

EDITORIAL

THE DANGER IN PRICE SUPPORTS

A late issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried a vivid article by Lewis Nordyke, entitled "The Big Cattle Bust of '53." That title is no exaggeration. The savage drought hit the plains country at a time when cattle values were high and the cattle population was very large. The postwar boom had brought men into the cattle business who, in Mr. Nordyke's phrase, "knew no more about a cow than a steer does about biology." Many of these people were deep in debt when the day of reckoning came. Between May, 1952 and this fall the value of the cattle on America's ranches and farms dropped by the incredible figure of \$7,000,000,000.

To make a bad matter worse, government price supports kept the price of livestock feeds at levels which, to the hardpressed cattlemen, were practically out of sight.

Inevitably, some producers demanded that cattle prices be supported as well. But this was not the universal attitude of the cattlemen by a long shot. For the most part, the experienced old-timers in the business are holding to their traditional attitude that they'll solve their own problems by themselves in one way or another. Mr. Nordyke quotes one leading Texas rancher as saying, "Price support on beef would mean government control of production. It would mean the government would run the cattle business. It would also mean high beef prices for the consumer. The potato subsidy didn't help the potato growers in the long run. Look at the dairy business. The butter subsidy has practically killed the market for butter."

Every producer of livestock, on a large or small scale, should ponder that. Government aid inevitably results in government domination.

STILL WITH US

The New York Herald-Tribune has paid a well-earned editorial tribute to America's railroads. "Railroads sometimes are regarded as old hats," the paper said. "They have been with us so long. They have been operating many years at the time farmers in Pennsylvania complained that a thick oily chemical kept coming to the surface in their fields and poisoning the water for the cattle. They operated when virtually nothing, by present standards, was known about metallurgy, and they had long beards when the Wright Brothers flew their first plane and someone put a one-cylinder gasoline engine in a buggy and disposed of his horse."

"Yet they are still with us, even as we wonder what makes a transistor do what it does and stare wide-eyed at the space suits our airmen wear as they explore the stratosphere. Let's not forget that. They are still with us. They have lasted in the face of competition that couldn't have been conceived of by the wildest of our imaginative forebears a few decades back."

The point is they have modernized with the times. Despite all the wonders the past century has produced, nothing has appeared that can touch the railroads in carrying goods and human beings in any volume to any part of this vast continent—swiftly, economically, and amazingly safely.

Rob Cochran, son of Mrs. Nellie Mills, returned to Baird Monday from Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been for the past four months basking in the sun hoping to regain his health. Rob says he feels better and has gained almost 10 pounds.

Mrs. W. G. Mims, Mrs. Errol Haley of Big Spring and Mrs. C. D. Jones of Abilene spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Lawrence Bowlsue, a patient in Callahan County Hospital. Mrs. Mims and Mrs. Jones are sisters of Mrs. Bowlsue.

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During the few days since my return to Washington, I am able to gather a few impressions which might indicate future courses of action on the part of the Administration.

On the domestic side, the farm program and what to do with farm surpluses is undoubtedly the biggest problem to be faced. Some of the good intentions voiced earlier by Mr. Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, have now gone out the window. The impression is that they are now facing realities, instead of theories.

On the national and international scene, the number one question is how to gear our defenses and military power to the fact that Russia has the hydrogen bomb.

President Eisenhower has made some pretty strong statements to wake us up to the possible danger. It seems to me he is going to have to do some very plain talking in order that the entire Nation may know something of the awfulness of such a possible bomb attack.

There is current newspaper talk about an agreement with Russia to disarm, or at least to control the output of atomic and hydrogen bombs. It should first be understood that Russia has offered to discuss such an agreement, but as usual with the Russians, there is a catch to it. They would probably agree to most anything, but they have balked at any arrangement for inspection to see that the agreement is carried out.

Other things shaping up for the coming Session of the Congress are: the matter of taxes; balancing the budget; revisions in the Social Security laws; recommendations for changes in the Taft-Hartley Law; and numerous items of unfinished business carried over from the last Congress.

The next Session of the Congress promises to be busier than the last. The new Administration put off a great many things until it was more experienced on which action will need to be taken.

During my visit back home, I greatly enjoyed talking to people and getting their views. It is hoped that everyone will continue to give me the benefit of their thinking and suggestions on the issues vitally affecting all of us. Never before in history has the public been so well-informed on so many subjects as our people are today. It is true that there is also a goodly amount of misinformation, too, but usually we are able to sift the grain from the trash and come up with a pretty clear attitude on what is happening. It is often confusing enough without such distractions, but it seems most people feel they must take a greater interest in public affairs. In my opinion, those who feel that way are correct. In these days our very survival may depend on it.

The Department of Agriculture has announced a hay pro-

gram for the drouth areas similar to the emergency livestock feed. The difference in their thinking is that the hay program should be worked through local feed dealers. Ten million dollars is earmarked for the purpose, most of which will go for cost of transportation. Shipping charges from the North and Midwest where hay is available amount to about the purchase price at the source of supply.

Rhonda Kay Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Walton, who is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene with polio is much better and was able to be taken out for a visit with her parents and grandparents last Sunday afternoon.

Public Hunting Test Advanced

The Texas Game and Fish Commission indicated favor for proposed public hunting experiments in East Texas forest lands but decided time was too short to permit trial projects during the coming big game harvest season.

The public shoots, discussed at the Commission's regular quarterly meeting in Austin, would be on National Forest Lands covered by a two-way agreement between the United State Forest Service and the Commission.

The Commission decided to try out the program despite the patch-work areas involved, caused by irregularity of boundaries with many privately owned tracks wholly enclosed by the National Forest Lands.

One point made by the Executive Secretary, in outlining the proposed restricted harvests, was that the game population would soon reach such proportions that the brood stock would not be endangered by limited shooting.

It also was emphasized that law enforcement might be strengthened under the suggested new policy in the affected areas where local sentiment opposes prosecutions for game law violations.

The Commission's stand on the proposal, which has been studied by state and federal technicians, indicated the possibility that the experiment might be ready for the 1954 fall season.

Most big game hunting in Texas now is done under the traditional land ownership-game management program whereby wildlife is harvested under leases between land owners and hunters.

The Commission heard suggestions for surveying Gulf Coast reef shell deposits.

Final Commission authority was given the proposed limited harvest of antlerless deer in Kerr, Gillespie and Mason counties to be begun this fall as a means of restoring the sex balance to deer herds.

The Commission authorized resumption of the annual warden school.

Mrs. J. E. Brown and children, Meiba and Corky, of Gorman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glasson and Ann, last Sunday. Mrs. Brown is Mrs. Glasson's mother.

Down Memory Lane

October 14, 1910

Mrs. Cora Work and Miss Patie Dickkey went to Cisco Wednesday.

Misses Corinne Barringer and Maunie Work visited Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Reese, of Ft. Worth, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harry McGowan.

Mrs. F. S. Bouchette has returned to Clyde after spending several days as the guest of Miss Stella Young at Belle Plain.

Robert Estes and Glouster King made a trip to Oplin the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hall left Monday for Iowa, where they go to spend several weeks visiting relatives.

M. M. Terry and little daughter went to Coleman last Friday. He lost one of his dray horses which died on the trip. Mr. Terry we are informed, will move to Coleman at once. What's the matter with these old time fellows that they scatter so?

We understand a bonus of something like two thousand dollars has been made up for Brown Seay or anyone who will rebuild the hotel.

Mrs. Walter Pike and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Pike's sister, Mrs. Bob Elliott, returned to their home at Big Spring Saturday.

October 13, 1933

Louis Williams, of Ft. Worth and Earl Williams, of Ranger, visited their sister, Mrs. Ed Lambert and family Sunday.

Dr. H. H. Ramsey of Abilene, was in Baird Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Gary and son, Garland, of Atwell, were in Baird Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Shelton and little daughter, Dorothy Jean, of San Antonio, visited Mrs. Shelton's sister, Mrs. Roy D. Williams and family the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowlsue spent the weekend with their children Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bowlsue Jr., in Big Spring. Miss Edith Bowlsue, who has been visiting in Big Spring for several weeks, returned home with her parents.

Mrs. Robert Walker was called to Dallas last Friday by the ser-

ious illness of her father-in-law, W. W. Walker, who suffered a stroke of paralysis. A message Monday from Mrs. Walker said Mr. Walker's condition was critical and she would be unable to return for a few days. Mrs. Padgett of McKinney, mother of Mrs. W. W. Walker is also critically ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and Jimmy were visitors in Baird Saturday.

Mr. Dale Wort was dismissed from the hospital last Thursday. We are glad he is able to be up and around now.

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Mesdames:
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Ed Wristen
D. L. Corley and infant, Clyde Rt. 1
Boyd James, Cross Plains
A. B. Ashabanner, Baird
Baby Gerald Bales, Clyde
Messers:
Ben F. Griswold, Clyde
W. P. Bonner, Baird
J. P. Alton, Baird
J. D. Cauthen, Baird
B. W. Lofton

Dismissals
Jack Graham, Macon, Georgia
Willis Bauch, Baird
Felix Crawford, Clyde Rt.
W. M. Stansbury and infant daughter, Cross Plains
S. A. Barton, Clyde
Calle Smith, Clyde
R. L. Smedley, Rowden
V. M. Scroggins
Wanda Cowan, Cross Plains
Mary Beth Sisson
Messers:
E. G. Huckabee, Clyde Rt.
J. S. Cobb
Mrs. J. H. Weeks of Putnam, was a visitor in Baird last Friday.

ROUND-UP Drive-In Theatre

Saturday Only
ROBERT MITCHUM
BARBARA BEL GEDDES
in
"Blood On The Moon"
SUN. - MON. - TUE.
LORETTA YOUNG
JEFF CHANDLER
"Because Of You"
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FRANCES DEE
WED. - THUR. - FRI.
VICTOR MATURE
JEAN SIMMONS
A Very Modern Story Of Very Modern People!
"Affair With A Stranger"
with
MONICA LEWIS

Junior Wednesday Club Meets

The Junior Wednesday Club met Monday night, October 12, 1953, in the home of Cubelle Sorrells.
In the business session we voted to make a donation to the Texas Headquarters Maintenance Fund and subscribe to the "Soil and Water" magazine in connection with the State Conservation project. Loretta Alexander, Mary Black, Chris Ashlock, and Cubelle Sorrells were elected as delegates to represent the club at the State Convention to be held in Austin on November 9 through 12.

Floy McCaw, Mary Black, and Dort Carrico reported on the Board of Directors and President's Meeting for the Sixth District, Texas Federated Women's Clubs which they had attended on September 21.
The program consisted of "Wonder Drugs" given by Cubelle Sorrells and "Antohistamines" by Margaret Green.
Those present for the meeting were: Martha Betcher, Dort Carrico, Irma Crow, Pat Sims, Margaret Green, Dora Eubanks, Jo Ann Newton (Mrs. Baul), Sarah Parks, Chris Ashlock, Mrs. Clyde White, Virginia Stevenson, Gwen Brown, Loretta Alexander, Floy McCaw, Mary Black, Cubelle Sorrells, Wally Sorrells, and Mrs. J. T. Loper.

Anna Veneziana Anna Girl's Auxiliary

The Girl's Auxiliary met at the First Baptist Church Monday Oct. 12, 1953 at 4:15 p.m.
Those present were: Betty Lou Sargent, Janie Hass, Etta Sargent, Carlyon Sheldon, Linda Sue Denney, Glenda Ricks, Charlene Sheldon, Beverly Atkinson, Dorothy England and Mrs. Fugitt.
We had three new members who were Dorothy England, Charlene Sheldon, and Beverly Atkinson. We had roll call and were dismissed by Mrs. Fugitt.
All girls from 9 to 12 years of age are urged to come to Girl's Auxiliary.

Library Club Has Initiation

The Library Club of the local High School met at the home of Mrs. Clyde White, the sponsor, to hold their annual initiation of new members last Friday night.
After a delicious picnic supper the new members were initiated. The club has seventeen members, 7 of which joined this year. The new members are: Norvis Goodloe, Shirley Tollett, Glen Kerby, Melva Beasley, DeLaverne Simmons, Joyce Goodloe and Jackie Stanley.
The group went to Abilene after the initiation and attended a movie which all enjoyed very much.

Pink And Blue Shower

Mrs. J. H. Poindexter of Abilene was honored Thursday evening with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Gilmer Hughes. Seventeen guests were present.
Hostesses were: Mrs. Hubert Ross, Mrs. Fred Hart, Mrs. O. P. Thompson, Mrs. Clarence Price, Mrs. Merle King, Mrs. Billy Hall Walls, Mrs. Harvey Wise and Mrs. Hughes.
Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter are former residents of Baird.

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Nongenarian Visits In Baird

Frank Alvord of Ft. Worth, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Willard Greene of Los Angeles, is visiting in the ranch home of his niece, Mrs. N. M. George, and Mr. George.
Mr. Alvord, who celebrated his ninety-second birthday recently, came from his native state of Illinois to Baird with his parents in 1882. His father was attracted to Callahan County by the unusual sight of wildflowers blooming on the prairies during the month of January. Father and son entered the sheep-ranching business, establishing the family home on Deep Creek at a site about one and a half miles north of the present Finley ranch headquarters.
Later Mr. Alvord was married in Illinois. However, he returned with his bride to Callahan County in 1896 and lived in the pioneer ranch house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George.
For many years he was engaged in sheep, and later, cattle ranching. He recalls several incidents of the "Fence-Cutting War" of 1885. Mr. Alvord moved from Baird to Canyon, and since the death of his wife, he now resides with a daughter in Ft. Worth. His general health is excellent and his eyesight good enough for him to read the daily papers and a few periodicals.

Baird Lunchroom

October 19 - 23

MONDAY - 19th:
Hot Beef Sandwiches
Green Beans Peach Salad
Milk - Chocolate Milk

TUESDAY - 20th:
Meat Loaf Cole Slaw
Boiled Potatoes Bread
Peanut Butter Cookies
Milk - Chocolate Milk

WEDNESDAY - 21st:
Baby Limas
Beet and Onion Salad
Spinach Bread
Banana Nut Cake
Milk - Chocolate Milk

THURSDAY - 22nd:
Steak - Gravy
Tomatoes Buttered Corn
Bread
Honey Peanut Butter
Milk - Chocolate Milk

FRIDAY - 23rd:
Hamburgers
Lettuce, Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Pork & Beans
Peach Halves
Milk - Chocolate Milk

Mrs. Lula Bryant, of Clyde, mother of Mrs. Faye White, fell and broke her hip the latter part of last week. She was taken to the hospital in Abilene and at present is resting comfortably.
Mrs. Flatche, of Brownsfield returned home Tuesday after visiting her sister, Mrs. A. T. Scroggins for the past twelve days.
Visitors in the S. L. McElroy home last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray, of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George of Ballinger and Mrs. Ann Kelly, of Seminole.

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W.S.C.S. To Observe Week Of Prayer

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will observe the Week of Prayer and Self-denial, Thursday October 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. The following program will be given:
Call To Worship Quiet Music
Announcements Mrs. Hickman
Conductor
Hymn No. 1 Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty
Scripture Reading Mrs. Reynolds
Prayer Mrs. Lutrick
Why A Quiet Day Mrs. M. D. Bell
Meditation in Song Miss Wheeler
Alpine Center Mrs. Jack Sims
Hymn No. 164 All Hall The Power of Jesus Name
12:00 to 1:15 p.m. Covered Dish Lunch
Call to Worship Quiet Music
Scripture Mrs. Norrell
Prayer Mrs. Stubblefield
Hymn No. 269 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
The Authority of Jesus Mrs. V. E. Hill
Meditation in Song Mrs. Hugh Ross
Yuma Methodist Mission Mrs. H. W. Martin
Meditation in Music Harold Wristen
Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts
All who cannot attend program - come for lunch and bring gifts.

Roy Gilbreaths Given Surprise Party

Friends of the Roy Gilbreath family surprised them with a housewarming party on Tuesday evening of this week.
After admiring the entire new home of the Gilbreaths the guests were invited into the spacious living room, and Mrs. Hubert Ross presented Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreath with a lovely and useful chafing dish, a gift from the friends.
Coffee, pie and cake was served buffet style to about 40 people.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath and daughters, Glynda Beth and Kay visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Penn and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gilbreath of Mercury, last weekend.
George Sutphen, who is attending John Tarleton College in Stephenville, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sutphen and boys and many friends here last weekend.

Garden Club News

The Old Fashioned Garden Club met October 6 in the home of Mrs. D. J. Anderson with Mrs. J. T. Warren as co-hostess. After the roll call, Mrs. Anderson presented the guest speaker, Mrs. S. L. McElroy who gave a very interesting talk on "The Magic of Poetry." Mrs. Felix Mitchell showed two attractive driftwood arrangements. Six new members were welcomed into the Club.
During the social hour, the guests were invited to see the gay halloween decorations and autumn flower arrangements throughout the living room and dining room. A delicious refreshment plate of iced apple cider and gingerbread were served.
Guests present were: Mrs. Wes Patton and Mrs. Paul Shanks of Clyde; Mrs. Al Irving and Mrs. Claude Morse of Oplin; Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mrs. Rebekah Curry.
New members joining the Garden Club were: Mmes. Al Young, Dick Young, I. E. Warren, J. T. Warren, Charles Mosley and C. O. Welch.
Regular members present were: Mmes. C. Z. Anderson, D. J. Anderson, Ace Hickman, Virgil Hughes, Lee Ivey, Claude Johnson, Wade Johnson, Felix Mitchell, Hubert Ross, John Towler, Clyde White, Rod Kelton and Jerry Loper, Sr.

NOTICE
ESTATE OF WALTER C. MILLER, DECEASED. NO. 1837 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER C. MILLER, Deceased:
Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Walter C. Miller, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 28th day of September, 1953, by the county court of Callahan County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office addresses are: Route No. 1, Clyde, Texas, located near Eula, Texas, County of Callahan, State of Texas.
Mrs. Lela Smith, administratrix of Estate of Walter C. Miller, deceased, Intestate.
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ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,026,386.59
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	\$2,078,679.40
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	\$332,892.61
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	\$100,000.00
Corporate stocks (including \$3,750.00 stock in Federal Reserve bank)	\$3,750.00
Loans and discounts (including \$1,884.25 overdrafts)	\$529,214.96
Bank premises owned \$4,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
(Bank premises owned are subject to \$NONE liens not assumed by bank)	
Real estate owned other than bank premises	NONE
Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	NONE
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	NONE
Other assets	\$6,599.59
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,083,523.15
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,131,890.41
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$225,698.22
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	\$17,629.68
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	\$321,321.79
Deposits of banks	NONE
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	\$100,114.84
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,796,654.94
Bill payable, rediscounts, and other liabilities for borrowed money	NONE
Mortgages or other liens, \$NONE on bank premises and \$NONE on other real estate	NONE
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	NONE
Other liabilities	NONE
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,796,654.94
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
(a) Class A preferred, total par \$NONE, retireable value \$NONE (Rate of dividends on retireable value is _____%)	
(b) Class B preferred, total par \$NONE, retireable value \$NONE (Rate of dividends on retireable value is _____%)	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Surplus	\$75,000.00
Undivided profits	\$64,844.19
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	\$97,024.02
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$286,868.21
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$4,083,523.15
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$553,200.00
(a) Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	NONE
(b) Securities as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	NONE

I, Howard E. Farmer, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOWARD E. FARMER, Cashier

CORRECT—Attest:
Ace Hickman, Randall C. Jackson, Bob Norrell, Directors.
State of Texas, County of Callahan, ss:
(SEAL)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October, 1953, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
C. E. Andrews, Notary Public.

'54 Plymouth Belvedere Sport Coupe



The six-passenger Belvedere sport coupe typifies the new styling of 1954 Plymouth cars. It is longer than the previous model and has a completely restyled interior. All 1954 Plymouths are available with power steering and with Hy-Drive, a no-shift combination.

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LAWS ON CHANGE OF NAME EXPLAINED

Tired of your name? Perhaps you can change it. To most of us our name is too much an integral part of our everyday life to want to change it. There are occasions, however, when a legal change of name is desired, and Texas laws contain provisions for changing the names of individuals, business firms and corporations.

Being tired of a name is not sufficient in itself to warrant a legal change. There are occasions, however, when a change of name may be of sufficient bene-

fit to a person to justify a change under the statutes. For example, a name may be so long and cumbersome or so difficult to pronounce as to become a business or social handicap.

A legal change of an individual's name in this state involves a procedure in District Court. The person desiring a change must file an application in proper form in the District Court of the county of his residence, setting forth the reasons for his desire for a new name. If the Judge is convinced that it is for the interest or benefit of the applicant to change his name, he may decree that the adopted name of the person shall be substituted for his original name.

In addition to the provisions for change of name in ordinary cases, our laws permit the court in entering a divorce decree to include an order changing the name of either party especially petitioning for such a change in proper manner during the proceedings.

Provisions for changing the name of a minor are the same as for an adult, except that the application must be filed by his guardian or "next friend." By this latter term is meant a parent or some other person who is looking after the interests of the minor.

A change of name will not be allowed to injure third persons under our laws. The change does not operate to release the applicant from any responsibility which he may have incurred under his original name. Nor will it defeat or destroy any rights or property or causes of action which the person may have had or held in his original name.

Any person transacting business in Texas under any name other than his real name is required to file in the County Clerk's Office in each county in which he conducts his business an "assumed name certificate," giving the name of the business and the true full name and post office address of each person carrying on the business. Whenever there is a change in ownership or in the name of the business, a new certificate is required to be filed setting out the facts.

Whenever the name of a corporation is changed, Texas laws require that its corporate charter must be amended and the amendment filed with the Secretary of State.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform - not advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law.)

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stubblefield and son, Sam, of Goldthwaite, visited Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield last Sunday.

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NEW TESTS FOR LIVESTOCK

There are so many cattle inoculations and immunizations that old Bossie must feel like a raw Army recruit taking medical shots. Now the scientists have come up with another development with the needle - a test that shows the degree of fatness.

The test was developed specifically for live cattle, sheep or hogs. It should be very useful for purebred breeders who want to select their best young animals for breeding stock. The feeder who finishes fat steers or hogs, however, won't be affected.

The test calls for laboratory equipment and technical skill so it probably won't be generally made on the farm. It employs a drug called antipyrine which has been used by the medical profession to reduce a fever.

When a measured dose of the drug is injected into the blood stream of an animal, it dissolves immediately and then begins to be eliminated. On cattle, after 2 1/2 hours, blood samples are taken every hour for four hours. The rate of elimination of the drug is recorded. The fatter the animal, the greater is the concentration of the drug in the blood samples.

Smaller animals such as hogs and sheep, can be tested much faster since the drug is distributed more rapidly through the body. Blood samples can be taken from hogs one hour after injection of the drug and at intervals of 30 minutes.

Preliminary tests have been successful enough, the scientists say, to open up the field for critical breeding tests to prove the heritability of the high or low fat producing characteristics of the animal.

When applied to a few of the best bull calves, a cattleman may be in a better position to select a herd sire that has the ability to transmit early market finish to his calves. With this method, the cattleman would not have to wait to judge by the first crop of calves for each prospective sire.

The hog breeder may be able to select boars and gilts which have small amounts of fat and have the ability to make rapid growth with minimum feed requirements.

The antipyrine test has been used by some medical researchers for several years. But only in recent months have the tests been applied to cattle, hogs and sheep. It may cut out a lot of uncertainty in good cattle breeding.

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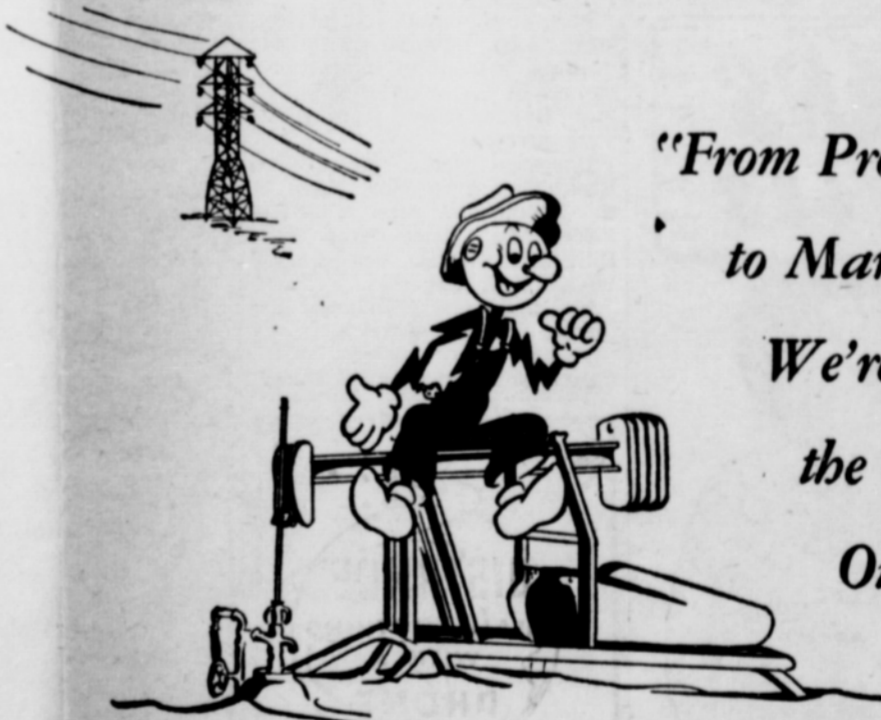
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Evening Worship—7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Hall—8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Mid-Week Service—7:30 p.m.

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Merle King, Minister
Phone 370
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Worship—10:45 a.m.
Young People's Bible Class—6:45 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.
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Ladies Bible Class—3:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study—7:30 p.m.

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Rev. David Whitaker
Associate Pastor
Bonnie Thompson, S.S. Supt.
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Morning Service—11 a.m.
Training Union 6:45 p.m. (Depts. for all ages)
H. B. Terry, Director
Evening worship 8:00 p.m.
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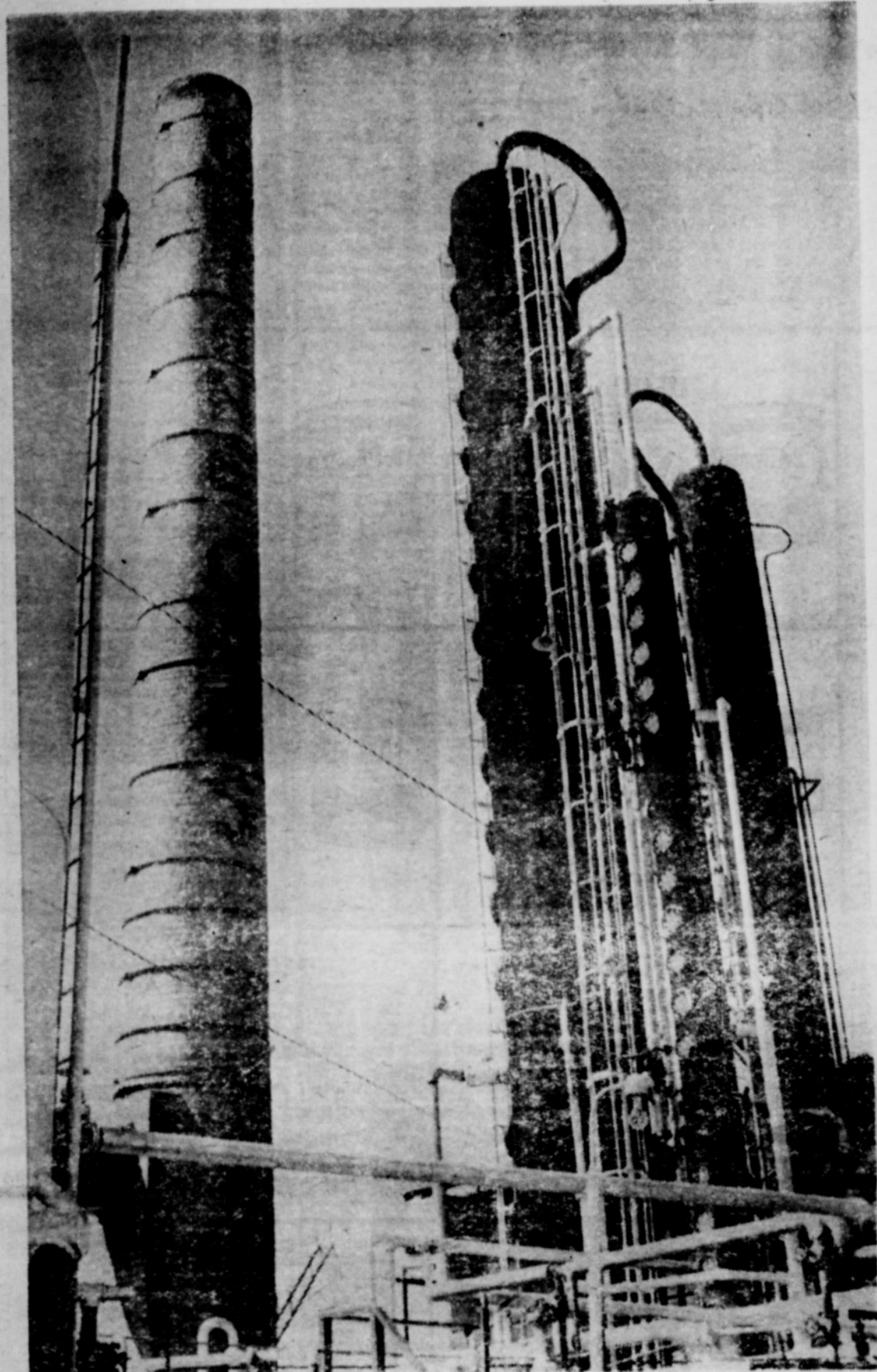
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Premeir Oil Refinery Is Leading Industry In Baird's Economy



STACKS—When the refinery southeast of Baird was first built years ago it was operated under the name of Octane Oils. It is now owned by Premier, but the name on the stack remains. The letters are formed by a different color of bricks set into the stack.

By **BOB HAVINS**
Reporter-News Oil Editor

BAIRD, Oct. 10 — One of Baird's major industries is the refinery a few miles southeast of town which has been one of the mainstays of the town's economy since 1932.

It is owned by Premier Oil Refining Co. of Texas, and is one of four plants located in Texas.

Motorists passing a mile or so to the north on U. S. Highway 80 can see a small oil refinery sitting in a little valley.

It has a counterpart in a lot of towns in West Central Texas, where oil has been for many years.

Premier, like lots of other small inland plants, has had its ups and downs, as it's battled the large seacoast plants for business but nevertheless, it's had its impact on Baird and a wide area in this section.

Here's what the Premier plant does:

Plant Production

1. Gathers about 100,000 barrels of crude per month, which turns loose something like \$290,000 per month to producers and royalty owners — mainly in the Novice and Goldsboro area in Coleman County, with the remainder going to Callahan and adjoining counties.

2. Processes some 2,500 barrels of crude per day. This crude breaks down into about 1,250 barrels (51,500 gallons) of gasoline, with about 25 per cent of the run going into middle distillates like kerosene, diesel oil, etc., and about 20 per cent of the runs going into heavy fuel oils.

3. Furnishes employment for some 30 people. The annual payroll runs in the vicinity of \$150,000.

Crude oil gathered beyond the needs of the plant is either delivered to the Sinclair pipe line for further delivery to one of the Premier refineries at Fort Worth, Arp or Longview, or is sold to one of the major companies.

Premier, like most refineries in this area, has found the gasoline market a good one in recent months. All of the gasoline produced in this area, either as Premier, or to some of the other marketing concerns.

While the crude processed in the plant breaks down into about 1,250 barrels of gasoline a day, that is not the total output of automobile fuel. Blending stocks from the company's other plants help boost that output.

The local plant, like most inland refineries, was formerly hard put to dispose of its heavy fuel oils, which had no market in this area until recently.

That condition doesn't exist at this time, according to J. E. Bullock, administrative superintendent, who came here to help build the refinery.

There's Demand Now

The formation rupturing processes that have been in use in this section for the past few years have created a big demand for the heavy type fuel oil. It is mixed with kerosene or some of the other middle distillates to thin it down and is used for pumping into the formation to rupture it.

"Right now we are short on heavy fuel oil," Bullock said.

Before the advent of the new processes, most inland refineries shipped their heavy fuel to the Mid West or the Gulf Coast, where it was transported to the East for use in winter heating.

In the past few years the long-line gas lines have put so many customers in the East on natural gas for heating that the fuel oil demand has gone down.

What has made it hard is the competition in the oil business, which made for lower prices, and the inland refineries have been hurt until the local demand for oil formation rupturing use came along.

The refinery here uses a combination topping unit and thermal cracking in processing the crude oil — much like the average small refinery in this section.

Built in '32

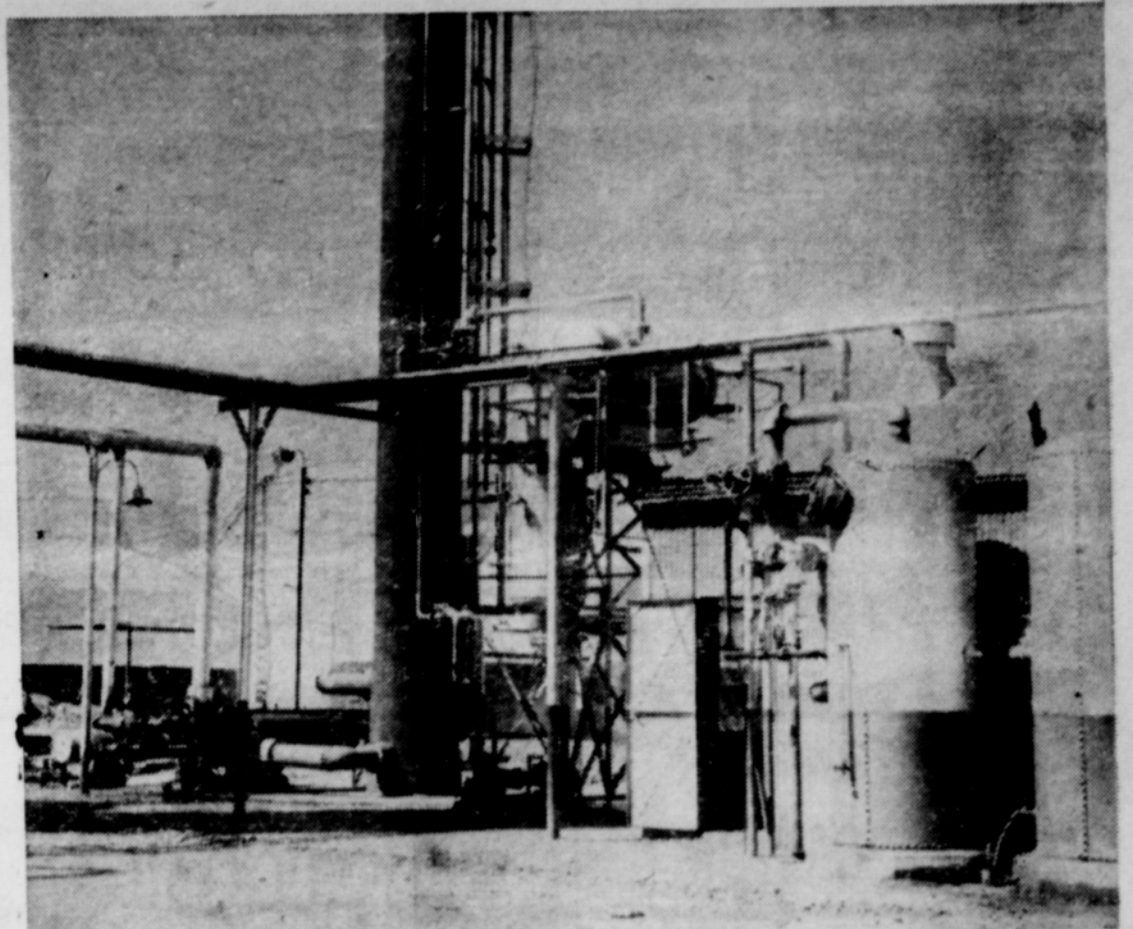
It was built by Sylvester Dayson and Woodley Petroleum Co. back in 1932, after the discovery of oil in the Hickman-Flores area a few miles to the south.

Bullock had been with Lion Oil Co., working under Dayson, who brought him and other members of his Lion staff to Baird when he started the plant here.

"I came down to stay six months and help build the plant, and haven't left yet," Bullock said.

The refinery was sold in 1948 to Premier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullock have two sons, J. E., Jr., a former Baird High School football player who has enrolled at Texas Western



YARD SCENE—This shows a part of the Baird Refinery, which gathers thousands of barrels of West Central crude each day. The plant processes some 2,500 barrels of crude a day and makes over 1,250 gallons of gasoline from this crude oil. The gasoline is sold on the local market.

University at El Paso, and John Who is a junior at Baird High this year.

E. L. Dunlap is plant superintendent for the refinery.

Old Bull Gets Plenty To Eat

Premier Oil Refining Co. is known as a company which takes care of its employees.

But it's seldom that the appropriation for the operation of this or any other refinery includes the living expense of one.

Old Bull is different. Bull joined the staff of the Baird refinery about ten years ago. Just wandered in one day, just like any other hungry stray dog.

Not long ago Premier officials "put it in writing" that Bull's dogfood henceforth would be paid for from company funds.

"That's the vice-president," said J. E. Bullock, head of the local plant, as moth-eaten, broken-legged Bull wandered up from the yard and gave with a questioning look out of his good right eye.

Bullock's "He's all right," seemed to satisfy Bull, and the seat of everybody's trousers remained intact.

"Bull's pretty pealous about anybody coming in the yard," Bullock explained. "Don't try to pick up anything. He doesn't like it."

But back to the free dogfood and Bull's eye.

Bull has taken a proprietary interest in the refinery, ever since he wandered in to take charge.

One dark night not long ago the late shift at the plant heard a commotion near the railroad loading rack.

Investigation showed someone had been attempting to take some gasoline from the rack. Bull had investigated and a bucket half full of gasoline swung by the would-be thief whacked him on the head, crushing his skull and putting out an eye.

There wasn't any citation for "Guarding company property," but that's when the dogfood business all started.

Bull really isn't a bulldog at all. In fact, he probably could trace his ancestry back to something like 50 fine canine families.

But it apparently doesn't matter to the indestructible mutt who has survived run-ins with the T&P trains, gasoline trucks and the like.

He's happy just as long as the company auditor continues to pay expense chits marked "dog food."

The odds are the dog food merchants will continue to get their money.

Mrs. Myrtle Berry accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Crutchfield of Breckenridge, to Waco last weekend. They visited the Crutchfield's daughter, Mary Frances Crutchfield who is a student at Baylor University and also attended the Baylor-Arkansas football game, which they enjoyed very much.

Mmes. Ace Hickman, I. E. Warren, L. L. Blackburn, M. C. McGowan and M. L. Stubblefield attended a book review given by Mrs. L. E. Dudley in Moran on Tuesday afternoon. This was an Americanism program and sponsored by the Study Club of Moran.



BULL AND MASTER — Refinery Superintendent J. E. Bullock has a lot of respect for the one-eyed mongrel he's petting in the picture above. Old Bull wandered onto the Premier Refinery grounds at Baird a few years ago and hasn't left yet. Because he guards the plant with his life, the company sees to it that he is well fed.

Lads Kill Deer To Cite Prowess

The strange case of how three north Texas teen agers who illegally killed a deer to prove their prowess as hunters was reported to the Director of Law Enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission.

Game Warden W. V. Riddle of Lubbock, who cracked the mystery said the trio took only the feet and tail from the carcass to use as "the convincing evidence" for their play mates.

Riddle worked several weeks on the case after finding a seven point deer in Yellowhorse Canyon north of Slaton. It had been killed with a .22 rifle. The carcass lacked only the feet and the tail. The Game Warden finally pinned the solution to a foot print.

There was a cowboy boot track near some empty 22 shells, and also at the carcass. The sole of the right foot had a break in it.

Riddle went on from there and finally summoned the lads and their parents into juvenile court. The youth were placed on probation for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilbreath and children and E. A. Gilbreath all of Los Angeles, Calif. spent Monday night and Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath and family.

C. B. Poe has returned to his home in Baird after visiting for some time with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Poe, of Carbon. Mr. Poe is the father of Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.

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