







# Oil Industry Will Expand Says Gibbons

DALLAS—The youth of Texas has a big stake in the future well-being of the oil industry of the state, which already is its outstanding industrial enterprise, paying a \$230,000,000 annual pay-off from which lives one sixth of the population, declared George Gibbons, executive vice-president of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, in an address here.

ance of a public attitude that will foster development and expansion of the industry means profitable employment and greater opportunity to engage in individual business enterprise for the oncoming generation of Texans, both in oil and in other industrial activity that will develop in Texas, with public encouragement.

"The petroleum industry and its allied branches spent in Texas last year \$755,000,000 for leases and royalties, payrolls, materials, supplies and taxes," Gibbons said. "It refines 80 percent of all the crude oil produced in the state and it produces 40 percent of all the manufactured products of Texas, being by far the State's largest manufacturing enterprise."

## No. 4. "To Preserve the Memories and Incidents of Our Association in the Great War."

—From the Preamble of The American Legion



Quite naturally, World War veterans are proud of their service, and who wouldn't be. No sane person, not even the most rabid pacifist, would deny the right of these men to have due pride in the fact that they wore the uniform of their nation in the greatest war in the history of civilization, in the fact that they faced death in defense of their country.

Every Legionnaire hopes that his son will be just as ready to accept the same duty and the same risk if the life of the country again should be threatened. The American Legion will bend its fullest efforts to preserve peace, but if war does come, then it holds that it is the duty of every citizen to respond to the country's need—to fight and even to die, if need be, that America may live.

But the American Legion does not want posterity to glorify war for war's sake. It holds that war can and should be avoided. It remains a fact, however, that for reasons which were not the fault of the veterans, war did come in 1917. The flower of American manhood answered the call to arms; close to 5,000,000 men sprang to the defense of the United States. Many of them died for the sake of their country; many, more were maimed for life. Few emerged from that conflict without the marks of war in some form.

These are memories and incidents worth preserving. Their preservation should not be left to the veterans alone. For the protection of posterity they might well be graven upon the mind of every citizen. Eligible World War veterans can demonstrate their support of this high principle in no better way than joining The American Legion. Citizens who are denied that right can render support by endorsing these high ideals.

This is one of a series of ten brief articles on the cardinal virtues of the Preamble of the constitution of the American Legion, sponsored by Fleming Post, No. 337.

belief that the oil industry is paying less than its fair share of the taxes in this State, Gibbons declared.

"There is but one way to answer this oft-repeated misstatement, and that is to give the exact figures," he said.

"In 1938, Texas oil producers paid in State and local taxes more than \$44,000,000, according to official figures taken from the tax records of the State and its local sub-divisions, and it was divided as follows:

"State gross production tax, at 2 1/4 percent, \$15,333,421; State regulatory tax, at 3-16 of one cent per barrel, \$892,362; State franchise, gross receipts, social security, permits, car and truck licenses and gasoline taxes paid by the industry on gasoline used by its own vehicles, \$3,432,625; State ad valorem taxes, \$4,886,380.

"To this must be added \$19,454,520 of ad valorem taxes paid to local subdivisions of Texas that are empowered to levy taxes, making the total \$44,090,808. Dividing this figure by 476 million barrels of oil produced in 1938 gives an average tax figure of 9.3 cents that was paid on every barrel of oil produced.

"Studies projected for 1939 on the basis of the 1938 tax rolls indicate at this time that the total State and local taxes this year will average at least 9.8 cents per barrel. This is the highest tax collected on oil among all of the oil producing states."

Pointing out that the potential profits of the industry are still largely underground, in the form of oil reserves, Gibbons stated that under proration it will be many years before the average oil operator can recover his original investments in wells.

"We have seen our market demand in Texas shrink by 50 million barrels with the past two years, due largely to the fact that other oil producing states have the advantage of Texas in their proximity to consuming markets, transportation rates and taxation," Gibbons said. "Unfortunately, Texas has no monopoly on oil production. Within a short time, much new production has come into the picture in Illinois, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Nebraska. Some of these states have no restriction on production,

and all have lower tax rates than Texas."

Permanence of the oil industry, he said, is assured by the fact that there are now proved reserves sufficient to maintain present production rates for 21 years in Texas, with much exploration and development under way that will largely increase these reserves. Latest figures, Gibbons said, show there is oil or gas production in 147 counties, with exploration under way in 98 additional counties, leaving only nine of the 254 Texas counties with oil exploration activity under way at present.

on said County in payment of all or part of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$1800, to bear six per cent interest per annum, the last maturity date of such warrants to be not later than the year of 1944.

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W. R. Cammack, County Judge, Matley County, Texas.

### ::: LOCALS :::

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arnold and family of Baileyboro, visited here Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Fryar and family.

Mrs. Elvis Lebow and daughter Wanda Gene of Clovis, N. M. visited here this week with her mother, Mrs. Doug Meador.

Mrs. Jess Stafford made a business trip to Vernon, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Close visited her parents at Abilene, and his parents at Kirkland, during the holidays.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Craven were Mrs. Craven's brother, Vernon Barclay, with his wife, their son Harold and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Steel, all of Cross Plains.

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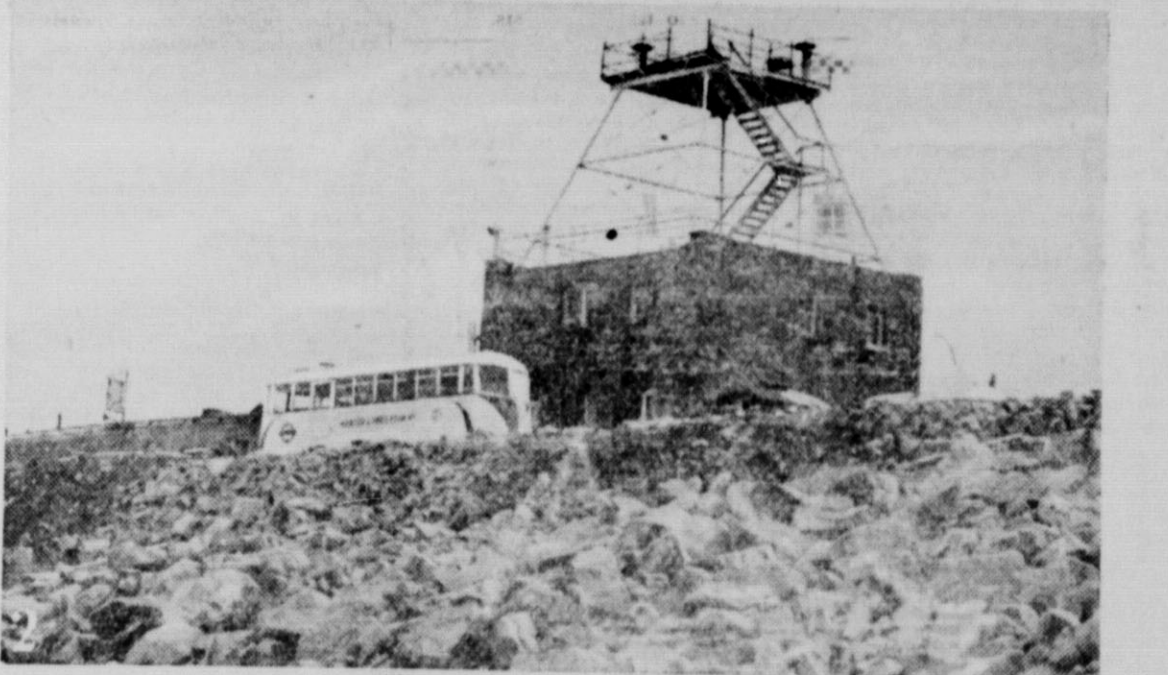
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### Funeral...

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Henry Ford, Master of Ceremonies for Matador Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M.

Special music at the church included a duet by Messrs. T. B. Edmondson and J. R. Whitworth. Pall-bearers were: W. N. Pipkin, George Springer, John Hamilton, J. J. Cooper, Howard Tra-week and Wiley McCowan.

Mr. Williams had many friends over the entire section and his passing brings grief to the hearts of both young and old, who knew him. He was of the diminishing ranks of true pioneers, whose vision and courage shaped the destinies of those who were to follow. He was generous, considerate and valued friendship as a precious possession.

All of his children attended the funeral services with the exception of Walker Williams of Magdalena, New Mexico, who was unable to be here.

### Cotton Mills...

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**Sales Aid Given**

"The 'use more cotton' movement, Murchison pointed out, has been backed by numerous concerns. Early this year, intensive sales aid was given cotton producers by food chains and other retailers during National Cotton Week. More recently, he said, increased use of cotton bags has been reported by large bean shippers in Colorado and Michigan.

American mills, the Cotton Textile Institute head declared, have taken a million bales more during the first eleven months of 1939 than during the similar 1938 period.

"Private industry's expanding demand for cotton has done much to supplement the efforts of the government in aiding surplus-burdened cotton producers," he said.

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### LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McCowan and son Wiley Frank, spent the week-end at Bardwell, with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Fuifer and children spent Christmas at Rosing Springs, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burleson with their daughter, Mrs. Stafford Forbis, and Mr. Forbis, spent Christmas at Wichita Falls, visiting Mr. Burleson's brother, Doc Burleson and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Groves drove to Olney Sunday evening, where they were Christmas visitors of relatives.

Dee Cates spent the holidays at his home in Olton, visiting his parents and other relatives.

L. C. Groves, who is employed at Clovis, N. M., spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper and children, Patsy and Ralph Gene, spent the week-end holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Campbell of Dalhart visited during the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Annie Tudor, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stotts of Sudan, visited here for the holidays, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth returned home Tuesday from Dallas and Bullard, where they were holiday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pitts and baby son Don spent the holidays at McCamey, visiting relatives.

Week-end holiday visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn, were their sons, Wayne of Dumas, and Marvin, of Spur, together with the latter's family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keith and children of Whiteface, spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. D. C. Keith, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Pounds and small daughter, Kay, were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Pounds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tardy and Mrs. Tardy's brother, Harold Renfro, spent the week-end at Quanah with a sister, Mrs. W. T. Patton Jr., and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. W. Birnie were holiday visitors of Mrs. Birnie's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eiring, at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wason of Mosquero, N. M. visited here during the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Wason, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Daffern of Clovis, N. M., visited here during the week-end holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Daffern, and other relatives.

Burrell Tipton visited in Brady during the week-end holiday, with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson.

Messrs. Clude Renfro and Earl Laughlin attended the Lubbock-Dallas football game at Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day visited in Clovis, N. M., with his father, during the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howell and children of Alanreed, and Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Hinson and children of near Spur, spent Christmas holidays here with Mrs. J. A. Groves and other relatives. Mesdames Howell and Hinson are daughters of Mrs. Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeves of Oklahoma City, and Miss Maisey Reeves, of Dallas, were holiday visitors here with their mother, Mrs. W. E. Reeves, and other relatives.

Miss Irene Knight, Welfare Worker of Amarillo, spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. P. E. Knight.

Miss Allie Traweek, music teacher in the Goose Creek school system, was a holiday visitor here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Traweek.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Sams and young daughter, Julia Marie, of Waco, visited here during Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Leonard Luckett. Also visiting Mrs. Luckett were her other daughter Mrs. Cecil Godfrey, and Mrs. Godfrey, of Spur.

Mr. L. A. Stearns left Thursday for Houston, where he is spending the Christmas holidays with his son, Claud Stearns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bishop and son Billy, visited in Quanah Sunday and Monday, with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and daughter Billy Beth of Lawton, Oklahoma, visited here during the week-end holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Moore.

Mr. C. C. Renfro spent Christmas at Roswell, N. M., with Mrs. Renfro and their daughter, Pearl, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pollock and two children, Laverne and Charles, visited recently in Spur with Mrs. Pollock's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Heron.

T. H. McCain of Golden, Colorado, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCain.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Waybourn of Houston, are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Waybourn, having arrived during the week-end to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamilton and children of Panna, visited here during the week-end with his father, G. E. Hamilton, and other relatives.

Miss Jimmie Lee Guthrie of Seymour and Miss Hazen Ruth Denson of Amarillo are spending the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fryar.

Mrs. O. G. Pitz and children, Peter and Peggy of Galveston, arrived last week-end for a week's visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hill and sons, Harry and Jack, of Dallas, spent Friday and Wednesday nights visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Davis and sons of Duncan, Oklahoma, visited relatives here Christmas.

Miss Kathryn Sheats, dietician at S. M. U., Dallas, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sheats.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Porter of Hereford spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob

companied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Price and Mrs. R. H. Hutto of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Hutto of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. R. H. Hutto remained for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patton of Denison and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patton of Hale Center visited relatives here last week-end.

Mrs. James Neblett and son, James Russell, spent yesterday in Lubbock.

Miss Hazel Dirickson visited relatives at Wheeler on Tuesday and Wednesday.

T. H. McCain of Golden, Colorado, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCain.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Groves and son, Barton, of Spur, spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Visitors in the W. T. Patton home Christmas included Mrs. Raymond Davis and son of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nally of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Patton and son of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weaver and daughters, Anne and Adrienne, of Dallas, visited during the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Griffin, on Friday and Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Pascal Fish and daughter, Franchine, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Fish, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Schweitzer and children, Houston, Bert and Frances, left Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Calhoun of Livingston, arrived here Friday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fryar. Mr. Calhoun left Tuesday morning to return to his work, and she remained to visit until after New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Terrell and small son visited here Tuesday

night in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley, and with other friends. They were enroute to meet friends at Portales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Rattan and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jackson of Afton. Mr. and Mrs. Rattan accompanied his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Rattan of Swenson, on a trip to the coast and into Mexico.


Mrs. A. P. Hodges spent Christmas visiting relatives in Elton.



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