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## Feature Program Of Permian Meet At Park Tonight

Senator Tom Connally Will  
Speak; Entertainment  
Included; Two Radio  
Programs Slated

Feature program of the entire Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration will be given at Ruddick park amphitheater tonight (Thursday), beginning at 8 o'clock.

The program, which is free to the general public, will be climaxed with a talk by Senator Tom Connally, main speaker for the entire celebration.

Music by Ned Bradley and his orchestra will open the program. Chas. C. Thompson will welcome those present and introduce the master of ceremonies, Congressman Geo. Mahon.

Snyder talent will present a cowgirl dance with rope tricks and songs, following which Congressman Mahon will introduce special guests. A five-minute talk by Wm. R. Boyd, Jr., executive vice-president of the American Petroleum Institute, will then be made.

Eugene Haley will give impersonations for four minutes.

Judge J. C. Hunter, president of General Mid-Continent Oil & Gas association, will speak for 15 minutes on "The Economic Value of Oil to West Texas and the Timely Need of a Permian Basin Organization."

The program will go on the air at 9 o'clock over a state-wide network. Senator Tom Connally's address, the principal one of the entire celebration program, will be given during this 30-minute broadcast.

For an hour after Senator Connally's address from 9:30 until 10:30—the program will again be on the air, but this time from West Texas affiliated stations. Congressman Mahon will again be master of ceremonies. The program will include music by Ned Bradley and his band, a song by Barbara Ann Barber, entertainment numbers to be supplied by Brownfield, Midland, and Big Spring, music by the Colorado City Cowhand band.

## Wolves to Have Nine Lettermen Back This Year

Nine lettermen from last year's squad will be on hand when the Colorado City Wolves begin football practice soon under Coach Jack Christian, who will be starting his fourth year here.

The nine are: Jack Smith, full; Ross Glover, half; Burl Ballard, quarter; Horace Wood, end; Junior Cox, end; Clifton Caffey, tackle; Paul Boyd Hunter, tackle; Meri Blasingame, guard, and Sam Majors, guard.

The Wolves will operate in 6-9 this fall with Merkel, Roby, Rotan, and Snyder. They still have three open dates to be filled—Oct. 27, Nov. 3, and Nov. 24.

## Mid-Land Torpedo Co. Of M. Emmons Pioneer In Basin

A pioneer in the oil industry of the Permian Basin is M. Emmons, owner of the Mid-Land Torpedo company at Odessa.

Emmons moved some of the first rigs into the McCamey area in 1924, before there were any towns by the name of McCamey or Crane.

He has been actively engaged in the drilling and shooting of gas and oil wells in this area ever since that date, and he has a record of having contributed to every move to promote the Permian Basin as one of the leading oil fields of the world.

## Citizens Urged To Don Rodeo Apparel

Citizens are urged to don their rodeo apparel Monday morning and continue wearing it until after the Colorado City Frontier Roundup on Sept. 7-9.

No punishment is being planned for those who fail to comply in this, however. "It will be left up to the Roundup pride of each individual," Harold Bennett said Wednesday, "and we are hoping that most citizens will carry on."

## COLORADO CITY BOWS TO OIL, LAND, AND BUSINESS MEN---TRIUMVIRATE OF PERMIAN BASIN PROSPERITY

In extending its welcome to oil, land, and business men attending the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration, Colorado City presumes to refer to itself as a "typical" Permian Basin town.

That is to say, it's a town which owes to oil, land, and business alike its welfare and prosperity.

There was a time when Colorado City business men had nothing to worry about in the way of prosperity if crops were good, cotton prices right, ranges green, and cattle selling high. If the industries of the land were doing well, then Colorado City was likewise doing well. These things are still vitally necessary and always will be, but now there's another industry to be given major consideration when one looks at the business picture of Colorado City or any other Permian Basin town. And that industry is oil.

Business men have long been fighting the battles of the farmer and ranchman, because they have known that these battles would be, in the long run, their battles.

This is as it should be, and the plan will go on, but business men must take up the battles of oil, too. Land-owners must join in for obvious reasons.

It will work all the way around—oil men and land owners for the business man, business men and oil men for the land-owner, business men and land-owners for oil.

Colorado City has fared well at the hands of the industries of oil and the industries of the land, and it appreciates the advantages which have come to it from all these sources.

It is proud to call itself a "typical" Permian Basin town and to welcome all the Permian Basin and its guests today and tomorrow.

## Preparations For Entertaining Rodeo Sponsors Are Made

A Chuckwagon Meal And  
Two Dances on Card;  
Seven Entries Are  
Already In

Preparations to entertain cowgirl sponsors from West Texas towns during the Colorado City Frontier Roundup are going forward. The celebration has never included a sponsor contest before.

At least seven entries in the contest have already been received, according to H. B. Spence, manager of the Colorado City chamber of commerce. Towns which have signed their intention of being represented are Midland, Big Spring, Snyder, Brownfield, Hermleigh, Canadian, and Jayton.

An all-leather purse sent by Wash-er Bros., Ft. Worth, has been added to the list of prizes, which is topped by a \$135 saddle. Second prize will be a \$30 pair of shopmade boots.

Two dances and a chuckwagon meal at the Runderbrook ranch will be included on the program of entertainment for the visiting cowgirls. Mrs. Ben Smith is official hostess, with Pauline Jones of the Runderbrook ranch as her assistant. Mrs. Shorty Northcutt, who won third place for Colorado City at the Texas Cowboy reunion in Stamford this year, will be Colorado City sponsor, but not eligible for any prizes.

## Work Going Forward On Railroad Bridge Over The Colorado River

With three crews working night and day shifts, construction on the Texas & Pacific railroad bridge over the Colorado river is going forward rapidly.

Footings were poured for both piers this week and the east pier is also being poured. There will be two concrete piers supporting the new structure where one supported the old one.

The 200-foot bridge was destroyed in the Colorado river flood of June 20. Traffic has been moving on schedule over a temporary trestle since four days after the flood.

## J. W. Dunlap Takes Over Texaco Station

J. W. Dunlap has been placed in charge of the Texaco station on West Second street, just west of the Roundup pride of each individual, Harold Bennett said Wednesday, "and we are hoping that most citizens will carry on."

## WHODUNNIT?

At least one of those "trade at home" silver dollars with which J. Ralph Lee of the Colorado Steam Laundry paid off his employees the other Saturday went wrong, judging from this article which appeared on the front page of the Nolan County News last week:

"A new wrinkle in bringing home the lesson of 'keeping home dollars at home' was discovered Thursday when a silver dollar, spent in The News office, carried a label as follows:  
"This dollar was earned in the Colorado Steam Laundry. Dollars earned and spent in Colorado City will mean profits for you."  
"In this instance at least, the advice carried on the 'cart wheel' didn't work. The dollar had wandered to Sweetwater."

## Date For First Auction Changed To September 14

Date for the first auction sale of a community-owned livestock commission now being formed in Mitchell county has been changed from Aug. 31 to Sept. 14, it was announced this week.

The change was made to avoid interference with plans for the Colorado City Frontier Roundup Sept. 7-9. The sale will be held at 12:30 on Sept. 14 at the Texas & Pacific loading pens east of Colorado City.

## Mid-Land Torpedo Company Gives \$50

Fifty dollars to be applied to expenses of holding the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration was donated some time ago by the Mid-Land Torpedo company of Odessa.

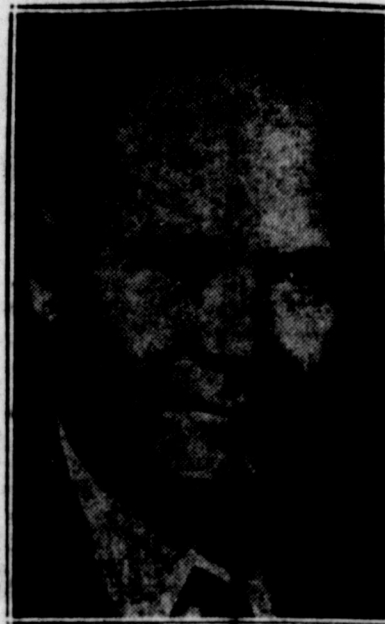
M. Emmons, a pioneer worker in the Permian Basin, sent the check to the Colorado City chamber of commerce, which is sponsoring the celebration.

## Gulf Gives \$100 For Celebration Expenses

A check for \$100 was received this week from the Gulf Oil Corporation for use in defraying expenses of the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

The check was accompanied by a letter from W. B. Pyron, vice-president, who is attending the celebration.

## PROGRAM LEADERS FOR PERMIAN BASIN CELEBRATION.....



JUDGE J. C. HUNTER

These three men are in the spotlight of activities during the programs which mark today (Thursday), opening day of the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

Senator Tom Connally, who authored the hot oil act, is the main speaker. His principal address will be made tonight on the feature program in Ruddick park amphitheater, and will be carried by a state-wide radio network.

Judge J. C. Hunter, of Abilene,



CONGRESSMAN GEO. H. MAHON

president of the General Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, will also speak at the amphitheater tonight. Judge Hunter has been of great help in the preliminary work of forming the Permian Basin association, and has heartily and publicly



SENATOR TOM CONNALLY

endorsed from its beginning the plan to organize the oil, land, and business interests of the basin.

Congressman Mahon, newly home from Washington, D.C., where he is now serving his second term as representative of the 19th district, presided at the congressmen's luncheon today (Thursday) noon at the Colorado hotel and is to preside again tonight during the feature program at Ruddick park amphitheater.

## All Star Program Slated For Friday Evening at Park

Fourth Summer Series of  
C of C Offerings Will Be  
Closed

The fourth summer series of chamber of commerce amateur hours at Ruddick park amphitheater will come to a close Friday evening with the presentation of an all-star program, according to H. B. Spence, manager of the chamber of commerce.

The program will include numbers by those who have won prizes on all previous programs of the summer.

## Congressman Mahon And Family Guests In Thompson Home

Congressman and Mrs. Geo. H. Mahon and daughter, Daphne, will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Thompson until Mr. Mahon's district office is opened in Lubbock about Sept. 1, the congressman said this week.

The Mahons arrived from Washington during the week-end. Colorado City is their home but they will spend most of their time in Lubbock, which is more centrally located for the 19th congressional district which Mr. Mahon represents.

Lloyd Croslin, secretary to Mr. Mahon, and Mrs. Croslin are due to arrive in Lubbock from Washington Sept. 4 or 5. Mrs. Croslin is the former Frances Jones of the Runderbrook ranch near Colorado City. Croslin's assistant, George Witten, arrived in Colorado City last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Roxie Witten, before going on to Lubbock.

Congressman Mahon is presiding Thursday at the congressmen's luncheon which opens the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration in Colorado City and he will speak on the feature program this evening. Friday night he is due to address the summer graduating class at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

## Tickets Issued To Firetruck Chasers

Tickets were issued to more than a dozen firetruck chasers as the result of a run made by the truck to a trash fire on East Seventh street Monday evening.

The present fine for chasing the truck is \$5. "And we're going to step the price up if people don't stop endangering their lives and other lives by staying on the heels of the firetruck every time it makes a run," Mayor J. A. Sadler said Tuesday.

The law is that cars shall not come within a city block of the firetruck, Mayor Sadler says, and he and other city officials plan to see it enforced.

## Mitchell County Is Again Alloted Funds For Tenant Purchases Of Farms Under FSA

Mitchell county has again been listed as one of those to receive tenant purchase loans through the Farm Security Administration this year. The county was allotted seven farms last year.

Announcement of this year's allocation was made last week from the district FSA office in Eastland as follows:

Robert Fisher, district supervisor of the Farm Security administration, recently disclosed that this district has been allocated \$281,000 this year for the purchase of farms for farmers under terms of the Jones-Bankhead law.

Counties in which loans will be made for 40 years at three per cent interest will be Brown, Erath, Co-

manche, Bosque, Fisher, Mitchell, Coleman, Taylor and Jones.

Committees in each county are preparing lists of whom they consider eligible and worthwhile families who will be investigated thoroughly by officials.

This will mark the third year that money has been loaned in this district for farm purchases. The first year six farms were bought in Jones county. Improvements have been completed on the farms and repayments have been made on schedule.

The second year seven farms in Mitchell county were bought, six in Jones, 10 in Taylor and eight in Coleman. They are now all occupied and repayments have been made before the payment due dates.

## First Rodeo Trip Scheduled For 8 O'Clock Tuesday

Second Swing To Be  
Made On Thursday,  
Spence Says

First of a series of West Texas trips to advertise the Colorado City Frontier Roundup on Sept. 7, 8, and 9 will take place Tuesday, according to H. B. Spence, manager of the chamber of commerce.

Leaving here at 8 o'clock, the trippers will make stops that day in Loring, Roscoe, Bronte, Robert Lee, Ballinger, Winters, San Angelo, and Sterling City.

Another trip will be made on Thursday, stops being scheduled for Dumas, Snyder, Roby, Rotan, Hamlin, Anson, Stamford, Haskell, Abilene, Merkel, Trent, and Sweetwater.

Plans are being made to take good entertainment numbers along on these trips, Spence says, and it is urged that a large number of Colorado Citizens take part in the tours.

## RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Jess Caffey returned to her home near Comanche Saturday after a visit here of several weeks.

## Presbyterian Pastor Honored With Picnic

A picnic was arranged at Ruddick park Tuesday night by members of the Presbyterian church to honor Rev. J. J. Mueller, new pastor of First Presbyterian church, and his family.

Pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the other churches were special guests. Rev. H. H. Black of All Saints' Episcopal church spoke for the ministerial organization.

## Abilene Pastor To Preach For Baptists

Rev. Clyde Campbell of the University Baptist church, Abilene, is to fill the pulpit of First Baptist church at both the morning and evening hours Sunday.

He will be supplying for Rev. T. A. Patterson, Colorado City pastor, who will preach at the First Baptist church in Abilene at both hours.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY REUNION

Five hundred Franklin county people from all over West Texas are expected at the fifth annual reunion to be held at the Big Spring city park on Sunday, Sept. 3, according to Finley Moore.

## Public Urged to Attend Permian Basin Program at Ruddick Park Tonight

The general public is not only welcome but is also urged to attend the feature program of the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration at Ruddick park amphitheater tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, it was emphatically stated this week.

There has been some confusion on this score, H. B. Spence, manager of the Colorado City chamber of commerce said Wednesday. "The program is listed as one of the features included on the registrations cards," Spence pointed out,

"but this simply means that those who have registration cards will be seated within a roped-off section of the amphitheater. We will have to reserve a few hundred seats to insure the comfort of out-of-town visitors, but there will be ample space for local people who wish to attend and do not have registration cards."

"We'd like to have a big crowd at this program, or bigger, than we have on Friday nights," he added, "so tell everybody to turn out."

## COLORADO CITY HOST TODAY TO PERMIAN BASIN CELEBRATION

FULL DAY IS SLATED FOR  
ONE OF MOST NOTABLE  
GATHERINGS IN TOWN'S  
HISTORY

This bunting-decked town, which 19 years ago was the scene of the first oil excitement in what is now the vast and prolific Permian Basin, is today the scene of the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

Probably never before in the history of Colorado City have so many persons of note been assembled in the town at one time. The notable group includes congressmen, Texas legislators, state and national oil leaders, and civic and business leaders from all over West Texas.

Among congressmen who had registered by shortly after 11 o'clock were Senator Tom Connally, Robert Pose of Waco, Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls, Clyde Garrett of Eastland, and George Mahon of Colorado City. State representatives included R. H. Reeves of Blackwell, Clinton Kersey of Decatur, Temple Dickson of Sweetwater, Courtney Hunt of Haskell, and Travis Dean of Hamlin.

President Clifford B. Jones of Texas Technological college arrived before noon, as did L. H. Prichard, president of the Anderson-Prichard Oil corporation, which owns the Col-Tex Refining company.

Registrations, which were being taken at derrick-like booths in the lobby of the Colorado hotel, had reached a total of near 300 before noon Thursday.

The congressmen's luncheon at the Colorado hotel Thursday noon got the convention underway. Scheduled for the remainder of the day were the following: 2 p.m., stag party and floor show at the Legion hut; 3 p.m., horse show at Colorado City Frontier Roundup grounds; 5 p.m., barbecue and program in East Ruddick park; 8 p.m., feature program at Ruddick park amphitheater, with Senator Tom Connally as main speaker.

Congressmen's Luncheon  
Eligible to attend the congressmen's luncheon were congressmen, state legislators, oil organization officials, chamber of commerce managers, newspapermen, and the three directors from each Permian Basin town.

First part of the luncheon program included welcome by Chas. C. Thompson, chairman of the special reception committee; introduction of special guests by Congressman George H. Mahon, toastmaster; invocation, J. H. Greene of Big Spring; special entertainment by Reed & Ray, booked as the "female Ritz brothers."

Second portion of the luncheon program was a radio broadcast sponsored by the Col-Tex refining company. This portion included remarks by Congressman Mahon, music by the Colorado City Cowhand band, a brief talk by President Clifford B. Jones of Texas Technological college, Lubbock, and an entertainment number by a Casa Manana line.

Stag Party and Floor Show  
With W. T. "Tanlac" Strange of  
See COLORADO CITY HOST Page 3

## Real Business Of Permian Conclave To Come Friday

Organization Of Area's  
Oil, Land, Business  
Interests To Climax  
Celebration

The "real business" of the Permian Basin Oil discovery celebration, which is to accomplish an organization of the oil, land, and business interests of the basin territory, will take place Friday morning at 10 o'clock at a meeting to be held in the Palace theater.

Frank Kelley, who was elected temporary chairman of the tentative Permian Basin association at a preliminary meeting held here in July, will preside until organization is set up. H. B. Spence, manager of the Colorado City chamber of commerce, is temporary secretary of the association.

A suggested plan of organization and recommendations as to constitution and by-laws will be reported by a committee headed by A. B. Davis of Lubbock.

Serving on the committee with Davis are Dean Nowlin of Tahoka, R. V. Oberholzer of Seagraves, Tom B. Dugan, Jr., of Lubbock, Tom Coffey of Big Spring, Chas. C. Thompson of Colorado City, Al Watts of Midland, C. W. Meadows of San Angelo, James Goodman of Midland, Glenn Radloff of Odessa, and M. D. Bryant of San Angelo.

The board of directors of the organization will include an oil man, a business man, and a landowner from each Permian Basin town. The three were supposed to have been named by the chamber of commerce or the mayor of each town prior to the meeting.



# SOCIETY

## Mrs. Everett Winn Compliments Sister At Wednesday Party

To compliment her sister, Mrs. S. H. Wallis, who is here from Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Everett Winn entertained the Merry Wives and several guests Wednesday afternoon. The Winn home was decorated with zinnias and late summer flowers. A salad course was served after the games.

Guests were Mesdames C. P. Gary, Bert Wulfjen, W. R. Motley, Jerold Riordan, Lucian Maddin, James Payne, J. G. Merritt, C. L. Root, Lee Jones, Henry Pond, P. C. Coleman, Frank Lupton, and H. C. Doss; Miss Nelle Riordan.

Members present were Mesdames J. M. Doss, W. L. Doss, Jr., J. C. Ehrhardt, O. F. Jones, Ed Jones, Sr., P. K. Mackey, J. L. Pidgeon, O. B. Price, Earl Jackson, J. F. Quinney, M. J. Dawson, R. P. Rose, and Sam Wulfjen.

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## Arnett-Wulfjen At Merritt Home

Meeting at the home of Mrs. J. G. Merritt, the Arnett-Wulfjen-circle of First Methodist church had a program Monday on missionary work in China, following a devotional led by Mrs. Merritt and a prayer by Mrs. Tom Manly.

Special program parts were taken by Mrs. L. B. Elliott, Mrs. Arlie Martin, and Mrs. D. L. Buchanan. Plans were made to meet in home groups and bake 400 cherry pies for the Permian Basin barbecue on Thursday evening. Workers were assigned to the various homes.

The study will be taken up in October. India will be the subject. Next hostess will be Mrs. D. L. Buchanan.

## Trophies Won By Price Sisters At Girls Camp Near Ruidoso, N. Mexico

Two Colorado City girls, Nancy and Mary Price, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Price, set something of a record at Camp Carizo near Ruidoso, N. M., this summer. They returned home last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Price and Bobby having gone for them early in the week.

For the first time in the history of the camp, two sisters won a silver trophy in the same year. Nancy's trophy was in tennis, while Mary's was for making the most improvement in intermediate dancing.

Both girls belonged to the camp orchestra, and Nancy made the staff of the camp newspaper. Both received medals in marksmanship.

## Contract Club Entertained By Mrs. Powell

Hostess to the Contract Luncheon club Tuesday was Mrs. W. R. (Jinks) Powell, who had games at her home in the morning, followed by luncheon at the Colorado hotel.

Alice Blanks made high score. Mrs. Jake Richardson second high. Guests were Mrs. Don Wallace, Mrs. H. H. Simons, Miss Blanks, and Mrs. H. L. Lockhart. Members present were Mrs. Truett Barber, Mrs. R. D. Bridgford, Mrs. Dick Carter, Mrs. Jake Richardson, Mrs. Emmett Grantland, Mrs. Bill Oswalt, Mrs. Blue Goodwin, and Mrs. Ben Smith.

## Miriam Club Is Entertained

Members of the Miriam Club were entertained Tuesday evening with a lawn party at the home of Mrs. Jack DeLaney, with Mrs. DeLaney and Mrs. Robert Baker as hostesses. "42" and Chinese checkers were played.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Homan Posey, Mrs. E. B. Ellis, Mrs. Tommie Graves, Mrs. Green DeLaney, Mrs. Lute Wilson, Ruby Baker, Billie Wyatt, Frances Cooper, and Catharine DeLaney.

## Mrs. Carey Edwards On New Shop Staff

Announcement was made this week that Mrs. Carey Edwards, the former Sadie Simpson, will begin work Sept. 1 as an operator in the Frances Gunn Beauty shop, which was formally opened last week.

The present staff includes Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Ray Holcomb, the former Mona Morrow. Mrs. Edwards worked in Colorado City beauty shops before her marriage.

## 'Barn Dance' Given For Sub-Debbers At The Country Club

A barn dance was arranged for the Sub-Deb club at the country club Friday night with Mrs. Harry Ragan as hostess.

Wagon wheels, brown jugs, nail kegs, and bales of hay gave the club room an appropriate atmosphere. Girls came dressed as farmerettes, boys as farmers.

Over 25 couples attended. Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. J. M. Doss were chaperons.

## Frank Robinson Is Married

The following item from a Carlsbad, N. M., paper will be of interest locally:

Miss Velma Weaver of Santa Fe and Frank Robinson of Carlsbad were married Sunday, Aug. 6, at Roswell, by the Rev. LeRoy Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The bride is a graduate of the Oklahoma A. and M. college at Stillwater, Okla., and also attended the University of Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Weaver of Stillwater, and came to Santa Fe when the National Park Service regional office, in which she was employed, was moved here from Oklahoma.

Mr. Robinson is the son of Mrs. Mary W. Robinson of Colorado City, Texas, and a graduate of the School of Mines at Socorro. He is a hydraulic engineer with the United States Geological Survey, here.

## Former Frances Ann Beal At Seminole

Because Mrs. Val D. Scroggie is the former Frances Ann Beal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Beal of the White Elephant ranch near here and temporarily of Fort Worth, this item from the Seminole paper will be of interest locally:

"Dr. Val D. Scroggie, physician and surgeon of Dallas, arrived here Tuesday and is opening an office in the Harry N. Stone building.

"Dr. Scroggie is a graduate of Baylor Medical school. He has recently served a 2-year internship at Harper hospital, Detroit, Mich. His wife will join him here later and they will occupy one of the Cothe apartments.

"In selecting Seminole as a field for his labors, Dr. Scroggie states that the splendid appearance of our city, together with the apparent opportunities for development, were deciding factors in making this selection. His plans for the near future include the building of a hospital for Semipole."

## New Operator At Johnnie's Shop

A new operator, Thelma Coleman, has been added to the staff of Johnnie's Beauty shop.

Miss Coleman, who comes from Sweetwater, has had several years experience in beauty culture.

## Pastor Honored As He Begins His Third Year

With Truett Barber, superintendent of the Sunday school, as their spokesman, members of First Baptist church paid simple tribute to their pastor, Rev. T. A. Patterson, as he began his third year with the church Sunday morning.

Barber outlined the growth of the church and Sunday school since Rev. Mr. Patterson came, and then presented him with a basket of roses from the church.

## Masons And OES To Have Picnic Aug. 31

A Founder's Day picnic to mark the birthday of Rob Morris is being planned by Masonic and Eastern Star families of Colorado City for Thursday evening, Aug. 31, at 6:30 in Ruddick park.

The picnic will be a basket affair. Those in charge of arrangements are Jim White, Mrs. Dell Barber, and Mrs. L. B. Elliott.

## Two From Here At H-SU Band School

Two Colorado City high school girls, Billie Margaret Gregory and Verna Campbell, are attending the special band short course at Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene.

They are taking special training in drum-majoring. The school lasts this week and next.

## Mrs. Homer Key Is Hostess To Club

The Stitch and Chatter club was entertained Friday by Mrs. Homer Key.

Punch and cookies were served to the six members present. Mrs. B. V. Lloyd will be hostess this Friday.

## Rev. Murray Fuquay Married August 2

An account of the marriage of Rev. Murray Fuquay, former pastor of the Westbrook Baptist church and now pastor of the Baptist church at Wheeler, appeared in a recent issue of the Scurry County Times.

Marriage of Rev. Murray Fuquay, of Wheeler, former Baptist minister at Fluvanna, and Willene Short of Shawnee, Oklahoma, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Short, in Shawnee Wednesday afternoon, August 2, at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Edward Clark of Blue Ridge read the service before about 50 wedding guests.

The candles were lighted by Jaxie Short of Shawnee and Juanita Wilcox of Recife, Brazil. Pre-nuptial music was by Perla Mae Johnson of Okmulgee, pianist, and Julian Choate, violinist.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding dress of white net and lace over white satin, and her veil fell from a fitted headpiece held in place by lilies of the valley. Her sister, Eunice Short, who was maid of honor, wore yellow net and carried talisman roses and tuberose. Young Martha Sheriff of Oklahoma City, flower girl, wore pink net.

Rev. Jim Easterwood of Blanchard, Oklahoma, was best man, and Red, Edward Shirley and Alva Wells were ushers.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Short were hosts at a reception, honoring the couple, who left immediately afterward for a wedding trip to the Ozark Mountains. They will return to Wheeler, where Rev. Fuquay is pastor of the First Baptist church, to live at the parsonage there.

Mrs. Fuquay graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, where she later taught art for two years. She received her master's degree in art education from the University of Oklahoma. For the past year and a half she has been teaching art in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

Fuquay graduated from Wayland Baptist Junior College and Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. He has been attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth for two years. He had been pastor of the Fluvanna church four years until May, when he moved to Wheeler.

## TEL Class Meets At Baptist Church

The TEL class of First Baptist church held its August meeting at the church with Mrs. D. M. Logan and Mrs. T. J. Ratliff as hostesses. Mrs. W. W. Hatcher presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. L. Bowen. Frances Rose Ratliff sang with Erdine Morgan as accompanist. Mary Louise Logan gave a reading. Punch and cake were served.

## CHURCHES

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Church school—9:45.  
Morning sermon, "Releasing Power Through Prayer,"—11 a.m.  
Young People—5 p.m.  
Evening sermon, "Treasure in Earthen Vessels."  
Rev. J. J. Mueller, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
5th and Elm  
Leonard C. Bankhead, Minister  
Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Preaching, 11 a.m.  
Young People, 7 p.m.  
Preaching, 8 p.m.  
Monday class, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday class, 8 p.m.

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. H. H. Black, D. D.  
8 P. M.  
Evening Prayers and Sermon

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Bible school at 9:45.  
Morning service at 11 o'clock.  
Evening service at 8 o'clock.  
Eugene Haley will fill the pulpit at both hours.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school—9:45.  
Morning service—11 o'clock.  
E. T. U.—7:15 p.m.  
Evening service—8:15.  
Teachers' meeting—7 p.m. Wednesday.  
Prayer service—7:50 p.m. Wednesday.

**ASSISTS IN REVIVAL**  
Rev. A. L. Haley of First Christian church is in Odessa assisting in a revival which will last through this week and next.

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## ANNOUNCING

The addition of Mrs. Carey Edwards, formerly Sadie Simpson, to our staff, beginning September 1

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## Bodies Of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Person Buried Here Monday

Bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Person, pioneer Colorado Cityans who died some time ago in California, were received in Colorado City Monday morning and buried in Colorado City cemetery beside Mrs. Person's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Payne. The Persons' only child, Mrs. Jessie Person Crump, and her son, Kenneth, accompanied the bodies from Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Crump is moving from Long Beach to Lubbock to live. They were met in Colorado City by Mrs. Crump's maternal uncle, Eugene Payne of Whiteface, and his wife.

John W. Person was postmaster at Colorado City during the Woodrow Wilson administration. He and Mrs. Person, who was Mattie Payne before her marriage in Colorado City, moved to Long Beach, Calif., several years ago. His death occurred in December, 1933, and Mrs. Person died in November, 1937.

Bodies of both were placed in Sunnyside mausoleum at Long Beach until they could be moved here. They were received by a Kiker & Son hearse and taken directly to the Colorado City cemetery for interment.

Mrs. Person and son, along with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Payne of Whiteface, were guests in the home of Mrs. Payne's sister, Mrs. J. G. Merritt, for several hours Monday, before proceeding to Lubbock and Whiteface.

## Missionary To Speak Here This Evening

Rev. A. C. Donath, who recently returned after serving as a Baptist foreign missionary in Algeria, Africa, for five years, will speak at First Baptist church at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) evening.

Before going into missionary work, Rev. Mr. Donath was pastor of one of the larger Baptist churches in East Texas.

His collection of African curios is said to be one of the largest in existence. He has the reputation of being an effective speaker.

Members of all churches are invited to hear Rev. Mr. Donath, according to Rev. T. A. Patterson, Baptist pastor.

## Mitchell County Had 33 Producing Wells In 1924, Refinery Was New

There were 33 producing wells in Mitchell county oil fields in September, 1924, according to stories carried in a special oil section put out by The Record on Sept. 26. The Col-Tex refinery, then known as the West Texas Refinery, had been in operation since mid-June.

Twenty-three of those 33 producing wells belonged to the California company (now the Standard of Texas), which had bought all the Underwriters company holdings in 1922.

The Sloan Oil company, headed by Sam A. Sloan, controlled six wells.

Other producing wells in the county were listed at that time as follows: O'Neal One of Sloan et al; Zilpha Morrison One of Snyder et al; Tidal Oil company, one; Tulsa-Badgett company, one.

Three wells were drilling at that time, activities having been slowed down by a summer drought which resulted in a water shortage, thus delaying the spudding of several tests said to be scheduled for the "next sixty days."

Drilling at that time were Keyard No. 1 on the Rowe lease, Coleman No. 1 of the A. E. Humphreys interests on the P. C. Coleman ranch near Cuthbert, and Gist No. 1 of M. E. Eddleman et al on the Gist farm three miles north of Colorado City.

Invited to hear Rev. Mr. Donath, according to Rev. T. A. Patterson, Baptist pastor.

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## Bargain Prices for Week-End

|                |                    |       |           |     |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
| COFFEE         | Folger's           | 1     | pound can | 26c |
| FLOUR          | Dress Print        | 24    | pound bag | 63c |
| PICKLES        | Sour and Dill      | quart |           | 15c |
| FRUIT JUICES   |                    | 3     | for       | 25c |
| FRUIT COCKTAIL | Gold Bar           | 2     | tall cans | 25c |
| COCOANUT       |                    | 1     | pound bag | 19c |
| SPINACH        | Crystal Pack       | 3     | for       | 25c |
| PEAS           | Blackeyed          | 3     | pounds    | 10c |
| ORANGES        | California Sunkist | each  |           | 1c  |

## MEAT Specials

|            |                                      |     |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| WEINERS    | pound                                | 16c |
| LUNCH MEAT | assorted pound                       | 25c |
| BOLOGNA    | pound                                | 10c |
| BACON      | Wilson's Corn King, Extra Lean pound | 22c |

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MEAT LOAF, pressed, home made, pound . . . 25c  
POTATO SALAD, lb. 12 1/2c  
OLEOMARGARINE, Modern 2 pounds . . . 25c  
COOKING BUTTER, lb. 18c

## Grapes

2 pounds  
9c

## CIGARETTES

Rateigh's Cork Tip or Regular 2 pkgs. 29c

## PRESERVES

Gold Bar Pure Fruit 1/2 gallon 53c  
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large pkg. . . 23c  
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# MONEY SAVERS

## Steak Fryers

Chuck, Baby Beef pound 15c  
nice, tender each 35c  
and up

## Folgers

Mountain Grown Coffee  
2 lb. can 37c  
with a \$1 or more purchase

## Clean-Up SPECIALS

CRYSTAL WHITE FLAKES 5 pounds . . . 35c  
BON AMI, can . . . 12c  
BIG BEN SOAP, 7 for . 25c  
SUNBRITE, 3 cans . . 14c  
SANI-FLUSH, 25c size 21c  
STURDY BROOMS, ea. 22c  
LYE, Bbbbits, 3 cans . 25c

## High-Test OXYDOL

giant pkg. . . 59c

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### Colorado City Host

(Continued from Page One)  
Lubbock as master of ceremonies, the stag party and floor show at the hut at 2 o'clock was scheduled to open with music by Ned Bradley and his band and to include the following other entertainment numbers:  
Chorus line and specialty numbers by Casa Manana entertainers, music by the Colorado City Cow Hand band, Reed & Ray Female Ritz brothers, Chicago Nightingale quartette, trick and fancy roping by Billie Lewis of Sweetwater.

**Horse Show**  
Some of West Texas' finest horses will appear in the Permian Basin horse show at the Frontier Roundup grounds at 3 o'clock. This show is open to the general public. An admission charge is being made to those not having registration cards. Nine classes are included in the show, with valuable trophies and ribbons in each class. R. Ellison Harding of Fort Worth is judge, C. T. McLaughlin of Snyder is ring master, and R. A. May of Colorado City is field marshal. Frank Kelley is general manager. Music is being furnished by the Colorado City High School band, R. P. Rose directing.

Donors will present trophies at the close of the show. Mayor J. A. Sadler making the presentation of Colorado City's trophy in the five-gated junior open class.

**Barbecue and Program**  
Using a loud-speaker system furnished by the Texas Coca Cola Bottling company of Abilene, the barbecue program in East Ruddick park will be presented on a specially constructed platform with "Tanlac" Strange of Lubbock again acting as master of ceremonies.

Specialty numbers from various towns will be featured on this program. Towns slated to be represented are Snyder, Abilene, Sweetwater, Colorado City, and perhaps others. Music will be furnished by Harrison's Texans.

Registration cards or badges will be necessary for attendance at the barbecue.

**Feature Program**  
Detailed outline of the feature

program at Ruddick park amphitheater at 8 o'clock this evening is contained elsewhere in this edition.

It is being emphasized that this program is open to the general public. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. There will be no admission.

**Two Dances**  
Two dances will be in full swing following the feature program, one at the Colorado hotel and one at the American Legion hut. There will be a tax.

The Parade of the Queens, an elaborate pageant, in which will participate some fifty Texas beauties and their retinues, will feature the opening day of the 51st State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7. At night, the Queen of Queens will be crowned in a free ceremonial in the Cotton Bowl, the winner receiving a free screen test in Hollywood.

Each Friday of the 51st State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7 to 22, will be turned over to the children and will be their special days. The first Friday will be for the elementary children, and the second Friday for the high school students.

In order to create new interest in Texas' growing livestock industry, special tickets, good for judging days, will be issued by the 51st State Fair of Texas, Oct. 7 to 22. This judging will be the most informative bit of livestock lore that has ever been presented in the State.

Christ walking on the Sea of Galilee, and other Holy Land scenes will be depicted in a special exhibit which has been assured the 51st State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 7 to 22.

Twenty-one picked beauties make up the line for the French Revue, an attraction of the Rubin and Cherry midway shows at the 51st State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 7 to 22.

Look over the advertisements in this paper.

## HOT WEATHER SPECIALS

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WHEATIES, 2 large pkgs. . . . . 25c  
GRAPE NUTS FLAKES or POST BRAN . . . . 10c  
POST TOASTIES, large box . . . . . 10c  
PEAS, Pure Maid, 1 lb. can . . . . . 5c  
BEANS, Del Monte, whole, green, stringless . 15c  
PRESERVES, Del Monte, Peach, Apricot, Pineapple 4 1/2 pound can . . . . . 59c  
PRESERVES, Blackberry, Primrose, seedless, lb. jar . . . . . 23c  
PEANUT BUTTER, 1 full quart . . . . . 25c  
SALTED CRACKERS, fresh and crisp, Salad Wafer 1 1/2 pounds . . . . . 22c  
CORD MOPS, No. 16 . . . . . 25c

**BROOMS, 1 for . 25c**

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\$30,000 med. . . . . 23c  
IN CASH PRIZES sml . . . . 10c

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OLEOMARGARINE, Modern, pound . . . . 15c  
WEINERS, pound . . . . . 18c  
LUNCH MEATS, assorted, pound . . . . . 20c

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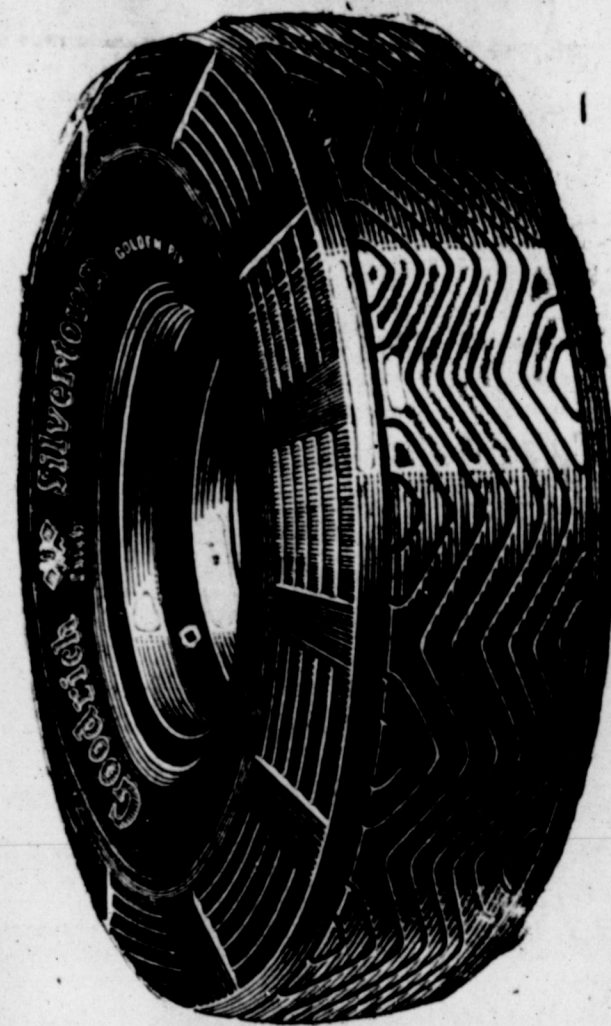
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### Hardison Allmond In Grave Condition

Condition of Hardison Allmond, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allmond, was reported Thursday morning at C. L. Root Memorial hospital to be "serious," although he was believed to have improved somewhat since Wednesday. Allmond was injured in a car mishap in west Colorado City Tuesday noon.

Allmond was given major surgery at noon Wednesday after internal hemorrhaging had developed. He was unconscious for two hours after being admitted to the hospital Tuesday.

The car which Allmond was driving skidded off the pavement just west of the bridge on Highway One, witnesses said, and struck a parked

car before he could get it back under control. He was thrown from the car, and some witnesses claimed that it passed over his body.

### Sheriff Much Better But Still 'No Visitors'

Reports Thursday morning were that Sheriff Dick Gregory is much improved at C. L. Root Memorial hospital where he has been a patient since suffering a heart attack on the night of August 14.

He is now undergoing a complete rest, hospital attendants say, and no visiting is yet allowed. He will probably remain in the hospital another two or three weeks.

Read the advertisements and simplify your shopping.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

James Gist, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Gist, was given treatment Tuesday and Wednesday for the effects of drinking kerosene. Wayne Vincent Brown went home Wednesday after having undergone an appendectomy. He lives on the Cuthbert route.

R. D. Tiner, a medical patient since Aug. 12, was dismissed Saturday. Violet Brown, 10, of Westbrook, daughter of the Lee Browns, had a tonsillectomy Saturday.

Mike Green, employed on the construction of the railroad bridge, had a bad foot cut sutured at the hospital last Friday.

Tonsils of Earl Whirley, 6, son of the R. E. Whirleys, were removed Monday.

Sheriff Dick Gregory, a medical patient in the hospital since Aug. 14, continues to improve but is not yet having visitors.

A son, Roger Kennie, weighing 6 pounds and 3 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Reese at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Hardison Allmond, who was injured in a car mishap in West Colorado City Tuesday, was given surgery for an internal injury Wednesday. Although improved, he was still in a serious condition Thursday morning.

A. C. Benson, appendectomy patient, went home Monday.

Bobby Maniss, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maniss, had his tonsils removed Tuesday.

James Nowell, 9, son of W. H. Nowell, also was an appendectomy patient, undergoing surgery on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Hardcastle of Westbrook was a medical patient from Wednesday until Saturday.

Dale Click, 4, son of the O. D. Clicks of Route 1, Lorraine, underwent an appendectomy Wednesday night and was given a favorable report Thursday morning.

### FRED BROWN HERE

Fred Brown, assistant manager of the Baker hotel at Mineral Wells and a former Colorado Citian, is in town today for the Permian Basin oil celebration.



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## LORAIN NEWS

MRS. H. P. DAY, Editor

Mrs. Day is also authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions for the Colorado Record and to transact other business for Whipkey Printing Company. See her and take your county paper.

## NEGRO FOUND DEAD

John Dunn, 59-year-old negro ranchman was found dead in bed early Monday morning on the Carson Wallace ranch in the southeast part of Mitchell county by his only companion, Lee Hemphill.

Deputy Sheriff Nick Narrell and Justice of Peace S. B. Watlington were summoned to the scene and an inquest was held. The verdict was "death from natural causes."

John Dunn suffered from indigestion in the night and got up and took some medicine. Hemphill called him for breakfast and found him dead. Funeral arrangements are pending arrival of a brother from Arizona.

**MISS SPIKES RECEIVES DEGREE**  
Miss Gladys LaRue Spikes is among the summer graduating class of 80

member of Sul Ross State Teachers college who are to receive their degrees this Wednesday evening at the college auditorium at Alpine. Miss Spikes is to receive her Bachelor of Science degree.

**MIS BESSIE NELL JOHNSON TO RECEIVE DEGREE**

Miss Bessie Nell Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Lorraine is to receive her B. S. Degree in elementary education the 27th annual summer commencement exercises of the North Texas State Teachers college on Wednesday evening, Aug. 23 at 8 o'clock at Teachers College stadium.

Miss Johnson will teach during the coming year.

## LAWN PARTY

As an introduction of her house party last week-end, Miss Ruth Ann Hall entertained her guests, Miss Katherine Freeman of Moran, Betsy Lun of Ballinger, and Clarine Marsh of Eastland with a lawn party Thursday night. Upon arriving the guests were led to tables where 42 table tennis and Chinese chess were played. The guests were soon given "scavenger hunt" lists and everyone rushed off to find the needed articles. After returning, several other games were played and iced melons were served to 42 guests. The evening of entertainment ended with a surprise skating party.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Dewee McGaher of Combes, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burdine of Midland.

## 1938 GRADUATING CLASS REUNION

The graduates of 1938 held a class reunion at the home of Del Johnson Tuesday evening, Aug. 22.

Lawn games were played by the group and as ice cream was made, the school days were recalled by the class and their Supt. E. E. Williams. It was the regret of all that the class sponsor, Mrs. Soules, was unable to attend.

To climax the evening the party joined another group at the home of Evelyn Land and all enjoyed a skating party later.

**DR. JOHNSON HOSPITAL NOTES**  
Mrs. A. M. Morris of Colorado City is a medical patient this week.

Mrs. Joe Bennett is confined to her bed this week.

Mrs. Mattie Faulkenberry of Roscoe is a medical patient at the hospital.

Mrs. Owen Leggett is on the sick list.

A Mexican woman, Santo Cordoza, underwent an appendix operation Friday.

Willie House had a severe attack of tonsillitis and is receiving medical aid.

Dan Brooks injured the muscles in his right shoulder while working on a wagon last week and is receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Homer Bennett of Roscoe was a medical patient the first of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Vines a girl, Aug. 21.

Mrs. J. F. Oliver is receiving medical aid.

Bobbie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams, is on the sick list. Herbert Mears had his tonsils removed Tuesday morning.

**INFANTILE PARALYSIS VICTIM**

Thelma, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Sanders became ill Saturday and has developed infantile paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders live in the Landers community. Thelma was reported better Tuesday.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Britton and Coy Britton of Carlsbad, N. M., visited relatives last week.

Mrs. Lee Burruss is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. E. C. McCollum has been confined to her bed lately.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Dunlap and daughter of Ft. Worth spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bullard and family of Cline, Illinois, and Mr. G. L. Bullard of Van, Texas, have been visiting Mrs. Wiley Bullard.

O. A. Freeze and family of Olney were Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Leggett. Mrs. Leggett and daughter returned home with them for a short visit.

Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson returned Monday night from an extended trip into New Mexico and Colorado. Her mother, Mrs. A. B. Smith, accompanied her but remained in Trinidad for a longer visit. Mrs. Monte Page of Lubbock returned home with Mrs. Thompson for a visit here with friends and relatives.

C. M. Thompson and Mrs. K. L.

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ARMOUR'S VEGETOLE  
8 lb. carton

72c

COFFEE

FRESH GROUND

3 pounds . . .

37c

VINEGAR

DISTILLED, BRING YOUR JUG

per gallon . . .

19c

SOAP

LUX OR LIFEBOUY

per bar . . . . .

6c

BRING THIS COUPON

THIS COUPON AND 10c CASH  
ENTITLES YOU TO

3 pkgs. JELLO

BRING THIS COUPON

THIS COUPON AND 20c CASH  
GOOD FOR

FULL QT. Peanut Butter

BEANS

PINTO No. 1 RECLEANED

10 pounds . . . . .

55c

CEREALS

POST TOASTIES  
POST BRAN  
GRAPE NUT FLAKES

3 Boxes . .

25c

## IN OUR MARKET

BACON

ARMOUR'S SLICED  
Pound

19c

CHEESE

Family Size

2 pound box

45c

BOLOGNA

SLICED  
Pound

10c

SAUSAGE

PURE PORK  
Pound

19c

PORK CHOPS

per pound

19c

BACON

DRY SALT  
Pound

9c

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BRIGHT & EARLY  
Glass Free

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pound

15c

BREAD

ANY BRAND  
Regular Loaf

2

for

15c

MUSTARD

FULL QUART  
Each

10c

MATCHES

TRUE AMERICAN  
CARTON—6 boxes

16c

KRAUT

No. 2 CAN  
Per Can

6c

SPINACH

TEXAS  
No. 2 cans

2

for

15c

SOAP

ALL YOU WANT  
P. & G.—Bar

3½c

TOMATOES

HAND PACKED  
No. 2 cans

6½c

CRACKERS

2

pound box

14c

SALT

3 5c boxes

10c

FREE

1 Pint of Pangburn's Ice Cream  
with Purchase of \$1.50 or more

## FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

TOMATOES

CALIFORNIA  
Pound

7½c

GRAPES

THOMPSON'S SEEDLESS  
Pound

5c

LETTUCE

LARGE, CRISP  
Each

5c

ORANGES

CALIFORNIA SUNKIST  
Dozen

15c

LEMONS

CALIFORNIA SUNKIST  
Dozen

19c

SPUDS

COLORADO No. 1  
WHITE

10 pounds

19c

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## POSTED—

POSTED

All fishing and trespassing permits on the Spade Ranch are hereby cancelled. All offenders will be prosecuted. E. P. ELLWOOD

## POSTED NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the posting of my ranch located Northwest of Westbrook in Mitchell county, Texas, and the Handley Ranch located Northwest of Colorado, in Mitchell county, Texas; against hunting, wood hauling and trespassing of all kinds—no dove hunting or fishing allowed. EARL MORRISON

Taylor, Mrs. T. R. Bennett and Mrs. Ada Pierce returned home Sunday from Stephenville where they had been visiting relatives.

Joe Jarrett and daughter of Stephenville are visiting relatives here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Hester visited their daughter, Mrs. P. T. Martin, at Shreveport, La., over the week-end.

Bobbie Carroll, Honora of Lubbock is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Lester Jarrett and daughter Margaret left Wednesday noon for Ft. Worth and Stephenville to visit relatives.

Word was received in Lorraine Tuesday that Charles (Eud) Glass was in an El Paso hospital and had undergone an appendix operation early Sunday morning. The report was that he went through the operation fine and was given an ok report. We join the people of Lorraine in wishing a speedy recovery for Bud.

Rev. J. E. Shewbert is helping in a revival meeting at Snyder this week. Miss Nell Mewshaw left Tuesday morning for Amarillo to spend a few days with friends.

## ATTENTION BULLY RAISERS

Egg producer. Remove all worms with 10¢ of production. It must make and save money for your money refunded. The manufacturers and this firm stands behind the guarantee. Sold exclusively in Colorado by Logan Feed and Hatchery.

## Colorado Citian Gets Rare Glimpse Of Sister

It was a rare glimpse that Earl Bibby got of his sister, Mrs. Maggie Reynolds of Magazine, Ark., this week.

Mrs. Reynolds and another sister, Mrs. Lloyd Lee, came home with the Bibbys from a family reunion held in Lueders Sunday and visited with them until Wednesday.

Mr. Bibby had not seen Mrs. Maggie Reynolds in 14 years and had not seen her but three times in his life, since she was already married and moved away from home when he was born.

The Bibbys took the sisters to Stamford Wednesday.

## MIDLAND SPONSORS TO COMPETE FOR \$650

MIDLAND.—Officials of the Midland rodeo, September 2, 3, and 4 have announced that cowgirl sponsors representing West Texas and New Mexico towns will compete for prizes valued at \$650. The largest prize list ever offered for a similar event, they have announced that the sponsors show this year.

Under the plan, sponsors will be judged on riding ability, horse, costume, and equipment as in former years. First prize in this event will be a \$125.00 hand-made saddle with a deluxe baggage set valued at \$85.00, to the winner of second place; a

\$50.00 watch, as third prize; and a pair of chaps valued at \$35.00 for fourth prize. Fifth and sixth winners will also be rewarded. The title of "Miss 1939" will also be conferred upon first place winner in the event.

The six winners of first place will be eligible to enter a sponsors final contest at the last performance of the rodeo Monday, September 4. Winners of first place in the 1935-36-37-38 Midland Sponsor Contest will also be eligible to compete. As a test of rider and horse's ability to handle cattle, each contestant will be allowed two minutes in which to pen a wild range calf, released into the arena from the calf roping chute. According to cowmen who know the vagaries of a range calf, this test will bring out the best in both horse and rider. There will be but a single reward in the final event—a two horse capacity deluxe trailer with canopy and accessories, valued at \$300.00. With entries nearing the twenty-five mark it is anticipated that the new event and added prizes will attract sponsors from many towns, already entered it is anticipated that a half dozen more towns will be represented before the event of the rodeo.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful for all expressions of sympathy received in the loss of our mother, Mrs. W. A. Lambert.

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## MRS. POWELL TO RETURN

Mrs. Lay Powell is due to return home this week-end after a 10-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. Baxter Scoggin, in Oklahoma City. The Scoggin plan to bring her.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Events Leading To Discovery Of Permian Basin Oil And The Why And Wherefore Of Basin's Name Outlined In Recent Article

Events leading up to the drilling of the first oil well in the Permian Basin 19 years ago and reasons for the area's name were outlined as follows in a recent story which appeared in West Texas Today, official publication of the West Texas chamber of commerce over the by-line of H. B. Spence, manager of the Colorado City chamber of commerce.

The story has appeared in The Record before but is repeated because of the interest it might be to visitors at the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration today and tomorrow.

"Let's acquaint ourselves with location of the Permian Basin, and how it got its name.

"The word 'Permian' is a geological word, meaning an age of formation, characterized by the series of strata in the carboniferous by rocks and red sandstone and shale, by the enlargement of land area and the formation of mountains and the appearance of reptiles, a preceding age to the Pennsylvanian age. Geology reveals that thousands and thousands of years ago the Permian Basin was really a great body of water that covered the greatest portion of our great West Texas and a large portion of the State of New Mexico.

"Today geologists unhesitatingly term the Permian Basin the greatest oil reserve in the world. Should we publicize this fact, and should we be proud of our Permian Basin and celebrate the discovery of this liquid gold that has built villages into cities, made millionaires out of paupers?

"Yes, I say we should. I think every man connected with the oil business, every land owner in this vast area, and every business man should join together and organize in such a unanimous manner that we would be a power of national recognition and able to demand our rights before governing bodies. Since the discovery of this liquid gold, the Permian area has grown by leaps and bounds and today is one of the wealthiest areas in the world, with still greater possibilities than any other known section.

"On June 16, 1920, a multitude of oil men, business men, ladies and children gathered in Mitchell county, around the derrick of the T. & P. No. One, just a few miles from Colorado City, anxiously awaiting the shooting of what they hoped to be an oil well. This multitude of people had gathered there, curious to watch the shooting of an oil well, with very little hopes of ever seeing the liquid gold gush forth.

"The reason I say this is because geologists and petroleum magazines had termed this area the graveyard of oil men's hopes. Were they surprised. The shot was lowered, a rumbling sound, and all of a sudden the curious multitude was running for shelter, their clothes drenched with liquid gold, and it just seemed as though there was oil everywhere.

"That, folks, was the discovery of oil in the Permian Basin.

"To give credit where credit is due, we must give a great portion of the credit to our own attorney, Mr. L. W. Sandusky. This gentleman has always been noted for his bravery in uncovering evidence and proving that there is, when others say there is not. Back in 1916, in face of all the facts that the majority of all geologists and the leading petroleum magazines had termed all the ter-

ritory in this section now known as the Permian Basin the graveyard of the oil men's hopes. Mr. Sandusky had compiled all geological reports made by the geologists who had worked this entire area and yet he firmly disapproved their theory.

A Professor Udden, in a report in which Mr. Sandusky held in his survey had found what is termed the Marathon Fold and Edwards Plateau. The Marathon Fold may be termed geologically an underground prong of the Arbuckle Mountains, which is known to the laymen as the divide. This divide is a strip of land you pass over between Loraine and Sweetwater, Texas. Mr. Sandusky eventually interested the Seaman Oil company in blocking 90 acres of leases on the West flank of the Marathon or what we may call the shore line of the once Permian Sea.

"This land was blocked under terms of the Contract with Seaman, a deposit of 20c per acre was escrowed in the bank, and Seaman was given a 60 day period in which to secure a geological report on the plot, and if the same showed structures, to start the drilling of two wells thereon within 60 days, or forfeit the escrow to the various land owners. The escrow was forfeited, and returned to the land owners about a year later.

"Mr. Sandusky was not at all satisfied, and with his fighting ability to prove where there is a will there is a way, contacted Mr. Harry Miles, who was in charge of an office maintained by the Humble Oil company. Miles, king of the same belief as Mr. Sandusky, and stated that he would drill on any location in the Permian area that Mr. Ralph Seigler, a geologist, would recommend. Seigler came to Colorado City in December, 1918, and after about 90 days' work, recommended two locations in Mitchell county, one the Landers block four miles Southeast of Colorado City, the other the Morrison block about nine and one-half miles slightly southwest of Colorado City.

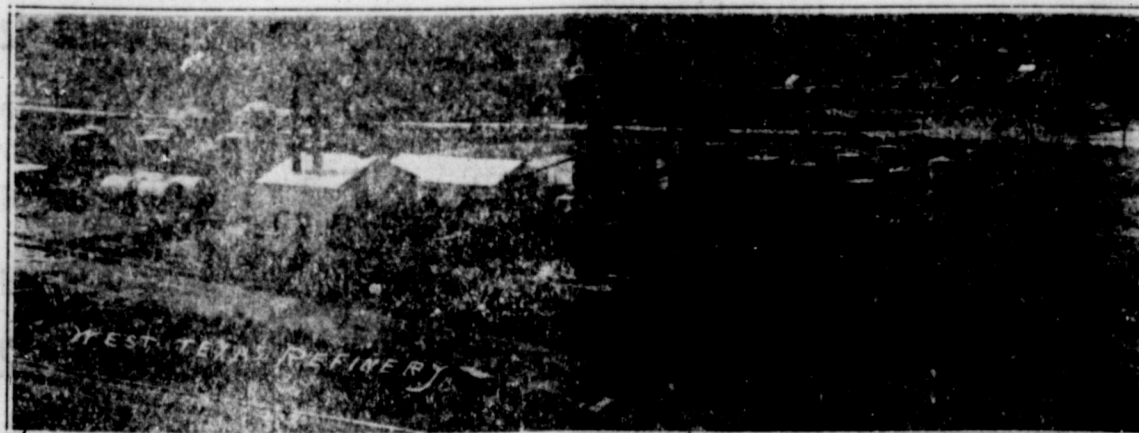
"Before the drilling operations were completed, the Humble Oil company sold a 51% interest to the Carter Oil company in April, 1919, and the personnel and operation was changed. In September, 1919, Mr. S. S. Owen, then engaged in assisting the American Underwriters to organize an oil company, made a contact with Mr. Sandusky for the drilling of the Morrison well.

"The spot was selected on the location and the well was spudded February 8, 1920, began to show oil in June, and was drilled to a total depth of 2,563 feet with 163 feet oil bearing lime, being shot with 840 quarts of nitro. This well was finished in a 10-inch hole, first casing being 20-inch, the shot was made July 16, 1920, and as stated above, in this story, approximately 10,000 people including many of the 'there is no oil there' oil fraternities looking on. This was the beginning of commercial oil in the great Permian Basin, which has transferred a desert into an ever-living and progressive empire of wealth and happiness second to none in the world."

## Merchant Brings News Of Farmall Family

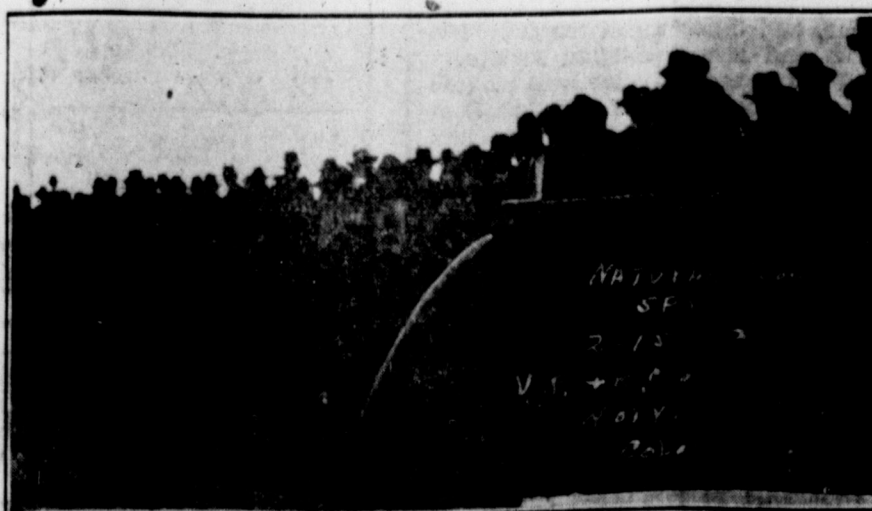
Mr. R. P. Price, head of Price Bros., recently returned from a group meeting of International Harvester dealers, gathered together to get first-hand information on the new

## Col-Tex Of Yesterday



This is the way the Col-Tex refinery looked when it began operations in June, 1924. Then it was known as the West Texas Refinery.

## Morrison No. 2 Flows



The crowd watching the natural flow of the Morrison No. 2 on Feb. 15, 1922, indicates the interest which this well created.

operator to see his work without the necessity of craning his neck or twisting his body.

Although the Farmall-A is in the \$500 price class, we are told that it is a real rubber-tired Farmall, through and through, embodying in its design many unusual features of interest to farmers. A full line of direct-attachable machines is manufactured for use with this new small tractor.

To round out the new Farmall family, the Harvester factories recently went into production on two larger sizes, Farmall-H and Farmall-M. The first is what is commonly classed as a 2-plow tractor, while the second has ample power to pull three plows. Both feature practical modern styling, with emphasis on design that fits in with today's farm power needs. Quick-attachable machines have been developed for the new "H" and "M" to make full

use of their power and efficiency in all crop operations.

The two larger Farmalls can be equipped with "Lift-All," an entirely new type of hydraulic power lift. The pump is set into the frame of the tractor, while the actual lifting devices can be attached to the machines to be lifted, in such a way as to assure maximum efficiency. We understand that machines can be lifted in front or at back, or on either side—separately or together—according to the operator's wishes. A light touch on a little lever does the trick. "Lift-All" can also be

used to keep certain implements at work at the proper depth.

The new Farmalls are powered by 4-cylinder, overhead-valve engines which operate on gasoline or No. 1 tractor distillate. The Farmall-A has a 4-speed transmission, with three field speeds and a 10-mile road speed. The two larger models have 5-speed transmissions, providing four field speeds and a 16-mile road speed (on rubber). All models have adjustable trends to meet all row-crop requirements.

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HAM HOCK, 2 pounds . . . . . 25c  
BACON, Decker's, none better, pound . . 30c  
HAM, cured, sliced, pound . . . . . 25c  
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One Pound Monarch Cocoa Free  
BACON, Decker's 100 per cent sugar cured, lb. 15c  
TOMATO JUICE, Campbell's, 20 oz. can, 3 for . 25c  
RAISINS, seedless, 2 pounds . . . . . 19c  
SALAD DRESSING, Best Maid, quart 25c—pint 15c  
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BINDER TWINE Belgian Made bale \$3.25  
WHEATIES 2 packages 19c  
BAKING POWDER 50 oz. can 25c  
PRESERVES Gold Bar assorted flavors 1/2 gal. 49c

## MEATS

SAUSAGE Pure Pork and Beef 2 pounds 25c  
BACON Wilson's Sugar Cured, Sliced pound 19c  
YEAST CAKES Fleischmann's each 2c

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## LOCAL NOTES

### PRICHARDS HAVE GUESTS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Prichard for a short time early this week were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baker of Norman, Oklahoma, who were on their wedding trip. Mrs. Baker is the former Betty Prichard, who has visited in the Prichard home here. They were met in Stamford by Mrs. Prichard and Mrs. Charles Gary as they came here. They left Wednesday for Carlsbad, N. M. and other points west.

### LEES TO FORT WORTH

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Lee and children, were in Fort Worth the latter part of last week. Mrs. Lee remained there this week and her sister, Ethel Biggerstaff of Childress, is staying with her. Her mother, Mrs. E. L. Biggerstaff and another sister, Kate, came home with Mr. Lee and the children.

### THREE RECEIVE DEGREES

Three teachers in the Colorado City school system are receiving B.S. degrees at the summer commencement of McMurry college in Abilene Thursday night. The three are Mrs. Floyd Quinney principal of the ward school, Hattie Tankersley and Mrs. Lucille Watkins.

### IN GRANTLAND HOME

Mrs. Emmett Grantland's mother, Mrs. Mattie Holliday, and a group of Baltimore people spent the week-end in the Grantland home. In the group were Mrs. George Holliday and son, Clyde, Dorothy Ann Holliday and Marie Thomas. Mrs. Mattie Holliday stayed until Tuesday while the others were here only Saturday and Sunday.

### BENTON TEMPLETON HERE

Benton Templeton, who is connected with the motor transport division of the Texas Railroad commission at Austin, was a visitor here during the week-end, after a hearing at Amarillo, was unexpectedly recalled. He was scheduled to go to Corpus Christi after Amarillo.

### BEN COOPERS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cooper and children of Kermitt spent the week-end here, visiting Mr. Cooper's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Cooper, and other relatives and friends. Esther Elliott went home with Mary Louise Cooper to spend this week.

### VISITING BROTHER HERE

Mrs. R. W. Morgan of Wichita Falls is visiting this week in the home of her brother, Burt Smith, and family. Mrs. Morgan came Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. B. P. Williams, and Mrs. Williams' husband and son, Jerry. The Williams family returned home Monday.

### PLASTERERS TO REUNION

Tom, George, and Jim Plaster returned Monday after having attended a reunion of the Plaster family in Bedias, Grimes county. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Plaster and Mrs. Bill Dorth. The group visited in Temple and Fort Worth enroute home.

### CLERGY TO MEET

The Ministerial Association of Colorado City will meet Monday morning, 9 o'clock at the Episcopal church.

### RETURN FROM INDIANA

Mrs. G. A. Horton and son, Drayne, returned Friday after a month's visit with relatives in Indiana. Mr. Horton's mother, Mrs. Martha J. Horton of Ellwood, Indiana, and other relatives brought them home, remaining in the Horton home for the week-end.

### KERNS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kern and children, Leila Olive and Bobby, were here from Monahans during the week-end visiting Mrs. Kern's mother, Mrs. Olive Lipps, and other relatives while enroute to points east on their vacation.

### MRS. ARNETT HERE

Mrs. John Arnett of Fort Worth visited friends and relatives here the latter part of last week after having been to Ruidoso with the T. W. Stonerods of Lubbock and the Floyd Bealls, also of Lubbock.

### BRYAN PORTERS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Porter and Fannie Bess returned Sunday after a vacation trip to Houston, Galveston, Fort Worth, and other points.

### RICHARDSONS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Richardson and son Bobby returned home late Sunday after having visited in San Angelo, Austin, and other points during the week-end.

### BURRUS PUGSLEY GUESTS

Burrus Pugsley had as guest during the week-end Allene East of San Benito and Miss Gregory of Lubbock.

## Death Comes to Mrs. Q. D. Hall Just Three Months After Vision Returns

Three months to a day from the time she miraculously recovered her sight after nearly 25 years of virtual blindness, Mrs. Q. D. Hall, 79, pioneer resident of Colorado City, succumbed at her home here Monday night at 9:20 after only a few days illness.

Mrs. Hall, always noted for her patience and cheer through years of inactivity due to her blindness, awoke on the morning of May 21 to find that she could see her children, grandchildren, and friends clearly for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century. Her sight continued good until she



MRS. Q. D. HALL

was stricken with her final illness. She greatly enjoyed riding about Colorado City and seeing the lights and she regarded Ruddick park amphitheater, packed with its Friday evening crowds, as little short of a wonder.

Born Laura Adamson on Jan. 19, 1860, in Collin county, Mrs. Hall was reared in Jacksboro and was married there on Feb. 21, 1878, to Mr. Hall. Their honeymoon was spent driving 1,000 head of cattle from Jack county to the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos in Crosby county, where they spent a year "in camp" before returning to Jacksboro, from which place they came to Mitchell county in 1883.

For several years after coming here

Sweetwater Talent Presented on Park CC Program Friday

It was Sweetwater Night out at the chamber of commerce program at Ruddick park Friday evening.

The Sweetwater band, directed by Jack Armstrong, was especially well-received by a better-than-usual audience.

Greetings from Sweetwater were brought by Philip Yonke, president of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, who was introduced by H. B. Spence, manager of the Colorado City chamber of commerce. Yonke in turn introduced A. S. Legge, chairman of the entertainment committee of the board of city development. Legge, known in Colorado City through his work as district chairman of Texas Electric Service company, was master of ceremonies. Legge had been assisted by Glen Russell and Jack Armstrong in preparing the program. George Barber, BCD secretary, was another Sweetwater visitor.

First prize went to Curtis Boyd, youthful singer, second to Dan Hoobler, accordionist, third to Martha June Ford, also an accordionist. Other numbers were a song and dance by Christine and Pae White with Mrs. R. D. Goodson; special number by the band with Bob Hanna as vocal soloist and Dan Hoobler featured as accordionist.

A guest artist number was the singing of Chas. Hurdleston, accompanied by the band.

### Well-Known Negro Ranch Worker Dies

John Dunn, 60, a negro who had lived in Mitchell county for over 50 years and who had been employed on practically all the county's major ranches at one time or another, was found dead Monday morning.

Dunn, whose home was in Colorado City, was employed on the ranch of the late "80 John" Wallace, negro stockman, at the time of his death. He died in his room on the ranch, death occurring apparently while he slept. During his lifetime he worked for the Snyders, the Wulfs, and other ranch families. His wife and several children survive.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from Mt. Zion Baptist church. Kiker & Son had charge of arrangements.

### CLOSES MEETING

Rev. T. A. Patterson, pastor of First Baptist church, closed a revival meeting at Fairview at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

### SISTER IS HERE

Fern Kelly's sister, Mrs. Louis Taylor of Sweetwater, was here the latter part of last week enroute to Hobbs, N. M.

## Mother Of Local Man Buried Here Saturday

Funeral for Mrs. Martha Jean Moore, 78, mother of B. M. Moore of Colorado City, was held from the Methodist church in Tulsa at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Moore died Monday noon at the B. M. Moore home here. She became ill on June 23 while visiting her son. Her home was in Tulsa, where she lived with a daughter, Mrs. Ben Graham, who came here with her for a summer visit.

Born Dec. 6, 1860, in Alabama, Mrs. Moore's maiden name was Martha Jean Griswold. She was married in Alabama to R. A. Moore, who died some time ago in Tulsa.

A brief service was held at Kiker & Son chapel here Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock before the body was taken overland to Tulsa for burial.

Survivors include three sons—

B. M. Moore of Colorado City, J. J. Moore of Westbrook, and T. W. Moore of Tulsa; one daughter, Mrs. Ben Graham; a brother, Rev. J. T. Griswold of Clyde, who was an early day presiding elder in the Methodist church here; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Nash of Carlsbad, Texas, and Mrs. J. O. McCreless of San Antonio. Kiker & Son had charge of funeral arrangements.

### HERE FROM ABILENE

Mrs. Harold Boney and children of Abilene are visiting this week in the home of Mrs. Boney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Plaster.

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4 lb. ctn. 32c

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Butter, pound

23c

Blue

Super Suds, large pkg.

19c

Van Camp's

Pork & Beans, 3 No. 303 cans

25c

Lux

Toilet Soap, bar

5c

### Fruits and Vegetables

Golden Ripe

Bananas, pound

5c

Thompson's

Grapes, seedless, pound

5c

Sunkist

Lemons, 432 size, dozen

19c

Colorado

Carrots, 3 bunches

10c

California No. 1

Tomatoes, 2 pounds

15c

Fresh Italian

Prunes, 2 pounds

15c

Colorado

Green Beans, 2 pounds

15c

Idaho Triumph

Potatoes, 10 lb. mesh bag

29c

Candy Bars

each 3c

Miracle Whip Salad

Dressing

quart 29c

Wheaties, pkg.

10c

Raisins, Sun Maid, 15 oz. pkg.

10c

Ovaltine, 50c size

29c

Mazola Oil, pint

25c

Crackers, N. B. C. Premium, 1 lb.

15c

Kool Cigarettes, 2 pkgs.

35c

Vanilla Wafers, 1 lb. cello pkg.

10c

Purity

Oats, plain 14 oz 5c

Canterbury

Tea, 1/4 lb. pkg. 15c

Mammy Lou

Meal, 10 lbs. 29c

Lady Betty

Chips, 12 oz jar 10c

Economical

Rinso, lg. pkg. 19c

C. H. B.

Catsup, 14 oz. 15c

Scott

Tissue, 2 rolls 15c

Scott

Towels, roll 10c

## Quality Meats

Dressed and Drawn Fryers

Bacon

8c

each 35c

Fresh Pork

2

for 5c

Sliced Bacon

Liver

10c

Maximum, lb. 25c  
Dexter, lb. 23c

Sugar Cured Bacon

15c

Pure Pork Sausage

12 1/2c

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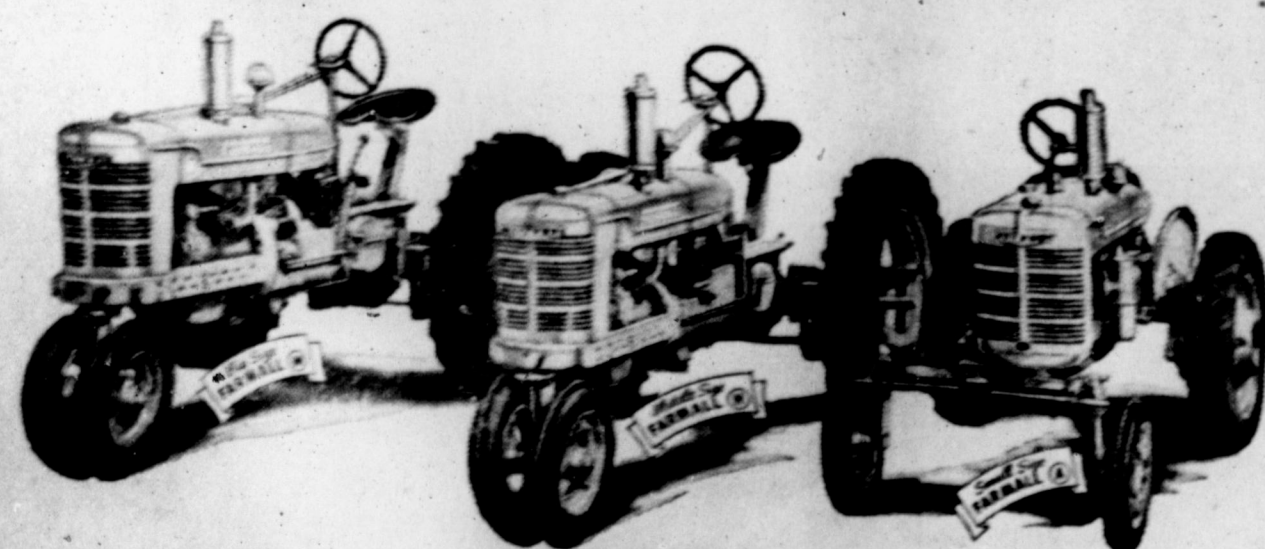
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## Headlines Tell Early Story of Oil in the Permian Basin

"Oil, Oil, Rumors of Oil!"

That was the headline which broke the front page of The Colorado Record 19 years ago this summer—on June 18, 1920, to be exact—as the Permian Basin's first successful well, then known as the Underwriters' No. 1 T. & P. near Westbrook, began to drill into unmistakable "pay dirt." The location was on Earl Morrison land.

It was the first "oil boom" headline ever published in Colorado City and the first in what is today the Permian Basin, where such headlines have burst many a front page since that time.

Beginning with that first headline, the musty files of The Record tell the history of oil in Mitchell county, and that history was for years the history of oil in the Permian Basin, regarded today as one of the richest oil reserves in the world.

No mention of oil was made in the two issues of The Record preceding the one referred to above.

"The Record has been wary of an oil boom on paper," explained the editor in his headline article, "but the first of this week rumors, as yet unverified, reached town that 'oil' in paying quantities had been found at about 2,500 feet in the Underwriters' No. 1 T. & P. A hundred different stories have been told. Rumors and predictions flew thick and fast, but nothing has been confirmed by reliable sources. Steve Owen, general manager, spent several hours at the well Wednesday and brought several bottles of oil from the well into town."

In the same story it was reported that the Travelers deep test down on the Landers ranch had "overcome its troubles" and was drilling at around 400 feet.

By the next week, June 25, 1920, there was no doubt about the oil in the Underwriters well. The headline that week read thus:

**"OIL IN MITCHELL COUNTY—THE GOLDEN FLOOD IS STRUCK!"**

Beneath this head and its four "decks" the story read:

"Underwriters Producing and Refining Company's Texas & Pacific No. 1 under the management of Steve S. Owen, the well-known Texas and Oklahoma operator, has struck 'pay dirt' in the deep test 10 miles west of Colorado City. . . . Wednesday morning this well was 2,410 feet deep and more than 65 feet into pay sand. . . . The deeper they go the better it gets. . . . This producing sand is said to be much thicker than in most producing wells, and is believed to be more prolific than many wells in the Eastland field, and much finer than the Burk Burnett field. . . . 'In talking with Supt. Adams, who is an old hand at the game, we learned that they are now bailing from 25 to 30 barrels a day for fuel. It is estimated the well after shooting will easily produce 1,000 barrels per day, and not improbably 2,000 barrels. . . . 'Now that we have the golden flood at our door, we want the world to know it. The opening of this well will mean hundreds of new drilling contracts for Mitchell county, and in 30 days old Mitchell county will be dotted with oil derricks and the sound of the drill will be heard throughout the land. . . . 'Daily papers all over the United States will today carry announcement of this discovery. In less than 30 days Colorado expects to have a population of ten to twenty thousand. 'Excitement is running very high. 'Lease holders' are arriving on steadily climbing. . . . 'That week the oil headlines still shared the front page with picture show ads, a sacred concert program and a picture of the ladies' aid of the Christian church, and the Westbrook Christians. . . . By July 2, 1920, however, everything else in the way of news had moved off the front page, leaving all of it to the 'oil situation in Mitchell county,' and a few ads. . . . There was a three column picture of the rig of the T. & P. No. 1, and a long history of the well, with a column or so full of excerpts from daily papers on the developments. . . . 'Oil scouts admit that they are bewildered by the extreme thickness of the pay sand, which is unusually compact and difficult to drill into. This adamant character suggests the exceptionally splendid producers in the Ranger field during the summer of 1919, which were mediocre producers before being 'jarred,' but which responded with phenomenal production and became the longest lived well of that famous territory. . . . It was recorded that the well had been spudded Feb. 8, 1920, and had encountered its first oil showing between 260 and 440 feet. There was enough gas at that depth 'to make water in the 15-inch bore flow for seven weeks.' A 55-foot water sand was found at 350 feet. The well went through 1,100 feet of gray and blue lime and into the producing sand at 2,345 feet. . . . 'Already Colorado is feeling the forerunning of oil development in the constantly arriving prospectors,' the article read. . . . The inevitable and irrepressible lease hunt is in full cry and on a hot See HEADLINES TELL Page Two

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## Frank Kelley, 'Father' Of Permian Basin Association, Wants Oil Men To Be A 'Part Of' And Not 'Apart From' All West Texas

Except for the fact that he's far from being venerable enough, Frank Kelley of Colorado City could be appropriately termed the "father" of the Permian Basin Basin association whose organization is to be completed here Friday morning as the climaxing event of the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

Kelley, who is land and lease man for the Magnolia Petroleum company in the eastern half of the Permian Basin, was made temporary chairman of the basin body when a preliminary organization was set up



FRANK KELLEY

in Colorado City several weeks ago in preparation for the celebration and permanent organization.

Like most oil men, Kelley served his apprenticeship in the oil industry by "following the booms." By doing so he learned what he was supposed to learn about his business, but he also learned what it was to be "one of those oil fellows," a group rather set apart from the more settled

residents of the towns where the booms hit.

Being definitely the "citizen" type of man, Kelley didn't like this mental setting apart. He still doesn't like it.

"I want to see oil men and the oil industry a part of West Texas—not set apart from it." That's the way Kelley explains his long-standing desire to see the oil man and his interests accepted by West Texas citizens in the same relation as cattle men, farmers, and others have long been accepted.

"If cooperation and understanding between the oil industry, land interests, agriculture and business can be developed to a high degree in West Texas," Kelley declares, "then not only the oil man but also West Texas will prosper, because the oil man will put his capital, naturally, where he can be sure that his problems will receive sympathy and help."

Kelley was born and reared at Salem, Indiana, son of a "country doctor." Dr. Jas. E. Kelley, whose memory is still a potent influence in Frank Kelley's life. Dr. Kelley's hobby was raising fine race horses, Salem being only 32 miles from Louisville, Ky., and in the blue grass horse country.

It was while growing up that Frank Kelley acquired the love and knowledge of horses which is rapidly making him one of West Texas' best known horse breeders today. He started riding in horse shows at the age of 12—and stopped riding in competition after winning a night show at the age of 16 because, he explains, "I was afraid I'd never be lucky enough to win again, and after winning I couldn't stand the thought of losing."

After receiving his higher education in the Indiana university at Bloomington, Indiana State Normal and Industrial school, Kelley taught industrial arts for two years, the second year in Las Cruces, N. M. Then See FRANK KELLEY Page Eight

## Belief In Need For A Permian Basin Organization Has Kept R. J. Wallace, Celebration Chairman, Busy Recently

A belief in the very real need for a Permian Basin organization in which oil will share both consideration and responsibility with West Texas' other big sources of income has kept R. J. Wallace working steadily for the past several months as chairman of the Colorado City chamber of commerce in charge of plans for the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration Thursday and Friday.

Having attained his present status of "independent operator" by following the path which begins with "tool dresser," Wallace is entirely familiar with the problems and the ups and downs of the oil business.

His work in oil began back in his native Sigel, Pennsylvania, when he was 20 years old. Until that time, he had attended public school in Sigel, business college in DuBois, Pa., and then had gone to work for his father, who was in the logging business. But when dormant oil activity around Sigel came back to life, he immediately went to work as tool dresser on a well near Sigel.

That sealed his future. His life for the next two decades was the

old but always colorful saga of the oil fields—"following the booms." After two years of working near



R. J. WALLACE

Sigel, he moved on to Casey, Ill., then the scene of a new oil strike. During the eight months he was See BELIEF IN NEED Page Eight

## 'Lockhart' Name Closely Linked With Oil History

H. L. Lockhart and Brothers Bought First Oil Ever Shipped From Basin

The name "Lockhart" has been prominently identified with oil development in the Permian Basin ever since the oil from the first discovery well was shipped out of Mitchell county in 1922.

H. L. Lockhart, now an independent operator here, and his five brothers organized the Rio Grande Oil and Refining company of El Paso, buyer of the first oil ever shipped out of Mitchell county.

Because the value of crude oil begins only when it is on its way to becoming gasoline and other

commercial products, the shipping of that first Mitchell county oil—and therefore the first Permian Basin oil—was a momentous event.

Presiding at that event was H. L. Lockhart, who had come here from El Paso to supervise the building of pipelines from the discovery well. Underwriters T. & P. No. 1, and the first major well, Underwriters Morrison No. 2. The pipelines conveyed the crude from the wells to the loading yards at Westbrook. To celebrate the loading of the first 10 cars, a big barbecue and program were staged at Westbrook on April 3, 1922.

All Mitchell county oil for about two years thereafter went to the Rio Grande company. In 1922 H. L. Lockhart established headquarters here so that he could supervise pipeline. However he had been coming to Mitchell county from El Paso ever since oil activity began, having been among those present when the See LOCKHART NAME Page Eight

### HERE FROM MIDLAND

W. Chappell Davis of Midland and his daughter, Jeanne, were visiting friends here Saturday. Mr. Davis is a well-known breeder of registered American saddle horses and has some animals in training at the Frontier Roundup barns here.

### LEAVE FOR KANSAS

Mrs. J. T. Howell and Theda left Sunday for a 10-day visit with relatives in Wichita, Kansas.

### MAKE 16-STATE TOUR

Mrs. Frank Kelley, Mary Ann Kelley, and Mrs. R. H. Cantrill returned late Monday after a three-week motor trip which took them through 16 states. They brought Mr. Cantrill's mother, Mrs. Chalambe, and his sister, Pearl Cantrill, home with them from Alton, Ill., also Miss Cantrill's friend, Robert Marrow. They picked up Jimmy Kelley in Indianapolis, where he had been visiting his aunts for several weeks, and brought him home.

### RETURN TO KERMIT

Mrs. Clyde White and daughter, Mary Lynn, returned to Kermit Saturday after a visit here with Mrs. White's sisters, Mrs. Jim White and Mrs. R. D. Wigley.

### PAUL TEAS' FATHER LEAVES

Paul Teas' father, Dr. John W. Teas, left Wednesday for his home in Conway, Ark., after a visit here with his son and family.



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## Headlines Tell

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trail. He is doing business on the curb in 15 minutes after getting off the train."

Even the picture show ads moved off the front page on July 16, when the shooting of the well was announced for noon of that day. The shooting had originally been set for Thursday afternoon, July 16, but had been delayed because the nitro expert was halted by a breakdown at Ahlens.

J. W. Parks was the nitro expert. W. J. Vaughan from the New York offices of the Underwriters company was here to witness the shot.

Spectators were so numerous at the well that a cold drinks enterprise had stretched a tent near the well and was doing a land office business. A representative of the Fox film company was here to take motion pictures of the shooting.

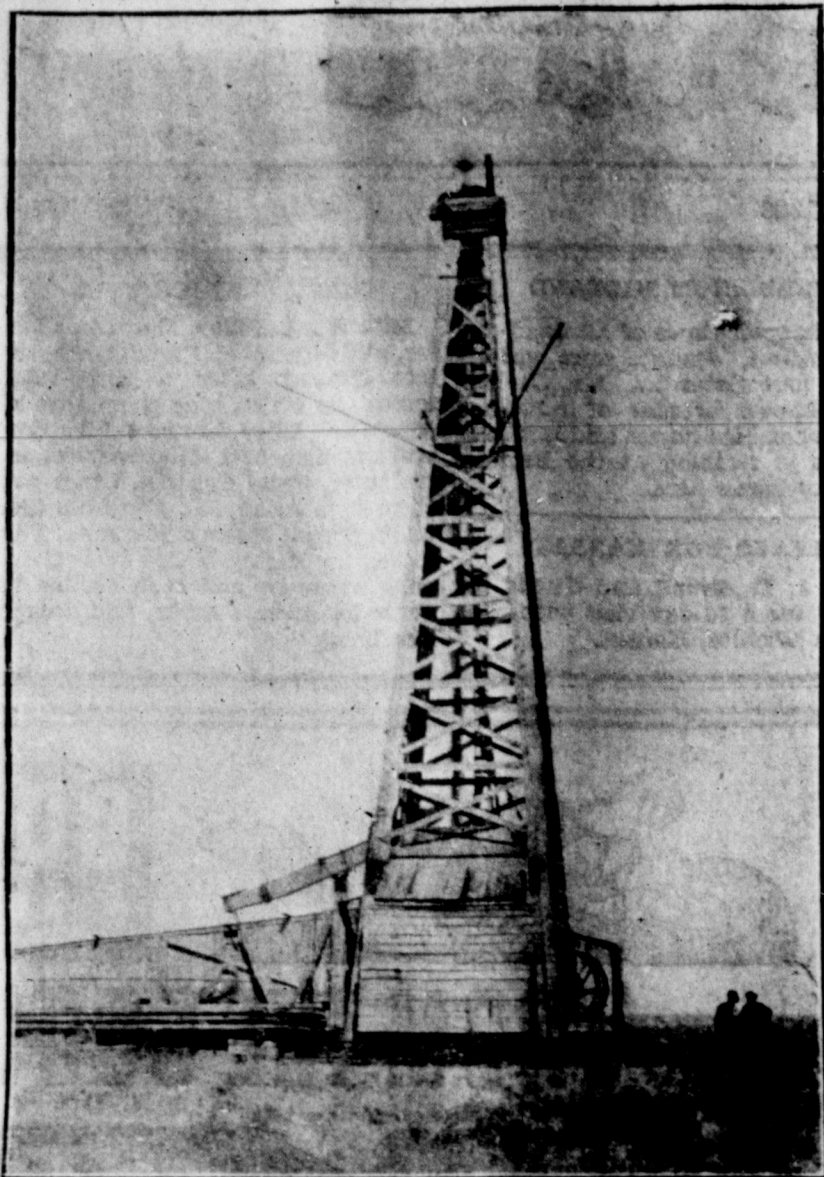
Howard county had a well that was sharing The Record's front page every now and then. It was the General Oil Company's McDowell No. 1, reported to be good for 500 barrels daily.

Double-column type told the story of the shooting in The Record for July 23, 1920.

Two thousand people had stood around the well for hours on Friday, waiting while a first attempt to set off the nitro charge failed and until a second attempt had met "oil, water, and smoke" erupting out of the well, nearly to the top of the derrick.

The hole bridged and the 2,000 spectators didn't get to see the spectacular oil display they'd been waiting for, but when the bridge was cleared the well was declared a success, good for more than 500 barrels daily. The oil was declared to be very high in quality, testing 36% gasoline.

When the well was ready for its pumping test, Earl Morrison, who owned the land on which it was located, prepared a barbecue, according to The Record for July 30, 1920. Over 150 persons who had



Morrison No. 2 as it appeared when oil went to the top of the

derrick when it was first shot on Jan. 9, 1921.

been connected with the well's development attended.

The Iatan well of the Colorado-Texas company was reported in the paper for Aug. 6, 1920, to have had a showing at 1,595 feet. It was the second well in the county to be drilled to a proper testing depth.

The first recorded prediction of what later proved to be the prolific Permian Basin was made by M. B. Ermich, who had been developing oil in the Texas and Louisiana fields for 12 years at that time. While visiting here the week of August 13, Ermich expressed the belief that "a big pool of oil exists in this vicinity, extending from Colorado west to beyond Midland."

There was a lot of talk in those early days, judging from Record stories, about the "Marathon fold," said to extend west of Colorado City. T. M. Prettyman of the Texas Consulting company was brought here to speak publicly on the subject of petroleum and the basic formations probably to be found here, and he referred frequently to the Marathon fold, according to Record stories.

At the time of the completion of Underwriters No. 1 T. & P. the company was already at work on a shallow test nearby, calling it the Underwriters Morrison No. 1. It was being drilled to test the oil sands penetrated at 400-600 feet while the T. & P. was being drilled.

By the end of August the Underwriters had made two other locations—the Morrison No. 2 as an offset to T. & P. No. 1, a test on the Dr. P. C. Coleman tract 20 miles northwest of Colorado City on the Colorado river, and the Smith No. 1 on Nat Smith land six miles west of Colorado City.

On October 8, 1920, it was reported that the Colorado-Tex Petroleum company's Iatan well had gone into true pay sand (this well was here-

after referred to as Foster No. 1), that the Travellers down on the Landers ranch was "temporarily shut down" at 1,595 feet, that rig had been finished on the Nat Smith No. 1, that Morrison No. 2 would be spudded by the Underwriters company in a few days. The county's eighth location was made on the Reynolds ranch, managed by John Brown, in mid-October. The well was to be drilled by an Indiana syndicate.

Actual spudding of the Morrison No. 2, which was due to make oil history, took place on Tuesday, October 26, 1920.

Shooting of the Foster No. 1 at Iatan took the headlines on Nov. 26, 1920. A. L. Whitehead, superintendent of operations at the well, predicted it would be a good well. The same issue of The Record carried news of a location made on Dorn land six miles southwest of Colorado City.

Close of 1920 found two more wells on the verge of "coming in," according to a new story carried in The Record for December 31. These were the Travellers well on the Landers ranch and the Morrison No. 2.

Shooting of the Morrison No. 2 took place on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1921. And this time the oil did go "over the top," affording a thrill to the hundreds of Mitchell countians who kept the unpaved highways swarming with dust all day, going to and coming from the well.

Early February, 1921, found the oil picture roughly as follows in Mitchell county: Morrison No. 3 was about to be spudded 1,500 feet south of the T. & P. No. 1. . . . The crew at Foster No. 1 was drilling out cement preparatory to a test. . . . Reynolds No. 1 being drilled by the Vincennes company on the Reynolds ranch was at 700 feet with J. H. Keck

in charge. . . . Log of the Travellers well continued favorable, with the well at a depth of 3,000 feet. . . . Tools had been received for the Coleman No. 1, also for the Nat Smith No. 1. . . . W. J. Thompson was organizing a company for drilling on the Phelan tract between Iatan and Westbrook. . . . A test was to be sunk on the Wellen tract south of Colorado City by the Renotex Oil and Land corporation, represented locally by Sam Sloan and a Mr. Knight. . . . Tools were being strung by D. J. Lewis for the drilling of the Little No. 1 adjacent to Conaway land southwest of Westbrook. . . . This was to be the first Renotex well in the county. . . . Its rig burned soon after construction and had to be replaced.

If headlines can be used as a reliable indication, developments during the first half of 1921 were slow after the shooting of the Morrison No. 2. . . . This paragraph was tucked away in a story on May 6:

"Considering the dull conditions of all lines in all parts of the country, we should console ourselves with the fact that we are in better condition than most semi-proven fields as far as development at this time is concerned."

The headlines started growing again in July. The last issue for that month reported the derrick going up for the Colorado-Tex company's Foster No. 2 at Iatan. . . . Geo. A. Reese, manager of the company, made the announcement. . . . Conaway No. 1 of the Renotex company was looking good at 2925 feet on Sept. 23. . . .

Deepening of the Morrison No. 2 to 3,000 feet or more was announced

from its original depth to 2,946 feet, blew in. Black oil shot high above the derrick, and then the well continued



in the last September paper. The year 1922 dwindled on to a close with no further oil developments of headline caliber, however.

This lull proved to be the calm before the storm, figuratively speaking, for on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1923, the Morrison No. 2, deepened

to flow by heads until capped and placed under control.

The town went wild. A well that could blow in and keep flowing by heads was, apparently, just what the oil fraternity had been waiting for to definitely prove the field. Again the headlines of The

Record were tall and black, and the news set in big type, double column style.

The county's first car of oil was shipped from Foster No. 1 at Iatan the week of February 17. It went to a refinery at El Paso.

Drilling at the Morrison No. 2 was resumed the next week, according to The Record for Feb. 24, 1922. The well was still flowing by heads.

That same week the high refining quality of Mitchell county crude was definitely proved for the first time when crude from the Morrison No. 2 was placed in an automobile and used as fuel for driving around Colorado City. This indication of the high fuel quality of the crude was to have a great bearing on the future prosperity

These two pictures show the Morrison No. 2 flowing by heads after having been deepened early 1922.

the following: L. E. Lockhart, Chas. Daniels, W. J. Vaughan, S. S. Owens, J. L. Vaughan, M. E. Adams, Bob Thompson, and W. J. Thompson.

Perhaps this history of the early years of what is now the Permian Basin can best come to a close with mention of the mammoth celebration which Mitchell county and its neighbors staged at Westbrook on Monday, April 3, to mark the first shipment of oil from the new field.

The shipment, 10 tank cars full, was to go to the Rio Grande Oil company of El Paso. The oil for the shipment was to come from the T. & P. No. 1 and the Morrison No. 2.

Thousands attended that picnic, which fell on a Monday, in spite of heavy rains. Dr. P. C. Coleman was in charge of activities. L. W. Sandusky made the address of welcome, with response by Wm. B. Capps of Fort Worth. Folks ate 21 beebes barbecued under Alvin Bell's supervision, in addition to consuming their basket lunches.

All the big daily newspapers had reporters on the ground, and motion picture cameras ground frequently.

It was a great day. The band played and the people cheered while black oil ran from the pipelines into car after car. Even the children sensed, in some vague way, that history was being made.

Today, nearly two decades later, black crude from these same wells and over a hundred others flows along modern pipelines to the Col-Tex refinery in Colorado City and there becomes gasoline, fuel oil, asphalt, and a dozen other things.

Each day these refined products are loaded into tank cars at the refinery for shipping to points all over the nation. But the band doesn't play and there is no cheering because that which was epoch-making yesterday has become "all in the day's work" today.

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## "Daughters Courageous" Brings Reunion Marks Cast Of "Four Daughters" In New Heart-To-Heart Film

Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, John Garfield, Jeffrey Lynn, Claude Rains Are Featured in Romantic Family Drama

This year's successor to last year's memorable "Four Daughters," is another Warner Bros. picture of the joys and sorrows of an amusing and lovable family, entitled "Daughters Courageous," scheduled to show Saturday midnight, Sunday and Monday at the Palace theatre.

While it is in no sense a sequel to "Four Daughters," since it concerns another family played by the same stars, but in a different setting, the new picture has many facets of resemblance.

The most striking, and what will probably be the most satisfying, is

the fact that every member of the cast of "Four Daughters" has a part of equal importance and of a similar



PRISCILLA LANE

significance in the new production. To assure recapture of the charm which so distinguished last year's picture, the studio assigned the same director, Michael Curtiz, to "Daughters Courageous" and even had the screen play written by a team of scenarists of which one member was also a co-author of last year's "Four Daughters."

Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane and Gale Page are again a quartette of lively and affectionate sisters in the new film, and they again have Claude Rains as their father. They also have the same suitors, John Garfield and Jeffrey Lynn vying for the hand of Priscilla, McHugh courting Lola, and Dick Foran—this is a slight difference—trying to divide his affections between Rosemary and

## Reunion Marks Milestones In Two Careers!

Lew Ayres and Lana Turner Together for Third Time In "Glamour Girls"

The reunion of Lew Ayres and Lana Turner in "These Glamour Girls," showing at the Palace theatre Friday and Saturday, marks a milestone in two careers that are

Gale.

Even lovable May Robson is again in the cast, though she is not a member of the family this time, being an old servant who has been with them for many years, so many, in fact, that she feels she has the right to a loud voice in the family's affairs.

And then there are two newcomers to the cast, for this time the girls have a mother, who is Fay Bainter, and mother has a suitor, a well-to-do, eminently respectable citizen, played by Donald Crisp.

There is nothing untoward in the girls' mother having a suitor, because she has been divorced from their father for good and sufficient cause.

It is the sudden and unexpected return of the girls' father on the eve of their mother's marriage to her safe and sane suitor that is the explosion which sets in motion an alternately amusing, exciting, tender, moving and noble tale. For the errant father is penitent and tired of travelling, and he wants nothing so much as to win the affection of the daughters he scarcely knows.

With everything against him but the fact that he still possesses the disarming charm which first attracted the girls' mother to him, the father succeeds nevertheless in winning the affection of the children he deserted and he soon has an important place in the household.

In fact, it is evident to the girls' mother that her former husband's presence threatens not only the happiness of her coming marriage but also the safe and secure future that has been planned for each girl. His worst sin in her eyes is his encouragement of the infatuation of the youngest girl, Priscilla, for the young scoundrel portrayed by Garfield, a youth whom mother sees as very much like the man she first married. Priscilla has fallen head over heels in love with the selfish, vital and charming youngster, the son of a Monterey fisherman, and is ready to give up her home and family to elope with him.

"Daughters Courageous" is the kind of family story that really goes deeply into the type of problems that are of considerable interest to modern families. The question, for instance, of whether the girls' father has the right to come back and claim his place in their home after his earlier desertion. Or whether the mother, who believes in allowing her daughters to lead their own lives, has the right to change her tactics and interfere when she sees her youngest child falling in love with the wrong kind of boy.

The screen play, which was written by Julius J. and Philip G. Epstein, the former of whom was a collaborator on "Four Daughters," was suggested by a play written by Dorothy Bennett and Irving White.

being watched with interest in Hollywood and by the public.

Ayres and Miss Turner first played together in "Rich Man, Poor Girl." For Ayres it was the dramatic hypo-



Lew Ayres and Lana Turner in "These Glamour Girls"

dermic that revived a lagging career. For Miss Turner it meant the first good role of a career that was just starting.

Ayres' portrayal of Cousin Henry, the self-appointed champion of the

great middle classes, was received with enthusiasm. Miss Turner played his thrill-craving cousin and attracted attention.

Their careers crossed again in "Calling Dr. Kildare." By this time Ayres' comeback was a reality. But for Miss Turner, the picture was her biggest opportunity up to that time. She played Rosie, the ruthless little creature who lured Dr. Kildare almost to disgrace.

Now, in "These Glamour Girls," Ayres and Miss Turner meet again. Miss Turner is featured for the first time in the principal feminine role. As the little Dime-a-Dance hostess who invades a collegiate sanctuary to carry on single-handed a social war against the Park Avenue debutante front, the actress gets an even bigger and better chance.

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY

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### "Daughters Courageous"

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Lola Lane, Jeffrey Lynn, John  
Garfield  
Fox News, Merrie Melody Cartoon

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

August 29 and 30

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## Columnist by "UNCLE FRED"

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Fred B. Whipkey

### OLD AGE PENSIONS

So few of our readers know the workings of the pension system we give these facts as gleaned from Austin:

#### PENSION CRISIS DUE AS LOAN REPAYMENT STARTS

That pension rolls may be reduced this fall and winter was the possibility advanced last week by an official of the present pension setup as the new State Welfare Board announced its first meeting would be held Monday in Austin.

The new board will take over pension, relief, and other welfare agencies Sept. 1.

The possible roll cut suggestion came from a high official who may or may not form a part of the pension setup when the new welfare board takes over.

He explained that those now in charge, although the responsibility will not be theirs, have been concerned over the fact that funds will be sharply reduced when repayment starts of a \$2,220,987 loan to a Dallas bank, and the discussions have led to only two alternatives in dealing with the financial situation:

1. Proration of available funds among all eligible pensioners.
2. Cutting of the "tail-enders" — those in the least need — in order that pensions may be kept at approximately present levels.

#### OCTOBER CUT

The repayment will start Oct. 10, with the initial sum of \$139,987 and \$200,000 per month thereafter. This must come out of state funds. The same amount is deducted from Federal funds, however, as there will be less in state funds with which to match the Federal money.

It was a blow to state officials when Congress refused the two-for-one matching plan, which would have solved many of Texas' pension difficulties.

Further complicating factor for the new welfare board is the fact that normally, under the new pension law passed by the 46th Legislature, a gradual increase in rolls should be allowed, as re-investigations are completed of possible eligibles under the law. Normally, if funds were available, the rolls should include 125,000 by Oct. 10, this official said.

#### PAYMENTS CUT

If strict proration were applied, and if the normal growth to 125,000 is allowed, October payments could be figured in this manner:

Available state revenues — the average — \$842,000, less \$130,000 as the payment leaves \$712,000; matched by the Federal Government gives \$1,424,000; divided by 125,000 pensioners, for an average of approximately \$11.40 per pensioner.

The November payments would be further reduced as the repayment is increased to \$200,000.

The current average is around \$14 per pensioner.

This columnist believes the whole pension system is wrong. The government or anybody else hasn't any right to tax me and take my money to give to someone who happens to be 65 years old. My contention is to let each county and town take care of its own relief and aged, needy persons.

It will be hard to unteach those who have been taught that the government owes them a living whether they work or not.

It will be distressing to show the credulous that the "social security" schemes invented by politicians cannot supply the genuine security which comes from life insurance, bank savings and home ownership.

It will require courage to break up things like the WPA, upon which the beneficiaries have come to lean and in which they have come to regard themselves as having inalienable rights.

There is no more necessity now for old-age pensions than existed when I was a boy, and no one then ever heard of such a thing. We have the same sunshine, rain and fertile soil if properly conserved, as we had then, together with all the scientific knowledge and discoveries on agriculture, as well as all the modern inventions in convenient and labor-saving machinery to supplement this scientific knowledge. The fact that there are enormous surpluses of wheat, corn, cotton, livestock and food products of every kind, as well as the myriad of manufactured products of every description and kind, is convincing evidence that the opportunities and possibilities still exist to produce a good living now just the same as at any time in the past. As is well known, the surpluses became so enormous that the Federal Government felt that it was necessary to kill thousands and tens of thousands of the livestock, to plow up millions of acres of cotton, corn and other grain crops, and then place a limit on the acreage planted to these crops. The real fact is that the people are not in distress on account of lack of opportunities to produce the necessities of life, but have been deluded into believing that they must have and enjoy all the luxuries which wealth can buy—luxuries which they are unwilling to earn or deserve.

I am not oblivious to the critical condition and needs of the aged of our land, and am not unwilling to share in reality the humanitarian spirit and to accept the obligation in helping to protect and care for their needs in the declining years of their lives. It has not only been my conviction all my life, but I have practiced it and am still doing so, that it is the sacred obligation and duty of children to show a genuine appreciation and gratitude to their aged and indigent parents in helping to care for them as partial compensation for the anxiety, care and sacrifice which they made in bringing their sons and daughters to the age of maturity and independence. No able-bodied son is worthy of the protection and citizenship in this great land who seeks to shirk the obligation which he owes in helping to care for his aged and indigents in their declining years by trying to force this obligation upon those who have been industrious and frugal all their lives in trying to lay by something for their old age and the rainy day.

#### IN THE DOGHOUSE

A few weeks ago in this column we published the decree to limit women in an argument to twenty-five words or less, to which S. P. in the Dallas News comments:

If the Colorado City editor is in the doghouse it is his own fault. He should never have allowed his wife to get the upper hand. A woman is naturally a verbose species, but her verbosity can be controlled or totally curbed by a man who will assert his supremacy in the house. Any editor's trouble is that he sets a poor example. He gives his wife a free rein, then retires to his office where he pours out two columns of comment which everyone in the town reads. The wife, probably jealous for her talking prerogative, must have her say at home, although her audience is not as large as her husband's. The editor cannot pose at home as a strong silent man, then speak some 4,000 words every week through his columns. This, in short, has been State Press' difficulty all these years, but he has managed to be the master of his house. He prescribes all rules and regulations and even administers them, for which he is held in the highest respect. By nature a strong and formidable man in body and spirit, he is never upset by trifles and if accused of being willfully or resembling a flapping he simply ignores the accusation. If S. P. is hungry and wants a waffle, but his request is refused, he simply retires to the kitchen and mixes the batter himself. Then the accuser is ashamed. But S. P. is master of his house.

#### WOMEN'S HATS

This column has had something before about the ladies' hats:

The rule is that it's a hat if it is sitting on top of a woman's head. Otherwise it might be a bird's nest, a vegetable platter, or a coal scuttle.

Women's hats are a fearful and wonderful thing. They occupy a domain into which the male ventures timidly and with becoming modesty. He doesn't understand these matters, and he knows it. But Das Schwarze Corps, a newspaper of one of those chest-thumping German military organizations, and therefore presumably edited by men, has bravely grappled with the problem. "They put a Brazilian plover or an Australian miniature stork on some kind of a beer pad and sell this desecration of nature as the last word in the hat-making art, at outrageous prices. Why a woman is supposed to become more beautiful when she slaps such a monstrosity on her head, not a single one of these fashion experts has been able to reveal."

#### WOMEN DRIVERS

When the Queen of Sheba, wondrously arrayed and riding on a milk-white camel, approached the court of Solomon, the wise man of his time was moved to exclaim: "Get out of the way, boys! Here comes a woman driver." And the men have set an all-time mark for unoriginality by saying the same thing ever since. It isn't the percentage we women drivers have against us; it's public (meaning masculine) opinion. No man will admit he has been wrong in his ideas any more than he will take a back seat—and refrain from telling the little woman to slow down, stick out her hand, don't hold up traffic and for Pete's sake hurry and get home—I'm hungry. No, it isn't the percentage because the ladies have statistics all on their side. These statistics have been compiled by a man in the Texas State Police Department who releases them rather reluctantly because he, too, looks upon women drivers with marked skepticism. It seems he was once nudged on the highway by a lady who later turned out to be Julian Eltinge, famous female impersonator.

The very character of a woman makes her incapable of safe driving. She cannot concentrate on what she's doing; she's jittery and, being a woman, she must talk a blue streak while driving a blue streak. If she gets in a tight situation, she throws up her hands and screams in fright and horror, the same as when a harmless mouse runs across the floor. The result is that the automobile is found with its wheels up in a farmer's cornfield or resting securely on someone's front porch. If anyone wants to reduce he doesn't have to diet. A few drives in the back seat, with a woman at the wheel, will do the job.

#### FAIRNESS TO O'DANIEL

I have been a reader of The News for more than fifty years and think it is the greatest newspaper in the entire South. Yet it seems unfair in some respects. Notably, toward the Christian gentleman who is the Governor of this state. Also toward the great mass of people who elected him our Governor. The man was elected Governor by the biggest majority of anyone who has ever held the office.

Is this democracy? The fifty-six will go down in history as the infamous who were willing to let the old and worn-out men and women of Texas starve and go naked while they draw their \$10 per day for 165 days doing nothing except defeating the will of the people of Texas, who said in no uncertain terms of about 12 to 1, "We want to pension the old people, we want a businessman for our Governor."

Are this fifty-six dictators? Yes, self-appointed—while we the people of Texas thought that they were our Representatives. They think perhaps, "Leave it to us fifty-six, we will fix it for you people of Texas, and did fix it so you wouldn't have any voice or say in the matter." Now some of them are wanting a special session. For what? Must be that they want and need to get back to the feed rough, to the tune of \$850,000. Of what use could a special session be to the people of Texas, while we have the famous fifty-six on our backs? Perhaps these patriotic fifty-six have begun to read the handwriting on the wall and want to get theirs while the getting is good. They don't stand a Chinaman's chance of being elected again.

—B. F. NEWSOM.

#### A LETTER

A letter, mostly personal, comes from an old-timer, now working in the Government printing office at Washington. We print it here as it brings back to memory scenes of fifty years ago.

Mr. F. B. Whipkey

The Record  
Colorado City, Texas

Dear Sir: In April of this year, my daughter, living in Dallas, Texas, mailed me a clipping from the Dallas News of April 16, with a picture of you, and a write-up of your newspaper career in Texas. It said you ran the West paper about 1900. While operating a linotype machine on the Times-Herald in Waco some years ago, I used to hear my old friend, Fred Robinson, speak of you—always in the highest terms. You know he and his brother, George Robinson (the Jeffersonian Scholar), were owners of the Times-Herald. I believe you are the same man I met when I passed through West (walking) about 39 or 40 years ago, leaving Dallas (destiny unknown at that time). I had a union card, and you told me that you had been foreman of the old Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal, or Appeal-Avalanche. You told me to "throw in" a case of type. After I had finished you paid me 50 cents—but (altho needed) it was not the money you gave me, but the kindly advice and well wishes that I have never forgotten. I left West for Waco. The Times office was just a few feet from the railroad track. And as I walked down the track you waved good-bye—and I went as far as Galveston, then back to Waco (after working at Clarke & Courts in Galveston a month). I believe the Galveston storm was the night I reached Waco. After a year in Waco I went to the Austin Statesman, where I learned the machine. Asher Smoot was managing editor. Then I went to Shreveport, La., where I married, and, after several years, went to New Orleans for several years, then back to Waco, where I was on the Times-Herald until its consolidation with the News-Tribune. I then went to the Brownsville Herald for two years, and then to Houston Hart's San Angelo Standard-Times for one year. About ten years ago I came to the Government Printing Office—the largest in the world—with over 200 linotype machines, day and night shifts. I believe I have as high a regard for George and Fred Robinson as any man I ever met.

I live just over the Potomac from Washington. If you are ever up this way, drop around to see me.

My daughter from Dallas was up to visit me in July and my daughter who lives with me (just married) visited the World's Fair with me; also Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Baltimore. A delightful trip for this hot weather.

Wishing you many more years of happiness,

I remain yours truly

THOMAS B. WOOD.

#### SIXTH IN CHEESE

Growth of the Texas dairying industry, largely a post-depression development, is reflected in the rapid rise of cheesemaking here. Two decades ago, the production of cheese in Texas was negligible and almost unheard of; today Texas ranks as the sixth state in the output of cheese and is expected to take a higher place as milk production is increased by better-grade cows and improved feeding.

Consumption of cheese has also risen sharply in Texas. The pioneer who was much more familiar with chewing tobacco than with cheese has grandchildren whose daily menus would have big gaps if cheese were omitted. Cheese has become an essential ingredient for sandwiches, salads and dozens of cooked foods. It is an inexpensive, tasty food of high nutritive value.

With the expected increase in Texas dairying, the state's cheese industry should continue to grow, especially in Northeast Texas, where pastures are green through most of the year and feed crops are easy to raise. With federal and state agencies now training Texas farm youth to be scientific dairymen, the outlook for the state's cheese industry is wholly optimistic.

## Cameras Crash Alcatraz Island For First Time!

Heretofore Barred to Movies the Impregnable "Rock" Is Finally Shown in "They All Come Out," Dynamite-Packed Drama Coming to Ritz Screen

Alcatraz has fallen to the magic of the motion picture camera. The impregnable fortress has been exposed for the first time. Audiences throughout the country now can see "The Rock," as the prison is known in prison parlance, in the dramatic new film, "They All Come Out," coming Sunday and Monday to the Ritz theatre.

The prison drama was produced with the cooperation of the United States government. The film provides a dramatic insight into the Federal prison system as seen in the actual case history of a gang of five differently typed criminals. One of the gang, a first offender, is sent to the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, which prison, too, is pictured for the first time. The female gang member is sent to the Women's Reformatory at Alderson, West Va.

Another member, a mental case, is sent to the United States Hospital for Defective Delinquents at Springfield, Missouri. A fourth member, the usual type of criminal, goes to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. The fifth member of the gang, an incorrigible, ends up at Alcatraz. All these prisons are shown, although at first the government was hesitant in allowing Alcatraz to be filmed.

"The last roundup," as the prisoners call Alcatraz, is the strictest and most secret of the Federal "pens." Only three persons, Jacques Tourneur, the director, John C. Higgins, the writer, and Clyde De Vinna, the



JOHN GARFIELD

corridors, work houses, mechanical devices, solitary cells, courtyards, and every other place of note were inspected. Scenes of prisoners and their varied activities were reproduced. In other words, Alcatraz, as it exists and operates today, is finally on celluloid.

Heading the cast of "They All Come Out" is Rita Johnson, recently seen in such prison dramas as "6000 Enemies" and "Within the Law." Others in prominent roles include Tom Neal, Bernard Nedell, Edward Gargan, John Galloway, Addison Richards, Frank M. Thomas, George Tobias, Ann Shoemaker and Charles Lane.

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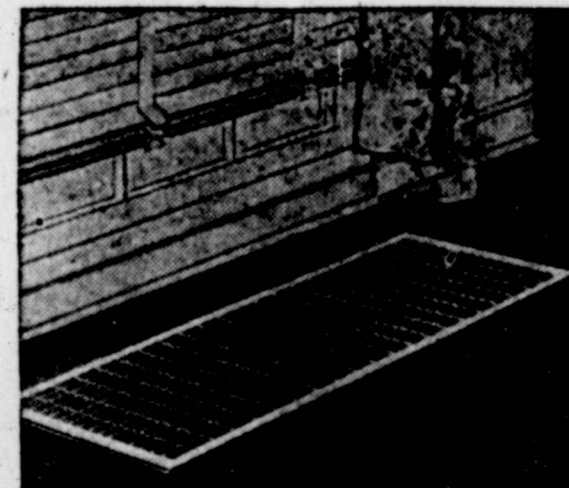
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## Faith Of L. W. Sandusky Seen As Factor Leading To Oil Discovery In Permian Basin

(With the celebration of the discovery of oil in the Permian Basin 20 years ago at hand, the following story which appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram some time ago should be of interest.)

"They used to call this country—everything west of Cisco—the graveyard of the oil men's hopes," L. W. Sandusky, well known Colorado City attorney, recalls. That was 20 years ago.

Incidentally, Sandusky is one of the men whose dauntless faith in West Texas is today reflected in its many oil pools. It largely was through his pioneering efforts that "the oil men's graveyard" was converted into one of the greatest oil producing areas in the world—the Permian Basin.

Sandusky, who was born in Collin county in 1880, educated at the University of Kentucky, came to Colorado City in 1905 after four years of law practice in Wise county. "At that time Colorado City still was the headquarters for everything in this

section of West Texas," he says. He soon acquired a good reputation as an attorney.

"Above all, I became imbued with the indomitable spirit of West Texas and learned to know that no one could predict the weather or anything else in this country," said Sandusky.

For that reason, "Sandy," as he is known among his friends, did not take the doleful predictions of the oil prophets about the Permian Basin very seriously. "They told me that from the last outcropping of the dolomite lime between Cisco and Baird there is a dip of about 72 feet to the mile," Sandusky relates. "According to these geological figures, this line would have been at a depth of 7,200 feet in the Colorado River, when actually as proven later it was only 1,400 to 1,500 feet.

"One day in 1917 I discussed the possibilities of oil in the Permian Basin with Hugh Tucker. Tucker was the geologist who discovered a dolomite outcrop at Pecos which

disputed the theory of a deep red bed."

Taking encouragement from Tucker's report and from Dr. Udden's geological survey of West Texas at that time, Sandusky in 1918 interested W. H. Seaman, president of the Seaman Oil company, to drill two tests in Mitchell county on a 90,000-acre lease, which he blocked for him. But Seaman, in spite of a \$22,500 forfeit—which, however, later on was refunded to him—retreated from his intention to drill.

In a subsequent survey made by a geologist of the Humble Oil company in 1919, this acreage was divided into two blocks—the Landers block, southeast of Colorado City, and the Morrison or Westbrook block, northwest of Colorado City. "With the co-operation of Sam Sloan, whose name is prominently linked with Permian Basin development, we succeeded in getting B. Barbach of Reno, Nev., and his associates to drill a 5,000-foot test on the Landers block," Sandusky says. The hole was dry.

Then came along S. S. (Steve) Owen. "We interested Steve in drilling in the Westbrook block," Sandusky says. "This test was financed by the Underwriters Producing and Refining company of

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Dr. W. S. Rhode, president of the Colorado City chamber of commerce which is sponsoring the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration. Dr. Rhode has served on the celebration committee.

## Official Greeter



Chas. C. Thompson, who is chairman of the reception committee for the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration. Congressman Geo. H. Mahon, H. L. Lockhart, and D. H. Snyder, Sr., are also on the committee.

## Pennsylvania.

"Everybody but a few said I was crazy. But my dream came true when early in July, 1926, Owens struck oil in his No. 1 T. & P. well. At least 5,000 people watched him shoot this well on July 16, 1926, to make it the first producer in the Permian Basin.

"We fooled the oil fraternity in good shape when on March 2, 1922, the No. 3 Morrison blew 20 feet over the top of the derrick and sprinkled oil over a number of my 'doubting' friends."

That date marks the real beginning of oil development in the Permian Basin. Sam Sloan and Walter Fairchild drilled in a producer one mile north of the No. 2 Morrison and Chas. Daniel, H. L. Lockhart and Sandusky struck pay one mile south of the well. Lockhart built a pipe line to transport the oil to the railroad at Westbrook. A total of 34,000 barrels of oil was produced in this discovery pool in 1922.

The Big Lake pool in Reagan county was brought in during 1923.

## Paul Teas Had To Return To Starting Place For Success

He had to come "back where he started from" to find his luck, but Paul C. Teas, one of the better-known independent oil operators in this area, now has two successful wells in the new Sharon Ridge pool of Scurry county and is drilling a third.

Teas' quest began in 1926, when oil activity in Mitchell county was at its peak. Having worked for some time as a geologist, Teas became an independent operator that year and began his quest for oil.

His first well was drilled on Ed Strain land in northwestern Mitchell county. He got oil showings but nothing more. In 1929 one of his wildcats missed discovery of the Sayles pool in Jones county by one location.

Teas left Colorado City in 1931 to live in San Antonio, maintaining headquarters there while he continued his search. He and his associates were credited with having drilled the four deepest wells to test the Edwards lime in Texas. This same limestone has produced huge wells in Mexico, where it is known as the Tamasopo.

In fact, Teas recalled recently, he drilled "dry holes all over Texas." Early this year he came back to Mitchell county, and last March he brought in his No. 1 W. P. Thompson, one of the best wells up to that time in the Sharon Ridge pool of Scurry county.

Strangely enough, the Sharon Ridge pool is only a few miles from where Teas drilled his first unsuccessful wildcat back in 1926.

# WHY Humble Oil & Refining Co. Reduced the Price of Crude

This statement is published as a paid advertisement by Humble Oil & Refining Company for the benefit of those who are interested and not acquainted with the facts.

On August 11 the Humble Company posted reductions in the prices at which it purchased crude oil in Texas and New Mexico by amounts ranging from 5c to 32c per barrel, and averaging 18.5c per barrel. In view of the fact that this action on our part has been severely criticized before the public, we outline below the facts and reasons on which it was based:

1. On August 1 the quantities of crude oil listed below, aggregating 218,920 barrels daily in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, were moving to market at prices substantially below the Humble's postings for similar crudes:

| AREA                               | BBLs. DAY |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Texas—                             |           |
| West Central .....                 | 37,000    |
| Gulf Coast .....                   | 22,600    |
| Southwest .....                    | 16,900    |
| East Central .....                 | 12,800    |
| East Texas Field .....             | 6,850     |
| Panhandle .....                    | 1,500     |
| Total Texas .....                  | 97,650    |
| South Louisiana .....              | 81,920    |
| North Louisiana and Arkansas ..... | 39,350    |
| Total .....                        | 218,920   |

2. The amount of crude moving below Humble's postings was greatly increased when on August 10 the Sinclair-Prairie Company posted a reduction of 20c per barrel affecting the oil produced and purchased by it in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, which action was followed immediately by reductions in the price made by a number of smaller purchasers. These reductions applied to more than 150,000 barrels of oil. This, added to that mentioned in the preceding paragraph, equals 368,000 barrels. In the three States in which Humble operates, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana, the aggregate volume of oil moving below Humble's prices approximated 17½% of the total current production in those States.

3. The movement of constantly increasing quantities over the past year or more of crude produced in the new Illinois fields, reaching a total of 300,000 barrels daily on August 1, on a price basis substantially lower than Humble's postings in its territory, exerted a progressively depressing effect on the crude oil market. The effect was felt in Texas; and actually since April 1 Humble has lost 10,000 barrels per day of business absorbed by Illinois crude. This loss of business was in addition to that lost by Humble as a result of the movement of crude at low prices in the territory where we operate.

4. On August 11, therefore, the total volume of oil moving at prices below those of the Humble was approximately 668,000 barrels.

5. The crude oil market has been under pressure for more than a year. The price adjustments made last October did not remove fully the disparity between Humble's prices and those of some oil moving in its markets. Since that time the volumes of crude moving below our prices have increased steadily, with the result that when the reductions of Sinclair-Prairie and others came on August 10, affecting approximately 150,000 barrels of crude per day, conditions were so bad that we were compelled to reduce our prices to meet this competition. In no case are our new postings lower than the Sinclair-Prairie postings for similar crudes.

6. The Humble Company is primarily a producer of oil. Its crude oil properties constitute its principal asset. Its net production averages 133,000 barrels a day. We are also crude oil merchants and purchase, at our posted prices, 251,000 barrels of crude oil daily in Texas and New Mexico. These prices also govern the price at which we sell the oil which we produce. Because of our large production we are vitally interested in the maintenance of fair prices.

Our refineries consume something near the amount of oil which we produce. As a consequence, with respect to our purchases we are in the same position as a merchant dealing in any commodity. To continue in business, we can not over a long period of time pay higher prices than our competitors. We are compelled to meet competition. The price of oil, like that of other commodities, is subject to change with market conditions. These are simple and fundamental business principles. We were reluctant to cut the price of crude, not alone because of its adverse effect on our own earnings, but also because of its effect on our customers and upon the industry and the state at large. Under these circumstances, we could not continue to pay the prices we had been paying.

7. As a matter of policy the Humble Company maintains stocks of crude oil very slightly in excess of the amount required as working stocks to carry on operations. We do not believe in storage of oil above ground but in production of oil currently as required for market. We do not speculate in oil. We have no desire to buy oil at any price to accumulate for storage.

8. We think the price for oil brought about by the competitive conditions above mentioned is lower than should be realized. In our opinion the flood of oil from Illinois and Louisiana, most of which is being produced wastefully, in violation of conservation principles, is primarily responsible for the market conditions which necessitated our price reductions. It is our hope that these conditions will be corrected and that the market will improve.

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In the D. H. Snyder family of Colorado City there are to be found all the interests which the Permian Basin association will aim to combine—namely, oil, land, and business.

Primarily the Snyders are land-owners. They have been ever since the first Texas Snyder, the late Capt. D. H. Snyder of Georgetown, sent his cattle herds up the trails back in the seventies.

D. H. Snyder, Sr., son of Capt. D. H. Snyder, was brought up a cattleman. When he bought 15,000 acres of land in western Mitchell

county and eastern Howard county over 25 years ago, he bought it for his cattle.

But that land, or a portion of it, at any rate, has turned out to be far more valuable for oil than for cattle. In May, 1937, a test well known as Moore Bros. No. 1 TXL, located 300 feet from the north and east lines of Section 33-30, T. & P. survey was completed adjacent to Snyder-owned land in Howard county.

Offsets to this well, Iron Mountain No. 1 Snyder and Eastland's No. 1 Snyder, were drilled on Snyder



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Bunting has been draped along Colorado City streets to provide a festive setting for two celebrations which will occur here within the next two weeks.

First of these will be the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration Thursday and Friday. Next will come the Colorado City Frontier Roundup Sept. 7-9.

Citizens are to wear gay rodeo apparel for the opening day of the Permian Basin celebration and for the two-week period beginning Monday, Aug. 28, and lasting until after the Roundup.

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## Cancer Problem Is Still a Major One

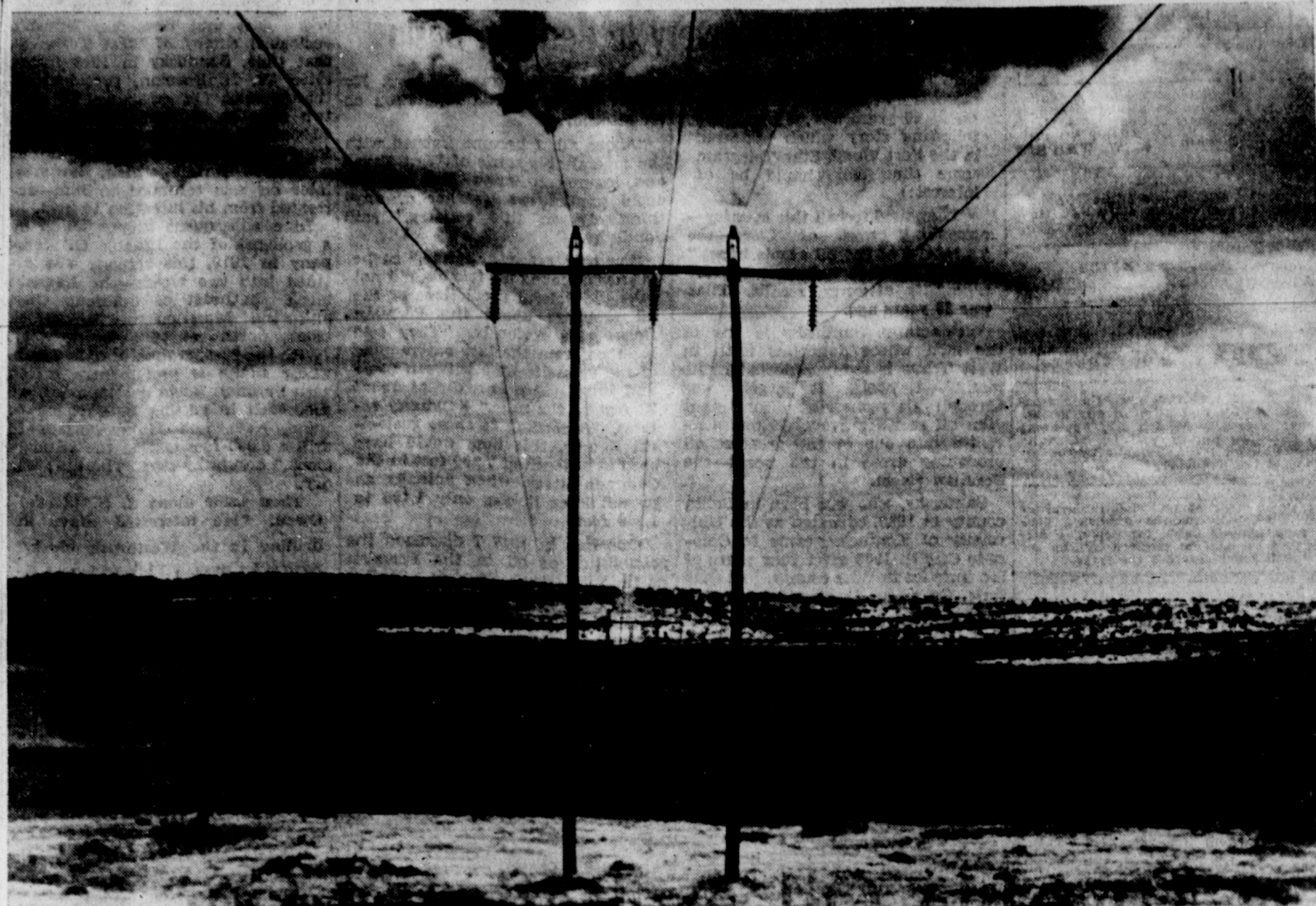
AUSTIN.—"In spite of increased popular education on the cancer problem during the last decade, many false ideas regarding this disease still persist. Too often such conceptions are the basis of delay in diagnosis and treatment. Obviously figures cannot be compiled, but it can be stated safely that a fair proportion of the thirty thousand preventable cancer deaths now occurring annually in the United States could be avoided if these mistaken notions were corrected," the State Health department believes.

"The following facts are pertinent: (1) Cancer is not contagious; the victim cannot give it to any other person. (2) Cancer is not a blood disease. (3) Diet is not a cause or preventive of cancer; vegetarians and meat-eaters are equally susceptible. (4) Aluminum cooking utensils do not cause cancer. (5) Constipation does not cause cancer. (6) Mental worry will not influence the development of cancer. (7) No age is free from cancer; babies are born with it, and the oldest persons can be its victims. However, it is largely a disease of adult life, occurring chiefly between the ages of forty and seventy. (8) Self-medication is a waste of time and frequently fatal because of the delay involved. (9) Serums, vaccines, colored lights, patent medicines, pastes, salves, and diets are valueless. (10) Quacks and their super-claims, through false hopes and delayed diagnosis, cause many avoidable cancer deaths but do not effect cures. (11) No warning comes from pain. In the early stages and in the pre-cancerous condition, there is no pain or conscious health impairment. The one exception is bone cancer.

"With a full appreciation of the above facts and the prompt seeking of medical advice when there are signs of cancer, it is conceivable that many thousands of deaths from this cause could be prevented.

"The danger signals are a lump in the breast or other part of the body; any persistent sore, particularly on the face or mouth; any unusual discharge or bleeding from any part of the body, such as vomiting of blood, passage of blood from the bowels, or unusual bleeding of any bodily passage, especially after middle age; and chronic indigestion. Procrastination in the face of any of these signs is dangerous and may even be fatal.

"It is true that many of these symptoms may be caused by a condition other than cancer; however, this fact is no excuse for delay in diagnosis, so that prompt treatment procedures may be instituted, for if cancer is diagnosed sufficiently early, the results of treatment are usually good.



## CHEAP, DEPENDABLE ELECTRIC POWER HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERMIAN BASIN!



Ever since the discovery of oil in the Permian Basin nearly a score of years ago, electric power has been an active factor in the development of the oil industry in this region. The rapid growth of oil fields, cities and towns have been accompanied by rapid, thoroughly-planned growth of electric service. It wasn't an accident that this section of Texas had ample electric power for drilling wells, pumping oil and running oil refineries; that homes, stores and factories have cheap electricity to bring the many advantages this service makes possible!

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## "Ham Shack" At Fair Sends Messages To Folks Back Home

NEW YORK.—Hams are finding heaven in the radio "shack" of the World's Fair Amateur Radio club in the Communication building at the New York World's Fair.

Daily dozens of ardent radio fans drift into the shack to study the elaborate broadcasting equipment under the supervision of Art Lynch, to spin the dials and to send their voices out through the ether waves half way around the world.

The purpose of the exhibit is to demonstrate to the general public the function of the amateur radio station. One of the features is the free transmission of messages which visitors may wish to send to the folks back home. The messages are picked up by eager hams at stations near the persons to whom they are addressed and transmitted either by hand or by telephone. This service offers convincing proof of the fact that in times of flood, hurricane or other disaster, when all other means of communication fail, the ever alert radio ham is at his dials standing as a bulwark against complete silencing of the stricken area.

The call letters W2USA have been assigned the amateur station at the World's Fair. The range of the station was demonstrated on New Year's Eve when Grover A. Whalen, president of the New York World's Fair Corporation, broadcast greetings to the world over its facilities. Two hours later the voice of a Lama in far-off Tibet came in to report that the greetings had been received in his mountain monastery.

Visiting hams may operate the World's Fair station but they must show their licenses before they are permitted to sit down in front of the complicated panel of dials and switches. QST, the hame code combination meaning general broadcast, goes out over the station at 9:45 p.m. during which period the whole world hears about the fair.

## HOME FROM SCHOOL

Mabel Earnest Cooper is arriving home Friday after having attended summer school at TSCW in Denton. She will visit her parents, the Stewarts Coopers, and her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Earnest.

## Chevrolet Shows More Sales Gains

DETROIT.—Further sales gains over 1938 were recorded by Chevrolet during the first 10-days of August as production of 1939 models drew to a close, according to figures released by central office here recently.

A total of 17,814 new passenger cars and trucks were sold at retail during the period, the report shows, which is a gain of 14.2% over the same period in 1938. This represents a unit increase of 2,200 new cars and trucks.

During the same period, Chevrolet dealers retailed 37,050 used cars, 3,992 units more than were sold in the first 10 days of August in 1938, for a gain of 12%.

Chevrolet's truck department reported sale of 4,963 units, which represents a 26.4% increase over the 3,925 sold during the corresponding period last year.

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## Permian Discovery Pool, Long Defined, Had 110 Wells In '38

The discovery pool of the Permian Basin, known as the Westbrook field, had 110 producing wells at the close of 1938 and was long ago completely defined, according to oil men.

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## Col-Tex Refining Company Has Played Great Part In Development Of Oil Interests Of Permian Basin

By N. H. White, Jr., Editor of The Safetygram, official Col-Tex publication

No story of the development of the oil interests in the great Permian Basin would be complete without due consideration being given to the part the Col-Tex Refining Co. of Colorado City has played in such development.

With the discovery well in the Permian Basin early in 1919, the nearby field at Westbrook, the way was opened for the development of a great new oil field. It was some three years later, however, before impetus was added to this development through the organization of the Col-Tex Refining company, which became the first refinery in West Texas and the first to process the oil from the new development in the Permian fields.

It was through the farsighted vision and effort of L. H. Frichard and J. Steve Anderson, who from the very first recognized the possibilities this crude oil offered for the processing of a high-grade motor fuel and kindred products, that West Texas had its first refinery. Oil from the Westbrook and Latah fields was of a medium low gravity with a heavy asphalt base, and was not considered as being of very great quality by many oil men of the day.

Chemical and engineering research, however, revealed that this crude was high in aromatic and naphthenic hydrocarbons, and that it contained all the inherent qualities which make for a superior

type of high octane gasoline and other petroleum products.

The Col-Tex refinery was organized early in 1924 and began operations as a "topping" plant, making as-

the plant was doubled again by the installation of a large crude unit.

By the end of 1927 the plant was receiving crude from the nearby Westbrook and Latah fields and had



PARTIAL VIEW OF COL-TEX REFINERY

line, distillates and fuel oils. In 1925 such progress had been made that production was stepped up to 5,000 barrels per day and in 1927 demands for Col-Tex products had grown to such an extent that the capacity of

reached out and included production from the Chalk field. In 1929 such progress had been made that the installation of a cracking plant was necessary to keep up with production demands for all types of petroleum products which were then being made.

Constant research had brought to light many interesting characteristics of the asphaltic residues from these West Texas crudes. Asphalt from these West Texas crudes was found to possess remarkable wear and weather resisting qualities together with adhesive qualities which made it one of the best road building and roofing materials to be found. Much new equipment was added to process these residues for all types of asphalts, and today the Col-Tex plant is one of the largest producers of asphalt in the

entire state, the latest addition to the asphalt division being a plant to process emulsified asphalt for all types of road construction, building materials, etc.

The Col-Tex plant has been in constant operation since its beginning and has shown a steady and continued growth. They are now producing more than 60,000,000 gallons of fine hi-octane gasoline per

## Helps With Housing



Dr. R. D. Bridgford, who served on the housing committee for the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

a familiar figure in Colorado City oil circles because of his activities as an independent operator in the new Sharon Ridge field of Scurry county. He has completed two wells there, one of them among the best in the field.

Even if it were not for his business connections here, Wheeler would still be partly a Colorado City man because his wife is the former Eleanor Thomas, daughter of Mrs. J. Max Thomas of Colorado City and granddaughter of the late Dr. P. C. Coleman. They have two daughters.

Wheeler's poem follows:

PASSING OF THE LAZY BENCH  
When the tools are running easy  
With a soft rhythmic jar  
And the rig is filled with shadows,  
From the forge's flickering fire,  
Just before the plant is started  
Or the evening star comes out  
I can see so many faces  
In the shadows all about.

Drillers at McKeesport  
Cabin Creek and Olean.  
Men who rolled a rag line cracker,  
Men who spliced a nine strand.

Men who knew just as surely  
What was happening in the hole  
As a pigeon knows where home is  
Or a pilot knows a shoal.

"Yellow Dogs" we had to work by,  
Hickory logs the pot to fire  
Sockets stiff instead of swivel,  
Manila line instead of wire.

On the floor no indicator,  
For the hole no drill-stem test,  
Just a hand upon the drill line—  
Eye and ear must do the rest.

Grant Emory and Gid Morgan,  
Plummer Boyd and Yellow Young,  
In some oil field or other  
I've run tower with everyone.

Pinegan and Pete Hoffman,  
Johnny with his paper sack,  
Mail Pouch Joe and Beech-Nut  
Charlie  
Perry Fitz, Toledo Jack.

But the scythe of Time is thinning  
Ranks that lined beneath the beam  
And the draw-works stills the bittman  
As the sail was furled by steam.

## NOTICE

To anyone selling butter in the city limits of Colorado City, Texas, on and after October 1st, 1939, to sell or offer for sale butter from cows that have not been blood and TB tested by a licensed veterinarian. After you have gotten your report back from your test bring your report to the office of the City Health Department who will issue you a permit for one year with no cost for the permit. Your permit number will have to be shown as well as your name on each pound of butter. The one that prepares this butter will have to get a Health Certificate from any M. D. in Colorado City, Texas. This

## Names Known To Oil Men Dot 'Cub' Wheeler's Poem

Names and places familiar to many West Texas oil men dot a poem, "Passing of the Lazy Bench," which was recently written by H. C. (Cub) Wheeler of Midland, formerly of Colorado City, and published by the Oil Weekly.

Wheeler operated in the Mitchell county field with Colorado City as headquarters more than 10 years ago. Most of that time he was in partnership with Paul C. Teas, their firm being known as Teas & Wheeler.

Now Wheeler, who has lived in Midland during recent years, is again

## Barbecue Committee



J. W. RANDLE

These two men have had charge of general arrangements for the Permian Basin barbecue at Rud-dick park this (Thursday) after-

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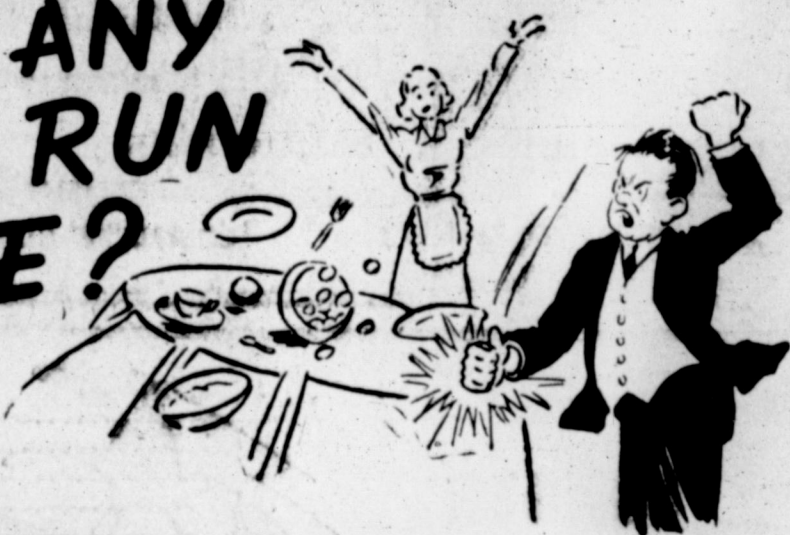
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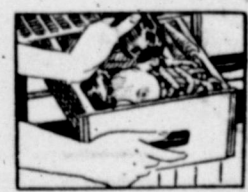
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And about food savings, here's the story from Mrs. W. E. Tish, Stamford, Texas: "My grocery bill has been cut to almost half. There is no more food spoilage whatever."



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dred average homes like yours, where they spent \$40 to \$50 a month for food:

Saved on leftovers, per month . . . . . \$2.82  
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Now add what you now spend for ice or electricity to run the jollypopy you have in your kitchen now. Then subtract 2 or 3 cents a day, which is plenty for the operating cost on a Servel Electrolux here. Then see if he doesn't say, "Great Scott, we're paying for one—let's get it!"

But wait... He doesn't know yet that Servel Electrolux is the refrigerator—the only automatic refrigerator—with no moving parts in its freezing system. No, not a one. Nothing to wear; to get rarely and noisy, to lose efficiency, to let you down without refrigeration in August or September, while you wait for the service man. He won't believe this "no moving parts" at first; so bring him to us. We'll show him. Just a tiny little SILENT gas flame.

And as Mrs. Henry Brooks, Paducah, Texas, says, 100—any home, anywhere, can enjoy Servel Electrolux refrigeration. Yes, town, farm or ranch. She says, "The beauty of Servel Electrolux is, if you move to the country you don't have to trade it off; it operates on butane or kerosene, as well as natural gas." And if you live on a farm or ranch now, by all means come in and see how you can have ice cubes, ice cream and perfect city refrigeration—the same identical Servel Electrolux that a million city families use, except it uses butane or kerosene. And no matter—town or country—we can sure make it easy to own one. Come in and find out these things for yourself—or phone us and we will come to see you.



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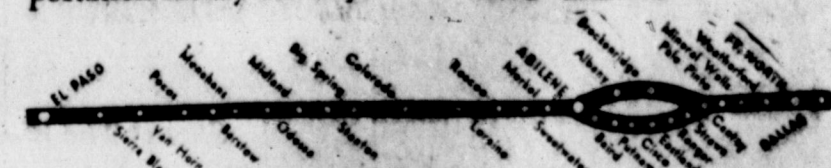
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## Shell's Network of Pipelines Covers All of Permian Basin, Giving Employment To Over 350 Men; 27 Families Live Here

Transportation of oil via a vast pipe line network which covers practically all of what is known as the Permian Basin and also takes in additional territory on nearly all sides is the business of the Shell Pipe Line Corporation's West Texas-New Mexico area with headquarters in Colorado City.

Carrying on this work gives employment to over 350 men in the Permian Basin. Twenty seven of these men and their families live in Colorado City, owning homes and taking active parts in the town's civic and social life. The area administered through the Colorado City office extends from Wichita Falls to McAdams and northward to Hobbs, N. M.

W. H. Shelley, formerly with the Shell in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, has been superintendent of the West Texas-New Mexico area office here since last November. He succeeded D. H. Lewis, who was transferred to St. Louis.

The first superintendent when the office was established in August, 1928, was E. A. Dierdorff, who served in that capacity for more than eight years.

This office works under the St. Louis headquarters of the Shell Pipe Line company. The pipe line division of the Shell corporation is a separate unit from the Shell Oil Production company, which maintains its West Texas-New Mexico headquarters in Midland and is supervised out of the Houston offices.

Shell pipe lines deliver oil from this area to points as far removed

as Houston, Wood River, Ill., and East Chicago, Indiana.

In addition to Shelley, the local office includes Henry Hovis, divisional superintendent; T. A. Madden, chief dispatcher; W. D. McClure, chief clerk; C. D. Remele, material man; O. H. Cagle, A. B. Cary, J. M. Daugherty, L. H. Fitzgerald, H. L. Millington, E. G. Stafford, J. B. LeFlore, H. E. White, E. C. Nix, Jr., C. B. Shell, H. E. Wilson, R. T. Womack, J. P. Edwards, F. W. Alexander, J. P. Lynch, R. R. Trotter, S. R. Evans, L. J. Rittiner, F. N. Taylor, A. C. Davis, A. L. Geer, and C. C. Parker.

L. M. Strack, an automotive inspector for both the Shell Pipe Line corporation and the Shell production unit, also headquarters in Colorado City.

### LOGSDONS RETURN

Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Logsdon returned Sunday after a two-weeks stay in Colorado state with a lodge at Fort Collins as headquarters. They visited Cheyenne, Wyoming, Denver, and other points while there, and did considerable trout fishing at Fort Collins. Friends from Borger and Ranger were also at the lodge.

### REYNOLDS BROWN HOME

Reynolds Brown, who has been employed by an oil company at Levelland this summer, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, during the oil shutdown. He is returning to the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., in September.

## Promising Oil Company 'Pioneered' Idea Of Organizing Oil, Land, and Business Men ---It's Also Just Paid Rental on Pike's Peak

With an aptitude for publicity which is surely surpassed only in Hollywood or along Broadway, the Promising Oil company of Colorado City now lays subtle (?) claim to having pioneered the idea of "an organization of oil, land, and business men," which is what the Permian Basin association aims to be—just along a far more serious vein.

Describing the nature of the Promising Oil company is something of a problem in view of the fact that members long ago went violently on record as protesting the use of the word "joke" in this connection.

The company, composed of oil men, cattle men, merchants and professional men, was organized in Colorado City in 1936. It actually owns oil leases and at the present time has a lease that is only about

two miles from the latest producer in the Seury county pool.



Here are some members of the Promising Oil company grouped around a big painting of Pike's Peak, where the company plans to drill its "big test" as soon as the famous mountain can be moved to Texas from its native

two miles from the latest producer in the Seury county pool.

This is one side of the Promising Oil company. Typical of the other side is the fact that the company has just mailed to Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel the "biggest" check ever seen hereabouts to pay rental on Pike's Peak for the coming year.

The check measured 7 inches by 18 inches—and was for the sum total of one dollar.

When Pike's Peak was "won" by Ex-Governor James V. Allred in a football bet with the governor of Colorado early last year, the Promising Oil company immediately staked a "lease" on the peak and guaranteed to drill when—and if—the state has the peak moved to Texas and located at Colorado City.

Until such time as the move shall be made, the company is to pay rental of one dollar per year to retain its lease.

That's the way the Promising Oil company does business. Some of its other activities and characteristics are listed in the following article by

Colorado. Lay Powell (left) and R. H. Cantrell are shown in front of the painting, while "Diminsky" Dockrey does the pointing. Harry Ratliff's face can be seen as a part of the landscape.

order that we may really show

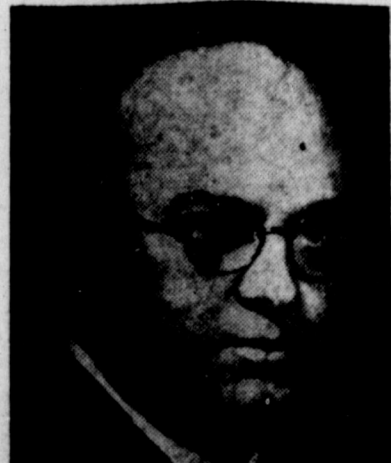
up. "Our books are always balanced. The only worry we have is finding a fourth man for dominoes, prior to the shut down. For the benefit of the readers, we maintain our general office in Colorado City, Texas, and the Pike's Peak Recreational Club in the old Post Office building is a subsidiary of the Promising Oil company and it affords a place for our members to relax and await the outcome of the European situation and also the shut down.

"Officers of the Promising Oil company are: R. T. (Diminsky) Dockrey, president; R. H. Cantrell, vice-president; Lay Powell, secretary-treasurer; R. H. Ratliff, general counsel; Obie Bristow, efficiency expert; R. A. May, chief scout; and our subsidiary, Pike's Peak Recreational Club is directed by the following officers: W. R. Powell, president; Lay Powell, secretary-treasurer; Lester Mannering, director of the budget."

## Officials of District, State, and National Organizations Due to Attend Permian Basin Conclave Here Today



W. R. Boyd, Jr., Executive Vice-President, American Petroleum Institute



Chas. F. Roeser, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America



H. B. Fell, Ardmore, executive vice-president, Independent Petroleum Association of America



R. B. Brown, Washington, general counsel Independent Petroleum Association of America



Chas. P. McGaha, Wichita Falls, president Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association



Geo. C. Gibbons, Dallas, executive vice-president, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association



J. C. Watson, Abilene, executive secretary West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association



A. J. Frazier, Abilene, president West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association

## 'California' Company, Now the Standard of Texas, Has Been Potent Factor in Oil Development of County Since Early 20's

A powerful factor in the oil development of Mitchell county since the early twenties has been the Standard Oil Company of Texas which, as the old "California" company, took over all major holdings in western Mitchell county about two years after discovery was made in 1920.

The Underwriters' company, which drilled the discovery well and brought in the famous Morrison No. 2, controlled practically all choice acreage in the county until the California company entered the field and took over the Underwriters holdings.

Out of the more than 100 producing wells now included in Mitchell county, more than 70 belong to Standard of Texas. The company maintains its production crew at Butler camp, near Westbrook.

From 1922 until the latter twenties the "California" company's Texas office was in what is known as the G. W. Smith home on Hickory street. In 1928 the land and lease department was moved to Dallas, and in 1929 the production department was moved to Midland. The land and lease department has since been moved to Houston.

The first manager sent here by the California company was W. F. Vane, who is now said to hold a high position with the Standard Oil Company of California in San Francisco.

Other managers who were stationed here included Warner Clark and Wm. (Bill) Simpson, although the latter was in charge of the production department-most of the time. He still has charge of that department at Midland.

Mrs. Earl Cramer, who now lives at Royalty and who lived until last year at Butler camp, where Mr. Cramer was superintendent, was the first "California" company woman to come to Colorado City to live, it is recalled. The Cramers lived here in town for several years.

Among other names which grew familiar to Colorado City while the company headquarters were located here were those of Leonard Orynski, Lee Baird, Jimmy Charlton, A. J. Cunningham, T. B. Flood, Ledger Smith, Glen Lewis, Adrian Crooks, Chas. Buzzo, Mack Burley, Chas. Noblock, Jack Jivakeenia, and others.

Orynski is now with the company at Houston, while Laird holds a position in San Francisco. Charlton

was in San Antonio when last heard of.

Cunningham is now manager of the Standard Oil Company of Texas. The Ledger Smiths, who have been in and out of Colorado City at intervals, are at Barstow at present.

### This Proves Something —Take Your Choice!

Something that happened Monday—rather, something that failed to happen—proved one or more of the following points:

(1) Nobody cares about the county budget.

(2) Nobody knows how big or how little the budget should reasonably be.

(3) Folks who read The Record skip such things as budget stories.

(4) Nobody reads The Record (this possibility is inserted with the greatest reluctance).

(5) Everybody has complete faith in the integrity and good judgment of the county's administrative body—a faith so implicit that it was undisturbed by a printed announcement which strongly indicated that this body has suddenly decided to increase county expenditures for the coming year to eight times the usual amount!

Last week's story announcing the budget hearing stated erroneously that the budget would involve the expenditure of around \$800,000, whereas the figures should have been \$100,000.

Judge A. F. King and the commissioners were prepared to deal with violence when time for the hearing came Monday. They expected to be collared, maybe impeached and chased out of town before they could explain the mistake.

Monday came. The commissioners and the judge sat in the hearing room and waited, hour after hour. And finally Monday ended.

Nobody had come at all.

### RETURNS TO LAPORTE

Ed Jones III left Wednesday morning to return to his home in LaPorte after having spent the summer with his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Sr. He made the trip with his aunt, Mrs. Cy Hamilton, and her husband from Lubbock.

## In Horse Show Today



Courtesy the Dallas News  
Frank Kelley is shown on Astral Marillo, one of the animals he entered in the horse show held this (Thursday) afternoon at the Colorado City Frontier Roundup grounds as a part

of the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration. Kelley, temporary chairman of the Permian Basin association, is widely known as a breeder of American saddle horses. He had charge of arrangements for the horse show.

## Value of Oil In Permian Basin is Shown by Figures.

Statistics Supplied By J. C. Watson of West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association

A clear-cut picture of the value of oil to the Permian Basin is contained in statistics furnished this week by J. C. Watson, executive secretary of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas association with headquarters in Abilene.

According to Watson's figures, petroleum and its production meant \$80,265,000 to the Permian Basin in 1938—a figure more than half as great as the combined income from all other sources, including farm crops, livestock, livestock production, manufactured production, and other production.

Oil production in the Permian Basin during 1938 amounted to ap-

proximately 70,000,000 barrels, Watson's report showed. It was added that only the entire state of Texas, East Texas, Texas Gulf Coast, California, and Oklahoma have produced more oil than has been produced in the Permian Basin. Daily average production in the basin during 1939 has been 210,000 barrels.

Total production in the basin from the time of discovery in 1920 to January 1, 1939, was 943,262,583 barrels. New fields and extensions of old fields in the area during 1938 added over 500,000,000 barrels to the known proven reserves within the basin. Over half as much new oil was discovered as has already been produced.

Twelve new fields or producing stratas were discovered in 1938, Watson says. There were 950 completions for the year. Of this number 837 were oil producers with an initial daily potential of 593,591 barrels, 12 were gas wells, and 114 were dry holes.

During 1938 the oil industry expended approximately \$15,000,000 in the Permian Basin in payment of lease bonuses, rentals, and royalties. This is approximately the

## Basin Celebration Marks Attainment Of a CC Objective

Project Listed on 1939  
Program of Activities  
When Outline Was Made  
Early in Year

With the passing of this week the Colorado City chamber of commerce will have attained one of its major goals for 1939—namely, the sponsorship of the first Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration and organization of oil, land, and business interests of the Permian Basin area.

A committee with R. J. Wallace as general chairman and Frank Kelley as co-chairman was set up months ago to map plans for the celebration to mark the 19th anniversary of the completion of the basin's first successful oil well in Mitchell county in the summer of 1920.

As finally worked out, the general committee included, in addition to Wallace and Kelley, the following: Dr. W. S. Rhode, chamber of commerce president; Dr. R. D. Bridgford, Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, Ben Smith, Walter Whipkey, Joe Smoot, Chas. C. Thompson, Clarence Hornberger, D. H. Snyder, Jr., Neal Prichard, Jim Cantrill, Wm. Brookover, Harry Ratliff, H. B. Spence, and J. W. Randle.

Special committees which have made celebration arrangements are: Barbecue: J. W. Randle, Earl Hammond, and Howard Rogers; Housing: Chas. C. Thompson, Dr. W. S. Rhode, and Dr. R. D. Bridgford.

Registration: Harold Bennett, chairman; Lee Carter, C. W. Cook, Ben Smith, A. E. McClain, J. Ralph Lee.

Special reception committee: Chas. C. Thompson, chairman; Congressman Geo. H. Mahon, D. H. Snyder, Jr., and H. L. Lockhart.

Entertainment: H. B. Spence, chairman; Ben Smith, Harry Ratliff, Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, Chas. C. Thompson, and A. E. McClain.

## Highway Body Still Considering Matter Of New River Bridge

Since they have not yet announced any decision on the matter, it is taken for granted here that the state highway department is still considering the matter of rebuilding the south river bridge at Colorado City. The bridge, which was washed away during the river flood of June 20, lay on the route designated and approved for highway 101 some time ago, but the state had not taken over the upkeep of the highway at the time.

Judge A. F. King said this week that an announcement of the highway commission's decision in regard to the bridge should be forthcoming in the near future. He said that he has no indication of what the decision will be.

### IN SNIDER HOME

Ruth and Inez Snider arrived last week from Dallas to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Snider, before school starts again. Ruth has been attending summer school at Denton, while Inez has been visiting at Dallas. Their sister, Mrs. C. M. Ellis, brought them home and returned to Dallas after a short visit here.

### ATTEND LAMESA FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coker and Tom Bryan of near Westbrook went to Lamesa Monday for the funeral of Aubie Burns, who was killed in a car accident early Sunday morning. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hull, and Mrs. Hull is Mr. Coker's sister.

### McCLAINS HAVE GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McClain had as their guest during the week-end Mrs. McClain's sister, Minta Sharp of Cordell, Oklahoma.

same amount paid out by the Federal government to farmers and landowners in the Basin in the form of government bonuses, subsidies, and crop benefits.

Sixteen thousand persons were employed in oil and its allied industries in the 24 producing counties of the Permian Basin, drawing a total annual payroll of \$16,900,000. An almost equal amount was paid out for contract drilling during the year.

At the close of 1938 the Permian Basin has 8,015 oil wells, of which 4,172 were flowing and 3,843 pumping. It also had 43 gas wells, 12 refineries, 13 natural gasoline plants, and 2 carbon black plants.



## WELCOME

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We are behind the contemplated constructive work of this organization meeting and believe that if its objects are realized it will be for the betterment of the great Permian Oil Basin.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.  
Church service at 11 a.m.  
B. T. U. at 7:15 p.m.  
Church service 8 p.m.  
We wish to invite everyone to attend the church services each day this week at 10:45 in the morning and at 8 p.m. in the evening. Bro. Buchanan of Vivian, La., is holding the meeting.

Supt. Harvey Leach  
Pastor Forest Huffman.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m.  
Church services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
We wish to invite each and every one to attend these services.

Supt. Van Boston  
Pastor R. B. Walden.

## SHOWER

Mrs. T. C. Hart, Mrs. B. L. Palmer, Mrs. Dalton Conaway, Mrs. T. B. Coker and Mrs. H. L. Webb entertained Mrs. Vance Armstrong with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. H. L. Webb last Friday afternoon.

After several games were played

refreshments of punch and cookies were served to forty-two guests.

## P. T. A.

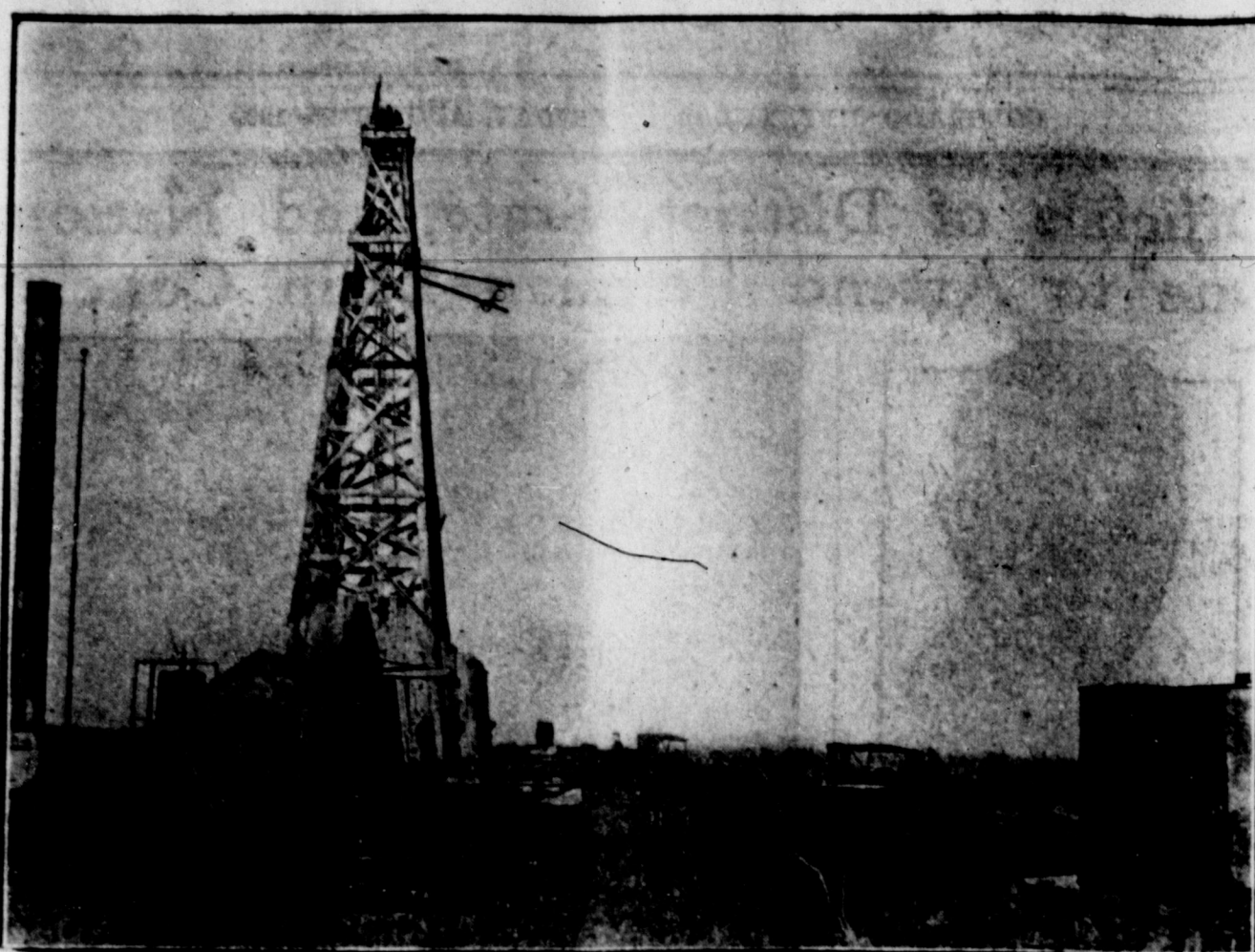
The Westbrook Parent-Teachers association will have a business meeting Friday afternoon, August 25, at three o'clock in the gymnasium. There is important business to attend to. All members are urged to be present.

MRS. F. L. EIKENBERG,  
Vice-president.

## THE BUILDERS CLASS

The Builders class met Thursday afternoon, Aug. 17, in the home of Mrs. J. E. Skelton. Mrs. Jake Rees being co-hostess. The devotional was led by Jewel Brewer was followed by a business meeting with Mrs. John Costin presiding. Mrs. Alvin Jones and Mrs. C. V. Cox were in charge of the entertainment which consisted of several interesting games. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, ice tea and cookies were served to about twenty members. Two new members and one visitor were reported. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Van Boston.

## Permian Basin's First Well---19 Years Old This Summer



Underwriters No. 1 T. & P., located on Earl Morrison land near Westbrook, was the first well ever successfully completed in the Permian Basin. It is still producing.

The election of officers for another year will be held at that time.

## WESTBROOK MAN'S MOTHER SUCCEUMBS

Mrs. R. A. Moore, 78, mother of J. J. Moore, died at the home of her son, B. M. Moore in Colorado City Monday afternoon. She had been gravely ill for several weeks. Funeral services were held in Tulsa, Texas, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She is survived by four children, J. J. Moore, Westbrook; B. M. Moore, Colorado City; T. W. Moore and Mrs. B. F. Graham of Tulsa, Texas.

## PARTY

Miss Irene Alvis entertained a group of friends with a party Saturday night at her home. Outdoor games were enjoyed throughout the evening. There were about 15 young people present.

## PICNIC

Mrs. J. T. Lasseter entertained her Intermediate class with a picnic at the park last Friday evening. Punch and cookies were enjoyed by 11 members. They all reported a nice time.

## LOCALS

Miss Madeline Ellis returned home Saturday after a week's visit in Dallas with relatives. Miss Rose Marie Clawson of Fluvanna visited her grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Leach, last week. Herman May and Miss Anita Hardie of Galveston returned to their home Sunday after a week's visit in the H. L. May home. Mrs. Holland Hope of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. Elton Donelson of McCamey I. W. Ramsey, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and son, spent the week-end in the home of W. E. Donelson. Weidon Moore of McCamey visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Terrell and daughter of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Terry Saturday and Sunday. James Nason of Ackerley, Miss., who has been visiting here returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Sunday. Miss Sue Haynes of Otis Chaik, Tex., is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Ruth Miller of Abilene is spending the week here with friends. Conrad Bullock and Ross Hill of Abilene visited in the H. L. May home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson and children of Royalty visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Skelton over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Red Johnson and son of Royalty spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Plummer. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greene of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKenney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coker of Seminole and Miss Katie Marie Lander of Snyder spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coker.

After spending two weeks in Seminole with his grandparents, Tom Bryan Coker, Jr., is at home now.

Mrs. Maude Plourvoy of Miami will visit her niece, Mrs. C. V. Cox and family for a month and then she will go to El Paso to visit with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Messimer and sons of Royalty visited with friends here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Morton Smith of Dumas visited R. U. Bean over the week-end.

R. U. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Henderson, Mrs. Charles McMullan and son and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Smith visited in San Angelo Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Walden are visiting in Amarillo this week. Johnny Hood has returned from Canadian where he spent the Summer with his mother.

Miss Mary Kent and Mrs. J. T. Lasseter and children made a business trip to Big Spring last Thursday. Mrs. Melbie Van Horne and Miss Jean Shepperd of Odessa visited Mrs. Hall a few hours Monday afternoon.

This scene made oil history. It shows oil blowing over the top of the Morrison No. 2 when the well was deepened from its original bottom. The well had

not been shot except at its original depth when this picture was snapped early in February, 1922.

ness trip to Big Spring last Thursday. Mrs. Melbie Van Horne and Miss Jean Shepperd of Odessa visited Mrs. Hall a few hours Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. P. Allmond of Colorado City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Costin and family this week.

Miss Irene Alvis returned home after a two weeks visit with her grandparents in Colorado City. Mrs. W. L. Smith and Ruth and Mrs. L. E. Gilliam made a business trip to Big Spring Monday.

Mrs. Walter Morris of Stanton visited Mrs. J. J. Moore Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Castleman and daughter and Myrlene Donelson returned home this week after a two weeks vacation in California.

Mrs. Gladys Ackephausen of Dallas has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Alvis.

Miss Violet Brown had her tonsils removed Saturday at the Root hospital. She is doing very satisfactory.

I. W. Ramsey and Emilee attended homecoming at Sterling City Sunday. Miss Margaret Lasseter spent the week-end in Big Spring under the care of an eye specialist.

Miss Mary Venable of Colorado City visited Mrs. Charles McMullen Tuesday.

Mrs. A. L. Young and daughters returned home Saturday after a visit in Dallas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydger Sanders and children of near Lubbock were visitors in the home of her brother and family, Mr. Alex Hale, Monday. They also attended the Sanders reunion while here.

Many from here attended the revival meeting at Valley View last week which everyone enjoyed very much. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hale were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Kingston Sunday.

Mrs. Donald Parker is spending a few days in Sweetwater visiting her cousin, Mrs. Bud Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Rasco and children attended the Rasco reunion

## Horse Show Trophies On Display In Lobby Of Colorado Hotel

Seven of the nine trophies to be given away in the horse show which is being staged at the Colorado City Frontier Roundup grounds this (Thursday) afternoon as a part of the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration have been on display in the lobby of the Colorado hotel this week.

These included two English saddles, one as trophy in the three-gaited open class and one in the two-year-old light harness class. The former is being given by the First National Bank of Big Spring, the latter by the Crawford hotel of Big Spring.

The silver service being given by Colorado Citizens in the junior five-gaited open class has been on display, along with the following other trophies: Showhalter given by the Nobby Harness company of Fort Worth for the winner in the round horse exhibition; quarterboots given by Tate and Bristow, Big Spring insurance firm, in the light harness open class; a silver tray given by the First National Bank of Fort Worth in the five-gaited open class; a bridle for the winner in the two-year-old five-gaited open, given by the Continental National Bank of Fort Worth.

at Lueders Baptist encampment Saturday and Sunday. There were 125 relatives present.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lankford visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haggerton Sunday afternoon.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Rasco Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rasco and son of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rasco of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Talley and son of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Emitt Rasco of Roscoe.

## Expansion of Electric Service Has Kept Pace With Oil Development in Permian Basin

Back of and interwoven in the development of the oil industry in the Permian Basin is the expansion of electric service in this part of West Texas. Steadily, as the oil industry has grown, electric service has been extended and improved to keep pace with the rapid expansion of the business in this territory.

The average citizen living in the Basin has little conception of the enormous amount of planning and work that has been necessary to have electric service keep pace with this growth. Only the highest type of organization with every engineering facility at its command could have established and maintained the dependable electric service which was supplied to homes, oil fields and industries during the period of sudden expansion.

Today, this area has electric service of the same high standard that is provided in the largest cities of the State and has ample power resources sufficient for any demand of present industries and also for new industries attracted to this section of Texas. This ample supply of electric power is a result of a firm conviction on the part of officials of the Texas Electric Service company that West Texas has just started its growth, and that for continued growth an adequate supply of electric power for all purposes must be available as required. To bring about this situation, new distribution and transmission lines have been built, and larger transformers and substations have been installed.

High voltage lines serving the Permian Basin combine the power of a number of large generating stations, giving a far more dependable supply of power than was possible when cities and towns were supplied with electricity from the small local generating stations. These high voltage lines have aided in the development of the oil fields in this territory, making available large quantities of electric power and speeding up oil production. Although the oil wells produce a cheap form of fuel, the oil companies are heavy consumers of electric power from the high voltage lines, using the power to pump oil from the wells, transport it through long pipe lines and in the manufacture of the many products from oil in great refineries, such as the Col-Tex refinery here.

In Colorado City itself, electric power has aided the establishment of local industries, and the heavy increase in the consumption of electricity is but an indication of

the part electricity has played in the growth of Colorado City.

Had Colorado City been forced to rely solely on a local generating station for electricity, there is a probability that additions to the plant could not have been built rapidly enough to cope with the development of the city, much less supply electric power in wholesale quantities to local industries and the surrounding territory. The electric transmission lines which serve Colorado City can carry any amount of power needed in this section, and it is the flexibility of transmission line service which has permitted the Texas Electric Service Company to keep its service ahead of the growth of this territory.



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### Sam Sloan, Who Died In Plane Crash Here In 1929, Credited With Much Early Development

Known to every West Texas oil man of a decade ago, and known by hearsay to many who have come here within the past 10 years, was Sam Sloan, whose colorful career was ended abruptly when his plane nosedived while dipping a salute to friends at the Colorado City country club on New Year's day, 1929.

Sloan, who was only 41 when he died, was credited time and again with having been greatly responsible for early development of the Mitchell county oil field, opener of the Permian Basin territory.

He followed the hue and cry of new oil to Mitchell county in 1921, being described at that time as a "young man of modest means." By the time of his death he has amassed a considerable fortune.

As an independent operator he discovered the Smartt pool of Mitchell county and also made the first discoveries in what later became the Chalk field. For a number of years he was in partnership with Steve Owen, who drilled the Permian Basin discovery well, Underwriters T. & P. No. 1 near Westbrook.

Aviation was Sloan's hobby, and had been ever since his 18 months of service overseas with the 63rd

observation squadron during the World War.

He had moved from Colorado City to Midland at the time of his death. But on New Year's day, 1929, he decided to "glide down to Colorado City and deliver in person" a New Year's greeting to a friend. That friend was Kate Justice, who then was hostess at the Colorado country club. The two had met while Sloan was flying overseas and Miss Justice was serving as a Red Cross nurse there.

Around 40 persons were on the grounds of the Colorado country club that mild, sunshiny New Year's afternoon. The sun was low in the west when Sloan's plane appeared.

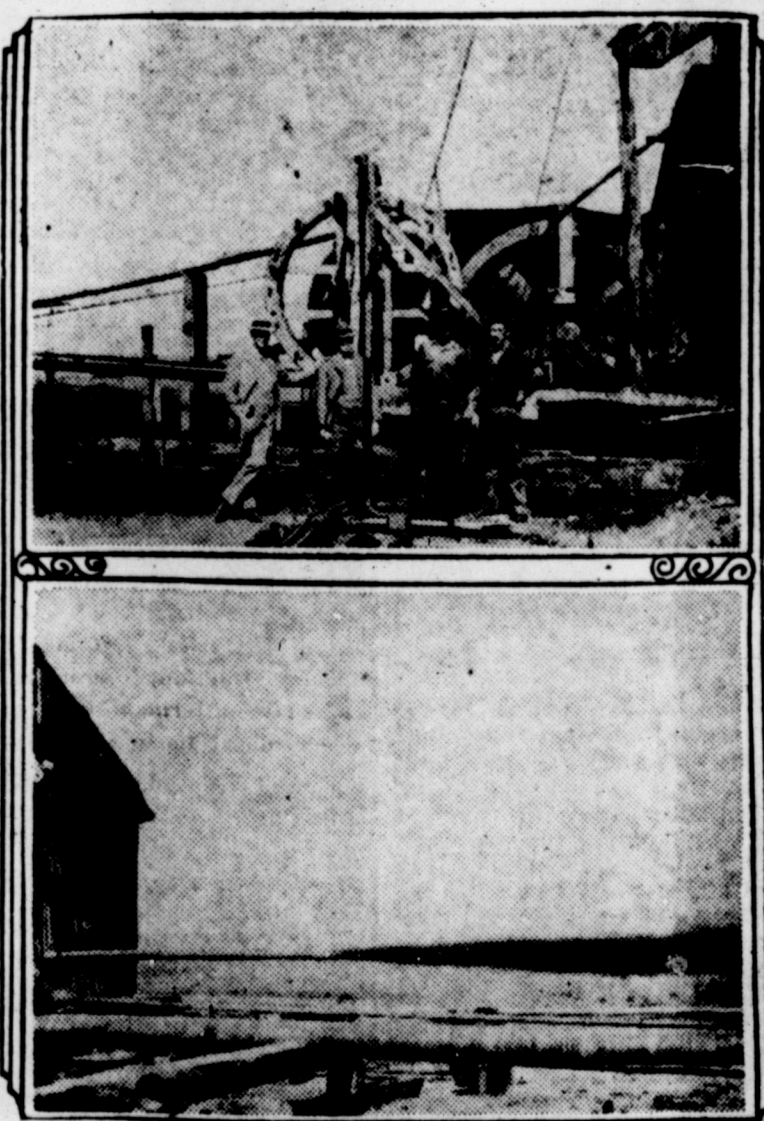
It circled the club three times, dipped in salute, then dived while Sloan leaned out, waving, and dropped his "personal greeting" note to the ground.

For some reason that was never known, the plane did not come out of the dive. They took Sam Sloan's broken body out of the demolished plane 25 feet behind the club house. He had died instantly.

#### VISITS IN HOUSTON

Leon Sorrells is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. C. Gunnels, the former Arbelle Sorrells, in Houston.

### Old Picture Shows Chalk Opening



These old pictures show not only the opening of the Chalk field in Howard county in 1926, but also three early workers in the Mitchell county field—Sam A. Sloan, Steve S. Owen, and Cap (H. P.) Sigel, reading from left to right

in the upper picture. Name of the fourth man has been lost. The lower picture shows the well, Owen & Sloan's Otis Chalk No. 1, flowing through a 4-inch pipe on Friday, April 16, 1926.

### Only 'Gusher' Mitchell County Ever Had Was Badgett No. 1, Which Blew Salt Water High Into Air For Weeks

The only gusher Mitchell county ever had was such a phenomenon that it drew the interest and attendance of oil men and scientists from all over Texas and the Southwest. It was the Badgett No. 1, drilled by Guy Reed and a Mr. Bowser on W. H. Badgett land 15 miles northwest of Colorado City in the summer of 1922.

With a roar that could be heard for a mile the well blew in on

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1922, throwing a crystalline salt water solution so high into the air that it was visible for five miles.

The roaring and the spouting went on unabated day and night. Soon all the land for hundreds of yards around the well was coated with brine and rendered barren. The solution flowed down a canyon and into the Colorado river. Fish began to die, and cattlemen

raised a loud protest that their watering holes were being ruined. Quickly the chamber of commerce raised funds and made arrangements for the construction of a large dam to impound the salty water.

This well was spudded in and drilled to about 1,040 feet without unusual characteristics. At 1,045 feet an enormous pressure of denatured gas was encountered. Soon the gusher blew in, and within a few days everything about it was encrusted with salt.

All attempts to shut it off were unavailing. Rocks and solid blocks of salt were blown out frequently with such force that they began cutting away the derrick braces.

Tests determined that the gas was non-inflammable. R. M. Hoffer of San Angelo, representative of the oil and gas division of the Texas Railroad commission, made an official report describing the well as containing "some 40,000,000 cubic feet of air or non-inflammable gas and 12,000 to 15,000 barrels of salt water every 24 hours."

His report continued: "The well presents a display of the underground forces of nature the like of which has probably never been witnessed before in Texas or perhaps elsewhere." He advised against any attempt at controlling the well.

Within a month the well had blown its derrick down, and about the same time the gas pressure began decreasing gradually.

Suddenly it was silent altogether, and today it is still silent in the midst of a circular expanse of salt-parched earth extending some 300 feet in all directions.

The theory is that a giant boulder was blown against the lower end of the hole and then encrusted with salt and mud, effectively plugging it.

Not long ago, it is reported, an attempt was made to salvage the casing at the well. When the pulling started the well began to hiss. Those working with the casing hurriedly let it go back into place, and there it will probably remain, oil men say.

No one wants the Badgett No. 1 going wild again. Dams might have to be built all over again to impound salty water.

But one thing is certain—it would no longer be a phenomenon, because "free air" is now expected in wells which are drilled in certain portions of Mitchell and Scurry counties. It is not only expected but also anticipated, because it has been successfully harnessed and used in drilling nearly all of the recent Scurry county wells.

### Investment Flowing Into Home Loan Banks

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Savings and investment funds in an unprecedented volume flowed into the 121 insured Texas savings and loan associations during July.

The Texas associations received \$3,087,000 last month from savers and investors, which exceeded all previous monthly records, according to the report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock. The figures for July 1939 showed an increase of a million dollars over those of July 1938 and were more than double those for July 1937.

The increase were general throughout Texas, the report stated, which included the figures of the Colorado Federal Savings and Loan Association by which the local area is served. Savings and loan officials attributed the remarkable increase to better business conditions prevailing throughout the State, and the inclination of savers and investors to place their funds in local institutions having the protection of the Federal Government Insurance.

Home loans made by the Texas associations during July were \$200,-

000 greater than for the same month a year ago totalling \$1,963,000. The associations in the past seven months have made 7,464 loans to Texans, totalling \$15,000,000 approximately half of which was used in the construction of new homes. This was an increase of \$3,000,000 in the lending volume as compared with the same period in 1938.

Much additional new building is expected to be done during the coming Fall and Winter months. Officials stated that the associations have ample funds available for more home financing on the long time repayment plan which is proving to be so popular.

#### MABEL SMITH HOME

Mabel Smith returned home last Friday after a visit in Fort Worth and Dallas. Her friend, Mrs. Nora Blandford Ray, and daughter came with her from Fort Worth and went on from here to El Paso after a brief visit. Mrs. Anna Simon went with Mrs. Ray to El Paso.

#### WHIPKEYS TO WACO

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Whipkey and daughters, Betty and Virginia, spent Sunday and Monday in Waco and Fort Worth.

### WELCOME PERMIAN VISITORS



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### 'Free Air,' Which Once Sent Badgett Well of Mitchell County on Spree, is Harnessed and Used to Advantage in New Scurry Field

By CHARLIE ELLIS  
Abilene Reporter News  
Staff Writer

SNYDER.—Perpetual motion—or at least a source of power that will answer its qualities—has been harnessed for the development of the year-old Sharon Ridge oil pool 16 miles southwest of here.

The natural power is called "free air" by drillers in the field. It's called a Godsend by some of the operators, and it may become the factor that determines eventually whether some of the smaller production will be profitable.

"It's the nearest thing to perpetual motion I ever saw," said Paul Teas, head of the Ordovician Oil company of San Antonio, who drilled in West Texas years ago when he headquartered at Colorado City. Faith in Scurry county possibilities sent him and others back to this area with new wildcat development.

The "free air" occurs throughout Scurry county, parts of Mitchell and Howard counties and in scattered other parts of West Texas—but the Sharon Ridge and Ira pool operators in Scurry are the only ones who have successfully harnessed it.

It is used to drill as well as to

pump the wells. At such pressures as found in the Sharon Ridge pool, it is easily controlled. But it comes from the same sand stratum which belched 100,000,000 cubic feet day in the Great West wildcat near Big Spring three years ago, wrecking a derrick and disrupting drilling.

The free air has roared uncontrolled in other wells, too. Cap Slagle, superintendent for H. C. (Cub) Wheeler in the new field, recalls the Badgett well eight miles northwest of Colorado City that blew out air and salt water until the weight of the salt collecting on the mast caused the rigging to collapse. The well, choked with salt, plugged itself.

#### BLEW NINE YEARS

Another test in Scurry county, Buddy Polson's No. 1 Bryce, blew free air uncontrolled for nine years after the rig burned down.

Slagle recalls attempting to re-work the old test. He found 500 feet of wire line in the hole nine years later, in such good condition and untrapped that it was used in spudding a new hole.

It was untrapped, because in the free air, there is no oxygen. It is composed of more than 90 per cent nitrogen, traces of helium, neon

and other inert gases with a small amount of water vapor and hydrogen.

Because there is no oxygen, rig workers must be careful. At work in the cellar they may lose consciousness. They say the gas slips up on you so easily you never notice it. When one of the men collapses, others pull him out and just let him lie in the open air. He recovers without ill effects.

Otherwise there is no danger. The free air is colorless, odorless, tasteless and will not burn. Rather, it will tend to snuff out a flame. The free air comes from a red sand and an anhydritic sand correlated by some geologists as the Yates, blanket structural marker for almost all parts of the vast Permian Basin. In the Sharon Ridge pool, it is found between 1,100 and 1,200 feet.

A sample log from one of the wells near the center of the present field, the D. & R. Oil company No. 1 R. O. McClure, shows red sand and anhydrite with air at 1,135-50 feet and again at 1,230-35 feet. Usually there are about 50 feet of sand producing air.

#### TWO OIL ZONES

The Sharon Ridge pool has a shallow lime saturated zone which may eventually be productive, ranging from 1,700 to 1,900 feet, but all present producers have found pay in lime from 2,300 to 2,500 feet.

The same sample log of the McClure well shows oil saturation in gray lime and anhydrite at 1,750-60

feet and oil in broken lime and anhydrite at 1,760-73 feet.

About 200 feet of oil saturation is found in the main deeper pay zone. The lime is streaked with shale breaks and the natural gas pressure in most instances is very low. Only one producer at present is a flowing well, that being the J. B. Stoddard et al of Dallas No. 1 R. O. McClure.

Of 13 wells drilled or active in the pool, only one has used rotary equipment. Coffield & Guthrie of Corsicana, discoverers, employed a combination rotary portable on one test but found it unsatisfactory.

Casing practice calls for use of but two strings of pipe. Shallow water is encountered sometimes about 40 feet and again near 50 feet. No water has been found below 500 feet. Ten-inch casing is set to 500 or slightly below, the hole then carried in eight-inch to below the air sand. From that point to the final casing point the free air is allowed to blow through the ten-inch and by tools.

Occasionally when water seeps into the hole, the air blows foggy white and is cold.

Ready for production, the air is allowed to blow between the seven- and ten-inch casing. For pumping, the air is trapped in a bradenhead and turned into one of the old-style steam heads used extensively when steam was a major oil field power source.

#### HOT AND COLD

In operation the steam head pumping unit sounds much like a locomotive going at a snail's pace. Popping of the air exhaust can be heard for a mile.

Landowners who live near the producing wells have not yet become accustomed to the field noises, and some have difficulty in sleeping on still nights.

But there is some compensation for the loud popping of the steam heads. Compression of a vapor makes it give off heat, its subsequent expansion makes it absorb heat.

Air from the exhaust of either the steam head pumps or from the boiler working drilling rigs is icy cold. You can freeze a container of ice cream in a short time, and ice can be made in buckets attached to the vent.

This reduction of temperature creates a new problem for operators during the winter time, for frost gathers on the valve vent and gradually coats the equipment with ice. One method of circumventing the freezing is placing a pipe jacket around the exhaust vent and keeping it warmed with burning oil.

There's only two or three inches from the intake compression to the exhaust valve. On one you can fry an egg, on the other you can freeze ice cream.

Some operators have obtained second-hand steam heads from old areas.

#### SMALL COST

Most, however, are purchased through one of the supply houses and the total cost for placing a well on production amounts to between \$125 and \$150.

The steam heads are fitted to the top of the casing, piston connected with the rods, and the well is set to pumping under its own power. Average air pressure for the field is about 300 pounds, but one well was tested up to a gauge of 500 pounds and then released.

Although the volume has never been gauged, it is estimated as high as a half million cubic feet per day, and the pressure is estimated at a top of about 750 pounds.

While the supply of free air is believed inexhaustible, a few of the operators have hinted as possible conservation of pressures. Little of it is allowed to waste, except when it is blown through open hole in drilling.

In the Ira field, south of the town of Ira in Scurry county, half a dozen old producers have been pumping a small amount of oil for 17 years without any apparent diminishing of the air pressures. It is a moot question whether they would have been profitable had the free air not been available. The Ira pool production is found near 1,900 feet.

Besides the free air, the field has on its credit side of the ledger a broad expanse of territory already proven commercial and an estimated amount of unexplored acreage. With 12 wells producing, already a large portion of four sections has been included within the limits.

On the debit side, however, is the difficulty caused by low gas pressure, the ineffectual action of acid treatment and the necessity for large shots of nitroglycerin. To these troubles are added the problem of a good cleanout after shot.

The discovery well, Coffield & Guthrie No. 1 First National bank of Snyder, first showed acid to be of little value. Its reaction is to congeal the crude, giving it the characteristics of good "axle grease."

Nitroglycerin shots of 500 to 700 quarts are usually administered, but one test was given as high as 1,300 quarts in the 200-foot pay section.

The Beckman reverse circulation process is employed widely to clean out after the large shots, but the sometimes shaly character of the lime dumps the problem back in the lap of the operator after a short time on production. Swabbing to increase production and aid in cleaning out has been found to open water intrusion in several wells.

The field has an allowable per well of 35 barrels, and all but two

are connected with a four-inch line to the Westbrook field in Mitchell county where the crude is taken by Col-Tex Refinery.

Producers are located in sections 141, 142, 129 and 130 of block 97, H&TCo survey, southwestern Scurry county.

## CARR NEWS

The Westbrook Parent-Teacher association will have a business meeting Friday afternoon, August 25, at 3 o'clock in the gymnasium. There is important business to attend to. All members are urged to attend.

MRS. F. L. EIKENBERG,  
Vice-president.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hightower and family of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hightower over the week-end.

Walter and John Turner entertained a group of young people with a play party at their home Saturday night. Several games were played. Sliced watermelons were served as refreshments.

Bill Brookover of Colorado City entertained the Col-Tex employees with a dinner at the Sweetwater Lake Sunday. Those attending from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jackson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd and family, Merrell Adams, and Norman McMahon. The Girl Scouts and their sponsor, Mrs. Lynn Halbert, furnished the program. Other guests were Burl Claxton, Kenneth York and Lynn Halbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Daniel returned home Saturday from Chalk where Elmo Daniel has been employed the past two weeks.

Mrs. Flen Anderson of Big Spring visited her sister, Mrs. Dora Morris, Wednesday.

Clarence Gregory of Colorado City has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kay Morris and family the past week.

Mrs. Stewart and son Bill of Mt. Vernon are visiting Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Bobbie Rees this week.

#### CARR GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Thursday afternoon the Carr Girl Scouts accompanied by their sponsor Mrs. Lynn Halbert, Mr. Halbert, Mrs. Alvin Byrd, Mariam Gregory, Sammie Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rees, Dewey Turner and Merrell Adams went to Sweetwater Lake for an encampment. The time was spent in swimming, boat riding and fishing.

We came home Saturday afternoon. Then on Sunday the Scouts went with the Col-Tex employees and their families who were dinner guests of Wm. Brookover at his cabin at Sweetwater Lake. The Scouts wish to thank Mr. Brookover for making our encampment a grand success.

Our next meeting will be Thursday afternoon, August 31.

#### RETURN FROM TRIP

Mrs. Chester Jones and Mrs. Wylie Kinard and children returned late last week to their home at Vincent after a trip to Meridian, Waco, and other points. They visited Mrs. Pauline Doremus Burnett, who taught here before her marriage. Mrs. Burnett, whose home is in Calvert, has been attending summer school in Waco.

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#### McCLAINS TO DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McClain were in Dallas from Monday morning until Wednesday night. Mrs. McClain's sister, Minta Sharp of Cordell, Okla., accompanied them and went on to Fort Worth for a visit before returning to her home.

#### VISIT MRS. DOZIER

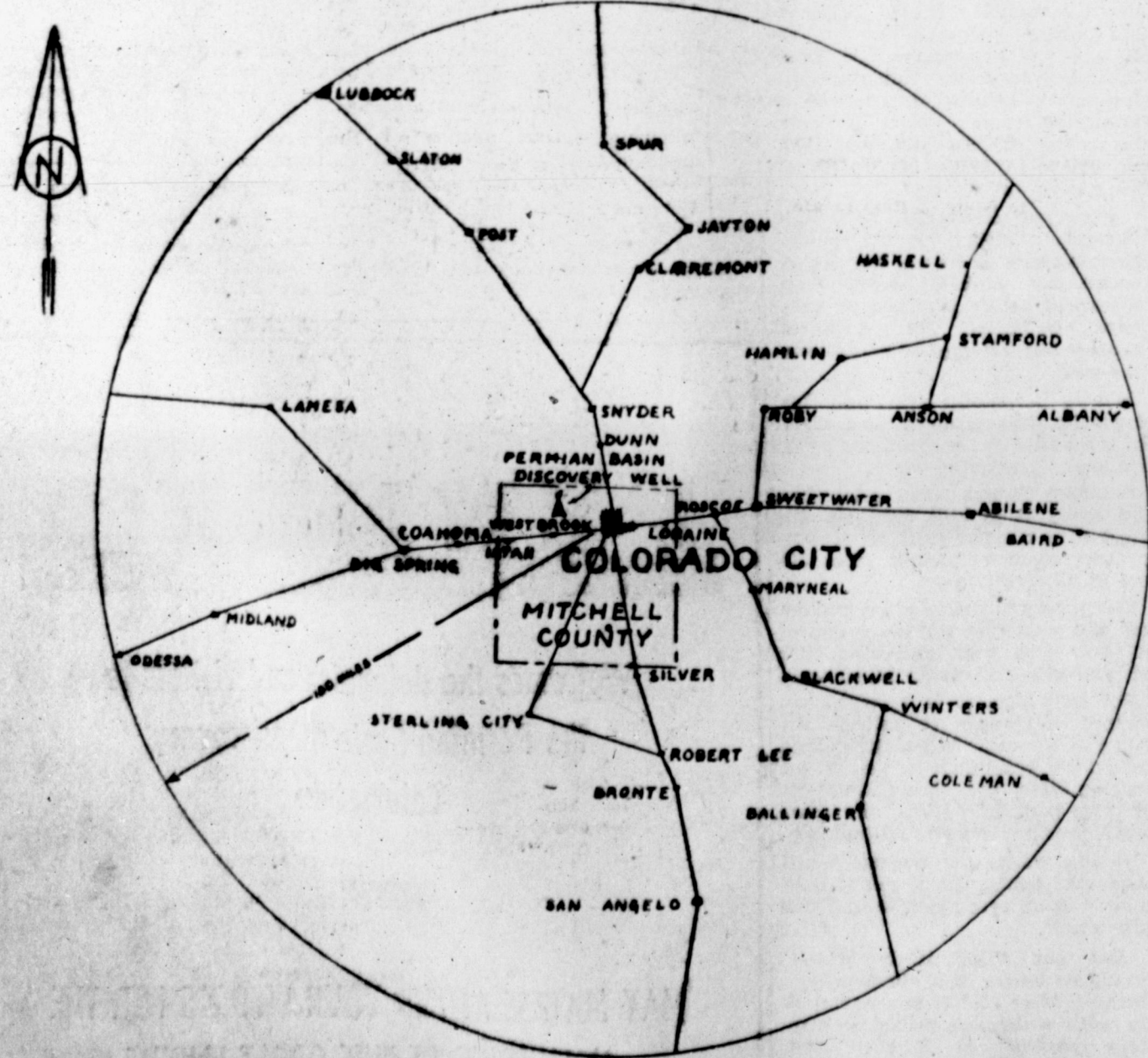
All of the Sterling Dozier children visited their grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Dozier, Monday. Included in the group were Mrs. Hal Yoder of Mesquite, N. M.; Jack, Billy Ed, Joe, Mack, Doris Marie, and Beorgleann, all of Clarksville.

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# J. L. Pidgeon First Man To Retail Col-Tex Products Locally

Distinction of being the first man to retail Col-Tex refinery products in Colorado City belongs to J. L. Pidgeon.

Pidgeon is still engaged in the business of retailing Col-Tex products, but his hobby is music. He has played in the Colorado City band for 23 years.

He has a trombone which was in the famous "Purdue wreck" of 1903. In that wreck, which occurred when a special Purdue university train piled up at Indianapolis, every man on the Purdue football squad was either killed outright or seriously injured. Pidgeon was manager of the university band and was among the survivors.

Out of a band of 50 pieces, the trombone which Pidgeon owns today was the only horn left intact.

By a strange coincidence, Pidgeon recently learned that the engineer on the train which picked up the survivors of that wreck was George Rinear, now a drilling contractor with Colorado City as headquarters.

A mechanic by trade, Pidgeon's early work took him into every part of the nation. He was born Feb. 25, 1885, at Marion, Indiana, and was educated in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa before he entered Purdue. He was graduated with the Purdue class of 1906, and immediately afterward served an apprenticeship with the Fairbanks-Morse factories at Beloit, Wisconsin.

His apprenticeship over, he was made a service and installation engineer for the company with the entire United States as his territory. He traversed the nation from the Gulf to the Canadian border.

He installed the electric light plant at Arlington, Texas, and there met his future wife, Mattie Crockett. They came to Colorado shortly after their marriage over 23 years ago. Pidgeon has been prominently identified with his profession, mechanics, and his hobby, music, ever since he moved to Colorado City.

Pidgeon likes to recall the days when Colorado City's Gold Medal band was the toast of West Texas, being official band of the West Texas chamber of commerce and the Broadway of America association.

Friends gathered by chance several months ago that he is a cousin of Walter Pidgeon of movie fame. He and Mrs. Pidgeon have two children, Frank Pidgeon of Houma, La., and Mary Elizabeth Pidgeon, son-in-law in T. W. C. Fort Worth. There are two granddaughters.

(Acknowledgement is made to The Challenge, Col-Tex warehouse publication, for information used in the above article.—Editor.)

## THEIR NAMES IN THE PAPERS

Being a Collection of Items From Other Papers About Present and Former Mitchell Countians.

Pete Ainsworth, foreman of the Spade ranch at Colorado City and a recent heavy buyer of Corriedale rams, cites several reasons for turning to cross-breeding. Under same conditions, Rambouillet-Corriedale lambs weighed four pounds more at selling time than straight Rambouillets and brought a quarter cent premium. Ainsworth says the Spade is keeping a bunch of straight Rambouillets, however. A majority of next year's lamb crop will be cross-breeds.—Chousin' Around in Abilene Reporter-News.

Riggs Shepperd, superintendent of Courtney school in Martin county, was in Midland this morning. He predicted the largest enrollment for his school that it has ever had.—Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Roy Tidwell, manager of the Earnest and Nix Motor Parts company,

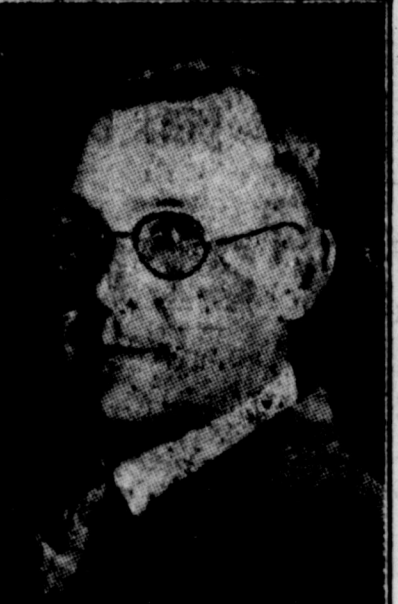
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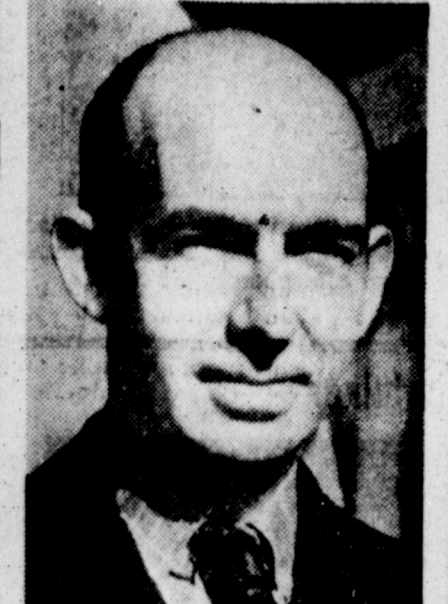
BEN SMITH



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With the help of H. B. Spence and Chas. C. Thompson, who are pictured elsewhere, these four aided in the selection and ar-

range of entertainment for the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration.

## Help With Celebration



JOE H. SMOOT



W. W. WHIPKEY

Among those assisting with plans for the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration were Joe H. Smoot, active vice-president of

the City National bank, and Walter W. Whipkey, publisher of The Colorado Record.

this week started the construction of a new rock veneer home. The new building is being built in the R. C. Potell addition, which is just north of the Seminole highway at the edge of Lamesa. The new home will be modern in every respect, containing four rooms and bath.—Dawson County News, Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham and daughter Billy Budell, of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Boyd and son, Billy, of Colorado City returned home this week from a 10-day tour in the Rio Grande Valley. They motored by way of San Antonio, and spent the major part of their time fishing, boating, swimming and sight-seeing with relatives, the M. G. McClures of Pharr and the Elton Humphreys of Edinburg. They also

visited in Reynosa, Mexico, Point Isabel and across to Padre Island.—Scurry County Times.

Mrs. Fred Moore and infant daughter returned to their home today.—Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Evangelist J. D. Harvey of Paducah, Ky., is holding a series of religious services at the Nugent Church of Christ.—Abilene Reporter-News.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson and daughter Corrine and son Albert, and Mrs. Harry Hall, visited friends and relatives at Colorado City, Tuesday.—Stanton Reporter.

Mary Bryan, who has been a stenographer in the local Farm Security office, has been transferred to the Mitchell county office at Colorado City.—Scurry County Times.

## Looney Farm Families To Eat Cream, Melon

Farm families of the Looney community will eat watermelon and ice cream at a meeting of the Looney Agriculture association at the schoolhouse Monday night.

Blane Morgan, president, says that everyone in the community is invited to attend and requested to bring along either some ice cream or a watermelon.

## Colorado Citians To Wedding In Rotan

Listed among out-of-town guests at the wedding of Mary Taylor of Rotan to Elmer W. Atwood of Raton, N. M., in Rotan Saturday morning were the following Colorado Citians:

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Majors, Mary Frances Majors, Mabel Ratliff Majors, and John Tom Merritt.

Mabel Ratliff Majors, who was the bride's roommate at TSCW, Denton, was one of those serving the breakfast which followed the wedding.

## Four Early Workers In Mitchell Field Recognized Thursday

Four men who were connected with earliest developments in the Mitchell county oil field, which opened the Permian Basin 19 years ago, were recognized at the congressmen's luncheon which opened the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration here Thursday (today).

In this group were L. W. Sandusky, who was largely responsible for the drilling of the first well; Earl Morrison, on whose land the discovery well was drilled; Watt Collier, who hauled material and drove the first stake for the first well; H. L. Lockhart, who bought and shipped the first oil to go out of the county for commercial consumption.

## Lions Inspect New Boy Scout House

Members of the Lions club cut their luncheon program short Friday in order to go to Ruddick park and inspect the new Boy Scout hut just completed there with NYA labor under sponsorship of the city.

The club sponsors Boy Scout activities in Colorado City. Guests at the club were Irving Loeb of Sweetwater, Rupert Phillips of Big Spring, Rev. Scott W. Hickey of Decatur, Frank Peebles and Ed Rowe of Lancaster, Ohio, Jack Penrose of Big Spring, and Geo. Witten of Washington, D. C.

Monty Crawford passed cigars. He was recently married.

## Geo. Rinear One Of Early Drillers Here

Many of the early wells in Mitchell county and the Permian Basin were drilled by Geo. Rinear of Colorado City, who is still in the business. Rinear, whose home originally was in Indiana, came to Colorado City in 1925 from Ranger.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

**Marriage Licenses Issued:** Robert Brooks and Mrs. Maudie May Raybon, Midland.

Robt. E. Neely, Jr. and Miss Nedra Laverne Cates, Dallas. Maurice Burdett and Miss Elaine Chandler. Ray Murphy and Miss Inez Jennette Crawford, Fort Worth.

**Transfers in Real Estate:** Beulah Thompson to Joe Earnest; Lots 11 and 12, Sub. Lots 3 and 4, in Block 3, Mar. Ad. No. 1, Colorado; \$10.00.

Ouida Bailey to Josie Bailey; S½ Sec. 93, Blk. 27, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys; \$10.00.

Farmers' Gin Company to C. A. Thomas; Lots 7 to 17 inclusive, in Block 52, Colorado; \$13,500.00.

Jerold Riordan to A. T. Caffey; Lot 12, Block 136, Colorado; \$400.00.

Home Owners' Loan Corporation to Finley A. Cook et ux; Lot 5, Blk. 134, Colorado; \$1580.62.

Earnest Phillips et ux to Mrs. J. B. Phillips; W½ Lot 5 and 6, in Block 8, D. S. & M. Ad. to Colorado; \$25.00 and assumption of notes.

E. T. Strain to Paul C. Teas; ½ interest in 146 acres from Sec. 98 in Block 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. surveys; \$10.00 and other considerations.

A. R. Wood et ux to Chester S. Thomas; East 75 feet Lots 11 and 12, Subdivision of Lot 3, in Block 107, Colorado; \$100.00.

E. Barber et ux to O. Bolin; 155.5 acres from SE¼ Sec. 37, Block 28, Tsp. 1 South, T. & P. Ry. Co. surveys; \$3,875.00.

Dick Carter et al. Exrs. Est. M. Carter, Deceased, to J. L. Armstrong; Lots 1 and 2, in Block 67, Colorado; \$335.18.

**New Cars Registered:** Emmett Erwin, Colorado, Ford Pickup.

W. H. Badgett, Cuthbert, Chevrolet Truck.

G. B. Formwalt, Colorado, Oakland Delivery.

J. F. Bodine, Colorado, Chevrolet Pickup.

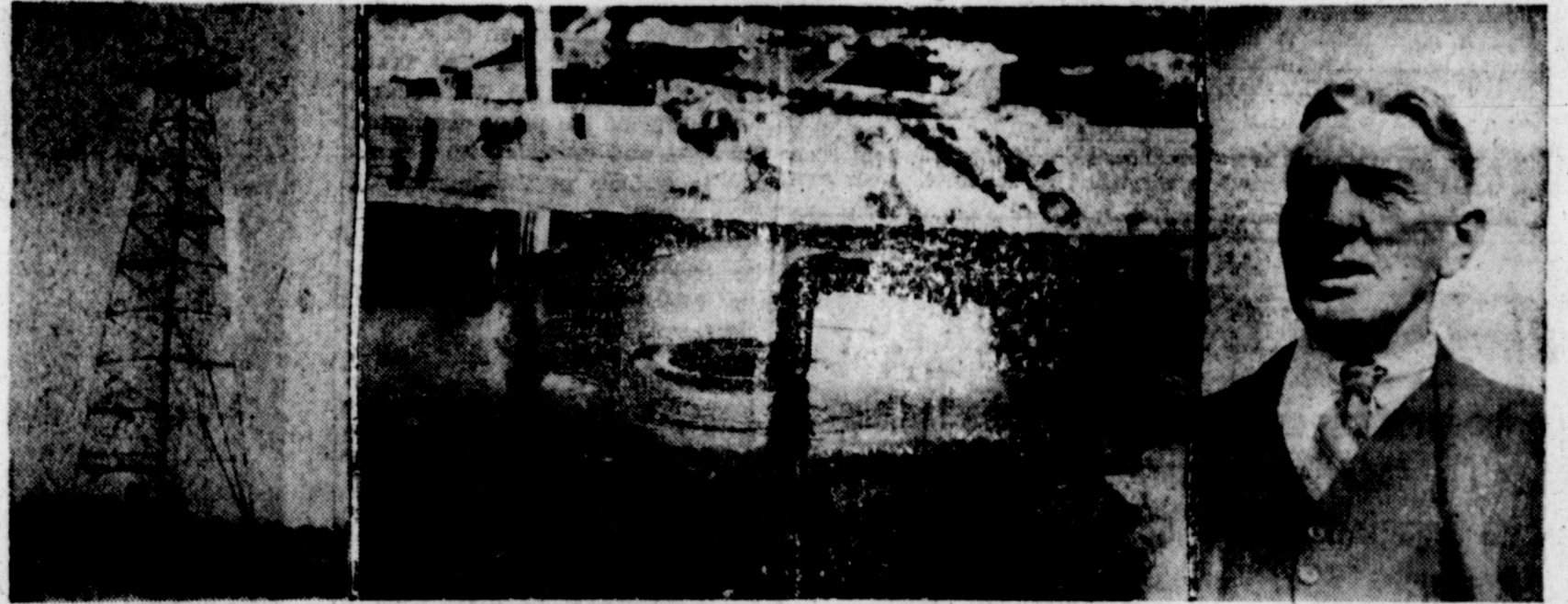
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## Discovery Well of Basin Still Producing After 19 Years

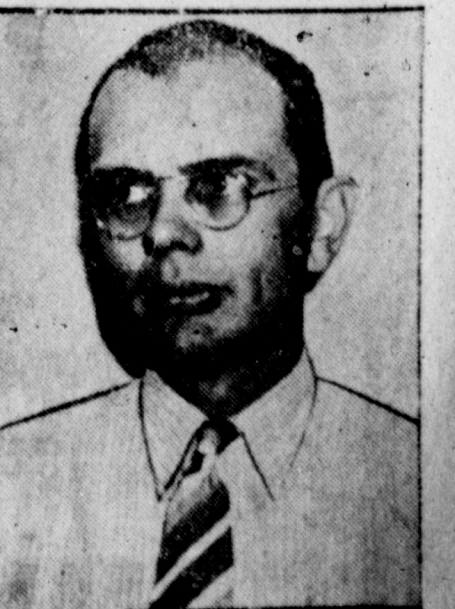


L. W. Sandusky, right, Colorado City attorney, whose faith in the oil possibilities of the Permian Basin led to the discovery of oil in Mitchell county. The discovery well, S. S. Owens No. 1 T. & P., completed in July, 1920, shown on the left, still is producing after 19 years. It now is on the pump. In the center is the No. 2 Morrison, second well for the area, which was completed early in 1922. The photo was taken shortly after the well was completed 17 years ago. (See story on page 5, second section.)

## REPORTED ILL

Vada Cole, head of the home economics department of Colorado City High school, is reported to have been ill recently in a Lubbock hospital. Efforts to verify this report Thursday morning were unsuccessful.

## Refinery Head



Neal Prichard, superintendent of the Col-Tex refinery which sponsored a half-hour radio broadcast during the congressmen's luncheon which opened the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration today.

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## PICKED UP ALONG THE NEWS PATH

By the time this reaches the breathless public, that Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration that you've been reading about every now and then will be in full swing. . . . If anybody would listen, we'd be glad to give a detailed account of how much fun we've had trying to get out this semi-special edition with a cold in the head. . . . We mention the cold in the head as a sort of ready-made alibi, just in case we're taken to task—and we're pretty sure we shall be—about some of the Mitchell county oil history items we've tried to get together for this edition. . . . We'll make a blanket admission now that a number of men who should have been given credit have probably been overlooked, and perhaps a number of events of importance have been left out. . . . But we've done our best—and don't forget the cold in the head. . . .

Maybe we didn't investigate far enough, but so far as we could determine in a hurried check-up this week, there has not been any gold found in the bed of the Colorado river where excavations are being made for the railroad bridge. . . . There was a rumor during the week that such a find had been made. . . . The rumor probably got started because some apparently unnecessary digging was being done around in the river bed several feet away from the bridge. . . . They're still trying to find one pair of trucks which were lost and apparently buried deep in sand and mud when the bridge and eight tank cars fell into the flooded river back in June. . . . The machine which the city uses to locate water mains was borrowed, but it kept picking up the location of a buried iron rail, and so digging seems to be the only chance of finding those lost trucks. . . .

If you don't think that putting on a horse show is a job, you should have seen Frank Kelley, P. K. Mackey and others out at the Frontier Roundup barns this week. . . . Men who take their registered horses visiting are as particular—maybe more—about the stabling of their animals as they are about the rooms they'll occupy themselves. . . . The barn has been thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and supplied with fresh hay this week in preparation for the fine animals which Frank Kelley insists that a good horse is near enough human to be who, not which will be in the show this (Thursday) afternoon. . . .

When a hearing which he had thought would keep him in Ama-

nillo all last week had to recess unexpectedly Friday, Benton Templeton of the Texas Railroad commission dashed right down for a visit in the old home town. . . . He and Mrs. Templeton are building a new home at Austin, and expect to occupy it sometime early in September. . . . He's away from home so much these days that he's afraid he may go in one of these days and have to present credentials. . . . While back he heard that Mrs. Templeton's family was having a reunion in Callahan county, so he made an excuse to show up unexpectedly on the scene. . . . He declares that out of the whole group he recognized Mrs. Templeton immediately, without benefit of introductions. . . .

We turned a dirty trick on the Rev. H. H. Black of All Saints' Episcopal church last week. . . . It was done with the best of intentions, but when did that ever take any of the dirt out of a dirty trick? . . . Rev. Mr. Black turned in an announcement of a ministerial organization meeting for Monday morning, "August 28." . . . We've been writing Permian Basin stuff so long that we've been hovering on the end of August for weeks. . . . A glance at the calendar convinced us that the then coming Monday would be the 28th, and so, to save wordage, we marked out the date. . . . We understand that Rev. Mr. Black had to dash back from a Sunday night engagement in Coleman in order to be present for a meeting which had, through no fault of his, been set up a week. . . .

That tiny little horse which Bobby May rode as mascot for the Colorado City Frontier Roundup last year now has a little sister which several have declared to be the smallest colt they ever saw. . . . We haven't seen it, but we did see a picture of it taken with little George Lay Powell, son of the Jenks Powells, and it was just shoulder-high to him. . . .

The 21st day of the month seemed to have a particular significance in the life of Mrs. Q. D. Hall, pioneer Colorado Citian who died this week. . . . She was married on February 21, 1878, she recovered her sight after 25 years of blindness on May 21 this year, and her death occurred on August 21. . . . She missed being born on the 21st by just two days, her birth having taken place on January 19, 1860. . . .

SMATTERINGS: The picture of the Duchess of Windsor on the back of a recent issue of Life bore such a surprising resemblance to our own

## Professional Talent For Permian Programs



The Six Rhythmettes, shown above, appeared in the Casa Manana revue at Fort Worth last year and the year before.

They are being presented on two programs during the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration—the congressmen's luncheon pro-

gram and the stag party-floor show at the Legion hut Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## Star Entertainer



Mary Wheeler is star of Rhythmettes chorus. Both Miss Wheeler and the Rhythmettes

were secured through the Music Corporation of America offices in Dallas.

## Midland Rodeo Trippers Lunched Here Wednesday

Advertising the Fifth Annual Midland Rodeo to be held at Midland on September 2-3-4, a delegation of 33 Midland business men on a two-day good will tour over West Texas stopped here for lunch Wednesday.

Members of the party distributed literature and contacted local firms and individuals in the interest of their annual celebration which they termed "the outstanding rodeo of the Southwest." The trip, sponsored by the Midland Junior chamber of commerce, was being made in a large Greyhound bus.

Members of the party, attired in loud shirts, boots, big hats and other cowboy regalia, made a most colorful appearance as they left their bus and scattered over the city. Loud speaking equipment called attention to the rodeo after music had attracted local citizens to the bus.

On their visit to the newspaper office, members of the group extended a cordial invitation to all citizens of Colorado City to attend the Midland celebration on September 2-3-4, day and night performances to be held each day. Regular western events, cowboy relay races, cowgirl sponsors contest, free-for-all horse races, a horse show and junior cowboys calf roping will feature the big show, they said.

The delegation was headed by Bill Holmes, president of the Midland Junior chamber of commerce. Carl Uliffers, vice-president, and Jack Williamson, chairman of the organization's rodeo committee.

## Oil Drilling Adventure Near Old Iatan Back in 1915 Recalled by Local Citizens

An oil drilling venture which took place in Mitchell county in 1915, five years before the first successful well of the county or the Permian Basin area was completed, has been recalled by a number of Colorado Citians since plans for the Permian Basin Oil Discovery celebration here this week got underway.

The test was drilled on Foster land south of Old Iatan, which was located west of the present Iatan. There is no trace today of Old Iatan.

The drilling company was composed of Colorado Citians and Mitchell countians, hundreds of whom bought stock. They called themselves the Consolidated Oil and Gas company.

Among the guiding spirits were L. E. Lasseter, a Mr. Longbotham, L. A. Costin, Brooks Bell, Fred McKenzie, E. M. Baldwin, Dick Pearson, and others.

Longbotham, who had had very good luck "divining" water, made the location for the well. The company blocked or leased about 30,000 acres, including practically all of the western part of Mitchell county.

The well was drilled to more than 2,000 feet and really encountered good oil showings. But the Consolidated Oil and Gas company ran out of capital after having sunk about \$180,000 in the venture. The drilling operations got, as one of those concerned expresses it, "in a jam," and so the well was abandoned. Perhaps it was just as well,

because a major oil company drilled on the same section a few years ago and got a dry hole. There is now no trace of that early venture. Until about a year ago the old bull wheel lay decaying and rusting in the sun, but even it is gone now.

## 'Cap' Slagel Is a Drilling Pioneer In The Permian Basin

To "Cap" H. P. Slagel of Colorado City, who now rates as an "independent" in the new Scurry county field, goes the distinction of having worked on an oil well which was spudded in Mitchell county even earlier than the Permian Basin discovery well.

That was the Travellers' deep test down on the Landers ranch. It was not a success.

Slagel was also working as tool-dresser on the Otis Chalk No. 1, drilled by S. A. Sloan and Steve S. Owen in 1926 to open the Chalk field of Howard county.

He has helped drill wells from Pecos county to Nolan county—all over a wide swathe of the Permian Basin, in other words.

Slagel's familiar nickname "Cap" is an adulteration of the title which he rightfully wore during the World war—that of Capt. H. P. Slagel.

## FISH AT RED BLUFF

H. L. Lockhart and Rance Dockrey spent the latter part of last week fishing at Red Bluff dam.

# Notice Farmers

I have bought the River Gin Plant from Farmers Gin Co., and will operate it this season. We will pay highest prices for your cotton and seed. Bill Dorn, a licensed Government grader, will work for me and we will be in position to write the Government loan if and when it starts. We will appreciate part of your patronage.

## Farmers Gin

E. B. Thomas

## 'Yates Midnight Tour' Is Title of Poem By 'Cap' H. P. Slagel

Although the poetry of oil has probably been felt in some intangible way by nearly every man who has taken part in the never-ending quest for its hidden places under the earth, it is not often that such men manage to translate this feeling into words.

"Cap" H. P. Slagel, of Colorado City who has been connected with Permian Basin oil developments ever since the first deep test was spudded down on the Landers ranch in Mitchell county, is one of the exceptions. This poem, "Yates Midnight Tour," was written by Slagel and published in the Rig and Reel magazine in 1934:

### YATES MIDNIGHT TOUR.

A tall gas flare on a limestone hill, Lighting up the canyons and the camps, so still, Silver tanks gleam in their battery rows.

High against the rim-rock where a sheep trail goes, (How can a driller tell of beautiful things, Hating his lack of words and the ache that is brings?)

A clear river hidden in a cedar mottle, And a clean new moon like a trout just caught, High thin masts and derricks in a trance,

While down in the valleys their shadows dance, (What price he knows that sour gas is death—

Or gift of red eyes and a laboring breath?)

There is music too in the engine's cough When the line takes up and the tools drill off, In the ram's dull ring on red-hot steel And the faster play of the sledge's heel, (It's barren and lonesome and rocky as hell, Mebbe I'll go East when we finish this well.)

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking everyone for their help and kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Q. D. Hall. Also for the beautiful floral offering.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY T. HALL  
J. W. SHEPPERD  
MR. AND MRS. Q. D. SHEPPERD  
MR. AND MRS. J. W. SHEPPERD  
AND CHILDREN  
MR. AND MRS. RIGGS SHEPPERD.

### BACK TO SAN ANTONIO

Miss Ethel Padgett returned to San Antonio Monday afternoon after a brief visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Padgett. Miss Padgett accompanied her parents while visiting relatives in South Carolina and on a tour in Florida. They returned to Colorado City Friday afternoon.

### HERE FROM KERMIT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dozier of Kermit were here the first part of the week visiting Mr. Dozier's mother, Mrs. Sallie Dozier, and other relatives and friends.

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## WELCOME

To the hundreds of visitors who will be in Colorado City today and tomorrow for the Permian Basin Organization meeting, we extend a hearty welcome.

We are your eating headquarters while here and will be at your service all night Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Curry

## WELCOME ALL PERMIAN BASIN TO COLORADO CITY

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**