

Who Drilled The First Oil Well In Texas?

Who drilled the first oil well in Texas? When did Texas become the nation's leading oil-producing state? How many refineries does Texas have? How deep is the world's deepest well? The answers to these and dozens of other pertinent questions about the all-important petroleum industry in Texas are found in the "67 Instant Facts" leaflet of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. The annual compilation of industry statistics was released Saturday.

How about it? Who did drill Texas' first well? His name was Lyne T. Barrett and the well was pushed down in the vicinity of Nacogdoches, in East Texas, in 1866, more than a hundred years ago.

Texas became the nation's leading petroleum producer in 1928, the publication notes. It adds that the state has produced 29.7 billion barrels

of oil — 36.2 per cent of the nation's total. Income from Texas crude oil sales, another "fact" notes, has totaled \$66.3 billion.

How many refineries? Forty-eight, most of which are located on the Gulf Coast. Last year, Texas refineries processed 907 million barrels of crude oil, an amount equal to 85 per cent of the state's crude production.

The world's deepest well, completed this year, is Pecos County, in West Texas. It is producing natural gas from 22,447 feet.

Other items of interest in "67 Facts" include the following: Oil is produced in 200 Texas counties. Texas has 45.7 per cent of all U. S. oil reserves. Texas oil men drilled 11,109 wells in 1966; 29 per cent of U. S. drilling. Texas produced 41 per cent of U. S. natural gas in 1966. More than one of every four gallons of U. S. major oil products is made in Texas refineries. The Texas petroleum industry employs some of every sixteen Texas workers. 197,000 persons (about one out of every 14 persons) work in the petroleum industry. Texas petroleum industry taxes account for 22 per cent of all state taxes.

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By Mrs. Ruth Terry Denny. Some abstracts show the names of Elizabeth Findley east of Merriman; John York Butler and Norwood leases; Spices Doolley, Cross Roads; James Lehea, northeast of Ranger on Hagaman Ranch; William de Moss near Lone Star Car Shops; D. R. Kinchloe, north east of Ranger; and Harvey Kendrick, Staff.

John Flannigan came from Kentucky in 1855, and settled on a place near Colony Creek, becoming the first white permanent settler. Other early settlers were W. H. Mansker from Arkansas (Mansker Lake bears his name), James and J. M. Elson from Georgia, and a Dr. Richardson from Arkansas. Then here were the families of C. C. Blair, William Allen, J. M.

Stewart and Bethel Strawn from whom the town was named.

Nester families had been driving into Eastland County at regular intervals since 1860. Settlements now existed at Mc-Gough Springs, Ellison Springs, Mansker Lake, Merriman, Colony Creek, Russell Creek and on the Leon River.

The J. L. Duffer family had come from Tennessee in 1870 by covered wagon. They located about 10 miles south of Ranger, farmed and raised cattle. There is still a native rock fence about one mile long on the land. The men who built the fence received one oxen for his pay.

The M. V. Brewer family came in 1872, bought land at Merriman and were still liv-



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ing there when the big wells came in at the beginning of the boom. The W. R. Todd family moved into the Colony Creek community in 1873 coming from Virginia in a covered wagon.

Other families included A. J. Blackwell and Ed Blackwell in 1878, John Fox in 1877, James Madison (Mash) Ware in 1879, Robert Crawford, (Uncle Bob) Stuart, located at Merriman in 1879, the G. W. Whittingtons (parents of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman) from Milam County in 1888, also locating at Merriman having been a partner in Ranger's first store, the Whittington-Scarborough Mercantile Business.

The J. M. Davis family came from Virginia in December 1880; Mrs. Eddie Jackson and the O. R. Rankin (maternal grandparents of V. V. Cooper) in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant were among the earliest hotel people, having come from Illinois in 1880 and enjoying a good business until they retired at the beginning of the oil boom.

There were many others who moved to Ranger before 1890, some of whom are still living in Ranger. The T. O. Rawls family from San Augustine County, Texas, passed

THE GORDON SPOT

By DeMarquis (Dee) Gordon
Eastland County Extension Agent

October 8-14 was National Fire Prevention Week. Did you do anything to prevent fire around your farm and home?

It's time to act when a fire hits and too late to plan how to fight it. But now, when there's no fire to fight, is the time to do the planning with other family members for a fire or other emergency.

How well are you prepared to fight fire or hold it in check until the firemen can give you help? Are you familiar with the location of fire departments which are available in your area? Valuable time is often lost in getting in touch with the nearest department and such loss could mean the difference in saving property or its complete loss.

It's a good idea to have equipment available, including tools, for fighting rural fires but those who might be ex-

pected to use it must know how to use it.

Perhaps the one most important tool is a fire extinguisher. Make sure it is of adequate size and filled with the proper chemical to fight the kind of fire expected. Look for the "UL" or "FM" label of approval on extinguisher before they are purchased. These letters on the extinguisher means it has been tested and approved by a nationally recognized laboratory.

Extinguishers should be placed strategically in all fire danger areas, including the kitchen, barns, machine sheds and near the storage tanks for gasoline and oil. And remember, different chemicals are required for different types of fires. Make sure the extinguisher is filled with the proper material for an expected fire at any of the different locations.

through Ranger in 1879 on their way to Stephens County. After moving to Ranger in 1885, this has been their continuous home. Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers (parents of the late Mrs. Leola Martin) came from Hill County in 1888, first living near Slocumb Hole, the original site of the Texas Rangers. J. C. Rhoades came from Wise County. Others were: W. R. Hodges, (Dr. Bob's and Mrs. L. L. Neal's parents), H. W. Hilliard, Dick Richardson, A. B. Peck, W. C. Miller, and C. C. (Ted) Hamilton.

Others who came to Ranger before the turn of the century were: Bert Foley, a relative of the Stuffers; John Hartfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Findley Robert Frost, Ephram Varney, Herman Nedecken, Joe Fox, T. C. Hunt, Charlie McQueen, an early hardware merchant; John and Dick Russell, Bailey Barton, Bill Niver, Jack Hazard, Jack Williams, Van Garcienhire, Jeff Naki, Ed Packwoods, Jim Veal, Tom Lipe, Mitchell Mathaney, Jim Bargely, Jim Rainips, Flem Roots, Overton and John Davenport, and Joe Young, an early merchant and owner of a wagon yard.

V. F. Langford moved to the Aker Community, as did J. B. Long, S. W. Bobo (Lil's and Mrs. Susan Hunt's parents), C. H. Ray, Mrs. Nannie Wasker (Hal's mother), P. L. Cunningham, and Dave Goarlin to the community in Stephens County.

Nearly a century, many others had come whose descendants are still living in Ranger.

Washington

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Washington, D. C. — The entire political, economic and social structure of our Nation has become so complicated that it is no longer city versus rural—industrial versus agricultural—but problems with a common national scope that are crying in anguish for solutions.

We recently commented on a proposal to revitalize rural America through the establishment of small industry to provide employment. A plan of this nature creates a capital investment in place of temporary relief measures with nothing to show for it.

By the same token, the problems of the great cities compounded by a continued influx of people from less populated areas, can not be ignored. It is not a matter of "you scratch my back, I scratch yours", but one of common interest for the welfare of the entire Nation.

Crash programs and hand-outs of one sort and another are a type of bribery, having no lasting effects.

Experience has already proved that local interest and responsibility for the betterment of people is essential for success. Failures in hurried attempts to create instant favorable conditions are in disappointing evidence. Regardless of good intents, some of the programs dreamed up in Washington are making people wards of the State instead of creating opportunity for self-betterment. Public housing, under the numerous schemes either in effect or proposed, is a good example.

There is no substantial reason to believe that the Government can be successful in rebuilding an entire population.

The Athenians rebuilt their "Down-Town" under perils but this was a small effort and in no way concerned with housing people. About 1900 years ago the Roman Emperor Trajan bashed down a good part of central Rome, but all the evidence indicates that the population went on spawning sums at a faster rate than the government could manage. Near the beginning of the last Century, Napoleon rebuilt a great portion of Paris. He did it forcefully, tyrannically, and without regard for the people affected.

A look at some of the experimental efforts of our own Government shows not only waste, extravagance and only temporary results, but also tragedy in the displacement of people.

Here in the City of Washington, which has its slums in a stone's throw from the Capitol, there are vacant public housing units because they can not keep them fit long enough to move people into them.

Urban renewal programs, with their high costs, have not been entirely unsuccessful as an experiment in non-residential areas. In business areas the economic justification, uncomplicated by questions of moving large numbers of people, is more convincing. The same effort in a residential neighborhood creates an entirely different kind of politics and forces basic changes by destroying a whole environment.

An experiment with new housing in Puerto Rico in a slum called La Fanga (little mud), provides an example of what should not be done. Neat white bungalows were soon black with mud from mud dripping down their sides. Furnished refrigerators were put up in the front door as a status symbol, but not used for refrigeration. The people were simply not prepared to take advantage of better living conditions.

An entire new development was built 40 miles from the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro and away from any place of employment. The people who were moved in had no means of furnishing their own transportation. Surely, we know better than to make these mistakes, but there is no certainty we will not. Plans are underway to rebuild portions of five metropolitan areas as "Demonstration Cities". People have got to live where they can work and there has got to be work where people live. Local planning can better do the job than someone sitting in Washington.

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Field Exam To Be Made On Sabanno River Watershed

A preliminary field examination is scheduled to be made on the Sabanno River Watershed during the period of Oct. 23-27, according to Ross Wilson, chairman of the Watershed Association. Wilson stated that this action is coming as a result of the association's application filed with the U. S. Department of Agriculture last February for project approval.

The examination will be made by economists and engineers representing the Soil Conservation Service and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The purpose of the examination is to secure information on watershed problems, the needs and

desires of the local people for protective measures, and to determine the feasibility for project type development as well as the willingness and ability of the sponsors to carry out their responsibilities. Sponsors lending support to the Association on the project are the Eastland and Comanche County Courts, Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District, and Lower Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District.

Following the project survey a public hearing will be set to gather additional information on the need for and justification of the project. The hearing will be conducted by the State Soil and Water

Conservation Board and probably will be set for the spring of 1968. Plans are being made by officials of the Watershed Association to solicit the active aid of all local Chambers of Commerce, civic and farm organizations in portions of Callahan, Eastland and Comanche Counties affected by the Sabanno River.

JAMES WRIGHT INJURED
James T. Wright suffered slight back injuries in a two-vehicle accident at 8:10 a.m. Monday at 900 South Seaman. Driver of the other vehicle, Joe Lawrence Shirley, was uninjured.

Police Chief Ray Laney investigated the accident.

Weight has no effect on the speed of falling objects. A sunspot may be from 300 to 60,000 miles in diameter. St. Peter is said to be buried on the Vatican Hill in Rome. Hawaii is known as the "half-way house of the Pacific."

LOOKING At Agriculture

By GILBERT MEREDITH
(This is one of a series of articles dealing with agricultural programs in Eastland County).

I attended a meeting of the Sabanno Creek Watershed Association this week in Gorman. The association is under the able leadership of Ross Wilson. Committees were appointed to plan and work with the planning team who will evaluate the watershed beginning Monday, Oct. 23. The team will meet in Eastland at the Soil Conservation Service Office in the Eastland National Bank building, E. E. McAlister, local Work Unit Conservationist, has been doing a great deal of preliminary planning in preparation for the team.

I noted a great deal of interest in irrigation prospects from the proposed structures

and a committee was appointed by Mr. Wilson to look into the matter. Mr. Charles Duran, Gorman banker and farmer was appointed Chairman of the committee.

The Eastland County ASC Committee met in regular session Tuesday. The committee recently had submitted a recommendation dealing with acreage tolerance for 1968 certification of acreage for peanuts. The recommendation recommended that the same tolerance apply to peanuts as for cotton, wheat and feed grain. A reply was received from the State ASC Committee approving the Eastland County committee's recommendation and referring it to the Washington office for their consideration. The county committee believes that the recommendation will be adopted.

Two representatives from the Audit Division of the Office of Inspector General met with the County Committee to discuss the audit of the

county office of which was just completed. The audit report showed no significant findings.

The County Committee is composed of R. G. Lyster, Chairman; Charles Little, Vice Chairman; and Paul Norris, Regular Member. The Committee meets each Tuesday at 9 a. m.

The Eastland County Technical Action Panel met this past week and the annual grass tour was scheduled for Nov. 8. The tour will begin in front of the Eastland First Methodist Church and will last about 2½ hours. A special invitation is extended to business and professional people to attend the tour and look at some good conservation practices first hand. The TAP Committee is composed of local agency heads of all agricultural agencies.

About 24 persons attended the meeting last week on Rural Area Development concerning loans for business through the Small Business Administration. Representatives were

present from Cisco, Eastland and Ranger. The meeting was sponsored by the Eastland County Newspaper Association and was presided over by O. M. Boyle, Chairman of the local TAP Committee.

The program seems to me to be a very good opportunity for business or industry to secure 5½ per cent loans for rural area developments. Special emphasis was given on loans for packaging and processing of agricultural products.

We received word this week that the new peanut dryer and storage plant located between Rising Star and Cross Plains has been opened. The plant is owned by a co-op consisting of about 50 farmers and has just been built. I read an article in the last issue of the USDA Newsletter that reported 95 million dollars had been recently invested in co-ops for rural area development. These activities will bring new jobs and higher incomes for rural Americans.

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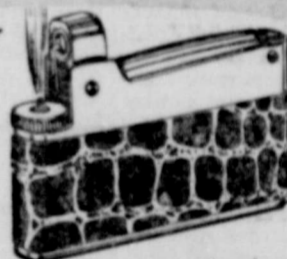
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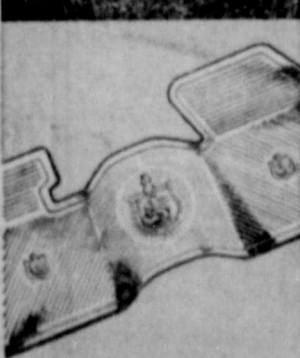
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Permian Oilers	31 25
KERC	30 26
TESCO Distribution	30 28
Hoffmann's Well Serv.	26 30
Village Barber Shop	24 32
Hollywood Vassarotte	22 34
Southern TV	18 38
Tommy's Grocery	10 48

High Team Game	
Team	W L
Permian Oilers	1073
TESCO Transmission	1029
Kay Chevrolet	1013

High Individual Three Games	
Player	Score
Mack Heard	607
Charlie Offield	577
Dale Page	565

High Team Three Games	
Team	W L
Permian Oilers	2999
Kay Chevrolet	2836
TESCO Transmission	2829

High Individual Game	
Player	Score
Charlie Offield	240
Mack Heard	225
Dale Page	224

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S HANDICAP LEAGUE	
Team	W L
Koen Salvage	36 12

Scott's Bait House	36 12
Hollywood Vassarotte	34 14
Lloyd Coan	34 14
Johnson Appliance	30 18
Poe Floral	28 20
Central Drug	24 24
Fiesta Bowl	20 28
Abilene Trophy Case	16 32
Beighley Gulf Service	14 34
Smallwood Electric	10 38
Montgomery Ward	6 42

High Team Three Games	
Team	W L
Koen Salvage	2382
Scott's Bait House	2331
Hollywood Vassarotte	2369

High Individual Three Games	
Player	Score
Diana Elrod	513
Sara Peel	511
Lou Ann Freeman	302

High Team Game	
Team	W L
Koen Salvage	882
Scott's Bait House	865
Beighley Gulf Service	870

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Player	Score
Diana Elrod	309
Charlotte Allen	205
Sara Peel	194

Over \$36 Million In Foods Bought By State Schools

DALLAS—More than \$36.2 million worth of food is being bought by Texas schools participating in the National School Lunch Program bought from local businesses last year. This represents about 80 percent of the food used at these schools.

Where did the other 20 percent come from? This was food and cash donated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to aid schools in expanding and improving their food service.

Schools can count on a sizable donation this year, too, according to John J. Slaughter, southwest director of Consumer Food Programs, USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service, Dallas, Texas. More than \$143 million worth has been bought for schools across the nation thus far. This is already \$13 million more than bought all last year.

This amount will include some 436 million pounds of frozen and canned beef, butter, frozen turkeys, cheese, frozen orange juice concentrate, dried eggs and nonfat dry milk.

"Still more will be bought and allocated to schools during the year," Mr. Slaughter said.

Besides giving a boost to school lunches for over 20 million youngsters, the foods will help feed almost 100,000 children getting school breakfasts in a two-year pilot program made possible by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

In addition, schools may obtain as much as they can effectively use of such food as raisins, peanut butter, flour, rice, shortening, lard, corn-

meal and rolled oats. USDA also has bought \$10 million worth of canned fruits and vegetables for schools taking part in the program. These foods are bought specifically to help schools meet high nutritional program standards. These purchases, under authority of the National School Lunch Act normally total \$60 million each school year. So far the special-purchase foods amount to 72 million pounds of canned green beans, peaches, pineapple and peas. Also, USDA has asked for bids to buy sweet potatoes, tomatoes, frozen cut-up young chickens, canned purple plums and applesauce.

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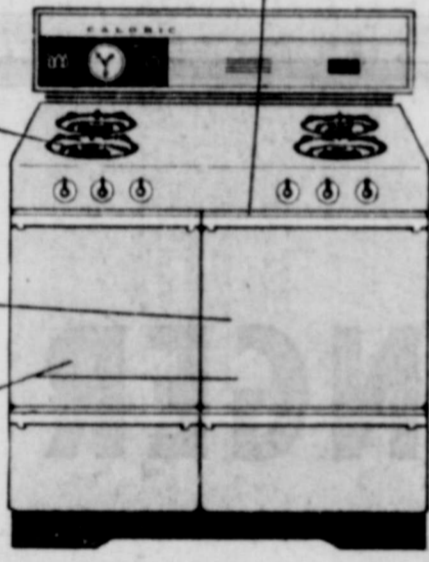
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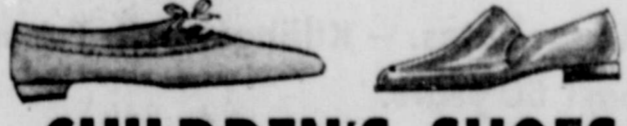
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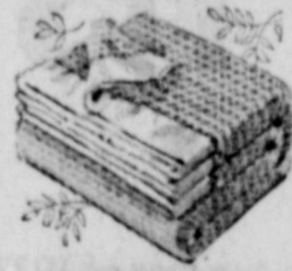
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The News in the Times 50 Years Ago Was Mainly 'OIL'

(Taken from the files of the Ranger Daily Times, Dec. 1, 1919)

F. P. Parrish, a brother of Byson Parrish, Chief of Police, and Mrs. M. A. Parrish, his mother, are guest of the Chief. They plan to spend some time in the city and perhaps locate here.

J. P. Roll has completed a grocery store building on Erwins Heights and installed a stock of goods. This is the most distant grocery on the west side of the city.

J. S. Barlow, city engineer is in Dallas for a consultation with the Henry Exall Elrod Engineering Company.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maltby of Elrod, S. D. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Melford, of this city. Mr. Maltby is an uncle of Mrs. Maltby.

H. K. Houghton of the Sammons Oil Corp. is in this city on business consulting with his company.

Dude Thompson, chief of detectives for the local police force, has returned from a trip to Sweetwater.

Evidence of the fact that this city is "quieting down" is found in the event of this morning's City Court. In spite of the fact that Monday usually finds the jail full, no cases came before the Court this morning.

Police were so busy Sunday rounding up a gang of alleged highwaymen that they had little time to devote to miscellaneous cases.

The extent of damage to telephone and telegraph lines in West Texas as a result of the severe cold weather of Thanksgiving is beginning to be estimated as company linemen and laborers returned from the scene.

According to the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company offices, 500 poles were pulled down in the immediate ranger territory. In the greatest damage was done between Brownwood and Lubbock were instead of 200 poles being down, as previously reported, 2,000 were smashed. The company has an immense force of men employed

in erecting poles and getting the wires out of the snarl.

In presenting Henry Roquemore's musical comedy at the Hippodrome Theater this week, Manager Olive surely picked a winner for this patrons. The company opened a matinee yesterday, presenting a creation of down to date musical comedy called "Billie's Troubles," and it was a laughing, musical, tune-full treat. The show has closed, it has ability and the theatergoers now-a-days are looking for something new.

The Prairie Crossing, several blocks southwest of Main Street, has been greatly improved by putting in of planks approaches. The improvement was effected as a result of numerous requests from the public.

Main Street and Commerce Street are again being cleared of mud by a team and scrapers. Other streets are so muddy and traffic so heavy that the poured portion of the city soon accumulates several inches of oozy Eastland land County mud.

Play at the local playhouses the week of Dec. 21, 1919 were Lillian Gish as a child in "Broken Blossoms" at the Liberty, "Dog Days" with bathing beauties appearing in person at the Opera House, "Outcasts at Poker Flat" at the Queen, "Wyoming" at the Eastside, "The Birds of Paradise" at the Hippodrome, "Miracle of Love" starring Lucy Cotton at the Lone Star, and "Blue Grass Bills" at the Texas.

The filtration plant of the Ranger Waterworks Co. is at last completed. Work on the plant was started in June, and many interruptions have occurred, due to bad weather, shortage of labor and embargo on material.

The plant consumes a space of 81 x 84 feet. It is capable of purifying 600,000 gallons of water a day.

The head of Hagaman Lake, north of the plant is located at the city.

Common brick has arrived for the new Baptist Church,

now being erected on Walnut Street, west of Marshston, by Moore and Company Contractors. Shortage of brick has held up operations for the last month.

The basement of the church is about completed and brick-laying will begin next Monday, according to contractors.

The McKensie Construction Company is cutting down the six or eight foot bluff at the intersection of Walnut and Marshston Streets.

The passing of this miniature mountain will not be regretted by tourist who have attempted to climb it in a car. Numerous vehicles have stuck at this corner in muddy weather.

The company is at work with a grader drawn by sixteen mules, cutting down the grade on Pine Street west of Marshston.

A hearing on the injunction granted by the district court at Eastland, closing all cabarets in this city has been set for Monday night. Owners of local Cabarets will attempt to have the injunction dissolved.

The proceeding affects the entertainment feature of the Casarets only. Nearly all places in town sell soft drinks and serve meals, and all were running this morning as usual, with one difference, the strands of piano music and singing.

Teachers Urged To Be Concerned About Students

Miss Antoinette Miller of Houston, vice-president of the Texas State Teachers Association spoke to unit leaders of District VII during the annual workshop in Haskell, Oct. 8.

Since the 1967-68 T.S.T.A. theme is "Be Concerned with Their Education," Miss Miller reminded her listeners that "concern" is "one teacher quality that cannot be computerized" and that teachers must continue to have feeling for the individual needs of students.

She also urged that teachers be more concerned about their profession and recommended closer public relations and better understanding of professional services offered by the state organization.

Mrs. Walter Honored With Gift Coffee

Complimenting Mrs. Herman Gordon Walter, the former Cherry Criswell, a gift coffee was held in the home of Mrs. J. A. Bates from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Receiving guests were the hostess, the honoree, her mother, Mrs. O. R. Criswell and Mrs. Herman Walter, mother of the bridegroom. Miss Linda Davis presided at the guest registry.

The refreshment table was laid with an ecru cutwork cloth. A pink marbled bowl held an arrangement of pink carnations and fuschia-colored berries. Marigolds in brass bowls lent a decorative touch to living and dining areas. Refreshments of miniature cinnamon rolls, coffee, salted nuts and mints were served with Barbara Lakey presiding at the silver coffee service.

The honoree was wearing a green silk shantung sheath frock and corsage of white carnations.

Hostesses displayed the lovely selection of household gifts to a large number who called.

Miss Miller was introduced by Mrs. Hazel Nunn, district president from Sweetwater who presided during the general sessions.

Membership in professional organizations is nearing the 100 per cent mark in the 23 counties according to Bill R. Wood, district membership chairman.

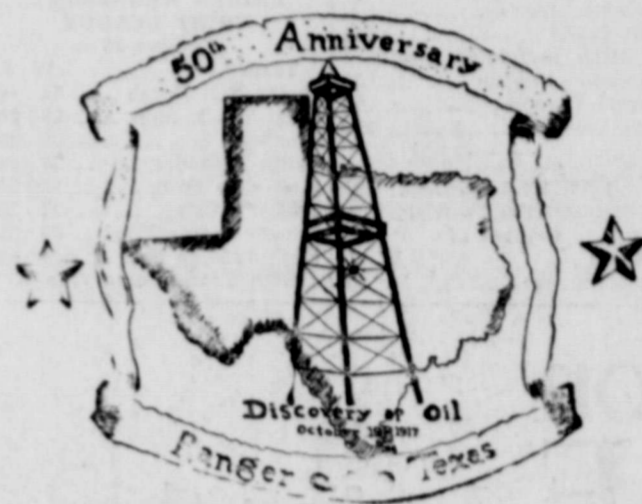
James Barber, representing the National Educators Association announced that the national convention would be held in Dallas in July.

Workshop activities were directed by Bob Keck from the T.S.T.A. headquarters staff. Other consultants from the state office were Loy R. Bell, Charles B. Hamilton, and E. L. Galzean.

District leaders serving as sectional chairmen were L. A. Boyd, Vernon; Mrs. Loucille Williams, Sweetwater; Burton Hurley, Throckmorton; Miss Laura Sheridan, Sweetwater; Bill R. Wood, Henrietta; Homer Taylor, Sweetwater; and Miss Louise Self, Abilene.

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Though richer fields were discovered before and after Ranger, none was discovered at a more propitious moment. By late 1917, when the first Ranger gusher blew in, the United States' entrance into the Great War had pushed the demand for oil to its highest. Simultaneously, the known supply of North American oil had reached its lowest ebb. The Bureau of Mines told the Congress that our underground reserves were 40% exhausted, and the Smithsonian Institution reported that there were only 70 barrels of oil available for each man, woman and child in the United States.

Consequently, the price of Ranger crude oil reached \$4.15 per barrel compared to 10c during the Spindle Top and other booms. In total dollars,

Ranger produced oil worth \$90,000,000 in 1919, and well over \$100,000,000 in 1920, contrasted with \$10,000,000 worth of oil brought out of California in the fabled 1849 rush.

The excitement that centered on Ranger was unimaginable for the 20th century. Local bankers and merchants, inexperienced speculators, and even major oil companies joined the frenzied bidding for leases. A high water mark was reached when a lease was sold for \$92,000 an acre, highest ever in the history of petroleum.

But the over-night creations of individual fortunes tell the most interesting story. Eli Perkins was serving as a fireman on a troop transport when oil was struck on his \$1,400 farm. Without knowing it, Perkins had become a multimillionaire with an income in excess of \$500,000 a year. R. A. Hodges, a Ranger banker, purchased a lease for \$150, sold it within six months for \$136,000, then went on to even quicker deals. On another occasion, Hodges paid a farmer \$100 an acre for 260 acres, then walked down the street to the McClesky Hotel where he found a \$400 an acre buyer, thus pocketing \$78,000 in 15 minutes. Aunt Kizzie Schuller, whose small farm was located in the heart of Desdemona extension of the Ranger field, sold her mineral rights for \$135,000 and retained her traditional 1/8 royalty — later estimated to be worth \$5,000,000.

The total Ranger field eventually included an area with a 40-mile radius, encompassing the towns of Breckenridge, Desdemona and Eastland. As the oil "play" reached these former hamlets, their populations skyrocketed. At the crest of the boom, Ranger was a city of 30,000 souls, and never the same 30,000 from day to day. Desdemona numbered 16,300, Eastland, 10,000 and Breckenridge 10,000.

The geographic expansion of the Ranger field created the wildest railroad scramble in American history. Four separate builders began a breakneck race through the field, with Breckenridge as the finish line. The prize for the winner was enormous. In 1917 the only line in the area was the Texas & Pacific running east-west through Ranger. When the boom came, T&P's receipts at Ranger increased from \$94,000 to \$2,350,000 in 1918 and to \$8,150,000 in 1919. Capitalizing on real estate as well as freight, the railroad builders staked out their own cities. Jake Hammon, winner of the Breckenridge railroad race, routed his line a mile away from Desdemona and founded his namesake city. By 8 a. m. of the first day of the Jakehamon land sale, \$140,000 worth of lots had been sold; stores began to rise, and by nightfall a bank had been established.

The demands of booming population created additional fortunes for enterprising hotel and restaurant operators

and attracted the inevitable gamblers, swindlers and gunmen.

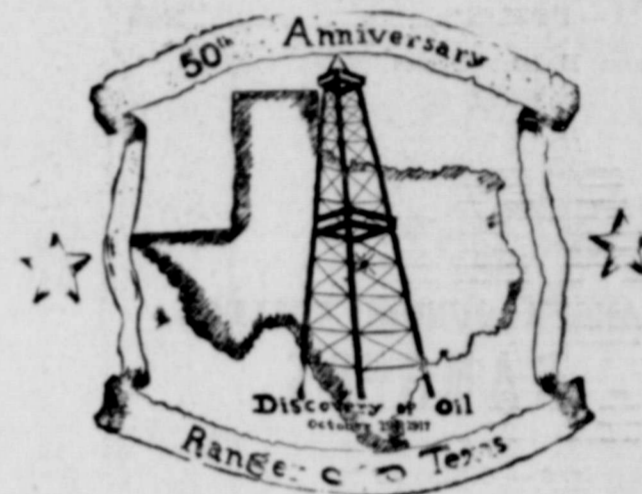
This last class of newcomers produced some of the most colorful chapters of the Ranger boom. Though the "wild west" was long past, hip-boasted six guns and public gun fights were not uncommon in Ranger. In one year the Ranger police chief kept a commission of the city's "reported" killings and suicides; he stopped counting when the number reached 65, though the year was not yet ended. The city finally hired Byron Parsons, a bigger-than-life Texas lawyer to restore order in 1921.

All the elements were there: the quick riches and the unattainable dreams, the characters and the crooks, the knowledgeable oil field pros and the ever-eager amateurs. All the actors that make up the uniquely American experience — the oil boom.

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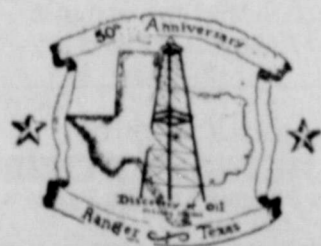
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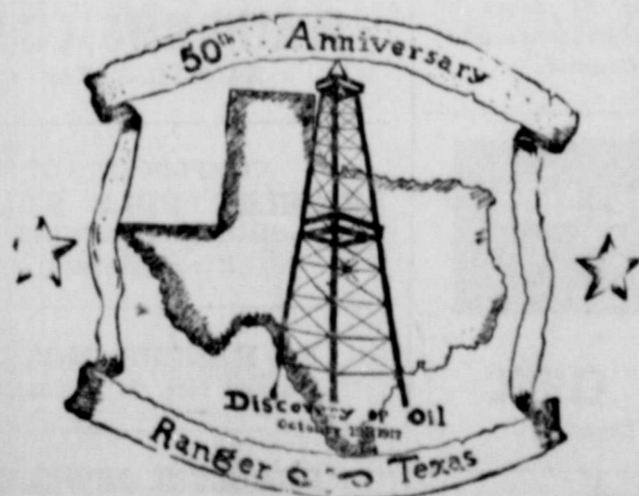
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Personals

Mrs. D. E. Pulley attended the lecture by Ariene Dahi at Casa Manana last Thursday.

Bob McKelvain, student at ACC, Abilene, was a weekend guest at his mother, Mrs. J. I. McKelvain and sister, Betta.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aishman of Odessa spent last weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Aishman.

Sherry Sullivan, student at Baylor University, visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Avery Sullivan during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Armspoker and family of Dallas were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ramsey have returned to their home in Itasca following a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Falke.

Recent guest in the home of Mrs. Lillian Bledsoe was her daughter, Miss Barbara Bledsoe of Houston.

Mrs. F. U. Bourland has returned to her home following a two-weeks visit with relatives in Borger, Pampa and Duran.

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 RANGER 28 — ALBANY 19
 OCT. 27 — Baird * There
 NOV. 3 — DeLEON* Here
 NOV. 10 — DUBLIN* Here
 * Denotes District Games

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BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL BEARS

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THERE - 7:30 P.M.



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 RANGER JC 6 — WHARTON JC 21
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 RANGER JC 0 — KILGORE 27
 RANGER JC 0 — HENDERSON JC 34
 OCT. 28 — NAVARRO J C Here
 NOV. 4 — BLINN J C There
 NOV. 11 — CISCO J C Breckenridge
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RANGER BEGAN FROM A TEXAS RANGER CAMP

(Editor's Note: Here is an early history of Ranger, particularly emphasizing the boom days, taken from several sources—by permission of the authors or publisher. Information, here, was gained from back copies of the Ranger Times, from "Were You in Ranger?" by Boyce House, from an article written by Mrs. M. H. (Emma Whittington) Hagaman in the 10th and 15th anniversary editions, and from "The One and Only Ran-

ger," by Leonard M. Fanning, published in the American Petroleum Institute "Quarterly.") Little did the Texas Rangers of what would follow when they pitched their tents in the valley, several miles east of Ranger on land then known as the Watson Ranch (near Wiles Canyon). Ranger camp, a tent town, came into existence. But it was soon moved to the present site, with the advent of

the railroad. Many of the early business houses were built of native stone, from a quarry about a mile and a half north of Ranger. A tent store was built as the first store in Ranger, conducted by A. J. Sims and A. Griffin. Griffin also conducted the first hotel in Ranger. A little later, the Bryant house became Ranger's foremost hotel. It was supplanted by the McCleskey. Community house for Ranger, in those days, was an old rock saloon built on the southwest corner of Main and Commerce, facing the depot. It provided a place of entertainment for cowboys, ranchmen, soldiers, settlers and all who could pay for their entertainment.

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down, precipitating the conservation movement and calling of a halt on economic waste through over-production. John Gholson was one of the first oil men to head a voluntary proration effort. The lucky strikes of the early days ceased. The lessees got their fill—too much of a fill—of dry holes. High optimism, feverish activity, and easy money changed to concern, dull days and not-so-easy money. Ranger's population shrank. But Ranger didn't become a ghost town, and that is perhaps the biggest miracle of all. The sound planning of Gholson, Hagaman, Davenport and others like them—those who had stuck with it through the distress of drought and the violence of the boom—had built the foundations of a solid city. The tent city vanished. The rubble of shacks was removed. A program of diversified farming, cattle, poultry, grain, cotton, peanuts, was launched that still pay dividends. Ranger today is a modern progressive city of fine schools, churches, industries and friendly people. Perhaps its greatest asset is its determined people who are boosting the city towards greater progress—with the spirit, "Keep on keeping on."



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OIL IN 1917
It was in 1917 that John M. Gholson and a group of other far sighted citizens interested W. K. Gordon of the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co. to drill two test wells in the vicinity of Ranger—the Norvise Walker on the north and the McCleskey on the south. Drilling on the McCleskey well, one and one-half miles south of Ranger, proved successful. And on Oct. 21, 1917, Driller Frank Champion rushing to town to tell Gordon that his faith had paid off. The one and only Ranger was born.

The news spread rapidly and people began flocking to Ranger in great hordes. Every available room in Ranger was rented. Every available spot in town was leased either for drilling or for throwing up a shack in which to carry some kind of business. Any skepticism that may have arisen over the start of oil in the area quickly subsided when the Davenport well came in flowing at 1,000 barrels and later increased to 2,200; the Hagaman well came in on the next day (March 14, 1917), producing 200 barrels a day. The year 1918 was a year of feverish activity. People continued to come to Ranger, and some substantial buildings were begun and some completed. The McCleskey Hotel was opened in the

spring, and the Commercial State Bank (then the Farmers and Merchants Bank building) and Masonic building were completed. Pump stations were built, and the Texas Co. and others constructed tank farms. Chestnut and Smith built a small natural gasoline plant in this field. Other gasoline plants in this field. Other gasoline companies followed later. Ranger was topping 2,500 people in March of 1918, a population increase of nearly 2,000. This figure was soon to reach 30,000 at the crest of the boom—and never the same 30,000 from one day to the next.

CITY IS CHARTERED
Violence and Murder crowded the gusher news off the front page, with questionable men and women giving officers all sorts of trouble. And then the town incorporated on Feb. 4, 1919. M.H. Hagaman became its first mayor, serving for two years. City officials were: M. R. Newnam, street commissioner; T. G. Deffenbach, finance commissioner. First city attorney was A. E. Firmin who wrote the city charter. The new city government was confronted with many problems—sanitation, paving and sewage, a need for new schools (with 800 students out of school because of lack of space), and utilities. Lawlessness grew to organized vice and hoodlumism developed into a crime wave. Citizen groups moved to battle for their town's safety and reputation. It was fitting that the Texas Rangers under Captain R. W. Aldrich, at the citizens' call, broke up the vice ring. In 1922 the aroused citizenship liquidated the crime wave by pouring \$16,000 worth of liquor seized in raids on illicit bars and gambling dens into the streets as the Texas Rangers closed up assignation houses and ran undesirables out of town. A franchise was granted to the Ranger Water Work Co. to build a pump station and contract was made with the Texas and Pacific railroad to use its pipe line to bring water from Hagaman Lake into the city limits. One of the first problems of the newly chartered city was to secure fire equipment and fire protection. In the spring of 1919, a fire swept the town, destroying the stores between Rusk and Marston Streets. Before the ashes of the fire had cooled, permits were being granted for the erection of permanent fire-proof buildings now on Main Street. On June 1, 1919, the Ranger Times sent out its first issue. It was Ranger's first daily newspaper. **RANGER OF YESTERDAY.** Ranger was building and growing, with a population of about 30,000. Building permits were higher than Dallas' or Houston's. Fate conspired to make every circumstance contribute to the fashioning of an epic at Ranger. No detail was missing to make the oil town the scene of the biggest boom in history. In the Ranger area in 1919, oil production reached a volume estimated at \$200,000,000 and an excess of \$100,000,000 was produced the year following. Hundreds of derricks spread out over the area, gas flares lighted up the scene by night, crowds jammed the main streets. Real estate became as valuable as a rich oil lease. The world came to the Ranger field—James E. Ferguson, governor; John Ringling, circus owner; former President William H. Taft; Billy Sunday, famous evangelist; and General Obregon of Mexico. In one day, 16 States and two foreign countries were represented on a hotel register. By 1921, the town was assuming an air of permanency. Out of the business and bank failures of that year, a new and determined Ranger emerged. But the oil impetus given by Ranger created a surplus which drove crude-oil prices

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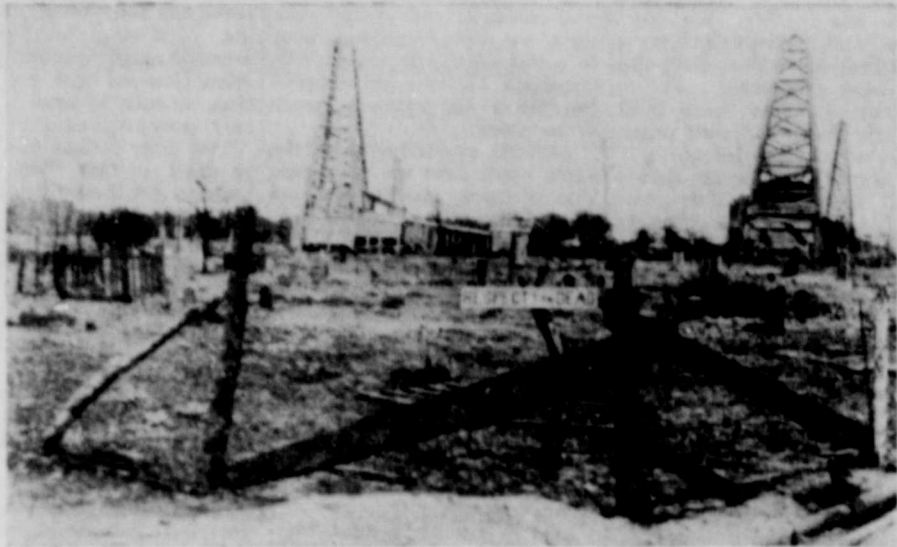
In the early days, a troop of Texas Rangers camped on the frontier and a town started. When the Texas & Pacific Railroad was built westward, the settlement of Ranger moved a mile or two to be on the railroad. It grew slowly until it had perhaps 800 inhabitants.

Over at Tharber, 16 miles from the Texas & Pacific Coal Company (later the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company) had built a city. W. K. Gordon, its superintendent, was in the region. His first efforts were near Straw-

where gas and oil were found at a shallow depth.

Ranger was hard hit by one of the most severe sieges of dry weather in the memory of oldest settlers. A committee called on Gordon. The spokesman, John Gholson and another man, offered 30,000 acres of leases centering around Ranger if Gordon would drill.

A test was made by the Nannie Walker and was completely a failure, but there was no market for gas, another project was started on the John McCleskey farm. Contract depth was reached and there was no oil. A message came from the main office. "Think we have made a mistake; had better quit."



The Merriman Cemetery, for which the Baptist Church turned down a \$100,000 lease offer, prompted a poet to pen these lines: "All of oldtime knew the answer, when the chairman shook his head, Pointing past the men of millions at the city of the dead, 'Why disturb the weary tenants in yon narrow strip of sod? 'Tis not ours, but theirs the title rested by the will of God. We the Board have talked it over, pro and con without avail. We reject your hundred thousand—Merriman is not for sale.'" (Photo Courtesy TP Coal and Oil Co.)

But Gordon won permission to continue through no casing was run to save expenses. One afternoon there was a roar and oil shot half the way up the derrick. The producer was brought under control and ravines were dammed up for storage.

Then Frank Champion, the driller of the discover who lives at the Gholson Hotel in Ranger, walked into Ranger, a mile away to report by long distance to the contractor.

At the sight of his oil-spattered clothes, natives fire questions. A veteran of many fields, Champion calmly replied "The McCleskey is a well."

On that October day in 1917, the Ranger rocket went off. Major companies and shoe-stringers vied for leases. The Nannie Walker, almost forgotten for being a gasser, blew in as an oil well. Producer after producer was drilled. Evangelist Billy Sunday came to see if the excitement was as great as he had heard. And he declared it was.

Wells were drilled on the Merriman Baptist Church grounds but the congregation

refused \$100,000 for a lease on the cemetery.

A young farmer in the Navy had so many wells drilled on his land he was called the "millionaire gob."

John McCleskey, on whose farm the first producer was drilled was a thrifty, hard-working farmer and new riches did not change his habits. He built a large brick hotel, helping to mix the mortar himself. The McCleskeys became the scene of frenzied trading and innumerable deals were made.

But McCleskey did not live to see it. He died of typhoid fever.

The United States and its Allies were waging a war and were threatened with critical shortage of oil. And then came the news of a new oil discovery in Texas. An abundant supply was assured and as Lord Curzon declared later, "The Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil."

All roads led to Ranger. Tex Rickard, the fight promoter drilled a number of wells. Rex Beach came to gather material for a novel, "Flowing Gold." Former President William H. Taft, on a lecture tour, was a visitor.

With nearby camps, Ranger claimed a population of 36,000.

Murders were frequent and arrests were few. Finally the city judge fined a man \$75 for murder. A former Texas Ranger, Byron Parrish, was drafted as police chief and order came to Ranger.

The producing area spread 10 miles west to Eastland, the county seat, and it was changed to a town of 10,000.

Mule skimmers were so numerous that a haven for teamsters came into being a few miles north of Eastland—Skinner's Rest. Located at an intersection, it had a large cafe and plenty of wood, water and space for camping. At night as many as 200 teamsters encamped there.

John Ringling, the circus king, built a railroad through Eastland. C. U. Connelley, who had surveyed the town built the Connelley, then the largest theater between Fort Worth and El Paso.

In a single week, Eastland's building permits were \$420,000. That same week, Dallas permits amounted to \$136,000 and Houston's were \$53,000. Cisco, 10 miles west of East-

THINGS FEW PEOPLE KNOW

When the state capitol of Texas was built and at the time of its completion, it was the 7th largest building in the world. And even at this time it is said to be the 10th largest on earth, and the largest state capitol in the United

States. A railroad 75 miles long was required to be built in order to haul 15,000 car loads of granite from Burnet to Austin to construct the building.

It is 528 feet long, 290 feet wide, has 390 rooms, 924 windows, 404 doors and 18 vaults for keeping records.

It covers three acres of land and the dome is 311 feet high, seven feet higher than the dome of the national capitol in Washington, D. C.

When the State of Texas advertised for someone to con-

struct the building, they offered 3,000,000 acres of land with a possible value of 50c per acre and the Farwell Brothers of Chicago, capitalists, accepted the offer. However, the building when finished cost \$3,300,000.

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., has a new Hall of Petroleum featuring more than 100 artifacts, models and other exhibits that trace the growth of the oil industry, according to PETROLEUM TODAY.

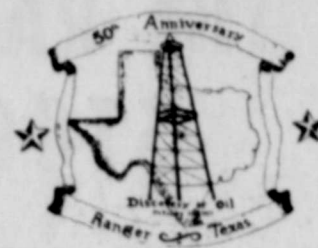
The use of petroleum asphalt and asphaltic products has increased from about 7 1/2 million tons in 1946 to well over 26 million tons in 1966, PETROLEUM TODAY reports.

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By Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney

Eastland County was created Feb. 1, 1858, by the 7th legislature of the State of Texas.

There were 99 inhabitants in Eastland County in 1860, after the county was organized in 1857. The census of 1880 shows 4,855 people in the county. It was named in honor of Captain William Eastland, who was one of the members of the ill-fated Mier Expedition. He drew the black bean at Rancho Salado, Mexico, and with some others, was lined up in front of a stone wall and shot.

Merriman was the first County Seat and W. F. Hale was the first Justice of the Peace.

Land grants in West Texas were given to people who came over the Texas Revolution in 1835 and before October 1837. A married man received 1,280 acres; a single man received 640 acres.

A typical pioneer home was a two-roomed log house with one window and a dirt or rawhide board floor. The one door was hung with raw-hide straps for hinges. The open fireplace was the cook-stove as well as the heating unit. People brought their fire with them, keeping live coals in the iron fire pot, which hung under the wagon. Fences were made of split rails.

Furniture was conspicuous for its absence. Beds had straw mattresses or feather beds. Slat were raw-hide strips, or a solid skin which was sometimes stretched.

The food was wholesome and consisted mostly of meat, milk and butter, bread and vegetables in season. A grist mill converted cane into home made molasses, which could be used for both syrup and sweetening foods. Fruits and meats were dried; the dried beef and venison were in the trees for safe keeping. What ready to be used, it was soaked in warm water and then fried. Tanned deer hides sold for \$1 each at Stephenville.

was set. The wooden saddle frame was put together with pins rather than nails, and was covered with green rawhide. (Green rawhide was made by soaking a skin in the creek until the hair would slip off. It was stretched while still wet and as the skin dried, it stretched.)

EARLY BUSINESS PLACES

With the extension of the Texas & Pacific Railroad through Ranger on Oct. 15, 1880, many families had already come for the construction work through the canyon between Strawn and Ranger. There was much grading and filling to be done to construct a bridge known as the "High Tressel." It was 89 feet high and including its 565 ties and two approaches, was 580 feet long. The wooden bridge with its spliced wooden piling and underpinning was constantly guarded. (Railroad pay ranged from \$1.15 - \$1.50 per day.)

The little frame depot, which stood on the east side of the present tracks and opposite the freight depot, burned on the night of Sept. 4, 1907.

After the railroad was completed, houses mushroomed into existence. The tent town was no more. Business houses were erected, homes were built and the little town whose former population ranged between 200 and 300 souls took on a real business-like way.

The railroad company was a large part of William Blundell Survey, and offered lots for sale. William (Bill) Hen-

ry Blankenship, who came from Alabama in 1855 to Ranger, said there were four Mercantile stores when he arrived: Peck & Rawls, G. W. Whittington, George Bohning, and Jim M. and Frank Davis. Soon other stores were opened, including a General Mercantile Store owned by A. J. Polium, another by Willis Cox and the Watson-McDowell Mercantile Store (Shell McDowell's parents). C. R. Riddle had the first Lumber Yard in Ranger, being located on the former location of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. There were also four hotels: Martin's Hotel and Livery Stable on Main Street, Griffith Hotel, John Bryant's Hotel and Milligan's Hotel.

Through the faith and perseverance of the early families of Ranger, (See story on early families on this page) it grew from a tent town to a creditable business center. These pioneers were possessed of a patriotism as well as courage. In that, there is a sort of inspiration almost more than human.

When the mind is attached to a great object, it grows to the magnitude of its undertaking. These true Americans whose heart and honor and the future of the country, seemed to have had an uplifting and divine inspiration that of the rank and file. They were indifferent toward common occurrences. Their personal wishes and desires dwindled into nothing when compared with their high sense of duty and honor. In all the vicissitudes of fortune, with divine guidance, these men and women came through the reverses with honor. Wise people in the older states were enjoying nicer comforts of life, the pioneers were thankful and reverent to God for life. With the approach of tempests and battles their bosom proudly swelled against the rage that assailed it. As can be seen, these men and women were not filled with selfish ambitions, for that seed always leads to self-destruction and an ignominious end. No matter which way the winds of turmoil might blow, they were not weak and vacillating. The race against all adversities was gloriously won.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reuwer spent last weekend in Waco where they attended final rites for a brother of Mr. Reuwer.

More Eastland Office Space Sought For DPS Headquarters

The State is advertising, asking bids for lease of expanding office space for the Department of Public Safety in Eastland.

Approximately 1,648 square feet is being sought, with adequate on-site parking being listed among other specifications, for the lease which is to be for Jan. 1 through Aug. 31, 1971. Bids are to be in the State Board of Control office, Austin, by Nov. 1.

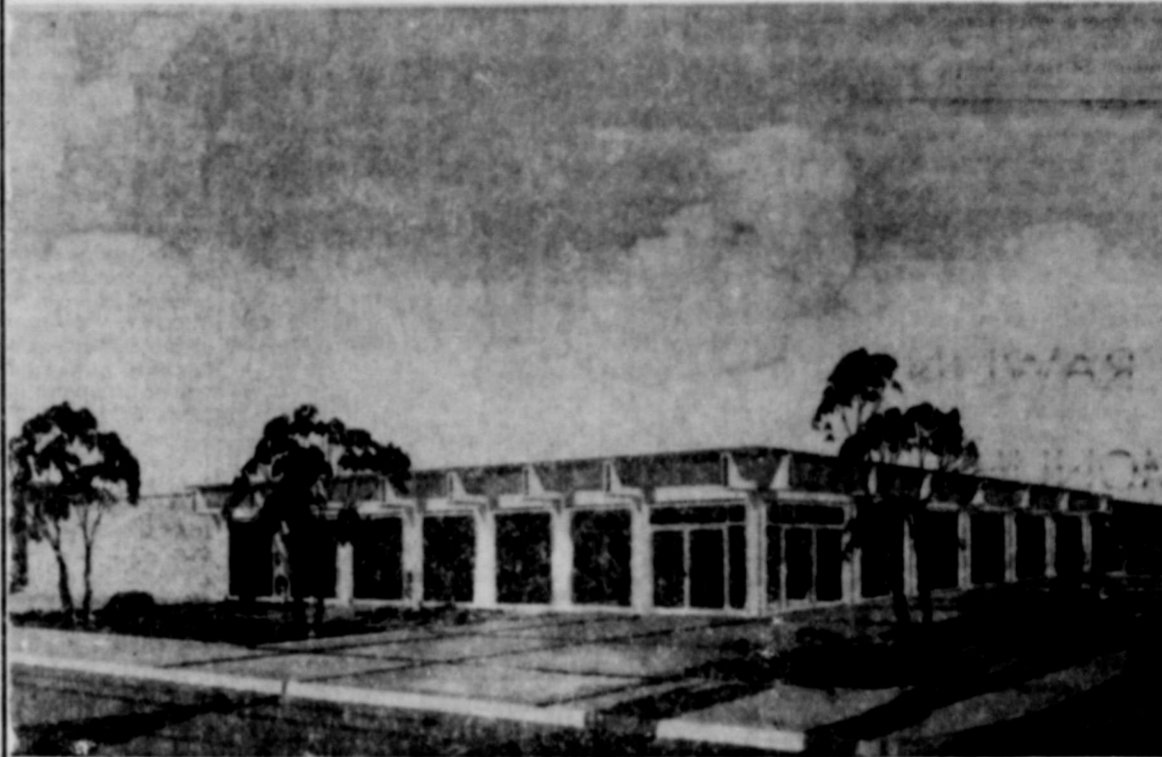
Sgt. Roger Sosebee reports that the expanded space will be to include facilities for a full-time drivers license clerk,

a new requirement under the new law which goes into effect Jan. 1. The other DPS branches, including the Inspection Division here and the Sgt.'s office, both now located in the Courthouse, adjoining the Sheriff's Office, will be moved to the new location, centralizing the DPS Operations for the county, in Eastland.

A special License man will report here in December, Sgt. Sosebee, to be in charge of that new section at the beginning of the year.

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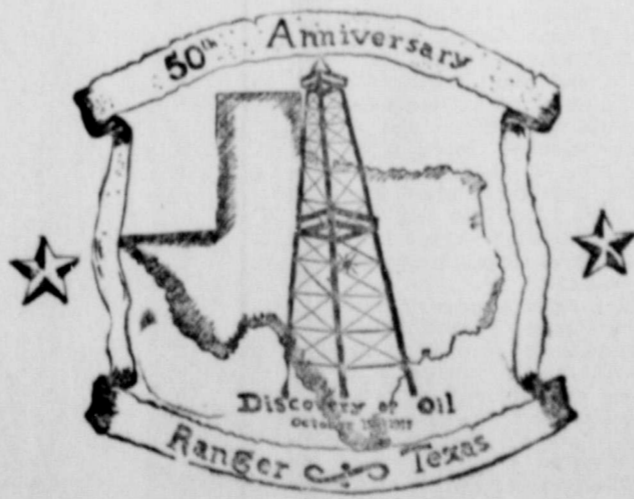


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Driller of Ranger Trail-Blazer Views Event With No Sentiment

Frank Champion drilled the Ranger discovery well that touched off one of the greatest booms in petroleum history.

Does he feel like a history-maker? Is he sentimental about it? Not a bit. It was another job when he drilled it. And he thinks very little about it today.

Champion, now an alert 88-year-old, has been living at the Gholson Hotel in Ranger for the last 12 years, playing dominoes or a game of cards with cronies and resisting efforts of his three children to move to Houston. Scattered royalties afford him a living.

Champion is a native of Corsicana and was an oil field veteran before going to Ranger. He had drilled wells in Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and California before coming back to Texas.

When he went to Ranger he was working for Warren Wagner, a drilling contractor employed by Texas & Pacific Coal Company, Fort Worth to put down the project on the John McCleskey farm.

The McCleskey well came in Oct. 19, 1917, from 3,428 feet with an initial projection of 1,600 barrels of oil and 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily. It was abandoned May 30, 1930, after producing 275,007 barrels.

It was a Saturday afternoon, Champion recalls when the well blew in. It had been making gas most of the morning and "about 2 to 2:30 p. m." flew half way up into the derrick. Champion and the crew brought it under control. Then Champion walked to town to announce the news. He was driven back in a hurry, to the well by a Mr. Gholson and Mr. Morman in a pickup truck. A day or



FRANK CHAMPION of Ranger, retired driller, stands by marker at site of the McCleskey No. 1 which blew in back in 1917 to explode the fabulous Ranger oil boom.

two later, Mr. Champion was given a new automobile for bringing in the well.

Champion left Wagner's employ the following January and then worked for Prairie Oil & Gas Company 12 years. Then picking up some production of his own at Ranger and Laredo.

"Then the depression caught me and ruined me," he said.

Go west out of Ranger on a paved farm-to-market road paralleling the railroad tracks. About two miles out there is a locked gate. Climb through it and stumble on for a half-mile of rough country. When the well was drilled there was a wheat field. But mesquite and prickly pear have taken it back.

On top of a slope is the site of the discovery well. Only there is nothing to see, a few rusty nails, and slab or two of rotting lumber. Nearby is a concrete marker. The brass plate has been stolen long ago.

Champion visited the site recently. It was the first time he had been near the place since Jan. 6, 1918.

Didn't he have a yen to go back to the place where history was made?

"Naw. It was just a job just one of those things."

Mrs. W. C. Sanders and sons, Phil and Steve, were weekend guests of relatives in Corsicana.

Recent guests in the home of Mrs. W. G. Pounds were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pounds of Monahans, Mrs. J. T. Belknap of Irving and Mrs. Jim Odum and son, Jimmy O. Denton.

L. H. Pounds and Fred Langford of Dallas were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ogden were in Huntsville Sunday to attend the performance of the Texas Prison Rodeo.

A Legal Document of Particular Significance

The State of Texas County of Eastland To the Hon. R. L. Ruft, County Judge of Eastland County:

We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that we are residents of the city of Ranger, in the county of Eastland, and that we are qualified voters under the laws of the State of Texas; that said city is situated in the county of Eastland, and if incorporated, shall be known as and by the name of the city of Ranger; that said city has more than nine thousand inhabitants, to wit; about ten thousand inhabitants.

That the boundaries of said city shall be as follows:

Beginning at the S. W. Corner of the original town of Ranger, Eastland County Texas; Thence S. 62.30 E. 1395 feet to the center of the main line track of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company where the same intersects the south boundary line of the town of Ranger; Thence S. 27.30 W. 362 feet to the point of a 0° 45' curve to the left; Thence with said curve 437 feet to the point of a tangent; Then S. 24° 0' W. 2447 feet to the point of a curve 1° 0' to S. 31° 30' W. 4326.5 feet to a bolt driven in ground in the center of the main line tracks of the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., this point being in all 2896 feet from the south boundary line of the town of Ranger, Texas, the same being witnessed by an iron bolt driven in the ground 150 feet east and one driven in the ground and 150 feet west, and being the place of beginning of this survey; Thence West 225 varas to the West line of the Wm. Freels survey; Thence North on the West Line of the Wm. Freels survey about 1460 varas to the northwest corner of the Wm. Freels survey; Thence East with the line between the Mark Haley and Freels surveys to the corner of the lands of McCleskey and W. R. Hodges heirs, about 50 varas, Thence North on the dividing line of the McCleskey and Hodges, through the Mark Haley survey about 700 varas; Thence continuing on said line West about 100 varas; Thence continuing said line North about 880 varas to the Eastland Road; Thence continuing said line North about 730 varas on the West line of W. Rice land in the Mark Haley survey to a point on the South boundary line of the BBB & CRR Co. survey; Thence West with said Railroad company's south line about 140 varas to the south corner of same; Thence North along the west boundary line of the BBB & CRR line survey about 1150 varas; Thence East through the lands of the BBB & CRR Co.'s survey and Standifer survey to the Northline of the W. J. Smith survey; Thence continuing East with the North line of the W. J. Smith survey and

the north line of a 45 vara strip sold by W. A. Glenn to M. H. Hagaman, said strip runs the full length of the Z. C. Collier and lays on the north side of the same, in all about 5050 varas to a point on said line which would be intersected by the dividing line between Hodges and McCleskey, Gholson and Davis, Sudderth and Handry, if produced north; Thence South along the said named line through the 45 varas to the north line of the Jesse Bledsoe survey; Thence West said Bledsoe survey; Thence West with said Bledsoe north line, about 1300 varas to the northwest corner of said Bledsoe survey; Thence south with the west line of the Bledsoe survey about 1450 varas to a line which would intersect the west line of the Jesse Bledsoe survey if produced east across R. P. Marquis land from the southwest, east and west line of Mrs. M. A. Ames land; Thence West 1100 varas, crossing R. P. Marquis land and along Mrs. M. A. Ames south boundary line to Jack Phillips land; Thence through Jack Phillips and W. A. Huffman land in a southwesterly direction about 1250 varas to J. M. Shook's southeast corner; Thence West along J.M. Shook's south line and through the Lee Williams land about 1000 varas to the place of beginning, containing about 6.55 square miles.

Accompanying this position is a plot of the proposed territory included in said boundaries, and there is no territory within said boundaries which is not intended to be used strictly for city purposes. The area within said boundaries does not exceed nine (9) square miles.

Dated this the 7 day of January A. D. 1919.

- J. E. Temple Peters
- G. Budwald
- R. L. Faircloth
- W. C. Davis
- J. C. Russell
- Jno. A. Davenport
- Chas. A. Bobo
- C. L. Williams
- R. C. Patterson
- G. C. Phillips

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purl Hunt were her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Afill and Mrs. Afill's father, A. A. Nipper, all of Lubbock.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw were Mr. and Mrs. Tross Rexroat of Fort Worth and Clarence Collins and Eugene Proctor of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gay of Dallas and Mrs. Ralph Gay and children, Renee and Al, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxwell and Linda Rae and Vicki Lynn Summers visited Six Flags Over Texas during the weekend.

Mrs. Ruby Springer has returned from a visit with a long-time friend, Mrs. Ann Hodges of Mt. Pleasant. While there she enjoyed a three-day tour of East Texas, Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma.

Weekend guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Watkins were their daughters, Mrs. Victor Criswell and Miss Jan Watkins of Waco.

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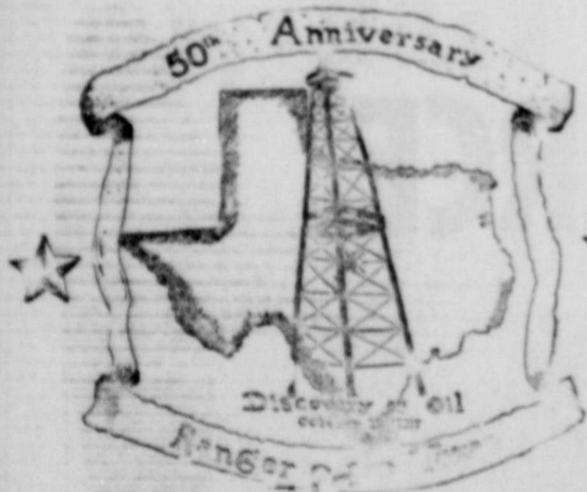
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Ranger Junior College Experiencing Prosperity

"Life Begins at 40" may well be the motto of Ranger Junior College in Ranger. Now in its 41st year, the college — like the city of Ranger — is experiencing its greatest period of growth and prosperity.

The college officially opened its doors on Sept. 13, 1926, when a total of 30 students enrolled for classes on the top floor of the Ranger High School building.

The college was founded on the wake of the great oil boom which had brought overnight prosperity and fame to the small city of Ranger. But booms seem to be dogged by busts, and by 1926, the citizens of Ranger realized something more solid than chance for their sons and daughters to prepare them for the future. Thus the college had its beginnings on money raised, symbolically, from the sale of some no-longer-needed drilling equipment.

The first 40 years of the college's life were not easy. But despite what seemed at times to be insurmountable difficulties, the college continued to exist and to grow slowly.

Today with a student body of 416 and a campus of its own, Ranger Junior College is truly beginning to live.

No longer confined to the upper floor of the high school, the college is now housed in a dozen modern buildings scattered across a 40-acre campus on the western edge of the city.

Six dormitories house the student body — most of which lives "on campus." Four of the dormitories are on the campus proper, but two of them are in downtown Ranger in once-famous hotels that now house the area's hopes for the future.

A 30-member faculty offers the student body an education scholastically equal to any in the state.

Modern science laboratories and the latest in teaching devices assist the instructors and students in their search for enlightenment and knowledge.

Football, basketball, baseball, and track, as well as a strong intermural program, provide the students with physical as well as mental exercise. The RJC basketball team captured both conference and regional championships last year.

Extra-curricula activities are not neglected at Ranger Junior College. Volunteer staffs publish the bi-weekly newspaper and put out the college yearbook. Weekly dances give students an opportunity to get together.

Both the BSU and the MSM are active on campus. Phi Kappa Theta and Phi Beta Lambda both have brunches on the campus. The RJC Rodeo Club is one of the largest campus riding clubs in the state.

It has been a hard uphill struggle for the college and for the town. But the hill is less steep now. The future is bright, and Ranger Junior College is convinced that life does begin at 40.

Witnesses Will Attend Meeting

Plans are being completed by Eastland Jehovah's Witnesses to attend the "Walking Orderly by Spirit" semi-annual circuit assembly to be held in Abilene at the exhibit buildings of West Texas Fair Grounds Oct. 27-29, according to Eugene Sipe.

The local group will join more than 500 delegates from the central part of Texas at the circuit assembly. Principal speaker will be L. M. Dubois, district supervisor for Jehovah's Witnesses. He will deliver the main address Sunday on the topic "Will God Intervene in Men's Affairs?"

Regular meetings for the local congregation will be suspended during the convention since a majority of the group will be in Abilene, Mr. Sipe added.

Mrs. Lillie Howe and Glenda Jean Kirkpatrick of Stamford were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Waddington and Mrs. Lotti Daventport.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO RANGER



JONES ENCO STATION

HIGHWAY 80 Ranger, Texas



W. K. GORDON
"Father of the Ranger Field"
(Photo Courtesy TP Coal and Oil Co.)

Ranger Had Partner In Development of Oil Boom

Ranger might never have claimed its place in American history had it not been for the vision and conviction of W. K. Gordon, "Father of the Ranger Field."

While serving as general manager of the Texas Pacific Coal Company in Thurber, Texas, Gordon became convinced of the area's petroleum potential. Despite the adverse re-

ports of several respected geologists, TP's founder and president E. L. Marston allowed Gordon to buy 30,000 acres of West Texas leases and begin a wildcat well. When the well failed to find oil at the expected level, Marston advised Gordon to give up the test, which by then had cost the company \$100,000. But Gordon, offering to personally underwrite the project, persuaded Marston to go a little deeper. The result was the McClesky no. 1 the gusher that ushered in the Ranger boom.

Capitalized at \$3,000,000 before the discovery, the company's holdings were estimated as high as \$300,000,000 at the crest of the boom.

The company -- now Texas Pacific Oil Company -- is today one of the largest in the petroleum industry, with production interests as far away as Alberta, Canada, and offshore California.

Don't bet your credit card on the electric car's replacing the gasoline-powered engine. PETROLEUM TODAY says,

Research scientists estimate it will probably be another 40 years before a practical electric car is in mass production. By then, emissions from the gasoline-powered engine will have long since been controlled, and the electric car will have to offer virtues other than cleanliness.

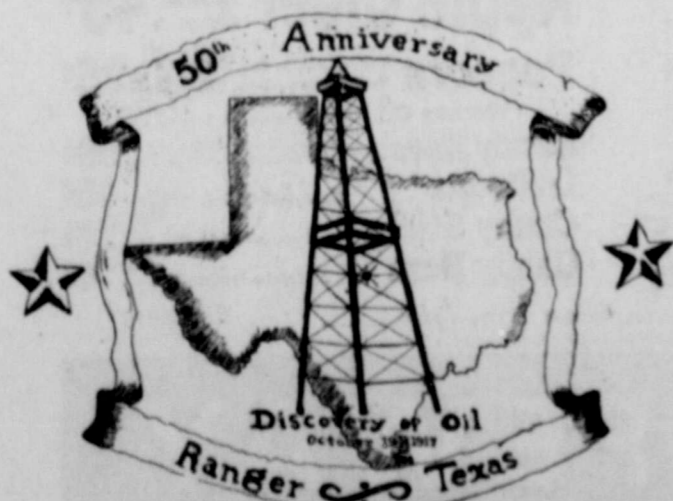
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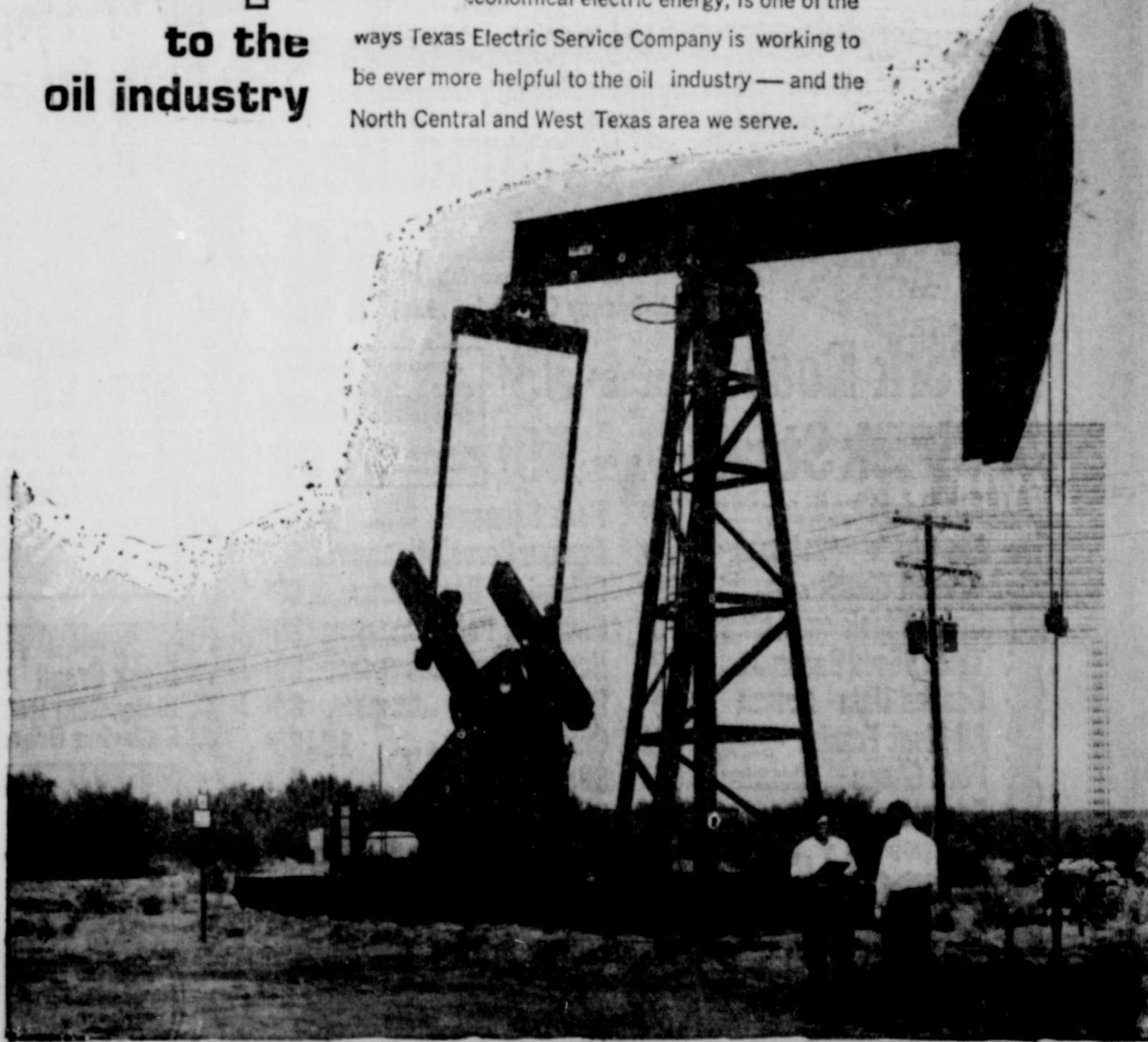
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KWTX—Channel 10 & KBTX—Channel 3... Waco/Bryan	10:30-11:00 PM
KAUZ—Channel 6... Wichita Falls	5:00-5:30 PM
KTBC—Channel 7... Austin	12:00-12:30 PM
KWAB—Channel 4... Big Spring	12:00-12:30 PM
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Ground Chuck Lean Beef, Freshly Ground—Lb.	69¢
Swiss Steak Arm Cut, USDA Choice Heavy Beef—Lb.	79¢
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