

Attitudes Here Challenged

Need For Industry Here Ignored

Lee Jones, Jr., famed oil and gas attorney, returned to his hometown of Colorado City after practicing law for 36 years in San Antonio.

The graduate of Tarleton State College and the University of Texas at Austin law school, has been a student in the history of Mitchell County.

As a student of the history of this area, he has been concerned with the growth and lack of growth that he has witnessed in Mitchell County.

He recently made speeches before the Colorado City Business & Professional Women and the Noon Lions Clubs, based on his observations and experience.

Reactions to what he had to say were mixed, some people wholeheartedly endorsing what he had to say others were dubious and still others believed Jones' remarks were uncalled for.

Fewer than 100 persons have heard the speech and a number of people who were unable to hear Jones asked that the Record obtain the speech and print it in full. Here is the text of that speech:

By Lee Jones Jr.

It is with mixed emotions that I face this august assemblage. I think I know how Daniel must have felt.

I am here to tell it like it is, like it has always been, and like it is apt to be in the future unless there is a drastic change in the attitude of the residents of Colorado City. As a native son, I intend to call the shots as I see them, to criticize constructively without fear or favor, and to let the chips fall where they may.

Since I have been out here, considerable lip service has been given to what, if anything, can be done to improve the economy of Colorado City. Committees have been appointed, and teams organized but, so far, very little has been accomplished. Many of the enthusiastic newcomers and local youngsters are astounded, dismayed and discouraged by the antagonism, delays and dilatory tactics which they have encountered in their efforts to improve the economy of Colorado City in the face of opposition by the vested interests.

This constructive presentation is designed to assist and cooperate with these newcomers and local youngsters in their sincere efforts to formulate a sound game plan. This can be best accomplished by reviewing the trials and tribulations of Colorado City since 1881, and by pointing out the strength, and weakness, of the opposition.

THE SAD SAGA OF COLORADO CITY

1881 - 1884:

The first T & P train pulled into Colorado on April 16, 1881. The town then had a population of from two to three hundred, a church, a newspaper, a post office, a store, a restaurant, a saloon and a school. For many years thereafter the T & P right of way remained unfenced and much litigation grew out of damages to and loss of cattle. According to Judge R. H. Looney's History of Colorado, it was during this period that a bitter feud developed between the Colorado cattlemen and the railroad did no more for Colorado than it was by law compelled to do. Unfortunately, this bitterness has endured until this very day.

By early 1882, the population of Colorado was estimated at 1500; and the occupation tax records of 1884 disclose that the town then had 28 saloons and beer parlors, 75 mercantile establishments, 4 theaters, 2 photographers, 7 billiard parlors, 3 land agents, 12 lawyers, 1 broker, 7 peddlers, 2 lightning rod agents, 17 doctors, and 1 dentist. Colorado then had a hotel, 3 banks and approximately 70 telephones.

Old-timers insist that during 1884, the population of Colorado was not less than 6,000; moreover, from 1881 through 1884, both inclusive, Colorado was one of the largest cattle shipping points in the country, and it was during this interval of time, that building materials, goods, provisions and supplies

were shipped out of Colorado by large freight wagons, drawn in tandem by teams of oxen, to Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Sonora and many other towns and trade territories later served by the Fort Worth & Denver, Orient, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads.

Colorado was then the trade center for thousands of ranch people. It was during this period that Frank Lester operated his horse-drawn street car from the intersection of Oak and Second streets to the top of the East hill where the beer garden, park, zoo and race tracks were located. At that time lots on Oak Street, where most of the bawdy houses and saloons were located, were selling for as high as \$6,000 each. The price of residential lots rose, in three years, from \$250 to \$2500.

During this era of prosperity, the business, civic and professional leaders of Colorado became complacent, little, if any, thought being given to the underlying reasons for the rapid growth and development of the town, or to remedial measures in the event of adversity. The bubble was soon to burst.

1885 - 1899:

The era of decline began with the severe blizzards and drought of 1885 - 1886, during which thousands of cattle perished and many fortunes were lost. Such staggering losses drove many cattlemen and merchants out of business and hurt Colorado severely. Both the cattlemen and the merchants soon began to recover from the effects of the blizzards and drought, but an injury to the town soon followed that was far more enduring than that wrought by the weather.

The Texas & Pacific Railroad, after bridging the Colorado River in late 1882, was extended to Big Spring, Midland and on to El Paso during 1882. Railroads and competing towns began encroaching upon the Colorado trade territory. In 1887, the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad reached Amarillo; and, within a few months, that vigorous town had appropriated, from Colorado, a trade area larger than the state of Massachusetts.

During 1888, the Santa Fe reached San Angelo thereby lopping off a vast cattlemen's domain that had theretofore helped to support and sustain Colorado. To the West, Midland on the Texas & Pacific, soon began to compete with Colorado for the cattlemen's trade, and about 1898, the old Colorado Cattle kingdom was further reduced by the building of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific from Roscoe to Fluvanna, and by the extension of the Santa Fe to Sterling City. Thus the Colorado kingdom was reduced to a mere principality.

A severe drought that began in the summer of 1892 continued through 1893 and late into the spring of 1894. By this time, the free grass was gone; the country had been fenced; and the pastures were over-stocked. Consequently, the range was soon eaten bare. Most of the cattle companies were driven out of business. When rains fell again in 1894 and 1895, some of the ranchmen, who still had possession of their pastures, had no cattle and no money with which to stock their range.

The town of Colorado declined with the cattle industry which had theretofore sustained it. Many merchants moved away or went into voluntary liquidation. Little or no effort was made to industrialize Colorado during this period of decline. However, a Mr. Halpin did operate a wool scouring plant at Colorado from 1885 to 1899, after which most of the plant was moved to San Angelo. One of the old variable speed shafts from this old plant may be seen in the fenced enclosure just west of the Colorado City Museum building.

The next attempt to industrialize Colorado came in 1887, during which year The Lone Star Salt Company, later taken over by Morton, began producing salt from its salt works located near the site of the now inactive Col-Tex Refinery. However, about 1902, operation of the salt works was discontinued and the plant dismantled.

Colorado had a "gold rush" during 1898, but it developed that The Colorado Texas Mining Company's mine on the

banks of the Colorado River had been "salted".

1900 - 1915:

The Colorado Salt Company was organized in 1900 and began producing a superior grade of salt from its 5 brine wells located on the East Hill near where the old water stand pipe is now located. Windmills were used to pump the brine from the wells and into the drying vats. Unfortunately, the salt works, together with an ice plant which the company had built nearby, burned to the ground in 1911, and neither plant was ever rebuilt. Thus, as late as 1911, Colorado had no industry to help sustain it during damaging droughts.

During the late 90's and early 1900's, land hungry farmers, or nesters as they were commonly called, came in great numbers to Colorado, and a series of excellent crops from 1900 and 1906 brought about a boom comparable to the old boom days of the early 80's. During the boom, Colorado was content to rely upon cattle and crops to sustain it, and no long range plans were made to industrialize the town as a cushion against the next devastating drought which was not long in coming.

In 1906, Colorado claimed a population of 3000 and boasted of its clean, sprinkled streets, magnificent school buildings, and sky-pointing church spires. In 1910, deposits in the two Colorado Banks aggregated \$850,000. Colorado took pardonable pride in its waterworks system, its electric plant, its salt works, cotton seed oil mill, 2 cotton gins, compress, bottling works, creamery, 2 wholesale grocery establishments and a public school plant valued at \$40,000.

According to Judge R. H. Looney's History of Colorado, local option was first presented to the voters of Mitchell County in 1902, and the county as a whole voted wet by 32 votes; but, in 1904, Mitchell County voted dry by 105 votes. Judge Looney had this to say:

"After that, Mitchell County became the banner prohibition county in West Texas and, in 1911, state-wide prohibition was voted in the State on the 22nd day of July. In Mitchell County the vote for state-wide prohibition was 800 votes against 299 in favor of the saloons. . . . However, going back to the local option days when the saloons were first voted out in Mitchell County, almost all of the surrounding counties retained the saloons so that there was no difficulty in the old toppers getting all of the whiskey they wanted. Instead of going into a saloon and buying it one drink at a time, they bought it by the bottle, by the case, and by the jug full, in surrounding towns and brought it to Colorado."

This is precisely what is going on now and, according to the most conservative estimate I have been able to obtain from Colorado people now engaged in the business of selling beer and liquor in Big Spring, \$500,000 leaves Colorado annually and winds up in their pockets.

Moreover, the vast majority of nonresident visitors enjoying the two Colorado City lakes purchase practically all of their bait, fishing gear, food, ice and other provisions and supplies when and where they buy their beer and liquor. Most, if not all, of the beer and liquor so purchased elsewhere is actually consumed in Mitchell County, so why forego the economic benefits flowing from the local sale thereof?

1916 - 1918:

The devastating drought of 1916 - 1918 was the most severe Colorado has ever experienced. Some have been of longer duration, as in the 1950's, but none so severe.

The Colorado cattlemen, bankers, farmers and merchants began to search frantically for a solution since there was no industrial or other source of revenue to sustain them due, for the most part, to a lack of long range planning.

In early 1916, The Consolidated Oil and Gas Company of Colorado, Texas was organized by local bankers, business men and merchants for the purpose of exploiting this section of the State for the location of oil,

gas and other mineral resources. The derrick for the wildcat well on the Foster Ranch near Iatan, Mitchell County, Texas was under construction on March 30, 1917. An advertisement by Consolidated entitled: "A Plain Statement of a Few Facts" and reading, in part, as follows:

"From the very beginning of this promotion, the company was met in their solicitations, by indifference from those who were able to take stock and suspicion from those who felt they were not. There were not lacking those who were more than ready to cry 'Graft' at the mere mention of an oil well in this section," appeared in the May 25, 1917 issue of the Colorado Record and demonstrates that even then Colorado had a hard core of self-satisfied skeptics who fought progress as if it were a plague.

Sporadic drilling operations on the old Foster well continued until, on or about May 22, 1917, on which date it encountered salt water at a depth of 340 feet. Intermittent attempts to shut off the salt water were successful and the well finally reached a total depth of 1200 feet in late 1917 or early 1918. Two railway tank car loads of oil from this well were shipped to El Paso and the oil was in standing storage on the site of The Rio Grande Refinery in late 1918.

Unfortunately, the inexperienced and poorly financed operators of this well did not know how to cope with the water problem which developed by reason of parted and split junk pipe, and the initial well was finally abandoned and plugged; otherwise, it would have been the first paying producer of oil in the entire Permian Basin.

Too much can not be said in recognition of these persistent petroleum pioneers who, in the face of almost insurmountable odds, hung in there tough until the bitter end. In spite of the local opposition and ridicule, these inexperienced farmers and ranchers continued their efforts to find a substitute for cattle and crops so vulnerable to the whims of nature. They envisioned oil production in and for Mitchell County and it is indeed a shame that they were not the first to successfully complete a paying producer of oil in the Permian Basin.

1919 - 1920:

On or about July 25, 1919, Horace Cook, Manager, as successor to The Consolidated Oil and Gas Company, skidded derrick from over the old Foster well to a new location approximately 1000 feet Southeast of the old abandoned well; and, by May 7, 1920, the new well had reached a total depth of 700 feet.

In the meanwhile, The Underwriters Producing and Refining Company, had, on or about February 10, 1920, spudded its Abrams No. 1 Well near Westbrook, and the race to complete the first oil well in Mitchell County was underway. The Abrams well was completed as a paying producer of oil on July 16, 1920, thus winning the race.

In the interim, The Colorado-Texas Petroleum Company, successor to Horace Cook, Manager, had experienced extreme difficulty in completing the second well on the Foster Ranch near Iatan. This well encountered a soft sand saturated with oil at approximately 2660 feet, and, on or about November 10, 1920, the sand was shot with 80 quarts of nitro. On or about November 10, 1920, it was shot with 100 quarts of nitro without appreciable results. The soft sand in the Foster well should not have been subjected to nitro shots, and as a result, water broke in through the old junk pipe which had parted and split, thus ruining the well which was later abandoned and plugged during 1922.

The Underwriters Producing and Refining Company's Zilpha Morrison No. 2 Well was completed for 180 barrels of oil per day on April 1, 1921, and Colorado City should have had an oil boom and should have become the oil center of West Texas, but such was not the case. By way of explanation, attention is invited to the following:

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Search Abandoned

Missing Airman's Car Found

A search concentrated on the east side of Lake Colorado City for a missing Big Spring airman believed to have been the victim of foul play was abandoned Friday after officers could not find any trace of the man.

The man, Airman Basic Charles Thomas Burt, 20, of China Springs, Tex., was last seen Sunday morning at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring only two days after he reported there after completing Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The man's car, a white Camaro, was found between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday near Cooper's Cove on the east side of Lake Colorado City.

The car was locked and inside was Burt's billfold containing \$9 and credit cards. His Air Force pay records were also inside the car. Deputy Sheriff Bill McGuire said.

Burt is described as 6-foot tall, weighing 160 pounds and having brown eyes and brown hair. Anyone having seen him

or a man matching his description in the lake area has been asked to contact the Mitchell County Sheriff's office.

Lawmen have searched the east side of the lake area for four days using horses and two helicopters in their efforts to locate the missing airman.

Participating in the search

were a Texas Ranger, six highway patrolmen, a number of Air Force personnel, three officers from the Mitchell County Sheriff's office, a game warden and a number of individuals.

Horseback riders covered a wide area on the east side of Lake Colorado City and officers

talked with a number of people but none had seen Burt.

The helicopters, one from the Air Force and one from the Department of Public Safety, were called in Friday to aid in the search.

However, the search has not uncovered any additional clues to the man's whereabouts.



8th Grade Captains

The captains of the Colorado Junior High 8th Grade football team were named Tuesday night at a program and reception to honor junior high teams. Those named as captains by Coach Lonnie Ellis, right, were left to right, Ruben Ornelas, Manuel Arellano, Wayne McKee, Jackie Ellis and Ray Torrez.

1880's Day Plans

Chuck Wagon, Long Dresses Planned

More plans have been announced for the Colorado City Jaycees' beard and mustache growing contest which is now underway and the "1880's Day" schedule for Dec. 16.

Ken Sanderson who along with Tommy Thompson is heading up the plans for activities on the special day had announced that

there will be a day long list of activities to be culminated by a square dance that night, Saturday, Dec. 16.

There are tentative plans to have a chuck wagon downtown to sell hot dogs and other items, shaving permits will be sold for 50¢ and there will be a special "indecent exposure law" on that day for women.

The beard and mustache growing contest officially got underway Thursday, Nov. 9 and the beards and mustaches will be judged at the square dance the night of Dec. 16. Prizes

will be given in several categories.

Men on the streets of Colorado City Dec. 16 must either have a beard or mustache or else a 50¢ shaving permit or go to a special jail downtown.

Women must also wear ankle length dresses that day, or buy a permit or go to jail for "indecent exposure."

Also in the planning stages are western costume contests for men and women and a contest for fiddlers.

All proceeds from the day's events will go to the Mitchell County Boy's Club.

Monday Time For Fund Drive

Bob Mitchell, president of the Colorado City Jaycees, has been named chairman for the 1972 Multiple Sclerosis Hope Chest Appeal to be held here Monday.

Mitchell says, "I feel honored to head the Colorado City campaign this year. The National Jaycee Organization has adopted the MS cause, and the Colorado City Jaycees and Evening Lions are proud to have a part in fighting this dread disease."

Multiple sclerosis is a progressive, disabling disease of the central nervous system -- the brain and spinal cord. It distorts and sometimes completely blocks nerve impulses that control all bodily functions. This disease generally strikes young persons between the ages of 20 and 40 -- the wage earning, family building years.

According to Mitchell, "Sixty percent of all money donated will remain in the Permian Basin Chapter for equipment and services to patients and their families; the remaining forty percent is sent to the National Research Program to find the cause, cure and prevention of MS."

If anyone would like information about multiple sclerosis, or if you are a MS patient, please contact Mrs. Sara Woodbridge, 1010 West Wall, Midland, Texas, telephone 682-8886.



Bishop Robert Goodrich

Eyeglasses Are Sought By Lions

The Colorado City Evening Lions Club is conducting a drive to collect eyeglasses to be recycled for use by children and adults who cannot afford glasses.

John Mikow of the Evening Lions, said any part of the eye glasses can be used.

The glasses should be given to any of the employees of Landau's or Anthony's in Colorado City.

Bishop Goodrich Here This Week

Bishop Robert E. Goodrich Jr., of St. Louis, Mo., will lead the preaching mission at First United Methodist Church beginning today (Sunday) thru Tuesday.

Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and services Monday and Tuesday being at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Robert M. Wert of Amarillo, will direct the music.

Dr. Goodrich, was elected a Bishop of the United Methodist Church by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Houston in July 1973.

He presides as Bishop over the Missouri area with offices in St. Louis.

school of Theology.

He was granted the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Centenary College.

Bishop Goodrich has held pastorates in Port Arthur, Houston, El Paso and Dallas. At the time he was elected to the office of Bishop, he had served 26 years as pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Dallas.

As one of the leading voices in the United Methodist Church, Bishop Goodrich is the author of eight books. He was recorded by Word Record's series of Great Sermons, the long play album of two sermons, "The Day the President was Killed," and "The Fugitive."

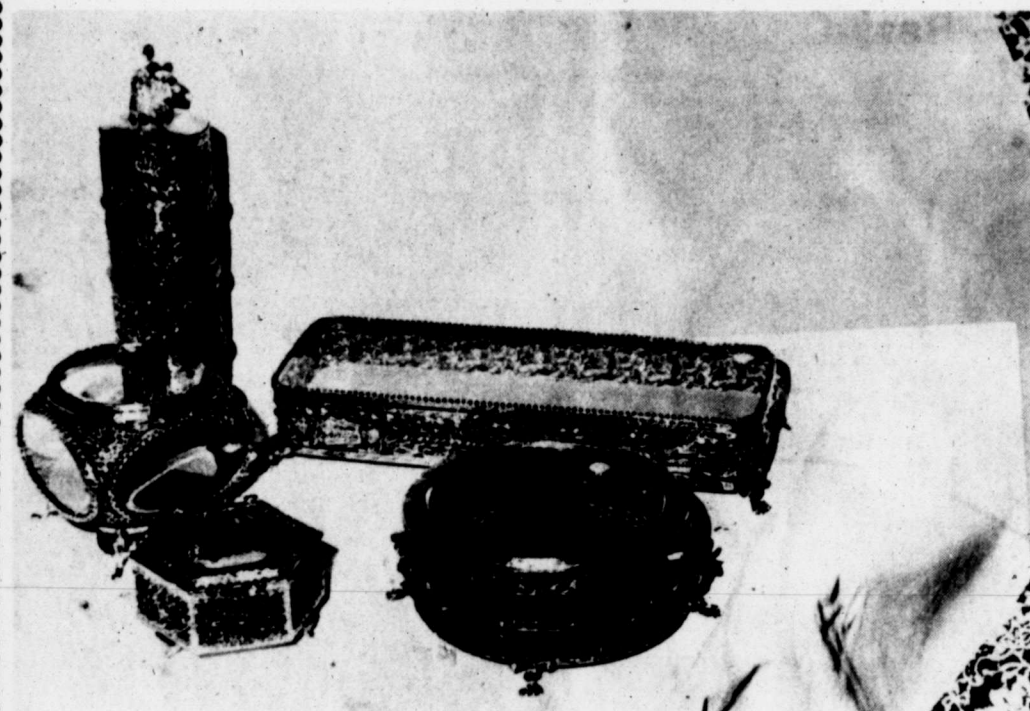
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Mary Margaret Sparks

Student Profile
By Rick DeLaney

Talented, attractive, effervescent, bright, pleasant...there just aren't enough adjectives to describe senior Mary Margaret Sparks.

This lively senior has many interests ranging from finding a myriad of different colors to painting her fingernails, or "trucking around" in her Toyota pickup, or even to doing exercises in the floor of study hall.

An accomplished pianist, studying under Mrs. Curtis Baker and Mrs. James Payne for many years, she is rehearsal pianist for the Colorado City Playhouse's next production, "South Pacific." She will also perform during Howl Night in January.

Her junior year she was "bluefoot", mascot for the Colorado City Wolves.

This year she was chosen sweetheart of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America and will represent the organization at the District FFA Banquet.

She is an active member of the Wolverines and a treasurer of the Quill and Scroll, an international honor society for high school journalists.

Mary Margaret is editor of the Lone Wolf, the Colorado High School annual and has attended yearbook workshops at Trinity University and Texas Tech to learn layout and copy techniques.

Whether it be school or extra curricular activities, you can be sure that Mary Margaret Sparks is one of the busiest young people around Colorado City.

Willis To Lead Range Project

George Willis will be director for a Range Management Project session for members of the Lone Wolf and Westbrook 4-H Clubs.

The project will be taught in several different parts with the first meeting Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Westbrook School.

Anyone in either of the 4-H groups may attend the sessions.

Sessions for the project are:

- I. Introduction (Nov. 30, 4 p.m.)
- II. Range Plants and Their Ecology (Dec. 7, 4 p.m.)
- III. Range Sites and Condition Class Determination (Dec. 14, 4 p.m.)
- IV. Range Improvements
- V. Methods of Grazing
- VI. Planning your Ranch
- VII. Planning your Ranch and Conclusion

The dates for sessions four through six have not definitely been set and if the need arises the dates on the first three can be changed.

Interested 4-H members are asked to contact either L.M. Dawson and the Westbrook School or George Willis.

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In H-SU Fall Concert

Jerene Roenfeldt, freshman student, and Glenn Crosthwait, junior student, participated in the Hardin-Simmons University's Fall Concert Monday in Behrens Auditorium.

Directed by James D. Cram, head of the department of applied music, the Concert Choir was assisted by the Brass Choir. Bill Owens, assistant professor in brass and music education, is director of the Brass Choir.

The final section of the program was the cantata "Apparition Repetina Dies" by Paul Hindemith assisted by the H-SU Chorale.

Miss Roenfeldt is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Roenfeldt of 625 Elm Street and Crosthwait is son of Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Crosthwait, 887 East 13th Street.

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Following excerpts from the Colorado Record published during the month of November, 1920:

"The peculiar thing about the Colorado oil discovery is the attitude of the citizens of the town toward petroleum development. Colorado is a staid, conservative West Texas town, among the handicaps so acute at present in Colorado is the shortage of homes for the families to make this city their home. A representative of the Chamber of Commerce who recently conducted an investigation into this problem estimates that 200 additional residences are needed. . . and it was found that in many sections of the city families were living in crowded quarters. . . but the most undesirable feature of this problem is that . . . there is a large number of families who cannot move to Colorado because there are no rooms or residences for them. There are already several men operating here whose families are making their homes in nearby towns." Housing has always been, and is now, Colorado City's most acute problem. If Colorado City is to attract industry, it must be able to house industrial employees.

1921 - 1930:

Colorado City lost Texas Tech to Lubbock during 1923 despite the fact that Dr. P.C. Coleman of Colorado City had led the entourage to Austin resulting in legislation establishing a school

in West Texas to be known as Texas Technological College.

Lubbock then had, and now has, an abundance of cooperative and progressive citizens. It was through their cooperative efforts that certain citizens were persuaded to donate land, while others were persuaded to give money with which to buy land, in order to offer the State free land for the college campus. The gift of the land was the deciding factor which determined the location of Texas Tech at Lubbock.

The fatal and futile feud between Colorado City and Lorraine, fanned as it was by ill-advised publicity, reached its peak in 1925. Lorraine won, but both towns lost, and, despite the passage of time, remnants of this unfortunate feud still exist among the so-called old-time. Don't you think that it's about time to bury the hatchet in the ground and not in each others' skulls?

Dallas and Fort Worth finally got smart and Midland and Odessa must do the same if they are to prosper. Incidentally, Colorado City could learn a lot from Big Spring, Snyder and Sweetwater which have reached emotional maturity.

The Col-Tex Refinery, reconstructed from an old Kansas plant during 1924, enlarged in 1925, and shut down during 1969, was the only substantial industrial plant that Colorado City, as such, has ever had and its loss was lethal. The shut-

down of the Col-Tex Refinery could have, and should have, been anticipated. The main plant, consisting of equipment removed from an old refinery in Kansas was wearing out and obsolescence of the entire plant had set it. Moreover, the East Howard, Iatan and Snyder Oil fields were furnishing most of the crude oil and, as the oil production moved West, the Cosden Refinery at Big Spring became the logical refining center for this area. The handwriting was on the wall, yet no serious efforts to industrialize Colorado City were made until after the Col-Tex Refinery was actually shut down in 1969.

Colorado City, without adequate housing, even for its school teachers, will be hard put to recover from the loss of the Col-Tex pay roll.

1931 - 1968:

During the depression of the 30's, Big Spring got a state hospital despite the offer of a free site midway between Colorado City and Lorraine, and thereby hangs a tale.

Colorado City, during the middle 30's, missed a chance to have its own adequate water supply from the watersheds of the two Champion Creeks and its own electric power generating plant. Colorado City could have reaped the harvest which Texas Electric Service Company is now reaping.

During the 40's, Colorado City

lost Webb Air Force Base and the Veterans Hospital to Big Spring, due, at least in part, to the everlasting feud between Colorado City and Lorraine and, on other occasions, lost Lake Thomas to Snyder and Lake Spence to Robert Lee. If Colorado City seems to have been "snake bit", it is largely its own fault for failure to cooperate and think "big".

The drought of the middle 50's was the longest, but not the most severe, Colorado City has ever experienced. During one such year, only 2000 bales of cotton were produced and ginned. At this point in time, the Col-Tex pay roll was about the only source of income with the sole exception of the Texas Electric Service Company's generating plant pay roll.

It was during this period that, due to an acute housing shortage, Colorado City was unable to capitalize on Scurry County's Canyon Reef oil boom.

1969 - 1972:

These years should be characterized as the "read 'em and weep" years. After the Col-Tex Refinery shut down in 1969, Colorado City began its frantic, but belated, efforts to attract industry, something which it should have been doing since the middle 1880's. The efforts which met with some success and some local concerns such as Hammond's Foam-Tex, Inc.

and Dunnam's meat-packing plant got under way; and in late 1972, Sequoyia Mobile Homes, Inc. was induced to build a plant here. In this connection, however, attention is invited to the further fact that Colorado City came within a few hours of losing this plant due to a lack of cooperation and diligence.

Conclusion:

As I view the situation, Colorado City's failure to grow and prosper must be attributed to:

(1) The fact that it is, and has always been, extremely clannish, complacent and unfriendly, and, in the venacular of the explorer, the natives should be regarded as hostile;

(2) Colorado City's inability to formulate and carry out long

range plans and to think "BIG"; and
(3) To the further fact that inadequate housing has always been, and will continue to be, Colorado City's most acute problem due primarily to an extremely cautious capital investment climate, and to the difficulty and delay incident to obtaining local loans. Colorado City will never have a smog problem, but it has always had an acute SMUG problem.

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Third Row - Pete Parham, Freddie Rivera, Randy Schafer, Steve Shackelford, Freddy Womack, Jim Jordan
Fourth Row - Billy Stone



7th Grade Team

First Row - Robert Andrews, Hobie Bolin, John Boyd, Mark Brooks, Steve Callaway, Larry Chaney, Fernando Espinoza, Don Dulin
Second Row - Rene Garcia, Kevin Geiger, Gregg Brisham, Blake Hammond, Bill Jordan, John Lee, Felix Lujan, Scooter Magaha
Third Row - Jack Martin, Noel Martinez, Scott Neff, Ramaro Ramos, Danny Rich, Bobby Rivera, Frank Sanchez, Jeff Trulock
Fourth Row - Dobie Williams, Wayne Blackard, Roger Upshaw, Randy Anderson, Donny Andrews

Parade Of Mitchell County Churches



Oak Street Baptist Church, located at 805 Oak Street, is pastored by Rev. Don Timberlake and meets in a relatively new building which was erected in 1953. Sunday School services begin at 9:45 a.m. with the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening the service is at 7 p.m. and Wednesday evening the meeting time is 7 p.m.

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Miss Debra Gay Wallace Wed To Johnny Ralph Lindsey

Miss Debra Gay Wallace of Arlington became the bride of Johnny Ralph Lindsey of Arlington Friday night in Oak Street Baptist Church during a 7 p.m. three-candle ceremony.

Rev. Floyd E. Wallace, bride's father, officiated in the double

ring ceremony assisted by Rev. Caddo Matthews.

Rev. and Mrs. Floyd E. Wallace of El Paso are parents of the bride and Velma Lindsey is groom's mother.

Wedding vows were exchanged beneath an archway of green shrubbery highlighted by pink flowers. The archway was flanked by candelabras and wicker baskets holding pink carnations and the couple knelt on a prayer bench.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of angel skin peau de soie trimmed in Venice lace. The gown was fashioned with a high neckline and bishop sleeves.

Her chapel-length train was edged in lace centered with a stream of pearls and was attached to a Juliet cap of lace dotted with pearls. She carried a bouquet of deep pink and light pink roses.

Sheila Flippin, of Iowa Park, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and bridesmaids were Brenda Bodine and Dawn Woodall of Arlington, bride's niece.

The bridesmaids were attired in formal gowns of dresses featuring a hot pink velvet bodice and pink crystalline sleeves and skirt. They carried nosegays identical to the bride's bouquet.

Mrs. Wallace wore a gown with a green velvet skirt with an off-white satin bodice. A white orchid complimented her attire.

Mrs. Lindsey was dressed in a long red polyester skirt complimented by a light pink silk

blouse and a white orchid.

Bestman was Kenny Lightfoot of Abilene and Tommy Lindsey, and Donny Lindsey of Fort Worth, both groom's brothers, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Cleve Moore of San Angelo, Ronny Lindsey Steve Key of Sonora and Gene Self.

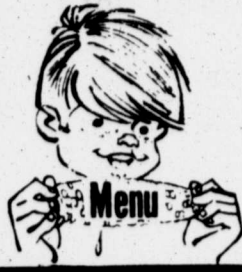
Reception was held in the church Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

The bride's table was decorated with a centerpiece of deep pink and light pink carnations and roses featuring wedding bells. The table also held the traditional three-tiered wedding cake decorated in two-toned roses and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

The bride will wear away for her honeymoon trip a bronze suede pants suit highlighted by a white blouse.

The couple will attend school in Gunnison, Colorado following their marriage.

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TUESDAY - Baked ham, orange glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, green pepper, celery sticks, fruit cobbler, milk.

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Father, Son Die In Plane Crash

Henry C. "Jack" Hicks, 61 of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and his son James Wayne Hicks, 31, of

Billings, Montana died recently in a Montana airplane crash which also took the life of the pilot of a privately-owned plane.

Library Here Honored

Mitchell County Public Library is one of twelve libraries in the 31-county area that surrounds Abilene that have qualified for membership in the Abilene Major Resource System organized under provisions of the Texas Library Systems Act.

Administered by the Texas State Library, the Systems Act gives public libraries that meet certain standards of local support the right to join a system for carrying out cooperative programs of various kinds.

Abilene Public Library serves as the Major Resource Center for the system.

Serving as area libraries are Brownwood Public Library, and Tom Green County Library. Community libraries are Ballinger Carnegie Public Library, Reagan County Library, F.M. Buch Richards Memorial Library, Comanche Public Library, Scurry County Library, Sweetwater County - City Library, and Stamford Carnegie Library.

Under the Statewide Plan for Library Development, Texas has been divided into ten areas. The largest library in each serves as the Major Resource Center. Other libraries serving more than 25,000 persons and meeting other qualifications are area libraries. Smaller libraries are designated community libraries.

A total of 195 libraries throughout the state qualified for system membership.

"We are particularly gratified that 29 libraries that did not qualify for membership last year joined the systems this year," said Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director of the Texas State Library. "This now only means that local support for libraries is improving but also that libraries are recognizing the benefits of system membership to their patrons."

During the spring all system members will select delegates who will meet to elect two members of the six-member Advisory Council to replace the members whose terms are expiring.

Red Cross Sends Bags

The local American Red Cross Chapter has sent 12 Christmas ditty bags to South Vietnam for local servicemen stationed in Pleiku.

The bags were sent as part of the chapter's "Shop Early Program."



"Jack" Hicks was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hicks, long time residents of Colorado City.

Funeral services for the pair were held in Carlsbad recently.

The unidentified pilot and the father and son were flying through a snow-covered canyon spotting elk when the plane crashed. According to reports, the airplane had less power than was needed to pull out of the blind canyon.

A miner at Potash Co. of America in Carlsbad, the elder Hicks was born Feb. 9, 1912 in Rogers, Ark. He graduated from Colorado High School and married the former Ferri Roberts at Big Spring in 1935.

He was a member of the Fox and Lake Church of Christ and the Carlsbad championship bowling team for this year.

He is survived by his wife of the Carlsbad home; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Evans of Dallas and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Monahan; one son, Gale Hicks of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Charles Hicks of Roswell, New Mexico and Harvey Hicks of Carlsbad and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Britton of Carlsbad.

James Hicks was born Oct. 27, 1940 and was a graduate of Carlsbad Senior High School and Texas Tech University. He and his widow, Linda, had no children.

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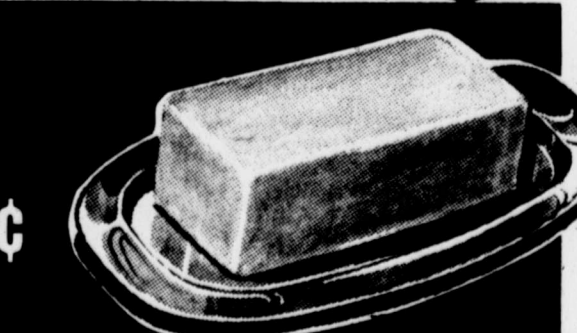
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