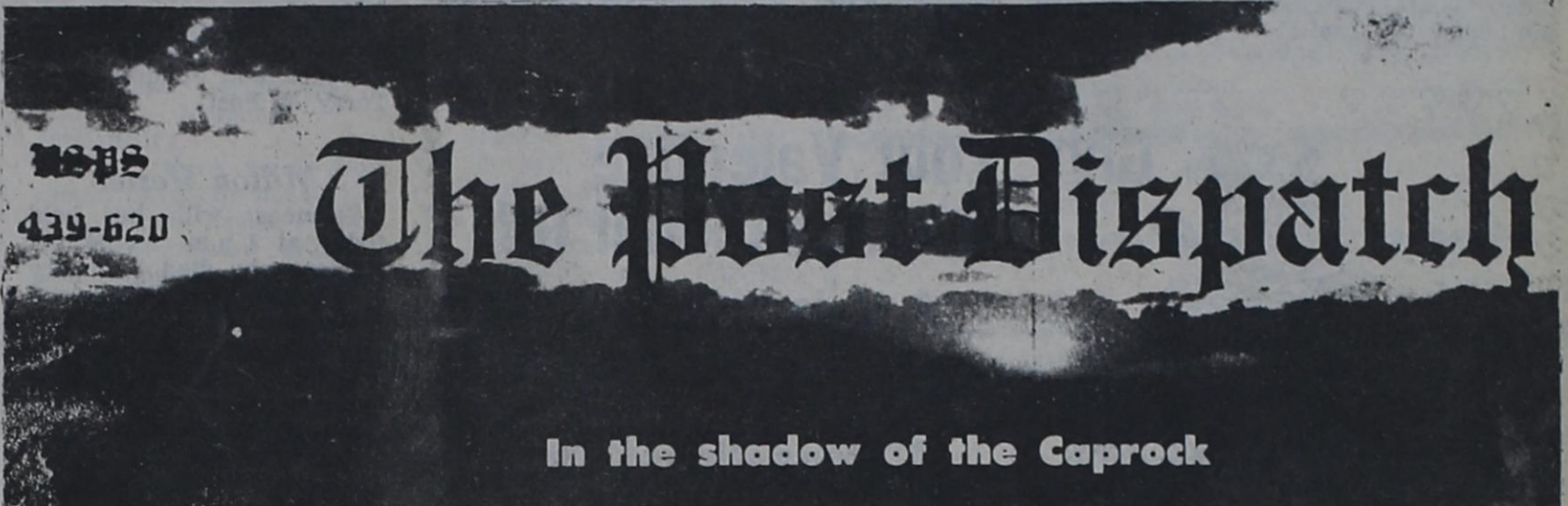
Next week the Dispatch will publish its popular "Grandma Brag Pages" which feature photos of grandchildren.

Always a leader in the area for sheer numbers of photo entries, Post "Grandmas" are reminded that Friday is the deadline

for submitting photos.

The cost per photos is the same as the past two years, only \$7.50 each.

Watch for it next week!



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'Tis the Question

To Enforce... or Not Enforce

by Wes Burnett

The second reading of a junk vehicle ordinance was approved Monday night by the Post City Council, which will require owners to remove at their expense junk vehicles.

Failure to comply with the ordinance will subject the owner to a daily fine.

On the agenda for the past several months, a junk vehicle ordinance has been on the city books for years and was amended to comply with a new state law.

A junk vehicle is defined as "any vehicle which is inoperative and does not have either current license or a current inspection

sticker, is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled."

The ordinance provides for a notification and warning to owners prior to enforcement.

Council member Weaver McKamie cast the dissenting vote.

The council also passed the first reading of a revised animal control ordinance, which has been fine tuned by a citizen's committee, headed by council member Larry Mills.

The first reading of a truck parking ordinance was also passed, having been revised from suggestions of a citizen's com-

mittee.

The council side stepped the thorny issue of enforcing a new state law requiring all heating and air conditioning to maintain a state license.

David Murphy asked the council, as he did last month, to make a decision on enforcing the state law.

After a lengthy discussion, the situation was summed by city attorney Harvey Morton, "we don't have a good history of enforcing these type of ordinances."

"There is no need to write ordinances if they are not going to be enforced, you might as

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County Clerk Spot Draws a Crowd

Five people have filed for the position of County-District Clerk in the May 3 Democratic primary.

The filing deadline was Monday at 6 p.m. and Democratic party chairman Dick Tanner reports that Joy Orr, Sonny Gossett, Leon Davis, Anne Leake and Orabeth White have filed for the retiring Carl Cedarholm's job at the courthouse.

Other candidates for county offices include Precinct Two commissioner Ted Aten, Precinct Four commissioner Herb Walls, County Judge Giles Dalby, treasurer Voda Gradine, Justice of the Peace Pre-

cinct Four Dee C. Justice and Constable Precinct Four Mike Harper.

Also filing unopposed are Democratic party chairman Dick Tanner, Boxes two, Ruby Ellis; three, Betty Striblin; four, Gina R. Palmer; five, Cleo

Sappington; six, Quanah Maxey, seven, Liberty Anthony; eight, Judy M. Bush and nine, Billie Jean Cross.

City Election

Deadline for filing for the city council April 5

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Thieves Hit Graham Gin

Two break-ins within three days have cost the Graham Coop Gin approximately \$3,500.

The first burglary last Wednesday after midnight netted thieves \$2,000 worth of equipment and tools.

Gin manager Noel White says it appears forced entry was made into the gin from a sliding door on the east end.

Taken last Wednesday night were air wrenches, hydraulic jacks, electric testing equipment, tool boxes full of tools and

batteries from trucks.

Then last Friday night two windows on the south side were broken, where it is believed the thieves went into the building, this time taking about \$1,500 worth of equipment.

Missing from the gin are a cutting torch, bottles, cart and other accessories, electric welder, and a long jack.

"There were also a lot of other little items missing," White reports.

The Garza County Sheriff's Department is investigating both thefts.

Post Notes

by Wes Burnett

The cooperative spirit of the Post City Council and the Garza County Commissioners' Court in their efforts to support the TEXCEL application is encouraging.

Planning for growth is essential for growth to happen.

And part of that planning requires cooperative efforts of all government units.

The work that has gone into the TEXCEL application is no small matter.. several Post Chamber of Commerce committees have devoted many hours in preparing the data.

We do not have the luxury of sitting back and waiting for something to happen...we've got to roll up our sleeves and devote time and effort to make things happen.

The folks in our Chamber of Commerce and Post Economic Development Corp. are doing just that.

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Speaking of developments, I still cling to the hope that the Post Lake will be built some day.

Although I know of no progress in the legal maneuverings in Austin, I place my faith that the need for water in West Texas will set the stage for the lake development.

The future of our community depends largely on the building of the Post Lake.

The one worry I have (Continued on P2)



"HEY, MARCELL!" - World famous comedian Jerry Clower is coming to Post as the featured speaker for the February 28 annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. Tickets are on sale at \$10 each at the Chamber office or at The First National Bank.



ARSON SUSPECTED - A fire destroyed the mobile home on West 5th Street last week. The structure, belonging to Mrs Oleain Seals, is believed to have been torched by an arsonist. State fire marshal inspectors and the Garza County Sheriff's Department are continuing the investigation.

— Obituaries —

Jess Tyra

Funeral services were held January 31, 1986 for Jess William Tyra, who died January 29, 1986 at Methodist Hospital in

Lubbock.

Cal Lankford, Caprock Christian Fellowship, conducted the services, which were held at the First Baptist Church in Post.

Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Tyra was born July 24, 1907 in Young co., Texas and had lived in Post for 14 years. He had been a cotton ginner in Dawson County for many years.

He married Georgie McCasland Oct 24, 1930 in Carrizozo, N.M.

A veteran of World War II, Tyra was a Baptist.

He was the son of Ernest Tyra and Willie Walsh.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia, daughters Margaret Chaffin of Lubbock and Juanita (Nita Terry) of Post;

Sisters Alva Jane Reed of Midland, Mildred McAmis of Lamesa and brother Gene Tyra of Lamesa; four grandsons and four great-granddaughters.

Pallbearers were Curtis Williams and Mack Terry and grandsons Ken Chaffin, Bruce Chaffin, Mark Terry and Brent Terry.

Milton Hester

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. for Milton Hester, who died February 3, 1986 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev Jim Goodwin officiating.

Burial will be at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Hester was born October 9, 1893 in Montague County.

He had lived in Post since 1927.

He married Josie Thomas Dec 13, 1913 in Montague County, she preceded him in death July 3, 1981.

Hester was a World War I veteran and a member of the V.F.W..

He is survived by daughters Dorothy Mason of Andrews, Billie Meeks of Slaton, Johnnie Wallace and Mary Lee of Post;

Sons Dell Hester of Orosi, Calif., Fritz of Breckenridge, George of

Post; 21 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The Post Dispatch Political Advertising Column

The following candidates have filed for election to these offices in the Democratic primary, May 3, 1986:

State Representative, District 78
Steve Carriker

District-County Clerk Garza County
Joy Orr
Anne Mathis Leake
Leon Davis

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Fund Set to Help Family in San Angelo

Fire totally destroyed the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Saldivar, formerly of Post, now living in San Angelo.

A fund to help the family has been established at the Texas Commerce Bank, P.O. 5291, San Angelo, Tx 76902.

Those interested in helping the family should direct their contributions to bank senior vice president Dub Izzard.

The family is in need of clothing and financial support.

Their children are Ellen, 10; Amanda, eight and Michael, seven.

They are staying with Ruben and Gloria Ayala, also formerly of Post, at 1717 Greenwood Apt 104 in San Angelo.

Mrs Saldivar is the former Lisa Clanton of Post.

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Post Notes

(Continued from P1)

about this project is the determination of the White River Municipal Water District's board to delay

construction of the dam until Lubbock gets its Justiceburg project started.

The idea of connecting the two dam projects

Election Draws Interest

(Continued from P1)

election is February 19 and as of Tuesday morning Lewis Holly was the only person to have filed.

The council seats of Charles Wallace and Weaver McKamie are also to be on the ballot.

School Election
Filing for two school board positions opened February 3.

Positions to be decided are Tom Middleton's Place Four and Pru Basquez' Place Five.

That election will also be held April 5.

Garza Memorial Hospital
Two places on the board of trustees for the Garza Memorial Hospital will be decided in the April 5 election.

The vacated seat of David Newby and David Tyler's position will be determined.

No candidates had filed as of Tuesday morning.

Deadline for filing for this election is March 10.

together bothers me.

It makes us totally dependent on the whims of Lubbock politics...and lately it appears that the Lubbock city political arena is in disarray.

I believe a case can be made now for an immediate construction of the Post Lake, regardless of what happens in Justiceburg.

I don't think we in Post should have our hands tied behind our backs, unable to move forward with our own economic development unless Lubbock is involved.

The political power in Lubbock is not the least bit concerned about the economic development in Post.

And we have little or no influence on Lubbock's

future.

And that includes whether or not Lubbock gets off dead center and pushes for the Justiceburg lake... which it appears at this time is, if not dead, at least not very important to the Lubbock politicians.

We need the Post Lake now.

Its development will be a dramatic economic shot in the arm.

Its recreational value to the area will be the wave of the future for us.

I repeat my earlier call...that for the sake of our economic well being... that the White River water board should either proceed at full speed to complete the litigation and get on with building the Post Lake...

Or, relinquish its permit

to build the dam, and turn the project over to a newly created Post or Garza County municipal water district and let's get

the lake built.

White River has had a permit to build that dam since 1970.

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01-26	54	24	.00
01-27	60	24	.00
01-28	78	36	.00
01-29	61	34	.00
01-30	71	35	.00
01-31	73	52	.00
02-01	73	52	.00
02-02	68	52	.00
02-03	72	38	.00

Information Courtesy of Wilma Yarbro

Theater Event

Theater enthusiasts of Post met last Thursday at the First United Methodist Church to formally organize a theater club.

An official name for the club will be chosen later.

The next meeting will be held in the Reddy Room tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Anyone of any age who is interested in helping with theater activities are encouraged to attend.

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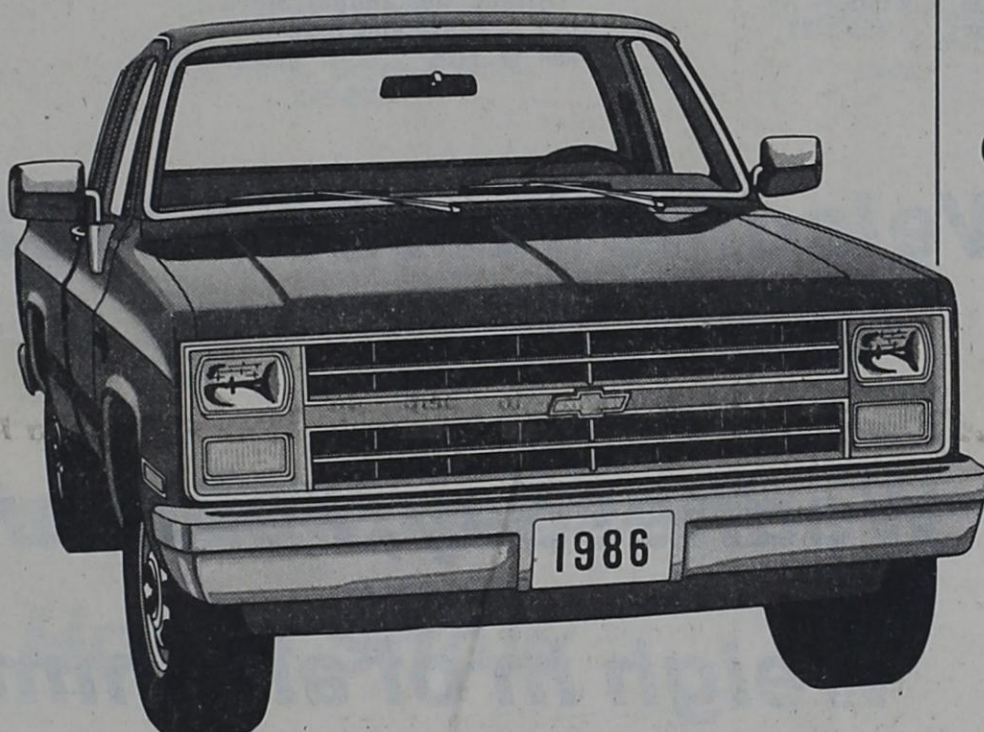
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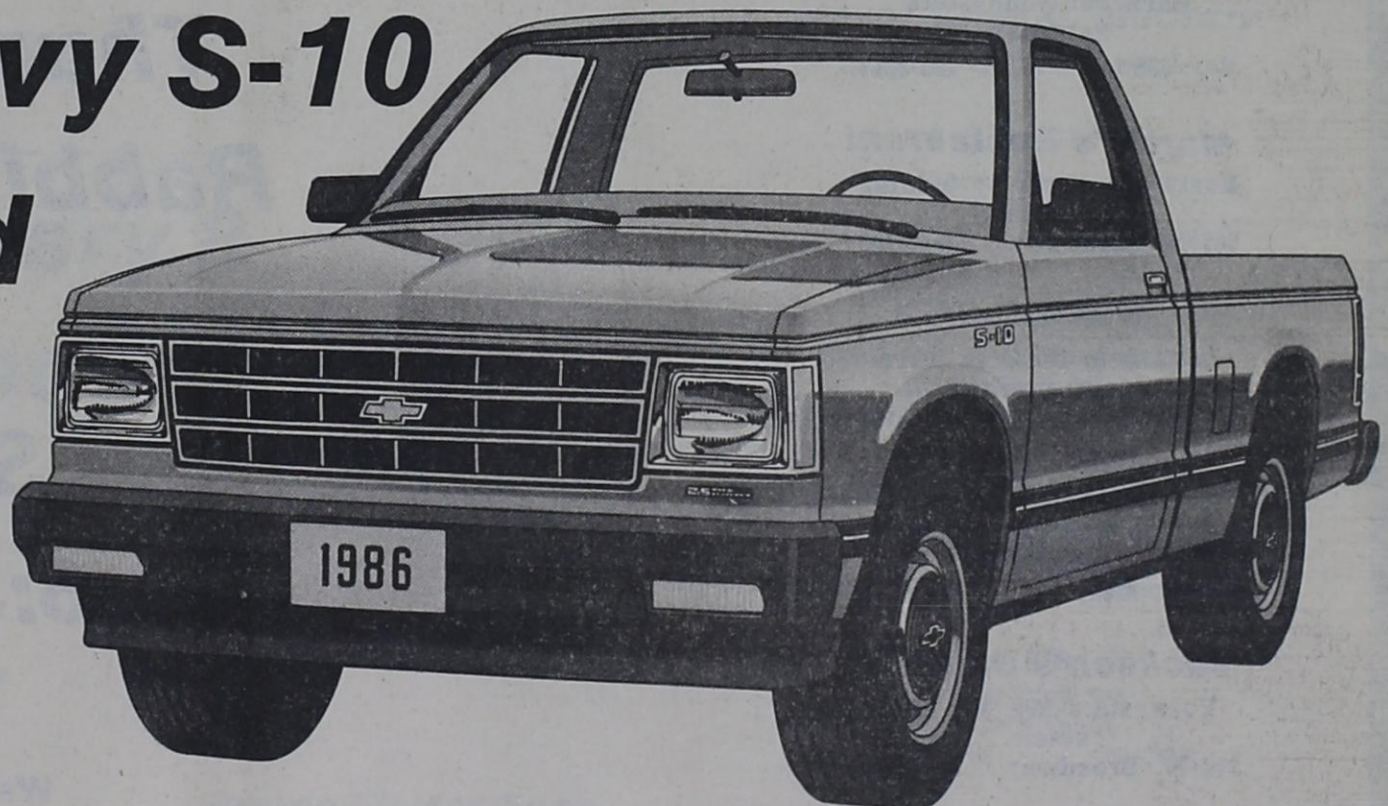
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 Bride-Elect of David Boren
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 ★ Danish Imports
 China, Crystal & Flatware
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Mr and Mrs Gene Martin were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary January 18, with a dinner held at Jackson's Cafeteria hosted by the couple's daughters, Carolyn Williams, Cheryl Vardiman and Vicki Bilbo. Gene Martin and the former Elberta James were married January 16, 1936 in Post.

Attending the event were Kenneth, Rhonda and Kenda Williams, Greg and Sherry Williams, Jimmy Valdez, Charley Williams, Dicky, Krista and Alesha Vardiman, Bonnie Vardiman; Barney and Ruth Martin, Connie and Gaye Martin of Sweetwater, Claudene and Johnny Bilberry of Dallas, Judge and Delores

Baldwin and grandson of Dimmitt; W.O. and Joy Fluitt, Dan and Kay Lamb, Gary Lamb and Karen Curtis, Charles and Ruby Williams and Chase Tatum, Opal Montgomery; Toby, Channa and Coby Craft, Mary Jo Evans of Lubbock, Jean Cato of

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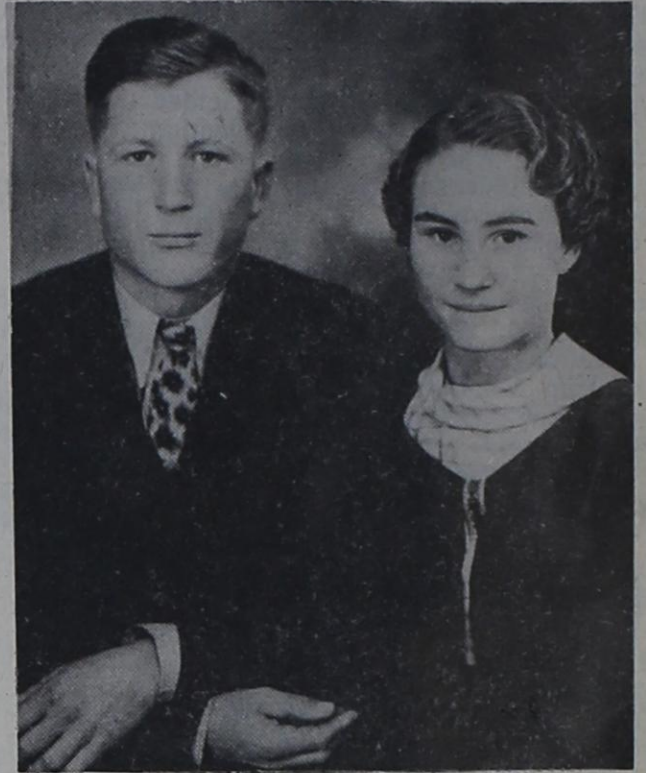
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C & C Well Service
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Martin's Restaurant
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 101 N. Broadway 495-3144

J.T. Feed & Supply
 Bid up and promote our future
 505 E. Main 495-3718

Jackson's Cafeteria
 Youngsters are our best assets
 214 N. Broadway 495-2970

BJB Construction
 Youth are our real money crop
 Box 357 495-3808

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 Every kid wears a star
 714 W. 7th 495-3787

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 Let's boost our kids a big boost
 Ralls Rd 495-2159

Jay's Chemicals
 Every kid is a winner
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 Supporting our Garza youth
 Clairemont Hwy 495-2422
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 Attend the annual Stock Show and Sale
 808 W 11th 495-3069

Snack Shack
 We're backing our Junior Stockmen
 220 W 8th 495-2137
Higginbotham-Bartlett
 Don't miss our Jr Live-stock Sale
 110 S Broadway 495-2080

Welcome To The 21st annual Garza Co Stock Show

Wednesday, February 5

Weigh in of all animals

4 p. m.

Thursday, February 6

Rabbit & Poultry Shows

4:30 p.m.

Swine Show

6:30 (new time)

Wallace Lumber Co.
 Let's make every youngster a winner
 119 N. Ave. H 495-2835

Jackson Bros. Meat Packers
 Buy premium Garza beef Saturday
 121 S. Ave. H 495-3245

Hill & Hill Transports, Inc
 Boost our youth by bidding Saturday
 Clairemont Hwy 495-2871

Happiness Is
 Give them a boost, give them a bid
 128 E. Main 495-2438

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123 No. Bdwy. 495-3217

Palmer Oilfield Construction

Let's help them to learn and profit

Clairemont Hwy. 495-2710

Kay Smith Honored with Bridal Shower

Kay Smith, bride elect of Fred Postell, was honored at a bridal shower on Saturday, January 25. The Community Room of 1st National Bank was the scene of the party; guests called between the hours of 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Display tables and the

serving table was covered with ecru lace tablecloths. Brass appointments were used and a centerpiece of silk flowers in the bride's chosen colors of shades of purple highlighted the serving table. Guests were served fruit punch, finger sandwiches,

sausage balls, salted nuts, and bridal mints. Hostess gift was a set of waterbed sheets with comforter to match. Hostesses were: Connie Kennedy, Billie Osborne, Donna Wallace, Juanita Thompson, Lu Allen, Linda

Gordon, Amy Easterling, Candance McConnell, Marge Tannehill, Susan Radle and Carolyn Black.



Mr and Mrs Gene Martin, 1986.

School Menu

February 10 - 13

Monday
 Breakfast - Assorted cereal, toast, fruit, peanut butter, honey, milk.
 Lunch - Tacos, lettuce, fried okra, applesauce, milk.
Tuesday
 Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, bacon, orange juice, milk.
 Lunch - Stew, home made cheese sandwich, fried squash, apricot cobbler, milk.
Wednesday
 Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, apple juice, milk.
 Lunch - Spaghetti, meat sauce, pinto beans, lettuce salad, birthday cake, garlic toast, milk.
Thursday
 Breakfast - Assorted cereal, toast, honey, peanut butter, fruit, milk.
 Lunch - Country chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, Reece cup, cheese rolls, milk.
Friday
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 Renae Simecek (bride-elect of David Boren)
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Windham LP Gas

Be present at the sale ring Saturday
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Hudman Furniture

Back our youth Saturday
 301 E Main 495-2615

Palmer Butane

Youngsters are our best assets
 Clairmont Hwy 495-2425

Justice-Mason

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 Give them a boost, give them a bid
 Dee, Janet, Bryan & Brent
 495-2833

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Congratulations to all entrants
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Jae's

All these youngsters wear a star
 220 E. Main 495-2620

Caprock Golf Course

Invest in our youth at the sale
 Route 2 495-3029

Sentry Savings Association

Your bid is their encouragement
 106 N. Broadway 495-3696

B & B Liquor Store

Supporting our Garza youth
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Stephen Chun, M.D.

Your bid is their reward
 215 W 10th 495-3511

H & L Services

Your bid is what they've worked for
 Clairmont Hwy 495-3524

Southwestern

Public Service
 See educational projects Saturday at the Show
 217 W Main 495-2891

Stanley Transports

Backing our 4-H and FFA youth
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Your bid is their reward

Post Dispatch

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Garza Exxon

Show the youngsters we're proud of them
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Make every entry a winner
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Double Bar S

Show the kids we appreciate them
 810 N Ave M 495-3713

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Make their hard efforts pay off
 Justiceburg, Tx 629-4422

Dalby Cattle Co.

Your presence is needed
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County Junior Livestock Show

Program

Friday, February 7

Horse Show

4:30 p.m.

Lamb Show

6:30 (new time)

Saturday, February 8

Heifer & Steer Shows

9:00 a.m.

Sale 1:30 p.m.

Terry Tires

We salute the 4-H and FFA participants
 122 N. Broadway 495-3671

Bob West Saddlery

& Western Wear
 Make their hard efforts pay off with your bid
 503 S Broadway 495-2600

First National Bank

Show our youth we appreciate them
 216 W Main 495-2804

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Everyone should leave the ring a winner
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Prairie Flower Shop

Buy premium Garza beef Saturday
 232 E. Main 495-2658

Grassland Butane

Bid up and promote our future
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A-1 Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Job Training Partnership Act Summer Youth Program
The Texas Employment Commission, acting as the Planning entity for the City of Lubbock, Lubbock and Garza Counties Job Training Partnership Act intends to operate youth employment and training programs for the Summer of 1986 funded through the Texas Department of Community Affairs under Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982. Funding allocations are not yet available but program activities may include: intake and assessment, work experience, the Youth Opportunities Unlimited Program and a computer based literacy program.
The plan will be approved by the Private Industry Council and available to the general public prior to submission to the Texas Department of Community Affairs in March, 1986.
Questions or comments may be directed to the Texas Employment Commission, JTPA Division, 1602 16th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

The Wil-MC Oil Corp., Box 152510, Irving, Texas 75015-2510 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry, Coulter (Spraberry) Unit, Well Numbers 12 & 286. The proposed injection wells are located 11 miles southwest of Post in the Coulter (Spraberry) Unit Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5266 to 5280 feet in the No. 12 well and from 5328 to 5344 in the No. 286 well.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-445-1373).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 1600, Midland, Texas 79702 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Angelo formation, Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital "C", Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 21 miles northeast of Snyder in the Dorward Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2041 to 2627 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or

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BID NOTICE

Garza County Commissioners' Court will be accepting and opening bids for a 1 year bank depository contract on February 10 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom. Anyone interested in specs can contact the Treasurer's office.

A-3 Card of Thanks

I wish to than all of our friends who called, visited, sent flowers and food. Also thank to the EMT's LaVena Palmer, Betty Posey and Becky Warren. Thank you especially for all your prayers during my stay at the hospital. May God bless you.
Love you
Anna, Pru, Cindy, Diana and Gina Basquez

Thank you to our friends in Post for your attendance and gifts.
Jack and Lucille Myers

The family of Jess Tyra want to thank Bro Cal Langford for the beautiful service for our devoted husband, daddy, Pa Paw and Great Pa Paw.

To Beth Hamilton and Tony Conner for the beautiful songs. They were so uplifting, also the ladies who prepared food and brought it to the house, and to the ones who served the lunch. Thank you Curtis Williams and Mack Terry for serving with the grandsons as pallbearers. We praise God for the power of prayer, and thank each of you for your prayers, love and concern, to Bro Steve McMeans for his love and for the use of the First Baptist Church, also we were blessed by all the flowers. Thank you EMT's for the excellent service. And Hudman Funeral Home for their service, help and concern.
God Bless You All
Georgie Tyra
Bill and Margaret Chaffin
Bobby and Nita Terry
Ken, Barbara, Melanie and Kelli Chaffin
Bruce, Lisa and Kim Chaffin
Mark, Joy and Sarah Terry
Brent, Mandy and Cydni Terry

We appreciate the expressions of love through prayers, cards, visits, flowers contributions, food, and care from you, our friends. Your acts of kindness have blessed our lives. We are grateful.
T.H. Tipton and family
W.O. and Joy Fluitt and family
Dan and Kay Lamb and family
Barney and Ruth Martin and families
Eugene and Elberta Martin and families
Claudine Bilberry and families
Winston James and families
Judge and Dolores Baldrige and families

Thanks to everyone for making our "50th" a day we will never forget, for the cards, flowers, gifts, calls, money trees, the people that dropped by, and to the ones that worked so hard to get the "Surprise" ready.
We appreciate it all so much.
Floyd and Ruby Stanley

A-7 Lost and Found
Lost - black bald-faced cow - has a Lazy H on her left thigh and a swallower fork in her right ear. Lost 5 miles north of Post. Call 629-4294. Ray Hodges.

Lost: large dog, part German Shepherd, tan, white and black in color. Lost last week out on Ralls Hwy. He answers to "Stupid". Call 495-2345 or 495-2680 after 5 p.m.

A-9 Personals
City-County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program. South Ave C (Postex Plant) Phone 495-2818 or 495-3788 - 24 hours. Glenda Baker, director; Lynette Warren, assistant.
Alcohol-Drug Awareness Seminar
Mondays - 8 p.m.
Postex Plant (east entrance)
Open Group Discussion
and Films
Public Invited
Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meetings 8 p.m., Thursdays at 7th and Ave C, Postex Plant (east entrance). Your anonymity will be respected. Open meetings 7 p.m. last Thursday of each month. Call 495-3377 or 495-4173.
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting - Wednesday - 8 p.m. - For more information call 495-3788.

A-17 Services and Repairs
Professional all-breed dog grooming. Come by 906 W. 14th for appointment. Karen Clanton

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We are earning money for a big trip to Austin and San Antonio this summer on a Texas Heritage Trip. We are available for: Babysitting - Yard Work - Odd Jobs. Call Scout Leader Pat Cruse at 495-2190 after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

C-1 Homes for Rent
2 bedroom unfurnished house. Extra clean. Call 495-2188 after 5 p.m.

For rent - located 8 miles out in the country - close to Graham Chapel - 3 bedrooms. Call 495-2214 or 745-2881.

C-3 Apartments
For Rent: Furnished apt - 4 rooms and bath - Utilities paid with deposit and reference required. Prefer couple or 1 person. Phone 495-2159 or 495-3191.

For rent in Post - 3 room furnished apartment - bills paid - \$250 a month - \$100 deposit. Also a 2 room furnished apt, private bath, bills paid - \$200 per month and a furnished bedroom - private bath at \$160 per month - bills paid. 109 N Ave N. Call 799-0505 (evenings) or 744-5162 (days)

C-9 Business Property
Corner bldg space available for rent, where the Caprock Tanning Salon is - 202 E. Main. Call 495-3051.

D-5 Mobile Homes for Sale
Really nice - 2 BR - 1 bath. Very low down payment, very low monthly payments, Pay out in less than 10 years. Call Leon Ochoa collect 806-763-5319.

Tengo una casa condos recamaras que puede tener por pagos mensuale menos de zoo dollars. Llamele a Leon Ochoa. 806-763-5319 collect.

Esta cansado de pagar renta? Es tiempo que compre so propia casa. Llamele a Leon Ochoa.

E-1 Homes for Sale

By owner - brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, office, central heat and air, fireplace. Large house, choice location. For Sale or might lease-purchase. Call 495-2214.

For Sale - 2 bedroom, 1 bath house on corner, 2 lots, storm cellar, trailer space. 114 East 12th. Call Mrs Bobby Cowdrey at 495-2690 or Jimmie Redman at 495-2141.

Neat and attractive 3 BR home on 2 lots, Call 495-3796 after 5 p.m.

House located at 305 North Avenue H. (Lot 11, Block 50), Post, Garza County, Texas. Contact Jack Alexander, First National Bank - 495-2804.

3 BR - 2 bath, fireplace, brick, new roof, ref. air. 601 South Avenue R. Call 495-3611.

33 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and refrigerated air, covered patio. 495-2371.

Country - Just reduced \$20,000.00.
Beautiful 3-2-2, formal dining, den, living, cooking island with Jen-air, microwave, fireplace, central heat and air conditioning - 2,500 sq. ft. on one acre - \$57,000. Between Slaton and Post. 828-3453.

E-5 Farms & Ranches
Farm for sale - 400 acres - 5 miles northwest of Post. One-third minerals. Jim Bob Shults. Call 495-2796.

F-1 Miscellaneous for Sale

8' Utility bed - fits half and 3/4 ton pickup. Brown. Call 495-3010.

Half Price! Flashing arrow signs \$289! Lighted, non-arrow \$269! Nonlighted \$219! Free Letters! Very few left. See locally. 1(800) 423-0163, anytime.

For new and used furniture at a bargain price come by 508 S. Ave. N. We also have a large selection of gift items and toys. Use your credit or lay-away.
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F-3 Garage Sales

Carport Sale: Baby clothes, small girls, men's and women's clothes, car seat, atari game, and other misc items. 9-5 Saturday only - 506 W. 5th.

Large carport sale. Thursday and Friday. 216 W. 11th.

Baby and infant clothes, other clothing (different sizes) and misc items. 413 W. 12th - Sat - 9-?

F-9 Livestock

For Sale: 50 choice crossbreed cows, 3 yrs old. Calving now - approximate weight 900 pounds. Call Theodor Fry at 806-271-3112 after 7 p.m.

F-11 Feed and Seed

Good clean hay - round or square bales. 5 1/2 miles NE of Post. W.C. Graves 629-4239.

F-19 Boats and Motors

For Sale: 17 1/2 ft red and white Invader boat and trailer. Walk through tri hull. 165 hp, 292.6 cylinder. Call 495-3734 after 5 p.m.

F-21 Wanted to Buy

I buy and sell windmills. Want old Eclipse windmill or parts. Also want 30" gas cook stove and refrigerator. Call L.D. Cravy - 271-4180.

G-5 Campers

RV for sale - Terry 1976 - 25'. Loaded, extra clean - new 700x15 tires. 815 W. 4th - Post, Texas. Call 495-2508.

G-7 Trucks-Trailers

For Sale: 1970 Chevy C-10 pickup 350 engine, good tires, factory air. Call 495-2162. 110 North Ave O.

1971 Chev. 3/4 ton, 35,000 miles on 400 engine, runs great. \$1000.00 or best offer. Call 495-3313 or 495-2494.

1 horse shop built trailer, pulls good. \$350 or best offer. Call 495-3313 or 495-2494.

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Public Records

City of Post Municipal Court
Judge Louise Greene, presiding
January 12 - Charles Curtis, public intoxication, \$80.
January 14 - Ernest M. Sera, Lubbock, ran red light, \$40.
Edward Anthony Klein, Abilene, ran red light, \$40.
Suzanne Jackson Bowen, ran red light, \$40.
Richard Lee Tanner, expired vehicle registration, \$30.
January 15 - Phillip Pete Bona, defective equipment, \$20.
James Mark Odom, ran stop sign, \$40.
James Mark Odom, defective equipment, \$20.
January 17 - Ambrosea Barlento Montoya, speeding, \$40.
Kerry Gene Young, ran red light, \$40.
Robert Buckley Jr., public intoxication, \$80.
Lola Bustos Alaniz, fail to use safety restraint, \$40.
Martin Velasquez Alaniz, no proof liability insurance, \$85.
January 21 - George Rivera, fail to yield right of way, \$40.
George Rivera, fail to use child restraint, \$40.
Maureen Ellen Johnson, public intoxication, \$95.
Arlon Dale Ford, defective equipment, \$20.

Drawing Winners

A drawing was held at Twila's Hair Ways on Grand Opening Day with the following winners:
Free Haircut - Laurie Belongia.
Meat from Jackson Bros Nancy Wallace.
Free steak dinner at Chaparral Steak House - Ruth Ann Castidneda.



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Robert's Hints for the Service Minded

If you want to extend the life of your auto or truck's transmission...I highly recommend a regularly scheduled transmission service.
Most people think that as long as the transmission fluid level is ok, and the transmission is working ok, then there is no problem.
What's happening inside the transmission over a long period of time is the slow deterioration of the fluid. The transmission fluid oxidizes, then begins a crystallization process, ruining the clutches and bands. When these internal parts begin to fail, then serious transmission problems develop...and are very costly.
The way to avoid the expense of replacing or major repair on a transmission is the regular servicing, about every 24,000 miles.
Changing the fluid and filter and checking the bands. Call me and we'll set up a schedule for you to make sure you don't run into problems later.

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Varsity Boys Surprise Brownfield in 66-65 Win

Trailing 65-63 with less than 30 seconds left in the game here last Friday, the Post varsity Antelopes pulled out a one point win over the Brownfield Cubs.

Brownfield went ahead 65-63 with 27 seconds on the clock...the 'Lopes moved the ball across midcourt and passed it in the left corner to Marvin Lee, who slid down the lane inside for a

two-point layup and was fouled at the end of the play.

His one-point free-throw set the crowd to its feet as the 'Lopes took the lead.

Brownfield brought the ball across midcourt, and with four seconds left on the clock, called time out.

Bringing in the ball, the final

shot left the Brownfield player's hand after the buzzer sounded, as the officials signaled "no basket", shocking the visitors who watched as the ball swooshed through the net.

Jay McCook led the Antelope

team scoring with 16 points, followed by Lee with 13 and 12 each by Greg Storie and Danny Foster.

Joel Kirkpatrick scored six, Steve Price got four and Steve Hamilton scored three.

I have moved my office
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495-2174

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6:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday Night Praise and Prayer 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Youth Service

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Varsity Girls Tripped

"This was one of the best physical efforts we have had this year," Post Lady Lope varsity basketball coach Bill Gordon comments about last Friday's contest here with Brownfield.

"However, turnovers hurt us," he describes the 48-41 loss.

Golden Capps led the team

scoring with 18 points, followed by Kim Smith with ten.

Darby Gordon tallied six points, Heidi Ehret got five and Tyra Alexander scored two points.

At halftime the Lady Lopes led 21-19, but hit a cold spot in the third quarter scoring eight to Brownfield's 14.

8th Grade Girls Win 34-17

The Post 8th grade girls' basketball team skunked Seminole here Monday, January 27, 34-17.

Shal Sneed led the Post team scoring 13 points.

Others scoring:
Kenda Williams 6
Tina Brumblow 4

D'Linda Bassinger 3

Dana Morris 2

Reshea Hair 2

Megan Bush 2

Dusti Cash 1

Betsy Ethridge 1

The young Lady Lopes shot 56 percent from the free-throw line.

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The Post EMT's would like to thank the families of Shirley Pruitt, Katie Mae Tipton, Roy Gary and Dolores Dunn for their memorials to the Post EMT's

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VARSITY GIRLS PUT THE PRESSURE on visiting Brownfield last Friday. Heidi Ehret (front, left) pressures Brownfield with teammates Darby Gordon (21) and Golden Capps (22).

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by Mary Mann
 The Ladies auxiliary had a New Year's Eve party. They had a great time seeing the old year out and the new year in by popping balloons, blowing horns and then they served black-eyed peas and cornbread.

The first meeting was Jan 7th with 6 members present and Shirley Keys holding the meeting.

Jo Ella Sparlin and Dink Boren made the monthly visit to Golden Plains Care Home. They served cake and punch.

The next meeting was Jan 21st with 7 members present.

There was a round table discussion making plans for the fish fry.

Rose Mary Stelzer's name was drawn for the attendance cash pot. She wasn't present so the money stayed in the pot.

We had a good crowd at the fish fry on Jan 25th.

Claudette Gill, Shirley Keys, Lola Ryan, Dink Boren and Maleccy Johnston all helped with the fish fry with Archie Gill frying the fish and Harold Johnston helping.

The next fish fry will be Saturday, February 22nd.

Jo Ella Sparlin made the monthly visit to Twin Cedars Care Home, she served cake and punch.

On Tuesday night, Jan 28th, the Twin Cedars had a social program at Trail Blazers in appreciation to all that has helped the Care Home.

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary received an appreciation plaque and several members also received a plaque. I do not have all the names, but the ones that attended from the V.F.W. and Auxiliary were Billy Williams, Jo Ella Sparlin and Dink Boren.

Ice cream, cake and punch was served.

The plaques were made by Lenora Hair.

Cub Scout Week Set

"Cub Scout Anniversary Week"
 Feb 2-8
 by Janet Hair

Pack 314, under the supervision of Cubmaster Karen Jones and assistant cub-master Janet Hair attended the Post Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor J.R. Smith officiating.

The Webelos led the flag ceremony and Pledge of Alligence.

Webelos present were: Wade Clark, Anthony Cruise and Eric Hair and Den Chief Chris VanDeValde.

Den 1: Leader Luanne Terry, Roger Daughtery, Rowdy Braddock, Chad Reynolds and Justin Terry.

City Council

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well take all the ordinances off the books if they aren't going to be enforced," Murphy responded.

The new law requires Murphy and other heating and air conditioning contractors to apply for a license in Austin, take an exam and maintain the license.

"The problem is not the license," he explained, "it is the fact that a lot of heating and air conditioning work is being done by individual contractors who do not have the license nor do not intend to get one."

"I feel that if we are required to follow the law, then everyone installing heating and air conditioning systems ought to also have to have the license," Murphy complained.

Council member Larry Mills suggested this law is similar to the veterinarian situation, and that if he knows of violations in that area, he complains directly to the board in Austin...asking Murphy if that might not be the best way to correct the problem.

"You mean I am supposed to go around checking contractors to see if they are complying with the law and then turn them in?" Murphy asked.

Mayor Giles McCrary suggested a compromise, instructing the city manager to inform all contractors when they apply for building permit.

law. Contractors will also be required to list the names of the licensed plumber, electrician and heating and air conditioning licensed contractors on each job.

"At least this way all the contractors will know that they are potentially in violation of the law and we'll have on record who is doing the work," McCrary added.

"At least we're going in the right direction," Murphy answered.

The fine for violating the state law is \$200 per day retroactive to January 1, 1986, according to Murphy.

"If the state inspects me and forces me to follow this rule, you can be sure that they are going to make everyone else do the same," Murphy added.

In other action the council approved paying the bills with exception of 16 checks to law enforcement.

McKamie requested that the law enforcement bill not be paid until each invoice in question was explained and that all future bills be attached with individual invoices... "we don't know what we're being charged for," she emphasized.

Mayor McCrary directed city manager Bill Pool to write a letter to the county explaining the city's position on paying law enforcement bills.

Attending the meeting were council members McKamie, Mills, Charles Wallace, Maxine Earl, Lewis Holly, Mayor McCrary, city manager Pool, city secretary Wanda Wilkerson and city attorney Harvey Morton.

Monday: Den 2 - raise flag at school.
 Attend session of City Court.

Regular scout meetings.
 Tuesday: Den 4 raise flag at school.

Wednesday: Den 1 raise flag at school.

Pack will tour sanitation portion of city - 3:30 across street from Jackson Bros.

Thursday: Webelos raise flag at school.

City manager will talk to boys at city hall and tour of new city offices.

Friday: Den 3 raise flag at school.

Meet at courthouse after school. The scouts will be out Friday cleaning so look out and observe.

Also its time to re-register for next year.

Our new sponsor is Lions Clubs.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled for March 8, 1986.

Church Features Missionaries

Rev and Mrs Elmer Nelson, missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in the Dominican Republic, will be special guests at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W 10, Sunday February 9 at 10 a.m.

The Nelson are natives of North Dakota and were appointed as missionaries in 1955.

After having served for 21 years in the area of pioneer missionary work in the Republic of Panama, they were assigned to open a new district in Southern Argentina.

Rev Nelson served as Mission Director in Panama and as Field

Director in Argentina. Mrs Nelson served as District Missionary President and as pastor.

Since July 1981 the Nelsons have been serving in the Dominican Republic where they were involved in evangelism, workshops and Work and Witness teams from the United States.

This special service will include a fine assortment of artifacts from the mission fields where they have laboured as well as their personal description of their work and a slide presentation.

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RRC to Decide on Rulemaking Proceedings

The Railroad Commission is scheduled to decide February 10 whether to begin rulemaking proceedings on changes to the Commission's market demand and gas production rules proposed by its Oil and Gas Division staff. If the commissioners ap-

prove rulemaking, the proposed rules will be published in the Texas Register and a public hearing will be called to receive comments. At its regular weekly conference on Oil and Gas Division matters Monday, the Commission also turn-

ed down a petition to amend its market demand rule filed by the cities of Austin and Corpus Christi, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley Gas Co., Central Power and Light Co., and Valero Transmission Co.

Staff members explained that the proposed amendment, which dealt with gas purchase priorities, was too narrow in scope and recommended the Commission consider instead the staff proposal to completely revise the market demand rule and three

other gas proration rules as well.

The Commission made clear that the petitioners would be welcome to comment on the gas priority issues presented in their petition once rulemaking begins and that the Commission would invite comments from others on the petitioners' suggested amendment.

Operators spent \$8.8-billion drilling in Texas in 1984, 31.7-percent of the national total.

The average expenditure for completing a well in Texas in 1984 was \$344,526, or \$71.21 per foot, down from an average of \$370,702 per well and \$77.95 per foot in 1983.

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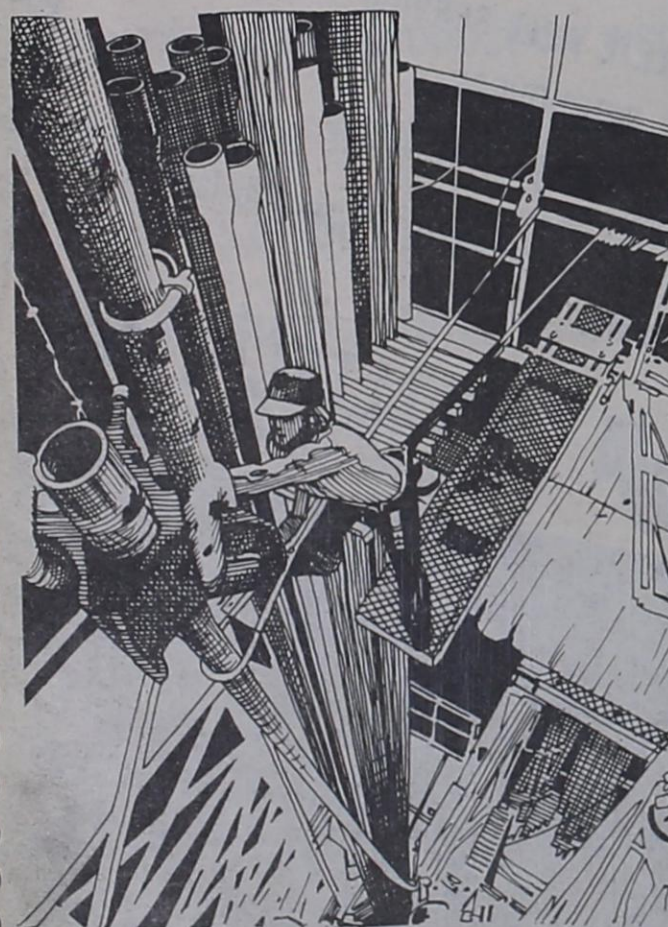
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1986 Salute to the Garza County

Petroleum Industry

Wednesday, February 5, 1986

We're Still Producing Oil Here...

There is a stronger measure of uncertainty in the oil patch these days than when we took time out last year at this time to express our appreciation to our friends in the petro-

leum business.

The free market on oil pricing has been in place long enough now to show some signs of setting its own pace.

We are faced almost

daily with international news of the lower price of oil on the spot market.

I think this daily bombardment of lower oil prices is somewhat over-emphasized.

For one thing, the spot market is a limited buyer and seller arena.

Most of the oil produced in Texas is sold on contracts, and although the spot market price potential to affect contracts later, it does not have an immediate impact.

It seems to me that the pressure for lower oil prices on the spot market is a high-powered and possibly politically motivated tool being used by buyers and sellers.

Specifically, the mid-east producers, who would like nothing better than to see U.S. producers in trouble, are unloading surpluses of

oil on the world market.

This over-production added to the fact that this winter has been one of the mildest on record, puts more pressure for lower prices on crude.

It is a short-lived and artificial situation.

Most petroleum industry experts, especially those who have been around a while, know that there has been historically ups and downs in the oil patch.

This is one of those

downs.

The simple facts are that the world needs oil and will continue to need oil.

Left alone, the free market forces will play the role of finding the best solution.

The cheaper the price, the more consumption, the more production...

Or, a shortage could

develop.

That should concern our nation's leaders more than the current over supply.

A shortage makes the world come to a stop.

It provides tremendous political opportunities for our international enemies.

That fact underscores the critical importance of establishing a national policy of incentives for the petroleum industry...to insure that we do not end up depending on unsure sources of oil in the future.

I have confidence in our petroleum industry to continue the hard, tough, dirty and often dangerous task of providing the nation and the world the energy it takes to keep us on the move.

It is still a "speculative" business, this petroleum industry, yet, the people

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Texas Oil & Gas ...

Gas Pricing Proposal Bad News for Texans

By Richard C. Hudson, Chairman,
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is proposing a change in the way the natural gas industry handles pipeline billing procedures. If adopted, the proposal to require "block billing" of natural gas could have a very negative effect on certain segments of the industry as well as the Texas economy.

"Block billing" would divide interstate gas, for example that gas produced in Texas but sold elsewhere, into two "blocks," i.e., categories. Block 1 would be composed of low-priced "old" gas, while Block 2 gas would consist of the remainder of domestic gas production. The blocks would be billed separately, thereby forcing abandonment of the current average-priced billing procedure.

The proposal would keep Block 1 gas at current, below market prices and would allow only existing out-of-state customers access to it. This would force pipeline companies and producers to compete for new customers solely with Block 2 gas.

Combined with transportation rules recently adopted by FERC, the prices paid for Block 2 gas would be forced down quickly. In most cases, prices for this gas now are above market average prices and prices in the short-term markets.

"Block billing" would not produce a competitive, free market. Rather, this set of regulated-market distortions would result in a new form of market discrimination against Texas producers and consumers.

These dictated prices inevitably would produce new average prices below what a free market would produce. And, indeed, some out-of-state consumers would enjoy lower gas prices for a short while. But, the price cuts would come at the expense of gas producer income.

As gas producers see their income dwindle, they will be forced to cut operating costs to stay in business. Failure to generate capital for exploration would mean a cutback in drilling, thereby lessening available supplies of natural gas, with the inevitable upward pressure on prices and more dependency on imports.

But, what does this proposal mean to Texas, source of one-third of U.S. natural gas production? Comptroller Bob Bullock estimates that "block billing"—along with other FERC rules already adopted—would cost over \$2.5-billion in income annually to Texas' 6,000 gas producers, with a related annual loss of as much as \$200-million in state severance taxes; reduce drilling starts by three-percent a year, and generally further aggravate problems of an ailing industry which is vital not only to this state's economy but to the security of our nation.



Texas Oil Producers Face Year of Challenges

Special to The Post Dispatch by Senator Lloyd Bentsen

another year of difficult challenges. Given this industry's importance to Texas, this means another year of difficult challenges for all levels of our state's economy, which saw unemployment last year exceed the national average for the first time since 1970.

Over the past few years declining prices for oil and natural gas, combined with the capital drain caused by the so-called "windfall profit" tax and other misdirected federal policies, have caused dramatic reductions in domestic drilling.

In 1986 the industry faces a precipitous drop in crude oil prices brought on by OPEC's decision last fall to permit increased production.

In January the price of a barrel of the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil dipped below \$20.

The Administration, in a statement, applauded \$20 a barrel oil.

They said it's good for the nation's economy.

Well, it is anything but good for the Texas economy and over time the national economy will pay a stiff price, too.

A continued sharp decline in oil prices would severely damage this country's energy conservation efforts.

A renewal of wasteful energy consumption would sooner or later combine with decreasing domestic oil production to put our country again at the mercy of OPEC, much as we were throughout the 1970s.

We cannot allow that to happen.

Domestic production has dropped sharply over the last three years.

Drilling peaked in 1982 when a record 88,106 wells were drilled.

The number of wells drilled slumped by about 10,000 one year later and

the downward trend has not yet stopped.

The number of active oil wells is still declining.

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Oil Producing

(Continued from Page 1) who live and work in this environment are willing and eager to "get after it."

As consumers and citizens of Post, Garza County, Texas and the United States, we owe a tremendous debt of appreciation to the people who take the risk both financially and personally to find, produce and deliver that precious fuel which keeps this country on the move.

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Production Averages

2.2 Million in November

Texas crude oil production averaged 2,207,935 barrels daily in November 1985, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Buddy Temple.

This figure compares with October production of 2,278,067 barrels daily and November 1984 production of 2,304,670 barrels daily.

Texas oil production in November 1985 totaled 66,238,045 barrels, down from 70,620,062 barrels in October and down from 69,140,095 barrels in November 1984.

Through November of 1985, the state produced 759,367,679 barrels of oil for the year.

Through the same period the previous year, Texas had produced 774,365,198 barrels.

The state's top producing counties, rank ordered by November production and followed by cumulative production for 1985 were:

Pecos,	4,121,767	and
45,606,585	barrels;	
Ector,	3,556,580	and
39,479,434	barrels;	
Andrews,	3,392,546	and
38,227,179	barrels;	

Gaines,	3,262,375	and
37,996,417	barrels;	
Gregg,	2,840,404	and
32,128,922	barrels;	
Yoakum,	2,708,278	and
33,048,596	barrels;	
Hockley,	2,643,364	and
32,328,861	barrels;	
Scurry,	1,862,119	and
23,158,192	barrels;	
Crane,	1,177,976	and
22,039,184	barrels	and
Refugio,	1,685,487	and
19,240,397	barrels.	

The wages of refinery workers in Texas last year averaged \$14.60 per hour, one of the highest rates in the state.

Lyne T Barret drilled the first oil well in Texas in 1866 near Nacogdoches.

The first oil well in Texas was 106 feet deep.

The refinery built in Corsicana in 1898 by J.S. Cullinan was the first in Texas to be operated extensively and continuously.

Bentsen...

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sands of jobs." "The U.S. petroleum equipment industry is dependent on exports for about 35 percent of annual sales. These exports have dropped from about \$5.3 billion in 1982 to only \$3.2 billion in 1985. The U.S.S.R. is the largest petroleum equipment market outside of the U.S. American Oil and gas firms had about 35 percent of that market before the embargo. Now

they have only 0.4 percent. Had the U.S. market share only remained constant we would have had \$1.8 billion in Soviet orders during 1979-83 instead of the actual \$118 million. This is a loss of over 90 percent in potential sales and a loss of more than 8,000 potential jobs. Texas companies have borne an estimated 50 percent of these losses," Bentsen said. "We should never impose export controls unless we

hurt others worse than we hurt ourselves. We should never impose export controls unless other countries which produce the same products also agree to those controls. These are basic principals both of law and common sense. The current embargo on the sale of oilfield equipment to the Soviet Union violates both of these principles and should be lifted immediately," Senator Bentsen said.

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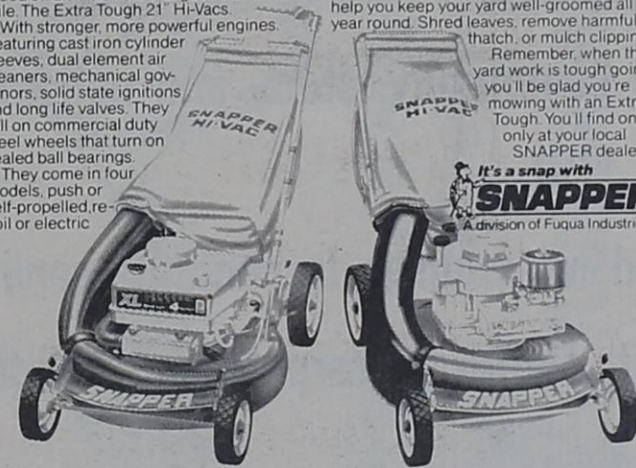
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(Continued from Page 13) owner of the minerals underneath.

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The petroleum industry requires a wide range of knowledge and skills from the acquisition of drilling rights and explorations, through the production process to the gas pump.

Garza County participates in most of the

varied petroleum industry operations except for the refining process.

One may ask why we do not have a refinery given all the petroleum produced in Garza County.

As we salute the petroleum industry as the major primary industry in Garza County, we need ask why the local gasoline consumer finds higher prices at the pumps in

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Much research needs yet to be done on technologies that will permit more effective recovery of petroleum from the fields and the organization and marketing practices that will provide greater returns to the consumer.

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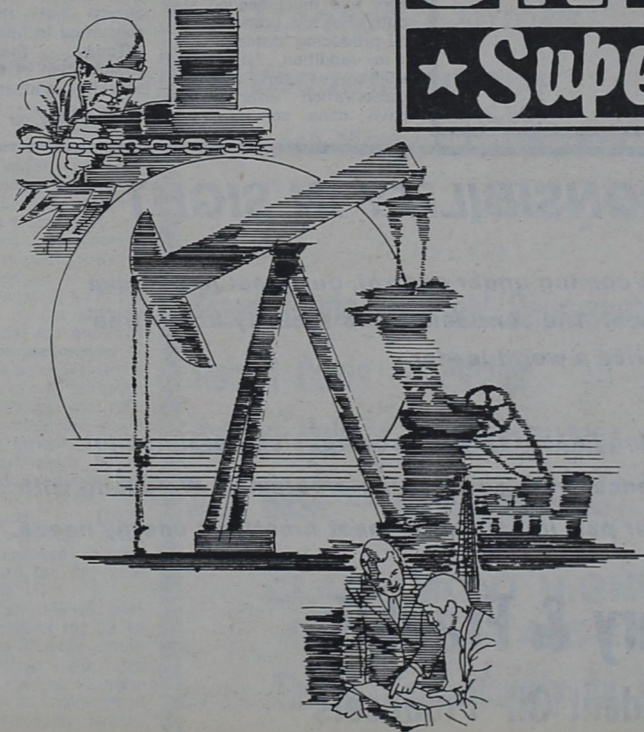
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Bentsen Sees Potential For Import Tax Free

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and gas drilling rigs peaked in 1981 at 3,970. The total rig count for 1985 was slightly less than half that number, 1,972. Almost 50 percent of the industry's rotary rigs are currently stacked and not being used in exploration for the domestic supplies of energy we need to insure our nation's economic and military security.

These challenges to the stability of the energy industry are further complicated by the effects of rapidly falling world prices on the financial stability of the American banking industry that has previously financed oil and gas operations based on much higher rates of return. Another variable in the equation is the tax legisla-

tion that passed the House of Representatives last in 1985 and is now pending before the Senate. The House bill imposes higher taxes on the energy industry, though not as high as those in the original tax plan, known as Treasury I. As this legislation moves through the Senate there will be surely an effort to

increase the level of energy taxation beyond that adopted by the House and make it closer to the provisions of Treasury I. As a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee I will oppose this to the utmost and I think we can prevail. In the past two Congresses, I have succeeded in helping convince Congress to reduce the rates of taxation imposed by the "windfall profit" tax and to reject attempts to increase taxes on producers by repealing the intangible drilling costs (IDC) allowance or percentage depletion.

I will continue to work on behalf of the IDC and percentage depletion during the current session of Congress and I will be working on other matters of concern to the energy industry, as well. Last year I joined with Senator Malcolm Wallop, a Wyoming Republican, to introduce legislation that would impose a fee on imported crude oil and refined petroleum products. Such a fee would provide much needed revenue for our depleted federal treasury and much-needed stability for the economies of oil producing states. In addition, it would enable us to maintain conservation efforts that have done so much in

recent years to reduce wasteful consumption of energy. The oil import fee would be imposed after the price per barrel falls below a set target level. For example, if the target price is set at \$22 a barrel and the price of a barrel of oil falls to \$16, then a fee of \$6 a barrel would be imposed on all imported oil. When the price rises the import fee is reduced and when the price exceeds the target level the fee comes off.

It is estimated that each \$1 of import fee levied under this plan would raise between \$1 billion and \$2 billion in federal revenue. The price stability offered by such an import fee is important not only to the energy industry, not only to the economy of Texas, but to the stability and future prosperity of our nation as well.

We learned - or we should have learned - in the 1970s the price we pay for excessive dependence on foreign sources of energy. At one point in that decade we were dependent on foreign sources for almost half the oil we consumed in this country. Today - thanks to a combination of energy conservation and an increased

ing out of the shortages in the 1970's has made it profitable to gather and market the casing head gas that had previously been flared and wasted. The Post Chamber of Commerce has always been proud of its members in the oil patch. The jobs provided in oil production and the serving of the oil industry offer some of the highest hourly earnings in the area. The better wages in this industry bring returns to the retail merchants, eating places and all the shops and services that benefit from the spendable income created by the petroleum industry. The oil industry is so much a part of our life in Garza County that we seldom stop to question

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Continued Growth Seen for Petro Industry

by Lewis Earl
Post Chamber of
Commerce

The petroleum industry is a most significant part of the economy of Garza County. Despite the ups and downs in the oil industry since 1970, there has been continued growth making Garza one of the 25 leading oil producing counties in the state. The number of operating wells have increased each year, accounting for continued jobs on drilling rigs, in repairs and servicing, in pumping and transportation and in all activities related to oil production. The production of gas is less significant and appears as a by-product of the oil production activity. Higher fuel prices grow-

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Bentsen Urges End of Controls on Equipment Sales

Senator Lloyd Bentsen urged the Administration Thursday to end controls on the sale of oil drilling equipment to the Soviet Union, noting that the controls hit the Texas economy especially hard.

"I strongly believe that we should not impose embargoes unless the target country is hurt worse than the United States is," Bentsen said in identical letters to Secretary of the Treasury James Baker,

Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige. "Controls on the export of oilfield equipment and technology were put in place by the Carter Ad-

ministration and have been maintained by the Reagan Administration. These controls are due to expire on January 20 of this year."

"It is my view that these controls cannot meet the requirements set down by the Export Administration Act of 1985 and that they should not be renewed."

The Export Administration Act requires that a number of factors be considered before export controls are renewed, including the availability of the controlled items from other countries and whether the damage to the U.S. from the embargo exceeds the foreign policy benefit.

"The current controls on oilfield equipment and technology clearly fail both of these tests," Bentsen said.

"Other countries can and do produce comparable equipment and they have refused to join this embargo. This unilateral U.S. embargo has in effect subsidized the foreign competition of U.S. companies by giving them a major market. This has cost the U.S. hundreds of millions in dollars in sales and thought."

Penalties

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To date in 1986, the Commission has levied more than \$101,000 in pollution and well plugging penalties. Last year, the Commission assessed more than \$1 million in such penalties.

Stenholm Opposes HR 3838

by Congressman Charles W Stenholm

On December 17, 1985 the House of Representatives passed the so-called "Tax Reform Act of 1985", H.R. 3838, by voice vote.

I opposed this measure because of the negative effects it will have on economic growth in our great state and throughout the rest of the United States.

In particular, the bill passed by the House will serve to discourage domestic energy production and thereby endanger national security and economic independence.

Under present law, intangible drilling and development costs (IDCs) generally may be expensed or capitalized at the election of the operator of an oil or gas or geothermal property.

IDCs qualify for this treatment whether incurred in the United States or in a foreign country.

Currently, in the case of integrated producers, 80 percent of IDCs may be expensed and the remaining 20 percent must be amortized over a 36-month period.

Costs with respect to a nonproductive well ("dry hole") may be deducted by any taxpayer in the year the dry hole is completed.

Under the new bill, domestic IDCs that are incurred prior to the beginning of the installation of production casing may be expensed under present law. (For integrated producers, 80 percent of these IDCs may be expensed and the remaining 20 percent must be amortized over a 36-month period.)

IDCs associated with the installation of production casing, or that are incurred after the commencement of such installation, are to be amortized over a 26-month period, beginning with the month in which the costs are paid or incurred. (This rule does not apply below the lowest production level.)

Unamortized IDC's associated with dry holes may be expensed in the year in which the dry hole is completed.

Present law allows percentage depletion for up to 1,000 barrels of daily crude oil production (or the equivalent amount of natural gas) by an independent producer or royalty owner.

The percentage depletion rate for oil and gas is equal to 15 percent of the taxpayers gross income from the property, not to exceed (1) 50 percent of net income from the property, or (2) 65 percent of the taxpayers overall taxable income.

The new House bill generally phases out percentage depletion for oil and gas properties over a three-year period.

Taxpayers will thereafter be required to use the cost depletion method.

Percentage depletion is retained at a 15 percent rate for stripper well oil and gas.

No percentage depletion would be allowed for lease bonuses, advance royalties, or any other amounts payable without regard to

the actual production from an oil or gas property.

The phaseout of percentage depletion applies to production after December 31, 1985.

If passed in the Senate in its present form, the denial of percentage depletion for lease bonuses and advance

Bentsen

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effort to boost domestic production - that dependence is down from half to a third.

OPEC would like to see our dependence increase once a gain and that's why they have hike production.

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Stenholm Calls for Tax Reform

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royalties would be effective on January 1, 1986.

Implementation of this legislation in current form will clearly have a disastrous effect on the oil and gas industry and our Texas economy.

The negative effects of this legislation would compound the depressing effects which the current "glut" has had on exploration and production.

It is my hope that the Senate will produce a "genuine" tax-reform bill which encourages, rather than discourages, domestic energy production.

There have simply been too many negative changes in taxes currently on the books which hinder domestic energy production.

Negative changes have included:

October, 1969 - Applicable rate of percentage depletion cut from 27.5 percent to 22 percent;

October, 1969 - Percentage depletion made subject to "minimum tax"

provision;

March, 1975 - Independent producers and royalty owners-of oil and gas only-limited as to volume of production eligible for percentage depletion. Volume limit to be cut in half over five year phase down;

October, 1976 - Intangible drilling costs retroactively made subject to "minimum tax" provisions for individuals;

October, 1976 - Exploration and drilling for oil and gas subjected to "at risk" limitations;

March, 1980 - Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act adopted, imposing an excise tax on domestically produced crude oil-but not imported oil;

January, 1981 - Applicable rate for percentage depletion begins phase-down from 22 percent to 15 percent in 1984. Rate reduction applies only to oil and gas;

September, 1982 - "Minimum tax" on intangible drilling costs and percent-

age depletion increased for individuals;

September, 1982 - Integrated producers denied current expensing for 15 percent of intangible drilling costs;

July, 1984 - Denial of current expensing for intangible drilling costs increased to 20 percent for integrated producers;

July, 1984 - Use of prepaid intangible drilling costs restricted for all taxpayers.

These various measures have had a substantial negative effect over the years on both exploration and production.

This has been to the detriment of the entire nation, not just oil and gas industry and our state of Texas.

Increased dependence on foreign suppliers leaves our whole nation vulnerable to blackmail and threatens our economic well being.

The House tax reform bill would greatly increase the dangers posed to our nation by the threat of dependence on foreign suppliers.

I can assure you that I will be working with my colleagues in the Senate to assure that we achieve "genuine" tax reform instead of further burdening our energy industry.

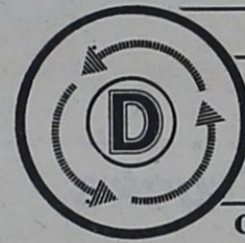
On a more positive note, I worked with Secretary Jim Baker in a successful effort to place a variety of proposed changes on the taxation of stripper well property on indefinite hold.

Powerful elements in the Treasury Department wanted to change the "once a stripper, always a stripper rule" and establish a gas-oil ratio in determining daily production.

Needless to say, these changes would have had a negative effect on production and it was a significant gain preventing the implementation of these changes.

Texas' share of 1984 U.S. drilling included 34.1-percent of oil completions; 25.1-percent of natural gas completions; 31.1-percent of total well completions, and 35.5 percent of total U.S. footage.

The petroleum industry in Texas employed 327,523 persons (about one out of every 23 workers) and paid them wages totaling more than \$9.6-billion in 1984.



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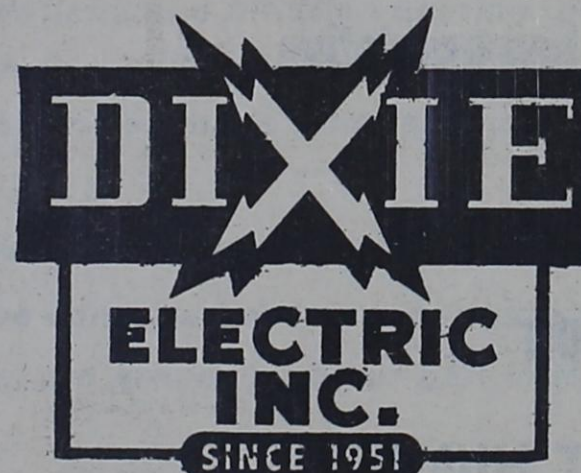
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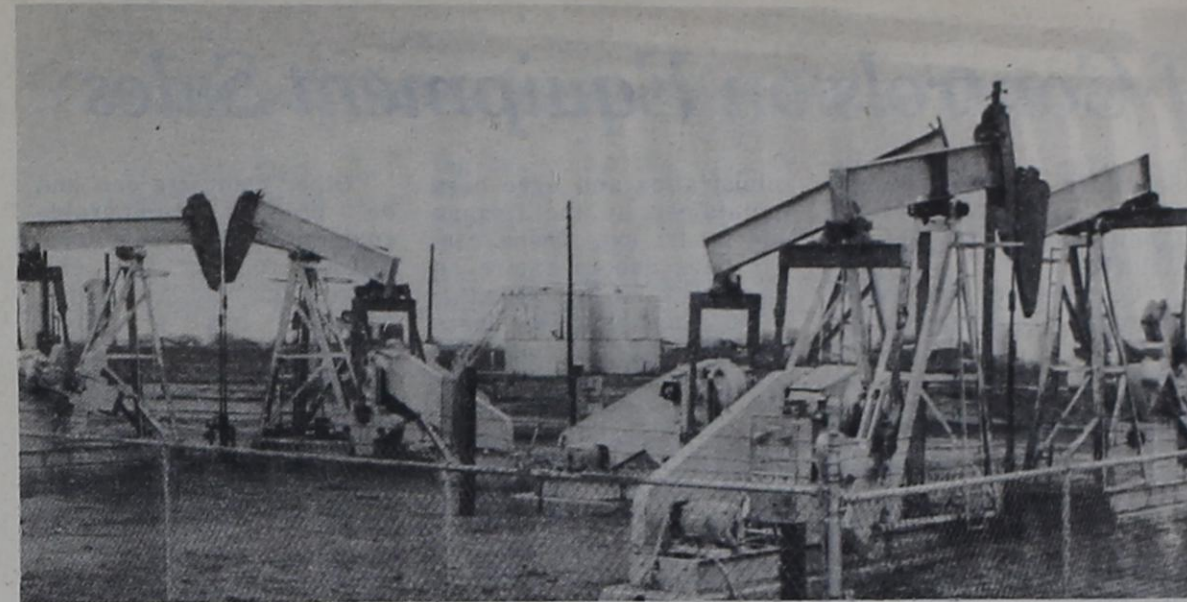
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RRC Issues Penalty on Riley Inc.

The Railroad Commission assessed a \$10,000 penalty against Clovis Riley, Inc of Pearsall for saltwater and oil spills and four unpermitted pits on the company's Davidson lease in Frio County. The company agreed to the penalty.

Ten other oil and gas operators received fines totalling \$28,500 for problems under the Commission's pollution control regulations.

Roeling Vacuum, Inc of Hull agreed to a \$8,000 penalty for discharges of drilling fluids and oil into Pine Island Bayou from company property in Liberty and Hardin Counties.

Commission inspectors also documented three unpermitted pits on the property.

Superior Vacuum Services Inc of Victoria agreed to a \$6,000 penalty for dumping saltwater into a bar ditch along a public road near Bloomington in Victoria County.

Commission tests of fluids from the dump site registered concentrations of 10,500 parts per million chlorides.

Mel R Ryan, Inc of Jourdanton agreed to a \$4,000 penalty for an overflow of oil and saltwater from a pit at its Jourdanton Yard in Atascosa County.

The overflow ran some 2,000 feet from the pit through a dry creek bed.

Rounding out the agreed penalties was a \$4,000 fine accepted by H & F Production of Wichita Falls for unplugged wells, three unpermitted pits, and discharges of saltwater on the J.H. Mayo and Gohlke-Mayo leases in Clay County.

Douglas Petroleum of

Corpus Christi was fined \$3,000 for an unplugged well on the Mary Willeen Schmidt lease in San Patricio County.

Company representatives did not appear at a Commission hearing on the matter.

Operators who agreed to penalties covering well plugging problems included Ark-La-Tex Resources, Inc of Vancouver, Canada, \$1,000 for five wells on the H.K. Hinde lease, Pecos County; Ca-Tex Petroleum, Inc of Fort Worth, \$1,000 for a well on the C.K.

Garvey "H" lease, Archer County; P and P Operating Co of Breckenridge, \$500 for three wells on the Clowers lease, Stephens County; Enstar Energy, Inc of Dallas, \$500 for five wells on the W.C. Johnston lease, Clay County; and Tyra and Tyra of Overton, \$500 for a well on the G.T. White lease, Stephens County.

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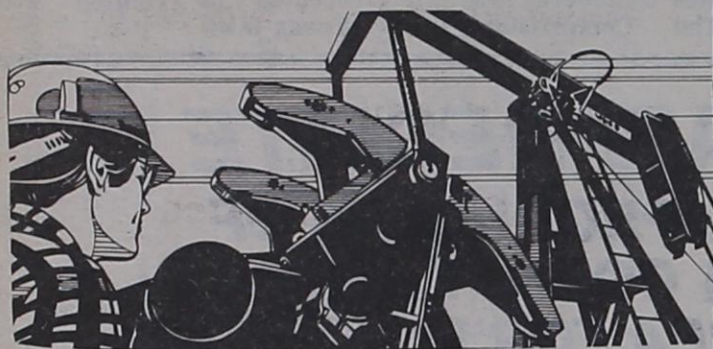
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Uncertain Prospects Ahead

by Buddy Temple
Chairman Texas
Railroad Commission
At the present time Texas oil and gas producers—for decades a linchpin of our state's economy—face uncertain prospects.

Will crude oil prices continue to fall in the near future?

One recent forecast, from the bureau of business research in the University of Texas at Austin, predicts that the price of crude oil will fall by \$2 a barrel in each of the next two years.

In general a \$1 a barrel drop in the price of crude oil leads to a \$3 billion decline in Texas economic activity and a loss of 25,000 related jobs statewide, according to the bureau.

In 1986 Congress will take final action of proposed changes in the tax law governing oil and gas producers.

If enacted, these changes will likely tighten budgets for drilling and exploration among both major and independent operators.

A reduction in drilling activity would of course be felt throughout the Texas economy.

Both these prospects—falling oil prices and the proposed elimination of tax incentives for oil and gas producers—depressed rig activity in 1985.

The average 1985 rig count in Texas (as measured by the Hughes Tool Co.) was 666, down 22 percent from the 1984 level of 850 rigs.

Despite these discouraging signs, there are some positive developments.

In recent years, as Dr William L. Fisher of UT's Bureau of Economic Geology has pointed out, the rate of decline in Texas crude oil production has slowed significantly, largely from improved recovery in existing oil fields through extension and infill drilling.

Dr Fisher believes that Texas crude oil production, through more efficient recovery from these older fields, can be sustained at near current levels until the year 2000.

Preliminary Railroad Commission figures for Texas crude oil production in 1985 support his case.

In 1985 Texas produced approximately 828 million barrels.

This means that the decline rate in 1985 was only about 2 percent from the 1984 level of 845 million barrels.

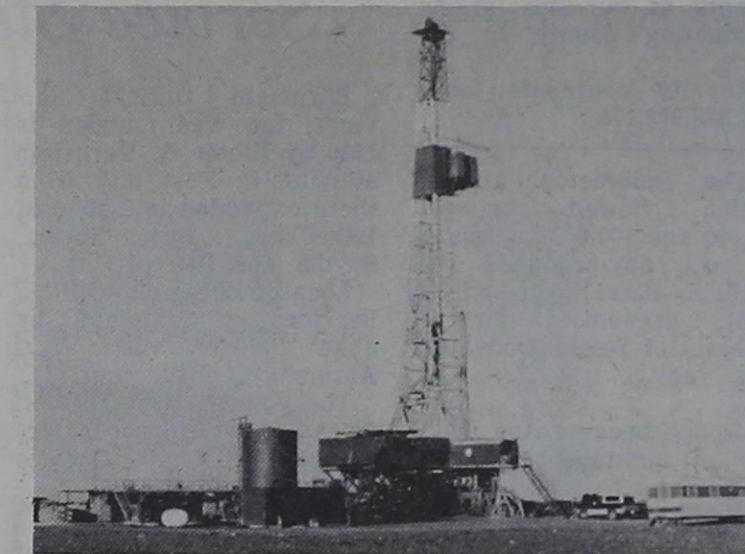
Texas oil well completions in 1985 numbered 16,543, a total second only to the 18,716 in 1984.

Another encouraging trend is that our nation's petroleum imports were down in 1985.

In 1985 U.S. gross imports of crude oil and

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The 31,402 wells completed in Texas last year included 18,716 oil wells and 5,489 gas wells.

Texas well completions in 1984 included 5,551 wildcats, of which 634 were oil wells; 1,377 were gas wells, and 3,540 were dry holes.

The 25,851 development completions in Texas in 1984 included 18,082 oil wells; 4,112 gas wells; 3,153 dry holes, and 504 service completions, with 1,056 duals included in the oil and or gas completions.

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Petroleum Industry Pumps Lots of Money to Garza County

The Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association reports that during 1984 (the last complete year of data), crude oil production in Garza County was 7,411,783 barrels for a value of \$213,162,879.

The report also shows 1,140,224 Mcf production of natural gas for a value of \$2,622,515 for a total of all mineral production value at \$215,785,394.

The value puts Garza County as the 56th largest producing county in the state.

Royalty payments totalled \$26,973,174.

The Spindletop gusher which flowed between 75,000 and 100,000 barrels of oil per day produced 17.4 million barrels of oil in 1901, accounting for 94 percent of Texas production that year.

Texas became the leading oil producing state in 1928.

The mineral production provided \$9,805,492 in crude oil state production taxes, \$196,689 in natural gas for a total of \$10,002,181.

Estimated drilling expenditures were \$64,747,527 with \$11,402,615 spent on dry holes.

There were 178 producing

oil wells drilled in the county and 35 dry holes.

As of April 1, 1985 there were 2,181 producing oil wells.

The report shows 566 employees directly involved in petroleum related operations for a total payroll of \$10,806,164.

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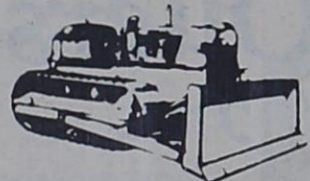
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Railroad Commission Appeals FERC Order

The Railroad Commission has appealed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's final order in the Stowers Oil and Gas case.

The notice of appeal was mailed to the federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Other documents detailing the Railroad Commission's arguments for overturning the FERC order are expected to be filed with the court later this month.

FERC began its inquiry into natural gas sales by Stowers Oil and Gas Co. and 36 other oil operators in the Panhandle West Field in 1983.

Two years earlier, the Railroad Commission had begun its own case involving field rules and production practices in 11 Panhandle fields in response to an application by Phillips Petroleum.

Already deep in deliberations on the Phillips case, the Commission was prohibited by state law from participating in FERC's Stowers hearings in July and August 1984 and in oral arguments set for June 14, 1985.

Such participation would have violated the Texas Administrative Procedures Act which states, "members or employees of an agency assigned to render a decision or to make findings of fact and conclusions of law in a contested case may not communicate, directly or indirectly, in connection with any issue of fact or law with any agency, person, party, or their representatives, except on notice and opportunity for all parties to participate."

After FERC's administrative law judge issued a recommendation in the Stowers case in January 1985, the Commission's counsel filed a petition asking FERC to stay any final action until the Commission had a chance to issue a final decision covering state law issues.

The petition pointed out several concerns, stating in part, "we are particularly concerned that federal interpretations of Texas state law may limit or impede the state's ability to achieve the policies and legislative goals embodied in the state laws."

We are also concerned that conflicting interpretations from FERC and TRC (Railroad Commission)

may jeopardize producers' compliance with state laws and may exacerbate state enforcement of its own laws."

The petition supplied quotations from federal law and U.S. Supreme Court decisions to back up its contentions. FERC granted the stay.

In letters of April 8, April 22, May 30, June 3 and June 11, the Commission

counsel kept FERC informed of the progress in the Phillips case and again outlined the restriction in state law which prevented direct participation in FERC's Stowers case.

The FERC, however, issued its final order in Stowers on July 12, not waiting for further information to be provided by the Railroad Commission.

After the Railroad Commission's order in the Phillips case became final,

the Commission filed with FERC in August a request for rehearing in the Stowers case.

The Commission told FERC that by adopting its order in Stowers it had "adopted findings and definitions which will have the practical effect of regulating completion and production practices in Texas," a potentially illegal intrusion into areas reserved to the states by federal law.

The Commission's re-

quest asked FERC to "grant this petition for rehearing to permit the Railroad Commission to resolve those issues concerning production practices properly reserved to the state" and not to finalize its actions in Stowers until this information has been furnished.

The FERC denied the petition for rehearing, contending that its ruling created no conflict with Texas law.

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