

Former Resident Recalls Oil Discovery

By David Teague
"Extra, Extra, Oil Discovered in Talco."
This was the cry of the paper vendor as he made his way down our street in Deport. The time was mid-March of 1936 and I was a seven year old boy returning home from a sandlot baseball game. It was almost dark as people gathered outside on their porches and in their yards. Some bought papers, others simply asked what had happened. I didn't fully grasp the significance of all this, but could tell by the excitement among the grown-ups that it was something unusual and the fact that papers were being sold in this manner seemed to underscore the importance of it all.

A few days later, I remember standing in front of John Thompson's store, listening to him tell my dad the importance of the oil boom and what an impact it would have on the whole area. He pointed to the traffic over on the highway and said it was being caused by the oil strike.

Eventually, the events were to affect the lives of many people, including my family. Within a year my dad was working for Magnolia Petroleum Company. We moved to Talco and lived in the Magnolia Camp near Meadows Curve. We left a life in a placid little farming community to become a part of the hustle and bustle of a real "Boom Town".

With the approaching of the 50th anniversary of this boom, I have recently spent several hours researching old newspapers or any other information I could dig up to retrace the events of those days.

Most of this was obtained from the Barker Center, a part of the LBJ Library in Austin. I am grateful to the Paris Morning News for their old copies that are preserved there, with complete coverage of the events of those days.

Friday, February 7, 1936
Messrs. R.L. Peveto, C.N. Housh and E.G. Thompson successfully tested a wildcat well east of Talco, known as their No. 1 Carr. That night the well ran 750 feet of 27 gravity oil in 23 minutes through a 3/8" coke on top and bottom, from a depth of 4166 to 4208 feet.

Sunday, February 9
Word of the strong showing of oil rapidly spread throughout the industry and by Saturday the town was overrun by operators from all parts of the country. All area hotels and restaurants were filled to capacity. The telephone company called on employees from other towns to help out as their services were extended around the clock. Calls came in from the greatest oil fields in the world to men high in the oil circles. Joe Berry

All District 19-AA List

All District 19-AA basketball team and coaches for 1985-86 have recently been named.

For the boys, Co-Coaches of the year are Mike Poff of Harleton and Larry Hygh of Karnack. M.V.P. awards went to Chris Wesley of Harleton, Calvin Jones of Karnack and Shawn Davis of Maud.

The First Team consists of Willie Johnson of New Diana, Kenneth Wilson of Harleton, Tony Jasso of Rivercrest, Larry Lange of Harmony, Johnny Anderson of Ore City, Fred Aldridge of Ore City and Albert Lee of Karnack. Second Team members are Alan Mitzel of Harmony, Mike Smith of Karnack, Spencer McCarty of Redwater, Darrin Conkleton of Maud, Tracy Copeland of Harleton, Anderson Jones of Ore City and Charles Martin of Rivercrest.

Honorable Mentions went to Scott Marshell of Harmony, Cory Milner, Ronny Smith, Brian Burieson all of Redwater, James Wilson, Bobby Simpson and Thomas Sloan, all of Harleton, and Frank Jones and Micky Fouse of Ore City.

In the Girls division, Coach of the Year was Mike Poff of Harleton.

Most Valuable Player award was tied between Argereve Holland of Ore City and Yolanda Johnson of Harleton.

First team selections were Donna Sessums of Rivercrest, Scarlett Foster of New Diana, Lori Dugger of Harmony, LaDonna Hall of Maud and Jackie Boone of Karnack.

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Hopwood, agent for the Paris Morning News in Talco, increased his order for the current issue by 200 extra copies.
Due to the influx of leasing and royalty activity, the bank was open throughout the weekend, including Sunday. Leases brought as much as \$150 per acre for land near the test site. One man asked \$1,000 for a least on three 100'x75' town lots, a 150'x300' lot was reportedly leased for \$425. Leases in the general area were bringing \$20-\$25 per acre and \$10 per acre as far away as Deport. It was estimated that \$500,000 changed hands as brisk trading continued.
On Broad Street, the main

thoroughfare, one man unfurled a map but soon had to push people back in order that he might proceed with his prospect who wanted to buy leases and royalties. At least one leasing company, the Unsell Lease Exchange operated on this thoroughfare. It was apparent that if oil greased the wheel of prosperity, Broad Street was likely to be the hub.
Sunday brought 6,000 to 7,000 automobiles and 12,000 to 15,000 visitors to Talco and Mt. Pleasant. Though difficult to reach, some drove their cars to the No. 1 Carr to see oil in the slush pits, where they were seen stirring it with sticks and carrying it away in cans. One mistook a mud-

filled pit for firm earth, and plunged head-long into it, without injury.
Monday, February 10
Pipe and casing were set and cemented at a depth of 4166 feet with 5 feet of bottom. Leases were now bringing \$35 an acre as far away as ten miles from the test site. The cement had to be set for 72 hours before the plug could be drilled.
Friday, February 14
"Expect the plug to be drilled Sunday"---Eggs were selling for \$.29 for two dozen---Sliced bacon was \$.35 a pound.
Sunday, February 16
"We expect to drill the plug on Wednesday," announced R.L. Peveto.

He and other operators who had been actively buying leases locally, left to go to Stamps, AR, where another good oil showing was reported. Others extended their activities into Hopkins, Hunt and Franklin Counties. Many believed the trend of play would swing along the defines of the Balcones Fault. The Stamps field was an extension of that same fault line. It runs east and west through Miller and LaFayette Counties of Arkansas, on to Smackover and down to Rodessa, LA. From Talco, they believed the fault to go mostly west through Sulphur Bluff and Nelta, some six miles north of Sulphur Springs, across

the county to a point near Campbell, where it turned south toward Kaufman, down to Mexia, Seguin and on to Corpus Christi.
Hunt County reported leases bringing up to \$100 per acre, with 250 to 300 instruments filed in Greenville.
Kaufman County Clerk's Office reported 100 instruments filed in one week.
Hopkins County activity had reached a feverish pitch in the past week with leases bringing \$30 per acre near Nelta and Sulphur Bluff and 60,000 acres under lease. Some 400 instruments had been filed and bank deposits had increased by \$1,000,000
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THE BOGATA NEWS

75th Year No. 23 BOGATA, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS Thursday, March 13, 1986 25 Cents



TRAIN WRECK-This wreck happened across the Sulphur River back in 1952 or 1953. TP&L was hauling gravel to their plant site at

Rivercrest when the bridge collapsed, dumping the gondola cars filled with gravel into the river. The engine, coal-tender and one

gondola car had already crossed the bridge when it collapsed, no one was injured.

Tall Tales Contest Logs "Whoppers"

Last week's tall tale contest was a big hit! We received more lies than can be heard at a political rally in Washington, D.C.!

They ranged from the totally outlandish to the subtle, and all were good for a smile.

The top two were submitted by Mildred Whitt of Paris and Rab Skidmore of Deport and are reproduced herein.

Remember, turn your entry in to the papers and see your work in print! Plus, a special prize will be awarded to the biggest "whopper" at the end of the contest. Join the fun today!

Send entries to Deport Times, Box 98, Deport, TX 75435 or Bogata News, Box 306, Bogata, TX 75417.

"In the early 1930's, the men were sitting around the wood heater at the Rugby Store. Each one was trading tales how cold it was that morning.

"The man told his wife to stay inside. He went out to milk the cow and set the bucket down under the cow. When he came down with the stream of milk to the bucket, it had turned to ice, so he left his bucket and brought the milk in his arms to the house like sticks of stove wood."

And the second tale goes:

"The other day I was sitting around the house, didn't have anything better to do, so I picked up my double-barreled shotgun, walked off up the creek. I heard a noise and looked up the creek, there were 100 geese. I heard another noise, I looked down the creek and there were 100 ducks. About that time, I noticed a big, big snake at my feet. I was so scared, I didn't know what to do. I threw my shotgun straight up and pulled both triggers. That thing flew all to pieces, one barrel went up the creek and killed the 100 geese, one barrel went down the creek and killed the 100 ducks, a piece off of my stock choked the snake to death and kicked me in the creek. When I came up I had both boots full of fish. It wasn't a good day for hunting or fishing, either one!"

This week's tall tale contest winner is a clear cut one. Richard Nance of Deport swears, moreover, that his story is a true one, not a figment of his imagination, and that it occurred only last week.

The Skunk Story
The other morning early I decided to drive up to the barn and check on a cow that is supposed to calve soon. When I got up to the lot, there were two black and white critters perform-

ing a weird dance out in the open! Closer (but not too close) inspection revealed two skunks performing what can only be termed as a courtship dance. The male was prancing around the female in circles, and they were chattering to one another happily.

They must have heard me, but paid no attention. Out of curiosity I picked up a stick and hurled it at them, thinking to frighten them.

To my complete astonishment, the male skunk keeled over on his back, all four legs sticking straight up in the air, and apparently dead as a doornail!

The female skunk stopped in puzzlement. She sniffed the air, her

brow wrinkling in perplexity. Then she scampered away into the barn.

Lacking the courage to run right out and examine the inert skunk, I sat for a while just thinking about what to do, after all, a dead skunk in the middle of the barn lot isn't exactly what everyone always wanted.

To my surprise, after a few minutes, the skunk flopped over on his side then rose to his feet. He shook his head back and forth for a few seconds, looked all around, then went scurrying off to the barn after his companion.

Obviously, this pair had learned that privacy pays when it comes to courtship!

Area Weather Not Severe

High winds, rain and scattered hail, plus the threat of tornadoes kept area residents on the uneasy side Tuesday night.

Reports of golf ball sized hail stones, a sighted tornado, and lashing

winds made for some "hard down" weather watching, but most people were relieved to find that the only damage was some loosened sheets of roofing tin and only splatterings of small hail.

Titus To Get FM Resurface

In Titus County, a 1.0 mile section of existing farm to market road 1735 near the Northeast Texas Community College has been approved for

grading, structures and surfacing to upgrade the existing two-lane road to standard from Chapel Hill to Roeder east of Mt. Pleasant.

TV Schedule Unavailable This Week

The weekly television schedule for the paper was delayed for some reason this week. We are unable to provide the service this week only, and hope our readers will understand.

PEOPLE AND THINGS

On April 5, Saturday, all remaining Rivercrest football films will be auctioned or sold. People wishing to bid on films should come to the Rivercrest cafeteria at 8:45 a.m.

A list of films available will be furnished at that time. Payment must be made at the time of purchase. All films are not available, due to circumstances beyond our control.

Arigo Riders will meet Sunday, March 16 at the Bogata Arena for practice on playday at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting....

The Bogata Elementary and Junior High P.T.O. will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Students participating in the U.I.L. story telling competition will present the program. A nursery will be provided....

The Rosalie Community Center is out of funds. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may deposit it to: Rosalie Friendship Club at the First National Bank in Bogata....

The Talco-Bogata CISD Tax Office will be closed March 24-28, 1986....

There will be a BAKE SALE Friday, March 14 at 1:30 in front of the First National Bank Building sponsored by the Johntown Missionary Baptist Church. Proceeds will go toward the ski trip....

The Bogata Lions Club will sponsor a Diabetes Awareness Clinic in the Rivercrest Auditorium on March 21 at 7 p.m. There will be a short slide presentation and discussion and the audience will receive handouts and a questionnaire for self-evaluation...There is no charge to the public....

The Bogata Assembly of God will present their second annual EASTER CANTATA using the 15'x30' lighted cross on Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Penny Graham. If you saw this last year, you will enjoy seeing it again. Everyone is welcome.

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NICHOLS' WORTH
By: Nanalee Nichols

Most folks would rather have major surgery than go to the dentist (only a slight exaggeration).

Dentists, for some reason, inspire terror and tension better than an invading army.

Despite the modern benefits of novacaine, gas and a variety of power "tools" for drilling, filling, crowning and extraction, the dentists of the world have never emerged from the dark ages in the average person's mind.

I am no different. For the last week, I have listened to more "wife beating" jokes than are funny, because of a large blue bruise on the side of my face, left because I braved a dental chair to have a tooth crowned. I had spent six months with the tooth hurting, knowing it would have to be crowned, and putting off the inevitable. (Do we ever quit hoping it will heal itself?)

Once ensconced in the fancy little spaceship chair at the dentist's office, I cravenly begged and pled for mercy. "Please, can't you fill it just ONE more time?" I groveled.

He only looked at me sadly and shook his head.

So they began. Most of us are familiar with the routine. First the swab coated with that awful tasting stuff that starts the stomach to churning. Then the foot-long needle. The bright lights in the eyes. The hissing suction, gurgling and echoing in the head. Then the drill. It isn't the drilling that's so bad, it's the smell of smoke...coming from one's mouth!

As usual, when there is a suction, two metal hooks, and an entire hand hanging out of one's mouth, the dentist will ask a question. Then acts a little put out when no answer, or at least no recognizable answer, is forthcoming.

With a crown there are impressions. Why does that stuff they use have to taste like the Play Dough we used as kids? Why, if they can do bi-pass surgery on the human heart, can't they make things that taste good in a dental office?

After two hours in the chair, two shots more, and a temporary cap which feels at least four inches across, the dentist is through.

"Letting me sit back up, he smiles brightly and says "There, that didn't take TOO long, did it?"

Feeling the sore, mutilated gum, unable to raise my eyebrow because it is numb, fighting off nausea because of all the goop, I can only glare back.

I can't answer him, you see, because my tongue refuses to work!



BOGATA CUB SCOUTS attended the District Pinewood Derby race at the Boys' Club in Paris Saturday. Shown are, back row, left to right: Kevin English, Kyle Kennedy, Clint Tabb, John Bell, Aaron Eudy. Front row: Russell English, Andy Speir and Clayton Huddleston. They were accompanied by Leaders Paul and Deb English and parents, Berney Huddleston, Danny Eudy and Diana Eudy. Adam Eudy also attended. (Staff Photo by Diana Eudy)

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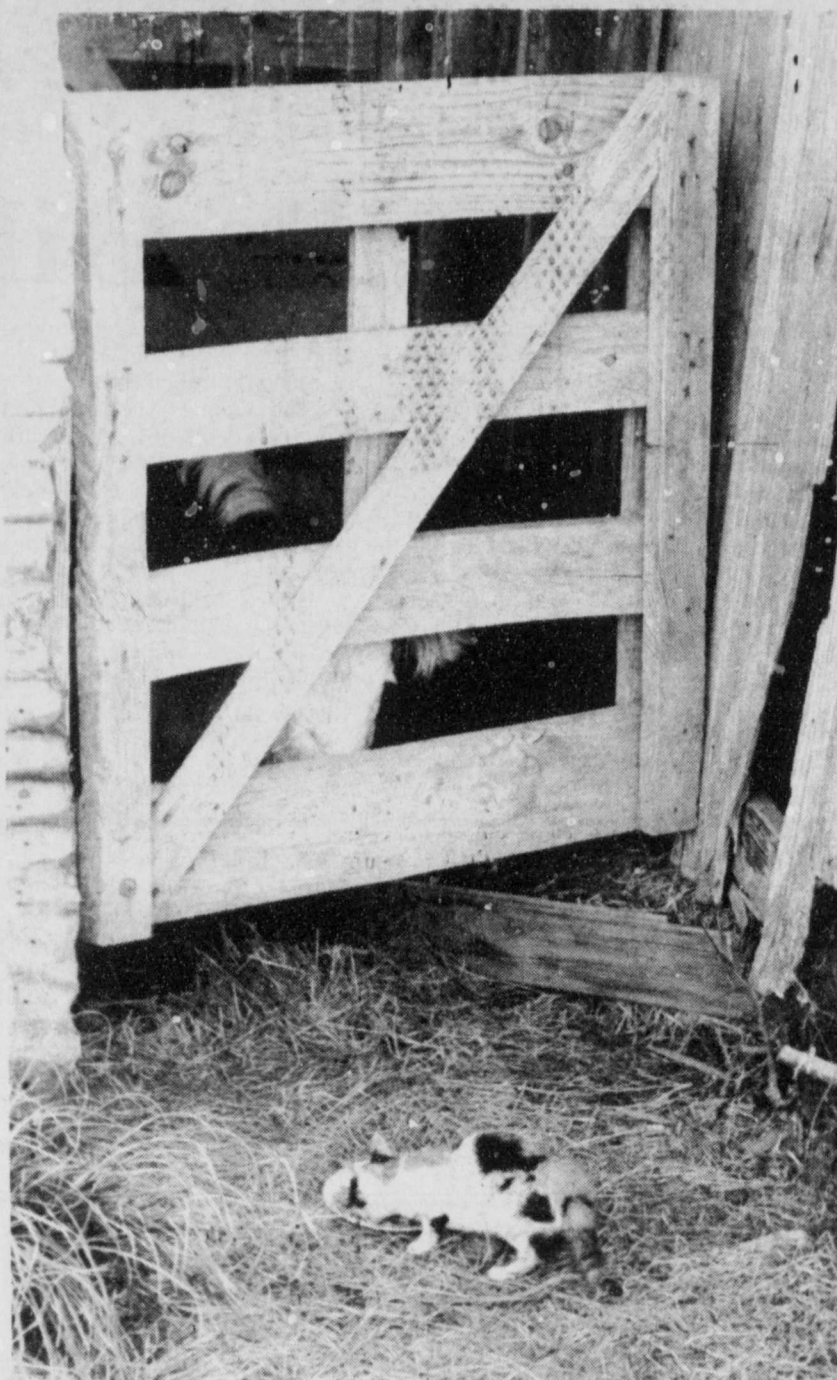
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WATCHING-This heifer calf seems disturbed that she can't share in the milk and cat food this tiny Calico barn cat is relishing. (Staff Photo)

Obituaries

Elbert D. Hancock Dies At Age 84

Elbert D. Hancock of Paris died Friday, March 7 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8 in Bright-Holland Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Mr. Hancock was born October 10, 1901 in Sylvan, son of John Robert and Frances Maude Hancock. He was married to Eula Daniel Aug. 18, 1953 in Paris. He was a member of the Oak Part United Methodist Church and was employed at Camp Maxey until it closed. He was later employed as a fireman at Red River Arsenal in Nash until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife; two brothers, John Hancock of Waco and George Hancock of Bogata; two sisters, Frances Scudder and Miriam Shannon, both of Deport; several nieces and nephews.

Patricia McDowra

Funeral services for Patricia Lee McDowra of Dallas will be conducted Wednesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. at Grant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Beversdorf officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Mrs. McDowra died Sunday, March 9 in Dallas. She was born August 19, 1939 in New York; daughter of W.R. and Harriet

Price Barger. On August 18, 1975 she married Lawrence McDowra in Tampa, Florida. She was a legal secretary.

Surviving are her husband; her parents; three sons, William Widman, serving in the Navy, Michael and David Widman, both of Milburn, Florida; two daughters, Elizabeth Ivey of Dallas and Rebecca Widman of Milburn, Florida; two sisters, Oline Wallace of Virginia and Lois Jones of North Carolina.

Allie Pearl Watters Dies At Age 74

Allie Pearl Watters, 74, of Bogata died Wednesday, March 5 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Bogata Church of Christ with Ranard Screws officiating.

Mrs. Watters was born Jan. 20, 1912 in Hagansport, daughter of Joe and Minnie Treaver Henry. She married Tom Watters June 20, 1937.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Harold Watters of Duncanville and Robert Watters of Winnsboro; six grandsons; one sister, Leta Pennington of Texas City.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Westview Boys Home, Box 553, Hollis, OK or to a favorite charity.

Cunningham News

By Berniece Wyatt

Mrs. Delia Wilson received word that her sister, Mrs. Margie Davis of Phoenix, AZ had suffered a stroke but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jackson and family, Neal and Jason Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norwood, Brandon and Georgea Oats, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood and Mendy, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elmer Bankhead, Jerrod and Kristi, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Pete McKnight with Kenneth Palmer of Bogata, Ronnie and Shannon Baker of Deport, Tom White of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Pynes and Kacey Enox, Mark Babb and Lisa Icenhower of Paris, Craig Ladd of Deport and Ray Byers of Bogata attended the Boys State Basketball Tournament in Austin last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Parks of Deport honored Berniece Wyatt with a birthday dinner at the Pizza Inn Tuesday.

Rev. Don Whitt of Hot Springs, AR visited Mr. and Mrs. Odis Watson Sunday afternoon.

Harry Slusher spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hall of Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Owen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ford and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lillian King.

Mr. and Mrs. Hary Robinson of Clarksville and Ruby Weaver of Northern, CA visited Mrs. Gladys O'neal Wednesday.

Willie Joe Fowler is improving after undergoing surgery in Baylor Hospital in Dallas last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Oats were in Cooper Friday night for visitation hour for his cousin, Paul Betties at the Delta Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith of Bogata spent the weekend at their home here and attended services at the United Methodist Church Sunday. They with Mrs. Charles Baker rendered special music for the service.

Donald Smith of Paris visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith Monday.

Mrs. Linnis Graham and Mrs. Noah Poe of Paris visited Mrs. Almer Norwood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith and Stacy of Blossom, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith and Gene of Irving, Tammie and James Smith, Sister Nichols and Sister Benedict of Deport, Mrs. Barbara Merchant and Bobby Jo of Bogata visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Smith over the weekend.

Mrs. Joe B. Williams spent Thursday with Mrs. Dorothy Lollar of Paris.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Whitt of Hot Springs, AR were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood Friday night and Saturday night.

Mrs. Boehme, mother of Bill Boehme, of Mabank spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boehme and attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Goldie Brown of Blessing, Mrs. Ida Deshong and Mrs. Rachel Norman attended a pink and blue shoe at the home of Mrs. Ann Thompson of Blossom honoring Mrs. Waymon Creamer of Milton on Friday.

Mrs. Weldon Smith of Bogata honored her husband and Berniece Wyatt with a birthday dinner at Catfish King on Sunday.

Mrs. Cecil Chappell of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Mildred Townsend of Paris spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Glenna Norrell.

Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buford Guthrie of Talco spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Ida Deshong.

Mrs. Linnis Graham and Mrs. Noah Poe of Paris spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood.

Mrs. Clyde Smith visited Mr. Riggs ARcher and Mrs. Etta Mae Taylor of Paris Thursday.

W.M. Brown of Bloomington and Norman Sain visited Buford Sain in High Planes Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mrs. Alice Martin of Little Rock, AR and Mrs. Jewel Rowe of Bogata and Stacy Bell of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Ida Deshong Thursday.

Mrs. Noah Poe of Paris visited Berniece Wyatt Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gann of Rockford Saturday.

Danny Norwood and Dana of Paris and Rickey Norwood were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood.

Mrs. Robbie Fleming of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Ida Deshong Friday.

Mrs. Viola Humphrey and Mrs. Audrey Gillis of Bogata spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bell and David Bell of Paris were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Ida Deshong Wednesday.

Jane Pope of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kerley of Rockford visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith Saturday.

Mrs. Larry Bell of Paris visited Mrs. Ida Deshong and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain Sunday.

Mrs. Noah Poe of Paris had as visitors Monday, February 25, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Thacker of Metador, Mrs. Velma Cox of Cunningham and Mrs. Nedra Ward of Paris. Preparations were being made for the Lone Star Coach of Paris Bus Tour to New Orleans, LA.

Bill Stallins of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams of Shady Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Devlin of Paris and Velma Cox were Tuesday dinner guests of Mrs. Dora Hester of Paris.

Mrs. Velma Cox spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Devlin of Paris.

Morris Cox of Waxahachie spent the weekend with Velma Cox.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers

Mr. and Mrs. Travis King visited Wednesday with Bro. and Mrs. J.E. Clark of Woodland.

Mrs. Betty Rodgers, Melissa and Monte attended the funeral of Ruel Parker in Ovilla Friday. He was the brother-in-law of Betty Rodgers and a former resident of this area.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell of Bogata and Karen Baker of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick King, Jeff and NeLeigh of Paris had supper Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Travis King.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Huneke of Hooks visited her sister, Mrs. Ethel Hill Sunday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy were Sheryl Embrey, Marion Mitchell, J.W. Stewart, Worth Baker, Stella Ridens, Melissa Rodgers.

Melissa Rodgers was at Commerce's ETSU Saturday for the Band Solo Contest and won a first place medal in Alto Saxophone competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis King attended a birthday party Sunday in the home of Kristi and Asa Chambless of Powderly honoring their son, Jordan on his first birthday.

They stopped in Deport for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warren. Mrs. Linda Williams of Johtown visited Arthur Fisher and Anita.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gandy enjoyed a drive through Red Oak, Post Oak, Woodland and the new Midway road.

Mrs. Stella Ridens attended memorial services in Bogata Saturday for Mrs. Allie Watters.

Mrs. Richard Gandy's brother-in-law, Allen Nutt of Paris is improving slowly from a heart attack suffered February 7. He is to go to Dallas Medical City in about three weeks for more tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cremeen of Ft. Worth visited their home here over the weekend.

Card of Thanks

Thanks for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and each kindness shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother. God bless each of you. Bill White and Ronnie.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Lloyd F. Burruss wishes to thank their neighbors and friends for the many kind deeds done during their recent loss. Elsie Burruss & Family

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and calls during my stay in the hospital.

Special thanks to the nurses on the seventh floor and to Dr. Scheinider and Dr. Hayden. Martha Murrell Johnson and Family.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the food, flowers, cards, visits and prayers during the loss of our loved one. The Family of Allie Watters.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

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Cutlass Supreme (6 & 8 cyl.)

Did I Pass Or Didn't I?

It's all over but the worry and wondering, did I pass or didn't I? Then waiting for six weeks to find out. The wonder and suspense could drive a person up the wall. Teachers were expected to be back in their classrooms Tuesday, acting as if their state leaders had not questioned their ability to teach. They smile as the million and one questions are flung at them, "Did you pass?" or "Was the test hard?" or "How did it feel to be tested again?", and "Oh, gee, I hoped you would flunk".

A person could answer every question given in the government test and still not be a good teacher. A teacher comes with something special placed within the heart as well as the head. They have to have common sense as well as book sense to teach.

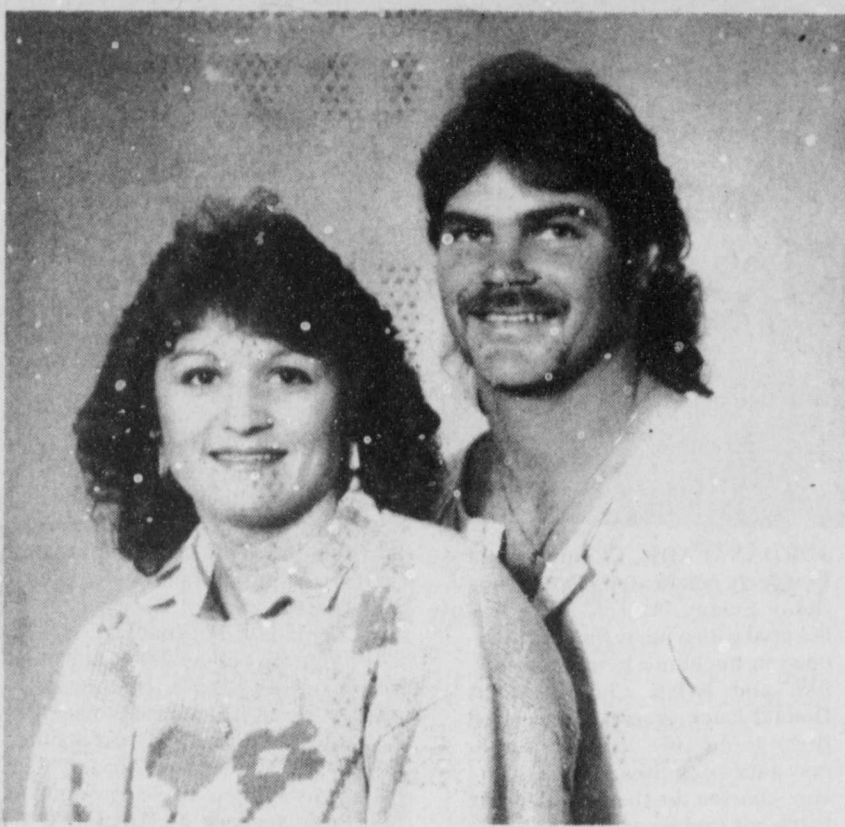
These tests say nothing about the teacher that cares for those children that may not have enough clothes, so out of her own pocket buys shoes or other garments for them. Teachers that get to know their students well enough to know when things aren't going well at home, teachers that know

the difference between a problem that is bothering them and goofing off. Teachers that notice a change in a student and does something about it. Teachers do not have the time to get to know their students like they did in the past. Now, they make lesson plans, fill out government paper, grade papers, fill out government papers, fix bulletin boards, fill out government papers. Get the picture?

As in all professions, there are always some bad apples. Some are insensitive to the needs of the students and to their feelings.

Teachers need an extra cup of patience to survive the neverending "Can I go to the bathroom, my pencil needs sharpening, I can't zip my britches, I need a band aid, he pulled my hair or she hit me first." The higher the grade, the bigger the problem.

We have a superintendent, two principals and a board of trustees. If they can't weed out and fire teachers who are not qualified, then the community needs to get rid of them.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. VIA of Talco announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judith Kay, to Kelly Frank McCuller of Mt. Pleasant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robbie L. McCuller of Mt. Pleasant. The future bride is a 1981 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently attending night courses at Northeast Texas Community Col-

lege. She is currently employed as secretary at Johnson Pump and Supply in Talco. Kelly is a 1979 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently employed at Via Well Service in Talco. The wedding will take place April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Red River Haven Raising Funds For Arthritis

The residents and staff of Red River Haven cordially invites everyone to help raise much needed funds for the benefit of the Arthritis Foundation. Arthritis is America's number one crippling disease, and therefore, residents and staff members are supporting the theme, "It's time we take Arthritis seriously."

During March and April, the residents and staff will be sponsoring a number of special events to help raise money for this worthy cause.

In addition to these inhouse fund raising events, they are appealing to organizations and individuals within the community to make a tax deductible contribution. If you would like to

make a donation, checks or money orders can be made out to the Arthritis Foundation and mailed to the attention of Rhonda Rhodes, Activity Coordinator, Red River Haven Nursing Home, 319 Paris Road, Bogata, TX 75417.

Also, everyone is invited to stop by the facility and join in some of the festivities which are scheduled during March and April. Here are the events and the times they are scheduled.

Bake sale and White Elephant sale, 9 a.m., March 15.

Stew Cook Off and Sale, 11 a.m., March 21.

Hot Dog sale, 11 a.m., March 28.

Family Night, 6 p.m., March 31.

Bazaar, 2 p.m., April 5.

Haven Residents Take Trip

Residents and staff members of Red River Haven Nursing Home took a trip to Detroit on March 7. They visited an antique shop downtown, then a short trip to John Nelson's

woodwork shop. Those who took the trip were Doris Rodgers, Sid Hamilton, Janie Davis, J.L. Evans, Rhonda Rhodes and Jane Glass.

Kite Sunday

Launchers Attendance Emphasis At Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, Talco, will observe a "Kite Sunday" for all children grades 6 and younger this Sunday, March 16 as they begin a five-week Sunday School emphasis which will conclude with the "Good News, America, Revival" on April 6-13.

All children grades 6 and younger who attend Sunday School and worship at Calvary this Sunday will receive a kite and string. The plans for the day include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. which will include a special video program for children. Following the worship services, the church will provide a hot dog fellowship dinner for all children.

Each preschooler will need a parent or other adult to stay with them for the lunch. The kites will be flown following the lunch.

Adults and young people will be on hand to help younger children with their kites. The children's activities will end at 2 or 2:30 p.m.

The events of the day will kick-off the Sunday School emphasis, "Proclaim the Good News", which will be

followed through April 13. Other special events include the following: Sunday, March 23: Palm Sunday. The church will observe the Lord's Supper in the Sunday morning worship services.

Sunday, March 30: Easter Sunday. Everyone is invited to join in a service of celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 6: Good News America, God Loves You Revival begins.

Sunday, April 13: Concluding Sunday of revival services. Fellowship dinner for everyone.

Rev. Ted White, pastor of the church, and members of Calvary, extend a special invitation for all children to join them this Sunday, March 16 for "Children's Kite Sunday" at Calvary. Everyone is invited to take part in the other activities for these next few weeks.

Baptist Women Observe Week Of Prayer

The Baptist Women of the First Baptist Church of Bogata observed the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions last week at the church. Theme for the week was "How Far Love Reaches".

Monday and Tuesday programs were given, Monday with Mrs. Katherine Brantley in charge. The themes for the days were: Love Reaches and Love Welcomes. Mrs. Brantley opened the meeting with prayer and read the Prayer Calendar.

Six were present.

The men gave the program Wednesday night under the direction of Mrs. Jane Glass, who also read the Prayer Calendar. The theme was Love Builds. Twenty were present.

Thursday and Friday programs were given Thursday. The themes being Love Serves and Love Sends. Mrs. Brantley had charge of the program and read the Prayer Calendar. Mrs. Sharon Posey led the benediction. Seven were present.

Calvary Baptist Youth To Attend Rally

The young people of Calvary Baptist Church are making plans to attend the Harmony-Pittsburg Association Youth Rally this Saturday night at Dellwood Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

The Youth Rally will begin at 7 p.m. The youth will meet at Calvary at 6 p.m. to leave. The program for the Youth Rally will be the showing of the prophecy film, "A Distant Thunder".

Amanda Franks Celebrates 6th Birthday

Amanda Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks, celebrated her sixth birthday March 7 with a party at McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant.

Those attending were Jessica Logan, Carey and Kenneth Johnson, Amber Forsyth, Amelia and Amanda McBride, Ladonna and Jonathan Smith, Samantha Waller, Jason Brown, Steven Lee, Kimberly and Krista Kirkwood.

Cake, ice cream and coke were served. Amanda received many nice gifts.

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Stephanie Franks Feted On 14th

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Franks honored their daughter, Stephanie, on her fourteenth birthday at their home on March 1.

Those in attendance were Kristie Stansell, Jerilyn Russell, Angela Sargent, Felicia Hood, Jeremy Ab-

shier, Donald Combs, Joshua Abshier, Melanie Franks, Tiffany Parish, Amanda Franks and Carol Laing.

Games of basketball and volleyball were played. Pizza, coke, chips and dips were served.

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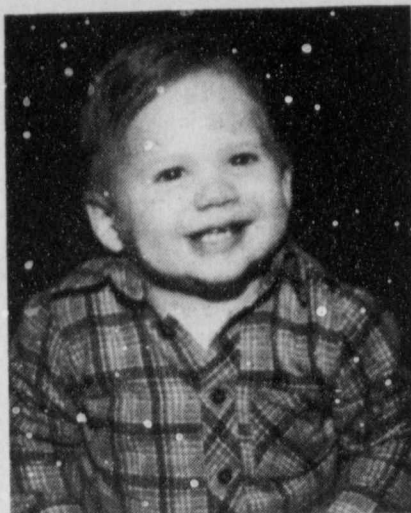
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JORDAN CADE Chambliss of Powderly celebrated his first birthday Friday, March 7. He was honored with a party Sunday afternoon in his home by his parents, Asa and Kristi Chambliss. A Donald Duck theme was carried throughout the party. Table decorations, plates, napkins and cups sported the theme. A Donald Duck cake adorned with one candle completed the party theme. Jordan received many nice gifts during the afternoon and had an exciting day.



EMPLOYEES and residents of Red River Haven Nursing Home in Bogata have selected Sharon Green as "Employee of the Month" for March. She and her two children Anissa, age 17 and Damon, age 15, make their home in Deport. Sharon lists her hobbies as sewing and crocheting. Sharon has been employed as 7-3 L.V.N. charge nurse on central hall since June, 1982. Along with this designation comes \$10, a certificate and a special parking place.

OIL—Continued From Page 1

Franklin County had been hit with the full fury of a Texas tornado—some farmers who had been in debt for years were paying off land notes and taxes dated back to 1927. Over \$4,000 in taxes had been paid in the past week and twice as many automobiles had been sold in one week as had been sold in the history of Mt. Vernon. Nine extra employees were working in the County Clerk's office to handle the overflow of instruments being filed, 428 in one week.

Drilling activity was reported at Rosalie, south of Deport, 2 1/2 miles from Minter and around Cooper and Honey Grove. Other tests were poised and ready to start at Talco, but were awaiting the drilling of the plug and further testing to the Peveto, Housh and Thompson No. 1 Carr.

Friday, February 21
Humble Oil Co. moved to one of its leases on the King & Hughes tract southwest of Talco, just over the Franklin County line, to start another test well, their Windsor No. 1. Under the terms of their lease, production had to be secured by April 3, 1936. This agreement had been entered into 16 years previously. Bateman Drilling Co. was selected to drill the well.

Thursday, February 27
Humble set surface casing on Tuesday night. Dizzy Dean was asking for \$21,500 more than his offered salary of \$18,500 from the St. Louis Cardinals. A new Ford V8 sold for \$510.

Tuesday, March 10
Mt. Pleasant was living in an air of uncertainty and expectancy, the city was described as "being in tip toes" and had been for a month since the Carr No. 1 had made such a good test. The big question was, "When will they drill in, when will it commence to flow into the tanks?" Until that time, they and Talco were in a state of nervous hysteria.

Thursday, March 12
Starting one day earlier than expected, the drilling crew began the long-awaited drilling of the plug in the Carr No. 1. It was reported that the delay had been caused to allow time to catch up on legal matters. They got up steam during the night, and started drilling about 6 a.m. If everything went well, they hoped to bring in a well late on the 12th or sometime Friday, the 13th.

Friday, March 13
People swarmed about the test well as indications were that Friday the 13th might be a lucky day for Titus County and all of Northeast Texas. At 3 o'clock all tubing had been run into the hole, preparatory to swabbing. Members of the drilling crew believed the well would be brought in that afternoon. A barbed wire fence had been erected around the location with "Danger" signs to keep the crowd back. Swabbing was started and some reported that oil was being produced at 9 barrels an hour. An estimated 2,000 people visited the well as swabbing continued in an effort to make the well flow. Four armed guards had been hired to handle the crowds.

Sunday, March 15
Swabbing continued as Mr. Peveto declared the test a "Sure Producer" whether or not it would flow on its own.

Thursday, March 19
All of northeast Texas had watched as the well had been swabbed for five days, but the operators were unable to make the well flow. As subsequent drilling on nearby tracts proved, the hole was bottomed out in the top edge of the rich 90' deep oil sand. As they started dismantling the rig, after deciding to put the well on pump, without warning, it started to flow by heads.

The Paris News issued an EXTRA, headlining the flow of oil in Northeast Texas's first commercial well. The oil tested at 28.5 gravity. The flow was not rapid enough, however, and the well was finally put on a pump.

Sunday, March 22
Humble's Windsor No. 1 King-Hughes was declared to be a producer of 50 to 75 barrels daily. The Pleasant Oil Co. Inc. of Mt. Pleasant was chartered in Austin with capital stock of \$1,000. Incorporators were W.B. Hinton, C.N. Housh and Robert L. Peveto.

Monday, March 23
Long distance calls in Talco were running about 100 per day placed and about 70 completed. License plates were observed not only from Texas, but from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, California and Michigan. One cafe reported it had served more food during the last two days than in any week in its history.

Thursday, March 26
Bogata Chamber of Commerce with E.G. Hutchings, president, and Walter McDavid, secretary, announced that Friday night, April 3, would mark the largest civic gathering ever held in Bogata, to launch a campaign for building a bigger and better town. Civic leaders from Paris and surrounding towns had been invited as had Messrs. Peveto, Housh and Thompson. "We want to go forward and we are sure to benefit from the Talco field."

The first oil was shipped from the new field on Wednesday, March 25.

Sunday, March 29
Talco was to be given nationwide publicity as Paramount and Universal Studios were to take newsreel pictures of the new field.

Tuesday, March 31
Windsor No. 1 flowing 650 barrels daily—8th test to be spudded in—Pouring of concrete on Hwy. 49 between Deport and Rugby had been completed and work had been started

on the strip between Rugby and Bogata—Felix Jones of the Talco State Bank said that a deal had been completed to bring a refinery to Talco.

Tuesday, May 12
Humble's No. 1 May Groves came in flowing about 10 a.m. Monday with 40 barrels an hour. Humble's No. 1 Myra Galt started flowing before daylight Sunday morning.

Thursday, May 14
In one week, 20 permits were issued in Austin to drill in Talco, bringing the total to 37. Housing was critical, with one farmer reporting more than 50 persons applying to him in one day for lodging. Rooms in Bogata that had been renting for \$2.00 per week were now going for \$18.00 per month.

Saturday, May 16
Magnolia's No. 1 Carr, west offset to the discovery well, was expected to make well at any time. The last report was that it was at 4,219 feet, with casing being set in hard formation, preparatory to drilling into the sand.

Bogata Getting Ready For Homecoming April 12

As we continue our research in preparing for our trek "Down Memory Lane" during the program at Bogata Homecoming, we find the following superlatives who will be recognized and honored:

The Senior Superlatives for 1958 were: Friendliest, Gail Mitchell and Lynn Buckman. Cutest, Jean Taylor and Jack Franklin. Most Attractive, Glenda Ward and Wade Garrett. Most Popular, Gayle Huddleston and Stanley Williams. Wittiest, Ursy Bailey and Hal Hudson, deceased. Most Intelligent, Louise Mauldin and Morris Herring. Best All Around, Ann Bell and Duane Bryson.

The Senior Superlatives for 1959 were: Most Intelligent, Kay Johnson

Diabetes Awareness Clinic Set

Diabetes is a crippling, and many times fatal, disease of which everyone needs to be made more aware. It affects many families of our city and surrounding communities. This disease can cause blindness, heart failure, renal failure, poor circulation, and many other major, permanent disabilities. It is the third cause of death by disease.

You will be given an opportunity to learn more about this crippling disease, how it can affect you and your family, how to recognize the symptoms, and some suggestions in dealing with it, at a Diabetes Awareness Clinic on Friday, March 21.

Jerry Lancaster, who has a B.A. degree in Science from the University of Georgia, and is employed by the

Tuesday, May 19
The fifth producer, Lucy Petroleum Co.'s No. 1 Crawford, was brought in on Sunday night, May 17.

Monday, May 25
Magnolia's No. 1 Carr started flowing at 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 31
Murchison-Sanders No. 1 Talco School became the seventh producer in the new field.

The list goes on and on—for the next several years, hundreds of people came to work and build an oil field that stretched most of the way from Sugar Hill to Hagansport. The work was hard and demanding, but it was the humorous things that were relived many times in stories.

I cherish the memories of so many that I knew then and who have gone on. They were the heroes of the time.

Happy Birthday Boom Town
Your city limit sign may reflect some 900 plus residents, but you may rest assured that there are many hundreds, if not thousands, of us who once called you home, lived through your exciting years and look back on those days with fond memories.

and Lynn Alsobrook. Wittiest, Charlene Johnson and Robert Holt. Most Athletic, Bobbie Roach and Ralph Cawley. Best All Around, Nelda Huddleston and Harold Waters. Most Popular, Joann Eudy and Charles Legate. Cutest, Jan Franks and Gary Ford. Most Attractive, Paula Wilson and Morris Harville. Best Personality, Billie Adams, deceased, and Johnny Denny. Most Likely to Succeed, Jan Morgan and Paul Parker.

If you have the address of any one of these names listed, please call Mollie Williams at 632-5405 or Tommie Pirtle at 632-4201. Plan now to attend Bogata Homecoming April 12, 1986.

Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company, will present an informative program, assisted by Mrs. Potts from Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. They will give a short slide presentation and discuss the symptoms of the disease as well as the economic impact it has on our state. The members of the audience will receive handouts and a questionnaire for self-evaluation.

The Bogata Lions Club, in connection with the Lions International, is proud to offer the clinic to the area. The Talco-Bogata School system is cooperating with the Lions Club in the project.

Everyone is urged to attend the meeting in the Rivercrest Auditorium, March 21 at 7 p.m. There will be no charge to the public.

Local Students In Honor Society

A total of 46 Paris Junior College students are new members of Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, scholastic honor society for junior college students. The initiation ceremony was conducted in the PJC Theatre on February 25.

To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed one long term semester at PJC and must have accumulated 15 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Phi Theta Kappa membership is the highest scholastic recognition for a junior college student.

Dr. Dennis Michaelis, PJC president, praised the initiates for their

achievement and challenged them to provide leadership as a campus student organization.

A special presentation was made by Dr. Michaelis to Betty Clement for her years of service as sponsor of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Mrs. Clement is chairman of the college Communications Division.

New members of the group include Becky Brooks of Bogata, Jennifer L. Gray of Bogata, James Gordon VanDeaver of Deport and Donna Rae Vaughn of Blossom.

The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Michaelis and Phi Theta Kappa officers.

The Way We Were

Week of March 2, 1956

Mrs. Ray Hall of Talco was slightly injured when her car overturned. She was treated and released. Her son was not injured. The Bogata Elementary girl cagers were County Champions. Another truckload of deer has been freed in the Pinhook Game Management Area, this one with six does and five bucks. Bids for construction to 170 miles of telephone poles, line wire and cable for the Northeast Texas Telephone Company were opened. These lines were to serve rural subscribers out of

the offices of the telephone company at Bogata, Deport, Birthright and Detroit. Two oil test wells were due to be drilled soon. One located on the Oscar E. Westbrook property and the other on the Raymond D. Dugger place. Howison and Howison purchased the insurance agency, John K. Ford and carried on their business at an office near the house of Miss Edna Howison on W. Maple Avenue. Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thelma E. Curtis of Talco, and were named Jimmie and Jerry. They weighed 5 1/2 and 6 pounds respectively.

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JUNIOR HIGH Track Meet for Talco and Bogata boys and girls

was held last Saturday, March 8 at Rivercrest. The weather was nip-

py, but the students enjoyed the competition and the day. (Staff Photo)



TRACK SEASON got underway Saturday, March 8 at Rivercrest

for Talco Junior High. The temperature was rather cold, but

spirits were high. (Staff Photo)

Bogata-Talco Jr. High Participates In Track Meet

The Bogata and Talco junior high boys and girls participated in a track meet last Saturday, March 8 at Rivercrest.

Results are as follows:
Girls Division: Triple jump, Shane Webb, Bogata, 6th; High jump, Tonia Hawkins, Talco, 1st; Shotput, Ann Jones, Bogata, 2nd and Tonia Hawkins, Talco, 3rd. Long jump, Felecia Hood, Talco, 5th. Discus, Kristi Stansell, Talco, 1st and Kristi Brooks, Bogata, 5th.

440 Yard Relay: Talco, third place; Bogata, fifth place.

880 Yard Run: Juanita Howerton, Talco, 4th and Penny Moles, Talco, 6th.

100 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Denise Cheatwood, Bogata, 1st and Darla Jean, Bogata, 3rd.

100 Meter Dash: Felecia Hood, Talco, 2nd; Tonia Hawkins, Talco, 3rd; Kathy Ross, Talco, 5th.

440 Yard Dash: Jerilyn Russell, Talco, 4th and Darlene Walker, Talco, 6th.

880 Yard Relay: Talco, first and Bogata, fourth.

220 Yard Dash: Stephanie Franks, Talco, 3rd; Kelly Reeves, Talco, 5th; Kathy Ross, Talco, 6th.

1320 Meter Run: Denise Cheatwood, Bogata, 4th; Angela Wilkerson, Bogata, 6th.

Mile Relay: Bogata, 3rd.

Seventh Grade Boys Division: High Jump: Paul Stringer, Bogata, fifth; Jim Purviance, Bogata, sixth. Shotput: Jessie Woods, Talco, first; Shane Beers, Bogata, third.

Long jump: Eric Cabell, Talco, sixth.

Discuss: Jessie Woods, Talco, first; Galen Logan, Talco, fifth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Paul Stringer, Bogata, third; Jim Purviance, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Eric Cabell, Talco, fourth.

440 Yard Dash: Aaron Robinson, Bogata, fifth.

330 Yard Low Hurdles: Paul Stringer, Bogata, third.

220 Yard Dash: Eric Cabell, Talco, fifth; David Davidson, Bogata, sixth.

Mile Relay: Bogata, second; Talco, fourth.

In the eighth grade boys division, results are as follows:

Pole Vault: Kevin West, Bogata, first.

High Jump: Clint Tidwell, Bogata, second; Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

Shotput: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, sixth.

Long Jump: Clint Tidwell, Bogata, third.

Discuss: Donald Combs, Talco, sixth.

440 Relay: Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

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120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

100 Meter Dash: Jeff Bagley, Bogata, third; Moneleto Waller, Bogata, fourth; Donald Combs, Talco, fifth; Scott Denny, Bogata, sixth.

440 Yard Dash: Moneleto Waller, Bogata, third.

880 Yard Run: Todd Duffer, Bogata, fourth.

120 Yard Intermediate Hurdles: Jason Lankford, Bogata, fifth.

Bogata, third.
330 Yard Low Hurdles: Clint Tidwell, Bogata, first; Trenton Couch, Bogata, fifth.

Bogata, sixth.
1600 Meter Run: Trenton Couch, Bogata, third; Michael Hall, Talco, sixth.
Mile Relay: Bogata, second; Talco, fifth.

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Johntown News

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Johntown Missionary Baptist Church met on Tuesday, March 4 for their regular meeting. There were eight members present with Bible Study from the book of Leviticus taught by our teacher, Mary Lou Daniels, followed by the Business meeting. Then the afternoon was spent quilting and fellowship.

Mrs. Jimmie Potter received telephone calls from her sons this past week, Carlos Potter called from Kaufman to see how they were doing and Roy Glen Potter called from Kansas City to let them know if they needed anything, he was there.

Mrs. Ruth Colquhoun of Mesquite visited relatives here this past week, her sister Ruby and Morris Parker and her nephew and family, Joy and Drue Pirtle, returning to her home on Friday.

Pat and Johnny Horn of Burleson visited the past weekend with his mother, Mrs. Neva Whitten.

Olas and Mary Mauldin were in Dallas one day last week where Olas saw an eye specialist for treatment.

Mrs. Mary Belle Horn visited with Zella Shoulders of Clarksville one day last week.

On last Tuesday, these ladies went to Sugar Hill and had lunch in the community center; Mrs. Ora Pirtle, Mrs. Nina Hudson and Mrs. Louella Swain.

Mrs. Gene Hawkins received word that their granddaughter, Kimberly Magee, senior student at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN will play the lead role in their May play, a Shakespearean comedy, "Twelfth Night". She was also elected into the ODK honor society recently.

Tim Daniels of Longview spent

Saturday with his parents, Bro. and Mrs. Billy Daniels.

Victor Lynn Cox of the Lone Star Community and Eugene Cox of Bogata visited their parents, Joyce and Tommy Lee Cox Sunday afternoon.

Joyce and Tommy Lee Cox visited in the Lone Star community with their son, Victor Lynn and Patsy Cox on Thursday and Friday.

Mary Belle Horn visited with Mrs. Ruby Horn at Talco one day last week.

Mrs. Ora Pirtle visited her son and family, Kenneth and Billie Pirtle of Bogata on Monday.

NTCC Summer Semester Schedule Announced

Copies of the 1986 summer semester schedule of classes for Northeast Texas Community College are now available, according to Dr. Carolyn Branch, NTCC's Dean of Instruction.

According to Branch, NTCC will offer two summer terms. Registration for the first term is scheduled for June 2 and 3 and classes begin June 4. The first semester will end July 9.

Registration for the second summer term will be held on July 10 and 11 and classes will run from July 14 through August 15.

NTCC will offer 52 day classes and 45 evening offerings during the first summer term.

In addition to the two summer terms, NTCC has also scheduled an Intersession that will run for a three week period from May 12-30.

During the Intersession classes will generally meet for four hours per day,

four days a week, over the three week period and will carry the same class credit as fall and spring classes.

Persons planning to attend either of the summer terms should contact the Counseling Office prior to registration for academic advisement and information concerning programs of study.

Copies of the schedule of classes, including the Intersession and the two summer terms, are available in the Office of Admissions and Records at NTCC or by calling the college's Texas toll-free telephone number, 1-800-442-8568.

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WMA Meets With Mrs. Jones

The First Baptist WMA met in the home of Mrs. Janice Jones in the Bridges Chapel Community Tuesday night.

Mrs. Jo Coil presided during the business session with Mrs. Janice Jones voicing the opening prayer.

After a short business session, different projects were discussed and acted upon. A card of thanks was read from Mrs. Naomi Fitch.

Mrs. Mary Welch brought the lesson from Psalms 117. Mrs. Vivian Westbrook led special prayer for the sick and shut-ins. The April meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Celia Clark with Mrs. Lola House bringing the devotional.

Alice Ruth Tidwell dismissed the group with prayer.

Attending were Jo Coil, Mary Sue Goates, Celia Clark, Kay Jones, Vivian Westbrook, Mary Welch, Alice Ruth Tidwell, Ophelia Hood, Joyce Alexander and the hostess, Janice Jones.

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Bogata Locals

Mildred Allums has returned home following a 2 1/2 month visit with her son, Bill and his family in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Collins of Royce City spent Saturday night with Mrs. Georgia Miller and Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Scruggs of Powderly were Sunday visitors.

Chris Adams, Danny and Diana Eudy and Adam and Aaron Eudy were in Powderly Sunday to attend the birthday party of Jordan Cade Chambless, who was one year old March 7. Jordan is the son of Asa and Kristi Chambless and is Mrs. Adams' great-grandson.

Senator Howard Honored By Teachers

Senator Ed Howard, D-Texas, today was lauded by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and was inducted as the first legislator in TCTA's Legislative Hall of Fame for his arduous work as a sponsor by S.B. 387, the group health insurance bill for retired public school employees, and his untiring efforts in securing its passage.

Legislation Chairperson Susan Crocker said "Senator Howard exemplifies the sort of legislator who has consistently supported the improvement of education in our state. He does his homework, works tirelessly, and is always willing to listen to educators."

TCTA's Legislative Hall of Fame was created to honor outstanding state legislators who through the sponsorship or passage of legislation have advanced and protected the interests of professional educators, students and parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Wanda of Littlefield visited Saturday at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Legate. Mrs. Joe Roach, a granddaughter, and her children of Mt. Vernon spent the day Tuesday.

Visiting Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Gray for lunch were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sturdevant, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Horton, Johnny Horton, Justin Eslinger, all of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray, Marty and Jody, Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Mauldin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hancock and Jay, Mrs. Shirley Smith and Dorie, Jennifer Gray, Rusty Reeder, Sherry Smith, Robert Smith, all of Bogata and Sandra Benson and Kim of Clarksville.

Mrs. Robert Blair of Mesquite was a guest last week of Mrs. Pauline Hutson and the Forresters after a visit in Idabel, OK with her aunts, Mrs. Kate DeBerry and Mrs. Goldie DeBerry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood of Manchester visited Sunday with Barney Alsbrook.

Mrs. Tom Smelser of Grand Prairie visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mitchell recently.

Mrs. David Howerton was in Dallas to visit her brother, a patient in Medical Center Hospital and being injured in an accident at Texas Instruments.

Gladys Prater returned home Sunday following a trip to Richardson. She attended her son, Wayne Elliot, after he had surgery last Tuesday. He is reported doing well.

Kathryn Zaggie visited her grandmother, Lou Ada Watkins, last week.

Mrs. Pauline DeBerry of Austin and Mrs. Louise Allen of Paris and Mrs. Verdie Ecker of Blossom visited Monday with their aunts, Mrs. Neva Weete and Mrs. Roy Gullion.

Mrs. Frances Griffin and Mrs. Eleanor McClellan joined a group from Paris junior college and attended the Museum of Fine Arts in Dallas to view a special exhibition.

Mrs. Alice Martin of Little Rock, AR is visiting Mrs. Jewel Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Humphrey of Port Arthur were weekend guests of Mrs. Bonnie Humphrey and Mrs. Jewel Rowe.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Moore during the past week were sons, Rev. Bob Jackson of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jackson of White House, VA, and sisters, Mrs. Nellie Crawford of Armona and Mrs. Gracie Sanders of Shawnee, OK, nieces, Evelyn Sanders of Shawnee, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brewer of Whitehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Brantley of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKinney of Davis, OK and cousin, Mrs. Oma Moore of Cuthand.



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 trustee for unexpired term.
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 lines in the South West part of
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 1: Beginning nat Albion
 Bridge at Red River; Thence,
 running South with State
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 tion of FM 2120;
 Thence, turning West to
 follow FM 2120, approxi-
 mately 6 miles to the intersection
 of a County Road Northeast
 of Bagwell;

Thence, running South
 with said road at the intersection
 of Bruton Creek, following
 said creek to the vicinity of
 Batesville, on the South side
 of Highway 82.

Thence, West approxi-
 mately 4 miles along the old
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 Road to intersect with a
 County Road known as the
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Thence, South along said
 Rod to the intersection with
 Cuthand Creek;

Thence, South Easterly
 with Cuthand Creek to the in-
 tersection of FM 910;

Thence, South with FM 910
 and the County Road across
 Sulphur River.

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 Justice of the Peace, Precinct
 1: Beginning at the con-
 fluence of Bachman Creek
 with Red River West to FM
 1159;

Tench, Southerly with FM
 1159 to the White Oak Creek
 Bridge near Haywood;

Thence, South with Jake
 Creek to Kickapoo Creek to
 the intersection with
 Burkhand Branch and then
 Cuthand Creek to the con-
 fluence of Sulphur River.

North and East Boundary
 line of Justice of the Peace,
 Precinct 2: Beginning at FM
 194 at the Lamar County
 Line;

Thence, East along the old
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 mately 6 miles to the East Bound-
 ary of Justice of the Peace,
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 2 to incom-
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 3 boundary line and West of
 the Justice of the Peace
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 Peace, Precinct 3 to incom-
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 2 boundary line, and West of
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Talco Locals

Chub Brown has been dismissed from Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Jewell Foster of Marietta, OK, Mrs. Cora Cooper, Mrs. Faye Brown and Mrs. Mae Shurbet, all of Mt. Pleasant, visited their sister, Mrs. Lula Whitney and Dumas Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Pitts and Jay Roberts were in Tyler to attend the Alabama concert at the Oil Palace. Jimmy Fail of Frankston visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fail Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Wilson of Ft. Worth were guests speakers at the Talco Assembly of God Church Sunday, March 2. They are missionary elect to Vaire, Africa.

Hershel Brooks is a patient in Titus County Memorial Hospital.

"A Thief in the Night" was the title of the film viewed at Calvary Baptist Church Sunday night. Following the film, the youth enjoyed a fellowship and volleyball.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Rogers of Van spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Mayo. Their children returned home with them after spending the week with their grandparents.

Mrs. Alice Bohler spent Thursday until Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Clara Mae Pearson of Houston. She also visited friends. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Brice of Mt. Pleasant were also Houston visitors.

Mrs. Lynn Carroll and Brenda were in Houston the first of the week for a series of medical tests.

Janice Davis of Dallas was here during the weekend to visit her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Davis.

The youth of the Calvary Baptist Church will travel to Dallas on April 1 to attend the Dallas Maverick game. They will leave at 4 p.m. and return at 12 midnight. Bro. White has some extra tickets. Anyone interested in going, call Bro. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dailey Brown of Edmond, OK spent Thursday until Sunday with his niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stephens and Jason off to Paris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Hearron Sunday and treated them to a lunch at the Wildflower Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. Also with them were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Stephens and Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hearron, Joshua and Joey. All enjoyed the treat and good lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Giddens of Bogata announce the birth of a

daughter, Blair Lynn, born Friday at McCuiston Hospital in Pnaris. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Plyant of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giddens of Talco.

Robert Leake of Denton spent Thursday until Sunday with his father, Phillip Leake in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leake.

Tommy Barton has been dismissed from Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Hood of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Winnsboro spent Sunday night with their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones of Little Rock, AR. Enroute home, the Bill Jones stayed for supper with the Hoods. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wesson of Winnsboro were also guests.

Wilkinson News

By Nelda Logan

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith visited Clarence Beville of Houston. They also visited Mr. Smith's sister and family, Mr. s Eunice Carter.

Mrs. Ruby Byram and Mrs. Frankie Collins visited Mrs. Opal Barto in Texarkana on Monday.

Dalen Lum is a patient in Titus County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Rickey Logan, Jennifer and Jessica spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Pittman of Cushing.

Sandra Price of Denison spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Price. Also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Price were Ben H. Thompson of Irving and Mrs. Wanda Cooksey of Denison.

A large crowd was in attendance for the barbeque dinner and musical at the Wilkinson Community Center sponsored by friends of Johnny Mack Brown, candidate for Titus County Judge. The Texas Blend Band of Mt. Pleasant provided the entertainment for the evening.

Teila Thompson and Tim Logan were married Friday evening, March 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mack Brown. A reception followed the informal ceremony in the home of Lonnie Thompson. After a short trip,

the couple will make their home in the Wilkinson community.

Shirley Holt visited her mother, Mrs. Ida Brown of Mt. Vernon on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan, Sr. attended the funeral for Pat Landers of Mt. Pleasant last Monday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Menasco of Henderson on March 9. She was named Abigail Jenene. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett (Red) Logan, Jr. and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan, Sr.

Those celebrating March birthdays are Jeremy Logan, 9 years old on March 9; Dalen Lum, March 12; and Luther Price, March 28.

Amanda Logan, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Logan of Mt. Pleasant was a contestant in the Little Miss Pageant on Saturday in Mt. Pleasant. Amanda won third place in the pageant. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Logan and daughter Brenda of Ft. Worth are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Bell.



BOGATA GIRL SCOUTS decorated the window display in The House of Flowers in Bogata in celebration of Girl Scout Week, March 9-15. They used a theme in

honor of the Texas Sesquicentennial with an Alamo replica and hand-made flags. Information on the Girl Scouts was also shown in the window. (Staff Photo by Diana Eudy)

Comet Visible Again

Now is the time to start watching for the reappearance of Halley's Comet in the early morning sky. Although the comet emerged from behind the sun about a week ago, the predawn moonlight has made it difficult to spot. By March 7, however, the moon will no longer be a problem, setting just before Comet Halley rises.

Shortly after 4 a.m. on that morning, Halley will rise in the east-southeast, providing about 45 minutes of viewing before morning twilight begins. For the next two weeks, the comet will rise about five minutes earlier each morning, ultimately allowing almost 90 minutes of predawn observation. On March 21, the moon again starts to interfere, and will continue to do so until early April. At that time, the distance between Earth and Comet Halley will be at a minimum and best viewing will occur.

Throughout early March, the comet will move a little farther westward each day, slowly moving away from the constellation Capricornus toward the familiar "Teapot" figure in Sagittarius.

Begin your search for Halley's

Comet at about 4:15 a.m. on March 7 by locating the Teapot low in the southeastern sky. Then move your gaze eastward and slightly lower until you spot the two brightest stars in Capricornus, Alpha and Beta Capricorni, about 20 degrees above the east-southeastern horizon. These two stars will be the only two bright stars in this part of the sky. Look for Comet Halley about three degrees south from B-Cap. Halley's gas tail will be pointing toward the top of the Teapot.

Each successive morning, look for Comet Halley rising five minutes earlier and slightly west of where it was located the previous day. As usual, it is essential to have an unobstructed view of the southeastern horizon and to remove yourself as far as possible from interfering lights. Remember, also, that it will take 20-30 minutes for your eyes to adapt to the dark.

On March 2, Halley's Comet will be 116 million miles from Earth, approaching at 83,000 mph. The comet will be 69 million miles from the sun, moving away from it at 48,500 mph.

From The Other Side

By Britt T. Morgan

The falling oil prices have many state legislators very worried. And with good reason. One-third of the state budget comes directly from projected cost per barrel of oil. That amounts to about \$1.3 billion. And that amounts to thousands of jobs lost and spending cuts in other areas. What other areas?

Well, about 50% of the state's budget goes to fund education—colleges, universities and public schools. I really do not foresee any budget cuts to public schools, what with H. Ross Perot and Governor Mark White bringing about so many reforms to public education they certainly would never take candy away from their baby. So, that means if the legislature cuts into education, it will probably come from colleges and universities. Higher education is supposed to expand the mind and create an atmosphere for learning, not only book knowledge but also about life and the world beyond the wall we

have unknowingly built around ourselves. But without money, the wall cannot be torn down, only dented a little in a few places.

Another large chunk of the state budget pie goes to build, repair and/or otherwise fix state highways. The Texas Highway Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety could feel the jolt of decreasing oil prices much like the front tire of your car bottoming out a pot-hole deep enough to tickle a Chinaman's foot. This could mean lay-offs, but will probably just mean that those pot-holes will be there a lot longer and the badly needed repairs to many state highways and farm to market roads will just have to wait.

Other areas of cutbacks could come in social services, such as aid to dependent mothers and state-supported welfare and food stamps, or state agencies. But before the state starts mass cutbacks, let's look at the alternatives.

First, they could institute a state in-

come tax, since we do not have one now. But this is an election year. And any talk about raising taxes in an election year is like throwing kerosene onto a fire to put it out. Second, the legislators could take a cut in salary, but seriously, would you vote to give yourself a cut in pay. The next alternative, and probably the most popular, would be to institute some sort of program that would generate a lot of income with very little expenses. Sounds like extortion to me. And in a way it probably is. But the program is known as a state lottery. Many states generate huge amounts of income with a legitimate lottery. Illinois and New York have two of the biggest lotteries, that is, biggest amount of income and biggest payoff, and they do it with relatively no expenses. It probably works for them because of population. New York ranks second among the states in population and Illinois ranks fifth.

What does this have to do with Texas? Texas ranks third in population plus, even though we will not admit it, Texans are big gamblers. How many football pots, poker games, turkey shoots or otherwise harmless forms of gambling do you know about or have taken part in? Quite a few. Many Texans travel to Louisiana Downs in Shreveport or Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs to the horse races and just as many travel to Las Vegas or Tahoe to spin the wheels, roll the dice and battle the one-armed bandits.

Well, so much for my save-the-face-of-Texas-through-a-lottery theory. I think a lottery has its good points, but it also has its bad ones. The main point is Texas cannot afford a drop in oil prices. Over the past three months, oil prices have plummeted from \$31 a barrel to just under \$15 a barrel. Drilling in Texas oil fields has all but stopped, only about 440 oil rigs are currently pumping the vicious "black gold" from Texas' heart. And the state's number one industry has fallen far off that ranking. Many smaller oil and drilling companies have closed their doors and left thousands jobless because they just do not have the revenue to hold together for long periods of time. Many banks that have a majority of loans to these small oil companies will soon follow the bankruptcy suit. But do not expect gas prices to drop much more than they already have, after all, the big oil companies are not going to go bankrupt.

What can we do? Not much, except sit back and wait to see what the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to you economists has in store for us. If we recover too quickly, we could send ourselves into another '72 energy crisis. If we do not recover soon enough, unemployment will be too high to curb and the state government will have to operate in a deficit, something that state law has prohibited ever since Texas became Texas. And meanwhile, back at the ranch, the lonely farmer turns away from a still rig as the sun sets on another day.

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