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—Staff Photo by Johnny Virden

A student cuts through the abandoned Belmont Apartments against the advice of the school principal.

Basin's history chronicled

Today's edition of The Reporter-Telegram pays tribute to the 200th birthday of the United States and, in particular, the rich and colorful history of the Permian Basin.

A special 198-page Bicentennial Edition is packed with pictures and stories recalling the early days of the region's development, pioneer families, churches and other institutions.

Stories are included on the early history of the oil industry in the nation, Texas and Permian Basin area, featuring color pictures of early-day drilling operations.

The Bicentennial Edition was prepared under the supervision of The Reporter-Telegram's special projects editor, Joe Salman who wrote many of the stories himself.

A limited number of bound copies of the 96-page Bicentennial-Historcal Sections will be available at the newspaper office for those who will want to preserve the vast store of information. Price of the bound copies is $3.

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City may take steps to raze apartments

By LUANNA CROW

Fragments of broken glass cover the ground, glittering in the sunlight.

Exteriors of once-attractive apartments wear only sparse patches of peeling paint. Doors are ripped off hinges, holes are smashed through walls and weeds grow waist-high.

It is the sight of an attempted rape and scores of fires. Rattlesnakes, rats and chickens have been discovered in the houses where people once lived.

Sewer lines often break and overflow. Waste left by chickens, dogs and even humans is apparent, some even in the three apartments inhabited by poverty-ridden tenants.

The Belmont, or "Lafayette" Apartments as they are called by the manager, are located one block from Edison Freshman School where close to 700 students attend classes.

The apartments, abandoned since the mid-1960s, have been described by city and school officials as "a filthy mess," "a hazard," "a disgrace to the community" and a "potential trouble area" for crime.

Dr. James H. Mailey, superintendent of the Midland public schools, describes it as "the sort of place where these horrible things you read about in the newspaper happen."

City and school officials want the area razed or sold to someone who will renovate it. But the property deed apparently ran amuck years ago during a real estate transaction. The fate of that land is uncertain because no one, with the possible exception of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has clear title to it.

After months of seeking assistance from the federal government, the city — with the blessing of the Midland public school system which shares the tax office — may take steps to raze the property anyway.

City Manager James Brown said he will ask the City Council's approval during their Tuesday meeting to advertise for bids to raze the four blocks of Belmont Apartments as well as the neighboring Columbia Apartments.

Both were "struck off" at a sheriff's sale more than two years ago for delinquent ad valorem taxes, thereby returning to the city. Both properties had been owned by Montreal Securities Corp. of New York.

Gilbert C. Tompson, 12-year member of the board of trustees for the Midland public schools, said the matter has "very definitely been a concern of the board for several years. We brought it up several times in our board meetings, and I think we would be negligent in not bringing it to the attention of the community and the authorities."

City officials have had authority to raze the property since last June, but the operation is a costly one. Brown said an estimate two years ago totaled $37,000. Officials, therefore, had hoped to sell the property so the "clean-up" costs would be borne by the purchaser.

However, the property, which was developed during a building boom in the 1950's, is an unlikely prospect for a sale because of the cloudy title.

City attorneys feel the title is in HUD's hands, the result of a default by the original owners. After the default, the property was conveyed to Montreal Securities which failed to register a deed in the Midland County Courthouse, although the corporation did render the property for ad valorem taxes.

Brown said Montreal did pay some taxes from 1965 to 1967 but then became delinquent. The sheriff's sale in June 1973 resulted after $41,082.52 in back taxes accumulated. The discrepancy in the title was discovered just last June, the end of a mandatory two-year waiting period in cases of foreclosure.

The city manager said he decided to ask the City Council for permission to advertise for bids because he is "tired of horsing with them (HUD)" in an effort to obtain clear title.

Commenting on the possible action of the City Council, Mailey said, "That's great. That's the kind of thing the board has been wanting."

R. L. Williams, Edison principal, said, "I would give anything in the world if that were cleared off."

Although students are cautioned against cutting through the area, many ignore the advice and Williams fears for their safety.

"It's a famous hangout for kids when they want to skip school," he added, noting that evidence of liquor and glue-sniffing can be found in some of the nearby abandoned apartments. Some are "furnished" with mattresses and old couches where truant students may spend the day reading magazines and smoking cigarettes.

The principal said it is almost impossible to apprehend students hiding in that area because there are so many places to hide. His biggest concern, however, is that someday a student may fall asleep and be burned to death in one of the hideaways or be beaten by a "wino" for small change.

Fire department records show a rash of fires in that area since it was abandoned. Records also show several letters written by Midland Fire Marshal W. L. Tarver in an ef-

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Fair and warmer through Monday. High today low 60s. Low tonight low 30s. High Monday upper 60s.

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New branch office ok'd

An application filed last October by Citizens Savings & Loan Association to open a branch office in downtown Midland has gained the approval of the Texas Savings & Loan Department.

Ray Moudy, president of the Midland firm, said Saturday he had been advised by Commissioner W. Sale Lewis that the application had been approved.

The new office will be located in Suite 101, 210 W. Texas St., at the intersection of Texas and Colorado streets (Petroleum Building).

It will be the association's second branch office, the first having been opened on Dec. 16, 1974, at 19 Oak Ridge Square.

Citizens Savings occupied its new main office building, 1100 Andrews Highway, last April 14. The firm was organized in 1960.

Moudy said the new branch office is expected to open in approximately 60 days. He said it will offer the same general services offered by the main office and the other branch office.

Icy winds stir clouds of dust

Drying cold settled in over Texas Saturday following a day and night of howling winds and sudden thunderstorms.

Near or below freezing temperatures were forecast for much of the state north of San Antonio by dawn today.

The frontal system which raced through the state Friday and Saturday sent clouds boiling high over West Texas, obscuring the sun, the Associated Press reported.

Fires which broke out at cotton gins in Paducah and Big Spring worked misery for fireman as they battled to keep wind-borne sparks and cinders from creating yet more fires.

The dust stirred up by 40-45 m.p.h. winds Saturday afternoon in Midland and surrounding areas are expected to die down today, according to the National Weather Service.

Chilly temperatures and visibility of only one and one-half miles dominated Midland's weather picture Saturday, but skies should clear and temperatures rise somewhat today and Monday.

Similar conditions existed in Midland on Jan. 31, when winds gusted up to 55 m.p.h. and dust partially obscured the sky from 1 a.m. to 9 a.m. The hanging dust lasted all day, a condition not seen since early last spring, the weather service reported.

However, several long-time residents in Midland said it had been

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Ford, Reagan collide in Tuesday's primary

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — President Ford and Ronald Reagan collide Tuesday in a leadoff presidential primary election so closely contested that both sides are hedging the bet by claiming that defeat would not be a major setback in the race for the White House.

Reagan campaigned in Manchester Saturday, seeking to counter Ford's criticism of his views on Social Security. "It makes me very angry that for political purposes anyone would confuse the people dependent on Social Security and try to frighten them into believing that someone is running around the country threatening their livlihood," he said at a home for the aged.

"I'm not going to do some of the wild things that have been said about me," he added at another senior citizens center.

While New Hampshire Republicans choose between the appointed incumbent and his conservative challenger, Democrats will assign ranks to a platoon of White House candidates.

Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona and Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana are rated the likely Democratic leaders in the Tuesday balloting.

For the Democrats, the medium was the handshake, on main street and shopping center tours, then a joint candidate appearance Saturday night in Manchester.

Reagan strategists acknowledged

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Six arrested in bomb raid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — FBI agents and police arrested six persons Saturday in a raid on a bomb factory apparently operated by two elusive terrorist groups, the FBI said.

In Washington, the FBI said that agents seized more than 130 pounds of explosives, other weapons and radical literature.

Authorities said the two groups mentioned in the literature found in the house where the arrests were made were the New World Liberation Front and the Emiliana Zapata Unit. Authorities said these groups have claimed responsibility for numerous bombing in the San Francisco Bay area during the past 1½ years.

Fun A'Fair to climax celebration

Midland's American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has a great Fourth of July weekend planned for the nationwide observance of the United States' 200th birthday.

Joe Dominey, chairman of Midland's Bicentennial board of directors, said the feature of the weekend will be a Fun A'Fair, complete with a carnival, games from long ago, exhibit booths, entertainment and food and street dancing.

Dominey said the Fun A'Fair will be held from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. July 3, with dancing to continue until midnight.

The Fun A'Fair is under the general chairmanship of Harry Clark.

Dominey said streets in the neighborhood of the Midland County Courthouse will be blocked off for booths and other fair activities. Plans include the use of the veranda of the courthouse and the courthouse's parking areas.

"We haven't selected the site for the carnival, but it will be in a downtown area close to the courthouse," Dominey said.

The carnival will be set up July 2 and will continue through July 5.

Day-long entertaiment July 3 will include local talent as well as professional groups. Competition for those who wish to enter will include a watermelon eating contest, a tug of war, horseshoe pitching and other contests that were favorites during the old days of county fairs, Dominey said.

Clark said organizations already are asking for booth space and a chance to entertain.

"Any group wanting to participate is urged to apply for a booth or space to sponsor any activity or service by contacting the Bicentennial office," Clark said.

Dominey said that July Fourth is being reserved for religious activities, family outings in city parks and other events to be announced at a later date.

The four-day weekend, July 2-5, will be climaxed by a gigantic celebration at Cubs Stadium sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis Club the evening of July 5.

"This event will include music, patriotic speaches and a fantastic fireworks display." Dominey said.

Dominey said the fireworks display, co-sponsored with the

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Chinese welcome Nixon

By SAUL PETT

PEKING (AP) — Richard Nixon returned to the capital of Communist China on Saturday, to the welcome of an alien government that still honors him, to the scene of a personal triumph history does not deny him, even in disgrace.

A continuing study in irony, the former president flew halfway around the world to make his first appearance on the world stage since leaving the White House 18 months ago.

And here in China, he heard what he has seldom heard in the past year and a half — praise. Hua Kuo-feng, acting premier of the People's Republic, lauded him for his "courageous action" in coming to China four years ago to the day.

It was on Feb. 21, 1972, that Nixon journeyed here as president, four months before the break-in at a place called Watergate, some eight months before winning the greatest electoral plurality in U.S. history.

It was then that he began the process that parted the curtain of mutual hostility between the United States and Red China, a move which a younger Richard Nixon, on the way up, had helped endure.

Saturday night the Chinese saw a grayer, heavier, slower Nixon emerge from the plane with the former first lady, Pat Nixon. He appeared to walk a bit unsteadily, perhaps as a result of the 17-hour flight or the phlebitis in his leg or the weight of dishonor.

He smiled, he waved, but with less exuberance than he used to show his countrymen.

Late this morning, the Nixons are scheduled to meet with the widow of Premier Chou En-lai, and in the afternoon Nixon is to hold talks with Hua, the former security minister who was the surprise choice on Feb. 9 to succeed Chou.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, on a Latin-American tour, told a news conference in Brazil Saturday that Nixon will brief the Ford administration on his trip, particularly his talks with Hua. The White House, which has stressed the private nature of Nixon's trip, had previously indicated it would get no report.

The Nixons arrived in Peking on a Chinese jet in a party that totaled 22, including two aides, a medical corpsman, two communications technicians and 15 Secret Service agents. As president he had come here with a retinue of 300 officials, technicians and newsmen.

Saudi oil takeover plans set

DHARAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia and four major American oil companies have reached basic agreement on a 100 per cent Saudi takeover of the Arabian American Oil Co. (ARAMCO), the world's largest oil-producing company.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani told The Associated Press in an interview that although there were still a few minor points to be worked out, it had been agreed that the takeover date would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1976.

The takeover date was confirmed here in another interview with the chairman of the board of ARAMCO, Frank Jungers, who is also the company's chief executive officer.

Jungers agreed that Jan. 1 "could well be the date." He added that the final agreement would also include a guarantee of prices and availability of Saudi oil for the four American companies as well as a cash value settlement. He declined to elaborate.

In addition to ARAMCO's producing oil fields, the takeover will include Ras Tanura, one of the world's four largest oil refineries with a capacity of 500,000 barrels a day, and ARAMCO's multimillion-dollar liquefied petroleum gas facilities.

The Saudi takeover follows the 100 per cent takeover last December of the Kuwait Oil Co. by the government in neighboring Kuwait. Kuwait Oil Co. was previously jointly owned by British Petroleum and Gulf Oil.

ARAMCO was previously totally owned by Standard Oil of California, Exxon, Texaco and Mobil. In 1973 as the Arab oil producing countries began flexing their growing political muscles, Saudi Arabia acquired 25 per cent of ARAMCO. A year later it raised its share to 60 per cent.

In discussing the takeover, Yamani said: "We need one meeting to finalize all pending issues. Then we will write the agreement in its final form."

William H. Holloway

Workshop scheduled

The president of the International Transactional Analysis Association, William H. Holloway, M. D., will be a Midland visitor in mid-March to conduct an experimental therapeutic Transactional Analysis workshop.

The March 13 and 14 workshop will be held at the Pastoral Counseling Center of Midland, 4301 Andrews Highway, and a March 1 deadline for registering is being announced.

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 13 and 9 a.m. to noon on March 14.

Dr. Holloway, who was recently elected to the presidency of the International Transactional Analysis Association, is an educator as well as a psychiatrist who co-founded and now is co-director of the Midwest Institute for Human Understanding at Medina, Ohio. He has been active in numerous professional organizations and societies and holds faculty appointments at three universities.

Additional details on the upcoming workshop and information on fees for it may be obtained by contacting Dr. Ray Bristol, executive director of the Pastoral Counseling Center. The center's telephone number is 697-2261.

U.S.-Brazil disputes unresolved

By KENNETH J. FREED

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — The United States formally promised to treat Brazil as a major power and ally Saturday, but officials of both governments made it clear they have serious disputes.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Francisco Azeredo da Silveira initialed a 10-point agreement outlining the new relationship.

On one level, the agreement recognized Brazil as a world power by calling for twice-a year consultations on global issues between the secretary of state and the foreign minister. This is the type of treatment the United States now extends to such powers as Japan.

On a narrower but still important level, the agreement sets up procedures to try and solve the potentially disruptive economic disputes that exist.

The accord was initialed just before Kissinger attended an all-star soccer game. The former schoolboy goalkeeper is an enthusiastic fan of Brazilian soccer and delayed his trip to Rio de Janeiro to see the game.

As a result of the secretary's talks with top officials at this inland capital, working groups were established to look into the dispute over special U.S. duties imposed on Brazilian products to offset government subsidies granted to win a place on the American market.

Special teams were also planned to seek common policies for energy development and on accelerating American technological assistance in Brazil's industrial development.

The rhetoric was flowery as the two leaders signed the agreement. Kissinger said it "has very great significance ... and an expression of confidence in the human spirit."

Azeredo da Silveira called it "an expression of determination to transfer dialogue to ... a more operative solution."

But it was plain that neither man, and particularly Azeredo da Silveira, sees a quick solution to the economic and trade problems.

The foreign minister made his reservations clear at a Friday news conference when he said failure to find a solution to Brazil's satisfaction will not be tolerated.

Baby beef grading decision due today

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham is expected to rule today on a temporary injunction sought by the Texas baby beef industry against imposition of new federal beef grading regulations scheduled to take effect Monday.

The newly-appointed judge worked through the weekend on the case after listening to arguments from both cattlemen and Department of Agriculture spokesmen.

The government plans to downgrade baby beef from a "good" classification to "standard" classification. The new regulations take effect Monday.

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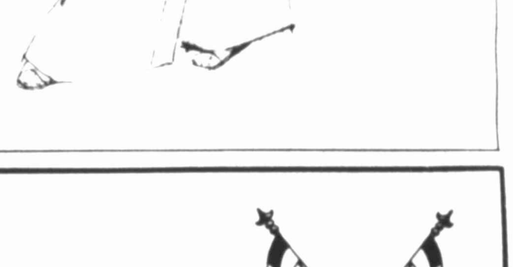

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Panel proposes Cab reshuffle

By JAY PERKINS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air fares on many major routes could be cut by 30 to 40 per cent and service to small cities improved if the federal government would relax its regulation of the nation's airlines, a Senate subcommittee concluded Saturday.

It recommended that Congress take immediate action to overhaul the Civil Aeronautics Board — the agency that regulates the airlines — and to give the airlines new freedom to raise and lower prices and to start and stop service.

However, the subcommittee said any change in regulation of the airlines should be made gradually in order to avoid mistakes and to give the airlines time to adjust to a more competitive world.

The report by the Democratic-dominated subcommittee gave new impetus to the Ford administration's drive to introduce new competitive pressures into the nation's transportation system.

President Ford told subcommittee chairman Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that the congressional report "clearly indicates the serious problems associated with the aviation regulatory system and the need for greater reliance on competitive market forces."

Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. said: "By restricting price competition and entry, the present regulatory system has deprived the traveling public of the benefits of lower cost air travel which is both economically and technically possible."

In its report the subcommittee said the CAB in the early 1970s adopted without public notice a "route freeze" in which it simply refused to process applications to implement new air service. At the same time, the board began encouraging existing airlines to consolidate their services so that fewer flights were competing against each other for passengers.

These actions had the effect of helping the airlines while harming consumers, the subcommittee said. It determined that the board's rate-setting policies — the procedures the agency uses in deciding if a proposed rate is fair and equitable — also was designed to keep things as they are and to discourage competition among airlines.

The subcommittee found that there was strong evidence that fares would be drastically lower if airlines were allowed to set their own rates for flying passengers from one point to another. It pointed to the sharply lower fares offered by airlines operating within Texas and California not regulated by the CAB as proof that interstate fares woud go down sharply if price competition were introduced.

SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND ELEMENTARY

Monday — No school.
Tuesday — No school.
Wednesday — Barbecue beef on bun, sweet relish, baked beans, fruit salad, peanut butter bar, milk.
Thursday — Beef pattie with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls with butter, orange pop-up, milk.
Friday — Submarine sandwich, fried onion chips, lettuce-tomato salad, banana pudding, milk.

MIDLAND SECONDARY

Monday — No school.
Tuesday — No school.
Wednesday — Barbecue been on bun, tuna noodle casserole, baked beans, buttered asparagus, Harvard beets, fruit salad, peanut butter bar, ice cream.
Thursday — Beef pattie with gravy, corn dog, mashed potatoes, green beans, orange pop-up, cole slaw, yellow cake.
Friday — Submarine sandwich, meat loaf, fried onion chips, corn, butter bake potato, lettuce-tomato salad, banana pudding, ice cream.
Hot bread and milk are included with each day's menu.

GREENWOOD

Monday — No school.
Tuesday — No school.
Wednesday — Ravioli, buttered English peas, tossed salad, cornbread, brownies, milk.
Thursday — Hot links, corn, combination salad, hot rolls, apricots, milk.
Friday — Hamburger, French fried potatoes, hamburger salad, ice cream, milk.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Monday — No school.
Tuesday — No school.
Wednesday — Barbecued weiners, creamed potatoes, green beans, dessert, drink.
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Losses in Big Spring fire estimated over $1 million

—Staff Photo by Charles McCain

Webb AFB fireman fights a fire Friday at West Texas Industries in Big Spring.

BIG SPRING — One of the largest fires in Big Spring's history swept through a 40-block area Friday, damaging three businesses and several homes, Big Spring Fire Marshal Howard Dodd said.

Dodd gave a rough estimate of loss to be $1¼ million with West Texas Industries, Broughton Truck and Implement Co. and Custom Ag Delinting Co. sustaining losses.

The fire started on the north end of town west of West Texas Industries, just off Interstate 20, Dodd said.

Fire units from Coahoma, Colorado City, Snyder, Lamesa, Borden County and Martin County assisted four units from Big Spring's fire department, Dodd said.

Broughton Truck and Implement Co. and West Texas Industries spokesmen could not be reached.

West Texas Industries suffered the greatest loss with a warehouse containing cotton seeds and approximately 500 bales of cotton, Dodd said.

McMahon Cement Co. loaded their trucks with water and sprayed houses in the area, which is more residential than industrial, Bob McClure of Custom Ag Delinting Co. said.

McClure and Dodd estimated the number of volunteers to be 200, not including people who got out and hosed down their own houses.

"One house roof and a few others were slightly burned, but not seriously damaged," Dodd said.

McClure reported farmers in the area brought 15 to 20 herbacide sprayers to wet down houses, bales of cotton and cotton trailers.

It was McClure who turned in the first alarm to the fire department at 1:40 p.m. Friday, he said.

"They were tearing down a building and were burning the rubbish when it got into the grass. There was no way with two big pump trucks that they could control it," McClure stated.

Sparks from the rubbish fire spread to the grass and it ran wild after that, he said.

"We suffered minor losses with our real loss being shut-down time, a tractor and some tires. Smoke damage was pretty bad," McClure added.

The winds were blowing from the west 40 to 45 miles an hour, Dodd said. "When it hit the cotton in the yard at the compress (West Texas Industries), it spread as wind blew it over among the houses," he explained.

"We lost three sheds at the compress and another one a block east of there," Dodd said. It was unknown Saturday to whom the latter shed belonged Dodd explained.

The roof of a house caught on fire three blocks southeast of the compress and several yards where grass had been burned off were in the area, Dodd said.

Webb Air Force Base dispatched two tankers and one pump truck 30 minutes after the fire had started after Dodd called them to request help, he said.

The fire was brought under control at 4:45 p.m., but firemen and volunteers remained in the area wetting it down and burying some 500 bales of cotton, firemen said.

Dodd said they ran a bulldozer to dig large holes in which to bury the cotton to prevent anymore fire spread.

"You can't hardly put a cotton fire out," he explained.

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DEATHS

Omer Long dies at Odessa

BIG SPRING — Omer Ray Long, 59, of Stanton, died early Saturday morning in an Odessa hospital of injuries he received in a truck accident Dec. 5, 1975.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Monday in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. David Blanchett, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Long was born May 16, 1916, in Stacey, Tex. He lived in Big Spring and Howard County until 1963, when he moved to Stanton. He married Lavern Hasey in 1940 in Big Spring. He served with the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lavern Long; two sons, Dealton Ray Long of Austin and Vernon Roy Long of Bryan; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Lee Rapp of Big Spring and Mrs. Evelyn Marlene Rigoli of Minot, N.D.; three brothers, Ben Long of Big Spring, Perry Long of San Angelo and Kim Long of Stanton; three sisters, Mrs. W. Jewel Allred and Mrs. Herbert Overby, both of Stanton and Mrs. Mattie May Palmer of Fort Worth and three grandchildren.

LeFernier services held

ABILENE — Services for George LeFernier, 19, of Abilene, were Saturday in Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories. Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery. He was the brother Mrs. Randall Minear of Midland.

LeFernier was killed Thursday when his car ran off west U.S. 80.

Ben Branum rites today

Services for Ben A. Branum, 86, will be at 2 p.m. today in the North A and Tennessee Street Church of Christ. Joe Malone, minister of Westside Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by the Newnie W. Ellis Chapel.

Branum, who died Friday in a Midland hospital, lived at 2605 Cuthbert St.

Branum was born Nov. 23, 1889, in Young County. He spent most of his early life in Hollis, Okla. He married Eula Jean Davenport in 1912 in Wellington, Tex. They moved to Hobbs, N.M. in 1937, and then to Midland in 1954. He was a member of the North A and Tennessee Street Church of Christ and Carpenter's Local No. 1428.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Eula Jean Branum; two sons, M. W. "Buddy" Branum and Lowell E. Branum, both of Midland; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Garrett of Midland and Mrs. J. D. Tonde of San Antonio; a brother, Ralph Branum of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Ava Lamb of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Mrs. Clyde Alexander of Dotson, Tex.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

R. C. Leddy dead at 67

ABILENE — R. Clifford Leddy, 67, of Abilene, and formerly of Midland, died Friday afternoon in an Abilene hospital following an extended illness.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the University Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Austin, pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. L. L. Trott, a retired Baptist pastor. Burial will be at Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Leddy was born Sept. 16, 1908 in Port, Okla. He married Maxine E. Hart in 1938 in Midland. He entered the leather and boot business with his brother in 1929. He operated a shop in Sweetwater in 1937 and 1938, later working in the leather and saddlery business in Midland and San Angelo. He began a business in Abilene in the early 1950s.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Maxine Leddy; three brothers, Frank Leddy, Silas Leddy and O. C. Leddy, all of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mildred Paschall of Oklahoma City, Okla., Lucy Hill of Marion, Ill. and Cleta Mae Partee.

Nola Laughead dead at age 80

BIG LAKE — Mrs. Nola E. Laughead, 80, of Big Lake, died Friday afternoon in a San Angelo hospital.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Glenrest Cemetery in Big Lake, directed by Johnson Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Mrs. Laughead was born March 26, 1895, in Ibapah, Utah. She was a member of the First Christian Church and had lived in Big Lake 42 years.

Survivors include a son, Allen Laughead of Big Lake; two brothers, Matthew Chastain of Joshua Tree, Calif. and Keith Chastain of Sunland, Calif. and two sisters, Mrs. Wilma Kearney and Mrs. Loa Kelly, both of Utah.

Death claims Lois Gatson

Mrs. Lois D. Gatson, 53, of 506 S. Jackson St., a maid in Midland for more than 20 years, died Friday morning in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. She had been a patient there for 19 days.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Greater St. Luke AMF (Methodist) Church with the Rev. V. T. Herron, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Jackson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gatson was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Hempstead.

Survivors include two sons, Oscar C. Simmons and James L. Gamble, both of Midland; three aunts, Mary Ann Gatson and Ruby Lee Parker, both of Los Angeles, and Ethel Coleman of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Carlton Price, J. B. McGowan, James McFee, Frank Blaylock, Walker Cadd, and Jocelipn Soloman.

Meek rites held Saturday

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Catherine Faye Meek, 53, of Big Spring were Saturday in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home, with burial at Bronte Cemetery.

Mrs. Meek died Thursday afternoon in a Big Spring hospital.

Mrs. Meek was born Dec. 29, 1922, in Gordon, Tex. She was an assistant housekeeper at Malone Hogan Hospital in Big Spring. She had lived in Big Spring since 1954 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Reagan tops Ford in preference poll

AUSTIN — Gov. Ronald Reagan defeated President Gerald Ford in a Presidential preference poll conducted last week by The University of Texas Republican Club.

Lester Van Pelt III of Midland, chairman of UT Students for Reagan, said, "This is a great victory for the Reagan campaign and, with the enthusiasm shown by the Reagan supporters on the UT campus, we feel confident that Gov. Reagan will carry Austin and the Tenth Congressional District in the upcoming May 1 Republican primary."

Reagan received more than 74 per cent of the votes cast, with Ford garnering 20 per cent. John Connally, former Texas governor, received the most votes for the Republican vice presidential nomination from the club.

Van Pelt, a UT law student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Van Pelt Jr. of Midland.

Amendment provides for additional judge

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. John Tower, R Tex., last week introduced an amendment to give the 68-county Western District of Texas an additional federal judge.

An omnibus judgeship bill now before the Senate would raise the number of judges in the district from five to six. Tower's amendment would raise the total to seven.

Currently, three of the five judges sit in San Antonio. A fourth holds court in Austin, and a fifth, Bill Sessions, holds court in El Paso.

U.S. District Judge D. W. Suttle, one of three judges assigned to San Antonio, commutes to Midland to preside over court here. Midland is the seat of the six-county Midland-Odessa Division and of the 10-county Pecos Division of federal court.

"With each judge working more than one division," Tower said, "the heavy caseload problems which the Western District shares with other districts is compounded by a heavy travel load as well."

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ASSETS	Nov. 30, 1975
Cash on Hand	$ 954.91
Accounts Recievable	81,362.27
Inventory	1,399,705.00
Land	39,700.00
Cemetery Development	120,727.69
Mausoleum and Chapel	350,000.00
Office and Maintence Bldgs.	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	16,295.00
Park Property	27,725.00
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	31,388.67
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,077,858.54

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	$46,319.31
Notes Payable	133,558.66
Interest	14,220.42
Deffered Construction	31,861.00
Taxes	14,483.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$240,442.44

CAPITAL	
Common Stock - $10.00 Par Value, 2,500 Shares Authorized and Outstanding	$ 25,000.00
Surplus	59,216.73
Market Surplus	1,753,199.37
TOTAL CAPITAL	$ 1,837,416.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$ 2,077,858.54

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed Stephen Hoback
Vice President
Administrator

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H. E. Hoback, President
Owner

Stephen Hoback, Vice-President
Administrator

H. E. Hoback, is not new to the Permian Basin, he came to Midland in 1944 with the Air Force. In 1949 he entered the cemetery business as a salesman for Resthaven. In 1953 he and his family moved to Odessa where he managed and developed Sunset Memorial Gardens. In 1969 he purchased Valhalla and since that time he has been striving to maintain the certain sacred trust connected with the operation of a property such as Valhalla. Mr. Hoback is a Past President of the Texas Cemeteries Association, he has served two terms as Vice President, four terms as director, and served on various committies of that organization. Mr. Hoback has been active in such community organizations as the American Red Cross, National Foundation for infantile Paralysis March of Dimes, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America at which he holds the coveted SILVER BEAVER AWARD, as well as various other youth activities. He also has been a Lion for the past 23 years.

Stephen Hoback, native Midlander, was raised in the cemetery business. He attended Texas Tech and Odessa College, and is presently the Administrator of Valhalla. Stephen has been active with the Kiwanis, and their youth organization Key Clubs.

Judy Hoback, Stephens wife, is the company's secretary. She previously was department head and buyer for the Accessory department at Dunlaps. She is also active in Beta Sigma Phi, currently she is serving her chapter as Treasurer.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEN DIE BUT ONCE ... All men wish to do so with dignity, to be buried with honor, and to be remembered with affection for the best of their past moments. Men know well when the leaves will fall, but no man knows when earth will claim again the dust it lent for his creation. It is our sincere desire at Valhalla to provide the best possible service in a very important hour of need. A need each of us have to face sometime in this life when losing a loved one. Considerable effort and planning has gone into the total concept and design of Valhalla to offer the ultimate in comfort and convenience for the family and at a cost everyone can afford. The beautiful Twilight Gardens will indeed bring back peace of mind when revisited over the years.

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Savings, Building & Loan Investments	4,290.90	4,290.90
TOTAL	$31,975.52	$28,098.66

LIABILITIES		
Principle in Trust	$31,888.67	$28,011.81
Undisbursed Income	86.85	86.85
TOTAL	$31,975.52	$28,098.66

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed H. E. Hoback, President
James E. Crowder Jr., Vice-President
Trust Officer
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Sadat makes charges

CAIRO (AP) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt accused Syria and Jordan Saturday of blackmailing oil-rich Arab countries to get more financial aid.

Sadat's accusation was made in an interview with the Saudi Arabian newspaper Ukaz, published here a few hours before he began a nine-day trip to Saudi Arabia and four other Persian Gulf nations to seek a new infusion of money to keep Egypt a[illegible].

"Allegations that Syria and Jordan are forming the eastern front as a defensive line to prevent Israel from reaching the sources of Arab oil are suspicious because we have a greater cause, I mean Palestine and regaining Arab territories occupied by Israel," Sadat said.

He said, "These allegations are intended for blackmailing oil-rich Arab countries to extort more money."

Syria, Jordan and Egypt, having front lines with Israel, are getting annual financial aid from wealthy Arab countries.

The Egyptian president said that he will ask King Khaled and leaders of Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait to increase their aid to Egypt.

Hearst tells about San Simeon bombing

The Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Patricia Hearst seized an opportunity during cross-examination Friday to tell the jury she still fears for the lives of herself and her parents at the hands of supporters of the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army.

In testimony the prosecution had fought to suppress, an alert and well-prepared Miss Hearst was able to describe to the jurors the recent week's powerful bombing at the Hearst castle in San Simeon, Calif.

She also told them about subsequent demands — reportedly from the group known as the "New World Liberation Front" — for a $250,000 Hearst family donation to the defense of SLA members William and Emily Harris.

On this, her 22nd birthday, the celebrated, one time fugitive reiterated on the witness stand that she had not tried to escape nor turn herself in because she believed the Harrises or their associates would find her and kill her.

But U.S. Atty. James L. Browning persisted: With six SLA members killed two years ago in a shootout and only the Harrises remaining, couldn't she, during a 17-month period, simply have surrendered them to authorities?

No, she replied.

"Well," asked the prosecutor, "what caused you to believe that they could simply, by the snap of their fingers — if they were safe in police custody and if you turned them in — that they could turn around and have you killed?"

"It's happening like that now on the streets," blurted Miss Hearst.

The prosecutor, sensing she was about to go into a subject he had sought strenuously to keep away from the jury, attempted to withdraw his question.

But Chief Defense Counsel F. Lee Bailey, barely able to conceal his glee, objected and U.S. Dist. Judge Oliver J. Carter said "Let her answer."

"San Simeon was bombed, my parents received a letter threatening my life if I took the witness stand, their lives if I took the witness stand, and they wanted a quarter of a million dollars put into the Bill and Emily Harris defense fund," continued Miss Hearst, talking rapidly.

"Who did?" asked Browning.

"The New World Liberation Front," she answered.

"Was anybody killed?"

"No."

Browning attempted to recoup, eliciting an admission from the defendant that an NWLF communique had been found last September in the San Francisco apartment where she was arrested. But she added that she believed the communique had been brought to the residence by James Kilgore, a fugitive now being sought on a warrant charging him in connection with possession of bombing materials.

At this point, from the prosecution's view, the damage was done. The jurors had received the full impact of testimony the prosecution had sought successfully to suppress as irrelevant earlier.

Miss Hearst later was excused, at least temporarily, from further testimony under cross-examination. The prosecution hopes to question her further — if Judge Carter decides to permit it — in connection with her activities in the Sacramento area early last year.

The prosecution contends she spent part of that time casing banks for the SLA. A 27-year-old house painter named Steven Soliah, with whom Miss Hearst was said to be living when she was apprehended, faces charges in connection with the robbery of a Carmichael, Calif., bank last year in which a woman customer was shot to death.

As the fourth week of Miss Hearst's armed robbery trial drew to a close:

—An ex-convict and acknowledged narcotics user testified SLA leader Donald DeFreeze had told him shortly after the April, 1974, bank robbery that he would have killed Miss Hearst if she had not cooperated with her captors during the robbery. "He said he had to make her prove herself and he told me he had a gun at her head and if she did anything funny he would have killed her," said Ulysses Hall, now being held in the San Joaquin (Calif.) County Jail.

Hall said he had known DeFreeze in 1973 while both were inmates at the California correctional medical facility at Vacaville. Later, while he was on parole, he said he had been in contact with DeFreeze, who at that time had escaped from Soledad State Prison.

DeFreeze, he said, had spoken with him about the bank robbery.

On cross-examination by Browning, Hall said that during his conversation with DeFreeze, the SLA leader had made no mention of torturing Miss Hearst or treating her as a prisoner of war.

—Miss Hearst pointed an accusing finger at sports activist Jack Scott, the man she says harbored her and fellow fugitive Wendy Yoshimura for an extended period in 1974. She said that in 1972 Scott's wife Micki had helped Miss Yoshimura flee Berkeley from charges of possession of bombing materials, helping "clean out" the apartment Miss Yoshimura shared with her boyfriend.

Where did the Scotts obtain their money? asked Browning.

"My understanding of where they got it was that he was some kind of ripoff artist with credit cards and getting furniture on time and selling it, and then maneuvers like that," replied Miss Hearst. "And then he had some kind of thing called the Institute for Study of Sport and Society, and that would get contributions."

Q. — What was Jack Scott supposed to get out of all this, taking you back and forth across the country?

A. — "He said he was going to pay for everything and I think what he said he wanted out of it at first was that he wanted a chance to struggle, as he put it, with the people in the SLA."

—The defendant, relating her travels as a fugitive, said she and the Harrises, following an alleged "crime spree" in Los Angeles in May, 1974, had hidden in apartments in Oakland and Berkeley before heading east.

In Berkeley, she said, she stayed in an apartment to which Kilgore and Kathleen Soliah, Steven Soliah's sister, had obtained a key to feed the pet turtle which belonged to a vacationing occupant.

—Miss Hearst denied that she had received "a share of the $10,000 the SLA obtained during the April, 1974, bank robbery. "I was given some of it to hold onto, yes," she said, asserting that she used the money for shopping for goods to be distributed among her captors. "I think it was all gone pretty shortly after we left Los Angeles and got back up to the (San Francisco) Bay area," she said.

Earlier last week, Bailey had sought court permission to question Miss Hearst on direct examination about the bombing and subsequent threat to her parents. But Judge Carter sustained Browning's objection that these events were not relevant to the issue of whether or not, as she claims, she was coerced by her captors to participate in the bank robbery nearly two years ago.

But the jury Friday was able to hear Miss Hearst's claim that even now she fears reprisals from her one-time captors or newfound associates she says now exist.

"There are many other people who would pick up where (the others) left off," she testified.

Miss Hearst's third day of cross-examination was also her birthday. Thus, in scores of accounts by reporters covering the trial, the girl so often referred to as the "21-year-old newspaper heiress" became the "22-year-old newspaper heiress."

Hodge candidate

AUSTIN — Rita Jo Hodge of Midland was a candidate for a bachelor's degree in the College of Fine Arts in The University of Texas at the close of the fall semester.

Burge graduates

AMARILLO — Linda Burge of Midland received her cap in the dental assisting program at Amarillo College during ceremonies Saturday night at Amarillo College.

Convicted killer may make bond

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The State Supreme Court has ruled that Samuel Corey, convicted of murdering Patricia Giesick, may be released on bond while he appeals his case.

Corey was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the Jan. 16, 1974 slaying of Mrs. Giesick while she and her husband Claudius, of San Antonio, Tex., were on their honeymoon in New Orleans.

Corey, a self-styled preacher who also ran a massage parlor in San Antonio, is now on death row at the Louisiana Penitentiary at Angola.

His attorney asked the Supreme Court to review a lower court decision denying bond, but Friday the high court refused.

Mrs. Giesick was killed when hit by a car, and she was first reported as a hit-run victim. A subsequent police investigation led to charges against Corey and Giesick.

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Sinai base camp like chunk of West Texas

GIDI PASS, Sinai Desert (AP) — The base camp of American technicians who will run an early warning system between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the Sinai seems like a transplanted chunk of West Texas.

The twang of San Antonio, El Paso, Galveston and Houston has replaced the guttural Arabic of the Bedouins and laconic Hebrew of Israeli soldiers as the common language on this barren hilltop. More than half of the 172 Americans who will run the four manned and unmanned sensor stations in the Gidi and Mitla passes are from Texas.

The strategic mountain gateways to the Sinai have been wired for sound-detecting equipment that can pick up moving vehicles at 400 feet and footfalls at 100 feet.

"We can detect any traffic through the pass," says Marine Col. Donald Q. Layne, organizer of the Sinai Field Mission (SFM). The equipment has been tested in Vietnam and has proved virtually foolproof.

"It was an opportunity to travel, make a little money and enjoy myself," says Leonard Johnson, 35, of San Antonio, who operates earthmoving equipment used to build the Americans' permanent camp.

And if the fiberglass huts they have now are temporary, the permanent site may resemble a country club. It will have a combination chapel movie theater, tennis courts, gym, volleyball court and table tennis.

The technicians will have a steady supply of magazines, books and comics, Heineken beer and Coca Cola, and electric lamps designed to kill flies.

Their sensor headquarters emits strange clicks and whistles as the sophisticated machinery registers vehicles and men moving through the passes.

Their teleprinter, hooked into the U.S. State Department, received its first message two weeks ago — a note of thanks from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, mediator of the interim Egyptian-Israeli agreement that brought the technicians here.

"The greatest problem is going to be boredom," said Layne, "We're pretty far from home, up on a mountain in a desert." The permanent staff, on contracts of up to 18 months, will get a few days off every month to go to Tel Aviv or Cairo, where their families will stay.

The construction crewmen will spend about six months at Gidi before completing their jobs. In return for the boredom and loneliness they suffer, men like Johnson will earn $3,000 every month.

"It's not so bad," said Johnson. "It's about like West Texas, the plains and the hills. A little rugged but pretty good ground if you could get some water in."

A dozen women will be on the staff. Four already have arrived, two of them Texans.

"It's great for morale," laughed Johnson, who is married and has three children. "Just knowing they're here, seeing a female once in a while."

What about romantic liaisons? Layne was asked. "No comment," he smiled. What's the ratio of men to women? "Very good," he added.

The first day he was here, Johnson recalled, "we had a sandstorm and in the afternoon the winds blew strong and cold and in the night it was sleet, so Texas weather ain't got nothing on the weather here, I can tell you."

Nobody seemed worried by the fact that the camp is perched between the guns of two rival armies.

"I feel well-protected," said Johnson, a grizzled construction veteran who wore his hardhat as he ate pork chops and corn in the mess hall. "If there was any danger they wouldn't have us here to begin with."

Israel says planes and cars could evacuate the Americans in minutes.

Mrs. Trudeau threatened twice

TORONTO (AP) — Margaret Trudeau, wife of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, says she was threatened with assassination twice during a week's vacation in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Mrs. Trudeau, who recently paid an official visit to Cuba with her husband, said Friday the threats came from anti-Castro Cuban exiles in Florida.

She declined to give details of the threats and said when she telephoned her husband about them, he replied: "When I see you Friday, I want you to be smiling as you walk off the plane — not in a coffin."

Interviewed in an airport lounge while waiting for a connecting flight to Ottawa on her way home from Florida, Mrs. Trudeau said the security protection for her was good and "it would only be someone very clever who could really get to me."

She continued:

"There are many people living in Florida who are strongly anti-Cuban. They almost had a demonstration outside the apartment block where I was staying, but luckily it was called off at the last moment. I can't stand that sort of thing."

Mrs. Trudeau said the Florida vacation was a Valentine gift from her husband and "a thank-you present after the 11 day tour of Mexico, Venezuela and Cuba."

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Jackie turns down Senate race bid

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — New York Post publisher Dorothy Schiff says Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis has told her that Mrs. Onassis couldn't run at this time for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. James Buckley, C-R-N.Y.

The Post reported Friday that its publisher had received a similar turndown in 1970 when she broached the same idea to Jackie's sister-in-law, Ethel Kennedy.

New York Magazine, in this week's issue, quoted potential Democratic senatorial candidate Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., as saying — in response to rumors Mrs. Onassis would run — "Nobody scares me."

And a Buckley aide was quoted as saying, "The idea scares me to death, especially if Sinatra's her campaign manager."

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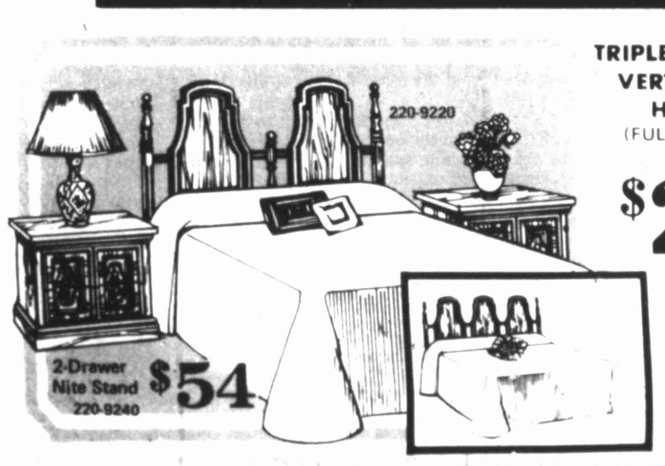

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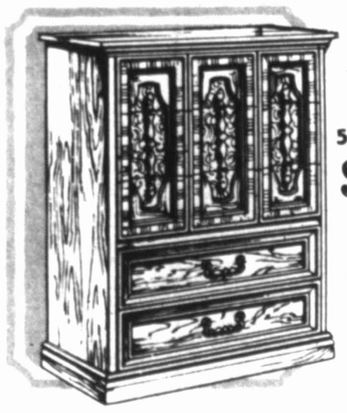

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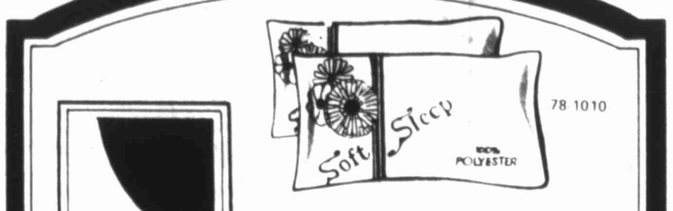

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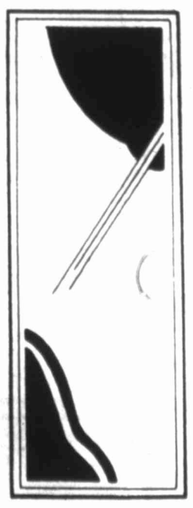

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City may take steps to demolish apartments

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fort to rid the city of "a fire hazard and a hazard to life."

Included are letters to the city attorney asking that the property be condemned, to the Federal Housing Authority asking the status of the property and to The Maxson Co. of Midland, who managed the property for Montreal Securities, asking them to clean up the site.

James Roberts, assistant fire marshal, said he is "surprised there have been no lives lost" so far. Because the area is open to transients, there is a constant threat of someone "getting drunk in there and dropping a cigarette."

Roberts said a fire consuming the Belmont Apartments feasibly could spread to Edison, although the prospect is unlikely because Main Street — a good fire break — lies between the two.

It nevertheless has "potential for a big fire," he explained.

Midland police are equally concerned about the Belmont Apartments where an attempted rape has been reported as well as several cases of statutory rape.

Sgt. Fred Johnson of the crime prevention department said, "Different police officers have found people using it for just about everything other than what they were made for."

Regarding the threat of rape, he said students persist in cutting through the abandoned area although warned of the danger. "There's always the possibility of some man lying in wait."

Police Chief Wayne Gideon echoed Johnson's concerns. "It is in a constant state of deterioration," he said. "It's definitely a health hazard and a potential trouble area. One of the most frightening aspects is what could happen to those school children."

Johnson described the site as becoming "more of a health hazard as time goes by," noting that the interiors of the old apartments are used also as toilets.

O. E. Martin, chief sanitarian for the city, verified the health hazard, saying, "There's no question about it."

Martin said his department has visited the area every few days for the last five years on "legitimate complaints."

Martin said among the contributors to the problem are the estimated 15 people who live in three apartments facing Gist Street.

They don't use dumpsters for their garbage, he said, and often must be forced to clean up their refuse. Martin also has found chickens inside the inhabited apartments, a violation of city ordinance.

If the city manager has his way, the Belmont Apartments will finally be cleaned up, but razing that property will leave homeless the people who now live there.

One of the tenants, who asked that he not be identified, said he was glad to have the old apartment. "It's not much, but it's either this or a tent across the street," he stated. His rent is $50 a month, and he does have heating and plumbing.

The Belmont Apartment tenants aren't the only ones who will be ousted if the property is razed, as Brown also is asking the same treatment for the Columbia Apartments across the street to the south.

The Belmont Apartments are bounded by Hicks, Belmont, Gist and South Main streets, and the Columbia Apartments are bounded by Colorado, Stokes, Gist and South Main.

The Columbia Apartments, which house an estimated 40 people, are run down, but habitable. Both the city and the school would like to see them removed, but razing the Belmont Apartment area remains first priority, at least with school district officials.

The Maxson Co. manages both apartment groups. R. C. Maxson told The Reporter-Telegram he is "working on (getting) title, and in a week or 10 days I'll have it completed." He declined to make any further statement. His apartment manager said Maxson is negotiating with Montreal Securities.

Brown said it apparently is legal for Maxson to collect rent on the property because The Maxson Co. also has won a judgment against Montreal which was executed shortly after the city and school district foreclosed on the property.

He doubts, however, that Maxson could obtain legal title because "our judgment is superior." Brown said Maxson's judgment is for about $10,000 for non-payment of services while the city's is in excess of $40,000.

"We're in it a whole lot deeper than they are," he said.

—Staff Photo by Johnny Virden

The Belmont, or "Lafayette," Apartments are termed a health, safety and fire hazard by officials.

The legal snag from the city's standpoint is the lack of clear title from HUD. Assistant City Attorney Deke Austin said the legal department has traveled "a lot of blind alleys" in seeking either a disclaimer or a quit claim deed from the federal government.

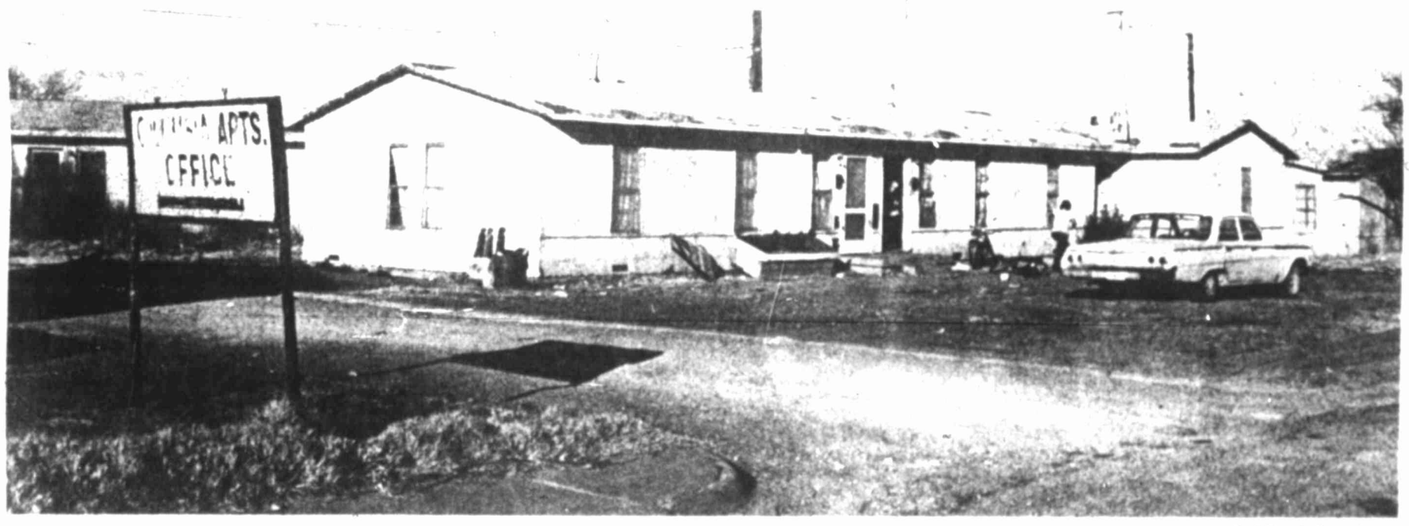
Through an appeal to Rep. George Mahon's office, the end of the search just might be in sight. Austin said the legal department now expects to receive "something" from HUD in the near future although "it may not clear up the deed record."

Regarding Maxson's interest in the property, he said, "When there's some kind of determination, they're going to want some kinds of (financial) claim."

Although city attorneys said they did not know if Montreal Securities still exists, they gave The Reporter-Telegram the last known address, that of a Samuel Jacobs in New York City.

During a long-distance interview Jacobs said he no longer is associated with the property and said he knows nothing of Montreal Securities. He did, however, put the newspaper in touch with Martin Reider, also of New York City.

Reider declined to detail any information about the property during the telephone conversation but confirmed he is associated with Montreal. He said he would discuss the matter further during a telephone call to be made between 8 and 9 p.m. Saturday. However, he could not be reached.



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The legal status of the Columbia Apartments also is in question.

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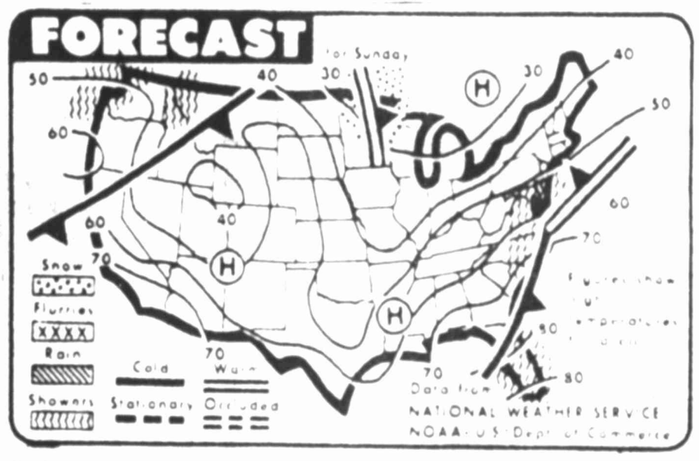

SHOWERS ARE FORECAST for much of the East Coast today, as well as the Pacific Northwest and parts of Idaho and Montana. Snow is forecast for parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

MIDLAND STATISTICS

MIDLAND, ODESSA, CRANE, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Fair and warmer today, tonight and Monday. High today low 60s. Low tonight low 30s. High Monday upper 60s. Winds southwesterly at 10-15 m.p.h. today.

ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING FORECAST: Fair and warmer today, tonight and Monday. High today low 60s. Low tonight low 30s. High Monday upper 60s. Winds southwesterly at 10-15 m.p.h. today.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	53 degrees
Overnight Low	35 degrees
Noon today	48 degrees
Sunset today	6:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:23 a.m.
Precipitation	
Last 24 hours	0 inches
This month to date	.48 inches
1976 to date	2.31 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

20	Midnight		44
1 p.m.	50	1 a.m.	42
2 p.m.	51	2 a.m.	40
3 p.m.	52	3 a.m.	40
4 p.m.	53	4 a.m.	37
5 p.m.	52	5 a.m.	37
6 p.m.	52	6 a.m.	36
7 p.m.	46	7 a.m.	35
8 p.m.	38	8 a.m.	36
9 p.m.	35	9 a.m.	39
10 p.m.	34	10 a.m.	43
11 p.m.	31	11 a.m.	46
Midnight 21	30	Noon	48

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

	H	L
Abilene	52	32
Denver	58	36
Amarillo	44	29
El Paso	50	29
F. Worth	52	40
Houston	62	54
Lubbock	48	31
Marfa	46	25
Okla. City	47	34
Wich. Falls	54	38

The record high for Feb. 20 was 85 degrees, set in 1972.
The record low for Feb. 21 was 19 degrees, set in 1966.

Extended Texas forecast

Tuesday through Thursday

North Central and Northeast Texas: Mostly fair Tuesday through Thursday. Warm days and cool nights. Highs in 70s. Lows upper 30s to upper 40s.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Fair and cool Tuesday, becoming warmer Wednesday and partly cloudy and mild Thursday. Lows near 40 north to mid 50s south. Highs mid 70s to mid 80s.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Continued warm and dry Tuesday through Thursday. Highs in 70s and 80s except 90s Big Bend area. Lows in 30s and 40s except 50s extreme south.

Texas area forecasts

North Central and Northeast Texas: Fair through Monday. Warmer Monday. High Sunday 47 to 56. Low Sunday night 27 to 38. High Monday in the 60s.

Northwest and Southwest Texas: Fair through Monday. Warmer through Monday. High Sunday upper 50s north to near 70 south. Low Sunday night near 30 north to near 40 south. High Monday 60s and 70s.

South Central and Southeast Texas: Fair through Monday. Continued cool Sunday. A little warmer Monday. Freezing temperatures most sections again Sunday night. High Sunday from near 60 to mid 60s. Low Sunday night mid 20s northwest to mid 30s extreme south. High Monday 63 to 70.

Weather elsewhere

Saturday

	HI	LO	Pre	Otlk
Albany	25	25		cdy
Albuquerque	44	23		clr
Amarillo	45	29		clr
Anchorage	17	2		M
Asheville	64	38		rn
Atlanta	72	48		rn
Birmingham	77	61		rn
Bismarck	30	18		clr
Boise	40	26		clr
Boston	46	29		clr
Brownsville	80	70		clr
Buffalo	38	31		rn
Charleston	60	40		rn
Charlotte	63	44		cdy
Chicago	58	41	.81	rn
Cincinnati	60	46	.08	rn
Cleveland	49	37		rn
Denver	60	13	.44	cdy
Des Moines	52	33	.22	sn
Detroit	50	33	.02	rn
Duluth	28	11		clr
Fairbanks	17	33		clr
Fort Worth	72	42	.28	clr
Green Bay	38	30	.05	cdy
Helena	38	18		clr
Honolulu	82	M		clr
Houston	74	54	.30	clr
Ind'apolis	55	47	.26	rn
Jacksville	73	52		cdy
Juneau	32	21	.04	rn
Kansas City	63	40		clr
Las Vegas	59	37		clr
Little Rock	67	50	1.01	cdy
Los Angeles	68	48		clr
Louisville	62	52	.12	rn
Marquette	33	16	T	cdy
Memphis	78	57	.84	rn
Miami	77	72		cdy
Milwaukee	45	34	.69	sn
Mpls-St. P.	39	24		cdy
New Orleans	78	68		rn
New York	48	36		cdy
Okla. City	80	36		cdy
Omaha	56	29	.27	sn
Orlando	81	58		cdy
Philadphia	51	31		cdy
Phoenix	66	41		clr
Pittsburgh	49	35		rn
P'tland, Me.	38	15		cdy
P'tland, Ore.	50	32		cdy
Rapid City	33	21		clr
Richmond	64	39		cdy
St. Louis	61	53	.36	rn
Salt Lake	35	19		clr
San Diego	67	49		clr
San Fran.	61	48		clr
Seattle	47	32		cdy
Spokane	36	27		cdy
Tampa	81	64		cdy
Washington	59	39		cdy

Fun A'Fair to highlight Bicentennial celebration

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Kiwanis by the Midland Bicentennial Commission,, will be put on by the same company that stages such events for the State Fair of Texas, Six Flags Over Texas and Astro-World.

The fireworks display is being paid for with funds received at the Bob Hope show here last August, Dominey said.

A Fun A'Fair report meeting and planning session will be held March 2. It will be a luncheon meeting at the Midland Country Club and is open to the public, Dominey reported.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Thomas Kim, president of McMurray College at Abilene.

"Dr. Kim is one of the country's most inspiring speakers. His own story of how he came to his present position from an amazing life of hardship and horrifying experiences in China during the war is a good example of the opportunities in America," Dominey said.

The March 2 meeting, scheduled to start at noon, also will serve as the Midland American Revolution Bicentennial Commission's annual meeting.

Since its organization in April 1973, the Midland American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has been active putting its stamp of approval on events originated by others, and setting up programs of its own.

One of the commission's projects is "10,000 Flags Over Midland."

The commission has obtained several thousand flags, enough to go with the ones already in the hands of Midlanders, to make the project a success, Dominey said.

The American flags will be sold during April and May from booths set up by the commission at various locations in the city.

The flags should be waving over Midland homes and businesses July 4, Dominey said.

Some of the projects already completed by the commission include the erection of a gazebo in Wadley-Barron Park, presentation of the United States Marine Band in concert in 1974, and "Old Fashioned Day in the Park" in 1975, and a fireworks display at Cubs Stadium in 1975, along with the Kiwanis Club festival.

The commission put its stamp of approval on Project Green Horizons, the landscaping effort for the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame.

Another project was the placing of Bicentennial bulletin boards at five locations in Midland to help keep the public informed of Bicentennial events.

The commission put on the "Spirit of '76" Bob Hope show last August and has helped with the restoration of the Taylor Brown-Sarah Dorsey House, reputed to be the oldest home in Midland.

The commission guided the production of the Midland County Bicentennial commemorative medalion for sale during the Bicentennial period at Midland banks through the Midland Jaycees.

The commission also helped sponsor Bicentennial Plaza recently constructed on the courthouse square, and helped with a permanent historical exhibit depicting the period from the advent of the Comanche Indian warrior to the coming of cattlemen. The exhibit is at the Musuem of the Southwest.

A major upcoming event sponsored by the commission is the God and Country Rally May 11 in Midland Memorial Stadium. It also will feature the "Truth" singers. This event is under the direction of the Association of Southern Baptist Churches of Midland.

JOHN CONRAD DUNAGAN will be the speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Permian Basin Genealogical Society. The group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Ector County Library, 622 N. Lee St., Odessa. Dunagan, a lifelong resident of the Permian Basin, was born in Midland in December, 1914.

Wallace wins in Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Alabama Gov. George Wallace won 9 of 19 delegates Saturday as Mississippi Democrats picked the first actual delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Wallace, who had hoped to gain as many of 11 delegates, led former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter who won 4 and Sargent Shriver, the party's 1972 vice presidential nominee, who had 3. Three uncommitted delegates also were selected at Congressional district conventions by delegates picked at earlier caucuses.

First vote due Tuesday

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the Social Security issue was one that could hurt them. Ford and his allies have assailed Reagan's past suggestions that some phases of Social Security be made voluntary, and his more recent statement that some of the system's trust funds could be invested in American industry.

Reagan said he isn't advocating any specific changes. He said that as President he would assign a task force of experts to study the program and recommend action to keep it financially sound. He also promised he would do nothing that could affect the benefits of people who are or will be receiving Social Security.

Ford was back at the White House Saturday, after forecasting victory in the first ballot box test of his bid for the GOP nomination. Challenger Reagan said he should't be expected to beat an incumbent, and thinks he will be doing extremely well to come close.

No Democrat claims the votes for victory in that crowded contest, and all of them argue that a first-round defeat in a procession of 31 presidential primaries is not going to be a crippling blow.

Week honors engineers

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, will observe National Engineers Week, which begins today. The observance is sponsored annually by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

The 135 members of the Permian Basin Chapter will honor seven area high schools recommended for scholarships at their banquet Friday at the Inn of the Golden West in Odessa.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL
Thursday, Feb. 19

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence Porter, 3600 Baumann St., girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary James Reynolds, 2510 Emerson St., boy.

Training class to be offered

A cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training class will be offered to Midland teachers as part of the in-service training program Monday and Tuesday. Basic certificates and re-certifications will be given for a total of 4½ hours of instruction.

The Junior League and the Midland School District Administration, under the auspices of the American Heart Association, have arranged the program.

The Heart Association's blood pressure screening last week was very successful, Bette Gae Camden of the Heart Association said.

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Quake damage in Guatemala awe-inspiring

By STUART AUERBACH
The Washington Post

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — At first glance this does not look like a city devastated by an earthquake that left one-sixth of the country's 6 million people homeless — that is, until I looked down from the balcony of my hotel room directly over the altar of a nearby Catholic church.

THE THICK STONE and brick wall in back had been completely collapsed by the force of the quake. the uniquely handsome 161-year-old La Merced church, with its bright mosaic dome, looks sturdy. But its heavy iron cross hangs at a cockeyed angle — as if it is ready to fall at any moment.

The earthquake struck in an apparently capricious manner. One group of houses will have been leveled, the next untouched. The national palace on one side of central park was not damaged. The cathedral on the other was badly gutted.

But American experts here for the U.S. National Academy of Engineering said there is major hidden structural damage to many of this city's buildings.

It shows up at the Ritz Continental Hotel, where most newsmen are staying. The engineers make daily pencil marks on the wall of their room to show how far the mirror — and the wall it is attached to — shifts. Iron bars on an outside stairwell bend a little more each day, and the crack on my bathroom wall seems to ge wider each time I look. But the beauftiful blue-tiled bathtub stands firm.

FROM THE OUTSIDE the hotel looks untouched — until upon checking in a guest is told there is no elevator service. Some floors are not being used at all. I was given a room in the newly repaired seventh floor — no great honor since it meant extra flights of stairs to climb. But doors to fifth-floor rooms do not close becaue their jambs were thrown askew.

The greatest damage to the city is in its slum areas. These people have set up tents anywhere they can — in parks, on the grassy island that runs down the center of the reforma, Guatemala City's main street, or on curbs. Sometimes their cars are parked next to their tents, or the tent is set up on the back of a pickup truck.

One man and his little son sleep in a grassy spot next to the parking lot of the Dairy Queen in downtown Guatemala City. At night they pull cardboard over their faces to shade their eyes from the streetlights. When it rained the other night, they covered their blankets with clear plastic sheets.

JORGE RIVERA, a taxi driver, lost his house but his family is safe. Oddly enough, although his electricity went his phone still works. He needs $3,000 to rebuild. Some people sleep in tents in the yards of their undamaged houses — afraid to move inside because of the almost daily tremors that still shake the country.

DIRT, SQUIRT, QUIRT

Pruning clinic slated Tuesday

By CHARLES GREEN
Midland County Agent

Midland county farmers and ranchers are becoming increasingly concerned about the drouth conditions existing over a wide area of the state and Great Plains, however, the immediate effect is not presently critical. Farmers have generally found enough subsurface moisture on cultivated lands to put them up in fairly good condition by listing and deep plowing. Ranchers normally depend mainly on cured warm season grass for winter grazing and the good season last summer and fall produced a good crop of "standing hay" on most area rangelands. However, each passing week, without rain, as spring approaches can place both farmers and ranchers in precarious position.

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A pecan pruning clinic will be conducted Tuesday at the Jack Kirby orchard, located in the Greenwood community east of Midland. Dr. Michael Kilby, area extension horticulturist with the Texas A&M University System, headquartered in El Paso, will be present to conduct a demonstration on the training of young pecan trees by proper pruning. The clinic is set for 4:30 p.m. To reach the Kirby orchard go east on Cole Park Road (FM 307), 1.8 miles east of Cole Park entrance, turn south ½ mile, then east ½ mile. All persons interested in pecans, both commercially and home orchard, are encouraged to attend.

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Monsanto Company recently announced that EPA has granted a full commericial label for a new herbicide roundup in cropping systems before emergence of barley, corn, oats, sorghum (Milo), soybeans and wheat. Roundup, a water soluble liquid, mixes ready with water to be applied as a foliage spray for the control of most herbaceous plants. It moves through the plant from the point of foliage contact to and into the root system. It is a non-selective herbicide and controls both annual and perennial weeds. Rates for perennial weeds range from 2 to 5 quarts per acre. Bermuda grass requires 3 to 5 quarts and johnson grass, 2 to 3 quarts per acre Best results are obtained in controlling jjohnson grass is the application is delayed until the early heading stage of growth. Alow at least 7 days after application before tillage.

Some "don'ts" concerning Roundup include: (1) Don't apply aerially, (2) Don't add additional surfactant. (3) Don't apply when winds exceed 5 mph. (4) Don't mix with pesticides, oils or any material except water. (5) Don't use galvanized (zinc coated) spray equipment. (6) Don't allow spray drift to contact desirable vegetation. (7) Don't plant subsequent crops other than those listed on the label. (8) Don't exceed 8 quarts per acre for agricultural uses. (9) Don't feed treated corps within 8 weeks after application.

Agricultural experiment station results and demonstrations conducted here in Midland County show that Roundup will result in 75 to 95 per cent control of Bermuda grass and johnson grass if applied at the proper state of growth. Applications to johnson grass less than 20 inches tall and Bermuda not heading will probably be disappointing.

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Now is the proper time to start those tomatoes, peppers and eggplants that you will want to have ready for transplating outdoors April 1-15. Try the following varieties: Tomato: Plainsmain, Better Boy, Western, Homestead, Porter, Napoli, Saladette, Patio. Pepper: Sweet-Yolo Wonder, Keystone Giant and some of the new hybrids. Green Chile: Big Jim, New Mexico No. 6. Eggplant: Florida Market, Black Beauty, and try some of the new hybrids.

Start seeds in trays, peat pots, peat cubes or paper cups. Use a good growth medium, probably a potting soil you can purchase at a graden center is best. Plant the seeds about ¼ inch deep, keep moist and keep at a temperature of 75 to 80 degrees. And keep them in an area that gets plenty of light.

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'Palace' assailed by solon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government was expected to spend $15,000 to fix up an old Victorian home as the vice president's residence, but the project ended up costing $537,000, says Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis. And the Nelson Rockefellers don't efven live there.

The Wisconsin Democrat said the Navy ran up a 3,500 per cent cost overrun in turning a house on the U.S. Naval Observatory grounds into a "posh, plush pleasure palace" for Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

The Senate Banking Committee chairman said last week that the Navy plans to spend another $170,000 on the house, and he awarded the project his "fleece of the month" award.

A spokesman for Rockefeller said the Navy actually spent $485,000 on the house, and he added, "I don't think the vice president considers this a plush pleasure palace."

Nearly all of the money was agreed to by Congress and President Ford when he was vice president, the spokesman said.

Congress chose the house as the vice presidential residence after tiring of spending huge sums for other vice presidential homes. The house was once the residence for the chief of naval operations.

"Rockefeller has used it," the vice president's spokesman said. "He has slept in it. But most of the time Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller stay at their own home on Foxhall Road."

Proxmire objected to such costs as $41,000 for furniture, $26,400 for drapes, $21,200 for silverware, $18,100 for carpets, $10,400 for china, $4,900 for crystal and $33,000 for such miscellaneous furnishings as linen, silverware chests and accessories.

The Rockefeller spokesman said he thought Proxmire "is a little off the beam. It was Mrs. Ford who picked the China. She picked the silverware and glasses."

The spokesman said the only expense during Rockefeller's tenure followed a House committee's decision that central air conditioning was needed. Proxmire said that will run an extra $170,000.

Two new classes offered

Midland College's department of community services will offer two special classes during this week — Karate II and Bicycle Repair.

The karate class, scheduled 8:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 weeks, will be instructed by Lance Cunningham. Class will meet in the college gymnasium and the fee is $36. Prospective students are urged to contact the department office for registration procedures.

Bicycle Repair, instructed by J.R. "Bob" Jackson, is limited to an enrollment of six persons and advance registration is encouraged to insure a place in the class.

Jackson will teach young men and women the basics of minor repair of ten-speed and regular bikes in the two-week class which will meet 9 a.m. to noon two Saturdays. Fee is $12, and parrents may accompany their children free of charge.

Students may register by contacting the community services office in room 147A of the occupational-technical building, 684-7851, extensions 147 of 216.

Rev. Paul Douglas Peterson named new headmaster of Trinity School

The Rev. Paul Douglas Peterson, presently chairman of the Brooks School math department in North Andover, Mass., will assume duties as headmaster of Midland's Trinity School June 6.

Mr. Peterson will be replacing Theodore Bruning who has served this year as interim headmaster. Bruning will return to Chatham, Va.

The new headmaster is a Chicago native who attended Cornell University as a McMullen Regional Scholar. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Cornell, a master's degree in English from Yale University and bachelor's and master's degrees from Cambridge University, England.

Mr. Peterson, who was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1972, has taught at the University of Michigan and St. Mark's School at Southborough, Mass. He also sent a summer teaching at the Waterford Schol in Mbabane, Swaliland.

He is a truste and treasurer of the Waterford Fund for African-American Eductional Cooperation an the Massachusetts Chairman of the Counc for Religion in Independent Schools. In addition to his educational duties at the Brooks School, he also is currently interim minister for a North Andover, Mass., church.

Mr. Peterson and his wife Joanne have four children, Andrew, Timothy, Meghan and Sarah.

Conference set at MC

Local government officials and employes from a 17-county area will visit Midland College this week for a workshop dealing with budgeting and legal environment.

The workshop is conducted by Texas Tech University and is co-sponsored by Midland College and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Conference registration is at 1 p.m. Tuesday in room 202 of the learning resource center. Tuesday's programs will run from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Programs Wednesday are scheduled 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Principal speaker on Tuesday will be Dr. John Malloy, associate professor of accounting at Texas Tech. His topic will be "Intergovernmental Contracting."

Wednesday's spakers and their topics are Joe Nuessle, Midland city attorney, "Legal Environment;" Dr. Herschel Mann, associate professor of accouting, Texas Tech, "Gneral Accounting and Budgeting Issues;" and Dr. William W. Holder, assistant professor of accounting, Texas Tech, "Budgeting and Evaluation Techniques."

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Transportation again on agenda

Midland public scool trustees again will tr to hear a report on the district's transportaion system when they meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesda in the administraton building.

The report originlly scheduled for the Feb 10 meeting but was delred following a lenghy executive session.

During the upcomng meeting, trustees lso will hear requests forise of school facilities by he City Parks and Recreation Departmnt, the First United Pentecostal Church and the Republican party.

Contracts will be awarded for refinishing the gym floors at Alamo Junior High and Lee High School, for portable bleachers, installation of a campus irrigation outlet at Lee High and resurfacing the Alamo tennis courts.

Also included on Tuesday's agenda is consideration of the district's policy manual revisions.

Gun salesman very redfaced

ORANGE, Tex. (AP— Now that Robert Landry is out of the hospital afer being treated for a mior gun shot wound, h'll probably be more careul when demonstrating is wares.

Landry is a gun salesman from Houston.

Landry, 40, was released Friday from the Orange Memorial Hospital following treatment of a flesh wound to his left index finger.

Landry said he was wounded as he showed some friends in Bridge City how to use the two safety catches on a .38 caliber automatic pistol.

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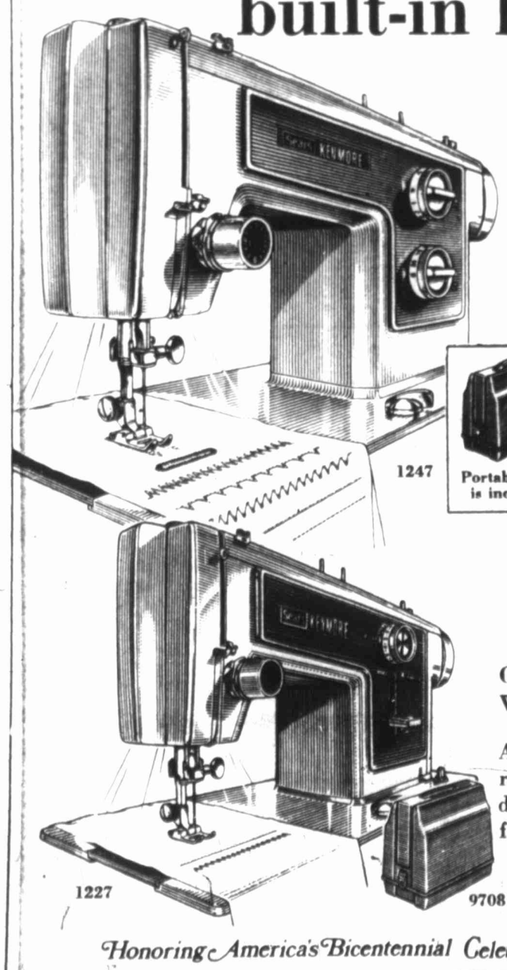

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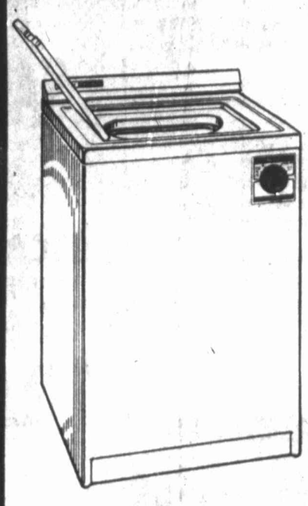

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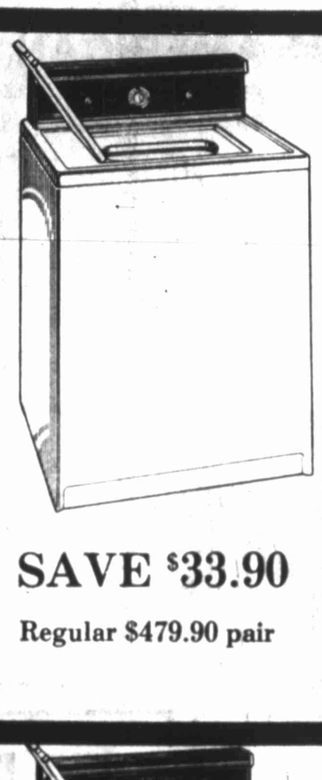

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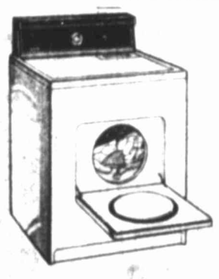

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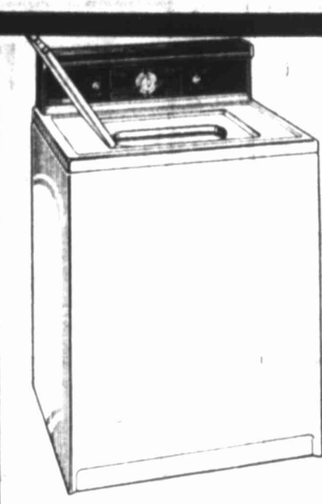

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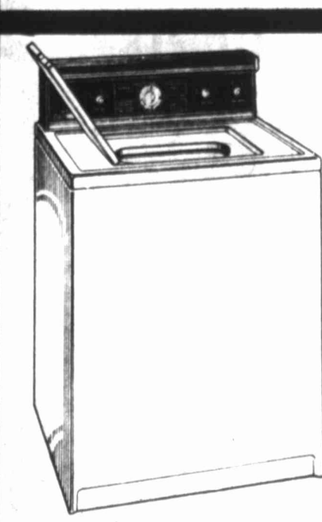

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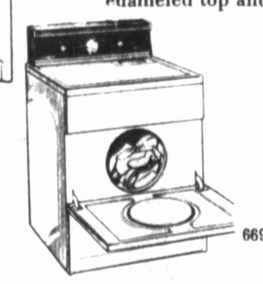

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Killeen college promotes new educational concept

By JAMES MANGAN

KILLEEN, Tex. (AP) — America's universities are bogged down in old fashioned approaches to education that fit neither the job market nor the world's needs, Dr. Luis M. Morton Jr., head of an education complex that includes more than 100 overseas operations, says.

Morton, president of Central Texas College and its affiliated educational branches, criticized U.S. public-supported higher education mainly for failing to meet the needs of the age of advanced technology.

In an interview, he said the prevailing atmosphere in many halls of learning is "pompous, arrogant and affected."

"A system has evolved that is selfserving, and thinks of its own protection more than serving students and society. With this type of system, decadence begins to set in. This can be seen now. Public higher education costs more and more.

"The question is: how can we provide more services to more people at less cost? Our present system is not concerned with justifying its expenditures, nor motivated by measurement of its effectiveness. Traditionally, our educators have felt competition was not proper. But I don't think any endeavor can grow and prosper without knowing what things cost and what the unit cost is.

"Publicly supported schools are funded in bulk, and they parcel out the funds as they see fit, unconcerned with the actual cost effectiveness of their various operations."

Morton's own achievements testify to the effectiveness of his concepts. Formerly a dean at Odessa Junior College, he has turned the two-year junior college here into a diversified complex that now boasts $18 million in buildings and facilities on 500 acres. And it continues to grow.

An initial $2 million bond issue was voted in 1965 by Killeen to create Central Texas College. Since then, said the urbane Morton, "We haven't gone back to the public for money."

When he realized the district's tax base could not support the college, Morton tapped what turned out to be a jackpot-government grants for specific educational needs and contracts with the military to provide technological training.

Situated in the middle of Ft. Hood, literally surrounded by U.S. military reservation land, Central Texas College has expanded into what is called the "American Educational Complex." It includes the American Technological University, the American Preparatory Instutute and Advance Technology.

The University provides third- and fourth-year college training, plus graduate degrees. The preparatory institute is used primarily by Ft. Hood soldiers who wish to complete their high school education. The Research Institute supports the functions of the three schools.

In addition, Central Texas College operates a unique video-audio network in Texas known as the Texas Telecomputer Grid, which links educational and medical institutions around the state. This grid, not yet complete, allows exchange of information via color television, enabling a doctor to prescribe for a patient 200 miles away, or a student at home to watch a scientific experiment.

Morton sees the Telecomputer Grid as eventually breaking down the walls of the academic world to bring education wherever it is needed.

He is proud of the expansion his technology-oriented complex has enjoyed.

"We're now involved in more than 100 locations around the world and have virtually no competition," he said. "The armed services have this desperate need for technological training and other colleges either are bogged down in books and chalk or simply don't make the effort. So job after job falls to us."

He said thousands of military men in Scotland, Wales, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Turkey are studying at overseas branches of the American Educational Complex.

Morton, a quiet spoken man who chooses words carefully, is convinced that the United States should be producing a wealth of soft services—technological know-how—to export around the world to nations that buy American equipment. Instead, he said, higher education still maintains allegiance to the old academic disciplines instead of seizing the new opportunity.

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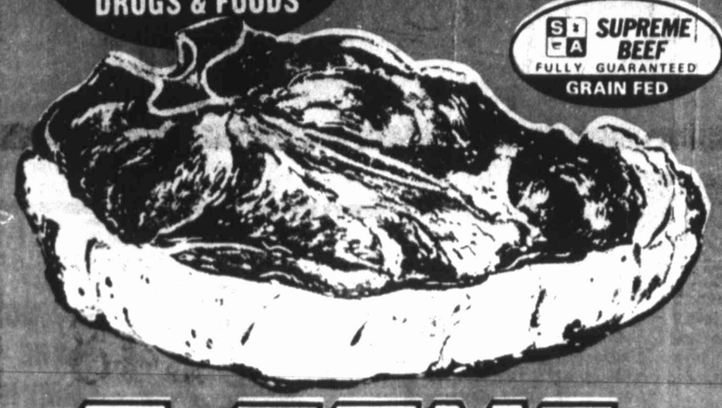

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Long-time area farmers used to fighting droughts

By ED TODD

"I don't know," said Bill Satterwhite, who has fought through three major droughts in the 50-odd years he has been in the cotton business. "I just hope for a rain."

Satterwhite, now well into his 70s, has for more than a quarter of century operated a cottonseed delinting business in Lamesa, the cotton kingdom of the southernmost region of the South Plains in Texas.

Before that, he managed a cotton gin in Big Spring for 23 years.

And right now, he's looking at what very possibly might be the beginning of another dry, dust-filled season — from planting time to the moment of harvest.

"I very well remember that (the drought of 1917) and the one during the '30s and the drought in the '50s.

"And we never know when these droughts are going to happen," Satterwhite said. However, "we have fairly good underground season (moisture), but the top soil is getting awfully dry."

Such is the case throughout the Midland area, and most of the Southwest, for that matter. This part of the country has been without any rainfall to speak of since mid-September. And the planting season, for cotton, is from two to 2½ months away (in May).

Most of Lamesa and Dawson County cotton growers depend on direct rainfall for moisture rather than irrigation. They have little other choice.

"The watertable has dropped," Satterwhite said, "and the price of gasoline (to operate pumpers) has gone up." He estimated that 50- to 60,000 cultivated acres in Dawson County are irrigated, and that represents 15 to 20 per cent of cropland there.

Last year was a reasonably good season for Dawson County cotton growers and ginners. Though cotton-fiber growth was stunted by a wet-and-cold spell in September, the yield nevertheless amounted to 140,000 bales, according to Dawson County Agent Lee Roy Colgan.

Normal production, Colgan said, would have been 210,000 bales from 243,000 acres of cotton and 425,000 acres of land.

Dawson County got shorted on cotton in 1974. That year, only 35,000 bales were produced. "Only half of the county was planted in cotton" that year, Satterwhite said.

But 1973, Satterwhite said, was "one of the best years I have ever known." During the '73 harvest season, 300,000 bales of cotton were ginned in the county.

But who knows what's in store for cotton growers in 1976?

Joe Vaszauskas, who works at Satterwhite's delinting company, said farmers are getting ready for another planting season.

"Everybody that's been plowing says the soil has moisture and is holding its own," Vaszauskas said.

"With the winds blowing, I don't know how long it's going to stay," he said. North of Lubbock and into the Panhandle, winds are rapidly taking the moisture away, he said.

Dawson County cropland, like much of the arable land in the Permian Basin, still has some moisture.

"The drought that covers most of Texas is not quite as bad in the Dawson County area because we have good sub-soil moisture," Colgan observed.

"And if we can get a planting rain in May, we have a good chance to make a good crop," he said.

"Beef cattle are beginning to get in a tight because of the lack of grazing, and this will become more acute the longer we go without rain."

The health of the county's economy — and, ultimately, the nation's — is linked in part to adequate rainfall.

"Ours is basically a cotton economy," Colgan said, "and rains in spring and summer determine our production a lot more than winter rain. However, we sure would like to have a good rain right now."

To the southeast, at Big Spring, Billy Bryant expressed concern over both drought prospects and prices of farm equipment. He is manager of Co-op Gins at Big Spring.

"As you know, prices are as high as everything, and farm equipment has doubled (in cost) in the past four years. Just about everything has gone up."

And, drought or no drought, unless farmers and ranchers get more money for their labors, "they won't be able to stay in business" anyway, Bryant said.

"A drought would hurt everybody," he said. After a one-year dry spell, a farmer "can get back on his feet fairly well" in the ensuing season. "(But) a two-year drought would put 25 per cent of the farmers out of business, and a three-year drought would put 50 per cent of the farmers out."

Big Spring, like Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Crane, has the petroleum industry has flourished, economic force. Though a drought would cripple Howard County's farm-ranch economy, it would not be overwhelming, most likely.

But for places such as Martin County (Stanton) and Dawson County (Lamesa) where agriculture makes up 90 per cent of the economy, "a drought there would be devastating," Bryant said.

Crane has been without rain since Nov. 1, "except for a little shower the other day," he said. Crane County's agriculture is tied to livestock.

"Our county as a whole has some pretty good grass on the ground," he said. "And if we get some rain, . . . we'll be in pretty good shape. We sure do need some rain."

So does the rest of Texas. Cowden said he has traveled over nuch of the state during the last three months, and "it's dry all over . . . all the way."

Cowden ranches on 10,000 acres, but he broke into the insurance business after a major drought "broke me flatter than a flitter. I had to go into something to make a livelihood during the drought, because it broke me," he said.

Aside from sheep- and cattle-raising, Crane County's economy, about 75 per cent of it, is oil-related, Cowden said.

In neighboring Ector County, agriculture has declined, but the petroleum industry has flourish, noted Karen Urban, of Odessa, executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

"We're kind of limited, unlike Midland County," she said of Ector County's economic base.

"During the last few years," she explained, "it's been too dry and the farming costs have been too tremendous here for farming per se."

Nevertheless, Miss Urban said, the ASCS is "trying to encourage the planting of cover crops to eliminate wind erosion . . . and to cut down on sandstorms."

Nearby, in Andrews County, oil production overshadows ranching and farming. Here, about 90,000 cultivated acres are in cotton and grain sorghum, according to Pete Millican, the county's agent for agriculture.

"Cattle conditions are good," Millican said. "We have plenty of old grass until spring, and we expect to have some new grass.

"The cattle conditions are good, but we can always use rain."

"Of course," he said, "we're always subject to a drought in this country. People have different feelings (about that), but you never know until it's upon you."

For Howard County, 1975 was a weak crop year.

"Last year was a droughty year. We got a rain in time to plant but none after that. It just didn't rain during the crop year," Bryant said. Cotton production there in 1975 totaled 11,000 bales. The yearly average is about 75,000 bales, he said.

Colgan, like Bryant, figures the farmer puts in a heavy investment for a comparatively light return and high risks—such as droughts.

"The price of cotton is pretty fair," Colgan said. "A good (500-pound) bale would bring 45 cents a pound. But it costs 35 to 40 cents a pound to produce it, and that's the catch."

He said the farmer might net as much as $50 from the sale of a bale, and "for all of his investment and time and work, that's not a lot of money."

Over at Stanton in Martin County, Douglas Church, manager of the Farmers Co-op Association, said cotton growers are reasonably satisfied with the 1975 cotton yield, but that they are somewhat apprehensive about the upcoming season.

"We had good rains," he said. "It was a good year. I think everybody was happy to know we could make that much cotton and get as much for it."

Ninety-five per cent of the cultivated land in Martin County is in cotton, Church said. So far, he said, cropland is still good for tilling and preparing for planting.

"We've got fair moisture to be as dry as it has," he said. "(There's) nothing to pull the moisture out of the ground except the winds." And for about five months, there's been nothing to add moisture to the soil, either.

"We people get kind of blue during dry weather," Church said.

And he was making no forecasts, blues or not: "The only one who predicts weather in this country is a newcomer or a fool," Church said in quoting an old saying.

Neither did J. E. Cowden, a Crane cattleman who dabbles in insurance, make any predictions. But he's definite:

"We'll be in a hell of a shape if it don't rain pretty quick," he said. Most of the grassland in Crane County is "old" grass, and "that's not going to last very long if it doesn't rain."

Icy winds stir dust

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several years since they had seen the skies the brown color seen Saturday.

Fourteen grass fires, fanned by the high winds, kept Midland firemen busy Friday and Saturday, 13 of them Friday.

The first occurred at 10:39 a.m. at 1909 Morgan Way, followed shortly by two others in the 2900 block of West Ohio Street. Other alarms Friday included:

Wadley and Midkiff streets, 2607 Culver St., 112 S. Bentwood St., 412 E. Pine St., the 400 block of North Fort Worth Street, corner of Lee and Indiana streets, 407 E. Dormard St., 100 S. Madison St. and a pasture north of the gin on South Fairgrounds Road.

Fireman said a single grass blaze was reported Saturday at Holiday Hill Road and West Illinois Street.

Strong winds and dry atmospheric conditions triggered several grass fires around the area. Two grass fires occured Friday afternoon in Andrews, and firemen in Big Lake battled two different grass fires from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Lamesa reported no wind damage but temperatures dipped to the low 40s. Stanton reported a sandstorm , while Crane said hanging dust thickened in the sky. Rankin, too, reported lots of sand in the air, heavy winds and cool temperatures.

Conditions are expected to clear up today and Monday, with temperatures reaching the low 60s today and the upper 60s Monday.

Association plans classes

The Midland Consumer Credit Association discussed plans for its credit education classes at its Friday meeting. The first group of classes will be directed toward high school juniors and seniors.

The programs for the March meetings of the organization will be a film of Midland shown by the Chamber of Commerce and a discussion of the Equal Opportunity Credit Act.

Firm files lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin Engineering Co. has filed suit against the Travis County sheriff's department, claiming the department installed radio broadcasting equipment that inteferes with company business transmissions.

The suit alleged that the sheriff's equipment included a defective antenna, and that the sheriff selected a frequency too near that of Austin Engineering.

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TOM SEALY, Midland attorney, right, is pictured with Leon Jaworski, Houston attorney and former special Watergate prosecutor, at the Thursday banquet of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Jaworski was the banquet's principal speaker. Sealy, who introduced the speaker, served with Jaworski on the German War Crimes Commission during the Nuremberg trial. Sealy was instrumental in bringing Jaworski to Midland for his banquet appearance.

Hanoi may quit cooperating

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — U.S. sources here say the return of the bodies of the last two American servicemen killed in the Indochina war will probably be the last help the United States will get from Vietnam in its search for the missing and dead unless Washington changes its policy towards Hanoi.

Two aides of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., are scheduled to fly to Saigon today to pick up the bodies of Cpl. Charles McMahon Jr., 21, of Woburn, Mass., and Cpl. Darwin L. Judge, 19, of Marshalltown, Iowa. The two marines were killed by a rocket blast during the American evacuation of Saigon just before the Communists took the city last April.

The two aides — Jerry Tinker and Dale DeHaan — said Saturday that their primary mission in Saigon would be the repatriation of the bodies but that they might discuss other issues related to U.S.-Vietnamese relations with Saigon Officials. They said they carried no letter or special message from Kennedy, who had corresponded with Hanoi leaders about the two marines over the past few months.

"They won't go on forever with these gestures. This will probably be the last one unless Washington comes up with something in return," one U.S. official source said. Hanoi has made it quite clear that it expects American war reconstruction aid if cooperation on the MIAs is to continue.

The sources and observers say that at present the U.S.Vietnamese "balance sheet" is one-sided.

Hanoi last October released nine Americans captured during the final Communist offensive and last December repatriated the remains of three U.S. servicemen killed in the war. Hanoi officials say they have set up a unit to search for U.S. MIAs.

Washington's only concrete move to date in building Vietnamese-U.S. relations, the sources say, has been to ease restrictions on the sending of certain humanitarian aid items to Vietnam from the United States. A trade and travel embargo is still in effect.

Tinker and DeHaan said that prior to their arrival in Bangkok Saturday they spoke to North Vietnamese diplomats in Paris. They said no concrete results came out of the meeting but that "the dialogue will continue, not just on MIAs but on other issues as well."

"We don't have relations with Vietnam, but there are a lot of things we have to talk about, including humanitarian issues like the repatriation of those Vietnamese in the U.S. who want to go back, the problems of fractured families and so on," the two aides said.

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Texas American Bancshares Inc. and Midland Subsidiary, Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Report Record 1975 Results.

Texas American Bancshares Inc., the state's sixth largest multi-bank holding company with headquarters in Fort Worth, and its Midland subsidiary, Commercial Bank & Trust Co., both reported record results for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Highlights of Texas American Bancshares' operations at the year-end include:

- Deposits up 4.9% to all-time high of $1.24 billion.
- Loans up 5.5% to all-time high of $800.9 million.
- Total assets up 3.6% to all-time high of $1.57 billion.
- Stockholders' equity up 9.2% to all-time high of $105.9 million.
- Income from continuing operations up 10.0% to $2.86 per share vs. $2.60 per share a year ago (exclusive of non-recurring gain of 19 cents per share from sale of land in 1974).
- Fourth quarter 1975 earnings up 20.0% to 72 cents per share vs. 60 cents per share a year ago.

Highlights of Commercial Bank & Trust Co. operations for 1975 include:

- Deposits up 16.5% to year-end high of $52.6 million.
- Loans up 16.2% to year-end high of $32.7 million.
- Total assets up 15.9% to year-end high of $57.9 million.
- Drive-in banking facilities expanded with opening of four additional units.

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TEXAS AMERICAN BANCSHARES INC.
and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheet

	December 31 1975	1974
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	$ 215,204,000	$ 297,292,000
Investment securities	320,016,000	268,590,000
Loans and discounts—net	800,901,000	758,863,000
All other assets	234,267,000	191,239,000
Total assets	$1,570,388,000	$1,515,984,000
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Deposits	$1,238,496,000	$1,181,057,000
All other liabilities	225,960,000	237,963,000
Stockholders' equity	105,932,000	96,964,000
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$1,570,388,000	$1,515,984,000

Consolidated Statement of Income

	For the Year Ended December 31 1975	1974
Operating income:		
Interest and fees on loans	$ 74,731,000	$ 79,365,000
Interest and dividends on securities	15,814,000	14,639,000
Other operating income	19,089,000	22,544,000
	109,634,000	116,548,000
Operating expenses		
Interest expense	51,853,000	63,855,000
Employees' compensation and benefits	19,907,000	17,368,000
Other operating expenses	23,918,000	20,607,000
	95,678,000	101,830,000
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	13,956,000	14,718,000
Federal income taxes	2,257,000	3,298,000
Income from continuing operations	11,699,000	11,420,000
Discontinued operations, net of tax	-0-	547,000
Income before securities transactions	11,699,000	11,967,000
Securities gains (losses), net of tax	54,000	(11,000)
Net income	$ 11,753,000	$ 11,956,000
Earnings per share, based on weighted average shares outstanding of 4,095,517		
Income from continuing operations	$2.86	$2.79 a
Income before securities transactions	2.86	2.92 b
Net income	2.87	2.92 b

(a) Includes gain on sale of land of $779,000 or $.19 per share.
(b) Includes gain of $536,000 or $.13 per share on sale of Foster Financial Corporation, in addition to the gain on sale of land noted in (a) above.

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Statement of Condition

	December 31 1975	1974
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	$11,779,378	$ 5,917,529
Investment securities		
United States Government	2,082,998	1,864,175
State, county and municipal	9,954,508	7,353,080
Other investment securities	120,000	60,000
Federal funds sold	-0-	5,500,000
Loans and discounts	32,732,444	28,176,934
Bank premises and equipment—net	839,649	699,300
Income receivable and other assets	444,794	429,066
	$57,953,771	$50,000,084
Liabilities and Capital Funds		
Demand deposits	$24,356,646	$23,101,441
Time deposits	28,220,431	22,017,378
TOTAL DEPOSITS	52,577,077	45,118,819
Unearned income and other liabilities	1,586,794	1,506,520
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,163,871	46,625,339
Reserve for loan losses	564,323	481,396
Capital funds		
Capital notes	300,000	300,000
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock	900,000	900,000
Capital surplus	1,100,000	1,100,000
Retained earnings	925,577	593,349
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	2,925,577	2,593,349
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	3,225,577	2,893,349
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DOLLAR STRETCHER FROZEN Foods of Midland, Inc., was formerly opened last Wednesday with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 3112A W. Cuthbert St. Inspecting frozen meat are, from left, Win Brown, Midland County Commissioner; Mark Martin, city councilman, and Dave Hoelscher, secretary-treasurer of Dollar Stretcher.

City's building permits Hit $4 million mark

Twenty-seven building permits valued at $336,510 were issued by the city inspection department last week, bringing construction totals to over $4 million for 1976.

Following the trend set the first week of this Bicentennial year, valuations for new residences in the city again led the list for permits during the week.

Four permits valued at $196,000 were issued to Perry Phillips, 2607 Culver Dr., $38,000; Trend Homes, 2512 Concord, $60,000, and 1707 Lexington, $64,000; and B & R Builders, 3600 W. Michigan Ave., $34,000.

Permits for new commercial were up in both number and valuation from last week, as five permits were issued at a value of $98,500. They went to Tom Canton for $40,000, warehouses at 4604 Sinclair Ave.; Ray Eaton for $24,000, transmission shop at 514 S. Main St.; Midland National Bank for $1,500, sign at 500 W. Texas Ave.; Ray Haisler for $15,000, local retail at 2707 No. Big Spring St.; and Furr's Family Center for $18,000, two underground gas tanks at 2208 and 2210 No. Big Spring St.

The remaining permits, all for residential and commercial alterations and repairs, totaled 18 in number and $42,010 in value.

The only commercial alteration permit was issued to Advanced Auto, 2110 W. Front St., $500 for a sign.

The residential alteration permits went to E. M. Pringle for $200, enclose the patio at 2505 Stutz Place; Allen Construction for $1,200, repair fire damage at 3206 Delano Ave.; Walter Reeves for $1,500, add to kitchen at 603 Ruby Dr.; Eladio Martinez for $1,700, add dining room and bathroom at 1106 E. Pecan Ave.; Ronny Henderson for $1,000, remodel bathroom at 2010 Princeton St.; and Dale Hines for $3,000, storage building at 2611 Boeing Dr.

Other residential alteration permits went to Steve Stephens for $1,000, convert garage to den at 3901 Pleasant Dr.; Miguel Rendon for $500, add bath at 1521 S. Fort Worth St.; Harry Griggs for $750, install fireplace and make alterations at 3506 W. Michigan Ave.; Jack Pallick for $8,000, add swimming pool at 3305 Camarie Ave.; and Robert Hiniae for $1,500, install foundation at 401 No. Marshall St.

The remaining residential permits were issued to O. D. Wilson for $460, fireplace at 4628 Wilshire Dr.; E. L. Davis for $8,700, swimming pool at 3307 W. Michigan Ave.; Joe Munoz for $2,000, add living room at 1111 No. Colorado St.; Ray Carpenter for $500, add patio cover at 4414 Parkdale Dr.; Bart Hutchkiss for $3,500, add garage at 1701 Community Lane; and Charles B. Coston for $6,000, add to rear at 3910 Anetta Dr.

Many see market explosion continuing several weeks

By RONALD L. SOBLE
The Los Angeles Times

With everybody scrambling to buy everything, many on Wall Street now see the current stock market explosion retaining much of its momentum in the coming weeks.

Some in the securities industry said Friday — as the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials gained 12 points to 987.80 on record volume of 44.5 million shares — that only a tightening of the reins by Washington could hold the market back now.

That was a reference to speculation by some analysts that the Federal Reserve could be getting nervous about recent indications of speculative fervor in the market and could be contemplating an increase in stock margin (down payment) requirements.

"There's nothing wrong with a buoyant market," said Gary Wollin, institutional research director at New York-based Muller and Co. "But it certainly has outrun expectations. The Fed could be concerned that the bubble could begin to burst."

The margin level has remained at 50 per cent since Jan. 3, 1974, when the Federal Reserve lowered it from 65 per cent, but Wollin said he expected the central bank to raise it within two months in an effort to inhibit some of the frantic stock buying that has characterized the market thus far this year.

Others, such as Robert M. Stovall, vice president of Reynolds Securities, Inc., in New York, believe it is "too early" for the Federal Reserve to act.

Stovall said he expected the bellwether Dow Jones average to burst through the 1,000 level next week, which would put it near its record closing high of 1,051.70 in January, 1973.

"Everybody's in," Stovall said.

"Everybody" included a flood of public orders that sent averages soaring on heavy volume on the American Stock Exchange and in the over-the-counter market, both barometers of individual share demand.

The public's disire for stocks was also reflected by the fact that a broad range of low-priced stocks on the New York Stock Exchange has been climping. Individuals generally have shunned the market for several years.

Two out of every three trades in the last week, traders said, were being made by banks, insurance companies and mutual funds, the institutions with billions of dollars to invest.

Much of this cash had been sitting on the "sidelines" — Wall Street jargon for short-term cash investments such as Treasury bills and commercial paper (corporate IOUs). But with interest rates declining, stocks have become a better value in the eyes of these money managers and the race to buy issues has accelerated.

"Most institutions feel a correction (a market downturn) is coming up," said Tracy Wheeler, head of block (10,000 shares or more) trading at Crowell, Weedon and Co. in Los Angeles. But, for the moment, he said, the psychology dictates that "there's no point in fighting the market which is going up, up, up."

Contributing to the market's hectic pace — as trading volume on the Big Board passed the billion-share mark for the year at the earliest time in the NYSE's history — was a larger-than-expected increase Wednesday in the quarterly common stock dividend by American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Aside from "Ma Bell's" happy surprise, investors found their confidence bolstered by good economic signs: less inflation and predictions that corporate profits would remain strong in 1976.

Even as large crowds gathered around trading booths on the Big Board floor, reflecting the heavy volume, brokers were quick to say that Wall Street had the situation well in hand and that there was little of the chaos and confusion that characterized the stock boom of the late 1960s.

several floor traders could hardly contain their exuberance and contended that the present market rise was only the first stage of an extended bull market.

In fact, one NYSE observer said, the only thing that kept traders from charging across the exchange to fill orders was a Big Board rule calling for a $100 fine for anyone caught running on the trading floor.

BUSINESS

Wickham takes post

Don Wickham, a 14-year veteran of the brewing industry, is the new Midland area Miller High Life distributor.

Wickham, who has been in West Texas 18 months, previously was a regional sales manager with the Hamms Brewing Co. 12 years and was associated with the Pearl Brewery before buying the Miller distributorship from Beverage Sales here.

The business is located at Terminal Station.

Big Spring asks flights

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—The Texas Aeronautics Commission has received an application by Trans Regional Airlines of Big Spring to provide passenger air service to eight Texas cities.

Trans Regional's application is to provide two or more round trips per day over five proposed routes including Austin, Brownwood, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Midland-Odessa, Houston's Hobby Airport, the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport and Lubbock.

Trans Regional presently provides passenger air service between Big Spring and Dallas-Fort Worth with Cessna 402 twin engine eight-passenger aircraft.

A hearing on the application has been set for March 15 in Austin.

Next week the Aeronautics Commission will consider Chaparral Airlines application to serve Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, Austin and Hobby Airport from Abilene using a similar type plane.

That application will be considered Feb. 24, at Austin.

THE BOARD of directors of Midland Savings Association recently elected Mrs. Ellen White corporate secretary. She has been with the financial institution six years. She has served in the teller, savings, accounting and loan departments and as secretary to the president of the association.

TPA holds meeting

The Texas Pharmaceutical Association will hold a regional seminar in Midland today at the Holiday Inn.

The seminar, entitled "The Pharmacist and Antibiotic Therapy," will begin at 12:30 p. m. and end at 6 p. m.

Paul F. Davis, a registered pharmacist and director of proffessional affairs of the Texas association and three faculty members from The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy will give presentations.

Franklin club adds Midlander

Bill Greene, general agent for Franklin Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, Ill., and a resident of Midland, has been named to membership in the 1976 Franklin Million Dollar Conference.

He will be presented his membership certificate March 22 at a meeting at Scottsdale, Ariz. He qualified for membership by selling more than $1 million in insurance last year.

Comparison okay says FTC

, WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission, saying in effect that advertisers should be free to compare one product directly against another, is studying the industry's approach to the subject.

The FTC has begun an investigation to determine whether the advertising industry's selfenforcement codes have restrained direct-comparison advertising.

The commission said Friday it would "determine whether any advertisers, advertising media (or) advertising industry associations ... are engaging in any unfair methods of competition ...by imposing restraints upon the use of comparative advertising."

Howard Bell, president of the American Advertising Federation, said prohibitions against comparison ads have been dropped by virtually every major industry group within the last decade.

FNB again sets record

The First National Bank of Midland again reported a record year and stockholders approved an 80,000 share stock dividend at its annual stockholders meeting held in the 1st National Room at the bank.

The stock divided increases the outstanding shares from 1,600,000 to 1,680,000 and the capital stock account from $8 million to $8.4 million. Par value of the stock continues to be $5.00 per share. Under the plan, according to Wilbur A. Yeager Jr., president, a shareholer will receive one additional share for each 20 owned as of the record date of February 19th, 1976.

A proposal to raise $3,200,000 of new equity capital was also approved by stockholders. This offering, as explained by Yeager, will be accjomplishfed by issuance of warrants to shareholders of record as jof February 19th, 1976.

These warrants, when exercised, will create 160,000 additional shares of $5.00 par value common stock. The warrants entitle present stockholders to purchase one new share of stock for each ten shares now owned at a price $20 per share.

The plan, as approved, will increase the outstanding common stock from 1,680,000 shares to 1,840,000 shares and increase total capital of the bank from $25,552,000 to $28,752,000.

The stockholders reelected the existing directors of First National and voted to leave the vacancy created by the recent death of Robert M. Turpin open until such time as another director can be appointed. Directors reelected includ. John P. Butler, C. J. Kelly, Wilbur A. Yeager, Jr., Frank Cowden, Clarence Scharbauer, Jr.,Paul L. Davis, Barron Kidd, Foy Proctor, A. N. Hendrickson, J. T. Baker, Frank Cowden, Jr., J. Harvey Heard, W. B. Yarborough, Richard S. Brooks, William B. Blakemore, II, Joe Mabee, and James N. Allison, Jr.

Hearing slated on air service

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Aeronautics Commission today set a public hearing on March 24 and called on Trans Regional Air to explain why it is no longer furnishing scheduled air service between Big Spring and Midland-Odessa.

The commission said it had been told that Trans Regional Air, which is operated by El Paso Air Transport Inc., is providing passenger and cargo service between the two points on-demand only.

The commission said Trans Regional Air asked and received authority March 24, 1975 to furnish the service.

BUSINESS NOTEBOOK

Consumer finance firms 'reaping the whirlwind'

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—Consumer finance companies in Texas report that they're having a hard time keeping things going these days.

"We are now reaping the whirlwind," Vernon Lemens of the Texas Finance Institute says.

"There's been so much legislation, state and national, that is now being utilized by lots of people that it amounts to reverse harassment," Lemens complains.

Small loan companies are having great difficulty in staying in business because of the litigation spawned by "consumer legislation," Lemans says.

He complains that loan rates haven't been increased since they were adopted in 1963—and says the rates are no higher now than they were 50 years ago.

"You can't hold your breath forever," Lemens says.

Efforts to provide an increase in rates in the last session of the Legislature were defeated through the efforts of Sen. Bill Patman, Ganado, who prevented SB 69 by Sen. Bill Moore, Bryan, from reaching a vote in the Senate.

Evidence presented by the consumer finance companies attempted to show that the rates on loans in Texas are too low when compared to other states—while Patman contended the rates are, if anything, too high.

Next year's legislative session should see a return by the finance companies to try, try again, this time with some fresh ammunition provided by Dr. Ray McAlister of North Texas State University and Dr. Thomas A. Durkin of Pennsylvania State University.

Their study, "An Economic Report on Consumer Lending in Texas," concludes that so-called "Article 3.15 lenders"—those making loans of $100-$2,500—are indeed in trouble.

"It does not seem likely that the Texas 3.15 lending industry will long be able to survive, at least not in the same form serving its traditional customers," the study concludes.

Gross lending revenue for such lenders declined in relation to average amount of loans outstanding over the 1968-73 period, McAlister and Durkin report, while net bad debts rose.

Lenders were able to partially offset the trend by automation and concentration on larger loan sizes, but these changes "have probably reached their effective limits," they report.

However, the most severe problem for lenders has been the high cost of funds for lending, and that problem seems unlikely to improve in the future.

"Even during a deep recession like the one experienced in 1975, open market interest rates have remained extremely high by historical standards, especially on the long-term bonds that are an important source of funds for consumer finance companies," the economists say.

As a result, the return on investors' equity was less than half that of most major segments of U.S. industry in 1973, and preliminary results for 1974 indicated the worst year ever for the Texas 3.15 industry, with "virtually no net profit at all."

The growth rate for Art. 3.15 lending has been below the growth rate of consumer finance company personal lending nationally, and below the growth rates for loans by other Texas lenders, such as banks and credit unions.

MGF to sell securities

AUSTIN — MGF 76 - A, Ltd., of Midland has filed an application with the State Securities Board to sell $750,000 in securities.

Securities Commissioner Roy W. Mouer said his office granted four permits last week.

—Staff Photo by Charles McCain

STATE FARM INSURANCE Co. last week held open house at its new facility at 2302 Wadley St. James Lucas of State Farms here serves coffee to state representative Tom Craddick of Midland, center, and O. A. Edgeworth of Austion, State Farm regional vice president.

Cost to be unchanged for driver education

Although an estimated 250 students will be unable to receive behind-the-wheel training for driver education during the fall and spring semesters next school year, the new scheduling won't cost any more than previously,

Midland public school officials in January approved a policy change for driver education in order to comply with Atty. Gen. John Hill's ruling that fees may not be charged for driver education during the regular school term.

Students still will be able to take the classroom portion of the program during the spring and fall semesters but must wait until the summer session for behind-the-wheel instruction. Hill's ruling does not apply to the summer months.

A $30 fee has been charged for behind-the-wheel training during the regular school term in past years. No fee has been charged for the classroom instruction. During the summer session, however, students pay $15 for the classroom portion, plus $30 for behind-the-wheel.

Under the new arrangement, which becomes effective in August 1976, students will pay no more for the program but must wait until summer to begin driving or receive that training elsewhere.

Administrative changes required by the new scheduling will result in one of the two present driver education instructors being shifted to another teaching assignment while the remaining instructor divides his classroom time between the two high schools.

During the summer, an estimated 20 instructors will be employed to provide students with behind-the-wheel practice. In past years, only 15 have been required.

Hal Battle, coordinator of physical education and driver education for the Midland schools, said most of the driver training add two summer instructors are physical education teacher who are certified by the Texas Education Agency to teach in the driving program.

Battle said the changeover is not expected to affect this summer's enrollment. Four sessions are planned and the students requiring the classroom portion also must sign up for the first session, scheduled May 31 through June 12.

Other sessions are slated June 14 through June 26, June 28 through July 10 and July 12 through July 24.

Pre-registration for summer driver education will be April 12 through 15 when school personnel meet with students at their respective schools. Battle said students must have their money with them when they register.They also must be 15 years of age before they begin the classroom portion. They must obtain a restricted driver's license before they begin behind-the-wheel training.

Selection of time and date for driving, Battle said, is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

He recommends that students involved in extra-curricular activities such as athletics or band take driver education during the summer in order to avoid scheduling conflicts during the spring or fall semesters.

Real Estate Today

By DON HARVEY REALTOR
Owner, Don Johnson Realtors

KNOW YOUR ZONING

In a nutshell, zoing laws lay out restriction as to what kind of buildings may be constructed and how they can be used within certain geographic limits. Many times, zoning can be detrimental to the growth of a city, which has been witnessed in Midland in previous years, perhaps. The public many times doesn't understand the true meaning of zoning.

For example, if the area is zoned for one family homes you may not be able to use a part of the house for some special use such as converting an area for an apartment for a family member or rental or using a part of the house for office or party use business. There may height restriction or lot-size limitations.

Before buying you should know what the zoning is, and the geographic limits of residential and business zoned areas in your locality. It may affect the future value of your property and save you from an unexpected disappointment.

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If you have any questions on this subject or any other aspect of real estate, feel free to phone or drop in at DON JOHNSON realtors, 702 Andrews Hwy. Phone 683-5333. We're here to help! (Come in for your free copy of "Homes For Living" magazine)

Evangelist dies

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Kathryn Kuhlman, a theatrical and internationally known evangelist who earned an unwanted reputation as a faith healer, has died of heart surgery complications.

She will be buried in California, across the country from the center of her ministry in western Pennsylvania.

Miss Kuhlman died Saturday of pulmonary hypertension, a complication which followed open heart surgery here on Dec. 28. She was about 60.

PAUL WELCH

The man Midland County is talking about electing May 1

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR
SHERIFF
OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

I filed officially as a candidate for Sheriff of Midland County in the Democratic Primary which takes place May 1st. As you know, I sought this office in 1972 and was defeated. At that time I thought I had failed, but one encouraging friend told me this could have been a blessing in disguise, for if a person does not first succeed to try again. As one historian stated, "To know a man, observe how he wins his objective, rather than how he loses it; for when we fail, our pride supports; when we succeed it betrays us." Perhaps if I had won the Sheriff's office in 1972 my pride would have betrayed me because since that time I have not only grown in years, but I have added several more years of experience to my career in Law Enforcement. I have endeavored to increase my knowledge through constant study in my chosen field, and firmly believe I am now more qualified to be your Sheriff.

To say I am qualified is not enough. You, the voters of Midland County, want to know what I propose to do if elected Sheriff of our community where the crime rate has increased nearly 40% in the past two years. As your Sheriff, I will have a line command and staff command. The line command will include the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice and Narcotic Division and Case Investigation Division. The Staff Command will include the Identification Division, Special Services Division, Communications Division, Warrant Division, Jail Division, Baliffs for the Courts, and Women deputies for the handling of female offenders. I will attempt to have, under the line command, a Patrol Division that operates on three shifts twenty-four hours a day. There will be four patrol cars moving at all times in Midland County. The county will be divided into four sections, one patrol car for each section. If someone calls for help, I want a Sheriff's unit to be there within a matter of minutes; when a person needs help or assistance they want it as soon as possible. These cars will be marked patrol cars. Many people think an unmarked car can slip up easier on someone violating the law, but the criminal of today knows the unmarked car as well as the marked patrol car. Statistics prove that a marked patrol car is a valuable deterrent to crime and when the law abiding citizens see one, it gives them a sense of security. I will also uniform my deputies where they can readily be identified as peace officers. This also is a deterrent to criminal acts. Further, a uniformed officer who is neat in personal appearance gives our community pride in their peace officers. These are but a few of the things I will propose as your Sheriff.

Let me clearly state that I, or any other candidate for the Sheriff's office, cannot promise you anything without the sanction of our county commissioners, for they are your elected governing body you have entrusted to spend your tax dollars. I do believe, however, if I show them a sound plan which is economically feasible for all concerned as well as a working professional Sheriff's department that all will be proud of and justly deserve, our commissioners court will be behind us 100%. I will give the commissioners court a monthly report on all activities of the Sheriff's Department. Ladies and Gentlemen, I can assure you of one thing-when elected your Sheriff, I will plan my work and work my plan both professionally and administratively; I will strive to merit the confidence you will be entrusting to me in this office. Thank you. I will appreciate your vote.

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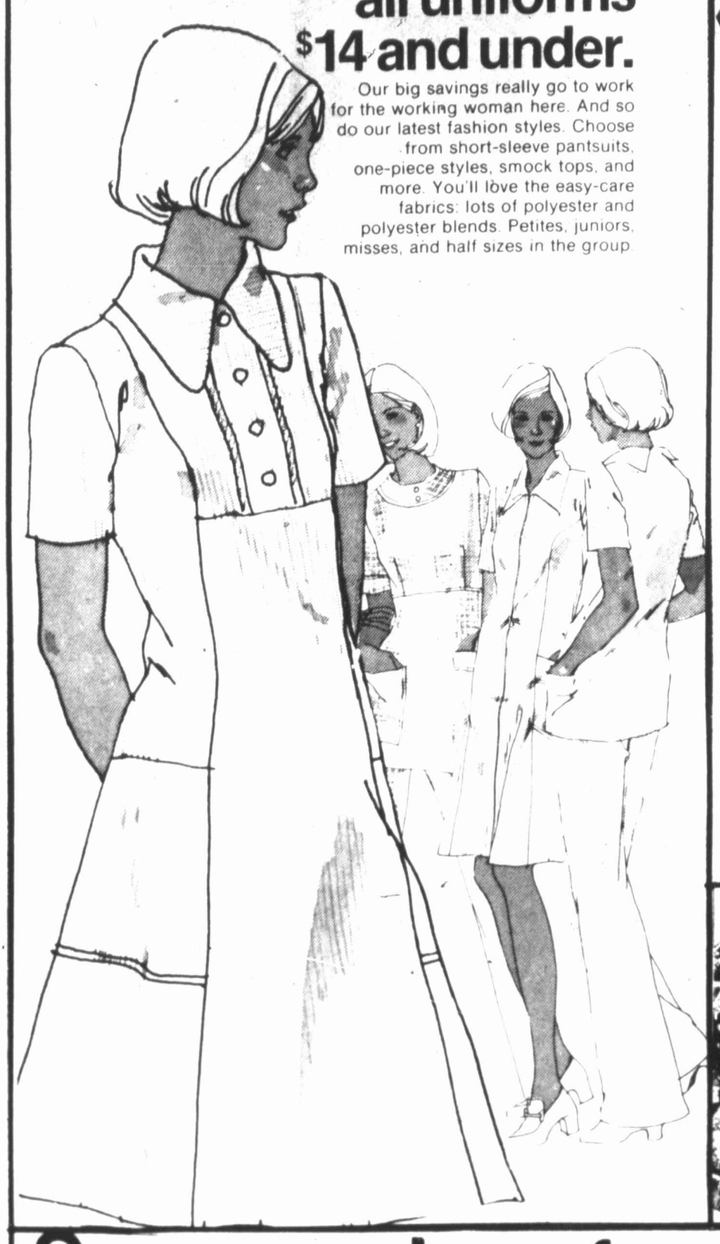

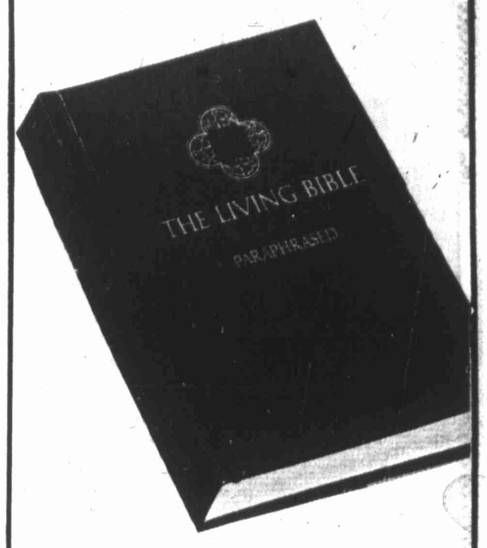

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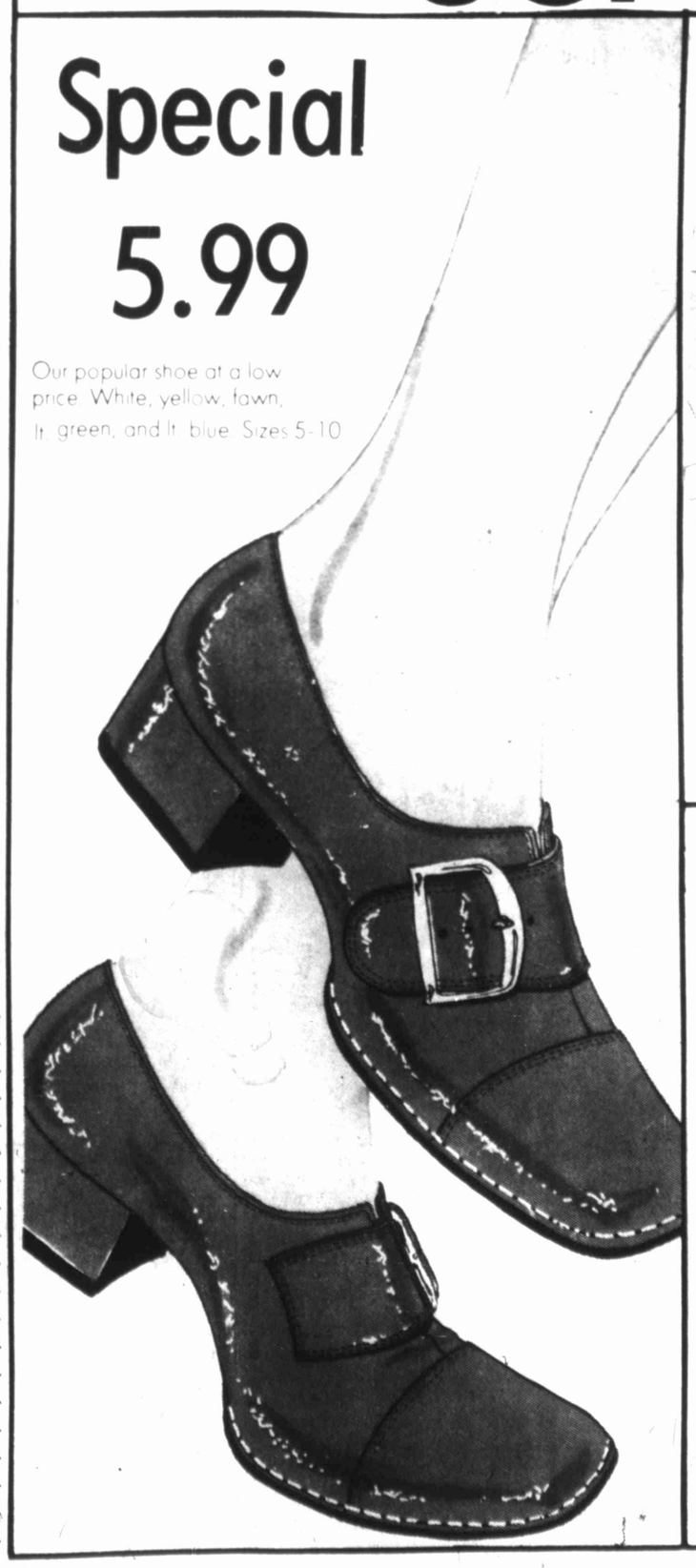

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Ector sheriff hopeful arrested, freed twice

ODESSA — W. T. "Bill" Bowen, one of 13 candidates now campaigning for sheriff of Ector County, was arrested Friday and twice released on bond on charges that he violated provisions of the Texas Election Code seven times.

Bowen, 28, who serves as a constable while he's on the campaign trail, turned himself into the district attorney's office. He was charged on seven counts of failure to identify political advertising as such.

The election code requires that most campaign literature, including signs, newspaper advertisements, calling cards, and brochures, be identified as "political advertising" and that the name and address of the person, committee, or organization contracting for that advertising be listed.

Rowen, allegedly, did not do this, and thus became subject to a $1,000 fine on each violation.

Justice of the Peace Jimmie Harris released Harris on his personal recognizance after setting bond at $1,000 on each charge.

Shortly afterward, Bowen told newsmen he had been released from custody because several "big money" folks personally had offered to post his bond.

Once he heard of the Bowen remark, Dist. Atty. John Green refiled the misdemeanor charges against the constable and had him rearrested.

This time, Harris revoked Bowen's cash-free appearance bond. Bowen then posted the $7,000 bond to keep out of jail.

The campaign literature that got Bowen in trouble with the law reportedly included copies of a newspaper article dealing with a fake narcotics arrest. That well-publicized antic, planned to mislead drug dealers, the press and the public, involved a justice of the peace and a deputy sheriff, both of whom are now in the running for sheriff.

TSTA to meet

An estimated 50 delegates from 16 West Texas counties will gather in Midland Tuesday for the District XVIII, Texas State Teachers Association, caucus.

The meeting, planned for members attending the March 11-13 state convention in Fort Worth, will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Fannin Elenentary School cafeteria.

Consulting with the delegates will be Jewell Harris of Abilene, former state president and regional consultant; Archie Roberts of Austin, former state president, and Glenn Kidd of Austin, TSTA consultant.

Sylvia Valles

Sylvia Valles crowned Park Center Y queen

Sylvia Valles, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Valles, was crowned Valentine Queen of the Park Center YMCA during Saturday night's coronation dance in the Midland County Exhibit Building.

Other royalty for the occasion were duchesses Mary Gavia, Susie Olgin, Isela Garcia, Mary Armendariz and Luch Baeza. Princess was Angie Gavia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gavia.

Felip Morales was master of ceremonies for the coronation, which was followed by a breakfast at the Park Center Y.

Sundance to drill test

CARLSBAD, N.M — Sundance Drilling Corp. of Midland has been awarded a contract to drill a test water well in Pine Springs Canyon in Guadalupe Mountains National Park, according to the National Park Service.

The contact calls for a maximum drilling depth of 5,000 feet. The project is to be completed in 120 days.

Meeting scheduled

ABILENE — A meeting of the Great Plains West district of Occupational Therapists is scheduled March 6 at Abilene's West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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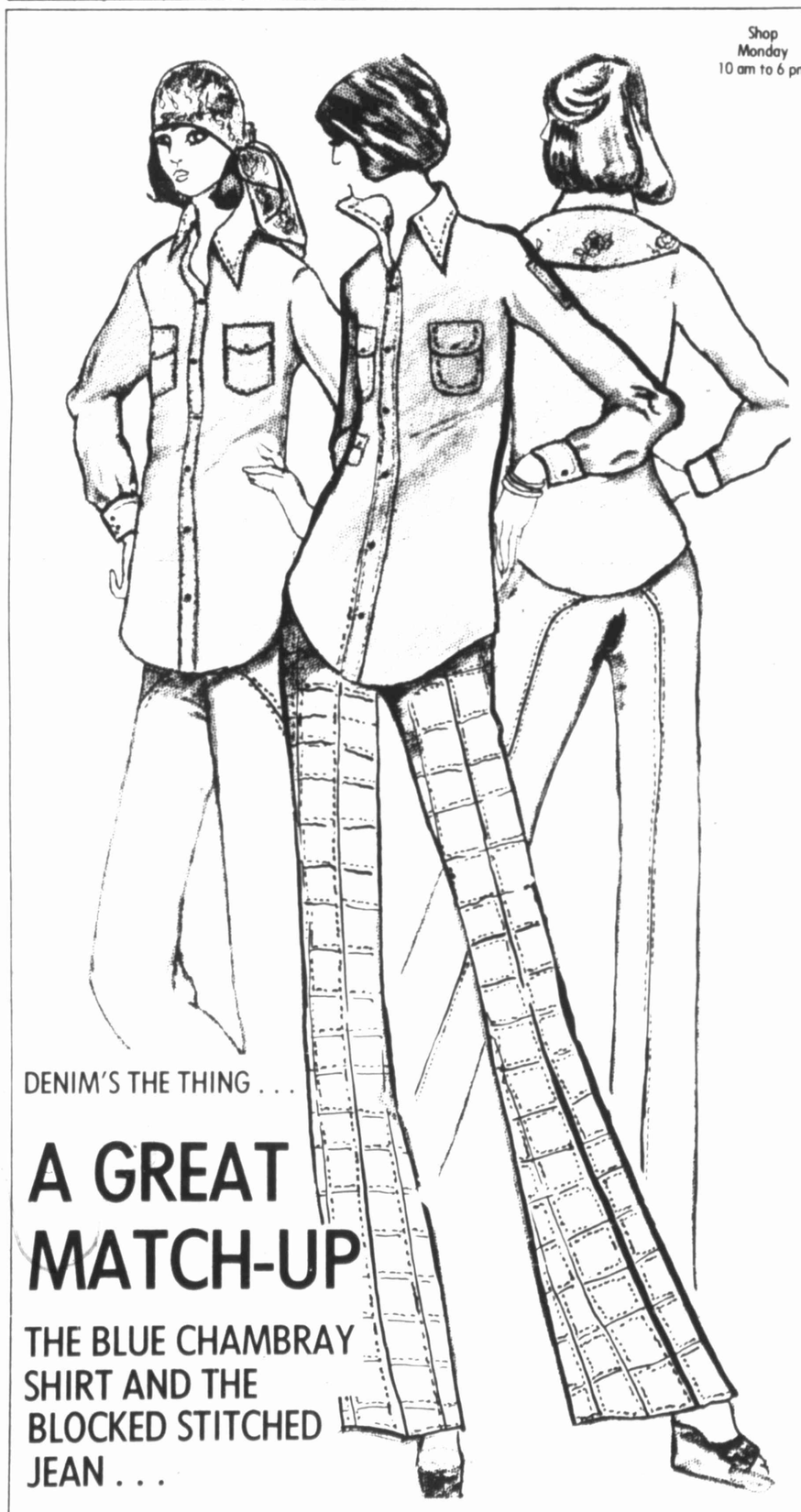

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Mrs. Barry Welton, left, and Mrs. George Berry are assisting in making charges for surgical patients in the surgery offices. Charges are made here, then transferred by the auxiliary members to the hospital business office.

Officers of the auxiliary are, from left seated Mrs. William W. Henry, president; Mrs. J. W. Baulch, first vice president, and standing from left, Mrs. Floyd D. Wood, treasurer; Mrs. John Keyes, recording secretary, and Mrs. Robert Mathews, corresponding secretary. Not shown is Mrs. John Armstrong, second vice president.

Auxiliary sets awards event

Members of the Women's Auxiliary, Inc. of Midland Memorial Hospital Wednesday will be recognized for their service hours at the auxiliary's annual awards and installation luncheon to be held at Midland Country Club.

Mrs. Mitchell Cappadonna is chairman of the luncheon. Her co-chairman is Mrs. Ken Blanchard, and Mrs. C. C. Tull is in charge of decorations.

The auxiliary is well into its 26th year of volunteer service to the hospital.

These services are performed by 166 active senior auxiliary members and 32 junior members in 17 departments. These include admitting, blood assurance, blood bank, camera, floor hostesses, gift shop, information desk, laboratory, magazines, mending, nourishment cart, physical therapy, recovery room, surgical waiting room, surgery desk, sewing and television. A total of 23,624 hours were volunteered during 1975.

Each year for the past 19 years the auxiliary has presented two $1,000 nursing scholarships to Midland girls. This is made possible by the auxiliary's 105 contributing members. Completing the current membership are six honorary members.

In 1975, the auxiliary contributed $17,850 in equipment to Midland Memorial. Twenty-three nursery beds were purchased, along with a Pulmo Norm Digitizer and Pulmo Lab.

One hundred and 43 memorials totaling almost $2,000 were received last year. This memorial fund is to provide equipment directly related to patient care at the hospital.

Staff Photos
by
Charles McCain

Mrs. Tom B. Campbell is seated at the sewing machine making a new item or mending. Mrs. Ralph Geisler is busy at the pressing board putting on the finishing touch.

Mrs. Sonya Scholl is receiving a call at the surgery desk. She is there to assist friends or relatives of patients in the surgery waiting room.

Mrs. W. L. Peyton, left, volunteer director of the auxiliary, is showing a "pink" uniform to three new volunteers during orientation. Seated left to right are Mrs. E. R. Bauman, Mrs. R. A. Nethery and Mrs. Walter E. Crockett.

Mrs. George Huckabay, left, and Mrs. Keith Levy are busy in the gift shop preparing a basket of items to be taken to another area of the hospital.

Ronald E. Dale of Fort Worth will present a program on Oriental art for the Midland Country Club Ladies' Association Friday. A social period will be held at 11:30 a.m., and the luncheon and program will start at 12 noon.

Oriental talk slated

Ronald R. Dale of the Crandale Galleries of Fort Worth will present a program on Oriental art for the Midland Country Club Ladies' Association Friday. There will be a social period at 11:30 a.m., followed with a luncheon and the program.

Dale is co-owner of the Fort Worth galleries with Terry Crane. Dale served 120 years in the U. S. Army, 12 years of which were spent in the Far East.

Ivory carvings, jade, lacquer ware, porcelain, wood carvings, water colors and embroidery will be among the items discussed by Dale, who will display old and new examples. He will, on a limited basis, will appraise Oriental art brought by guests.

AAUW group sets meeting

The Potpourri of Topics Group of the American Association of University Women, Midland Branch, will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. Robert Hannifin, 2307 Gulf St. Mrs. Vince Scury will present a program entitled "Astrology: A Layperson's Overview."

Mrs. Scury, a graduate of the University of Southern California, holds a B.A. degree in sociology and a B. S. degree in library science. She has served as children's librarian for the Los Angeles Public Library and Kern County, and also was school librarian for the Bakersfield School District. She is the current chairperson of Action-line Fish and a volunteer worker at the Museum of the Southwest. She is a member and former vice president of AAUW.

Carole Lombard was 'slick chick'

WASHINGTON — Carole Lombard was the "slick chick" of Hollywood fantasy glamor world in the late 1930s. Women coveted her bias-cut slinky dresses and man-tailored suits, styles which Paris designers like Vionnet were showing at the time but which most American women could only find out about in the nation's movie theaters.

Those same looks, equally current today, will be worn by Jill Clayburgh who plays Lombard in the Universal film "Gable and Lombard" which opens in April. Hess's, the promotionally aggressive Allentown, Pa. department store which sold the first Russian made dresses two years ago, plans to feature the costumes in a showing called "Fantasy Fling."

"After a year of recession and depression, economic and social, I'm sure women will really respond to these designs, said Yvonne Burbage, Hess's fashion coordinator.

According to Stella Blum, curator of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute which last year exhitibed "Romantic and Glamorous Hollywood Design," most of the original Lombard clothes were designed by Travis Banton. Edith Head, who worked for Banton at one time, created some of her clothes toward the end of her career. Head has done the costumes for the new film.

Paula Faye Turney

Couple to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Turney of 3408 Baumann Ave. announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Faye, to Dwight Phillip Edwards of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Edwards of Houston.

The wedding ceremony will be performed at 8 p.m. May 22 in the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a senior music education major at Hardin-Simmons University. She is chaplain of Sigma Alpha Iota, women's professional fraternity, and also is a member of Alpha Chi, national honors fraternity, the Student Foundation and the H-SU Concert Choir.

Edwards will receive his degree in Bible and Spanish in May from H-SU, where he is president of the Student Foundation and the senior class. He also is a member of Student Congress and Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish fraternity.

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AT WIT'S END

No one ever wins a game

By ERMA BOMBECK

Did you ever notice how in reporting sports no one ever "wins" a game?

They crush, stomp, triumph, trounce, bomb, out-score, out-class, overthrow, run over, edge out, hammer and victimize, but they never use the word "win."

The other night after a sportscast where there were three assaults, four upsets, one humiliation, a squeaker, and a rout, I said to my husband, "These guys must be fed intravenously by a thesaurus each night to come up with all those words that mean 'win.'"

"They have to," he said. "You'd get bored hearing who 'won' all the time."

"But that's not the way people talk," I complained. "Can't you just see some 230-pound guard being interviewed at halftime saying, 'We came to beat Pittsburgh. At this moment, we're not overwhelming by as much as we had hoped, but sooner or later we hope to vanquish. After all, as Vince Lombardi said, 'subduing is everything.'"

"You should talk," he said. "How come a woman on the society page never 'gets married?'"

"What are you talking about?"

"I've read those stories before. They 'exchange vows ','say nuptials', or 'pledge I do's', but they never get married!"

"That's different."

"Why different? We're talking about saying what we mean. When we got engaged I suppose you called up your best friend and said, 'Hey, Dottie, guess what, I'm going to plight my troth in August.'"

"I think plighting a troth is rather poetic. It's certainly not like the Raiders 'smothering' their opponents or the Jets 'clobbering' theirs."

"Hey," he grinned, "it might be fun if society pages showed as much imagination as they do on the sports pages. Can't you just imagine reading where Betty Schmidlapp cruised by four ugly bridesmaids Saturday to overpower her opponents and cap a victory in the Bridegroom Open in the upset of the year?"

"This is a stupid argument," I said. "And I don't want to continue it. Just say I won and we'll forget it."

He sat there thinking.

"See," I continued. "You haven't heard the word win in so long you can't even remember how it goes."

"Let's see," he said, "let's just say in the sports vernacular you 'persuaded your opponent it was in his best interest to lose.'"

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Mrs. Faye Miles, center, is demonstrating the Croqugnol method of permanent wave, right, which cost 50 cents. She is holding the Marcel Iron. The heating of the curling iron in a kerosene lamp also can be seen.

Early-day hair styling was risky, time consuming, cheap

By PATSY GORDON

In this fast moving society of today it would be interesting to find out how it would affect the modern working woman if she had to sit in a beauty shop all day having a permanent wave put in her hair.

And how today's woman would feel about having a bald spot appear because a permanent wave had been heated too hot and the hair was burned away from her scalp.

These are just a couple of risks which women had to take during the history of hair styling.

"The first method of hair styling was done with a curling iron. We have no record of who or when this was invented, but we do know they were heated either in the fireplace or a lamp," said Mrs. Faye Miles, co-owner and operator of a Midland beauty shop with her husband, Johnny Miles.

"In the early 1800s, Monsieur Marcel, a prominent French hairdresser discovered a method of waving hair with a reverse motion of the curling iron," said Mrs. Miles.

"Marcel tried for a long period of time to master this method. One day in complete despair, he reversed his iron and that lapse of control gave him the one movement he had sought. Shortly after, he devised the Marcel Iron, oval mounds with irons underneath"' she added.

Eventually, these were curls made wound around rags, pieces of tin and many homemade devices.

The invention of the permanent wave is accredited to Charles G. Nessler and this was patented in London between 1903 and 1905. Nessler moved to the United States in 1915. By 1920, the permanent wave was recognized and accepted as a success.

The first permanent wave method was the Helical or corkscrew method. The Croqugnol method was not introduced until about 1926. These permanent waves were heated to a high degree by an electric machine. They then had to be cooled very slowly. Otherwise the curl was lost, said Mrs. Miles.

"Many scalps were burned severely and it was not unusual for a complete curl to drop off," the beautician added. "These were closely watched and immediately put in a pocket so the patron did not know she had a bald spot," she explained.

The machineless method was introduced about 1940. This was said to be a great improvement because the

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Butz hints he would like to stay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz has dropped a hint that he may be available to remain at his $60,000-a-year Cabinet post if President Ford is elected next fall.

About a year ago Butz had planned to retire at mid-year but was asked by Ford to remain on the job at least through the 1976 election. Later, on several occasions, Butz told reporters he planned to quit after the election even if Ford wins a term in the White House.

But last week, at an agricultural marketing conference here, Butz was asked if he felt secure enough about the administration's farm policy to retire at the end of this year or if he would stay.

"I'd have to be invited, obviously," Butz said. "You don't invite yourself to stay on in a new Cabinet. I'd have to face that when I came to it."

At that point, Butz told the conference that he would hate to see the gains of the past few years "washed down the drain suddenly" by forces wanting a return to strict government controls and high farm subsidies.

"Mr. Ford would be very reluctant to do that because I think, philosophically, with respect to farm programs, his philosophy and mine are as identical as they could be," Butz said. "And, indeed, that's one reason he asked me to stay on. He said that himself."

Author asks $1 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Novelist Gore Vidal is suing Truman Capote, Playgirl Magazine and writer Richard Zoerink for $1 million. Vidal charges he was libeled in an article which said he got drunk at the Kennedy White House.

In papers filed Wednesday in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, Vidal said the September 1975 article in Playgirl held him up to "public contempt."

In the article, Capote was quoted as saying that Robert Kennedy, Harvard historian Arthur Schlesinger and a guard "just picked Gore up and carried him to the door and threw him into Pennsylvania Avenue" after Vidal "got drunk and insulted Jackie's mother whom he had never met before in his life."

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By C. BROWNSTONE
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Sunday

Pathfinder Club, 3 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge Unit No. 209, 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Mall, 2401 W. Indiana St.

MCC buffet luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., clubhouse.

Monday

Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m., 610 E. Florida St.

Norman Reed Assembly No. 299, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Clara Mills Chapter No. 1032, OES of Midkiff, 7:30 p.m., Spraberry Lodge Hall.

Midland Woman's Club Board of Directors, 9:30 a.m., clubhouse.

Lee High PTA, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 7:30 p.m., family social, 2211 Ward St.

Midland Senior Center, 10 a.m., drop in; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Tuesday

Alamo Heights Baptist WMU, 9:30 a.m., church.

Asbury United Methodist WSCS, 9:30 a.m., church.

Midkiff Baptist WMU, 9:30 a.m., church.

Northside Baptist WMU, 9:45 a.m., church.

South Memorial Baptist WMU, 7:30 p.m., church.

Temple Baptist WMU, 7:30 p.m., church.

Tuesday Duplicate Bridge Club, 10 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 2401 W. Indiana St.

Midland Palette Club, 9:30 a.m., 604 N. Colorado St.

RHCC Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m., club.

Women's Missionary Council of the First Assembly of God Church, 9:45 a.m., church.

Sweet Adelines, 7 p.m., Midland Room, The Midland National Bank. Director: Bill Carmack.

Science of Mind Study Group, 8 p.m., Rankin Highway. Information: Roger Mallory, 683-6647.

Ladies Auxiliary of Tall City Baptist Church, 7 p.m., Fellowship House, 3505 Thomason Drive.

Texas T.O.P.S. Morning Chapter, 9 a.m., Christ Presbyterian Church.

Desert Winds Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc., 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Director: Mrs. Kathleen Stewart.

Texas T.O.P.S. Evening Chapter No. 848, 6 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, 5200 W. Illinois St.

Ladies Auxiliary to Fraternal Order of Eagles, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall.

Articuladies Toastmistress Club, 7:30 p.m., Hospitality Room, The First National Bank.

Midland Woman's Club Play Day, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., clubhouse.

Midland Ward of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9:30 a.m., cultural refinement lesson; 11 a.m., in-service lesson, church.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Association, Division 22, 7 p.m., 3rd floor Conference Room.

Preceptor Alpha Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Rudy Lay, 3322 Fannin St.

Twentieth Century Study Club, 1:15 p.m., Mrs. Jack C. Howard, 2106 Whitney Drive.

Midland Senior Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., stitchery with Bernice; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.

Newtimers Bridge Club, 10 a.m., RHCC. Reservations: Mrs. Lewis McGuire, 682-0726; Mrs. Lee Woods, 684-7377.

Wednesday

Dorcas Society of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 9 a.m., church.

MCC Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m., club.

Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 8 p.m., adult educational, 3000 W. Illinois St., Apt. 33.

Con Air Lassies, 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Kathy Ellis, 1410 Tulip Lane, Odessa.

Chapter BS, P.E.O. Sisterhood, 1 p.m., Mrs. Mary Ittner, 2701 North L St.

Permian Basin Landmen's Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Mrs. C.H. McClure, 2409 Dartmouth St.

Midland Senior Center, 11:45 a.m., luncheon, movies; 1 p.m., games, First Christian Church.

Thursday

Texas Chapter No. 122, T.O.P.S., 7 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Recovery, Inc., 7:30 p.m., Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, 3701 N. Big Spring St.

Children's Story Hour, 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library.

Grace Guild of Grace Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Overeaters Anonymous, 1:30 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Midland Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, painting with June; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.

Friday

MCC Ladies' Association, 12:45 p.m., duplicate bridge games, clubhouse.

Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 8 p.m., newsletter folding, 3906 Thomason Drive.

Midland Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, china painting; 1 p.m., table games, First Christian Church.

Saturday

Missionary Volunteer Society of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5 p.m., church.

Midland Chapter No. 32, Parents Without Partners, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., adult social, VFW Clubhouse, 301 E. 61st St., Odessa.

Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGHTER

(Mon. Feb. 23)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be direct in stating to others just what they can do to help you get ahead, but do not object to their letting you know exactly what they have in mind about how you can aid them. Be more cooperative in helping with joint projects.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study new outlets that fascinate you since they can spell out greater success for you in the near future.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make collections and pay bills. Show more devotion to mate and you get fine response. Avoid one who tries to come between you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do your share of work. Try to reconcile with one who has been opposing you. Have a good time with congenials in p.m.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get work done early. Talk over future plans with fellow workers later. Make your life more smooth running.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make plans early for the week's recreations. Your creativity is high and you can be most happy in p.m. after day's accomplishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Establish more accord at home. Handle friction quietly and intelligently. Don't permit others to impose on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Come right out with what you have in mind concerning partners and reach a better understanding with them. Organize routines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Elevate your consciousness to greater abundance and you can soon have it, if you operate ethically. Heed expert's suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make plans now to gain your most cherished personal aims. Build a more stable social life for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make bigger plans if you want to become bigger. Your ideas are good, so put them in action. Stop being penny wise, dollar foolish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be your true gregarious Aquarius self today and you can get fine results thereby. Accept any good invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study your true position in the world at large and know how to improve it considerably. Happiness is yours for the making.

Facial expressions can speak louder

By JAN JENNINGS
Copley News Service

The conversation was about a different kind of reading — the reading of facial expressions.

"I know why you thought he was afraid. It was because the inner corners of his eyebrows were pulled together and raised. But you failed to see the omega wrinkle in his forehead.

"If you had noted that or the fact that the outer eyebrow corners were down, not up, you would have known that he was sad."

Forehead wrinkle? Eyebrow corners?

San Francisco psychologists Paul Ekman and Wallace V. Friesen admit the terminology is confusing and cumbersome, although accurate.

Describing facial expressions, the two say, is by no means simple. Yet they do it in books and in classes in an attempt to improve communication. It's their premise that there's as much to be seen as heard in most conversations.

"It is difficult for most people to read facial emotions," said Ekman. "Most people aren't aware of what their face is expressing. And in other people, they don't know what to look for in the face, or where to look, to tell what emotion someone is feeling.

"Basic strong emotions, such as anger or happiness may be easily read, but the more subtle emotions and combinations of emotions are difficult to grasp.

"In most cases, facial expression, if read with some awareness of human reaction, can tell us more about what a person is feeling or has said than a verbal statement."

In both their workshops and in their three books, Ekman and Friesen attempt to give guidelines in reading emotions of others and also introduce exercises to become more aware of personal feelings.

Latest thing in weddings same as in 1969

WASHINGTON — The latest thing in weddings is just about what it was seven years ago, at the height of the counterculture.

Back then, you read a lot about barefoot brides pledging eternal grooviness during sunrise ceremonies on mountaintops. There was little coverage of traditional weddings.

Meanwhile, the great percentage of brides was doing then exactly what the great percentage of brides is doing now. Getting married in church or synagogue with a white dress, a veil, an engagement ring, a reception, a toaster, a television and linens, according to market research by Modern Bride magazine.

The impression that people today are marrying less turns out to be true. The latest census figures show that the number of people between 25 and 34 who have never been married has increased 50 per cent since 1970. But the feeling back in 1969-70 that those who were marrying were having weird weddings, outfitted in sandals and Indian bedspreads, was probably media hype.

The latest census figures also show that women are getting married later — at 21.2, a year older than the average bride of 1970. One might imagine that the older bride is less innocent, more hip and, since she reached puberty in the late '60s, at least somewhat influenced by counterculture values. In short, even now she might be getting married in proletarian muslin. Or jeans.

Wrong. The only changes bridal buyers across the country see in the buying patterns of the older bride is that often she works for a living and pays for her own dress. So she shops carefully, asks for something tailored and winds up spending a wad (an average of $265, says Modern Bride

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Mrs. Kathy Eudy, right, is the new president of Midland Newcomers Club and Mrs. Kathy McFarland, left, is the new vice president.

Newcomers announce new officers

The Midland Newcomers Club met at Ranchland Hill Country Club for cards and games, followed by a buffet luncheon.

Bridge winners were Mrs. Erna Ward, Mrs. Jan Kalil, Mrs. ' Jayne Larsen, Mrs. Rita Gilbert and Mrs. Anita Bachman. Other game winners included Mrs. Suzanne Brown, Mrs. Sylvia Hoover, Mrs. Sue Ritchie and Mrs. Nelia Boone.

Serving as new officers are Mrs. Kathy Eudy, president; Mrs. Kathy McFarland, vice president; Mrs. Jeane Pendery, secretary; Mrs. Pat Kerr, treasurer; and Mrs. Vicki Shackleford, parliamentarian. Committee chairmen include Mrs. Marti Plake, welcoming; Mrs. Debbie Garrison, membership; Mrs. Kathy Stallings, assistant membership; Mrs. Donna Keller, hospitality; Mrs. Rita Stotts, publicity; Mrs. Celia Corbett, decorations; Mrs. Bachman, new members coffee, and Mrs. Dee Dahleen, outside activities.

Pour it off

When frying bacon, do not have more than two tablespoons fat in the drying pan. If more accumulates, pour it off.

Midland couple wed in double ring service

Christie Lou Hull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hull, 3402 Humble St., and Raymond Wayne Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Hayes of 907 W. Kentucky St., were married in a double ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Don Davis, youth minister of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ, officiated for the ceremony in the Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Carol Ann Kollman of Lubbock was the maid of honor, and Thomas Greany was best man. The ushers were Cal Wolfenberger of Midland and Danna Palmer of Lubbock.

Clinton Davis directed the choral group in wedding selections.

Mr. Hull presented his daughter in marriage. She wore a formal gown of silk organza with Empire waistline accented with satin ribbon. Lace roses dotted the gown with seed pearls in the center of roses. The skirt ended in a chapel train. Her fingertip veil was edged with Chantilly lace and was held by a crown accented with seed pearls. She carried a semi-cascade of miniature white carnations and other mixed white flowers.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

The couple will reside at 2438 Whitemire St., Apt. 12-C.

The bride attended Lubbock Christian College and Texas Tech University. The bridegroom attended schools in Dallas and Arlington and is employed by Builders and Homeowners Supply.

Out-of-city guests included the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Houghton of Arlington.

Mrs. Raymond Wayne Hayes

Two to attend Boston event

Trinity School of Midland will send two representatives to Boston, Mass., this week to attend the convention of the National Association of Independent Schools.

Mrs. Vina Rahlfs, head of Trinity's lower school, and Mrs. Doris Watson, head of the upper school, will visit Boston area schools Monday through Wednesday. They will participate in convention activities Thursday through Saturday.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Sunday
Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge Unit No. 209

First: Mrs. N. A. Green and Mrs. L. M. Smith.

Second: Mrs. Lloyd French and Mrs. J. E. Sheeler tied Mrs. Mildred Emerson and Mrs. Carroll Reeves.

Fourth: Mrs. James N. Allison and Mrs. Ed Prichard.

Fifth: Mrs. Jimmie Jones and Mrs. W. M. Armstrong tied Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Buehler.

Tuesday
Duplicate Bridge Club

First: Mrs. Monroe Dunn and Mrs. Glenn Cox.

Second: Mrs. Lloyd French and Mrs. William M. Kerr tied Mrs. J. C. Williamson and Mrs. J. E. Sheeler.

Fourth: Mrs. Harvey Conger and Mrs. Ed Prichard.

Fifth: Mrs. Carroll Reeves and Mrs. Mildred Emerson.

Wednesday
Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge Club

First: Mrs. L. M. Smith and Mrs. N. A. Green.

Second: Mrs. B. L. Crites and Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Third: Mrs. John Wiedeman and Mrs. T. F. Bice.

Fourth: Mrs. R. E. Myers and Mrs. A. L. Gifford.

Fifth: Mrs. Max Levin and Mrs. Bill Lively tied R. E. Myers and A. L. Gifford.

(Covered dish dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camden, Feb. 25)

Thursday
Duplicate Bridge Club

First: Mrs. Ford Chapman and Mrs. R. E. Myers.

Second: Mrs. Max Levin and Mrs. C. E. Marley.

Third: Mrs. J. A. Wiedeman and Mrs. Mildred Emerson.

Fourth: Mrs. Glenn Cox and Mrs. John Fox.

Fifth: Mrs. R. E. Boyle and Mrs. Lydia Wilkinson tied Mrs. Overton Black and Mrs. C. L. Griffin.

Friday
Midland Country Club

First: Mrs. John Hobson and Mrs. Gladys Marks.

Second: Mrs. C. E. Prichard and Mrs. W. B. Smith.

Third: Mrs. Raymond Howard and Mrs. Overton Black.

Fourth: Mrs. Charles Campbell and Mrs. H. H. Conger.

Fifth: Mrs. John Hostetler and Mrs. Mildred Emerson

Midlanders on honor roll

AUSTIN — Three Midland students in the College of Fine Arts at The University of Texas have been named to the fall semester honor roll.

They are Randol Alan Bass, 1912 Sparks St.; Donna Brace Odle, 12 Bristol Court, and Laura Gay Stueckler, 3101 Humble St.

Poachers suspected

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Two hunting arrows and the partial remains of a deer have been found at the Columbus Zoo, leading officials to conclude that poachers were responsible for the disappearance of a zoo deer named Bambi.

Zoo director Benjamin Blackson said the 3-year-old doe was missing when staff members went to feed her Tuesday. She apparently had been killed and dressed the night before.

"She had become kind of a pet to everybody here....It's just a darn shame that anybody would do something like that."

DEAR ABBY

She sings like 'cow in labor'

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I've asked around, and nobody has been able to come up with a volution to my problem. Even my clergyman said, "That's one for Dear Abby."

I am being married soon and am planning a formal church wedding. I have a friend who thinks she can sing. I have heard her, and she sounds like a cow in labor. She offered to sing at my wedding, and not withing to offend her, I pretended to be delighted but carefully avoided accepting her offer.

Now she just assumes that she will sing at my wedding, and she's already asked me which songs I like.

Abby, please tell me how I can get out of this predicament. She's had a few lessons that she thinks qualifies her as a professional, but she is really terrible. She distorts her face, screws up her mouth, rolls her eyes heavenward, and sings off-key. She sang at a funeral last year, and even the mourners had trouble controlling their laughter. Please help me.—NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO: Tell her at once that you appreciate her offer to sing, but you've decided against having a vocalist. Don't feel called upon to justify your decision. Simply state the fact as kindly and as soon as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old, unmarried male law-school graduate who is looking for a job.

At every job interview, I am immediately asked, "Are you married?"

When I say no, I sense a negative reaction and lack of interest. I am sure that I am being discriminated against because I'm unmarried, but there is no way I can prove it.

I am not a homosexual. Are employers so bigoted and homophobic that they won't hire bachelors on the remote chance that they might be gay? Otherwise, why do they ask this question?

A man's marital status is in no way related to his ability to perform the job. Surely all married men are not ipso facto more competent than single men.

So, what do you advise me to say when I am asked that question?—IRATE BACHELOR

DEAR BACHELOR: Answer truthfully. It's possible that you are rejected for another reason. (Could it be that when you're questioned about your marital status your obvious annoyance comes through unattractively?)

Senior honored

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gieb of 3208 Sinclair St. entertained with a buffet supper in honor of Belle Battle, Midland High School senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Battle, 1505 Community Lane. Miss Battle plans to attend Texas Tech University.

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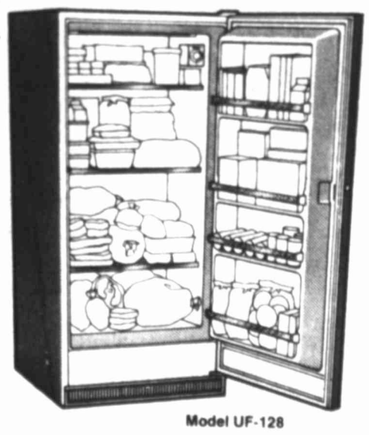

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Laura Ann McCaskill

Engagement announced

The engagement and approaching marriage of Laura Ann McCaskill to Daniel Antonio Jurado of Phoenix, Ariz., was announced at a tea in the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. John P. Cappadonna, 1609 N. I St., Saturday.

White daisies centered the serving tables, which were covered with linens in bright spring flowers.

Serving in the house party were Mrs. James J. Treadway, sister of the honoree, Toya Traweek and Mrs. Roland J. DePaul.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Neal McCaskill of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Derat Jurado of El Paso. Mrs. Jurado was in Midland for the announcement party.

The wedding will be held in St. Ann's Catholic Church May 22, following the graduation of the bride-elect from Texas Tech University. Her fiance is a graduate of Tech and is associated with Swift and Co. in Phoenix.

Excellent tie-ups

Discarded nylon hose make excellent tie-ups for tomatoes and other garden vegetables. They are strong yet soft enough not to cut into the plant.

Lane-Donnell engaged

EL PASO — Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Lane of El Paso announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Anne, to William Robert Donnell IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Donnell, 1503 Douglas St., Midland.

The wedding will be held at 8 p.m. June 12 in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin.

Miss Lane received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from The University of Texas-Austin, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a duchess to the Tyler Rose Festival and Austin Aqua Festival.

The bridegroom-to-be has a bachelor of arts degree in business from UT-Austin, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He is employed by Brown & Root Engineering in Houston.

SORORITY NEWS

Mrs. Tony Watson of 3210 W. Dengar St. has achieved the Fifth Degree in Pallas Athene, awards program of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority.

A member of Beta Omega Chapter of Midland, Mrs. Watson earned the highest award presented by the sorority for her outstanding contribution to growth, progress and community service of the local chapter.

Mrs. Watson is treasurer of the chapter. She is a past president, and also serves as state social service chairman and budget chairman. She volunteers her time to the Permian Basin Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Day Care Center.

Founded in 1919, ESA today has 40,000 members in 1,640 chapters througut the world.

Drying rice

To dry freshly cooked rice, rinse, place a slice of bread on top and cover. The bread will absorb the moisture from the rice.

Sue Bolding

City couple to be wed

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bolding of 3311 W. Louisiana St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue, to Joe Wilbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilbanks, 3311 Stanolind St.

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. May 22 in St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect attended The University of Texas-Austin and Midland College and is employed by T.S.O. Her fiance is a student at Texas A&M University and is a member of the Petroleum Club at A&M.

Sharpen flavor

If the recipe you are using calls for sharp cheddar cheese and you have none on hand, sharpen up the cheese flavor by adding to mild cheese a bit of dry mustard, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. No one will be able to detect that it wasn't sharp cheese to begin with.

Opportunities

Volunteers in Midland, 682-1666 requests the need for the following volunteer services.

FRIENDS TO A CHILD: Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Midland is a program offered by Family Services. It provides children with an adult friend of the same sex. Responsible adult volunteers are needed who are interested in "being a friend to a child." The volunteer will be matched with a child o has similar interests and will spend approximately two or three hours weekly with the child. There is a present immediate need for adult males or Big Brothers.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Planned Parenthood of Midland requests the need for a volunteer who is interested in public speaking and who will be comfortable with the subject matter. The volunteer will help organize a Speakers Bureau ich will present programs concerning planned parenthood to teenagers. The work will be strictly confidential and the volunteer will be trained.

SEWING AND QUILTING ASSISTANTS: Casa de Amigos is reguesting volunteers to assist with sewing and quilting classes. The sewing class will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesday, and the quilting class will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

Couple to be wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Summar of 1002 Canyon St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Honey Claudette Sant, to Jimmy Quast, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Quast of Stanton.

The couple will say vows at 7:30 p.m. March 5 in Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

Miss Sant is a graduate of Lee High School and Quast is a graduate of Alamagordo High School, Alamagordo, N.M.

Shelley Nichols will be married in April

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dale Nichols of 3406 W. Golf Course Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley, to Lowe Freitag Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Freitag of Wharton.

Miss Nichols is attending Southwest Texas State University. She is a member of Delta Zeta sorority. Her fiance is a graduate of STSU. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

The couple plans an April 10 wedding.

Shelley Nichols

Novel invitations

A novel way to make invitations to a child's party is to blow up toy balloons, and, with water colors or a laundry marker, print an invitation on each balloon. Mail each guest a deflated balloon. The children will be delighted when they blow them up.

Repair of girdles

When girdles wear out at the top first, repair by buying a box of 2-inch elasticized bandage, and sew this inside the top of the girdle. This reinforces the top of the girdle, yet it is not visible from the outside.

More expensive

When shopping, remember that garments that require special care or frequent cleanings are expensive to own.

No justice in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Leah Edwards, a 19-year-old visitor from Chattanooga, Tenn., was at a hamburger place here when two teen-agers sat on either side of her. While the younger one distracted her, the older one grabbed her wallet out of her purse and both ran out the door.

Not giving up easily, Miss Edwards chased the pair, yelling "Stop'. Thief!"

For seven long blocks, no one responded or even paid attention. Finally someone did. He stuck out his foot and tripped Miss Edwards.

Meeting slated

The Permian Basin Landmen's Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. H. McClure, 2409 Dartmouth St., for bridge, Skip-Bo, Blackgammon and dessert. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Ted Collins, 682-5808.

Luncheon, food sale slated in St. Ann's cafeteria

Special prizes donated by Midland merchants will be awarded during the annual Spaghetti Luncheon and Frozen and Baked Food Sale to be held March 2 (Shrove Tuesday) in St. Ann's School Cafeteria.

According to Mrs. Fred Thummel, general chairman of the affair, luncheon will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and the food sale will be held from 11 a.m. until sold out. Proceeds will go toward the education of priests and religion.

Tickets are available from any member of the organization, Mrs. Sam Snoddy at 682-7893, ticket chairman, or at the parish office, 206 N. M St., from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the luncheon.

International reunion held

ROME, Italy (AP) — Liza Falk of Fargo, N.D., had an international reunion with her three sisters in St. Peter's Square here recently.

The sisters are Mrs. Pierina Leban of Vipana, Yugoslavia, Mrs. Luisa Salaras of Italy, Mrs. Pauline Boh of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Another sister, Bertha Ogar of Buenos Aires, could not make the reunion.

In the square, Mrs. Falk, her husband and three sisters witnessed an appearance by the Pope and had their pictures taken by a priest.

Use for skates

Use petroleum jelly to lubricate the children's roller skates.

Susan works for 'Weekly'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's 18-year-old daughter, Susan, is working in Florida this week as a fashion model for an article in Family Circle Magazine.

Press Secretary Sheila Rabb Weidenfield declined to reveal Miss Ford's salary but said she is being paid "the going model's rate."

Miss Ford went to Palm Beach Tuesday and is expected to return to Washington by the end of the week. Mrs. Weidenfield said the story will focus on outdoor living and summer clothes.

Beads now ruled out

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Police detectives here must unsnap their necklaces and go back to ties.

"Beads are for girls," said Maj. Burch Biggerstaff of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Chief Bob Miles approved detectives wearing leisure suits this year, but some abandoned ties for necklaces.

"I'm against all that jewelry," said Biggerstaff. "It's got to come off."

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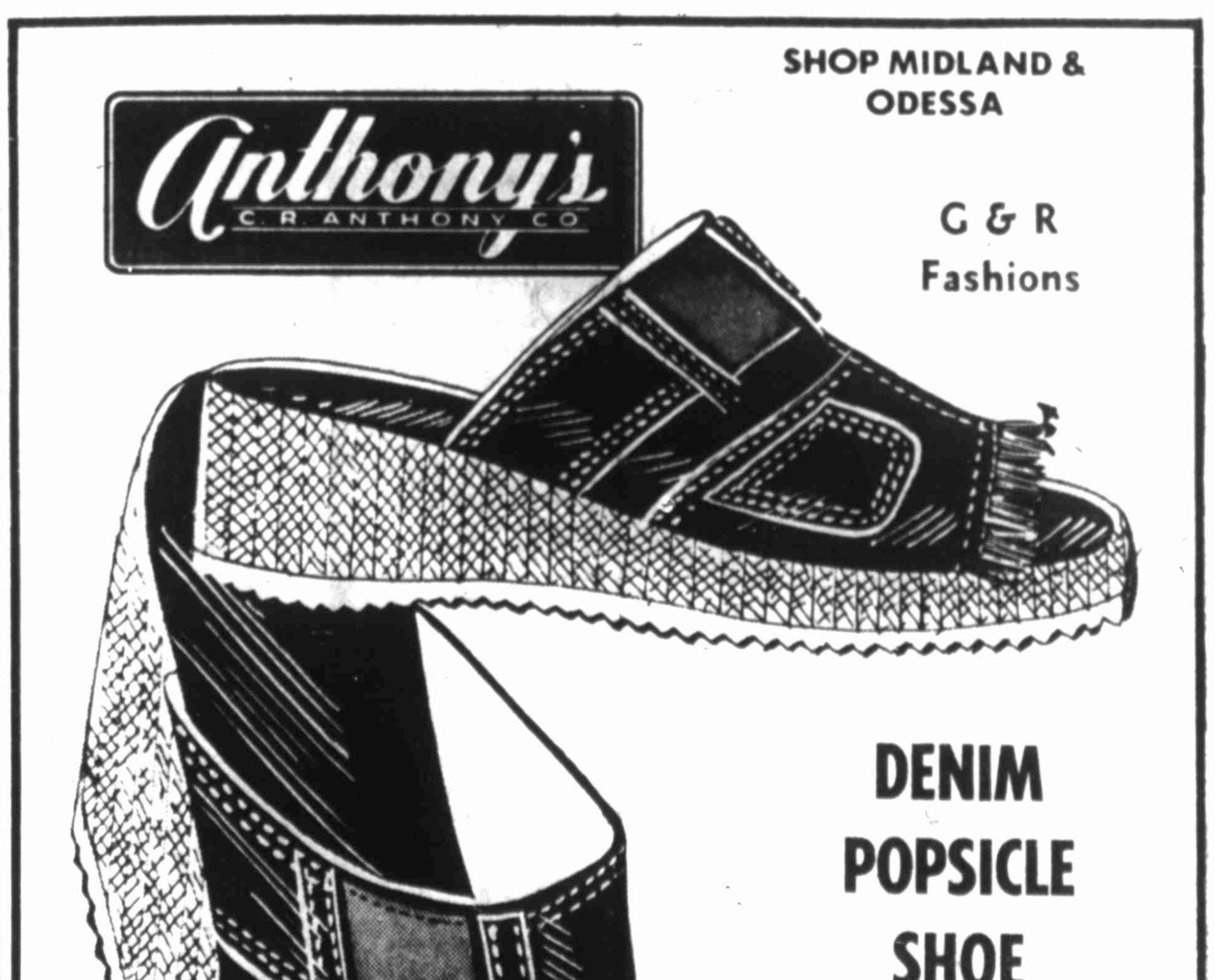

MRS. RONALD SOWDERS, right, representing the Junior Woman's Association, is presenting Dr. Brent Blonkvist, Midland pediatrician, with a check for the purpose of setting up a permanent pediatrics fund at Midland Memorial Hospital. Any needed equipment for the pediatrics wing only will be purchased with this money, made possible by the proceeds from the annual benefit luncheon and style show held each fall by the association.

How loud is too loud?

By MARION WELLS
Copley News Service

"Honey, I can't hear you over that record player." Rather than turn the volume down, "honey" raises his voice.

Bert thought the airconditioner sounded quiet enough in the store. Hearing it in his living room, combined with people talking and the TV turned on, he wishes he'd shopped around for a quieter model.

With over-all environmental noise levels said to be getting louder each year, it seems one question is being asked more loudly than ever: "How loud is too loud?" The answers to that question may affect your hearing, your health and the quality of your life.

Scientists believe the effects of noise to be of increasing health consequence as sound intensity increases or exposure is prolonged. Noise around the home may actually approach industrial levels, giving our ears little rest.

We can also begin to go deaf at our leisure. Raymond E. Jordan, M.D., notes, "There are a number of scientific reports showing nerve damage in teen-agers from exposure to live rock 'n' roll music." Noise may also reach high levels at discotheques, amusement parks and speedways. Other significant sources of noise include snowmobiles, motorcycles, mini-bikes, motorboats, home shop tools and a blaring hi-fi or television set.

Verona Gayle Smith

Couple sets March vows

Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Smith of Route 1 announce the engagement of their daughter, Verona Gayle, to Norman Dale O'Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Daniel of Waxahachie.

The couple will say vows at 7:30 p.m. March 20 in the First Assembly of God Church.

The bride-elect will be a sophomore at The University of Texas-Arlington. She is employed by Marilyn's. Her fiance is a graduate of Waxahachie High School. He is employed by Kenro of Mansfield.

Marla Renette Laird

Baptist rites set by pair

The engagement of Marla Renette Laird to Kirby Ernest Locklar, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Locklar, Route 1, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Laird, Route 1.

The wedding will be held at 2 p.m. June 26 in Crestview Baptist Church.

Miss Laird is a senior at Midland High School and is a VOE student. Her fiance is attending Midland College and is employed by A-1 Floral.

Eugenia Sue Jacobsen

McCamey girl to be married

McCAMEY — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jacobsen of McCamey announce the engagement of their daughter, Eugenia Sue Jacobsen, to Jim P. Qualls, son of Mrs. Marjorie Qualls and Arthur Qualls of Houston.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and is a teacher at McArthur High School in the Houston-Aldine School District. Her fiance is a graduate of STSU and is employed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., in Houston.

The couple will be married April 24 in St. Luke United Methodist Church in Houston.

Dillard-Cunningham married in Fannin Terrace Baptist Church

Janis Amelia (Amy) Dillard and Charles Thomas Cunningham Jr. of Snyder were married Friday evening in Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Cathey, pastor, officiating the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Jeff Dillard of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham of Monahans.

Donna McPeak attended the bride as maid of honor, and Gary Cunningham of Lubbock, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mrs. Robert Bailey was the organist and Carol Helms, soloist, accompanied herself on the guitar.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of Quiana fashioned with a tucked front bodice gathered at the waist by a narrow Quiana sash. The square neckline was accented with lace and the lantern sleeves were cuffed at the wrist. Her waist-length veil of illusion was held in place by a pearl-trimmed lace headpiece. She wore a pearl necklace that was a gift from the bridegroom and carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds and miniature carnations atop a white Bible. In her shoe she wore pennies minted in the birth years of the couple.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. After a wedding trip to Houston and San Antonio, the newlyweds will reside at 307 N. Carrizo St., Apt. 19.

The bride received her BA degree from Wayland College at Plainview. She is employed by Exxon Co., U.S.A. The bridegroom also has a BA degree from Wayland and is employed by Baroid.

Mrs. Charles Cunningham Jr.

Faster boiling

Salted water boils faster than plain water. Save heat by salting water you are boiling for all cleaning purposes, for pouring on frozen vegetables, and so forth.

Prevent curling

You will have no trouble with lamb chops curling if you slash the fat around the rim of each chop before putting them into the skillet for frying.

Excellent cutter

A plastic drinking glass makes an excellent cooky or biscuit cutter. A slight depression made in the glass releases the cut dough.

For soup course

Delicious soup course: Mix a can of condensed tomato soup with one of condensed green pea soup and dilute with water and light cream. Heat and add Worcestershire sauce and dry sherry to taste.

Cheese snack

Good snack: Add melted butter and finely grated cheddar cheese to freshly popped corn and toss well.

City girl married

SAN ANTONIO — Tonja Bernadette Gallagher and Wade Lindell Matthis were married Feb. 14 in a double ring candlelight ceremony performed by Joe Sullivan here.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard Gallagher of 1910 S. Camp St., Midland. Mrs. Gaynelle Moore Matthis of San Antonio is mother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Debbie Dunkum of Houston served as matron of honor and Dain C. Matthis of Houston, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride, when presented in marriage by her father, wore a white gown of double knit fashioned with a bodice featuring a high neckline and long sleeves trimmed with lace.

A reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's mother. The couple left on a trip to New Orleans, La.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Houston. She is a teacher at Teague Middle School in the Aldine Independent School District near Houston.

The bridegroom attended San Antonio schools and is employed by Frontier Enterprises.

First lady life member

WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Betty Ford, who once belonged to four parent-teacher associations at the same time, has accepted a liketime membership in the nationwide Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Addressing a PTA legislative conference Wednesay, Mrs. Ford said of the President and herself:

"We both benefited from the PTA, because we believe you don't just send children off to school, you have to go with them and share their world."

Rose Society reports projects

Mrs. Jim Galyean, president, reported on projects at a meeting of the Midland Rose Society in the Lancaster Garden Center-Museum of the Southwest.

The first will be a rose pruning demonstration in which all society members will participate. This also is for the public, and everyone who grows roses or ever plan to grow roses are urged to attend the demonstration to be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the garden center.

Other projects are a plant, bake, garage sale to be held March 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Galyean, 3233 Cimmaron St. and the annual rose show to be held May 2 at the Commerical Bank and Trust Co.

Guests attending the society meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powers and Don Brown. Introduced as a new member was David Fant.

Miller Price won the special prize, a patio tree rose donated by Mr. and Mrs. Galyean.

Dr. T. E. Spires presented an informative program on pruning and soil evaluation and a new member clinic on planting and pruning.

Hair-styling

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patron was not connected to electricity.

Chemically treated pads were used which reached 212 degrees Fahrenheit in about a minute and a half. It was the same method as the late 1920s Croqugnol method, except the chemicals and clamps were heated before attaching them to the head, said Mrs. Miles.

Permanent waves took all day and the Marcel method was very tricky, said Mrs. Miles. The hairdresser had to touch the irons to her lips to check the heat before using it. Many scalps and much hair was burned

About 1925, the hand hair dryer was invented. The patron held the dryer in her hand after having her hair dyed, drying her own hair. The electric curling iron also came into existence about the same time.

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First place Jaycee-ette winners at the Texas Jaycee District convention at Lubbock were, from left, Mrs. Sue Stagner, Mrs, Georgia Reed and Mrs. Tedda McAnear.

Let's reminisce about days of maple syrup

By HELEN M. PAGEL
Copley News Service

Along about the last days of winter, when there was still snow on the ground which had started to melt into muddy patches in spots, and there was a tang of spring in the air and the sap began to rise, a great many people used to start thinking about maple syrup.

Maybe you had just one or two maple trees in your yard, or maybe you had a large grove of them which was known as a "sugar grove," but whether you made it by the pint or the gallon, maple syrup was a part of spring.

You had to bore a hole in the trunk of the tree, not too high up and if possible, on the sunny side.

Into this you inserted a little metal or wooden trough or tube, and then hung a covered bucket on the end which protruded from the tree. And the sap drip, drip, dripped into the bucket, and every so often you had to go around to each tree and empty the sap bucket into a bigger container.

Methods varied here. If you had just a few trees, you probably emptied the buckets into a big iron kettle, and when you had enough sap you took it into the house, set the kettle on the cookstove and let it boil slowly until it became maple syrup.

But if you had a large grove of maples, you probably had what was known as a sugar camp, or "bush." This was a more or less ramshackle wooden shed which contained the big boiler or evaporator, the stove and other equipment necessary for the production of maple syrup.

The trees had been tapped as soon as the sap started running, and as the buckets filled they were emptied into a huge tank which was mounted on sleigh runners and drawn through the woods by a team of horses. Or maybe the sleigh would be loaded with five-gallon milk cans and the sap poured into them for transportation to the sugar house.

There it was stored in barrels until it was time for a "sugar party." If there happened to be a country school nearby, quite often the scholars were given a holiday to help with the syrup making. And what fun that was!

All of the boys and girls scurried around to find wood for the stove, especially pine boughs, for they made a hot fire which was necessary for boiling the sap.

And when the fire was hot enough the sap, which looked almost like water (a large percentage of it really was water), was poured into the evaporator, the fire was kept roaring hot and the liquid boiled and bubbled until finally, when the operator turned a faucet in one end of the tank, out came the delicious golden brown syrup.

And then came the really fun part. Most country boys and girls of 60 years ago were old hands at sugar parties, and they came equipped with a long handled fork and spoon. Somebody would fill a big iron kettle with some of the syrup and set it on the stove and boil it until it was almost sugar. Then the boys and girls lined up and each one dipped a big spoonful of syrup from the kettle and carried it carefully outside and poured it into a patch of clean snow.

As it struck the snow it sank deep down and hardened as it went. Down went the forks (or sometimes fingers) after it, and brought up the most delicious little sugar cake imaginable. It was sweet and chewy and it was amazing how fast those cakes disappeared.

Then back to the sugar house for another spoonful of syrup and the process was repeated. Each time it was necessary to go a little farther to find clean snow, but nobody stopped making sugar cakes until all the syrup in the big kettle was used up.

And if there is any modern entertainment which can surpass an old-fashioned sugar party for real fun and enjoyment, it would be hard to imagine what it might be.

Before handling

Moisten your hands with cold water before handling the meat when making hamburger patties or mixing meat loaf mixture and there will be no meat sticking to your hands.

Serve with sauce

Serve salmon loaf with a cream sauce into which a couple of hard cooked eggs have been sliced. Sprinkle the sauce with paprika or minced parsley.

Jaycee-ette awards given

Mrs. Tedda McAnear, Mrs. Nancy Simmons and Mrs. Carla McKee were recipients of the Jaycee-ette of the Quarter over-a-year, under-a-year and Jaycee-ette of the Month award respectively at a meeting of the group in the Coors Hospitality Room.

Mrs. Kay Temple and Mrs. Dorothy Tejada were introduced as guests, and Mrs. Vonelle Parsley and Mrs. Betty Tomlin were welcomed as new members.

The Jaycee auxiliary will sponsor in the near future a "Fudpucker's Fracas" under the chairmanship of Mrs. Cathy Murphy, Mrs. Fran Harger, Mrs. Judy Howard and Mrs. McAnear. Planning sessions have begun and a definite date will be announced soon.

Mrs. Georgia Reed presented SPOKE patches to Mrs. Sandy Williams, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Candy Kaatz. Mrs. Donna Campbell and Mrs. Murphy were presented Feather Your Cap patches. Mrs. Murphy awarded Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Kaatz GALS patches, and Mrs. Sandi Nobles and Mrs. McAnear, advisor's patches.

Mrs. Kathy Credicott introduced Mrs. Sue Stagner, Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Nobles as the nominating committee for the club's election to be held in April.

The Midland Jaycee-ettes brought home several honors in competition from the Texas Jaycee District convention at Lubbock. Mrs. McAnear won first place in speaking competition, Mrs. Reed place first in written competition of membership over one year and Mrs. Stagner took first place in the Leadership Dynamics-Personal Development category. Mrs. Lynn Williams placed second in written competition for members of less than one year and Mrs. McAnear was third in LD-PD.

Other Midland Jaycee-ettes attending the convention were Mrs. Joe Campbell, Mrs. Doug Henson, Mrs. Jerry Hyde, Mrs. Credicott Mrs. John Nobles and Mrs. David Howard.

Kathy Woodward

June date announced

HOUSTON — Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodward of Houston announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Jesse Charles Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Henry Callaway of 1403 Douglas St., Midland.

Miss Woodward is to graduate in May from Southern Methodist University, where she is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Her fiance is a graduate of SMU and will complete graduate studies at North Texas State University this spring. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

The couple is to be married at 7 p.m. June 5 in St. Theresa's Church in Houston.

Couple likes teepee living

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Armed with a $5 book on survival, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sexton moved into a teepee in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains and began living off the land.

Mrs. Sexton, a Cherokee Indian who grew up in an orphanage in the city, says she finds it incredible that she is now living as her ancestors did.

Sexton said, "It was pretty tough making ends meet and we wound up with two options: Eat or pay the bills. I guess you could say that our decision to move into a teepee and live off the land was made for us by the electric and gas companies."

Sexton, a 37-year-old former sheriff's deputy, is partially disabled from a car accident and lives on a $200 a month disability pension.

They say they haven't had a moment of regret since they made camp several months ago.

Meat and grains that Sexton gets from area farmers for help make their table plentiful. So much so that the Sexton's total grocery bill last month came to only $12.

City couple grandparents

BULTER, Pa. — Mr. and Mrs. James C. Means of this city announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Marie, in Butler County Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Mrs. Means is the former Shirley Underwood of Midland, Tex.

Grandparents of the infant are Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood of Midland ant Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Means of Butler.

removing gum

A good way to get chewing gum out of a child's hair without cutting it is to soak a piece of cotton in baby oil and rub it over the hair until the gum comes out.

Cyri Lynn Buthman

Miss Buthman engaged

Mr. and Mrs. B. David Buthman of 2509 Cimmaron St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Cyri Lynn, to Kenneth Wayne Richardson of Lubbock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Richardson . of Athens.

The wedding ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. May 29 in the First United Methodist Church.

Miss Buthman will graduate in May from Texas Tech University, where she is parliamentarian of the Women's Service Organization, and a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron and the American Home Economics Association. She is student assistant at the Texas Tech library.

Richardson is a May 1975 graduate of Texas Tech, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Omega. He is a lab technician at Texas Tech Medical School.

No infection

To take the irritating itch out of mosquito bites, take a little ammonia and water and dab it on the bite as soon as it is discovered. Children will no longer have infected bites from scratching.

Tips given on shopping

COLLEGE STATION — "Clever consumerism" in clothing shopping is one way to beat inflation and stay in style, Beverly Rhoades, a clothing specialist, says.

"Increased expenses for necessities such as food, fuel and housing will put increased demands on family budgets and often reduce available resources for clothing expenditures. And that's why consumers have to be clever in taking advantage of clothing bargains," she noted.

Miss Rhoades is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

She suggested these consumer tips to meet the family's clothing needs and fashion desires.

—Carefully plan all purchases based on each family member's individual needs.

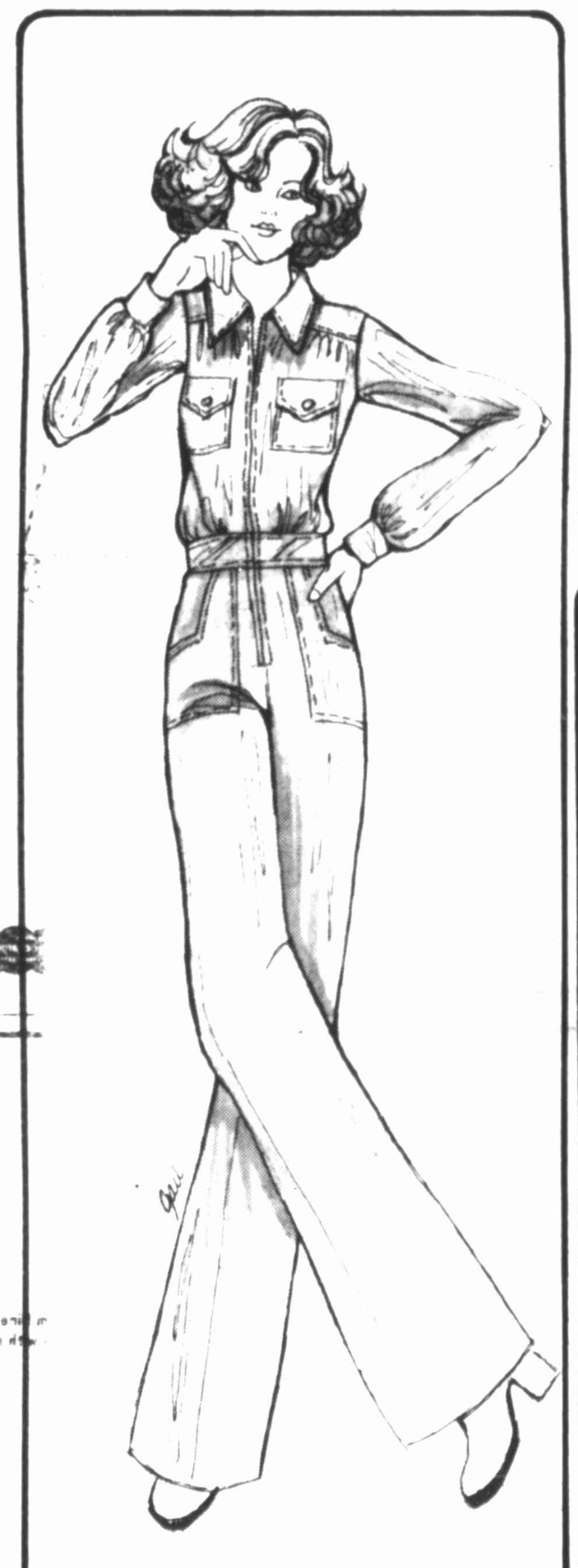
—Choose fashionable colors for new purchases that will coordinate with present wardrobe colors.

—Select separates rather than one-piece garments. separates can be coordinated with other items to expand and update the present wardrobe.

—Choose multi-purpose and non-seasonal garments rather than limited use or single purpose garments appropriate for only one or two activities.

—Use homesewing skills to make rather than buy clothes. Remake or recycle clothes no longer worn but still in good condition.

—Use fashionable accessories, less expensive than new clothes, to up date items.



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Mrs. Larry Aleman, left, was hostess in her home to a meeting of the Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club. With her are Mrs. J. W. Arnett, second from left, incoming president, and Mrs. T. P Bryant, newly installed reporter.

Food topic of program

The Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Larry Aleman, 1508 E. Garden Lane, for a program on the preparation of Mexican foods and installation of officers.

New officers are Mrs. J. W. Arnett, president; Mrs. Vada Haile, vice president; Mrs. Arlie Bryant, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. P. Bryant, reporter; Mrs. Alvey Bryant, council delegate, and Mrs. J. B. Hammett, alternate delegate.

Attending as a guest was Mrs. James Perry.

The next meeting of the group will be March 17 in the home of Mrs. Arnett.

Arranging talk subject

Mrs. Robert J. Knott gave a program on "The Art of Drying Flowers" for a meeting of Tejas Garden Club in Lancaster Garden Center-Museum of the Southwest.

Mrs. Ray Diemer and Mrs. Frank Nenzel were the hostesses.

It was announced a bazaar and bake sale will be held March 31 in the center, and the District I, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., convention will be March 16-17 in Odessa.

—Staff Photo

MRS. WILLIAM W. BAIRD of Wauwatoso, Wis., left, past president of the Women's Council of the American Symphony Orchestra League, was guest speaker at a joint workshop for the Symphony Guild organizations of Midland and Odessa in the Burton-Noel Center, rehearsal hall for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale, Inc. Mrs. Paul Rea, right, is president of the Midland Symphony Guild.

Washing walls with roller

Fill a paint roller pan with sudsy water and use a clean roller to wash your walls. Rinse with clear water and a sponge.

Stain removal

A small amount of cuticle remover will remove ink stains from fingers.

CLUB NEWS ROUNDUP

UTPB professor speaks to Progressive Study Club

Members of the Progressive Study Club were hostesses to the Midland man's Club luncheon in the Hogan Park clubhouse.

Dr. Roger Olien, chairman of the Department of History and Government, The University of Texas-Permian Basin, was the guest speaker. His program was entitled "It's Too Soon to Pull Up the Ladder." He emphasized that many of the beliefs of the founding fathers still are true today for America. He reiterated Thomas Jefferson's vision of a good society as one in which men of talent and virtue are the natural aristocracy, rather than those of wealth and birth. Jefferson's belief that public education would be the means to allow all citizens to develop their talents and provide for upward mobility of the talented and virtuous is still valid today, Dr. Olien said.

The speaker cautioned that traditional educational excellence is being threatened and must be preserved if America's freedom and greatness are to be continued.

Arrangements for the program were made by Mrs. Harold Shull and Mrs. Harold Welch. Mrs. Tom Ingram, Mrs. Layne Turner and Mrs. Russell Estes were in charge of the decorations of yellow and white spring flowers.

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Mrs. Samuel C. Terry of 2410 Seaboard St. was hostess to a meeting of Chapter DD P.E.O. Sisterhood. Mrs. Mark S. Martin was the co-hostess.

Presiding was Mrs. John L. Buster.

A program on "The Four Freedoms" was given by Nova Jane Moore.

Guests were Jo Gill and Jo Adams.

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The Midland Business and Professional Women's Club met in the Midland Woman's Club for a dinner.

The finance committee was in charge of the program. Evelyn Heard, chairman, introduced Phil Adams, who discussed the proposed addition to Trinity Towers. Daniel Palito showed slide pictures of the present facility and the proposed expansion.

Guests were the speaker as Freida Spencer, Wanda Moore, Carolyn Kelley, Marion Adams and Leslie Prothro.

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The Pyracantha Garden Club met in Lancaster Garden Center-Museum of the Southwest for a program presented by Sam Nance, range conservationist of the Midland County Soil Conservation Service.

Nance discussed "Edible and Medicinal Wild Plants." He illustrated his talk with slide pictures.

Mrs. H. H. Lanford, president, presided for the business session. The horticulture tips were given by Mrs. Raymond Monkress. Mrs. R. D. Hardman urged members to attend the District I convention to be held March 16-17 in Odessa.

Hostesses were Mrs. Clark Storm and Mrs. E. V. Mitchell.

The club's next meeting will be March 2 in the center.

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Mrs. Harrie A. Smith reviewed "Plain Speaking," a biography of President Harry S. Truman by Merle Miller, for a meeting of Modern Study Club in the Midland Woman's Club.

The president, Mrs. C. B. Odom, presided. Mrs. M. H. Endsley led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests were Mrs. W. R. Furgeson, Mrs. M. C. Gulledge, Mrs. Hanford Morris, Mrs. M. T. Peyton, Mrs. H. W. Good, Mrs. Robert Watson, Mrs. E. M. Braselton and Mrs. E. T. Barnett.

The speaker was introduced by the chairman of the program committee, Mrs. John Kaplan.

Hostess to the social hour was Mrs. Jacque Stoltz.

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Mrs. Ray Bristol and Mrs. Billy Don Green entertained members and guests of the Lion Tamers Club with a special musical revue at their luncheon held Wednesday at the Midland Country Club.

Mrs. Horace Robb, president, presided at the function.

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The Newcomers Garden Club was presented a program on home vegetable gardening and drip irrigation by Mrs. Larry Tenison and Mrs. Clarence Hill when the group met in the home of Mrs. Edwin Wallace.

President Mrs. Reg Lyle reported on the planting of As a Spanish red oak as a national Bicentennial project for participating Midland garden clubs. The Liberty Tree was planted on the grounds of the Lancaster Garden Center-Museum of the Southwest.

It was announced that April 29 will be the date for a Bicentennial flower show to be presented by the Lancaster Garden Center. "Spirit of '76" will be a standard flower show open to the public. Newcomers Garden Club will participate.

Hostesses for the morning coffee were Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. John Wesner.

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The American Association of Retired Persons met in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church to observe George Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Jane Clancy Huddleston sang a medley of patriotic songs, and was accompanied by Mrs. Harold Heckathorne at the piano. Mrs. Alta Williams presented a brief history of Washington's life.

Assistant state director of West Texas, Mrs. Thelma Newman, was a guest.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 1. Visitors are invited to attend.

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The Women's Auxiliary to the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers met in Ranchland Hill Country Club for a buffet brunch.

After a business meeting, the 77 members attending enjoyed Mary Lou Cassidy's review of "John Chancellor Makes Me Cry."

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Homer Olson, Mrs. Guinn Ferguson and Mrs. Landon Turnbow.

The auxiliary has set March 18 for a box supper and white elephant auction in the Coors Hospitality Room.

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The American Association of University Women's International Group, Midland Branch, met in the home of Mrs. Gilbert Naert, 2804 Durant St. Mrs. H. H. Chapple was co-hostess.

Mrs. William Hoover, a member from Johannesburg, South Africa, described her homeland.

Guests were Marie Gersten of Kent, England; Beth Mitchell of Queensland, Australia, and Mrs. Jaggit Yadew of India. All are Midland residents.

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RANKIN — The Rankin Study Club had a Federation Day tea in the Park Building. Mrs. Lee Cogdell, president, presided. Mrs. Hamp Carter was program director. Mrs. Frank Sandel, president of the Western District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke on "Keys to Unity."

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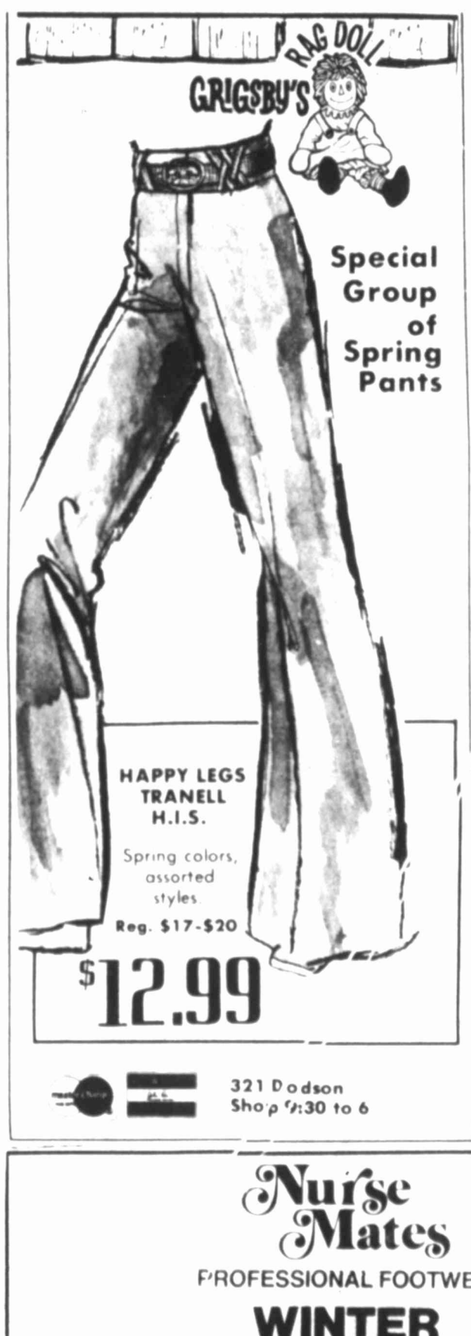
The Midland Music Teachers Association met in the home of Mrs. Ray Bristol, 1608 W. Michigan St., with Mrs. Ray Chappelle as assiatant hostess.

Mrs. C. J. George, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. William Maitland reported on the centerpiece and favors which Midland teachers will provide for the National Music Teachers Association meeting to be held in Dallas March 29-April 1.

Mrs. James Crawford announced the judges for the March 6 Sonatina-Concerto Contest to be held in the First United Methodist Church. They are Eva Mae Manley and Alan Carpell of Abilene, Ann Hauser of Big Spring and Ronald Bennett of Odessa.

Mrs. James Finley, Student Affiliate chairman, announced state theory exams will be given this week in Memorial Christian Church. She also reported ensemble try-outs for the Texas Student Affiliate convention will be held March 9 and March 11.



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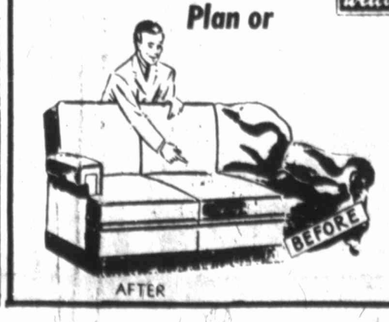

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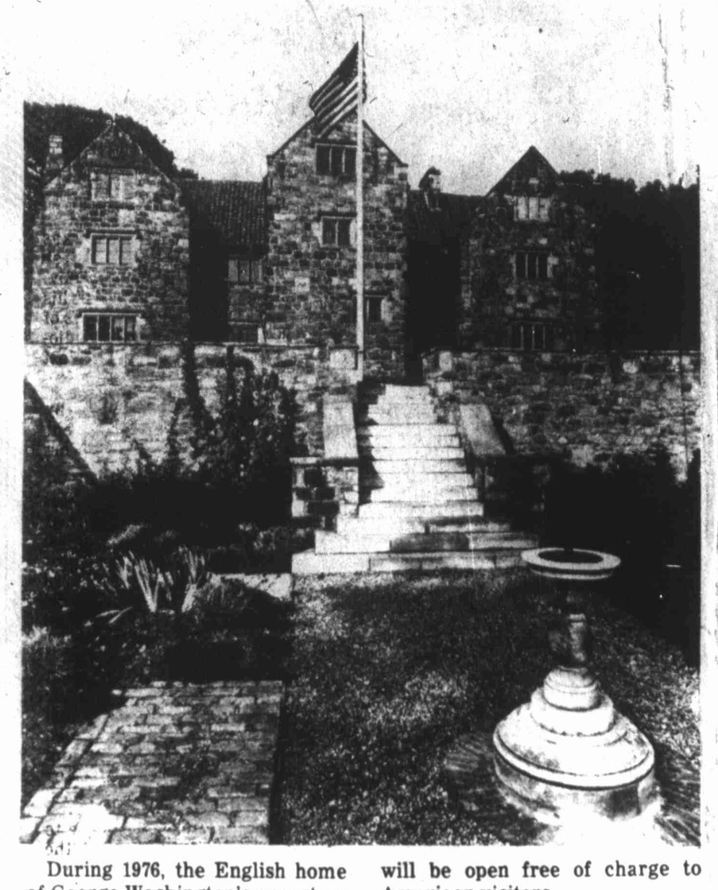

During 1976, the English home of George Washington's ancestors will be open free of charge to American visitors.

Ford air collision averted

Newsday

WASHINGTON — Air Force One with President Ford aboard was on a potential collision course with another plane week before last and an air traffic controller ordered the other plane to alter its course, according to a report filed with the Federal Aviation Administration.

An air traffic controller at the Jacksonville, Fla., FAA center ordered the pilot of the other plane, an Eastern Airlines jet, to move in behind Air Force One, the report says, and the two aircraft continued to their destinations without further incident.

The matter came to light after being reported to the Aviation Safety Institute, a non-profit organization in Worthington, Ohio, which monitors air safety.

The incident occurred on Friday, Feb. 13, as Mr. Ford was flying from Washington to Orlando, Fla., where he began a series of campaign appearances. The President apparently was unaware of the incident, a White House spokesman said. In fact, the pilot of Air Force One said he was not informed of it, either.

"I don't know anything about it so I can't comment on it but it doesn't sound like it was anything serious," said Col. Lester C. McClelland, the President's pilot.

According to FAA spokesman here and in the Southeast Regional Headquarters in Atlanta, the incident developed this way:

Air Force One was traveling south-southwest at 31,000 feet approaching the Jacksonville area. Eastern Airlines flight 5389 from Atlanta to Melbourne, Fla. was flying at 28,000 feet in a general south southeasterly direction. Air Force One was ordered to descend to 24,000 feet in preparation for landing at McCoy Airfield in Orlando.

When Air Force One reached 28,000 feet, a computerized warning called the Conflict Alert System (CAS) projected that if the two aircraft continued on their courses at that time, they would converge and possibly collide within two minutes. The CAS flashed an alarm to an air traffic controller in Jacksonville Center, and he ordered the Eastern plane to alter course.

An FAA spokesman in Atlanta said the two aircraft never were closer than 10 miles and probably would not have collided even if the Eastern plane had not been moved. He could not say how fast the plane was traveling.

"Air Force One would have continued to descend and would have been well below the Eastern aircraft when the Eastern plane reached the projected point of collision," he said. "The air controller was just taking an extra measure of precaution in moving the Eastern plane because it was Air Force One that was involved."

David Siegel, southern regional vice president of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Association, said that he had requested a formal FAA investigation of the Feb. 13 incident.

"There was a problem and it involved Air Force One," Siegel said.

Highways on agenda

Bert Peeples of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's district office in Odessa will outline class functions of highways in Midland County at the 1:30 p.m. Monday meeting of Midland County commissioners.

He also will discuss realignment of federal aid for highways in the county.

In other business, the commissioners are to consider bids on a front-end loader, asphalt distributor, air conditioner for The Culver Youth Home (juvenile detention center), fertilizer, and for an automobile for Constable Jack Merritt.

Commissioners will be in pre-meeting conference at 10 a.m. Monday.

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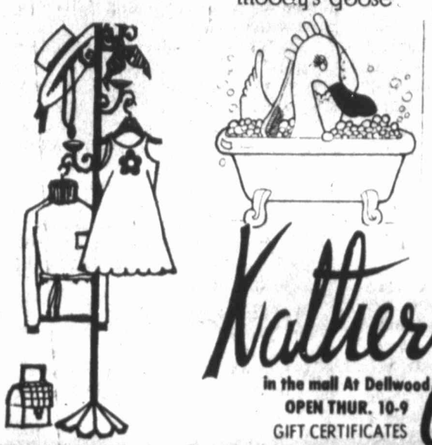

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Nation's capitol just missed being called Hartburn, D.C.

By TONY SHELTON

TYNE AND WEAR, England — If a certain Englishman hadn't made a shrewd land trade in 1183, the United States capitol might be called Hartburn, D.C.

The trader's name was William; he was a farmer in County Durham in northeast England. William took the name of his village of Hertburn (now Hartburn) for his own, as was the custom before people had surnames.

William de Hertburn, ancestor of George Washington, traded his land to the local bishop for another tract of land in the county in 1183.

According to the Boidon Book — the Durham counterpart of the Doomsday Book — the trade included ". . . a fee rent of 4 pounds and the service of attending the Bishop's hunt with four greyhounds."

William changed his name to the name of his new town, Wessyngton, later Washington. His manor house came to be known as Washington Old Hall.

William de Wessyngton's descendants, the ancestors of George Washington, lived in the house for 430 years, until 1613, when the family sold out and moved south.

During 1976, the restored Washington Old Hall will be open free of charge to American visitors. This is the Bicentennial gift of the National Trust, the charity which preserves historic sites in Britain.

The trust and its American branch, the Royal Oak Foundation of New York City, are trying to raise $150,000 as an endowment to provide perpetual care for the house.

Washington Old Hall had a rough time of it until the 1950s.

"The house had been sold to the bishops of Durham in the 17th Century," says Lawrence Rich, executive vice president of Royal Oak.

In the 1930s, the Washington Old Hall Preservation Committee emerged. The committee got rid of the tenants, put a roof on the house and offered it to the National Trust in 1956.

The members of the trust accepted the house with no endowment for its upkeep, something they rarely do. Through gifts from Americans and Britons, the house has been repaired and furnished in the style of the 17th Century.

The house now contains Washington artifacts, including:

— A bust of Washington, made by Houdon, a friend of the President, in 1776;

— A fan given to Martha Washington by Lafayette; and

— Even a raffle ticket signed by Washington.

The coat of arms of the the Washington family does not appear at the rebuilt Washington Old Hall. However, it is carved in stone on the front of Hylton Castle three miles away. It bears three stars and two stripes.

Some persons believe this coat of arms was the inspiration for a larger Stars and Stripes.

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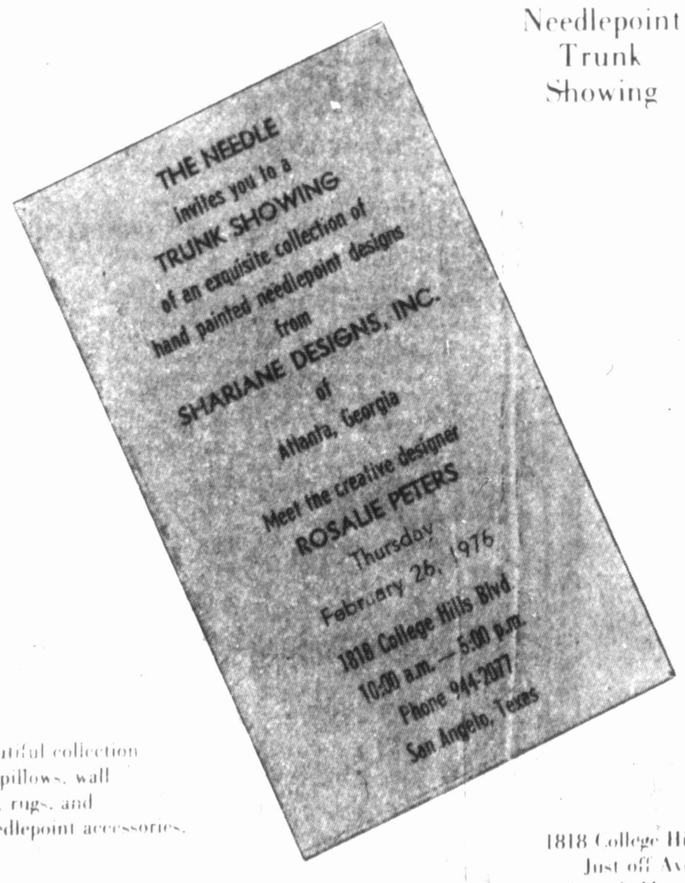

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Crude falsecard may be effective

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

To falsecard is to play a higher card than necessary in the hope of deceiving an opponent. If somebody else wins the trick, your falsecard may persuade the opponents that you're short in the suit, if you win the trick yourself, your falsecard may persuade the opponents that you couldn't win the trick with a lower card.

For example, suppose you have the doubleton Q-J of trumps behind declarer. When he leads the ace of trumps, you drop the queen instead of the jack. This falsecard may induce declarer to finesse through your partner for the jack of trumps.

This type of falsecard is, of course, very crude, but it works surprisingly often. A sophisticated opponent may go wrong and then excuse himself by complaining: "I didn't think you'd try anything so corny against me."

After you have established your reputation as a corn merchant, try playing the low card with such hands. Against a certain kind of player nothing is so misleading as the truth.

As declarer, you sometimes want the opening leader to continue with a suit instead of switching to a different suit. You can sometimes get the continuation by falsecarding; if you don't want the suit continued, don't falsecard.

For example, the opening lead is the king of spades against your contract of four hearts. You have three low spades in the dummy and Q-6-2 in your own hand. When your right-hand oppenent plays the three (his lowest spade), you play the six instead of the deuce from your hand.

The leader will notice that the deuce of spades is "missing." Q-3-2 of spades. If the leader believes this he will continue with the ace of spades - just as you wanted.

The leader will not continue with the suit if you play the deuce. He will then be quite sure that his partner's three was his lowest possible card, and was therefore meant as a discouraging signal.

In this situation, play your falsecards as though you were the opening leader's partner. Play higher than necessary to encourage a continuation; play as low as possible to discourage a continuation.

CLUMSY FALSECARD

When you have the ace and king of a suit in the concealed hand, should you win the first trick with the ace or with the king? To falsecard by playing the ace may deceive the enemy, but in some situations this clumsy falsecard may reveal more than it conceals.

In today's hand West opened the queen of spades, and South thought things over carefully before he made the first play from dummy. Then he played to the trick, winning in his own hand with the ace.

This clumsy falsecard couldn't possibly fool anybody. East had played the deuce of spades to deny any special interest in the suit; he would have played a higher card if he had the king. West therefore knew that South had the king.

East was equally well-informed. West would have led the king if he had a sequence headed by king-queen. The lead of the queen "denied" the king. East therefore knew that South had the king of spades.

SWITCHES TO HEARTS

South took the diamond finesse at the second trick, losing to the king. East immediately switched to hearts, knowing that South still had a stopper in spades.

West took the ace of hearts and returned a heart, whereupon South rattled nine tricks: two spades, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs.

"That was a pretty clumsy falsecard in spades"' East sneered as South scored game and rubber. "I'm surprised you don't know better than that."

South nodded amiably as East continued: "If you had won the first trick with the king of spades I might have thought the opening lead was from ace-queen-jack. Then I'd have returned a spade instead of switching to hearts."

"That's right," South agreed, with a shade of regret in his voice. "I'm afraid I let you know where the king of spades was."

To this day East hasn't realized precisely how clumsy South was. If East had returned a spade instead of switching to a heart, he would have defeated the contract. South has only eight tricks, and the defenders get three spades, the king of diamonds and the ace of hearts.

One way to deceive the opponents is to let them catch you in a clumsy lie.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ 5
◇ A Q J 8 5
♣ K 8 5 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9 3
♡ A 6 4 3
◇ 6 3
♣ Q 4

EAST
♠ 8 5 2
♡ J 10 9 7 2
◇ K 2
♣ J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A K
♡ K Q 8
◇ 10 9 7 4
♣ A 7 6 2

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

Plea rejected

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Senate Administration Committee rejected Saturday a recommendation that Alex Martinez be restored to the Senate Print Shop job he had before he was fired on the recommendation of Senate Secretary Charles Schnabel.

"The committee feels that the discharge of Mr. Martinez was proper," Sen. Don Adams, D-Jasper, committee chairman, announced after a 35-minute executive session.

—Staff Photo

LIONS GOVERNORS GALORE were on hand Friday night when the Westside Lions Club honored Lions district governors — past and present — at its banquet held at the elks Club. Pictured,from left, are Past District Govs. Carl O. Hyde and Tom Nipp; Paul A. Bozeman, present governor of District 2-A1; Larry Wiles, Westside club president, and Past District Govs. Duke Jimerson and Mal Adams.

2,500 pounds of sausage ordered for pancake feast

The Midland Downtown Lions Club has ordered a ton and a quarter of sausage — yes, that's correct, a ton and a quarter of sausage — for its 20th annual Pancake Jamboree scheduled Saturday in the Dellwood Plaza Mall.

That's the amount the quantity sausage which Don Combs, procurement chairman, says will be needed to feed the estimated 10,000 persons who are expected to eat pancakes and all the trimmings on the stated day.

He said the club also has ordered 2,000 pounds of pancake mix, half of which will be furnished free of charge by Sambo's Restaurant.

Other items ordered include 80 cases of 12 bottles each of syrup, 5,000 half-pints of milk, 4,000 half-pints of orange juice, ingredients for 7,000 cups of coffee, and 300 cartons of butter.

And if this isn't enough, Combs says he will go back to the store for more during the day.

"There will be plenty of food for all, with everyone invited to "fill-up" with the delicious food.

The Pancake Jamboree will operate from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., with special entertainment by top-flight musicians and musical groups to be presented throughout the day. The far-famed "Big Name" Band of the Downtown Lions Club will be presented in two hour-long performances.

Nineteen griddles will be used this year to turn out pancakes fast enough to prevent any "long line" situations.

Lion John Berry said four electric fryers and four food warmers also will be in operation during the day.

Results of the advance ticket sale indicates a record crowd will dine with the Lions Saturday. More than 8,300 persons were served last year.

The entire proceeds from the Pancake Jamboree go to finance the club's many and varied sight conservation, hearing aid, youth welfare, civic projects, Crippled Children's Camp, and charity programs.

The big event, to which many Midland and area residents look forward with pleasure, is planned and staged from start to finish by Lions Club members, with assistance from the Lion Tamers and the Leo Club.

The club's more than 300 members have been engaged in the sale of pancake tickets the last three weeks.

Sam Conner

Conner aids in campaign

Midland businessman Sam Conner is the men's committee section chairman for the Friends Gift Division of Trinity Towers, which is working to raise $1.8 million to build a five story addition to the retirement home.

The men's committee will launch its phase of the effort with a luncheon Tuesday at Trinity Towers.

Vice chairmen serving with Conner are Ted M. Kerr and Joseph W. Campbell. Team captains for the fund drive, which is being held through April 30, are J. A. "Jack" Matthews, Ken W. Sewell, C. Wallace Craig, Douglas B. Henson, Larry J. Bell and Robert D. Harger.

Career Day scheduled at Edison

Almost 700 ninth grade students will gain insight into selected career field Wednesday during Edison Freshman School's fifth annual Career Day.

Students will have an opportunity to attend three 20-minute sessions devoted to any of 63 career fields. Professionals representing each of the careers will tell students about their work and will be available to answer questions.

The sessions, which begin at 9:30 a.m., are sponsored by the school's vocational education department, assisted by the student council, Home Economics Club and Coordinated Vocational Academic Education students.

Professions to be explored are those in the armed forces, agriculture, interior decorating, modeling, radio-television, sales, real estate, banking, hair stylist, secretary, home economist, food services, clothing industry, clergy, theater, art and psychologist.

Other fields on the list are nurse, medical technologist, social worker, engineer, geologist, chemist, accountant, computer, architect, machine tools, veterinarian, physician, dentist, attorney, teacher, mechanic and journalism.

Additional careers include graphic arts, woodworking, electronics, electrical engineer, recreation and athletics, law enforcement and aviation.

Paternity law to be discussed

The new Texas Paternity Law, which gives a mother legal means of obtaining financial support from the father of an illegitimate child, will be discussed Thursday in a State Bar of Texas institute at the Holiday Inn in Midland.

The law will play a leading role in welfare agency efforts to reduce expenditures for aid to dependent children "by forcing those children's fathers to support them financially," according to the State Bar.

When the law was enacted in 1975 by the state legislature, Texas became the last state in the union to provide for such paternity enforcement.

Leading the institute's discussion on the new law will be El Paso attorney Orba Lee Malone.

Others joining in will be Judge Joseph Mims of the Midland County Court of Domestic Relations; Judge Phillip Godwin of the Ector County court-at-law, and attorneys Don Dean of Amarillo, Jimmie Oglesby of Midland, Daniel Sullivan of Andrews, and Greg Gossett of San Angelo.

Briscoe endorses WTCC plan

ABILENE — The West Texas Chamber of Commerce Water Program has been endorsed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe. The governor in his endorsement also urged all citizens of West Texas to view the special audio-visual slide presentation, "West Texas Water Needs for the Future."

This presentation was produced by the WTCC Water Development Committee, of which Bob Scott of Fort Worth is chairman.

In a letter to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the governor stated: "I heartily endorse the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Water Program and invite all citizens of West Texas to view the special audio-visual slide presentation, "West Texas Water Needs for the Future."

"The promotion is receiving a great deal of interest from not only civic clubs in the 132-county area of West Texas, but many requests have been received for the presentation from university classes and water associations," Scott said.

Reservation dates are available to any organization for viewing the series.

Johnson degree candidate at OU

NORMAN, Okla. — Edward Leigh Johnson of Midland, Tex., was a candidate for a bachelor of business education degree at the close of the fall semester at the University of Oklahoma.

SWSU probe launched

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — State comptroller auditors will be sent to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to investigate double paychecks for two school officials last year, a department spokesman said Friday.

Dr. W. Pence Dacus, vice president for institutional advancement, received $5,386 for October, exactly twice his salary.

W. Stewart Minton, another SWSU administrator, received $4,192 for December, exactly twice his salary.

The comptroller's office became interested in the case following reports that job interviewee expenses were paid under the guise of "consultant fees" at the school.

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1 Outlaws
2 Chose
10 Circuit, compass
15 This, in Spain
19 News item
20 African softwood
21 Snow, in Sevilla
22 Closed
23 Standard of more fun: Phrase
26 Young horse
27 Localized
28 Cat noises
29 Money: Slang
30 Serpent
31 Ocean "test-tube"
33 Georgia's Jimmy
34 Profession
36 Carney
37 South American rodent
39 Hersey setting
40 Lengthens the ice jump: Phrase
44 Cagers' gp.
47 Flaccid
48 Piglet
49 Of the ear
50 Seaweed product
51 La's forerunner
52 Brew for the portly, perhaps
53 Suffering from fatigue
54 Suit
55 Lamprey
56 Search
57 Flower part
58 Unique thing
59 Hardy's partner
61 Baboon
62 Hovers
64 Bother, mod style
66 Let up
68 Former
69 —— jacet
72 Bay window
73 Diminish
74 Aviator
75 Cadmus' daughter
76 Actress Foch
77 Frighten
78 Movie director George
79 Cinch
80 Guido's high note
81 Hurdy-gurdy
83 Certain circus performers
84 Steam maker
86 Before upsilon
87 Well-balanced
88 Position
90 Landed property
93 Maui greeting
94 Change ——
95 "—— de lune"
96 —— be heard (demand an audience)
99 Dugout
100 Andrews Sisters' suggestion: Phrase
103 Oboe, for one
104 Indian, for one
105 Sour in temper or tone
106 Betel nut: Var.
107 A Gardner
108 Lincoln's in-laws
109 Dapper
110 Sailor's patron saint

DOWN

1 Wild pig
2 Singer Lane
3 Rough ride for a dare-devil: Phrase
4 Harsh
5 Kitchen need
6 —— bear
7 Instrument
8 Gnome
9 Faded
10 Cancel
11 Hebrew text of the Bible: Var.
12 Brewery dance: Phrase
13 Author Compton-Burnett, et al.
14 French possessive
15 Accompany
16 Standard of easiness: Phrase
17 Sheer material
18 —— of roses
24 Western show
25 Sonora Indian
29 Mangle
31 Egypt's Anwar
32 Formerly, formerly
33 Hollow: Prefix
34 Brahmans, for example
35 Worship
38 Alumnus, for short
40 —— of one's own
41 Twofold
42 Heckled
43 Atmosphere
45 Lure
46 Over-decorated
48 Supply
50 —— perennius (more enduring than bronze)
52 Oar or boat
53 Plains Indian's home
54 Meaner
57 Soft color
58 Potato press
60 On the ocean
63 Bermuda ——
64 Sharpen
65 Seed pod
67 Berne's river
70 —— respects
71 Stand of woods
73 Land unit
74 Bach's forte
77 Store come-on
78 Suffix with auto or pluto
79 Beach find
81 Grey tone
82 Okkaido port
83 Plant pore
85 Kind of kick
87 Viscous
88 Reprieve
89 Edible root
91 Waldorf, for one
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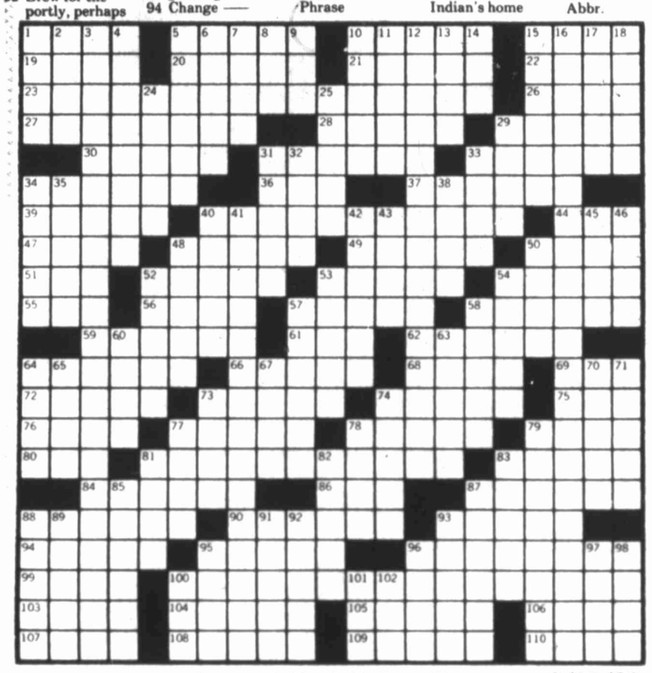

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Panel alters intelligence bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee studying a resolution that would establish a panel to monitor intelligence agencies is altering sections of the measure that drew the strongest criticism from the Ford administration.

The Senate Government Operations Committee voted Friday to delete a section that would require the White House to give Congress prior notification of secret intelligence operations.

At the same time, the panel amended a provision that would have given a new Senate oversight panel powers to declassify secrets on its own.

President Ford had adamantly opposed both concepts.

In other developments:

—Chairman Frank Church of the Senate intelligence committee sharply criticized Ford's intelligence reorganization plan, saying it would "give the CIA a bigger shield and a longer sword with which to stab about."

Church told news reporters that Ford's plans for tightened secrecy could be used to squelch attempts to disclose official wrongdoing. He said his panel would ask Congress to write new laws to govern intelligence operations because the President's executive orders are not adequate.

—Ford, campaigning in New Hampshire, insisted that "under the new organization with the new restrictions that I have applied there will be no abuse."

—A CBS executive said correspondent Daniel Schorr has been taken off the intelligence story under a network policy that prohibits reporters from covering stories in which they are involved.

The executive said the reassignment was not intended as disciplinary action arising from Schorr's arranging for publication of the House intelligence committee's secret report by the weekly Village Voice of New York.

—The Justice Department informed the Senate intelligence committee that last year's murder of Chicago Mafia leader Sam Giancana was a gangland slaying and was unrelated to the mobster's previous involvement in a CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro.

The committee had been attempting to obtain Giancana's testimony last June when he was murdered in his home in the suburbs of Chicago.

—The Justice Department and the FBI are probing the publication of the House intelligence committee report to determine the source of the leak that placed the secret report in Schorr's hands.

One source said the investigation "doesn't focus on any one individual. It's the whole thing."

Schorr said no one from the FBI or the Justice Department has indicated to him that he is part of any investigation of the leak.

The government operations panel deleted a provision of the proposed resolution stating that no intelligence agency should undertake a covert operation "unless and until" the Senate "has been fully informed of the proposed activity."

Midlanders make club

NORMAN, Okla. — Fifteen Midlanders are among the 5,177 Texas students named to the fall semester honor roll at the University of Oklahoma.

Midland students are John Robert Aulick, Pamela Ann Barb, Mark Lane Branum, Carolyn Clark, Richard Allan Clausen, Timothy Joseph Dowdle, Susan Lynn Good, Keith Duane Graham, Larry Wayne Hammers, Jill Hazen, Jack Hunter Hitt, Robin Gayle Hughes, Edward Leigh Johnson, Mary Margaret Motter and Teresa Ann Stapler.

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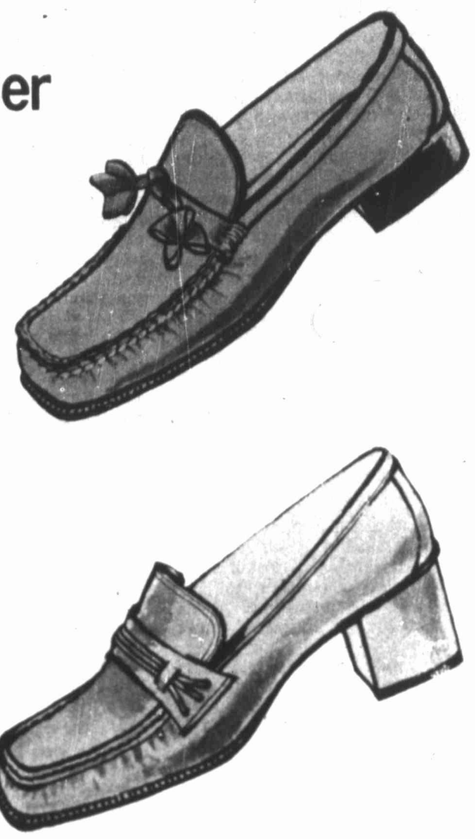

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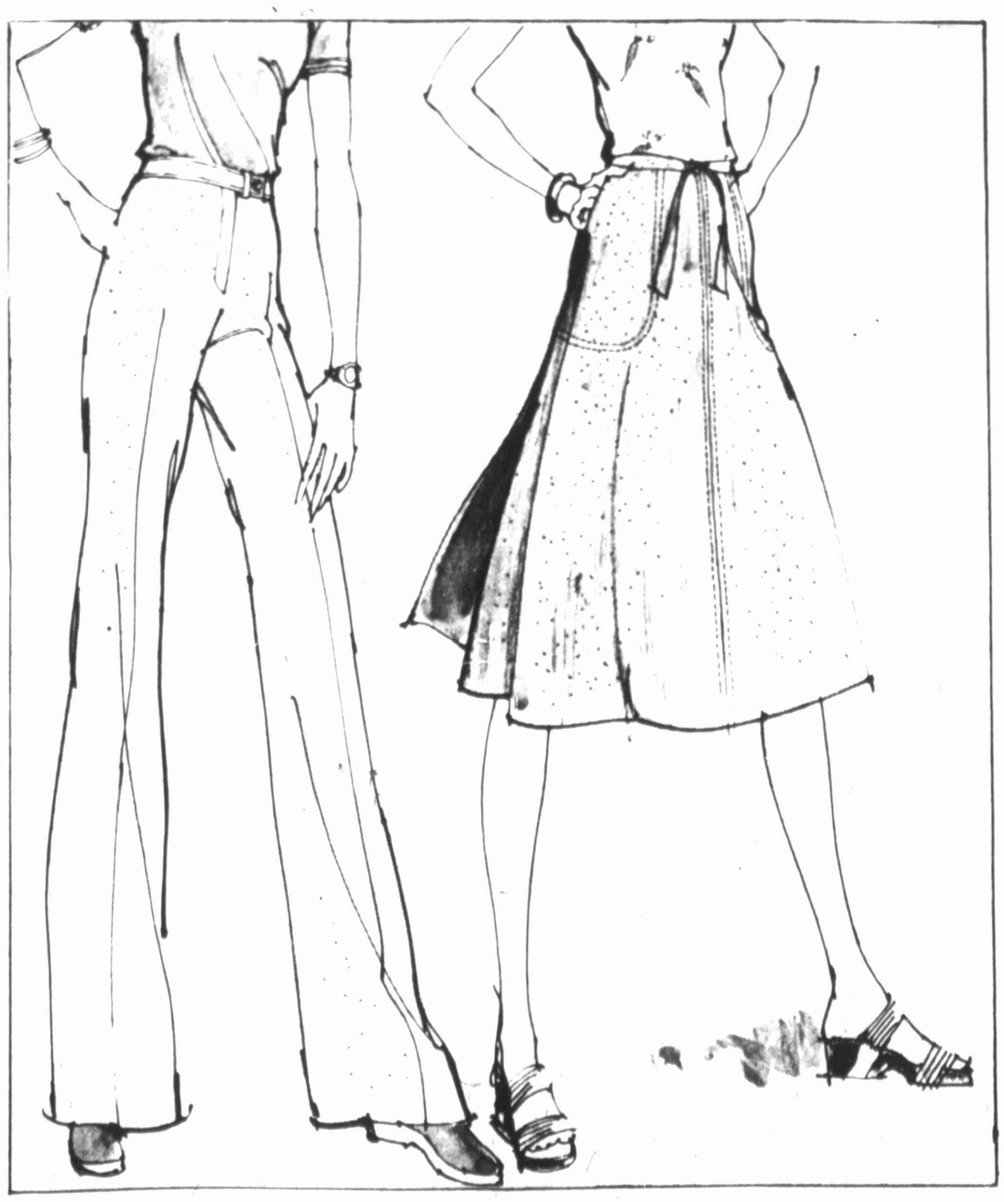

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Rebs' O'Neal nabs Comanche high point

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
R-T Sports Writer

FORT STOCKTON—The two-year domination of Fort Stockton's Comanche Relays by the Midland Lee Rebels came to an end Saturday, but some outstanding individual performances took the sting out of the third place finish.

The awesome San Angelo Bobcats, showing strength, depth, and future promise for the District 5-4A track meet in April, wiped the field of nine teams in Division I off the track with 144 points and a meet title.

The surprising Abilene Cooper Cougars finished a distant second with 116 points. San Angelo scored 42 points in Friday's field events, and then never looked back while blazing to victory. Lee, the two-year defending champions, managed third with 87 points.

Midland High scored only 16 points for seventh place, but the Bulldogs had one runner that did not run Saturday after qualifying in the 100 and 220 along with a relay.

Lee's Stanley O'Neal had a field day with 24 of Lee's 87 points to earn the Division I high point individual trophy. O'Neal won the long jump Friday with a leap of 22 feet, ½ inches, and then turned around Saturday with a second in the 330 hurdles with a 43.4 seconds and a third in the 120 highs with a 15.1.

O'Neal was just one of many bright spots for the Rebels, who placed well with the material on the track. Depth proved to be the sore spot as Coach Sam Volpe feared it would.

Billy Skinner was another Rebel with a fine outing. Skinner set a new meet record in the discus with a toss of 188-7½, more than 18 feet better than the old mark. Skinner's left-handed throwing style was just right for the heavy winds that plagued the meet both days.

Skinner also placed second in the shot put with a throw of 53-9. Midland High's Grady McGowan had a fifth and Lee's Don Salinas Managed a sixth.

Lee's sprint relay team did not qualify for the finals after passing out of the zone in the prelims, and Midland High dropped the baton in the finals.

But in the 440, it seemed like old home week as Lee's Otis Butler and Earl Evans ran neck and neck before Butler, the defending regional champion, defeated his teammate by a thrust of the chest at the tape. Butler had a 52.3.

Charles Hamilton surprised the 880 field for the Rebels with a stunning second place finish with a time of 2:06.9. Lee also got a sixth and a fifth in the hurdles from newcomer Robert Oschner.

Midland High made its best showing in the mile where Robert Wilson, who is the 5-4A cross country champion, won in a sprint at the finish with a respectable 44:46.1 Pat Darden was fourth. Wilson runs at least six miles every morning before breakfast and another seven or eight before bed time.

Lee got off to a poor start in the mile relay, but Evans and Butler pulled the Rebels from last to third in the last two laps. It was not surprising since the two are back from the relay team that went to state last year.

Division III had the closest team competition with Ozona winning with 118½ points to Alpine's 116. Ozona had to win the mile relay to do it. Alpine's Ramon Gonzales, however, won individual honors with 35 points.

Division II was Monahans all the way as the Loboes poured out 124 points while second place Pecos had only 88. Odessa Ector was a narrow third with 84 points and Andrews managed 22 for eighth place. Ector's Alvin Woodard took high point honors with 22 points.

Lee and Midland High travel to Brownfield Saturday for the Cub Relays. Lee is also the defending champions there.

Gustines keeps Haialeah habit

MIAMI (AP) — Helidoro Gustines became the first jockey to win Hialeah's prestigeous Widener three years in succession Saturday when he rode Hatchet Man to the $78,975 top prize in the $121,500 event.

The Panamanian won the Widener in 1974 and 1975 on Forego, but the horse didn't make it this time because of an injury which has sidelined him since October.

Hatchet Man, third choice in the field of seven, was involved in a minor mishap at the start when Prometido stumbled badly and broke into him. But Hatchet Man closed strongly on the extreme outside to beat favored Toonerville by two lengths with Hail The Pirates third.

"I didn't want to be too far off the lead," Gustines said. "But he was shying from dirt hitting him in the face around the first turn. That's why I took him to the outside.

"I put him to a drive at the half-mile pole and he just kept digging in. He ran real game."

John Gaver, trainer of Hatchet Man, said he planned to run the horse in the Widener even if Foolish Pleasure had not been withdrawn Thursday for a minor foot injury. Toonerville would have been scratched if Foolish Pleasure had been in the race.

"He trained awful well and I gave him a big chance, even against the big horse," Gaver said, referring to Foolish Pleasure, who would have been the odds-on favorite. "Don't take anything away from Toonerville. He's a tough, tough race horse."

Gene St. Leon, who rode Toonerville to second money of $24,300, said he had no excuses. "He just got outrun. Gus ran a good race. My horse has nothing to be ashamed of. He tries hard all the time and he proved he can run on dirt," St. Leon said.

Toonerville had won five stakes in a row, all on the turf course, before the Widener.

Weight was a factor. Toonerville carried 121, Hatchet Man 113 and third place Hail the Pirates, who claimed $12.150, carried 115.

Pack wins golf meet

DEL RIO—The Midland High golf team came from six strokes back Saturday to win the Del Rio Invitational Golf Tournament by one stroke over Abilene Cooper.

Cooper, the first day leader with a 303, ballooned to a 330 during Saturday's wind blown round while the Bulldogs took it in stride with a creditable 323 to move into first place by a narrow stroke, 632-633

San Antoino Churchill was third in the 12-team field with 646.

Midland High's Kirk Branum fired a 73-77—150 to win medalist honors. Tim Johnson helped the Pack with a 157 while Greg Lutke had a 159. Shane Berry and Kelly Eng both shared 168s.

"I don't know how the weather was in Midland, but it was blowing like crazy here," said Midland High coach Robert Young. "I was very pleased with the way the kids came back."

—AP Wirephoto

TOM WATSON comes out of the rough to birdie seventh hole on the way to a 68 in Saturday's round of the Los Angeles Open.

Aggies clinch spot in finals

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP) — Texas A&M clinched a berth in the finals of the Southwest Conference championship tournament Saturday with a 70-69 victory over Arkansas as senior forward Sonny Parker scored 26 points.

A&M now has a 13-2 conference record, and even a loss in its final game with Rice Tuesday would at least give the Aggies a tie with Texas Tech. However, A&M has beaten the Red Raiders twice so a tie would put A&M in the SWC finals March 6 in Dallas.

Arkansas trailed 46-38 at halftime but the Razorbacks fought back gallantly, coming within two points of the Aggies six times and within one point with 49 seconds to go.

But the Aggies managed to hold the ball until Parker was fouled with just five seconds remaining. Although Parker missed both free throws, the Razorbacks were able to get off at the buzzer a midcourt shot which missed.

The sixth time the Razorbacks came within two points of the Aggies in the second half — at 63-61 — Karl Godine scored two baskets to give A&M a 67-61 lead. They extended the margin to 70-63 before Arkansas scored three straight baskets, the last two by Charles Terry, to bring the Razorbacks to the final margin.

The Arkansas rally in the second half was led by Sidney Moncreif who scored 20 points on 10 of 14 field goals and Marvin Delph who had 10 of his 15 points in the second half.

Parker's 26 points for the Aggies was supported by Barry Davis' 15 points and Ray Roberts, who got all of his 11 points in the first half.

The Aggie victory gave them a 20-5 season mark, tying the record for most victories established last year. Arkansas fell to 16-8 for the season and 8-7 in conference play.

ARKANSAS 69
Birden 1 0-0 2, Terry 2 0-0 4, Saulsberry 4 3-8 11, Moncrief 9 0-0 18, Delph 7 3-3 17, Buckner 0 0-0 0, Counte 1 0-0 2, Bennett 2 0-0 4, Stroud 0 0-0 0, Trumbe 0 0-0 0 Brewer 0 0-0 0. Totals: 31 7-15.
TEXAS A&M 7
Davis 6 3-4 15, Parker 9 8-14 26, Swanson 1 2-2 4, Roberts 4 3-4 11, Jones 3 0-0 6, Godine 4 0-0 8, Williams 0 0-0 0, Erwin 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 16-24
Halftime: Texas A&M 46, Arkansas 38. Total Fouls: Arkansas 20, Texas A&M 17. Fouled Out: Arkansas Salisbury, A&M: Swanson Technical: Arkansas Coach

Watson survives 'Hale' storm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Youthful big money-winner Tom Watson maintained his momentum toward a first 1976 golf championship Saturday as he withstood the attack of Hale Irwin and held the third-round lead in the $185,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open.

The 26-year-old British Open and World Series of Golf champion of 1975 shot a three-underpar 68, his third straight subpar round, to post a 12-under 201 at the end of 54 holes in the 72-hole tournament at the Riviera Country Club.

Irwin, the 1974 U.S. Open champion, finished three strokes back at 204 as he carded a five-under-par 66 despite a bogey on the 18th hole. Just before that he had scored three straight birdies to narrow the gap as Watson parred the final six holes.

WATSON, RELATIVELY small at 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds and a winner of $153,795 last year, birdied two of his first three holes and at the nine-hole turn held a five-stroke advantage over Irwin as other challengers fell back on a sunny day before a gallery of 21,200.

Don January, starting two strokes behind Watson, lost two strokes to par with a 73 and Dave Hill relinquished third place with a 72 and 209. The group at 208 with January included Mac McLendon with a third-round 66 and Pete Brown with a 68.

EX-COLLEGIANS Watson, from Stanford, and Irwin, from Colorado, both challenged the nineunder-par 275 Riviera record for this tournament, set by Ben Hogan in 1948 and equalled by Pat Fitzsimons last year.

Gallery favorite Sam Snead, the 63-year-old West Virginian who was among the leaders during the first two rounds, fell far off the pace with a 78 and his 216 virtually put the Slammer out of contention.

But moving up was South African Gary Player, who shot a 67 for a 210 total after 72-7 on his first two rounds.

Irwin was not disappointed with his 66 but said, "It's hard to swallow a bogey on that last hole."

On the par four, 454-yard finale, he missed the green with his second shot, came up short and needed two putts to take a bogey five.

"When you start the day five shots back, you have to do something significant. I set a goal to shoot 65 or 66 and hoped Tom had a 70 or 71 so I could at least close the gap," the 30year-old Irwin commented.

He had seven birdies and two bogeys and his longest was a 35-foot putt as he started his three-birdie string at the 15th. He followed with birdie putts of five and 12 feet.

Watson carded birdies on the first, third and seventh holes but bogeyed the eighth. He added another birdie at the 12th and then shot even par golf the rest of the way.

Monarch comes from last place to win

BOSTON (AP) — San Fran Stable's Country Monarch came from last place among eight horses at Suffolk Downs Saturday to win the $9,000 Sky Ship Handicap before a crowd of 10,442.

BATTLE SCENE

Rebels' outlook brightens

BY TED BATTLES

Midland Lee's prospects for a third straight District 5-4A basketball title, an accomplishment that would retain for the Tall City its reputation as Basketball Capitol of West Texas, took a turn for the better in the last week.

A week ago, there was more hope than confidence as the Rebels looked down the stretch run. Too many things had to happen over which they could exercise little control.

The Rebels were tied for first, but it looked like Lee was staring down the barrel of what could wind up as a three way tie and what probably would at best finish in a two-way tie for the second half tile.

Going into the final night of play, there was even a possiblity of a foud way stalemate that might necessitate a tourney for the right to meet first half champion Abilene.

WELL, BY GOLLY, all the "ifs" became "gifts" and the Rebels, who did what they had to do, wound up high and dry in first place all alone.

First, San Angelo upset Odessa Permian, creating that four-way possibility, then Abilene shook its second half slump long enough to knock crosstown rival Cooper out of the picture.

And perhaps best of all, Abilene proved encouragingly mortal and vulnerable in the second half with four setbacks. Of course, with Mike Little back Abilene won't be the same team that stumbled around in the dark through much of the second half when the rivals meet for the second straight year in the district title decider Friday night in San Angelo.

Lee will be shooting for a sixth straight title for a Tall City team and if past history is an indication, winning the league title is always the toughest task.

IN EACH of its post-season appearances, Midland did progressively better, losing in bi-district the first year, advancing to the semis the next and the state finals the third year. Lee, likewise, lost in bi district in its first tourney trip, but last year reached the semis and you can bet there are visions of history repeating... but that's something that lies beyond Friday night and no one can afford to look past Abilene, no matter how great the temptation...

Meanwhile, Coach David Adams' sweet-swinging Rebel golfers are kicking up some headlines of their own, winning two straight tournament championships as they tuneup for the district opener a couple of weeks away.

Lee followed up its Midland Invitational victory with a triumph in the Odessa Invitational, beating out the two teams that figured to battle it out for the 5-4A title this spring.

"FRIDAY'S ROUND was more a test of endurance than golf," said Adams, who nevertheless had to be pleased with the way his team broke out of the first day's tie with Permian.

"I was a little disappointed that San Angelo didn't bring along two of its better golfers," Adams said, "They had to stay home to take some tests."

Still, Lee outshot the Bobcats at San Antonio, where the Rebels took a second, and did it again at Midland.

"It's going to be a tough district race," he add and then warns, "Don't overlook Midland High. The Bulldogs have talent. They just haven't put it all together yet."

AT A time when the talk should be about the possibilities of the Reds and Red Sox repeating and whether the Dodgers can bounce back, baseball is more concerned over whether there will be a season.

Midland Cubs General Manager Bill Rigney, Jr., points out that the Chicago organization hasn't sent any of its usual advance guard to Scottsdale, Ariz., to prepare for the opening of the spring encampment.

"However, regardless of what happens in the majors," assures Bill, "The Midland Cubs will begin spring training workouts as planned on March 15. Our players aren't involved in the Player Agreement bargaining, so it will not effect us. We've already got our spring schedule of games lined up and 23 players signed."

TV sports

TENNIS — U.S. National Indoor championships, noon, KMID-TV.
BASKETBALL — Los Angeles vs. Seattle, 2:30 p.m., KOSA-TV.
GOLF — Los Angeles Open, 4 p.m., KMOM-TV.

Alcott's bird good for lead

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Amy Alcott chipped a sand wedge shot within a foot of the cup for a birdie on the 18th hole Saturday to retain a one-stroke lead after 36 holes of the $60,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament here.

Miss Alcott, trying to celebrate her birthday for the second straight year with a tournament title, shared the lead with Kathy Whitworth before making the closing birdie.

Both shot three-under-par 69s on the 6,115-yard Bent Tree Golf and Country Club course, with Miss Alcott standing at 137 for two rounds to Miss Whitworth's 138.

Sandra Palmer, the tour's leading money-winner a year ago, stayed within range with a 70 for 139. Sandra Post had a 71 for 140.

"That was my last round as a teenager, and I think that (last birdie) was an omen," said Miss Alcott, who turns 20 on Sunday. She won her only pro title last year on the same day she turned 19 at St. Petersburg, Fla.

"If I could repeat, it would be the biggest thrill of my life. "I'm just playing my heart out," added the Santa Monica, Calif., resident, the LPGA's rookie of the year in 1975. "I have complete control of my game. I have momentum and momentum is the most important thing in golf."

Miss Whitworth, of Richardson, Tex., the tour's all-time leading money winner, called her second straight 69 "much better than yesterday because the wind made the course play a lot tougher.

"I'm always up," said the 34year-old pro of her chances Sunday. "I have as good a chance as anyone. It always boils down to who makes the least mistakes."

SWC calls Thursday hearing for Aggies

DALLAS (AP) — The Southwest Conference has called a hearing in Houston on Thursday to allow Texas A&M freshman basketball players Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams to hear charges against them and to face their accusers.

The SWC —announced last Monday that Godine and Williams were suspended for the remainder of this season and all of next season for reasons thought to be connected with recruiting violations.

The players missed A&M's game against Houston Tuesday night but on Wednesday U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham issued an injunction ordering them reinstated. He ruled the players had been denied due process by the conference and ordered a hearing within 30 days.

The SWC set the hearing for Houston since the players are both from there and the conference wanted to provide the maximum opportunity for all the principals in the case to be present.

Meanwhile, in a question-and answer article in Saturday's edition, the Dallas Times Herald quoted Godine as saying he got illegal offers from all the approximately 100 schools who offered him a scholarship except Texas A&M.

Godine was quoted by the newspaper as saying he even got an illegal offer from the University of Texas. Testimony in Wednesday's hearing in Dallas revealed that Texas Coach Leon Black had provided the SWC with the information that led to the players' suspension.

22-1 Warriors rally to sink Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Butch Lee's first-half scoring brought Marquette back from an early deficit, and Earl Tatum's second-half barrage fired the second-ranked Warriors to a 72-62 victory over Louisville Saturday in a nationally-televised college basketball game.

Marquette, 22-1, spotted Louisville an early 13-5 lead, but began to take control after that.

Lee, who scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half, hit all five of his opening-period field goals in the final eight minutes as Marquette eased to a 30-27 halftime lead.

Then Tatum, who led all scorers with 23 points, went to work.

Hitting with precision from deep in the corners, Tatum helped Marquette to leads that reached 17 points. The 6-6 forward scored 16 points in the final half.

The Warriors outscored Louisville 10-4 early in the second half to take a 51-39 lead and Louisville, 18-5 and ranked 19th, got no closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Louisville's Ricky Gallon led the Cardinals with 18 points and Larry Williams added 16.

MARQUETTE 72
Ellis 3 0-0 6, Tatum 11 1-1 23, Whitehead 1 1-2 3, Lee 7 3-3 17, Walton 5 3-3 13, Toone 4 0-0 8, Rosenberger 0 0-0 0, Neary 0 2-2 2, Payne 0 0-0 0, Butrym 0 0-0 0, Brennan 0 0-0 0, Totals 31 10-11.
LOUISVILLE 62
Cox 5 1-2 11, Williams 7 2-2 16, Gallon 8 2-2 18, Bond 3 4-6 10, Wilson 3 0-0 6, Bunton 0 1-2 1, Brown 0 0-0 0, Totals 26 10-14.
Halftime: Marquette 30, Louisville 27. Total fouls: Marquette 18, Louisville 14. Technicals: Lee, Marquette Coach McGuire, Louisville Coach Crum. A: 14,051

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

LA Open scores

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scores after Saturday's third round of the $185,000 Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament at the par-71, 7,029 Riviera Country Club course:

Tom Watson	67-66-68—201
Hale Irwin	69-69-66—204
Pete Brown	70-70-68—208
Don January	68-67-73—208
Mac McLendon	72-70-66—208
Dave Hill	71-66-72—209
Jim Masserio	68-73-68—209
Tom Shaw	71-70-68—209
Tom Jenkins	66-72-72—210
Gary Player	72-71-67—210
Lyn Lott	69-69-73—211
Hubert Green	68-71-72—211
Steve Veriato	76-67-68—211
Lanny Wadkins	68-71-73—212
Roger Maltbie	69-72-71—212
Gil Morgan	74-68-70—212
Tony Jacklin	70-73-69—212
Terry Diehl	70-71-72—213
Tom Kite	71-73-69—213
Bob Risch	69-70-74—213
Gene Littler	72-70-71—213
Forrest Fezler	69-71-74—214
Gary McCord	70-74-70—214
Orville Moody	70-72-72—214
Doug Sanders	72-72-70—214
Grier Jones	72-69-73—214
Yoshitaka Yamamoto	73-70-71—214
Pat Fitzsimons	70-69-76—215
Gary Wintz	72-72-71—215
Jerry Heard	71-73-71—215
Jim Simons	70-71-74—215
Homero Blancas	72-70-73—215
Ben Crenshaw	70-75-70—215
Joe Porter	69-73-73—215
Al Geiberger	70-73-72—215
Sam Snead	67-71-78—216
John Jacobs	73-71-72—216
Barry Jaeckel	72-72-72—216
George Burns	70-70-76—216
George Cadle	71-70-75—216
Frank Conner	72-73-71—216
John Schlee	70-75-71—216
Fred Marti	73-71-72—216
Ed Sneed	70-72-74—216
Victor Regalado	72-71-73—216
Arnold Palmer	72-69-76—217
Lee Elder	72-69-76—217
Bob E. Smith	70-71-76—217
Dale Hayes	69-75-73—217
Ed Dougherty	71-73-73—217
Mark Hayes	72-73-72—217
David Graham	74-71-72—217
Kermit Zarley	72-73-72—217
Bruce Lietzke	73-71-73—217
Dale Douglass	73-70-74—217
Dave Stockton	71-74-73—218
Bruce Devlin	69-75-74—218
Julius Boros	72-71-75—218
Doug Tewell	68-73-78—219
Ed Sabo	72-72-75—219
Bob Wynn	71-71-77—219
Gary Groh	73-72-74—219
Bruce Fleischer	73-69-77—219
Bob Gilder	70-69-81—220
Danny Edwards	72-74-74—220
Rick Acton	75-71-74—220
Tommy Aaron	70-76-75—221
a-Scott Simpson	73-73-75—221
John Schroeder	75-71-75—221
Alan Tapie	70-76-76—222
Cal Peete	70-74-78—222
Rafe Botts	75-71-77-223
Johnny Miller	72-74-78—224

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College Baseball

Texas 10-8, Texas Lutheran 2-2
Baylor 4-1, Pan American 2-4
Southern Methodist at Texas-Arlington, ppd, wet grounds

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Second game

Texas Lutheran	000 000 002—2 4 1
Texas	120 100 10x—5 14 2

B. Miller, Maldonado (5) and Kolkhorst; Wright, Heuck and Jacobs and Bushand. (7). W—Wright, 1-0. L—B. Miller, 0-1. HR—Reichenbach, Texas. A 1,700.

Southwestern, Tex. 9-4, Trinity, Tex. 8-0

Nicklaus now an engineer

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP) — There's little doubt that Jack Nicklaus is among the best golfers ever to play the game. But Jack Nicklaus ace engineer?

Nicklaus, who is preparing for this week's $300,000 Tournament Players Championship hosted by the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classic, is making final adjustments on a new set of clubs designed to improve his short game.

This is how Nicklaus explains what he is doing — you'd better get the dictionary:

"The new clubs are castings of my old clubs and they look virtually the same, but when you do castings, they have tolerance within the castings. In other words, the hosels (where the club head meets the shaft) were left a little larger because of the weight to grind the hosels down.

"The scorings (the grooves in the face of the club) were left extra deep because they didn't grind the faces down as far as they might normally do, and hence the grooves were much deeper, and as a result it put too much spin on the ball. The grooves were legal but deep.

"To get technical (sic), the grooves were about 26-hundreths of an inch deep...I was using virtually a dozen balls a round because every time I would hit a good iron shot, I was just taking the cover right off the ball because the grooves were so deep."

Nicklaus said that by reducing the grooves, he hopes to improve his game over last year, when he won five tournaments and compiled the lowest average on the tour — 69.9.

"I have never been a great short iron player and I think a lot of that was due to the bottoms of the clubs," said the lifetime winner of 58 tournaments and $2.5 million. "Once I get used to the new clubs, I know I'll be even a better player than before.

"I've always thought it was more the clubs than me that I wasn't a good short iron player."

College basketball

St. Joseph's, Ind 87, Wabash 66
Boston U 69, U of Vermont 67
N Michigan 53, Saginaw Valley 46
Alma 82, Aquinas 75
Wayne St 75, Ashland
Ohio U 92, Ball St 63
W. Michigan 91, N Illinois 74
Kearney St vs Peru St, ppd, snow
Neb-Omaha 73, Wis-Parkside 66
Ga. Southwestern 70, Piedmont 60
Armstrong St 47, Southern Tech 43
CCNY 72, New York Tech 71
Adrian 72, Hope 71
Manchester 95, Findlay 80
Trinity 92, Queens 72
Grand Valley St, Hillsdale 66
New Hampshire 85, Connecticut 82, OT
Georgetown 70, Boston College 64
U. of Lowell 75, Worcester State 70
Rockhurst 64, Benedictine 62
Notre Dame 90 S. Carolina 83
Alabama 65, Mississippi State 61
RPI 74, Alfred 58
DePaul 70, Cincinnati 60
Drexel 76, Albright 58
Manhattan 81, Navy 63
Jacksonville 84, Southwestern Louisiana 77
Colorado State 61, Wyoming 57
Michigan 92, Purdue 81
Kansas State 69, Kansas 54
Texas A&M 70, Arkansas 69
Franklin 91, Indiana Tech 76
Northwestern 90, Wisconsin 77
Nichols 95, Connecticut College 84
Kalamazoo 75, Olivet 73
Toledo 88, Central Mich 87
Plattsburgh St. 96, New Paltz St. 73
Ithaca 65 Clarkson 57
Lafayette 101, Bucknell 78
Bethany 71, John Carroll 69
Lewis 74, Quincy 73
Clemson 103 N.C. State 90
E. Texas Baptist 75, LeTourneau 55
New England 69, Franklin Pierce 59
Coast Guard 60, Bowdoin 58
Oregon St 78, Southern Cal 61
Wash & Jefferson 85, Thiel 81
Point Park 80, Mercyhurst 77
California, Pa 99, York 72
Waynesburg 76, Alliance 69
Denver 118, Samford 97
Bethany 71, John Carroll 69
Washington St 91, Stanford 79
Frostburg St 79, Bowie St 77
Penn 88, Dartmouth 66
Texas A&M 70, Arkansas 69.
Miami, Ohio 77, Kent State 54
East Texas Baptist 75, LeTourneau 55.

LPGA scores

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — The leaders after Saturday's second round in the 54-hole, $60,000 Bent Tree Classic of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament on the par-72, 6,115-yard Bent Tree Golf and Country Club course:

Amy Alcott	68-69—137
Kathy Whitworth	69-69—138
Sandra Palmer	69-70—139
Sandra Post	69-71—140
Kathy Postlewait	71-70—141
Hollis Stacy	70-71—141
Cathy Duggan	71-71—142
Susie McAllister	69-73—142
Pat Bradley	69-74—143
Clifford Ann Creed	71-72—143
Judy Rankin	70-73—143
Shelley Hamlin	71-73—144
Pam Higgins	69-75—144
Sally Little	69-75—144
Gerda Boykin	73-72—145
Betty Burfeindt	70-75—145
JoAnne Carner	74-71—145
Gail Denenberg	72-73—145
Carol Mann	70-75—145
Kathy McMullen	75-70—145
Bonnie Bryant	70-76—146
Debbie Austin	77-70—147
Jane Blalock	73-74—147
Murle Breer	73-72—147
Jerilyn Britz	77-70—147
Kathy Cornelius	72-75—147
Sandra Haynie	72-75—147
Judy Kimball	75-72—147
Kathy Martin	78-69—147
Debbie Meisterlin	74-73—147
Mary Bea Porter	72-75—147
Sue Roberts	70-77—147
Beth Stone	73-74—147
Peggy Wilson	72-75—147

Comanche relays track summary

Division I

Discus: 1. Bill Skinner, Lee, 188-7½ (New Record: Old mark 170-0 by Tony Bassett, Permian, 1965); 2. Harold Ledet, San Angelo, 160-0½; 3. Lee Atkins, San Angelo, 145-2½; 4. Jim Wosoba, San Angelo, 144-9¼; 5. Rickey Jones, Permian, 140-9½; 6. Steve Taylor, Del Rio, 137-7¼.

Pole Vault: 1. Dave Flamming, Cooper, 14-6 (Ties record set by Wesley Fletcher, Abilene, 1971); 2. Richard Williams, Cooper, 14-0; 3. Russ Smith, Permian, 13-6; 4. Bobby Bruce, Del Rio, 13-0; 5. Tony Jones, Odessa High, 12-6; 6. James Goff, Cooper, 12-6.

High Jump: 1. Neville Leverett, San Angelo, 6-2; 2. Billy Stone, Cooper, 6-2; 3. Roy Briner, Odessa, 6-0; 4. Ken Jackson, Big Spring, 5-10; 5. Stan Chisom, Odessa, 5-8; 6. Buzie Woodard, Big Spring, 5-8.

Long Jump: 1. Stanley O'Neal, Lee, 22-0½; 2. Danny King, Permian, 21-8½; 3. Mickey Abbott, San Angelo, 21-5¼; 4. Paul Davis, Permian, 21-4; 5. Tod Mossheart, Cooper, 20-5¾; 6. Mike Schmidt, San Angelo, 20-0.

Shot Put: 1. Harold Ledet, San Angelo, 55-8; 2. Bill Skinner, Lee, 53-9; 3. Gordon Dyer, Del Rio, 46-6; 4. Ronnie Hooker, San Angelo, 46-6¾; 5. Grady McGown, Midland High, 45-7½; 6. Don Salinas, Lee, 45-1.

440 Relay: 1. San Angelo (Hutton, Reed, Caraway, Young), 44.2; 2. Cooper, 44.2; 3. Odessa High, 45.0; 4. Big Spring, 46.5. (Only finishers) **880**: 1. Danny Fergus, Cooper, 2:03.8; 2. Charles Hamilton, Lee, 2:06.9; 3. Charles Garza, Del Rio, 2:08.3; 4. Albert Villa, Eagle Pass, 2:08.6; 5. William Vasquez, Del Rio, 2:09.0; 6. Ed Bruning, San Angelo, 2:09.9.

120 Hurdles: 1. Bill Woodward, San Angelo, 14.5; 2. Vance Jenkins, San Angelo, 14.8; 3. Stanley O'Neal, Lee, 15.1; 4. Neville Leverett, San Angelo, 15.1; 5. Al Swan, Permian, 15.4; 6. Robert Oschner, Lee, 15.6.

100 Dash: 1. Lyndon Kawk, Permian, 9.8; 2. Mark Halverson, Cooper, 10.0; 3. Ricky Lewis, Cooper, 10.1; 4. Todd Mossheart, Cooper, 10.2; 5. Mitch Pryor, Lee, 10.4; 6. Robert Johnson, Lee, 10.4.

440: 1. Otis Butler, Lee, 52.3; 2. Earl Evans, Lee, 52.4; 3. Tim Easlon, Permian, 53.5; 4. Mitch Reed, San Angelo, 54.7; 5. Tom Tutt, Cooper, 55.6.

330 Hurdles: 1. Vance Jenkins, San Angelo, 41.2; 2. Stanley O'Neal, Lee, 42.4; 3. Neville Leverett, San Angelo, 42.9; 4. Mike Blake, Cooper, 43.3; 5. Robert Oschner, Lee, 43.4; 6. Don Wood, Permain, 44.1.

220 Dash: 1. Mark Halverson, Cooper, 22.5; 2. Ricky Lewis, Cooper, 23.0; 3. Wayne Cobb, Cooper, 23.1; 4. Ronnie Hutton, San Angelo, 23.2; 5. Steve Latham, Permain, 23.6.

Mile: 1. Robert Wilson, Midland High, 4:46.1; 2. Tony Pena, San Angelo, 4:46.6; 3. Kevin Funderburk, San Angelo, 4:47.4; 4. Pat Darden, Midland High, 4:48.4; 5. Jim Witherspoon, Permian, 4:48.9; 6. Wes Fewell, Permian, 4:51.9.

Mile Relay: 1. Permian (Easion, King, Griggs, Kawk), 3:33.2; 2. San Angelo, 3:33.2; 3. Lee, 3:33.6; 4. Cooper, 3:36.5; 5. Odessa High, 3:44.9.

Team Totals: 1. San Angelo, 144; 2. Cooper, 116; 3. Lee, 87; 4. Permian, 62; 5. Odessa High, 26; 6. Del Rio, 19; 7. Midland High, 16; 8. Big Spring, 13; 9. Eagle Pass, 4.

Division II

Pole Vault: 1. Craig Wilson, Seminole, 13-9 (New division record); 2. Wilson, Monahans, 13-3; 3. Ivy Pecos, 13-0.

Discus: 1. Sellars, Monahans, 160-7½; 2. Harbin, Kermit, 141-9; 3. Galloway, Andrews, 140-6¼.

High Jump: 1. Lergdo, Pecos, 5-9; 2. Mike Mace, Andrews, 5-9; 3. Sheen, Kermit, 5-8.

Long Jump: 1. Mosby, Pecos, 21-0¾; 2. L. Mosby, Pecos, 20-8½; 3. Seymour, Ector, 20-7¾.

Shot Put: 1. Sellars, Monahans, 57-1¾; 2. Freeman, Snyder, 48-11½; 3. Bozeman, Lakeview, 46-7¾.

440 Relay: 1. Monahans, 45.6; 2. Ector, 45.7; 3. Lake View, 46.1; 4. Andrews, 47.0.

880: 1. Bowman, Monahans, 2:04.4; 2. Rogers, Pecos, 2:08.0; 3. Light, Monahans, 2:08.5.

120 Hurdles: 1. Green, Snyder, 14.3 (New division record); 2. Weinacht, Pecos, 15.4; 3. Warren, Lake View, 15.5.

100: 1. Butts, Lake View, 9.9; 2. Woodard, Ector, 10.1; 3. Bigham, Monahans, 10.3; 6. Joe Vara, Andrews, 10.7.

440: 1. Holt, Kermit, 52.9; 2. Lions, Ector, 52.9; 3. Thomas, Monahans, 53.8.

330 Hurdles: 1. Harris, Pecos, 41.2; 2. Johnson, Ector, 41.3; 3. Lujan, Pecos, 42.2; 4. Chris Carriker, Andrews, 43.4.

220: 1. Woodard, Ector, 23.4; 2. Cherry, Monahans, 23.5; 3. Hazes, Sweetwater, 23.7.

Mile: 1. Dominquez, Fort Stockton, 4:53.3; 2. Marence, Monahans, 4:58.4; 3. Mendez, Sweetwater, 5:00.7.

Mile Relay: 1. Ector, 3:32.2; 2. Kermit, 3:36.7; 3. Monahans, 3:38.9.

Team Totals: 1. Monahans, 124; 2. Pecos, 88; 3. Ector, 84; 4. Kermit, 41; 5. Lake View, 40; 6. Fort Stockton, 33; 7. Snyder, 30; 8. Andrews, 22; 9. Seminole, 18; 10. Sweetwater, 14.

Division III

Long Jump: 1. Gonzales, Alpine, 19-4½; 2. Warren, Ozona, 18-6¼; 3. Carrillo, Alpine, 18-5¾.

Discus: 1. Martinez, Ozona, 130-4¾; 2. Morgan, Denver City, 126-4¾; 3. Smitherman, Crane, 120-11.

Pole Vault: 1. Daniel, Buena Vista, 10-6; 2. Moody, Ozona, 10-6; 3. Willhelm, Wink, 10-0.

High Jump: 1. Burkhalter, Denver City, 5-8; 2. Benge, Alpine, 5-7; 3. Brightman, Crane, 5-6.

Shot Put: 1. Brownlee, Alpine, 47-11¾; 2. Morgan, Denver City, 43-5¾; 3. Molinar, Alpine, 43-4¾; 4. Smitherman, Crane, 42-4¾.

440 Relay: 1. Denver City, 46.3; 2. Van Horn, 47.3; 3. Ozona, 47.6; 4. Crane, 48.1.

880: 1. Crawford, Ozona, 2:07.6; 2. Reyes, Alpine, 2:09.8; 3. Castro Sanderson, 2:10.3; 5. Hughes, Crane, 2:16.9.

120 Hurdles: 1. Jones, Sonora, 15.0; 2. Carrillo, Alpine, 15.3; 3. Ruthardt, Ozona, 15.5.

100: 1. Powell, Buena Vista, 10.4; 2. Rives, Crane, 10.5; 3. Gonzales, Alpine, 10.6.

440: 1. Parker, Sonora, 54.7; 2. Ibanez, Van Horn, 54.8; 3. Shaw, Ozona, 54.8.

330 Hurdles: 1. Gonzales, Alpine, 43.3; 2. Ruthardt, Ozona, 43.8; 3. Pagan, Ozona, 45.5.

220: 1. Powell, Buena Vista, 23.4; 2. Crawford, Ozona, 23.6; 3. Burkhalter, Denver City, 23.8; 4. Rives, Crane, 25.0.

Mile: 1. Smith, Jal, 4:53.5; 2. Savel, Sonora, 4:58.9; 3. Mendoza, Alpine, 5:01.4; 4. White, Crane, 5:16.8.

Mile Relay: 1. Ozona, 3:42.9; 2. Alpine, 3:45.2; 3. Sonora, 3:46.0.

Team Totals: 1. Ozona, 118½; 2. Alpine, 116; 3. Denver City, 67; 4. Sonora, 53; 5. Van Horn, 35; 6. Crane, 33; 7. Imperial, 30¼; 8. Jal, 10; 9. Sanderson, 9; 10. Wink, 7¼; 11. Alamo Catholic, Iraan, 6; 13. Tornillo, 2.

Ski report

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major ski areas Saturday:

A-Basin 74 depth, t new snow, powder, packed powder.
Arapahoe East unreported depth, 4 new snow, powder.
Aspen Highlands 82 depth, 5 new snow, packed powder.

Aspen Mountain 72 depth, 3 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Buttermilk 39 depth, 1½ new snow, powder, packed powder.
Snowmass 78 depth, 2 new snow, powder.
Breckenridge 54 depth, 1 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Ski Broadmoor 14 depth, 0 new snow, wind packed, hard packed.
Copper Mountain 61 depth, 0 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Crested Butte 65 depth, 0 new snow, packed powder.
Eldora 53 depth, 3 new snow, packed powder, wind packed.
Geneva Basin 66 depth, 4 new snow, powder.
Hidden Valley 48 depth, t new snow, powder, packed powder.
Ski Idlewild 45 depth, 1 new snow, packed powder.
Keystone 61 depth, 1 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Loveland Basin 55 depth, 2 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Monarch 72 depth, 6 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Powderhorn no report.
Purgatory 78 depth, 0 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Sharktooth 14 depth, 2 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Steamboat 61 depth 10 new snow, wind packed.
Sunlight 40 depth, 1 new snow, powder, packed powder.

Telluride 83 depth, 1 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Vail 58 depth, 4 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Winter Park 50 depth, t new snow, packed powder, hrd packed.
Wolf Creek 120 depth, 6 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Mary Jane 58 depth, 2 new snow, powder, packed powder.

Weekend Areas

Berthoud Pass 80 depth, 4 ew snow, powder, packed powder.
Ski Cooper 60 depth, 1 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Pikes Peak 40 depth, 8 new snow, powder, packed powder.
Tamarron 24 depth, 0 new snow, powder, packed powder.

Snow depth refers to unpacked snow depth at midway.
New snow refers to snowfall in the past 24 hours. T—Trace.

—Staff Photo by Charles McCain

THE BONHAM team won the recent St. Ann's fifth grade basketball tournament and finished the season with a 15-0 record. Team members are, front row from left, Michael Barton, Brad Davis, Craig Holland, Doug Hixon, Paul Cain. Second row, Monty Earl, Bryan Patterson, Tommy Tipton, Steve Nichols, Gary Carr, Mark Treat. Back row, Coach J.R. Treat, Bob Lambeth, trainer Roy Treat.

Midland boxers fail to win Novice Bouts

By BOB DILLON
R-T Sports Writer

ODESSA—A pair of Midland fighters dropped decisions Saturday night in the finals of the Novice Division of the 30th annual regional Golden Gloves tourmament in the Ector County Colisieum.

Alfred Flores of Midland started strongly against Fort Stockton's Tito Ramos and even floored Ramos with an uppercut to the head, but Ramos came back to score in the final round to win by a split decision.

Joe Salgado of the Tall City also started strongly in his title bout with Nimo Flores of Fort Stockton, but wore out midway in the second round. Flores piled up enough points in the final round to take the decision, and the first place trophy.

In a free swinging bout in the high school division, Midland's Johnny Abila tangled with Joe Lopez of Jal, N.M., with both throwing numerous punches in the first two rounds. Abila took a unanimous decision.

In the Football Division, Donnie Cole, an all-state football player from Rankin, was knocked out with 34 seconds left in the third round by Marfa's Eloy Howard. Both weighed in at 186 pounds. Howard's knockout punch was a solid right to Cole's head.

David Campos of Midland won by default over Midlander Bruce Webber in a 110-pound bout in the Novice Division.

A crowd of more than 2,800 boxing fans were on hand for Saturday's fights. The fighters take a break before the finals Monday night with title bouts scheduled in the High School, Football and Open divisions. All open division champions will advance to the state tournament in Fort Worth.

Ashe gains Rome finals

ROME (AP) — Top-seeded Arthur Ashe crushed Italian champion Adriano Panatta 6-3, 6-2 Saturday night and advanced to the finals of the $60,000 World Championship Tennis tournament.

Ashe now meets fellow American Bob Lutz, whose semifinal match against Dick Stockton was scratched when Stockton withdrew with an injured back. Lutz is not seeded.

—Staff Photo by Johnny Virden

WINNERS IN the Midland Westside Optimist Club Tri Star Basketball sk11ls contest held Saturday at Midland High were: front row from left, Sheron Hancock, Christin Cobb, Darren Thorpe, Scott Kidwell,. Middle row, Derek Westbrook, Chris Rucker, Kyle Keitto, Pat Cherryhomes, Kyle Bostick. Back row, Steve Cherryhomes, Kyle Story, Bennie Brazll, David Cagle, Robert Upham.

C meet results

100-FREE — (8-under girls): 1. Michelle Oden, 1:29.8. (8-under boys): 2. Paul Kelly 1:29.6. 3. Karl Schmidt 1:30.1. 4. Nick Cochrane 1:30.6.

200-FREE — (10u girls): 1. Leslie Dunbar 3:12.8. B time. (10u boys): Donny Quest 2:59.5. Steve Lewis 2:56.4. B times: 1. Warren Diepraam 3:06.8. 3. Al Yowell 3:13.9. (11-12 girls): 1. Wendy Cochrane 3:03.8. 4. Kathryn Quest 3:23.2.

500-FREE (senior girls): 1. Amy Hull 7:10.6. 2. Michelle Brochner 7:31.5. (senior bc ... Craig Stiles 7:26.1. 4. Brian Bird ell 7:27.7. 5. Wesley Evitt 7:28.9.

50-BREAST (8u girls): Michelle Oden 51.7. B time. (8u boys): 3. Nick Cochrane 55.7. 4. Scott Johnston 1:02.8. (10u girls): 4. Michelle Calverly 1:03.4. (10u boys): 1. Lane Gourley 50.2. 4. Bret Birdwell 56.1. 5. Donny Quest 57.9. Wesley Evitt 48.9. B time.

100-BREAST (11-12 girls): Wendy Cochrane. B time: 1. Kathryn Quest 1:47.9. (11-12-boys): Scott Rhamey 1:37.9. B time. 1. Vernon Momzimgo 1:46.3. 4. David Bartus 1:57.1. 5. Joe Blevins 2:06.6. (senior girls): 1. Susan Swendig 1:39.6. (senior boys): 2. Craig Stiles 1:37.6. 3. Chris Koch 1:38.9. 4. Patrick Rahmey 1:40.2.

100-FREE (10u girls): 1. Leslie Dunbar 1:28.4. 2. Rena Taylor 1:29.5. 4. Melissa Harvard 1:30.9. (10u boys): 5. Joe Imber 1:34.6. 2. Warren Diepraam 1:24.6. 3. Al Yowell 1:28.9 (11-12 girls): 2. Wendy Cochrane 1:23.0. 5. Kathryn Quest 1:35.4. (11-12 80ys): 1. Vernon Monzingo 1:16.3. 5. Richard Snook 1:42.4.

200-FREE (senior girls): Susan Swendig 2:31.1. B time. 1. Sara Hellinghausen 2:41.8. (senior boys): 4. M. Monray 2:36.3. 3. Brian Birdwell 2:34.0. 2. Patrick Rhamey 2:33.9.

50 BUTTERFLY (8u girls): 2. Giselle Brochner 53.6. (8u boys): 1. Karl Schmidt 48.2 3. Scott Johnston 1:01.4. (10u girls): 2. Rena Tyler 53.5. 3. Melissa Harvard 1:05.4. (10u boys): 1. Wesley Evitt 44.3. 2. Donny Quest 47.5. 3. Patrick Rhamey 47.7.

100-BUTTERFLY (11-12 boys): 4. Scott Rhamey 2:02.3. 5. Richard Snook 2:07.5.

50-FREE (8u girls): 2. Michelle Oden 41.0. 5. Kimberly Isaacs 1:20.0. (8u boys): Karl Schmidt 38.2. B time. 2. Nick Cochrane 42.0. 3. C. Hyde 49.7. 4. Scott Johnston 53.4. (10u girls): 1. Leslie Dunbar 40.1. 5. Melissa Harvard 53.7. 6. Michelle Calverly 55.4. (10u boys): 1. Warren Diepraam 39.9. 2. Barry Friemel 39.8. 3. Al Yowell 40.2 (11-12 boys): 3. Wendy Cochrane 36.4. 6. Kathryn Quest 42.6.

100 FREE (senior girls): 1. Sara Hellinghausen 1:11.9. (senior boys): 2. M. Monroy 1:10.5. 7. Scott Rhamey 1:15.9. 9. Patrick Rhamey 1:19.2.

50-BACK (8u boys): 6. Scott Johnston 56. 7. Nick Cochrane 57.5. (8u girls): 1. Michelle Oden 48.3. 5. Kimberly Isaacs 1:11.0. (10u girls): 1. Leslie Dunbar 48.6. 3. Melissa Harvard 53.4. (10u boys): 1. Al Yowell. 5. Paul Kelly 50.4. 6. Barry Friemel 50.5. Wesley Evitt 45.8. B time. 8. Bret Birdwell 51.3.

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Faker wins

PAWTUCKET, R. I. (AP) — Poe Faker, ridden by Claudio Hubberman Jr., won the $5,000 feature race at Narragansett Park Saturday by a half length before 5,618 fans.

NBA's O'Brien explains peace

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry O'Brien, formerly a hard-nosed politician but now basketball's great compromiser, sat in his high-rise office and sought to clear the air about the peace he has brought to the National Basketball Association.

Attempting to make things perfectly clear, O'Brien said:

—Yes, there is a truce in the war between the NBA and its players' union, but no, the league did not send up a white flag.

—Yes, the most difficult problems are now in the backcourt but the game is not really over until the final whistle brings some signatures.

—And no, the truce between the NBA and its union does not necessarily mean the end of hostilities between the NBA and the American Basketball Association.

In a far-reaching interview, NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien talked candidly about the proposed settlement of the Oscar Robertson case, its meaning for both sides and what it means for the future of professional basketball.

Since 1970, when the players' union filed suit in federal court seeking to void the league practices of the college draft, the option clause and compensation, there had been no progress in attempts to settle the case out of court.

Into the breach stepped O'Brien, with his background as confidante to former Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and his belief in the "art of the possible and the art of compromise."

"What we were looking at six months ago," says the firstyear commissioner, "was a history of years of false starts in which there had been no meaningful progress. But I couldn't concern myself with the past.

"It was hard for me to conceive that that there wasn't an avenue of agreement to be explored. I had dealt in an arena where there was a lot of give and take and where we were able to make two branches of government happy so I couldn't believe that there was no common ground between the owners and the players."

So he sat down with Larry Fleisher, head of the players association, and successfully opened the lines of communication that had been previously bolted shut.

"When I first took this job," O'Brien said, "everyone told me that there were two truths: the 18 owners could never agree on the time of day and the players association would be totally intransigient against everything.

"I found this to be totally inaccurate on both counts."

Earlier this month, the NBA owners and players approved a proposed settlement of the case, which will, when finalized, effectively short-circuit costly litigation that seemed destined for the Supreme Court.

Larry O'Brien had his settlement, but had he made everybody happy?

He said the players were happy and nearly all of the owners were happy but there were some who suggested the owners had given but not taken.

"My feeling is that this is an equitable resolution, which is shared by the vast majority of owners, but not all of them," O'Brien said.

The proposed agreement includes:

—Abolition, for veterans now signing contracts, of the option clause—the vehicle that bound a player to one team forever. But the players' original team has the right of first refusal, the chance to match another team's best offer;

—A change in the college draft so that a rookie selected has the choice of signing a oneyear contract with a one-year option or a multi-year contract with no option;

—And, after the 1980-81 season, the end of compensation, the procedure by which a team losing a player who plays out his option gains something in return.

O'Brien says there was real give and take in the agreement on the option clause and the draft which will work to the benefit of both sides.

Bonham 1st in tourney

Bonham defeated St. Ann's, 29-19, to win the sixth annual St. Ann's Invitational Fifth Grade basketball tournament. Odessa Burleson took third by defeating Henderson, 31-26. Midland Pease downed Odessa Hays, 34-30, for consolation laurels.

The All Tournament team, selected by the coaches, was composed of Kevin Taylor, Henderson; Mark Treat, Bonham; David McMilla, St. Ann's; Gary Hogan, Odessa Burleson; Early Riley, Pease; A. Miller, Odessa Hays; Andy Manley, St. Ann's; Craig Holland, Bonham; David Crockett, Bonham, and Jeff Clements, Henderson.

Bonham not only won the tournament, but finished with a 15-0 record for the season.

Nastase gains Indoors finals

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — Second-seeded Ilie Nastase of Romania, playing with a varied degree of sustained concentration, swept past unseeded Haroon Rahim of Pakistan 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 Saturday and advanced to the finals of the U.S. National Indoor Open Tennis Championships.

Nastase will play for the $9,000 first prize today against the winner of semifinal match between defending champion and firstseeded Jimmy Connors and fourth-seeded Alex Mayer.

Nastase, the winner of the tournament in 1970 and the runner-up to Stan Smith in 1972, easily dispatched Rahim in the first set while losing only four points at service. The Romanian broke through for the third time at the start of the second set, but Rahim broke back in the second game to pull even.

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Miller warns owners

CINCINNATI (AP) — Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Ballplayers Association, said he expects the baseball club owners to announce next week they do not, at present, plan to open spring training camps.

Champs Normally open March 1. The owners have made on announcement while negotiations with the association and court litigations continue over the decision outlawing the controversial reserve clause that binds players to teams.

"They can do it if they wish to suffer the consequences," said Miller, adding he would consider the act a lockout and go to court.

Miller, on tour of major league cities to talk with ball players, was disappointed at the turnout in Cincinnati Friday. Only seven players were there and only Merv Rettenmund from Cincinnati.

"Most everybody's out of town," said Rettenmund, the Reds' player representative. Rettenmund told Miller the other players planned to attend meetings in other cities.

Others attending were Eddie Brinkman, who lives here and plays with the New York Yankees; Burnell Flowers of Pittsburgh, Tony Scott, Montreal; Dyar Miller, Baltimore, and Rick Waits of Cleveland.

"There was a turnout of 115 players in Los Angeles and we had reserved a room for 70," said Miller. He said 24 showed up for the Chicago meeting.

Miller said current negotiations have been hampered by the owners who insist on negotiating a reserve clause. He said the players have no proposal since a recent court decision makes them all free after playing out a year of option.

"This is insanity," said Miller. "The only deadline for negotiating the reserve clause is next October.

"The thing to do is wait and see how many men actually don't sign this year and see why they don't sign."

Miller said the owners are "hysterical" about the effects of the court ruling. He said owners predict that hundreds of players will play out their options. Miller predicted less than 20.

"For 10 years the owners view has been 'go to hell' when any talk of modifying baseball's reserve clause arose. And for 10 years I've been telling the owners that's silly. Don't wait until you've been hit on the head. Now they've been hit on the head."

Brinkman said the arbitration ruling will help younger players rather than the veterans.

—AP Wirephoto

Indiana's Wayne Radford (22) hauls in rebound for No. 1 ranked and unbeaten Hoosiers.

Hoosiers romp past Minnesota

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana forward Tom Abernethy matched his career high with 22 points Saturday and, for the second time this season, led the undefeated and top-ranked Hoosiers past Minnesota 76-64 in Big Ten basketball action.

Abernethy, a 6-foot-7 senior, paced the Hoosiers' second-half charge after Minnesota's Ray Williams and a tough zone defense kept the Gophers close early in the game.

Minnesota, in fact, led by six points twice in the first period but was never able to gain control of the game as Abernethy and All-American forward Scott May spearheaded a balanced team attack that pushed the Hoosiers ahead by as many as 16 points late in the game.

May finished with 18 points, playing much of the game with four personal fouls. The victory raised Indiana's record to 23-0 for the season and 14-0 in the Big Ten.

Osborn Lockhart led Minnesota with 19, while Ray Williams added 18 and Mike Thompson, the Big Ten's No. 2 scorer, chipped in 17. The Gophers fell to 13-9 over-all and 5-9 in the conference.

Abernethy also scored 22 points in last month's 85-76 victory over the Gophers.

There were 10 ties and 11 lead changes in the first half and neither team led by more than two points until the Hoosiers ran off six straight, four of them by Abernethy, for a 159 lead.

Minnesota then retaliated with 12 in a row—including eight straight by Lockhart—for its biggest lead, 21-15.

MINNESOTA 64
Winey 1 0-0 2, Williams 3 12-12 18, Thompson 5 7-8 17, Lockhart 9 1-1 19, Saunders 2 0-0 4, Korkowski 0 0-0 0, Johnson 2 0-0 4. Totals 22 20-21.

INDIANA 76
May 9 0-1 8, Abernethy 9 4-8 22, Benson 3 0-0 6, Wilkerson 3 0-0 6, Buckner 4 1-2 9, Wisman 2 0-0 4, Crews 1 2-2 4, Radford 3 1-2 7, Valavicius 0 0-0 0. Totals 34 8-15.

Halftime Minnesota 39, Indiana 38. Total fouls Minnesota 19, Indiana 19. Technicals Indiana bench 2. A 17,718.

Chaps end home season with night for fans

TED BATTLES

Midland College's basketball team closes out its home season at the MC gym, taking on upset-happy New Mexico Junior College at 8 p.m.

It will be Fan Appreciation Night with MC offering tickets at half price, $1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

"This has really been a great season for Midland College, particularly since we are playing in one of the toughest conferences in the country," Coach Chester Story pointed out. "But for our initial season, the fan support has been good and our players have given us maximum effort in every game."

That is reflected in the fact that most of the Chaparral games have been decided by less than 10 points and 14 of the 16 conference games have had less than a 10 point spread at the end.

MIDLAND COLLEGE still remains in the running for one of the two at large regional playoff berths and the final week of the season probably will determine the Chaps' hopes.

The Chaps wind up at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell Thursday night and going into the last week of play, MC is a game behind Philips in the standings at 8-8.

Looking at it reallstically, Story notes, "In voting for the two at large teams, Frank Phillips has an edge since they beat us twice. However, if we managed to finish ahead of them in the final league standings, then our better overall record for the season could be the deciding factor."

MC has an 18-10 record for the season while New Mexico Junior College is 4-12 in conference and 12-17 for the season.

Two of NMJI's victories in the last couple of weeks have come at the expense of NMMI and Western Texas, which is why Story is worried about the hobbs team.

Last week NMJC lost to Clarendon, 80-69, and Odessa, 90-80, while Midland was putting together a two game winning streak with wins over Clarendon, 80-74, and South Plains, 73-72.

Western Texas continued to lead the conference with a 12-4 record, but its lead was trimmed to one game as a result of its third loss in four tries against NMMI.

NMMI and Amarillo both have 11-5 records while Howard College is a step ahead of Frank Phillips with a 10-6 mark.

The big games Monday and Howard at WTC and NMMI at South Plains.

In individual scoring, howard's Marvin Johnson leads with 32.2 points per game. Midland's Tommy Parks continues to rank sixth with a 20.2 average, but leads the league in free throw conversions with 136.

WJCC Standings

Teams	Conf W	Conf L	Season W	Season L
Western Texas	12	4	23	6
New Mexico Military	11	5	20	6
Amarillo College	11	5	18	7
Howard College	10	6	23	6
Frank Phillips College	9	7	13	11
Midland College	8	8	18	10
South Plains College	7	9	16	13
Odessa College	5	11	8	14
New Mexico Junior College	4	12	12	17
Clarendon College	3	13	8	17

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS — Howard 91, Amarillo 85; Amarillo 76, Odessa 65; Midland 80, Clarendon 74; Clarendon 80, NMJC 69; Frank Phillips 83, NMMI 70; Howard 116, Frank Phillips 115, 2 ots; Midland 73, South Plains 72; Odessa 90, NMJC 80; NMMI 77, Western Texas 70; Western Texas 77, South Plains 69.

MONDAY'S GAMES — Clarendon at Amarillo; Odessa at Frank Phillips; Howard at Westerm Texas; NMJC at Midland; NMMI at South Plains.

THURSDAY'S GAMES — Midland at NMMI; Western Texas at Odessa; Frank Phillips at Clarendon; South Plains at Howard.

Leading Scorers

Player, School	FG	FT	Pts	Avg
Johnson, Howard		407	124 938	32 3
Butler, WTC		298	75 671	24 8
Taylor, SPC		299	103 701	24 1
Blanks, Clarendon		242	85 569	22 7
Doyle, NMJC		254	42 550	20 3
Parks, Midland		206	136 547	20 2
Hollemon, Amarillo		204	76 484	19 3
Forch, Odessa		173	63 409	18 5
Wood, Odessa		151	72 374	17 0
Thompson, SPC		200	66 466	16 6
Erves, Howard		189	66 444	15 8
Campbell, Amarillo		184	20 388	15 5
Nickerson, Midland		173	78 424	15 1
Franklin, NMMI		141	88 370	14 2
MCConico, NMMI		160	41 361	13 8
Quisenberry, Clar		136	66 338	13 5

Allison gains pole for Richmond return

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Bobby Allison of Hueytown, Ala., hasn't been on the Fairgrounds Raceway track here since the 1974 Richmond 500 Grand National stock car race—which he won.

It is perhaps prophetic that Allison, making his first shorttrack start in the Mercury he began driving just this year, will be on the pole for today's Richmond 400 just as he was two years ago when he beat out Dodge drive Richard Petty of Randleman, N.C.

Allison took the pole in Friday's qualifying with a speed of 92.716 miles per hour, while Petty—who has won 13 races on the local track—was third at 92.216 m.p.h. Taking the second spot was Dodge driver Dave Marcis of Skyland, N.C., at 92.557 m.p.h.

That victory in 1974 was Allison's second over the .542-mile track. He had won the Capital City 300 in 1969 in a Dodge, and last year he drove a Matador on the Grand National campaign.

"To win the race, you've got to handle all day," says Allison. "The car really feels great right now, but we may make a couple of small adjustments when the track gets slick. That's going to be important after about 10 laps Sunday."

Three Chevrolet drivers qualified for the noon start behind Allison, Marcis and Petty—Darrell Waltrip of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Cale Yarborough of Timmonsville, S.C.; and Lennie Pond of Petersburg, Va.

There was some surprise at the ease of the qualifying victory by Allison, whose car wasn't even ready until Friday morning.

"This is the way it's supposed to be done. Sometimes you come to a track and everything is ready, right off the trailer, and sometimes you can play around with it all day and not even come close. Everything was right. The car felt great," said Allison.

But the man to beat still has to be Petty.

He won this event last year when it was run at 500 laps, and his only bad showing here was in last fall's Capital City 500—won by Waltrip—when Petty was last for the first time in 4½ years.

Benny Parsons of Ellerbe, N. C., led the Saturday qualifying—when the last 20 spots were filled—with a speed of 90.421 m.p.h. in a Chevrolet. It was the third fastest time of the trials, but Parsons had been unable to make a run Friday.

In a 100-lap Baby Grand race, Ron Granna of Charlotte, N. C., was the winner in a Pinto in 50 minutes, 51 seconds for a speed of 63.953 m.p.h. Carson Baird of Laurel, Md., was second in a Pinto and Shane Reins of North Wilkesboro, N. C., third in a Mercury.

Larry Caudill of Boone, N. C., was hospitalized after a two-car wreck on the final lap, but he was reported in satisfactory condition.

Players try new tact

NEW YORK (AP) — The major league baseball players association placed some new ideas on the bargaining table Saturday, which the owners described as a "new approach to the reserve system."

After meeting for the 20th time, the players association and the owners appeared to have reached a semantical crossroads in their negotiations for a new labor contract. The old one expired Dec. 31.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the players union, said he couldn't be specific but he was placing some new ideas concerning the reserve rules on the bargaining table.

"But I want to make it clear that these are not be considered proposals in the usual sense," Miller said. "We are interested in their reaction and we want further discussion, of course.

"But remember, in this area they always have the privilege of saying 'let's not touch it.'"

THE STAUS QUO on the reserve rules would be fine with the players since the current interpretation of them permits a player to become a free agent one year after fulfilling his contractual term to the club.

Last December, arbitrator Peter Seitz ruled pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally had become free agents after each played their option year. A federal district court judge in Kansas City upheld that decision but the owners appealed and the case went to circuit court, where a threejudge panel said on Friday it was taking the matter under advisement.

The owners, however, seemed to have placed a more significant interpretation on Miller's new ideas.

"The association put forth a new proposal with new details," Lee MacPhail, American League president, said in a statement after the two-hour bargaining session. "There is a new approach to the reserve system and other areas and we will consider them with our full committee Monday."

The owners' players relations committee is scheduled to meet on Monday and will discuss the new activity at the bargaining table, in addition to the opening of spring training. A decision on the opening of training camps could be announced by late Monday, a spokesman for the major leagues said on Saturday.

THE OWNERS HAD threatened to keep the camps closed until there is a new labor contract between the players and the owners. The rites of spring training customarily begin Mar. 1.

Representing the union in Saturday's session was Miller and players association counsel Dick Moss, while Gaherin, fellow labor relations lawyer Barry Rona, MacPhail, and counsel for the National League, Lou Hoynes, represented the owners.

Before the meeting, Gaherin said the "Eight and One" proposal—which would permit a player to play out his option after eight full major league seasons and become a free agent in his 10th year—was the current one.

He called it "a fair and equitable proposal" and said the owners were "now entitled to a specific response" from the players. 3

Kyle Rote seizes early lead

ROTONDA, Fla. (AP) — Soccer star Kyle Rote Jr. took an early lead Saturday in his bid to regain the Superstars title he won here in 1974 but surrendered to O.J. Simpson last year.

Rote, of the Dallas Tornado, won the tennis competition and was third in swimming for 14 points. Two points behind him after three events was water skier Wayne Grimditch, who won the rowing contest.

Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies won swimming for 10 points and third place over-all.

Actor Robert Dupall, who captured Celebrity Superstars, and former Mr. Universe Lou Ferrigno were tied for fourth with seven points each.

Crimson Tide defeats Rebs

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Overpowering Leon Douglas scored 22 hoints and and grabbed 22 rebounds as No. 10 Alabama overcame a nine-point deficit in the final nine minutes Saturday to beat Mississippi State 65-61 in a regionally-televised Southeastern Conference basketball game.

The victory left Alabama in the lead in the SEC race with a 12-2 league record, 19-3 over-all.

Alabama's Greg McElveen hit a pair of key baskets and Tommy Bonds sank a layup to cut Mississippi State's lead to 57-56 with 4:38 left. Douglas then put the Crimson Tide ahead 58-57, although State recovered briefly on a layup by Walter Wright.

The Tide then made seven free throws in the last three minutes while holding State to one field goal by Gary Hooker.

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Kentucky coach feels frosh rule is a flop

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Freshmen now have been playing major varsity sports in the big universities for four years, and Joe Hall, head basketball coach at Kentucky, is "even stronger against it than I earlier was."

Hall is using three freshmen on his varsity this season, one of them as a sometime starter, but he thinks it would be equitable to both the team and the players for them to be ineligible.

"I definitely think these players need a year to establish themselves, to have a year without the pressure of competition, without the pressure of having to make it on the varsity level," he said.

HALL WAS an assistant under the now-retired Adolph Rupp when the system at Kentucky was to drill incoming freshman basketball players as hard or harder than the varsity—sort of a basic training camp.

This eliminated the "star status" that often comes with recruiting the best players from high school teams and readied them for the team concept that makes for the best collegiate play.

It also gave them time to "get oriented into the academic program and to mature a little bit," as well as become accustomed to life away from home without pressure, Hall said.

But in 1972, the NCAA ruled that freshmen could play varsity ball.

"I didn't speak out against it then, but I didn't like it because I had been in a small college (Regis) program where they had it and I had seen the results of it," Hall said in an interview.

THE NCAA rule said schools could use freshmen on the varsity but also could have junior varsity—no longer called freshman—teams. It also allowed a player to play both junior varsity and varsity, with some limitations.

"I said at the time that freshmen would be embarrassed to play on the junior varsity and the ones I've seen throughout the country are. They don't want any part of the junior varsity," Hall said.

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New president labels Texas League 'sound'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Carl Sawatski knows what his Nos. 1, 2 and 3 priorities are as the new Texas League president.

"I've got to keep the league intact from year to year," he said

Sawatski believes the TL is sound.

"With the cities we've got, I feel like the league will be operating for years to come," he said. "We have good facilities and good operators. A good operator knows how to promote, how to sell and how to watch pennies."

IN THE WEST Division are four Texas teams — San Antonio, Amarillo, Midland and El Paso. Jackson, Miss., Shreveport, Little Rock and Lafayette, La., are in the East Division. The Amarillo franchise was located in Alexandria, La., last year, but was moved because of poor attendance.

Sawatski, general manager of the Arkansas Travelers for eight years, said the Texas League would like to expand to 10 teams, but that there are obstacles.

"Someone, either the Southern League or Eastern League, would have to cut from eight teams to six," he said. That is because there are 24 major league teams and each must have a Class AA affiliate. At the moment, the Southern, Eastern and Texas leagues make up AA and each has eight teams.

"The Eastern League has problems because of the weather and a lot of the major league teams don't like that and would like to operate in this area," he said. "However, if the Eastern League was trying to cut us to six teams, we'd fight it like hell."

HE SAYS Corpus Christi, Tex., Odessa, Tex., and Birmingham, Ala., are possible sites if the Texas League does expand.

Sawatski said attendance in the Texas League topped 682,000 last year, an increase of 88,000 from the previous year. By comparison, the Southern and Eastern league drew a total of 785,000 persons.

He said attendance at minor league parks was 11,600,000 last year — up 575,000 from the previous season. He feels secure about the future of minor league baseball.

"Ballplayers have to be trained somewhere," he said. "Football and basketball players who come out of college are a pretty well finished product. A baseball player who is 18 or 19 is like Ned and the Third Reader. There is a lot of baseball in colleges in California, Florida and Arizona but everyone can't go to school there."

Sawatski said baseball has more competition for the entertainment dollar than ever before.

"Years ago, on a Sunday afternoon, the only thing you could do was go to the ball park," he said. "Now, we're competing against boats, motors, country clubs, golf, racquet clubs, air conditioning, color television, etc."

STILL, HE believes the product is saleable.

"We have family nights for $1.75 and you can't beat that anywhere," he said. "I think the players, uniforms, facilities are better. It's a cleaner game, physically, than it used to be."

One problem is that the major league teams contributes so much financially to a minor league club that the minor league roster is almost nothing but young prospects.

"That takes a great deal away...there's no fan attachment," Sawatski said. "R. C. Otey played 10 years for the Travelers and he had his fans. Guys like Danny Napoleon — who is around a few years with the same team — he's the idol of some youngster."

Sawatski calls such veteran minor leaguers "stabilizers."

"Economially, you couldn't hardly expect a minor league to pay its own way anymore — hotels, salaries, meals, transportation make it almost impossible to operate independently," Sawatski said.

HE SAID the major league teams have so much invested they must push a prospect who is 21 or 22 to find out if he can play AAA ball.

"There are guys pitching in the world series who are 19 or 20," he said. "When I was playing, they thought a pitcher had to be 28 or 29 before he was ready for the big leagues."

Sawatski, 48, started in baseball in 1945. He bounced around for several years before finally making it to major leagues to stay in 1957. In 1961, he caught 86 games for St. Louis and hit .299 with 10 home runs.

"Baseball is just like any other sport," he said. "The players are bigger, faster, stronger, smarter. I'd hate like heck to hit off those pitchers today."

Supervision of the umpires is one of Sawatski's duties and he will try to see a Texas League game eve y night. He will plan his family life in Little Rock around the Travelers' home games.

Bayi uses track fame to swing weight in world political arena

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — When it comes to pressuring other countries on political issues, the United States and the Soviet Union have money and military might. The Arabs have oil. China has onefourth of the world's population, and Tanzania has Filbert Bayi.

Bayi owns the world record for the 1,500 meters, and amateur sports promoters around the world are courting his favor.

Tanzanian officials, and Bayi himself, see nothing wrong in using the 21-year-old track star's popularity to further Tanzania's pet cause, the fight against racial discrimination in South Africa.

As soon as Bayi broke the world record in New Zealand two years ago, he announced that he would maintain Tanzania's sports boycott of apartheid South Africa, and because of his socialist principles, would refuse to run in meets organized primarily to make money for the promoter.

Last month, Bayi was supposed to run in New Zealand against mile record holder John Walker. But when Tanzanian officials heard at the last minute that New Zealand had invited a South African softball team to play in the world championships, they laid down an ultimatum. The Tanzanians said that unless the invitation to the South Africans was withdrawn Bayi would refuse to run in New Zealand.

The Kiwi sports officials stood firm and so did the Tanzanians. The Bayi tour was cancelled just two days before it was to begin. The New Zealand promotors were outraged, but Tanzanian officials took everything in stride.

"They don't understand that you can't separate sports from politics" said Thomas Daniel, secretary general of the Tanzania Amateur Athletic Association. "They should have known Tanzania's position and what would happen if they invited the South Africans."

Bayi admitted that missing a chance to meet Walker was a disappointment. "It's hard to train for something and then have it cancelled" he said. But the star runner added, "We'll always stick by our principles. People should know that."

Bayi competed in San Diego Saturday night, and Friday he will be in Madison Square Garden for the National AAU Championships, but the U.S. tour was not arranged without its share of political problems.

Bayi originally agreed to travel to the States earlier in the month, but when the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, based in Lagos, Nigeria, called for a sports boycott of New Zealand over the softball issue, Tanzania responded by holding up preparations for the U.S. tour. At that time, Walker also was scheduled to run in the American indoor meets. Tanzanian officials said that if Walker would be competing for his country instead of as an individual, Bayi would not appear in the same track.

New Zealand officials quickly gave assurances that Walker was to compete as an individual, but by then it was too late for Bayi to make his stateside commitments.

Walker has since said he is through running indoors, so the two may not meet before the Summer Olympics in Montreal in July.

At 21, Bayi has many years of running ahead of him, and Western sports promoters who want him to compete will no doubt have many years of headaches.

Liverpool moves into soccer lead

LONDON (AP) — Liverpool downed Newcastle 2-0 Saturday and moved into a two-point lead in the race for the English soccer championship.

Three teams — Manchester United, Derby and Leeds —are tied for second place. Aston Villa beat Manchester United 2-1, Derby edged West Ham 2-1 and Middlesbrough upset Leeds 2-0.

MC tennis teams go on road for matches

Midland College's tennis teams will be on the road for action this week as Coach Neill McClung prepares his charges for Western Junior College Conference competition.

The women's team travels to Fort Worth for a match against Texas Christian Tuesday while on Friday the men's team faces Southwest Texas State of San Marcos at Mason.

The women's team is competing primarily with only three players. Carol Draper, Carol Reger and Mary Sawyer are veterans of the squad that won the National Junior College women's championships last May.

Vicki Lancaster Kerr, the fourth member of that team, has left school and turned professional. She has been replaced by Pam Diephraam, a native of South Africa and wife of Midland CC pro Keith Diephraam. With a family of three, Pam will travel with the team only for conference matches.

THE MEN'S team is shorthanded due to a freak injury to Paul Trautman, a freshman from San Antonio Alamo Heights. Paul broke his right collarbone last month when thrown from a horse. Since Paul is lefthanded he will be able to return to action soon.

In the meantime, the men's squad is down to four players. Derek Edmonds, freshman from Melbourne, Australia; Steve Hall, sophomore from Abilene Cooper who transferred to MC from Angelo State; Denis McKeown, freshman from Numurkah, Australia; and Scott Mueller, freshman from Houston St. Thomas High, will carry the load until Trautman's return

Edmonds and McKeown team as the No. 1 doubles unit while Hall and Mueller are No. 2.

WJCC competiton begins March 10 at Big Spring against Howard College.

Adams makes Suns go with lost art... passing

NEW YORK (AP) — Alvan Adams is a very unusual rookie.

He's moved right in as the starting center of the Phoenix Suns, even though he's rather frail and certainly not the overpowering type. He's a good scorer and rebounder, but likely will never threaten Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or Bob McAdoo in those categories. The best aspect of his game, in fact, is his passing—a talent often missing from National Basketball Association rookies and veterans alike.

And though he's only 21 years old and the equivalent of a college senior, he plays with the poise of a seasoned pro.

"We are trying to build a team, a winning team, and Alvan is a very vital part of that," explained Suns Coach John MacLeod. "He does so many things well. He can score and rebound and run, but most importantly he is the type of player we can build around.

"He is a team player, and his passing brings out the best in other players."

IT'S NO coincidence that MacLeod and Adams are together. MacLeod is the primary reason Adams is playing pro ball this season, rather than completing his collegiate career at Oklahoma.

"One year ago I was in college and I really wasn't thinking of turning pro," said Adams. "I didn't know whether I was ready for it. I hadn't gotten that much publicity, and didn't know what kind of offers I'd receive."

Some scouts played down Adams'pro potential because of his lean frame—6 feet 9, 210 pounds. Although he piled up impressive statistics at Oklahoma and was named Big Eight Player of the Year in each of his three seasons, it was felt that he might not be strong enough to play the pivot in the NBA, and might not be fast enough or a good enough outside shooter to play a pro forward.

"I ALWAYS liked him," countered MacLeod. "I liked his physical ability and I especially liked his attitude. I recruited him when I was coaching at Oklahoma, and when I came to Phoenix I still followed his progress."

Last spring, MacLeod and Phoenix General Manager Jerry Colangelo knew drastic steps had to be taken to recharge the Suns, who had fallen into a losing rut. Two big moves were made: perennial all-star Charlie Scott was dealt to Boston for young Paul Westphal and a draft pick, and they decided to commit their No. 1 draft choice to Adams. With the prospect of playing again under MacLeod, Adams elected to turn pro under the hardship rule.

He became an immediate starter and the hub of Phoenix' offense. MacLeod stationed him at the high post and designed patterns to best utilize his passing ability. Through two-thirds of his rookie season, Adams has averaged 18.7 points, 9.3 rebounds and 6.1 assists per game and was chosen for the All-Star team.

DESPITE ALL the accolades, or perhaps because of them, sometimes Adams has to blink to see if it's all real.

"I figured right up until a couple of days before the draft that I would stay in school," he said. "But then I saw I really had a chance to wind up in Phoenix with Coach MacLeod, and that's where I wanted to go.

"Sometimes I still can't believe it. I mean, here I am still learning the game, and I'm playing against people like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Dave Nowens. Every game is a learning experience for me. I make mistakes, but with each game I try to cut down the number of mistakes."

Mistakes or not, Adams is rapidly building a legion of admirers around the league.

"He's a tremendous threat just as a passer," said Philadelphia General Manager Pat Williams. "He has great court awareness and the ability to get the ball to the open man."

"ONE LOOK at him and you know he's a player," said New York Coach Red Holzman. "He knows how to fit in on the court."

"He does everything well, and he's very intelligent," said Los Angeles Coach Bill Sharman. "He certainly doesn't play like a rookie—it seems like he's been in the league five years."

But he is a rookie, and as a rookie it was a special thrill to participate in the All-Star game.

"Being named to the All-Star team was just fantastic. It was probably the most surprising individual award I've ever received. There are so many great players around in the pros, and here I am just a rookie and I get chosen.

"I know that after I've been around for 10 years, I'll always look back to this first All-Star game as something special."

Chances are, Adams will have a number of All-Star games to look back on before he's through.

Borsov claims 60-meter dash

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — Russia's Valeri Borzov, bursting ahead at the halfway mark, won the featured 60-meter dash in 6.57 seconds, just 1100ths of a second off the world's best electronic timing, in the featured opening event at the European indoor track and field championships Saturday.

The muscular 26-year-old graduate student, warming up for the Montreal Summer Olympics, sped down the artificial track to finish a stride ahead of Greece's surprising runnerup, Vassilios Papagheorgopoulos, timed in 6.67. It was Borsov's sixth Europian title over the distance. Petar Petrov of Bulgaria was third in 6.68, blocking a threatened Russian sweep of the top places before a screaming crowd of 4,500—half filling the Olympic Sports Hall. Borzov's teammates Nikolai Kolesnikov and Alexander Kornelyuk were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Women seek honors

While the men's team is off in Detroit in pursuit of a national championship, the Midland College women's team will compete in the Texas Amateur Intercollegiate Association for Women championships in Lubbock Thursday through Saturday.

Despite a lack of depth, the seven member squad from MC is expected to finish above fifth in the meet. The Chaps will be the only junior College in the state championships for Texas colleges and universities.

"I guess that will make us the Texas junior college women's swimming champions," grins Coach Steve Montogomery, "but our squad will finish well among the 15 or 16 teams entered.

Top women's teams entered include favored Texas A&M, UT-Austin, Southern Methodist and host Texas Tech.

Mary Ann Londrigan, freshman from Houston Bellaire, will lead the Chaparral swimmers. She already has qualified for the national AIAW meet in four events.

Others who will be competing for MC include: Susan Bateman, sophomore from Midland Lee; Sue Henry, freshman from Sam Rayburn, Pasadena; Wanda Holleman, freshman from Deer Park; Denise Prado, freshman from Sao Paulo, Brazil; Sondra Pruitt, sophomore from Midland, and Priscilla Smith, freshman from Albuquerque, N.M.

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BY BOB DILLON

Midland Lee reigns as second half champions.

The Rebels shot down the Midland Bulldogs, 52-39, Friday night in the MHS Gymnasium, to win the second half of the District 5-4A basketball race, setting the stage for a big showdown battle with Abilene in San Angelo Friday.

The Rebels and Eagles will square off at 8 p.m. Friday in the Angelo State University Fieldhouse for the overall 5-4A crown and a shot at the Class AAAA state playoffs against the District 6-4A champion in bi-district play.

Most fans thought that the playoff game would be held in Snyder again this year, but a women's junior college basketball tournament is being held in the Scurry County Coliseum, so the officials from Midland and Abilene agreed on the Angelo State site.

Abilene won the first half with a 7-0 mark, but had some problems in the second half, going 3-4. It appears back in top form after whipping ilene Cooper, 66-53 Friday.

It was close only in the first quarter between the Rebels and Bulldogs Friday night.

Lee jumped out in front, 6-0 as Steve Reiter hit a field goal and pair of free throws while teammate Roy Lee Smith, hit from deep in the corner for the quick lead. Mike Wiley connected for the Bulldogs to cut it to 6-2, but Lee came right back to score four quick points for a 10-2 edge.

Junior Miller hit a 12-foot jumper and Smith connected to put the Rebels out front by eight, but Craig Dunn and Wiley hit a basket each and Billy Shock sank a pair of free tosses to cut the Lee lead to 10-8 with 56 seconds left in the period.

Miller hit a 10-footer for a 12-8 lead and Phillip Ward flipped in an 18-footer with 17 seconds left to make it 12-10, in favor of the Maroon and White.

Rusty Maroney hit a basket at the offset of the second period for the Purple Pack to tie the score 12-12 and it was tied up two more times before Lee took the lead for good.

With the score tied, 16-16, Miller hit a driving layup, but Wiley's free toss cut the lead to 18-17. Six straight points by the Rebs made it 24-17 with 1:50 left in the first half.

Lee went on to post a halftime lead of 29-20 and then came out in the third period to outscore the Pack, 15-11, for a 44-31 advantage going into the final eight minutes of action.

Neither team was able to score well from the free throw lane with the Rebs hitting 16 of 25 charity tosses and Midland nine of 21.

Leading the way for the Rebels on offense was Miller with 14 points while Reiter and Smith added 11 each. Dunn tallied 13 and Wiley 11 before the 6-3 senior left the game with his fifth foul with 5:41 left in the game and the Rebs in front, 48-35.

Both really hit a cold streak in the final period, with eight points each, but the Rebs had the game pretty well in hand from the second period on.

Lee takes a 21-10 record into the 5-4A championship game while Abilene is 26-6 on the year. The Eagles beat Lee, 55-50, in Abilene in the first half and Lee destroyed the Warbirds, 65-36, last Tuesday.

Lee made it a clean sweep, taking the sophomore contest on Thursday night, 69-55 and the junior varsity contest, 59-47.

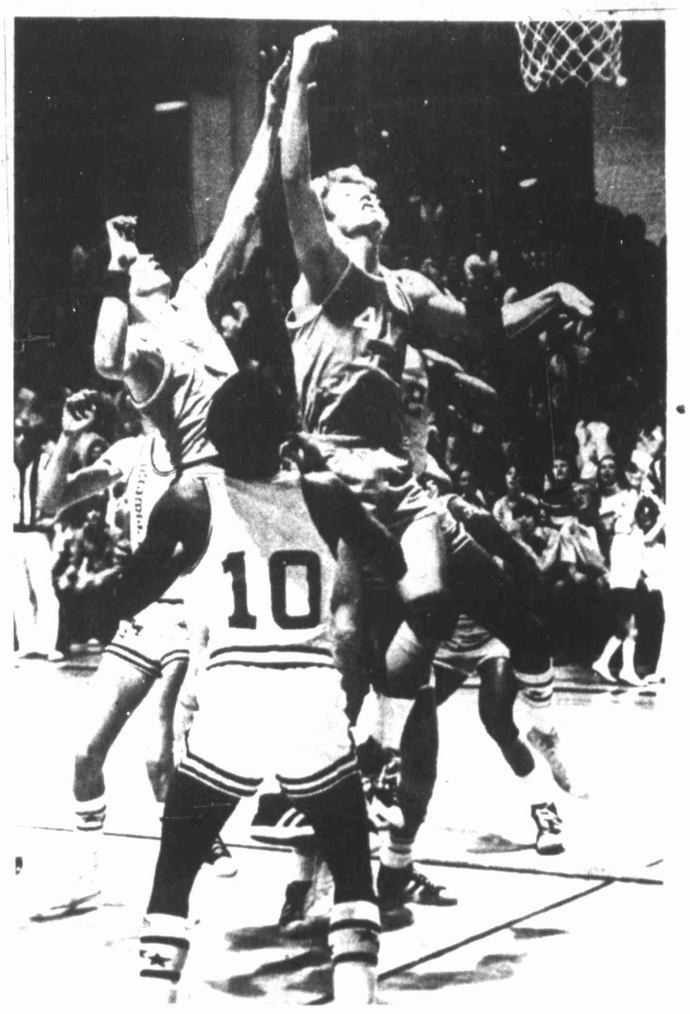
Bobby Alexander scored 21 points and Barry Blake 10 to spark the Lee JV over the Bullpups. Glenn Rickey paced the Pups with 10.

In the coin flip for the home team in Friday's 5-4A showdown game, Lee lost the toss and Abilene will be the home team.

The winner of the Lee-Abilene playoff contest, will face the winner of the Wichita Falls High-Richland Hills best-of-three playoff series. The Coyotes own a 1-0 edge already with a 64-58 win Thursday in Richland. The next game is Tuesday in Wichita Falls and if a third game is necessary, it will be played at Richland Friday night. The Coyotes are 22-8 on the year and Richland is 16-11.

by Johnny Virden

Steve Reiter (34) of Midland Lee, gazes into the air along with teammates Brent Huckabay (44) and Billy Ray Ennis (42) as ball sails high above their heads in game with Midland Friday night. Midland's Mike Wiley (41) and Craig Dunn (31) also watch flight of ball.



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Mike Wiley (41) of Midland, battles teammate Craig Dunn (31) for rebound as Lee's Roy Lee Smith (10) watches action in City shootout in MHS Gymnasium Friday night.

LEE (52)
Miller 6-2-4-14, Reiter 3-5-3-11, Huckabay 1-3-4-5, Todd 0-2-2-2, Smith 5-1-3-11, Ennis 3-3-3-9, Choate 0-0-0-0. Totals 18-16-19-52

MIDLAND (39)
Wiley 5-1-5-11, Dunn 4-5-3-13, Shock 0-2-3-2, Ward 1-0-3-2, Gotcher 1-0-2-2, Johnson 1-0-3-2, Magness 1-0-0-2, Hicks 1-0-1-2, Maroney 1-1-2-3. Totals 15-9-23-39

Score by periods
Midland Lee 12 17 15 8—52
Midland 10 10 11 8—39

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LEE JV (59)
Runyan 0-0-0, Pitts 3-0-6, Stueckler 1-1-3, Blake 5-0-10, Wright 2-2-6, Gillett 2-2-6, Alexander 9-3-21, Garner 1-1-3, Watson 1-2-4. Totals 24-11-59

MIDLAND JV (47)
Jobe 3-2-8, Brittan 1-0-2, Griffen 1-1-3, Hickey 2-4-8, B. Jackson 3-2-8, Shock 1-0-2, Miller 0-4-4, Rickey 4-2-10, Goode 0-2-2. Totals 15-17-47

Score by periods
Midland Lee JV 12 19 22 6—59
Midland JV 12 14 8 13—47

LEE SOPHS (69)
Watson 6-0-12, Oestmann 1-0-2, Richard 1-0-2, Purdy 3-6-12, Hopkins 8-4-20, Goudeau 0-8-8, Dillard 0-1-1, Rad 2-3-7, Hill 0-1-1, Griggs 0-3-3. Totals 22-25-69

MIDLAND SOPHS (55)
Fredrickson 3-2-8, Traweek 0-2-2, Lucas 1-0-2, Young 5-1-11, King 2-2-6, Foster 0-1-1, Carrasco 2-4-8, Birdwell 3-2-8, Cooper 1-4-6, Lanier 1-1-3. Totals 18-19-55

Score by periods
Midland Lee Sophs 21 15 20 13—69
Midland Sophs 7 18 14 16—55

Abilene expels Cooper

Abilene High knocked Abilene Cooper out of a possible second half tie for the District 5-4A basketball championship Friday by posting a 66-53 victory over the Cougars.

The loss by the Cougars along with Midland Lee's win over Midland Friday night. Eliminated Cooper.

Lee and Abilene now meet in a 5-4A championship game Friday in San Angelo.

While Abilene was taking care of Cooper, Odessa Permian and San Angelo also took wins that had no meaning in the outcome of the race.

Central whipped Big Spring, 83-66 while Permian poured it on cross-town rival OHS, 99-68.

League scoring champion Arnold McDowell of Central, ripped the cords for 33 points as the Bobcats wind up the season with a 20-10 record and a tie with Cooper and Permian for second place in the second half with 5-2 records.

Permian was led by James Hunter's 20 points as the Black Cats scored 31 points on the Bronchos in the first perior period.

ABILENE (66)
Baxter 9-3-21, Forkerway 0-0-0, Hickman 7-0-14, M. Little 8-3-19, Thomas 6-0-12. Totals 30-6-66

COOPER (53)
Cruse 6-1-13, Barnett 2-0-4, Ridlehoover 5-2-12, Orr 7-0-14, Bradford 3-4-10. Totals 23-7-53

Score by periods
Abilene 20 14 8 24—66
Abilene Cooper 19 11 10 13—53

PERMIAN (99)
Strifler 6-3-15, Berryhill 3-0-6, Johnson 7-4-18, Dawson 2-3-7, Perry 2-2-6, Taylor 4-2-10, McLemore 6-0-12, Hunter 8-4-20, Lay 2-0-4, Malone 0-1-1. Totals 40-19-99

ODESSA (68)
White 5-8-18, Campbell 0-2-2, Olivas 0-2-2, Marra 0-2-2, Powell 7-3-17, Lane 2-3-7, Baeza 3-0-6, Weatherman 3-2-8, Boren 3-0-6. Totals 23-22-68

Score by periods
Odessa Permian 31 20 28 20—99
Odessa 12 18 11 27—68

SAN ANGELO (83)
Hudman 0-3-3, Speer 5-6-16, McDowell 24 14-5-33, Brown 6-6-18, Drew 0-2-2, Settle 1-0-2, Gallegos 0-1-1. Totals 30-23-83

BIG SPRING (66)
J. Zapp 3-1-7, Ray 2-4-8, Aldridge 5-1-12, Moore 3-0-6, R. Zapp 0-1-1, Stripling 3-1-7, Wilder 5-5-15, Harris 2-0-4, Kible 2-0-4, Arencibia 1-0-2. Totals 26-14-66

Score by periods
San Angelo Central 18 22 23 20—83
Big Spring 8 19 7 32—66

Lee takes 1st in Odessa golf

ODESSA — The Midland Lee golf team won its second consecutive golf Friday championship by whipping Odessa Permian by nine strokes in the wind-blown Odessa Invational Golf Tournament at the Odessa Country Club.

Lee shot a total of 627 compared to Permian's 636. In third place was the Permian No. 2 team with a 640 and in fourth was El Paso Coronado with a 641.

Medalist honors went to Steve Haskins of Coronado and Permian's Steve Winn with Winn taking the first place trophy in a two-hole playoff with Haskins. Haskins is the son of the University of Texas at El Paso basketball coach — Don Haskins.

Friday's high winds forced most scores to really soar with Gary McMillan of Amarillo Caprock having the low score of the day with an 80.

Lee won the tourney on the front nine, combining for a 158 to Permian's 168. Kyle Rowland was the leader with a 38 on the front nine followed closely by teammates Chris Brown and Bill Sitton with 38s.

Rowland finished the final round with an 83 while Brown shot an 84.

Amarillo High had the best team score of the day with a respectable 333 to move from 10th place to a fifth place finish.

Midland finished down the ladder with a total of 681 with Mike Mahan the top golfer with a 163.

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MIDLAND LEE (627) — Kyle Rowland, 155; Montie Watson, 156; Chris Brown, 158; Bill Sitton, 158; Ken Harbert, 165.

ODESSA PERMIAN (636) — Kris Howard, 155; Vince Vines, 157; Hilton Chancellor, 159; J.D. Glaze, 165; Brad Hicks, 167.

PERMIAN NO. 2 (640) — Steve Winn, 151; Jay Nichols, 158; Kelly Moran, 161; Bob Van Cleave, 168; Kelly Keesee, 172.

EL PASO CORONADO (641) — Steve Haskins, 151; Bruce Duncan, 155; Mike Dobbs, 167; Richard Hopper, 168; Tom Flanagan, 177.

AMARILLO (643) — Mark Fitts, 158; Marc Echenburg, 160; Scott Sebastian, 162; Blain Davidson, 163; Bill Seidel, 173.

SAN ANGELO (644) — Vance Goss, 159; Greg Cain, 161; Joe Cleitman, 161; Marshall Brown, 163; Gene Flucher, 169.

PLAINVIEW (651) — Greg Weatherred, 151; Rusty Day, 165; John Horne, 167; Rob Kinkaid, 170; Kelly Kaper, 174.

PECOS (653) — Paul Chandler, 162; Richard Rankin, 163; Scott Ramsey, 165; Jerrial Wafer, 168; Richard White, 170.

FORT STOCKTON (653) — Blain McCallister, 160; Mike Waller, 161; Tommy Green, 166; Scooter Parks, 166; Mike Dawson, 172.

SWEETWATER (656) — Brad Hawley, 162; Aubrey Roberts, 162; Phil Kuss, 163; Sean McBeaty, 170; Kyle Lawrence, 179.

PAMPA (663) — Scott White, 160; Scott Barrett, 160; Curt Beck, 171; Danny Kohler, 191; Wiley McIntire, withdrew.

BIG SPRING (671) — Barry Halvorson, 165; David Howell, 169; Jeff Newton, 170; Carl Greshman, 174; Randy Crockett, 178.

AMARILLO CAPROCK (674) — Gary McMillan, 162; Scott Mullins, 165; Trenton Richards, 174; Dabid Gosnell, 175; Randy Walker.

MIDLAND (681) — Mike Mahan, 163; Steve Kennedy, 170; Tom Walker, 176; Lee Holbrook, 177; David Brimberry, 179.

Dabney sparks Rutgers

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Dabney scored 25 points, seven in an important second-half burst, and led undefeated Rutgers to a 94-79 victory Saturday over American University Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

American U., which trailed through most of the game, moved to within two points at 47-45 with 15½ minutes remaining in the game. But after a Rutgers' timeout, substitute Abdel Anderson scored four points and fourth-ranked Rutgers, 23-0, was able to stay out of trouble.

The Scarlet Knights scored six straight points in less than a minute midway in the second period to lead by nine, 61-52, and after trading baskets for 3½ minutes, Rutgers went on a 14-2 tear in two minutes led by the hot-shooting 6-foot-4 guard, Dabney.

Rutgers led 85-64, its biggest lead of the game, with 3:25 left.

Ed Jordan, who sat out part of the second half with four fouls, scored 23 points for Rutgers, whose victory Saturday set an all-time school record for wins in one season.

Substitute Cleo Wright led the Eagles, 9-13, with 25 points. Another sub, Dante Fulton, scored 11 points for American.

Reagan tops Rangers in playoff tune up

GREENWOOD — The Class AA Reagan County Owls of Big Lake posted a 73-66 basketball victory over Class B Greenwood's Rangers Friday night.

The game was a tuneup for both teams who are entering the state playoffs in their respective classifications.

George Thompson led the Owl attack with 20 points while teammates Phillip Schneeman and Don Thompson followed with 17 and 10 points.

Big guns for the Rangers were Danny Pruitt and Glen Cox with 24 and 19 points, respectively.

Reagan County takes a season record of 21-11 into Tuesday's game with Socorro in the AA bi-district playoff battle in Alpine.

Greenwood, meanwhile, is now 22-12 and has two more tuneup games before its playoff with Miles, March 2 in Robert E. Lee.

Greenwood will play Bledsoe Monday night at 7:30 in the Union High School Gym and then meet Westbrook Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Howard College Gym in Big Spring.

Hsu Chi-san ups lead to four

MANILA (AP) — Taiwan;s Hsu Chi-san shot a four-underpar 68 Saturday to take the third round lead of the $60,000 Philippine Open Golf Championship with a 209 total.

It was the third sub-par round for Hsu, who won this event in 1968.

Champ keeps crown

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP) — Junior lighweight champion Alfredo Escalera, who successfully defended his World Boxing Council title by stopping tough Jose Fernandez, a Dominican who fights out of New York, will put his crown on the line for the fourth time April 1 in Japan, where he won the title less than a year ago.

In Tokyo, the hard-hitting Puerto Rican will meet Zuny Yamabe, according to his Escalera's manager, Filiberto Lebron, who also said after Friday night's bout that he has an offer to fight former bantamweight champion Ruben Olivares in Mexico for $100,000.

"If we take Yamabe," said Lebron, "then we will talk about Olivares and also about Colombian Hugo Barraeza."

Barraza is the No. 1 challenger and Yamabe is No. 4.

Escalera had a tough time with Fernandez, who took every punch that the champion threw and always came for more. The challenger was cut on the head, nose, under the chin and suffered a nasty cut on the left cheek which put an end to the fight in the 13th round.

Midlanders capture five bouts in Gloves

ODESSA — Midlanders won five fights Friday night in the 30th annual Regional Golden Gloves Tourney in the Ector County Coliseum.

Joe Salgado, Alfred Flores and Stanley O'Neal of Midland, won bouts in the Novice Divison while in the same division, Joel Abalos and Mike McNew, dropped decisions. O'Neal, earlier in the day, had won the broad jump title for Midland Lee in the Comanche Relays Track Meet in Fort Stockton.

O'Neal gains the tourney finals Monday and will battle Crane's Arturo Sanchez. O'Neal beat another Midlander, James E. Owens Friday night.

Flores won a split decision over Odessa's George Casares. Salgado defeated Fort Stockton's Chuck Chambers while McNew lost to Joe Gonzales of Andrews and Abalos dropped a decision to Armando Villesca of Fort Stockton.

Guy Wagner of Midland, won by default in his Open Class bout.

Americans sweep 500 meters

GJOEVIK, Norway (AP) — Americans Sheila Young and Leah Poulos swept the top two places in the 500 meters race today, as the 1976 women's allround World Speed Skating Championships opened here.

Miss Young of Detroit was timed in 42.26 seconds in her first international competition since winning an unprecedented three medals for the United States in the 1976 Winter Olympics. Miss Poulos, Northbrook, Ill., was second in 43.08.

Paula Halonen of Finland was third in 43.69, while overall favorite Tatiana Averina of the Soviet Union was fourth in 43.79. Sylvia Burka of Canada was fifth in 44.09, with Kim Kostrun of St. Paul, Minn. sixth in 44.37.

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It's magic, Ali turns 'lion' into pusseycat

SAN JUAN, P. R. (AP) — The only thing that bothered Muhammad Ali in Puerto Rico was a cold. Jean-Pierre Coopman turned out to be nothing more than a million-dollar baby for the champion.

In fact, Ali reached around the Belgian challenger in the first round Friday night and spanked him with an open glove.

Then four rounds later, Ali concluded the $1.1 million venture that brought him here, crashing a series of punches off Coopman's head that left him in a heap in his corner, a knockout victim at 2:46 of the fifth round.

ALI, WHO hardly broke a sweat in one of the easiest paydays of his career, said that Jimmy Young would be his next opponent and then it would Ken Norton.

Don King, who has promoted Ali's last six fights, wants to put Young in against Ali on April 23 in Costa Rica in a bout which would be shown on home television in the United States as the Coopman match was.

Young pounded out an easy 10-round decision over Joe "King" Roman at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum prior to Ali's fight.

"He's a pretty good fighter, but he has no hitting power", Ali said of Young, who is from Philadelphia.

As for Coopman, the 29-yearold sculptor of religious statues not only didn't hit with power, he hardly hit at all.

"It may not look like it, but it was a tough fight," said Ali.

IF IT WAS tough for Ali, it was downright brutal for Coopman, who had his features reshaped by darting left jabs and crisp rights.

Ali did what he pleased, sometimes moving and sticking, sometimes leaning back on the ropes, other times going flatfooted and firing combinations.

The champion, who had a five-inch reach advantage and, at 226 a 20-pound weight pull over Coopman, spent most of the fifth round circling and peppering the challenger with jabs.

Then Ali drew a roar from the crowd which jammed the 12,000—seat arena as he came down off his toes to fire a series of head shots that cut Coopman over his left eye and dropped him in his corner to be counted out by referee Ismael Quinones Falu.

"I felt like 500 pounds were falling on me and I fell down," Coopman, who speaks only Flemish, said through an interpreter.

"ALI'S WINNING flurry was accentuated by three right hands. The first clubbed Coopman's forehead, the second landed on his left cheek and the third crashed against his left jaw, making Coopman Ali's 50th victim.

When the fight was formally announced, Ali had said Coopman, nicknamed the Lion of Flanders, would be known as the Pussycat of Flanders. But after Coopman succumbed with barely a whimper, Ali was full of praise for him.

"He was hard to hit. He is a scientific defensive fighter," Ali said at the post-fight news conference while Coopman sat next to him, his left eye beginning to blacken.

"He's a gentleman...he smiled at me every day," said Ali. "I'm glad he's not hurt."

COOPMAN could smile about the largest purse of his career—he earned about $100,000—with which he says he will buy a small farm.

The loss snapped an 11-fight winning streak built in Belgium and left Coopman's record at 24-4.

The 34-year-old Ali, who says he is in his final year of fighting, has a 50-2 record, with 36 knockouts. He was winning for the 16th time in 17 title bouts. His only loss was as a challenger to Joe Frazier on March 8, 1971.

The Ali-Coopman fight was the second title bout on the card. In the first, Alfredo Escalera of Puerto Rico defended the World Boxing Council's junior lightweight championship by ripping a severe gash in Jose Fernandez's left cheek and stopping the New Yorker in the 13th round.

—AP Wirephoto

Jean-Pierre Coopman, a bruised lion.

Y slates program

The Midland Central YMCA opens registration for the second session of classes in the winter-spring schedule Monday. Classes start March 1.

Registration is required of all pre school and school age youth planning to participate. Classes are available to Y members at no charge. There is a $15 program fee to pre schoolers who wish to participate, but do not have Y family memberships.

Registration continues through Friday and may be made by calling 682-2551 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by coming to the Central Y office.

Pre-schoolers: Moms and Tots (ages 1-3) on Mondays and Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; Tiny Tumblers (ages 4-6) on Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30-3:15 p.m.; Tadpoles (ages 4-6) Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30-3:15 p.m. and 3:15-4 p.m.

School age: () team beginning gymnastics Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m. and 4:45-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays and Tuesdays-Thursdays 4-4:45 p.m. and 4:45-5:30 p.m. Polliwog for beginning swimmers Mondays-Wednesdays and Tuesdays-Thursdays 4-4:45 p.m. Minnow-Fish intermediates, Mondays-Wednesdays 4:45-5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays-Thursdays 4:45-5:30 p.m. Flying Fish and Sharks advanced swimmers Tuesdays-Thursdays 5:30-6:15 p.m. Trampoline school age Fridays 4:45-5:30 p.m.

Norwegian edges Koch

AVESTA, Sweden (AP) — Norwegian veteran skier Odd Martinsen beat American sensation Bill Koch by a clear 50second margin Saturday to win an international 15 kilometer (9.3 miles) cross country ski race at this central Sweden town.

Martinsen, 33, who led all the way, clocked 43 minutes 1 second. Koch, 20, from Guilford, Vt., who won America's first ever Olympic cross country medal placing second in the 30kilometer event in Innsbruck recently, finished just 13 seconds ahead of Finnish star Arto Koivisto who came third in 44:04.

TEE TIME

Lessons for juniors slated at Hogan Park

BY REX WORRELL
Hogan Park Golf Pro

Hogan Park golf course will launch a junior golf program March 13, providing an introduction to the game's rudiments and etiquette for the younger players.

The lessons will be scheduled as follows: March 13: The Game of Golf (Rules). March 20: Etiquette and Equipment. March 27: The Grip. April 3: Stance and Alignment. April 10: The Swing. April 17: Putting and Chipping.

Times for the above dates will be: 8-10 year olds, 8:30-9:15 a.m.; 11-12, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; 13, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; 14, 11:30-12:15 p.m.; 15, 1:30-2:15 p.m.; 16-17, 2:30-3:15 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS WILL be held each Friday morning through the summer for junior golfers who have attended and passed the junior program.

Entry forms for the program may be picked up at the golf shop.

THE HOGAN Park Women's Golf Association penalty play Thursday tournament was conducted with penalties given for the following: out of bounds, hitting sand trap, three-putting a green and going in a water hazard. The player with the fewest penalties wins.

The nine hole division ended in a tie with one penalty each scored by Betty Williams, Keenie Ashland, Dorothy Koons and Rita Boe. The 18 hole winner was Jane Wagner with two penalties while Wilma Cox and Gloria Dellenback tied for second with three each.

THE HPWGA will play scotch threesomes this Thursday.

Pairings for the 18-hole flight: Mrs. James Parker, Mrs. Don Ballard, Mrs. ArDee Morgan; Mrs. Cleo Barnett, Mrs. Eddie Mee, Mrs. Rex Worrell; Mrs. J.M. Cox, Mrs. Allen Sherrod, Mrs. Wallace Olson; Mrs. Zach Hill, Mrs. C.E. Cox, Mrs. Stanton Davis; Mrs. Jack Hollis, Mrs. Jack Velten, Mrs. Larry Melzer; Mrs. Norris Turk, Mrs. James Mailey; Mrs. Coughran Ketner; Mrs. Charles Dellenback, Mrs. Ervin Philpy, Mrs. Fuller Rogers; Mrs. W. C. Kimball, Mrs. E. A. Wagner, Mrs. Robert Edwards.

In the nine hole flight: Mrs. John Kolb, Mrs. Don Allen, Mrs. E.K. Browning; Mrs. Evelyn Ballard, Mrs. Jimmy Mack, Mrs. George Berry; Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. Evelyn Gudry, Mrs. Leah Sutcliffe; Mrs. Jack Parkins, Mrs. Tom Cook, Mrs. Bill Davis; Mrs. Bernice Webb, Mrs. Ken Stahl, Mrs. Margaret Moore; Mrs. Ernest Evanger, Mrs. Jim Boe, Mrs. Melvin Mattina; Mrs. O.E. Phelps, Mrs. Joe McGuire, Mrs. Ralph McCleskey; Mrs. George Ashland, Mrs. Arby Koons.

Panel to study baseball's disputed reserve clause

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has taken under advisement major league baseball's disputed reserve clause.

At stake is what the club owners consider to be their prerogative that player contracts are theirs to renew, sell, trade or release.

That traditional contention was contested by pitchers Andy Messersmith of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Dave McNally of the Montreal Expos, and they were upheld by a federal arbitrator and a federal judge.

The only action the appeals court took Friday after 90 minutes of arguments was to extend suspension of the lower court's order supporting the arbitrator's decision that McNally and Messersmith were free agents until the judges rule on the appeal.

There were indications they would attempt to hand down their decision by March 1.

Until then, the reserve clause remains in effect and a new working agreement between management and the players remains in doubt.

Meanwhile, the owner have declined to set an opening date for spring training without a contract. The old contract expired at the end of 1975.

Normally, clubs notify players of the spring training date by Feb. 1, and the camps would be starting up next week.

The main question raised by the judges was whether through almost seven years of labor bargaining the Major League Players Association and the owners had ever understood the renewal provision in the players' contract could become arbitrable.

Indicative of their opposite stands throughout the ligigation, attorney Richard M. Moss contended for the players that it was well understood, while attorney Harry P. Thompson Jr., who spoke for the clubs, said it was not the subject of arbitration.

MC golfers see action

After a three-month layoff, Midland College men's and women's golf teams swing back into action this week.

Coach Ron Mayberry's men's team will play Western Junior College Conference matches at Big Spring Friday and Snyder Saturday, both tournaments involving all league members.

The men's golf championship is decided in 10 tournaments, each hosted by a member school. Five of the tournaments were played last fall.

Going into the spring segment, Odessa College leads Midland by four points while Western Texas is third in the team standings. The winning team receives 10 points, second receives nine and progresses accordingly to one point for a 10th.

REPRESENTING MC in the first two spring tourneys will be David Gage, sophomore letterman from Abilene Cooper, Wally Brodzick, freshman from Lancaster, N.Y.; Terry Lester, sophomore from Rankin; Doug Adams, freshman from McCamey, and J.T. Epley, freshman from Crane.

The Midland College women's team competes in the Lamar University Invitational at Beaumont March 1 and 2. The WJCC does not conduct women's competition at present.

Members of the women's team are Ann Wheeler, sophomore letterwinner from Midland High, Nina Colter, Midland; March Davis, Midland, and Linda Ballard, Midland.

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Y preps for spring soccer play

The Midland YMCA is accepting registrations for its 1976 soccer program, open to junior and senior high boys and boys and girls in the fourth through six grades.

Registration deadline for junior and senior high is Feb. 27 and for elementary grades Feb. 20. Forms are available at schools or the Central or branch YMCA's.

Season dates for elementary grades have been adjusted to eliminate most conflicts with Little League baseball. The season begins Feb. 22 and ends March 31. Junior and senior high teams will begin play March 1 and end April 15.

LAST YEAR was the first time organized soccer has been offered in Midland and the program was very successful. This year, two special events have been planned to increase interest of adults and youths.

On Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Central Y, a film of European Soccer championships will be shown and followed by a question and answer period. Clinics for participants will be held Feb. 28 and March 6 with the emphasis on skills and techniques.

Soccer helps develop coordination and physical fitness while providing a fun atmosphere. All players are actively involved in the game and everyone is guaranteed plenty of playing time.

Greenwood teams win

Greenwood boys and girls recently won first place in the St. Ann's Pee-Wee Basketball Tournament.

The St. Ann's boys and girls teams were runnerup in the tourney while Midland Christian took consolation honors in the boys competiton and the Trinity girls won consolation honors.

All-tourney selections included Homer Lopez, Todd Brooks and Larry Dickerson of Greenwood; Dondi Dominguez and Joe Carrasco of St. Ann's; Abel Mendoza of St. Mary's and Bobby Gotovac of Trinity.

The girls all-tourney team was made up of Lisa Mobley and Nancy Ortiz of Greenwood; Suzanne Hudgens and Carla Brown of Midland Christian; Ginny Blakemore of Trinity; Carolyn Krawietz, Amye Raney and Margaret Stanley of St. Ann's.

Greenwood's girls won 41-31 over St. Ann's in the finals while Greenwood's boys took a 39-36 decision over St. Ann's in the other final.

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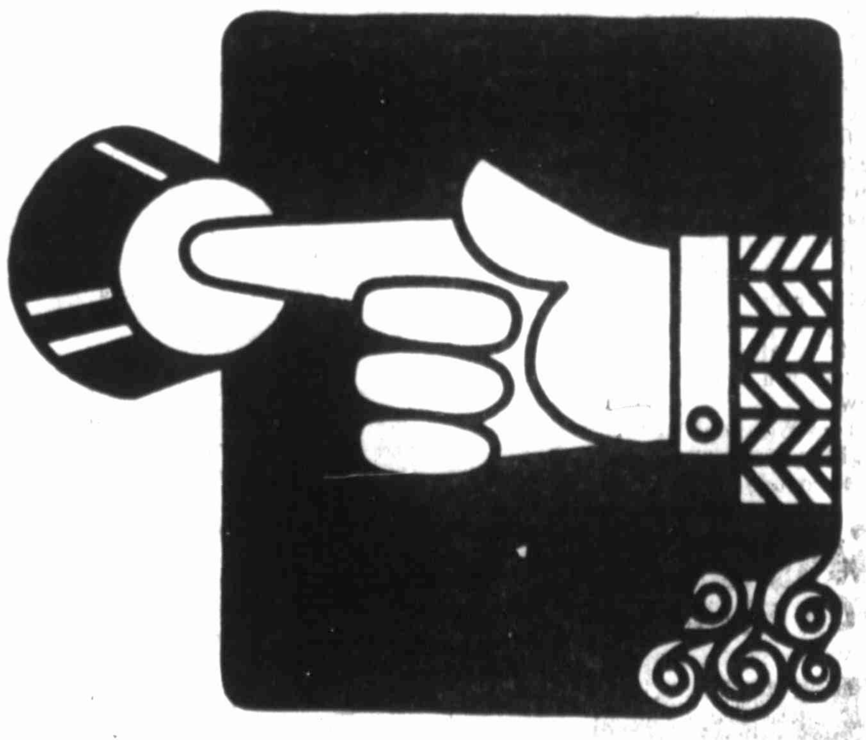

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WEST TEXAS OUTDOORS

Weatherman holds deer hunting fate for '76

BY GREG AKINS

An article on deer hunting this time of year might seem as inappropriate as one on the Super Bowl. Normally, this would also hold true for deer hunting, but as everyone is aware, it hasn't rained lately.

Deer hunting for the most part last year was a huge success, with the animals being in good shape and numbers. Only a couple of areas that I knew about reported deer in poor condition.

The condition of antlers was also above average and, basically, it was just a good year for deer hunting. But what made it that way?

ALTHOUGH NOT the entire answer, rain came at some of the right times in 1975. It provided nutricious forage during part of the summer, fall and early winter. If there had been an appreciable amount of moisture in December and January, the tentative forecast for 1975 would be optimistic.

It will probably take until sometime in April to evaluate the mortality surveys, but the early prognosis is heavy die off due to starvation.

All hope is not gone, however, if the spring rains just hurry up, this loss will be minimized.

One additional danger that we must face because of poor range conditions are deer on the highways.

THESE RIGHT of ways usually have better forage growth from water it traps and since there is no competition from livestock. These deer are usually on the highway at night and this causes two problems.

One, it is obviously hard to see an object at night. And, two, bright lights seem to confuse and blind the animal. Often a deer, or any other animal, for that matter, will bolt right for the lights instead of running from them.

An area where motorists should be especially careful is the Sterling City area. There seems to be more deer than usual on the roadways, particularly in the last couple of months. And because of conditions, all the areas where deer are known to roam should be traveled with caution at night.

GOOD NEWS for West Texas bass fishermen? Latest bass club reports on tournaments showed all the fishing to be in East Texas lakes. I don't know whether the fishing is that fantastic in those lakes, or we're just not letting them in on our hot bass spots.

Really, it is neither one. The fact is we just don't have the lakes in size and numbers that East Texas does. For instance, Lake Livingston had 467 bass tourneys in 1975 and Toledo Bend 317. These tournaments and following surveys help the Parks and Wildlife Department keep up with fish population increases and declines. If they pinpoint a trouble spot, the F&WD would determine the cause and apply appropriate management techniques to bring the population back to normal. This is done to assure you and I a place to enjoy.

4th add west texas outdoors

THE HIGH Sky Bass Club is holding a tournament this weekend and is also advertising a men's and women's invitational tournament May 1-2 at Amistad Lake. Some $500 in cash prizes and more than $2,000 in merchandise will be offered. We'll have more details in the weeks ahead.

The Permian Basin Rifle and Pistol Club opened its first registered trap shoot of 1976 at noon today. Other events scheduled include a four gun, 200 bird registered skeet shoot at 1 p.m. March 7, and a sporter class rifle shoot March 7 at 2 p.m.

Fishing from around the lakes...

Although not a new lake, the rising and stabilizing of the water level at Twin Buttes is causing the fish to act as if it were new. New lakes have a period of peak fishing in the first few years because land area which is freshly inundated creates a fertile climate for fish to grow at a rapid rate. This is also what happened at Twin Buttes over the last two years with the higher water level. People in the know feel this will be the hottest fishing spot in our area. To back this up, biologists reported netting a 10.1 pound black bass in 1975. There have been good catches of bass and crappie taken this year and the best fishing so far is reported where streams enter the lake.

Lake Spence fishing has been good so far with a 28 1-2 pound yellow cat topping recent catches. The stripers and white bass are still holding strong.

All indications from Oak Creek Lake point to an early spawn and Ike Pate at the Sportsman's Lodge Marina reported eight and a six pound black bass were taken. He also reports big schools of crappie are staying in the warm water area of the lake.

With all the pretty weather we are experiencing, except for a windy day now and then, the old fishing fever is at epidemic levels. According to old timers, there is only one cure...get out and go fishing.

Richards makes good on old promise to Veeck

WAXAHACHIE, Tex. (AP) — Fourteen years ago, Paul Richards made a promise he never thought he would have to keep.

Today he is manager of the Chicago White Sox because of that promise.

"I didn't go looking for this job," said Richards, relaxing last week at his ranch-style home 30 miles south of Dallas after a round of golf.

"But I had promised Bill Veeck (White Sox owner) that I would be his manager if he ever wanted me. It was just before I went to Houston in 1962 and we were having dinner. He asked me to promise I would manage for him if he asked. When he bought the White Sox in December he remembered and so did I," Richards said, downing a post-round beer.

RICHARDS has been out of baseball, at least officially, since 1972 when he left his post as vice president and general manager of the Atlanta Braves. He hasn't managed since 1961 with the Baltimore Orioles and he admits he wasn't sure he wanted to come back.

After all, he lives so close to the golf course in Waxahachie that he sometimes runs over golf balls with his lawn mower.

"That promise was like telling someone you will go to the moon with them if they happen to be going in 10 years."

However, Richards says the idea of coming back to baseball has "grown" on him in the past two months and he is anxious for spring training to start.

However, owner-player strife over the reserve clause threatens to postpone the start of spring training, which for Richards is only days away in Sarasota, Fla.

"I know baseball can't live with the complete abolition of the reserve clause," he says of a player's contract provision which binds him to one team until he is released or traded.

"THERE IS no relation of baseball to football or basketball's situation because they have the college system to develop players," he says. "If we have to spend $1 million or more a year developing players and then a player has a right to leave, the owners will decide they won't spend this money."

He said owners won't stand for bidding wars because "they can't afford it. They'll just get out."

However, he said the players have been blamed unfairly by baseball fans for the 1972 strike, which primarily was over the players' pension plan.

"The owners were wrong that time and the players were right. That money rightfully belonged to the players," he says.

RICHARDS SAYS he feels no pressure about having to deal with players after a 15-year absence from the field. He propped his stockinged feet up on the easy chair in his den, which is dominated by baseball mementoes and a giant painting of Richards in a Houston uniform which he donned briefly at spring training during that team's early expansion years. He was Houston's general manager from 1962-66 before moving to Atlanta.

"The main thing I have to do is get the players to respect my ability," he says. "Our real problem area is pitching, so I have to make our young pitchers realize that without control you can't be a smart pitcher. Einstein couldn't be a smart pitcher unless he could throw strike one."

Richards was sitting up now, his mind seemingly already in Sarasota, lecturing a group of hopeful hurlers.

"THE FIRST thing you've got to learn is to convince the hitters, the other manager, the other team, the umpire, that you can put the ball over the plate. Then when a hitter is up at the plate expecting a strike, he might hit at anything. Eagerness gets hitters out as much as anything."

Veeck and Richards engineered a series of trades in December that could transform the image of the White Sox back to the Go-Go years of the late 1950s.

Gone are such swing-fromthe-heels sluggers as Bill Melton and joining the team are speedsters Ralph Garr and Morris Nettles.

"A lot of times power is not as productive as it looks on paper. A lot of home runs are hit in 8-1, 12-2 games," he says. "I believe tha if you keep the other team from scoring you're gonna win."

But he warns against stereotyping the White Sox. "You can only manage according to your philosophy if you have the players to match that philosophy."

Richards says he has no fear of fickle fans that are famous in Chicago.

"I've been criticized and lauded so much that neither makes much difference to me," he says. "I'm not concerned with my ability to manage well. I haven't been to a game I didn't manage, even if it was from the stands."

Lions favored in LSC

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (AP) — Will a surprise team emerge again as Lone Star Conference basketball champion? Or will East Texas State, heavily favored for the second year in a row, shed its "chokers" tag and finally win the LSC title.?

These, and a few more questions, will be answered in the Second LSC Championship Tournament which opens here this afternoon in the Brownwood Coliseum.

While East Texas and Angelo sit by as champions of the East and West zones, Howard Payne will play Sam Houston at 2 p.m. and Abilene Christian will tangle with Southwest Texas State at 4 p.m. in first round games.

ETSU, 12-2 in LSC play, 20-5 for the season and ranked 15th by the NAIA, will play the first game winner at 6 p.m. Monday in the first semifinal game, while Angelo will meet the ACC-SWT survivor at 8. The title game is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

A poll of the LSC coaches Friday confirmed most beliefs—East Texas, with three all-conference performers back from last year—is the favorite. Jim Gudger's Lions carried the same role last year but fell to Sam Houston in the semifinals after getting the first round bye.

Sam Houston came into last year's tournament with a 6-8 LSC record and a losing mark for the season, but the Bearkats also upset Howard Payne to win the title.

Angelo, 11-3 and 18-7, and Howard Payne, playing on its home court, each received one vote to win in the poll, but most expressed the sentiments of Angelo coach Phil George, "East Texas is probably tired of being called a bridesmaid; this should be their year."

Gudger's team shouldn't be over confident. The Lions took a 93-73 drubbing from S.F. Austin in Commerce Thursday night in their last regular season game.

Lone Star Conference Standings

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All W	L	Pct.
EAST ZONE						
East Texas	12	2	857	20	5	800
Southwest Texas	7	7	500	13	13	500
Sam Houston	7	7	500	12	14	462
Texas A&I	3	11	214	7	22	241
S.F. Austin-X	8	6	571	15	14	517
WEST ZONE						
Angelo	11	3	786	18	7	720
Howard Payne	8	6	571	17	10	630
Abilene Christian	6	8	429	13	12	520
Sul Ross	4	10	286	8	17	320
Tarleton	4	10	286	7	18	280

X—Ineligible for LSC title

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday—Howard Payne 85, Abilene Christian 77; Angelo 84, Sul Ross 78; S.F. Austin 101, Texas A&I 87; East Texas 78, Sam Houston 69.

Wednesday—Southwest Texas 89, Texas A&I 75.

Thursday—Angelo 70, Abilene Christian 68; Howard Payne 61, Tarleton 59 (OT); S.F. Austin 93, East Texas 73.

Friday—Pan American 113, Sul Ross 82.

REMAINING GAMES

Sunday—LSC Championship Tournament: Brownwood; Sam Houston vs Howard Payne, 2 p.m.; Abilene Christian vs Southwest Texas, 4 p.m.

Monday—LSC Championship Tournament: Brownwood; East Texas vs Howard Payne-Sam Houston winner, 6 p.m.; Angelo vs ACC-Southwest Texas winner, 8 p.m.

Tuesday—LSC Championship Game, 7:30 p.m., Brownwood.

—AP Wirephoto

NEW YORK RANGERS' Greg Polic, right, takes full force of Pit Martin's charges as the Chicago Black Hawk scored a goal in NHL action.

10 SWC marks fall in track

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Ten records were set in the 3rd annual Southwest Conference Indoor Track and Field meet Friday night, with Baylor capturing four of the new marks and running away with the title.

The Bears showed considerable strength in middle distance events, picking up three firsts and a second in individual races and two more top spots in middle distance relays.

Baylor also got a 1-2-5 finish in the long jump, with Ricky Thompson the winner, and a 1-2 finish in the high jump with Kevin DeLorey topping the state indoor record with a leap of seven feet, 1¼ inches.

Running heroes for Baylor were Michael Carter, who broke the SWC 600-yard dash record by nearly three seconds with a 1:09.76 performance; Mark Collins, who won the 440yard dash; and Mark Lawless, who won the 1,000-yard run.

Collins and Carter ran legs on the winning mile relay that broke the league's indoor record by two and a half seconds. Lawless ran on the twomile relay team that broke the existing record by six seconds.

The two-mile relays was the most exciting of the meet as Baylor, Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M and Rice finished within a second of each other, with each team smashing the old record of 7:52.70. Baylor won in 7:46.10.

Baylor's victory broke a twoyear domination of the infant meet by Texas. The Bears finished with 61½ points, while Texas had a late push in the field events and wound up with 55. Rice did not win an event but was third with 31 points, followed by Texas Tech 20½, Houston 20, Texas A&M 19, Arkansas 17, TCU 14 and SMU 2.

Johnson earns Rankin honors

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
R-T Sports Writer

RANKIN—Tommy Johnson received the Rankin Red Devils' prestigious Fighting Heart Award Friday night before more than 200 students and Rankin boosters during the city's all-sports banquet in the elementary school cafeteria.

Johnson, a senior who played wingback and defensive safety for the Red Devils' football team, was chosen for the award by a four man committee. The award is given annually to the best all-around athlete of the year.

Johnson was described by Rankin coach Dewayne Turner as an exceptional student as well as athlete.

Dena Reams was crowned as football sweetheart by Rankin captians Baymond Lindsey, Donnie Cole and David Turner. Mary Routh was named as basketball sweetheart by Rankin cage captians Mark Hughes and Gary McSpadden.

McSpadden was named as girls basketball beau by sisters Joyce and Teresa Plagens, who are captains for the girls cage squad.

Featured speaker for the banquet was Gordon Wood, head football coach at Brownwood High School. Wood, one of the most successful high school coaches in the history of Texas football, has guided the Lions to five state championships in 15 years as head coach. He has seven state titles to his credit in his illustrous coaching career.

Dr. James D. Gossett served as toastmaster for the event while introduction of special guests was handled by A. C. Copeland, superintendant of schools.

Rankin prides itself in the participation of students in the athletic program. Of the 150 students enrolled in high school, only 40 did not participate in at least one sport. Over one-third of the students participated in two or more sports.

Each of the senior athletes was presented with a red carnation to present to their mothers. The annual tradition symbolizes the sacrifice made by the students' parents during their athletic endeavors.

Waldrop may skip Games

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Tony Waldrop, who last year set the record for the indoor mile, says he will probably not try to run in the Olympics.

"I guess my chances of trying out for the team are slim," said Waldrop, a University of North Carolina graduate student.

The 24-year-old miler ran 11 straight sub-four minute miles during his senior year at North Carolna last year, but he said this will be his last year of competative running.

Waldrop said he hopes to earn a Ph.D in physiology and he said he would have to alter his schedule to get enough training to make the Olympics.

"I'm too busy doing everything I should," he said.

Waldrop said his running is not a matter of wanting to set a world record or win the Olympics.

"It's just a matter of enjoying it, of having fun," he said.

Waldrop, who recently won the indoor mile at the Sunkist Games with at 4:02 clocking, set a world record last year by running the indoor mile in 3:55.

Nelson's 11 in row unbelievable

By SHAV GLICK
The Los Angeles Times

Sports lore abounds with Olympian feats, superhuman efforts such as Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Bob Beamon's 29-foot long jump, Pele's 1,000 goals and Mark Spitz' seven Olympic gold medals, but even after 30 years it is difficult to believe Byron Nelson's feat of winning 11 consecutive PGA golf tournaments.

Johnny Miller won three in a row in 1974 and created a frenzy of excitement on the tour. He won five more all that year and was named Golfer of the Year.

To put Nelson's feat in better perspective, Jack Nicklaus, who many experts think is the greatest golfer of all, has never won more than seven in a season — much less in a row.

Tom Weiskopf, in 1973, won five of eight in one stretch in which he had 20 of 40 rounds in the 60s. One magazine called it "a hot streak to end all hot streaks."

YET NELSEN'S feat of 11 in a row in 1945 remains unbelievable. He won 18 tournaments that year, so incomprehensible it has been belittled more than glorified by many younger golf followers who know Nelson better as a TV golf commentator.

It was 30 years ago that Nelson won the Los Angeles Open by five strokes over Ben Hogan at Riviera.

Detractors point out 1945 was a "war year," that Nelson's opposition was weak, that Hogan and Sam Snead were away in the service while Nelson, a hemophiliac, was 4F. Yet the truth is that Snead was around all year, having been discharged from the Navy the year before.

Snead, in fact, won 1945s opening event, the L.A. Open, with a birdie on the 72nd hole at Riviera to beat Nelson and Jug McSpaden by a stroke. And Hogan was discharged in mid-year from the Air Force to face Nelson in 11 tournaments. Nelson won six, Hogan two.

It is true that many fine golfers were missing that year, notably Jimmy Thompson, Lawson Little Jim Ferrier, Horton Smith, Vic Ghezzi and Lloyd Mangrum, but statistics reveal Nelson was a shot-maker unparalleled.

HE AVERAGED 68.33 strokes for 120 rounds on the PGA tour. Second best in history is 69.23 by Snead in 1950. He played 19 consecutive rounds under 70. His competitive quality is shown by a 67.86 average for his closing rounds.

The player most impressed by Nelson's streak was his best friend, McSpaden. Dubbed the "Gold Dust Twins," they traveled together, both exempt from war duty. Nelson was a "bleeder," McSpaden had sinusitis. Most of the time they finished 1-2, but McSpaden was always No. 2. He finished second a record 13 times in 1945.

"If Byron hadn't been born, I might have been a great player," McSpaden once said. "But I've never found a better man than Byron Nelson. I knew him 40 years and virtually lived with him 10 years and I saw him mad only once in his life. That was one of the secrets of his success."

Nelson began his amazing streak in March, 1945 in the Charlotte Open and he did it the hard way. Tied with Snead at 16 under par 272 after 72 holes, he played another 18 holes in 69 and was still tied. There was no television in those days and tournaments weren't decided on a couple of sudden death holes. There were 18-hole playoffs until a winner was determined. On the second extra day Nelson beat Snead to win by four strokes after 108 holes.

Nelson didn't win 11 straight weeks; he skipped one tournament to rest an aching back, but he won 11 straight times he teed it up.

How does Nelson assess his feat, looking back 30 years?

"Sometimes I'm afraid I'll wake up and find it was just a long, long dream. Truthfully, I was in a trance. The longer the streak lasted, the more unreal it seemed, and the more people wanted to talk to me about it. That was the toughest part, always being in demand for fund-raising luncheons and things like that. You know, the war was on and we were helping War Bond drives and the USO. I guess I was really relieved when I finally lost."

The amazing streak was snapped by, of all people, an amateur. Freddie Haas of New Orleans won the Memphis Open. Nelson finished fourth. However, Nelson came back the following week to win at Knoxville and later in the year, at the Broadmoor course in Seattle, he set a PGA scoring record with a 21-under-par 62-68-63-66 — 259. He finished 13 strokes ahead of the next player, 20 strokes in front of Hogan.

NELSON WAS voted Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press over baseball's Hal Newhouse and college football's Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis. It was his second straight such award. Only one other athlete, tennis' Don Budge in 1937-38, has been so honored twice. Only three other golfers, Gene Sarazen (1932), Hogan (1953) and Lee Trevino (1971) have been voted Athlete of the Year. No Palmer, no Nicklaus, no Snead.

The PGA record book, even after 30 years, is full of Nelson's achievements. Most consecutive rounds under 70: 19. Most tournaments won in one year: 18 (next best is Snead's 10 in 1950). Most consecutive tournaments in the money: 113 (next is Dow Finsterwald's 72). And, of course, most consecutive tournament wins: 11.

Nelson doesn't play much golf now, but he's as busy as if he played the tour.

He is a consultant for the Northwester Golf Co. and True Temper Golf clubs, does TV color sports for ABC and is on the public relations staff of Lincoln-Mercury.

"I've had to cut down on my TV work because the Lincoln-Mercury job keeps me so busy," said Nelson. "Last year I did 15 tournaments and five this year. I'm only doing four next year, the U.S. Open, British Open, PGA and the Nelson Classic."

Nelson enjoys discussing today's golfers, but he doesn't see them as much different from those in his day -and that was three times as much as anyone had won before.

With 1975's inflated purse structure, it is possible he could have won as much as $750,000. Averaging $35,000 a win, as today's pros do, he would have $630,000 from wins only. And in his other 12 tournaments that year, he finished second seven times.

Track sets record

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The wild, smashing finish to last Sunday's Daytona 500 stock car race, won by David Pearson over Richard Petty in a duel that already occupies a front row spot in auto racing folk history, is forcing some changes at Daytona International Speedway.

The race itself attracted something around 125,000 fans, according to Florida State Police. That was a track record and the largest gate in 28 years of NASCAR racing. It was also the biggest one-day crowd for any sports event in the United States outside of the Indianapolis 500 and Kentucky Derby.

"The popularity of the Daytona 500 has grown every year for 18 years," said Bill France Sr., president of the speedway and founder of NASCAR. "Thie was the fifth consecutive year all reserved grandstand seats have been sold out in advance of the race. The seats this year were all gone two weeks before the event, and there was sufficient demand for many more, if they had become available.

"It looks like we'll have to build more seats."

Tentative plans call for construction of 5,000 new seats in the present grandstand area before the 1977 race, he said. Currently there are about 62,000 permanent seats.

Radetich breaks pro mark

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There are about 7,864 additional people today who believe that good things come to them that wait.

High jumper John Radetich proved that maxim Friday, in the last event of the night, to a Salt Palace crowd which had seen two hours of mediocre track and field at the International Track Association's first meet of 1976.

Radetich, who's been with the professional track tour since its 1973 inception, spraing in successive easy backwards flops over the bar at 7 feet, 5¼ inches, then 7-6. He broke his own 1973 world pro record of 7-4⅝ both times.

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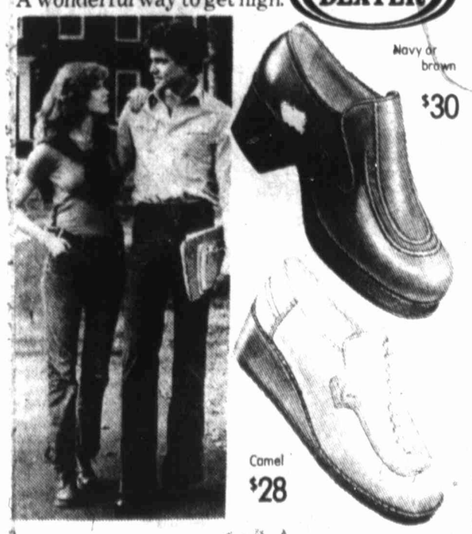

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N Alabama 76, Jacksonville, Ala. 69
Shepherd 85, Davis & Elkins 71
Spring Hill 73, W Florida 59
Tenn-Martin 68, Troy St 66
Winston-Salem 85, Va. St 74

MIDWEST
Beloit 90, Lawrence 72
Central, Iowa 82, Dubuque 65
Cent Missouri 91, SE Missouri 65
Chicago-Loyola 69, Roosevelt 68
Coe 97, Cornell Col 80
Harris Teachers 74, Avila 65
Illinois St 106, Wis-Milwaukee 82
Iowa Wesly. 71, Culver-Stockton 69
Kearney St 65, Washburn 63
Knox 72, Carleton 68
Lakeland 97, Mich-Dearborn 66
Loras 96, St. Mary's, Minn. 71
Mankato 78, N Dakota St 71
Mid-America Naz. 81, Ozarks 62
Millikin 83, Carroll 68
Mo. Bapt. 89, Westminister 82
Northern, S.D. 74, S.D. Tech 64
N Colorado 86, Pittsburg, Kan. 73
N Dakota 98, Northern Iowa 77
N Michigan 71, Northwood Inst. 65
Ottawa, Kan. 78, Baker 59
Principia 73, MacMurray 64
Rose-Hulman 79, Concordia, Mo. 61
St. Xavier 79, Lewis 64
Shaw, Mich. 79, Dyke 59
Simpson 69, Upper Iowa 67
SW Minnesota St 65, Bemidji 61
Tarkio 60, Missouri Valley 59
Trinity, Ill. 101, Grace 96
Wm. Penn 69, Wartburg 68

SOUTHWEST
McMurry 75, Okla. Christian 73
Midwestern 72, Bethany Naz. 60
Paine 127, Talladega 98
Pan American 113, Sul Ross 82
Texas-El Paso 70, Arizona St 63
Texas Wesleyan 83, Wayland Bapt. 69

FAR WEST
Adams St 88, Regis 76
Bakersfield 66, UC-Riverside 65
Boise St 83, Idaho 64
Cal Lutheran 67, Fresno Pacific 61
Cal Poly-SLO 75, Cal Poly Pomona 72
Cent Washington 83, Oregon Tech 69
Chico St 73, Sacramento St 69
E Washington 68, W Washington 67
Grand Canyon 49, San Diego 47
Humboldt St 58, Hayward St 56
Idaho St 81, Gonzaga 71
Linfield 110, Pacific 82
Los Angeles St 70, Northridge 66
Pepperdine 83, Nevada-Reno 66
Rocky Mountain 85, W Montana 64
St. Martin's 92, Warner Pacific 80
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Whitman 89, Col. of Idaho 67
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Semifinals
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Sunland results

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — Tique put on a strong finishing burst and won pulling away in the feature horse race at Sunland Park Friday.

The winner covered 5½ furlongs in 1:05 2-5 and returned $24, $8 and $6.60.

Rewardum finished second with a pari-mutuel payoff of $4 and $4.20 while Trutrux was third with a $5.20 return.

The results:

First — 5½ furlongs: Elgin's Song 14.00, 6.40, 5.40; Ruling Fool 5.00, 3.60; Push To Leann 3.40; T — 1:07 1-5.

Second — 350 yards: Ole Rebel Beauty 13.80, 6.20, 4.60; Squaw Fly Jr. 7.40, 6.00; Mimi Lewis 9.60; T — 18.00.

Quiniela — $62.40.

Big Q Pool — $1,950.20.

Third — 1 mile: Knight Over 4.20, 3.00, 2.40; Scat Man 3.00, 2.40; Signorina Maxie 2.40; T — 1:41 3-5.

Quiniela — $7.80.

Fourth — 350 yards: Gold Hunter 5.60, 6.20, 3.40; Dialing Moon 17.40, 7.60; Judys Ladybug 3.20; T — 17.85.

Fifth — 6 furlongs: Warrior's Jtime 3.80, 3.00, 2.40; Victorybilt 4.00, 2.80; Ragtime Cowboy 2.60; T — 1:11 2-5.

Quiniela — $10.80.

Daily Double — $18.20.

Sixth — 870 yards: Jetwilgo 7.80, 5.40, 4.00; Troy Boy 4.20, 3.40; Sweet Rockette 7.60; T — 46.17.

Quiniela — 18.80.

Seventh — 6 furlongs: Demare 8.60, 4.20, 3.00; You're In Luck 5.60, 3.40; Sheilas Miss 6.20; t — 1:12 1-5.

Exacta $48.60.

Eighth — 5½ furlongs: Tique 24.00, 8.00, 6.60; Rewardum 4.00, 4.20; Trutrux 5.20; T — 1:05 2-5.

Ninth — 6 furlongs: The Right Size 5.60, 4.60, 3.80; Lil's Moment 31.80, 16.40; Like To Do 3.80; T — 1:13 1-5.

Tenth — 6 furlongs: First String 12.00, 5.00, 7.60; Texas Crude 15.40, 12.00; Music Machine 4.40; T — 1:12 3-5.

Quiniela — $125.00.
Big Q Pool — $10,753.40.
Attendance — 2,078.
Total Handle — $145,644.

Destroyer tangles with Parks

ODESSA — Super Destroyer meets Reggie Parks in the first part of the double maim event on Pat O'Dowdy's weekly wrestling card Tuesday at the Ector County Coliseum.

In the co-feature six-man tag team match, Ricky Romero, Silver Streak and Scott Casey square off against The Beast, Leo Burk amd Randy Tyler.

In other matches, Lord Al Mayes meets Sputnik Monroe, Don Wayt faces Larry Lane and Scott Casey meets Randy Tyler.

Pro basketball

MILWAUKEE (108)
Brokaw 10 3-5 23, Dandridge 9 0-0 18, Restani 4 0-0 8, Smith 8 2-2 18, Winters 8 2-2 18, Bridgeman 1 0-0 2, Fox 1 0-0 2, Mayes 1 0-0 2, Price 8 1-1 17. Totals 50 8-10.

HOUSTON (110)
Kunnert 7 3-4 17, Murphy 9 9-11 27, Newlin 8 6-8 22, Ratleff 3 0-0 6, Tomjanovich 8 3-4 19, Johnson 4 0-0 8, Meriweather 1 5-7 7, Riley 2 0-0 4. Totals 42 26-34.

Milwaukee	33	34	28	23—108
Houston	33	26	25	26—110

Total fouls: Milwaukee 32, Houston 18. Technical fouls: Houston Coach Egan, Murphy. A: 5,163.

WASHINGTON (87)
Riordan 3 0-0 6, Hayes 4 0-1 8, Unseld 1 1-3 3, Bing 9 2-2 20, Chenier 11 4-5 26, Kozelko 2 0-0 4, Jones 1 1-1 3, Robinson 5 5-8 15, Grevey 1 0-0 2, Haskins 0 0-0 0. Totals 37 13-20.

DETROIT (102)
Rowe 11 5-7 27, Eberhard 3 1-2 7, Lanier 10 1-1 21, Money 6 0-0 12, Ford 3 1-4 7, Porter 6 0-0 12, Clark 6 2-2 14, Trapp 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 0-0 0. Totals 46 10-16.

Washington	27	29	10	21— 87
Detroit	18	23	30	31—102

Fouled out: None. Total fouls: Washington 22, Detroit 23. A: 5,309.

PHOENIX (103)
Heard 5 3-6 13, Perry 5 0-0 10, Adams 13 2-7 28, Van Arsdale 0 0-0 0, Westphal 9 6-6 24, Sobers 4 0-0 8, Hawthorne 3 0-0 6, Awtrey 1 0-0 2, Riley 3 2-2 8, Erickson 0 0-0 0, Lumpkin 1 2-2 4. Totals 44 15-23.

NEW ORLEANS (102)
Coleman 3 2-4 8, Williams 12 0-0 24, Moore 3 3-6 9, Maravich 4 7-9 15, Boyd 3 0-0 6, Behagen 2 2-2 6, Nelson 1 0-0 2, Kelley 4 6-7 14, James 2 2-2 6, McElroy 2 4-5 8, Bibby 1 2-2 4. Totals 37 28-37.

Phoenix	22	24	29	28—103
New Orleans	23	22	23	34—102

Total fouls: Phoenix 30, New Orleans 25. Fouled out: Sobers, Maravich, Kelley. A: 10,519.

PHILADELPHIA (92)
McGinnis 2 2-2 6, Mix 4 3-4 11, Catchings 0 1-2 1, Carter 13 0-0 26, Collins 10 2-2 22, Bryant 2 2-4 6, Ellis 4 0-0 8, Free 4 2-2 10, Dawkins 0 1-2 1, Baskerville 0 1-2 1. Totals 39 14-20.

SEATTLE (111)
Gray 8 0-1 16, Seals 10 2-2 22, Burleson 8 3-4 19, Gilliam 1 2-2 4, Watts 2 0-0 4, Brown 12 2-2 26, Bantom 4 4-4 12, Norwood 1 4-6 6, Derline 0 0-0 0, Abdul-Aziz 1 0-1 2. Totals 47 17-24.

Philadelphia	27	23	20	22— 92
Seattle	30	29	25	27—111

Total fouls: Philadelphia 25, Seattle 21. Technicals: Philadelphia Coach Shue, Collins, Mix. A: 14,096.

BOSTON (125)
Havlicek 5 0-0 10, Kuberski 2 0-0 4, Cowens 9 9-11 27, Scott 12 4-4 28, White 12 0-0 24, Anderson 0 0-0 0, Ard 0 0-0 0, McDonald 3 1-2 7, Silas 6 7-8 19, Stacom 3 0-0 6. Totals 52 21-25.

LOS ANGELES (113)
Calhoun 5 0-0 10, Warner 2 1-1 5, Abdul-Jabbar 8 4-5 20, Allen 9 9-9 27, Goodrich 10 13-16 33, Ford 3 0-0 6, Freeman 4 2-2 10, Washington 1 0-0 2. Totals 42 29-33.

Boston	34	37	24	30—125
Los Angeles	24	33	33	23—113

Total fouls: Boston 26, Los Angeles 23. Technical fouls: Heinsohn, Scott. A: 14,934.

MILWAUKEE (108)
Brokaw 10 3-5 23, Dandridge 9 0-0 18, Restani 4 0-0 8, Smith 8 2-2 18, Winters 8 2-2 18, Bridgeman 1 0-0 2, FOOT [illegible], Mayes 1 0-0 2, Price 8 1-1 17. Totals 50 8-10.

HOUSTON (110)
Kunnert 7 3-4 17, Murphy 9 9-11 27, Newlin 8 6-8 22, Ratleff 3 0-0 6, Tomjanovich 8 3-4 19, Johnson 4 0-0 8, Meriweather 1 5-7 7, Riley 2 0-0 4. Totals 42 26-34.

Milwaukee	33	34	28	23—108
Houston	33	26	25	26—110

Total fouls: Milwaukee 32, Houston 18. Technical fouls: Houston Coach Egan, Murphy. A: 5,163.

PORTLAND (74)
Hawes 4 1-1 9, Hollins 8 1-3 17, Steele 4 2-2 10, Wickes 7 4-11 18, Jones 2 2-2 6, Martin 4 0-0 8, Clemens 2 0-0 4, Petrie 0 0-0 0, Anderson 1 0-0 2. Totals 32 10-19.

CHICAGO (130)
Van Lier 3 3-3 9, Benbow 7 5-5 19, Johnson 10 1-4 21, Love 10 0-0 20, Boerwinkle 1 2-4 4, Laskowski 5 2-4 12, Marin 4 2-2 10, Patterson 1 2-2 4, Wilson 7 0-3 14, Fersten 4 0-0 8, Pondexter 2 1-4 5, Block 2 0-0 4. Totals 56 18-28.

Portland	18	21	19	16— 74
Chicago	39	23	39	29—130

Fouled out: None. Total fouls: Portland 29, Chicago 20. Technicals: Van Lier, Sloane (bench). A: 6,121.

SAN ANTONIO (99)
Kenon 6 4-4 16, Olberding 6 0-0 12, Paultz 2 0-0 4, Silas 12 7-7 31, Gervin 6 5-7 20, Gale 2 0-0 4, Ward 4 0-0 8, Karl 0 0-0 0, Dettrick 2 0-0 4. Totals 41 16-18.

ST. LOUIS (92)
Barnes 6 0-0 12, Carr 3 1-2 7, Jones 5 0-0 10, Boone 9 1-2 19, Lewis 8 1-1 13, 30, D'Antoni 0 0-0 0, Malone 4 0-0 8, Green 3 0-0 6. Totals 38 13-17.

San Antonio	27	28	22	22—99
St. Louis	31	19	31	11—92

Total fouls: San Antonio 18, St. Louis 19. Three-point goals: Gervin, Lewis. A: 3,221.

Sports in brief

TRACK AND FIELD
NEW YORK — Dan Ripley of the Pacific Coast Club shattered the world indoor amateur pole vault record by soaring 18 feet 3¾ inches at the U.S. Olympic Invitational Track Meet.

Dwight Stones of Long Beach State broke his world indoor high jump record with a leap of 7 feet 6¼ inches.

BOWLING
GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Earl Anthony held the lead with Dick Weber moving into second place after match play on the $100,000 Pro Classic Bowling Tournament.

TENNIS
SALISBURY, Md. — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors eliminated Trey Waltke 6-3, 7-5 to gain a semifinal berth in the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship.

ROME, Italy — Fourth-seeded Adriano Panatta rallied to beat Mark Cox 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals in the $60,000 World Championship Tennis tournament.

ST. LOUIS — Vijay Amritraj, overpowered Billy Martin 7-6, 6-4, and advanced to the finals of the $60,000 St. Louis Classic.

DETROIT — Chris Evert easily beat Elly Appel Vessies 6-1, 6-0 to gain a spot in the semifinals of the Women's Professional Tennis tournament.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NEW YORK — Hal Wissel, head coach at Fle tB University was fired after he refused to resign.

GENERAL
NEW YORK — Glen "Judge" Carberry, 79, captain of Notre Dame's football team in 1929 and line coach for Fordham's famed "seven blocks of granite" died of an apparent respiratory failure.

HORSE RACING
NEW YORK — Kupper, $20, won a stretch duel with Distinctively and took the $15,000 Crozier Purse at Aqueduct.

MIAMI — Legion, $24.40, led all the way to post an upset victory over Ameri Flyer in the feature at Hialeah.

CAMDEN — Dugkworth Dilemma, $3.60, scored a 1¼ length victory over Lucky Size in the feature at Garden State Park.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Lloyd's Choice, $7.60, finished three lengths in front of Ellen's Embroidery to win the feature at Oaklawn Park.

PAWTUCKET, R.I. — Fleet Christina, $7.20, breezed to an eight length victory over Endangered Species in the feature at Narragansett Park.

BOSTON — Recalled Miss, $15.20, outlasted Sir Beau's Hero and won the feature at Suffolk Downs by 1¼ lengths.

ARCADIA, Calif. — Quare Quilt, $9.40, edged Lucky Spell by a neck to take the $20,000 feature at Santa Anita Park.

Fight results

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Muhammad Ali, 228, knocked out Jean-Pierre Coopman, 206, Belgium, to retain the world heavyweight championship, 5.

Alfredo Escalera, 128½, Puerto Rico, stopped Jose Fernandez, 130, New York, 13, to retain the World Boxing Council junior lightweight championship.

Jimmy Young, 215, Philadelphia, Pa., outpointed Joe King Roman, 191, Puerto Rico, 10.

HAMBURG, West Germany — Bunny Sterling, England, knocked out Frank Reiche, West Berlin, to capture the European middleweight championship, 13.

Pro hockey

New York	0	3	0	1—3
Montreal	3	0	2	2—5

First Period—1, Montreal, Wilson 7 (Lemaire, Cournoyer), 2:10. 2, Montreal, Gainey 11 (Awrey), 15:26. 3, Montreal, Lapointe 16 (Lambert, Mahovlich), 17:30. Penalties—Greschner, NY, 17:16.

Second Period—4, New York, Gilbert 30 (Vickers, Greschner), :13. 5, New York, Vadnais (Fairbairn, Tkaczuk), 10:58. 6, New York, Esposito 26 (Middleton, Hickey), 11:41. Penalties—Tremblay, Mon. 3:46; Sagard, Mon, 11:53.

Third Period—7, Montreal, Lapointe 17 (Lemaire, Lambert), :50. 8, Montreal, GXAINEY 18:51. Penalties—Savard, Mon, 8:28; Robinson, Mon, 16:12.

Shots on goal: New York 6-11-12—29, Montreal 8-11-7—26.

Goalies: New York, Davidson. Montreal, Larocque. A: 16,807.

Atlanta	0	2	1	—3
Kansas City	0	0	1	—1

First Period—None. Penalties—Carriere, Atl, 5:28; Gibbs, Atl, 11:01; Durbano, KC, 15:32; Paiement, KC, 19:04; Kryskow, Atl, 20:00; Durbano, KC, 20:00.

Second Period—1, Atlanta, Houston, 3 (Vail, Lysiak), 6:07. 2, Atlanta, Lysiak 25 (Manery), 10:23. Penalties—Bergman, KC, 5:46; Bergman, KC, 12:09; Kea, Atl, 16:54.

Third Period—3, Kansas City, Bergman 5 (Dupere, Rota), 2:18. 4, Atlanta, Kryskow 13 (Quinn, Clement), 12:31. Penalty—Bennett, Atl, 7:11.

Shots on goal: Atlanta 7-18-13—38, Kansas City 10-5-19—34.

Goalies: Atlanta, Myre. Kansas City, McKenzie. A: 6,842.

Philadelphia	4	1	0	—5
California	2	1	1	—4

First Period—1, California, Girard 11 (Sabourin, Merrick), :35. 2, Philadelphia, Kelly 10 (Bridgman, Jim Watson), 6:14. 3, Philadelphia, Schultz 8 (Goodenough, Barber), 7:38. 4, California, MacAdam, 23 (Maruk), 9:10. 5, Philadelphia, Barber 37 (Clarke), 9:20. 6, Philadelphia, Lonsberry 19 (Bridgman), 18:03. Penalties—Jim Watson, Phi, 2:44; Dornhoefer, Phi, 11:32.

Second Period—7, California, Gardner 13 (Girard, Merrick), 3:48. 8, Philadelphia, Goodenough 5 (Schultz), 9:56. Penalties—Barber, Phi, 3:45; Schultz, Phi, 15:25; Christie, Cal, 15:25.

Third Period—9, California, MacAdam 24 (Murdoch, Maruk), 2:22. Penalty—Jim Watson, Phi, 40.

Shots on goal: Philadelphia 17-10-11—38, California 11-16-9—36.

Goalies: Philadelphia, Stephenson. California, Simmons. A: 12,021.

Minnesota	0	0	0	—0
Vancouver	3	2	2	—7

First Period—1, Vancouver, Gould 22 (Kearns), 10:33. 2, Vancouver, Monahan 14 (Oddleifson), 12:41. 3, Vancouver, Dailey 11 (Lalonde), 17:01. Penalty—Talafous, Min, 16:10.

Second Period—4, Vancouver, Gould 23 (Lever, Richardson), 7:25. 5, Vancouver, O'Flaherty 12 (Pratt, Boudrias), 8:33. Penalties—None.

Third Period—6, Vancouver, Lever 17 (Dailey, O'Flaherty), 6:25. 7, Vancouver, Grisdale 2 (Kearns, Boudrias), 14:15. Penalties—Richardson, Van, 9:25; Biaowas, Min, 12:33; Barrett, Min, 14:03; D'Hextall, Min, double minor, 17:56; Sather, Min, double minor-game misconduct, 17:56; Grisdale, Van, major, 17:56.

Shots on goal: Minnesota 5-6-5—16, Vancouver 15-14-21—50.

Goalies: Minnesota, Maniago. Vancouver, Smith. A: 15,612.

AHL
Friday's Games
New Haven 4, Nova Scotia 1
Providence 5, Rochester 3
Springfield 4, Hershey 3, OT
Saturday's Games
Baltimore at Hershey
Rochester at Springfield
Sunday's Games
Hershey at Baltimore
Rochester at Nova Scotia
Springfield at Providence
New Haven at Richmond

CHL
Friday's Games
Tulsa 4, Dallas 2
Fort Worth 3, Oklahoma City 0

SWC track

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Here are the results of Friday's 1976 Southwest Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships:

60-yard hurdles—1, Floyd Cavitt, Houston, 7.12, SWC record, old record, 7.2. Randy Lightfoot, Texas, 1974. 2, Curtis Isaiah, Rice, 7.26. 3, Mike Fulghum, Rice, 7.32. 4, Tim Shifton Baker, A&M, Rodney Price, Tech, 7.38.

60—1, Lorenzo Ashford, TCU, 6.01, SWC record, old record by Ashford, 6.02, set in preliminaries. 2, Zoe Simpson, Rice, 6.11. 3, Keith Davidson, TCU, 6.13. 4, Glen Norris, TCU, 6.14. 5, Charles Dawson, A&M, 6.20. 6, Phil Delaney, TCU, 6.35.

Distance medley relay—1, Texas, Tech, Ricky McCormick, Luther Mays, Terrell Pendleton, Mark Freeman, 10:01.74, SWC record, old record, 10:04.0, Texas, 1974. 2, Rice, 10:02.80. 3, Baylor, 10:04.62. 4, Texas, 10:14.53. 5, Houston, 10:16.95. 6, A&M, 10:32.04.

1,000—1, Mark Lawless, Baylor, 2:11.80. 2, Steve Baker, Arkansas, 2:13.09. 3, Roy Trup, Rice, 2:13.31. 4, John Craig, Texas, 2:14.37. 5, Chris Bounds, Rice, 2:16.16. 6, Tom D'Amato, Houston, 2:18.28.

Mile—1, Reed Fisher, Texas, 4:10.07. 2, Tom Aspel, Arkansas, 4:11.95. 3, Andy Jackson, Texas, 4:12.51. 4, Jeff Wells, Rice, 4:13.58. 5, Manfred Kohre, A&M, 4:14.77. 6, Jeff Thompson, Houston, 4:15.64.

440—1, Mark Collins, Baylor, 49.53. 2, Tony Harris, Tech, 49.62. 3, Steve Lang, Baylor, 50.07. 4, Charles Butler, A&M, 50.25. 5, William Pierson, Tech, 50.32. 6, Larry Butler, Arkansas, 50.55.

600—Michael Carter, Baylor, 1:09.76, new record, old record, 1:12.30, Rudolph Griffith, Texas, 1974. 2, Darrell Jarnigan, Texas, 1:11.25. 3, Curtis Linson, TCU, 1:12.95. 4, Herb Kinney, Rice, 1:13.88. 5, Roy Polite, Tech, 1:13.92.

Two-mile relay—1, Baylor, John Hoover, Arthur Nious, Mark Lawless, Walker Lea, 7:46.10, new record, old record, 7:52.70, Texas, 1975. 2, Texas, 7:46.40. 3, Tech, 7:46.53. 4, A&M, 7:46.54. 5, Rice, 7:47.07. 6, Houston, 7:53.99.

880—1, Jose Gonzales, Houston, 1:54.83. 2, Phil McClendon, Baylor, 1:54.96. 3, Jimmy Strong, Texas, 1:55.08. 4, Ken Tolbert, Rice, 1:56.50. 5, Derek Reilly, Arkansas, 1:57.13. 6, Tony Wheeler, A&M, 1:57.43.

2 mile—1, Randy Melancon, Arkansas, 8:56.75, new record, old record, 8:58.90, by Melancon, 1975. 2, Charles Cottle, A&M, 9:08.63. 3, Brad Rickman, Houston, 9:09.20. 4, Ruben Linares, Texas, 9:14.49. 5, Larry Nettles, Rice, 9:17.53. 6, Tom Birch, Houston, 9:18.70.

Long jump—1, Ricky Thompson, Baylor, 24-0. 2, Mike Shivers, Baylor, 23-4. 3, Cecil Overstreet, 23-1¼. 4, Curtis Isiah, Rice, 22-11½. 5, Randy McKee, Baylor, 22-8¾.

Pole vault—1, David Shepherd, Texas, 16-6¼, new SWC record, old record, 15-6. Brad Blair, A&M, 1975. 2, Tie, Frand Estes, Texas, Brad Blair, A&M, 16-0. 4, Danny Hill, Arkansas, 15-6. 5, Randy Lewis, Tech, 15-0.

High jump—Kevin DeLorey, Baylor, 7-1¼, new SWC record, old record, 6-10¼, DeLorey, 1975. 2, tie, Rod Harvey, Texas, and Bill Wimberly, Baylor, 6-8. 4, David Wildman, Texas, 6-8. 5, Steve Maytt, Baylor, 6-6.

Mile relay—1, Baylor, Steve Lang, Tim Son, Michael Carter, Mark Collins, 3:16.30, new SWC record, old record, 3:18.9, TCU, 1971. 2, Texas, 3:17.33. 3, Tech, 3:20.91. 4, Rice, 3:21.77. 5, Houston, e:22.20.

Team standings one event remaining—Baylor 61½, Texas 45, Rice 31, Tech 20½, Houston 20, Arkansas 17, A&M 15, TCU 14, SMU 0.

Shot put—1, Dana LeDuc, Texas, 64-6¾, new SWC record, old record, 62-6¾, by LeDuc, 1974. 2, Jim McGoldrick, Texas, 55-11¾. 3, Frank West, A&M, 55-2¼. 4, Milton Jones, SMU, 52-4½. 5, Craig Carter, A&M, 51-4¾.

Team Totals—Baylor 61½, Texas 55, Rice 31, Texas Tech 20½, Houston 20, Texas A&M 19, Arkansas 17, TCU 14, SMU 2.

Pro transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Shortstop Frank Duffy, signed.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Shortstop Mark Belanger and outfielder Al Bumbry, signed.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated hitter Tommy Davis, signed.
SOCCER
North American League
TAMPA BAY ROWDIES — Goalie Mike Hewitt, sold to San Jose Earthquakes. The Rowdies also purchased Mark Lindsay from the English League Club Crystal Palace.

—AP Wirephoto

SEATTLE SONICS' Leonard Grey drives for shot as Philadelphia 76er George McGinnis hopes for a rebound. Sonics went on to win sixth in a row Friday at Seattle.

Ohio State vacancy tempts former star

By TIM KOELBLE
Mansfield News Journal

MANSFIELD, Ohio — Former Shelby High School and Ohio State University basketball star Larry Siegfried is very much interested in becoming the Buckeyes' new coach.

In a telephone interview from Houston, the assistant coach of the professional Houston Rockets looked at the Ohio State situation created by the resignation of Coach Fred Taylor this month.

"I have all the respect in the world for Taylor," said Siegfried, who played his college ball under the man. "As a coach, it is unfortunate that he resigned. But the world keeps going on."

Siegfried, a three-year starter at Ohio State, said he "has been wanting to return to Ohio to coach college basketball."

The Buckeyes' captain of 1960-61 said, "Recruiting has always been a problem for Ohio State in Ohio. There is enough talent in the state.

"In a situation now, they (Ohio State) have no talent. The first thing to be done would be building up a rapport between the school and the basketball public again. That will take time.

"Right now, Ohio State's basketball is at rock bottom. A helluva job selling Ohio State basketball would have to be done."

Siegfried said he learned organization most from Taylor as a player and during his 1972-73 tenure as an assistant coach. After that stint, he went with the Rockets.

Siegfried averaged 36.6 points during his senior Shelby season. He holds the school scoring record of 60 points. He led the state in scoring that season.

Following college graduation, the 6-foot-4 Siegfried played professionally with Cleveland, Boston, San Diego, Houston and Atlanta.

Jury indicts Aggie

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (AP) — A Brazos County grand jury has indicted Texas A&M football player Jackie Williams on charges of possession of marijuana.

Dist. Atty. Tom McDonald said Friday attorneys for Williams posted $5,000 bond.

Williams, a starting defensive back on the Aggies' co-Southwest Conference champion team, was arrested Jan. 20 when authorities raided a party at a College Station apartment.

Police said about 10 pounds of marijuana was found in a nearby apartment.

If convicted, Williams could receive up to 10 years in prison and $10,000 in fines.

Two o z Aggie football players, defensive back Pat Thomas acd running back Skip Walker, have been charged with misdemeanor poses77,$9f less than two ounk38.f marijuana.

Irish notch victory

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Junior guard Bill Paterno scored 23 points to pace eighthranked Notre Dame to a 90-83 college basketball victory over South Carolina Saturday.

Alex English led South Carolina with 32 points.

Nanooks recruit players who want to stay

By EARL GUSTKEY
The Los Angeles Times

FAIRBANKS — In 1962, the University of Alaska basketball team had a disappointing 4-4 season. The Nanooks were beaten twice each by their arch-rivals, Tommy's Elbow Room and The Flame Lounge.

Since then, however, the Nanooks (it's Eskimo for polar bear) have come a long way — they have upgraded their schedule to a full small college level and they are traveling 20,000 miles to do it. They've had to, simply because they're such along way from everybody.

The University of Alaska is located on a hill over looking Fair banks, 125 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The 54-year-old school has 2,000 students and fields teams in three intercollegiate sports — basketball, cross country skiing and rifle shooting.

It is cold here, but seven of Alaska's basketball payers this season are Californians.

HOW DO you recruit an athlete off-Southern California's beachesand lure him to land of seven-monthfreezing winters?

"Obviousy, it takes a special kind of kid to come up here," said 40-year-old head coach Al Sevenningson.

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"I tell him it really does get down to60-below in the winter. I tell him the summer mosquitos really are as big as he's heard. And I make sure he understands just how far Fairbanks is from Southern California (almost 3,000 miles).

"If a prospect has a negative reaction to any of that, we just fadeaway. But if he's still open-minded, then I appeal to his sense ofadventure and tell him about the hunting, backpacking and fishing.

"About 80 per cent of our recruiting effort is in Southern California. There are only 47 basketball playing high schools in Alaska and many of those have less than 100 students. Some of the high school teams up there have 5-10 centers."

Only two of Svenningson's players this season are Alaskans. One Steve Frank (6-3), was one of the best high school players ever to emerge from Fairbanks according to the coach.

"It's just an illustration of the factthat for us to play competitive collegiate basketball, we have to recruit in the Lower 48.

"AND I can honestly say we've never had a California kid quit and go home on us. In fact, about a quarter of them have stayed here after they've graduated."

Two who have stayed are schoolteachers in Fairbanks.

Dick Lee, 24, came here four years ago. He makes $14,300 a year as a first-year teacher, but hastily adds: My apartment costs $400 a month, my electric bill is $60 a month and gas costs 81 cents a gallon.

"My dad encouraged me to come here to school. He felt it would be valuable for me to live in a rugged environment. I'm happy here. Once you accept the fact it's going to be 20-below in the winter, it's just like any place else. I do miss golf. But I've taken up cross country skiing instead."

PHIL JORDAN, 25, arrived in 1971.

"I figured I'd come up here for two years, grin and bear it, then go back to Southern California. But everytime I've gone back to visit, I've liked Alaska more."

Last year, Jordan taught school in Healy, a coal mining town 80 miles south of Fairbanks.

Both Lee and Jordan said they decided to come to Alaska for the money. With high-paying construction and pipeline jobs available, Svenningson says he can assure a player of earning $12,000 in a summer, working seven days a week.

Al Silver, Svenningson's 31-year-old assistant coach, does most of Alaska's recruiting in Southern California. He grew up in the San Fernando Valley but has been in Fairbanks seven years.

"Sure, 50-below bothers me," he said. "But so did 95 in the San Fernando Valley. Besides, I didn't like the freeways."

Svenningson's basketball budget is $42,000, half of which goes to visiting teams in guarantees. a team gets $3,000 for playing two games in two nights in Fairbanks.

A FEW years ago, Svenningson tried to dress up his schedule by bringing in major college teams. He flew in Washington, Oklahoma City and Hawaii — and lost.

"I decided it wasn't worth it. We're independent, so the only way we can get into the NAIA (small college) playoffs at Kansas City is to have a good record. Having Washington on the schedule looks good but it's almost a certain loss for us.

"Dean Smith of North Carolina calls me every year. He wants to bring his club up here, but so far I've politely declined."

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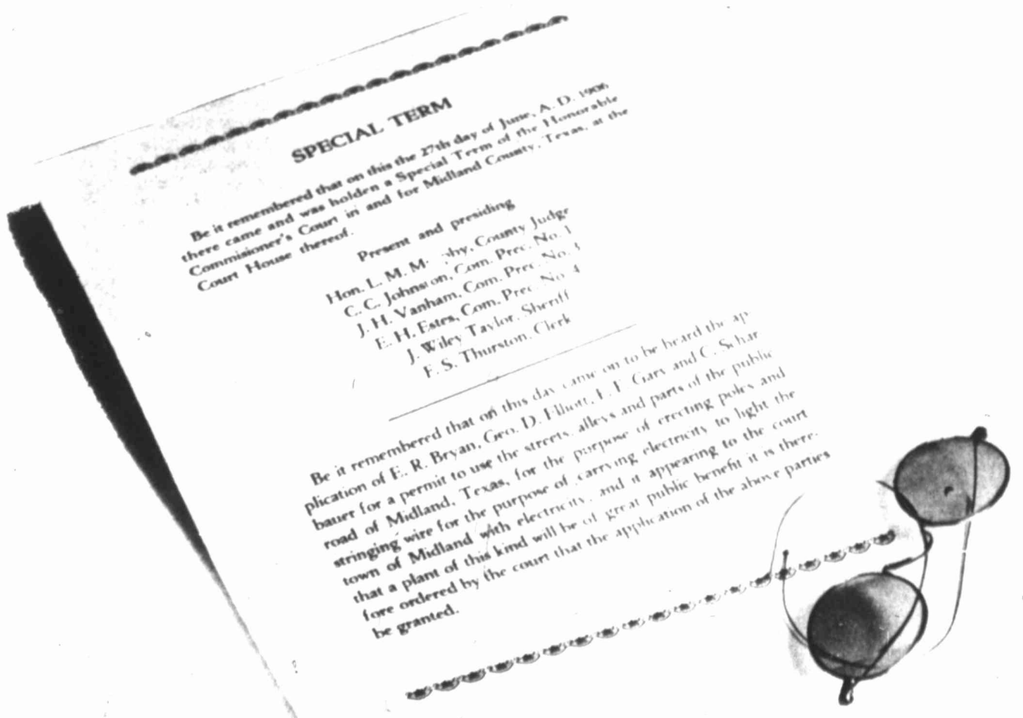

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"Certainly I remember you. Can't help but remember when we locked horns in friendly rivalry in spelling bees at CME Junior College when we were in the 7th. and 8th. grades and the fine relationships we had in those days back in Boley, Okla. I was happy to hear about your sister, Theresa and your mother. Please give them my regards. Perhaps they still remember me.

"I haven't been back to Boley but once since I graduated from Boley High School in 1930. Don't run across anybody much from there except Woody Dolphin, who as you know, was here in my office to visit with me for a few hours while he was in Pittsburgh on business. He is still a very fine person. I was surprised to learn that you live in New Mexico. Through the years, every once in a while I have run across your column in some of the exchange papers and often wanted to correspond with you but never knew where to write. Yes I had a brother, Ode, but he has been dead ever since 1942.

"Only the filthy rich can retire. Good for you in your semiretirement years. I'm 64, will be 65 in November but have no thought of retiring now. With the Courier newspaper you don't have to retire so long as you are able to produce. I do take it much easier now than I use to so I'll hang on a while since I'm in fairly good health.

"I have been in the newspaper business ever since 1934, the same year I left Lane College. Have been everything during that long period from paper folder to publisher. During the years was associated with the now defunct Kansas City Plaindealer, owned by Bishop Hamlett, who gave me my first job on a newspaper.

"I moved from there to the Kansas City Call, selling advertising. Went from there to the Houston Informer as advertising manager, then published a paper of my own in Houston for a short period in 1939.

"I went from Houston to the Journal and Guide in Norfolk, Va., as a writer, served in editorial capacities with the now defunct Washington Tribune, The Afro-American in Washington, D. C., the Cleveland Call and Post, the Cleveland Courier and now with the Sengstake Publications, as national editor of the Pittsburgh Courier chain, which is a part of the Sengstake Publications along with the Chicago Daily Defender, the Chicago Weekend Defender, The Detroit Chronicle, the Florida Courier, the Tri-State Defender of Memphis ...So you can see I have been around the horn.

"Mrs. Taylor and I live in Pittsburgh at 1/2 Verona Blvd. zip 15235 We have four children, all adults, living in Cleveland and nine grandchildren.

"Please give my regards to your wife. It's real good to hear from you. Hope we can keep up the relationship. Sincerely, "Woody Taylor - P.S. Herewith please find copies of the City and National Edition. P.O. Box 2939, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - 15230.

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Hotelman Harrah achieves rare car dream

By CHARLES HILLINGER
The Los Angeles Times

RENO — It's sheer heaven for automobile mechanics and car buffs.

The place: Bill Harrah's Automobile Collection, a 13-building complex on a 10-acre site housing more than 1,400 rare automobiles, believed to be the largest collection of its kind on earth.

Here, 87 master mechanics, panel beaters, woodworkers and upholsterers painstakingly rebuild obsolete engines and restore antique and classic cars to mint condition.

"What Detroit should have done we are doing here," declared Jim Edwards, 56, retired Air Force fighter pilot and services supervisor for the remarkable collection.

Harrah's has hundreds of resumes on file from mechanics throughout the world who want a chance to come to Reno and work on the rare old cars.

"Spending the twilight years of my career restoring turn of-the-century automobiles to exactly as they were originally and getting paid to do it is a dream come true," said Harry Morrow, 61.

Morrow, who moved from Belfast, Ireland, is currently making a radiator for a 1905 Winton. He is not only making the radiator from scratch, but the tools as well.

Many of the automobiles that Morrow and his colleagues have restored are one of a kind:

A 1906 Adams-Farwell convertible runabout, a 1910 Atlas touring car, a 1918 Frontmobile, a 1915 Harding, a 1915 Hollier, a 1925 Kleiber, a 1900 Packard, a 1928 Worldmobile — each the only one known to exist.

Lined up side by side are 136 Fords, 61 Franklins and 48 Packards — models for every year the cars have been produced.

There are Duesenbergs, Rolls-Royces, Pierce-Arrows, Stanley Steamers, Bentleys, Auburns, Cords, Hupmobiles, Jordans, Nashes, Joneses, LaSalles, Maxwells, Stutz Bearcats, Wills St. Claires, S.S.s, Pope-Hartfords, Cunninghams and hundreds of other makes.

What many consider the most valuable car in existence is here — the 1907 Thomas Flyer, winner of perhaps the most grueling auto race in history, 13,341 land miles across the United States, Asia and Europe.

The oldest car in the collection is the one-cylinder 1892 steam-powered Philion.

Two of only six 1931 Bugatti Royales in existence are here. They cost $40,000 each when new.

Bill Harrah, 64, famed Reno and Lake Tahoe casino operator and hotel man, has had a lifelong love affair with automobiles.

As a young boy he was a whiz at identifying cars. In 1918 Harrah bought a 1911 Maxwell and a 1911 Ford.

"It was something I always wanted to do. By then I was able to afford to buy a couple of cars I had admired all my life," the gaming baron explained.

Harrah was off and running. He began buying rare old automobiles every chance he had.

"By the time I had collected about 100 I decided to go for broke and really make something of my collection," Harrah said.

How much has Harrah and the corporation he heads invested in the unbelievable collection? Millions.

Just recently, for example, Harrah purchased the 68-car Winthrop Rockefeller collection for $927,000. Harrah is keeping 26 of the Rockefeller automobiles and will auction off the remaining 42 (duplicates of what he already has).

More than 2.5 million persons have visited the Harrah collection and automobile restoration facility since it opened in 1962.

Admission for adults is $3.25. Last year revenues from paid admissions totaled $1.2 million. Operating losses were $787,000 for the year, but at least that was below the $964,000 loss in 1974.

Revenues have always run behind the cost of maintaining, purchasing and restoring cars for the collection.

One section of the automobile museum, headed by Tom Dawson, is devoted solely to searching out and finding new cars for the collection.

Dawson and his staff scan 80 daily and Sunday newspapers and numerous magazines from throughout the nation looking for advertisements of old cars for sale.

They get daily phone calls from all over the world asking if they are interested in purchasing certain old cars.

"You never know when a phone call or an ad in a newspaper or magazine will lead us to a car on our want list," Dawson explained.

He recounted a half-dozen stories off the top of his head about finding rare, eagerly sought models in chicken coops, old barns and garages where some sat for a half-century or more.

There are 300 cars in the collection waiting to be restored before going on display. When each car is finished, it is given a final road test by Harrah.

Harrah manages to find a few hours every day to spend on his lifelong obsession.

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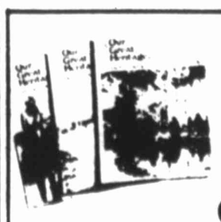

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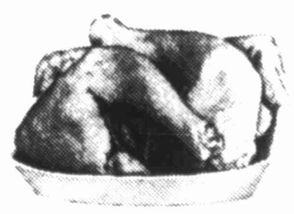

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Measure to increase government executive salaries in trouble

By MIKE CAUSEY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Most of the government's 5,000 career executives and their military counterparts would get an immediate $2,200 raise this year, and an additional $2,000 each year through 1980 under a bill in the works from Rep. Herbert E. Harris (D-Va.).

The Harris plan, which faces very long odds in the election-year Congress, is intended to gradually raise, and then eliminate, the legal ceiling (now $37,800) on pay for Grade 18, the peak of the career federal service.

Because of a top-level freeze from 1969 through 1974, most government executives in Grades 15, 16, 17 and 18 now make the same salary. The 5 per cent raise last October put them at $37,800. But they are unlikely to benefit from future raises unless the Harris bill, or something like it, is enacted into law. Federal career pay is held down in relation to the salaries of political appointees who in turn are limited (in most cases) to something less than members of Congress make.

According to the government's own data, senior civil servants in Grade 15 now should be getting $40,705. Long-service Grade 16 people are due $46,026; GS 17 should be $47,674 and Grade 18 deserves, according to the government, $48,654. Because of pay freezes and the current ceiling, however, all get the same $37,800.

Harris would raise all those "frozen" officials $2,000 a year for the next four years. By 1980 his plan, if it becomes law, would abolish the salary ceiling and permit the government to pay its top career executives whatever it thinks they deserve to be on a par with their private industry counterparts.

Unfortunately for the executives, the problem of frozen government pay isn't considered much of a problem anywhere but Washington. Probably eight of every 10 top federal officials live in this area (many in Harris' suburban Virginia district).

But away from Washington, it is difficult to convince most taxpayers (and the congressmen who represent them) that anybody is hurting at the $37,800 range.

Any presidential candidate advocating higher federal salaries at this time would probably guarantee losing most votes beyond the Washington metropolitan area, where, after all, is where most of the votes are anyhow. It is more likely that Harris' bill will fizzle this year, but it could become the groundwork for an executive salary refurbishing, which Congress might feel more secure in tackling in 1977.

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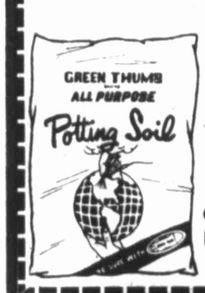

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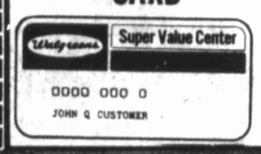

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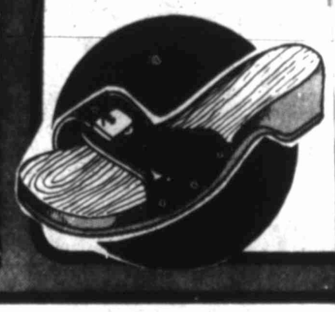

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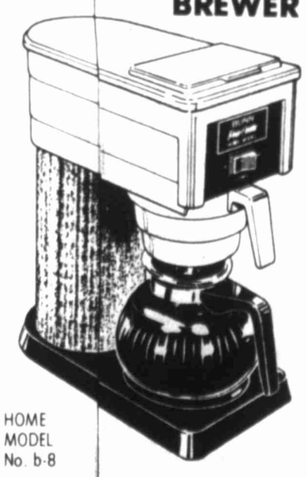

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School on wheels pupils use country as classroom

KILLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — The odometer of the Trailside Country School bus recently turned over and once again the mileage read as a row of zeroes. This was the tenth time it had done so, signifying that in the past seven years students in the unusual school on wheels have traveled one million miles.

"It's our sixth bus," said the school's organizer and director, Mike Cohen, of the vehicle that brought to that total the mileage covered in the ecology and environmental studies travel program.

"The school is based on the idea that direct experience and confrontation with natural and social phenomena are a valid form of education," Cohen explains.

The school year begins in September on Trailside's 200-acre wildlife sanctuary in Killington. Here the students meet each other for the first time and spend a week "orienting" themselves to the lakes, woods, caves and fauna of the Northern hardwood forest, as well as to one another.

After Vermont it's off to the White Mountains of New Hampshire for life zone study and hiking; Acadia National Park, Maine, to study the tide pools, and Martha's Vineyard for 10 days of bicycling and geology. The New England stay is completed with a week at Sturbridge Village, Mass., studying the life and ecology of the Federalist period.

From there the 20 or so students and staff of three or four go to Bowmansville, Pa., for an anthropological look into Amish community life while participating in farm work. Then they go south to Florida and the Virgin Islands for study of ornithology, tropical ecology and for reef exploration.

The next four months are spent backpacking, hiking, exploring caves, studying archeology, looking for fossils, visiting museums and observatories and exploring in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, California, Idaho and Washington. "All this is interspersed with about seven weeks of vacation and independent study breaks in which the students can go home and try out some of the ideas and concepts about group living and relating that they've acquired," Cohen says. "It is also a time for reading, writing critical essays and other projects."

These have included building a dulcimer, making a quilt, constructing a loom, building an old-fashioned rocking chair, hand binding a book and conducting a seminar on how birds fly, notes the director.

"The main object is for our students to learn to live closer to nature and to be less dependent on modern technology," explains Diana Cohen, Mike's wife and co-director of the school. "Learning to comfortably camp out wherever we are — tropics, deserts, woodlands, alpine areas — in all seasons and weather conditions helps achieve independence.

"Many learn to be excellent cooks and dietitians by the end of the year even though they are using only portable gas stoves," says Mrs. Cohen.

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Spirit of '76

The Reporter-Telegram today presents its Bicentennial Edition, with "Midland 76" sharing honors with "American Revolution Bicentennial 1776-1976" as its general theme.

This edition, dedicated to America's Bicentennial observance, pays tribute to the dedicated, determined founders and leaders of this great nation and to those courageous, strong-willed, hard-working, God-fearing men and women who pioneered America, particularly this great section of the state and nation.

Never before in history has so much in so many areas of life been accomplished in a comparatively brief period of time. This in itself is a tribute to a free people of a free nation, operating under a private enterprise system, which has proved its greatness and its effectiveness in so many ways. It's the American way.

It's no wonder, then, that citizens across the width and breadth of this great land are so enthused about, so wrapped-up in this historic Bicentennial observance, which reaches into every city, every community, every hamlet in the United States of America. It is an occasion for rejoicing, for celebrating, and for personal and corporate reflection, as well as for paying tribute to those who have gone on before.

Bicentennial enthusiasm will continue to spiral skyward day-by-day until the climaxing events of the nationwide observance are held on the Fourth of July . A unique, community-wide fair will mark the Midland observance on the Independence Day weekend.

Bicentennial also is serving to unite Americans in a closer bond of citizenship, patriotism, national pride, and faith and confidence in the future — all tending to strengthen the nation and everything for which it stands.

It is a time for flag-waving, certainly, just as it is a time for rededication on the part of all Americans.

"This is my country — long may it live" should be declared with pride and determination by every American, with every Bicentennial thought.

It is great to review the past — its many and varied achievements, its mistakes, its disappointments, and this is one of the Bicentennial objectives. We must never forget those great leaders in the fields of industry, science, commerce, medicine, religion, agriculture, education and research, who have been responsible for much of the nation's greatness.

A public salute is due all those persons and institutions who have had parts in making this the greatest nation in the world, with the highest standard of living ever known — a nation which has assumed its role of leadership graciously and generously in its relationship with other countries.

Although this particular part of the country is young in comparison to other sections which experienced earlier settlement and development, it has a proud history and a great, meaningful heritage, which resulted from the efforts of its brave, hardy pioneers and those who have followed and yet follow in their footsteps.

This Bicentennial Edition of The Reporter-Telegram reviews in story and picture form much of the history and rapid de elopment of Midland and adjacent territory from the mid-1880s when Midland County was created.

It attempts to tell the story of a great region and its people in an interesting manner, with facts, figures and dates presented as accurately as it was possible to obtain them.

Hopefully, it will be a volume of historic value as well as an interesting and informative Bicentennial souvenir edition.

Yes, we are proud of the past where our roots are, but our eye must be kept on the future.

This great and free nation which has accomplished so much in 200 years can and must move ahead toward an even greater and better America in the years ahead.

It is with respect, admiration and appreciation with which we salute Bicentennial ... while at the same time looking to the future with even greater anticipation and enthusiasm.

God bless America!

INSIDE REPORT:

The deeper meaning of Angola reviewed

By ROWLAND EVANS
And ROBERT NOVAK

Evans Novak

WASHINGTON — In sending a special emissary here to plead to an ostrich-like U.S. Congress for help, Zaire's President Mobutu has warned that the now certain Soviet victory in Angola could escalate into far worse defeat for the Western world elsewhere in southern Africa.

That somber message, carried to a score of key Senators and Representatives by Mobutu's foreign minister, Nguza, has had some impact. But it is conjectural whether Congress, in its election-year isolationist mood bred out of Vietnam,is now prepared to vote help for Zaire, Zambia and other nations of southern Africa after its flat veto of President Ford's plan to aid Angola.

If Congress keeps its head in the sand, the fault will not lie in the clear warnings of either President Ford or Nguza, who spent 10 days roving Capitol Hill. Zaire's Belgium-educated foreign minister, who is highly regarded in Western Europe, carried this message: U.S. failure to compete with brazen Soviet foreign intervention would threaten not only his own country and neighboring Zambia; it would endanger Africa's entire southern salient down to the Cape of Good Hope.

The reason is Angola's unique strategic position," which gives it immense economic leverage over landlocked Zambia and nearly landlocked Zaire. If Moscow retains its present power in Angola, both Zaire and Zambia could be economically decimated.

Zaire (the former Belgian Congo) is the largest fertile country in Africa, equal in size to the U.S. east of the Mississippi. It is also one of the world's richest sources of copper, manganese and other valuable minerals.

The critical geographical fact is Zaire's dependence on rail transport across Angola to the Atlantic Ocean. "That is our lifeline," Nguza told us here recently. "Close it and our people in Shaba (formerly Katanga, the copper-rich part of Zaire) will be ruined."

Moscow has coveted the riches of the old Belgian Congo for decades. Antoine Gizenga, a key pro-Soviet figure on the losing side of the Congolese civil war a decade ago, is now in Angola for possible trouble-making in his old homeland. Also in Angola are some 5,000 anti-Mobutu troops from the old civil war — military pawns for use back in Zaire.

What frightens Zaire, Zambia and other non-aligned nations of southern Africa even more than massive Soviet military aid to Angola is the contrasting U.S. refusal to help. As Nguza told us and warned Congressmen: "The Africans, I am sorry to say, are losing their confidence in the United States. Whenever there is any trouble, the U.S. says, 'No more Vietnams.' That is hard for us to understand."

That confirmed what Europeans, far better informed on once-colonial Africa than Americans, have been privately warning: the mere existence of Soviet-backed Angola, coupled with the congressional refusal to compete, could automatically generate pro-Communist movements, without pressures from the Kremlin.

Nguza and other non-Communist Africans are counting on a visit by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to southern Africa to help show that the U.S. does not intend to withdraw from super-power competition on the continent.

But the real question lies in Congress. Can Congress, as some tenuous signs now indicate, finally rid itself of the costly illusion that every U.S. involvement is a candidate for "another Vietnam"?

Unless the answer is yes, the political outlook in southern Africa is dangerous. North of Zaire is the Peoples' Republic of the Congo (the former French Congo), controlled by an anti-Western regime. To the east along the Indian Ocean lies Mozambique, like Angola a former Portuguese colony whose government has intimate ties to Moscow. If the assumption is correct that Moscow will indeed be able to consolidate and hold its political influence over pro-Soviet Angola, Zaire and Zambia are extremely vulnerable —landlocked countries squeezed between Angola and Mozambique.

That was the message of President Mobutu's emissary here. Whether Congress understands it will not be known until it takes up the President's military and economic aid program for Zaire. It amounts to a piddling $42 million, but the congressional attitude toward it could foretell the fate of southern Africa.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Chief Justice Warren Burger

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — In his spare time, Warren E. Burger often browses through some of Washington's elegant shops. The chief justice is a quiet shopper, meticulous in his knowledge, polite in his manner.

He often passes through the posh Georgetown shopping area unrecognized. Sometimes a tasteful fedora covers his flowing white hair and dignified sunglasses protect his eyes from the sunlight.

Burger shops not only for himself but for the Supreme Court. Each year since President Nixon appointed him in 1969, the chief justice has directed the court to purchase between $300 and $400 worth of old furniture.

When we inquired about all the antiques Burger has bought with court funds, a spokesman carefully explained the furniture is not antique. The definition of antique, he said, is something more than 100 years old. None of the furniture Burger has selected is quite that old, said the spokesman.

Only a president matches the stature and import of a chief justice. Yet while Americans are deluged with data on Gerald Ford as head of the Executive Branch, few citizens know much about Warren Burger who heads the judicial system.

Burger's comparative anonymity is no accident. The 68-year-old jurist is a private individual, rarely known as more than a name on an inside page of a newspaper. His major public appearances come at the annual State of the Union addresses, those singularly formal, carefully orchestrated meetings of the three branches of government. Then only the President has a speaking role.

Burger's public words can be found in his opinions and in the half-a-dozen lectures he delivers yearly, most of them to legal groups. The chief justice rarely grants interviews to the press. The few exceptions are of the question-answer variety and are edited by Burger before they are published. This aloofness, critics complain, makes him peculiarly unaccountable to the public.

We have reported in the past, quoting court sources, that Burger not only is aloof but pompous. But intimates now tell us this impression comes both from his personal shyness and from a passion to preserve the dignity of the Supreme Court.

His efforts to furnish the court with classic American furniture, for example, are intended to help bring dignified elegance to the marble building. But his passion for dignity also leads him to adopt an almost regal manner, which some associates have mistaken for arrogance.

As evidence of his imperiousness, we once reported that Burger ordered the installation of a gold carpet for the justices to walk on. One of his intimates has now given us the inside story about the carpet, a story Burger never bothered to explain to his court colleagues.

According to this intimate, Burger ordered the carpet installed out of concern for two of his fellow justices whose eyesight was failing. Burger selected the brightest carpet he could find to help the old jurists negotiate over a precarious walkway.

Burger's eye for furnishing the court comes naturally to the man who in his youth became an adept amateur artist. He worked in watercolors, oils and sculpture. A head of Dante, which Burger once sculpted, sits in his chambers. But the image of the Italian poet serves more as a reminder of bygone days of leisure, for Burger now has little time for his art.

The chief justice puts in long days at the court, usually arriving about nine in the morning and leaving about seven in the evening. He often works by the light of the reading lamp in his chauffeur-driven, telephone-equipped blue Cadillac during the ride between the court and his home. He is the only member of the court who is assigned a limousine and a driver.

During his morning routine, the chief justice may pause to snack on warm ginger snaps and lemon tea. Sometimes during the day, he selects a goblet for his wine from several samples of glassware offered him on a silver tray by a manservant.

As chief justice, Burger has ex-officio duties beyond presiding over the court. He serves on numerous judicial boards and he nominally supervises the court's approximately 250 employes. Our sources say he keeps a close eye on the smallest administrative details of the court's operation.

When his counterparts from foreign countries visit Washington, Burger usually hosts a formal reception for the foreign jurists. He scrupulously pays the expenses out of his own pocket and, according to one intimate, doesn't even deduct the entertainment costs from his income tax.

Under Burger's leadership, the court has moved from the activist days of Earl Warren to a more conservative, somewhat passive phase.

History will probably credit Burger more for his efforts at reforming the legal system than his judicial acumen. Legal scholars regard him as a mediocre legal craftsman.

An admirer of the British system of justice, Burger has criticized the operation of American courts.

But the judgment Burger is interested in will come not from his colleagues or the press or historians. Sophisticated Warren Burger is a devoutly religious man, a dedicated Presbyterian who believes in a final judgment. The chief justice of the United States is trying to build a good case for himself for the day he appears before the Final Bench.

NICK THIMMESCH

Reforming the rules in Washington's secrecy game

Thimmesch

WASHINGTON — Perhaps we are on our way to some reform in the battle rules between the government intelligence community (protecting secrets) and the Congress-Press forces (trying to make sure government crimes and malfeasance are not covered up).

President Ford's executive orders and legislative proposals are a start in the right direction, and that doesn't mean political "right," as some civil libertarians seem to think.

In asking Congress to make it a crime for a government employe to reveal information relating to intelligence sources and methods, Mr. Ford is not asking for the broad-guage Official Secrets Act the British happily employ.

No less a critic of executive branch secrecy than Rep. Otis Pike (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Intelligence committee says, "I don't think the President's proposal is an Official Secrets Act. I think it could be a good law if there is a clear definition of what SOURCES and METHODS are."

However the new rules imposed on the Central Intelligence Agency and other intelligence agencies work out, and whatever legislation Congress enacts to restrain its own immodest impulses (leaks), there is clear concensus that the United States will continue to have a strong intelligence-gathering apparatus.

It is folly to think that a nation of the strength, size and influence of the United States can survive without a global intelligence network. The issue really is how can this capability be maintained without violating the integrity of foreign nations and the civil rights of American citizens.

President Ford's guidelines, if followed carefully, would prevent the abuses by intelligence agencies that we have learned about in the past few years. His proposals for reorganization of these agencies seem less important to me. Administrative shuffles look good on paper, but the real question is how honest and scrupulous are the men who wind up with the power after the reorganization.

In this case, CIA Director George Bush gets most of the power. There is nothing in his record which would make me think he is not to be trusted. The official who held much of the power on intelligence activities in the past, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, has a record which makes me mistrust him. In the reorganization, he doesn't have all that power.

The enormous ruckus over U.S. intelligence agencies, and the public's right to know, dates to the theft of the Pentagon Papers by Daniel Ellsberg in 1971. Ellsberg, while not revealing "sources and methods," stole documents and violated a signed agreement to respect their confidentiality.

But through the middle-'60s there was an increasing number of such thefts from government agencies, particularly with the rise of Ralph Nader and his "raiders" who vigorously tried to expose government blunders and corruption.

Ellsberg's theft understandably infuriated Kissinger largely because Ellsberg also got Kissinger's Vietnam option papers while he was still negotiating with North Vietnam's Le Duc Tho. Now we know that Mr. Nixon's White House "Plumbers" were formed after that — and disgraced the CIA — and quick as you could say, G. Gordon Liddy, we had Watergate.

There followed all manner of leaks from Sen. Sam Ervin's Watergate committee, the Watergate prosecutor's office, the FBI and various other government sources. When the CIA investigation began last year, some of the better-placed people in this town suddenly railed against leaks. The whole controversy came to a boil with the leak of the Pike Committee report. Kissinger cried, "McCarthyism," and again threatened to quit.

Anyway, Congress now has some proposals to chew on, and key intelligence agency officials have some rules to live by.

Do not think that the leak system will not continue here. It will. The greatest enemies of this government, in this sense, are not the Ellsbergs, Naderites, disgruntled government employees or advocacy chaps on congressional committees. The enemies are all those confounded copier machines across the bureaucracy and on Capito! Hill which can be quickly used for mischievous, even wicked, purposes.

Let us hope that those with rational heads in this town bring common sense to bear on the question of intelligence gathering, so that Uncle Sam, as I wrote before, doesn't go around to international cocktail parties pulling his pants down to prove his honesty.

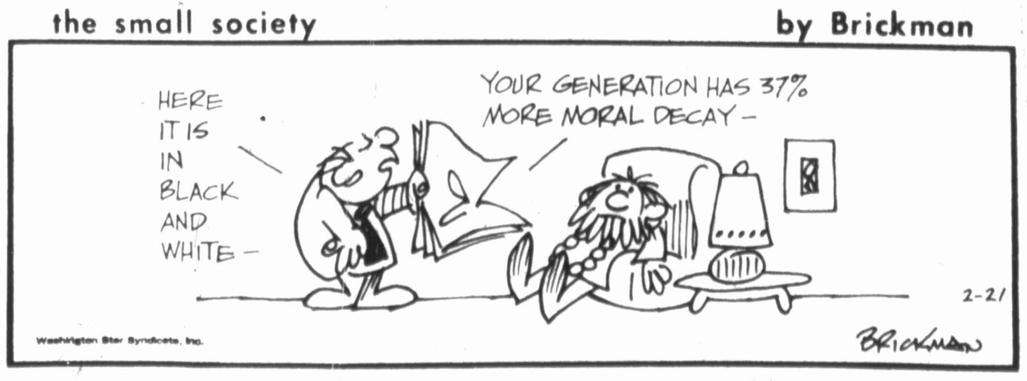
BIBLE VERSE

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. — Galatians 5:1.

The Country Parson

"It's fun to see your neighbor get what he wants — if it isn't something you want."

the small society by Brickman



ART BUCHWALD

Post New Hampshire: too soon they forget

WASHINGTON — It must be tough to be a resident of New Hampshire. Every four years presidential candidates descend upon the state with their gaggle of campaign staffs and their media followers, and the New Hampshire voter suddenly is the center of nationwide interest. It's hard to keep all this attention from going to someone's head. This is what will probably happen after Feb. 24, the day of the New Hampshire primary.

Dundee has gone down to Florida for a vacation on Mar. 1 and he sees one of the presidential candidates (we'll call him Wellborn) at Disney World.

"Hi there, Mr. Wellborn," Dundee shouts. "Remember me?"

Wellborn grins, sticks out his hand, but shows no recognition.

"Sam Dundee, from Mount Washington, N.H.," Dundee says, trying to help the candidate out. "I met you at the general store in Bretton Woods."

"Yes, of course," Wellborn replies, the grin frozen on his face.

"You said as far as you were concerned, New Hampshire was the greatest state in the Union, and if you were elected President you would see that the people of Bretton Woods were not forgotten."

"Of course, Mr. Dundee. I remember it well. But I'm in Florida now and this primary is very important to me, so if you'll excuse me."

"Look, there're a couple of things I wanted to ask you, but I forgot at the time. How do you really feel about abortion?"

The TV cameras and reporters start closing in.

Wellborn, still grinning, says, "Well, Sam, I think you should have asked the question in New Hampshire. After all, the people in Florida should be the ones to ask me questions here."

"Wait a minute. You told me in Bretton Woods that you were willing to answer any question the voters asked you."

"Sam, the primary is over in New Hampshire. I have to put all my efforts into Florida. I'm sure the people in Florida have other things on their mind besides abortion."

"Hangdog it, Wellborn. When you were after my vote in New Hampshire you said it was people like me who would decide who the next President of the United States would be. You asked me to pose with you for pictures with my little daughter Laura in the snow. We had to do it four times because your campaign manager couldn't round up all the photographers and TV people. And you distinctly said to me, 'Sam, I hope I see you again. America needs more Americans like you.' You don't strike up a friendship with someone in Bretton Woods and then pretend you don't know the man when you meet him at Disney World."

A large crowd has gathered by this time and Wellborn isn't quite sure what to do next. A man from Florida yells out, "Did you tell this Yankee that New Hampshire was the greatest state in the Union?"

"I said one of the greatest states in the Union," Wellborn says.

"No, he didn't," yells Dundee. "He said 'the greatest.' You can ask anyone in Bretton Woods."

"Well, if you liked it so much up there," the man from Florida says to Wellborn, "why didn't you stay there?"

"There's been some mistake," Wellborn protests. "I hardly spent any time in New Hampshire. My major concern has been the good people of Florida and how we can keep this state economically strong and healthy. Does anybody have an orange? I don't think there's anything better than a Florida orange unless it's a Florida grapefruit."

"That's what you said about New Hampshire pancakes and maple syrup three weeks ago," Dundee shouts.

Wellborn's press people start pushing Dundee away. Wellborn, the grin back on his face, is shaking hands. He picks up a little girl and holds her in his arms. "Someday when you grow up," he says, looking into the cameras, "you might be President of the United States."

Dundee shouts, "Don't believe him. That's what he said in New Hampshire to my daughter Laura."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's our chance

To The Editor:

I was interested in reading your editorial last Sunday in which you stated that you feel a project to interest Midlanders in flying the American flag during 1976 could not be overdone. You mentioned the fact that a special task force has been named by the El Paso Chamber of Commerce president to sponsor such a project there.

You will be pleased to learn such a project is being sponsored in Midland by the Bicentennial Commission here. Plans were made last year to sponsor the project in the spring of 1975, only to be deferred until this spring after it was discovered it would not be possible at that time to obtain American flags in quantity for sale to those not already having them. It seems that the flag manufacturing companies were swamped with orders, causing a delay of several months in delivery.

Since the commission planned an extensive promotion of this project in hopes of interesting all Midlanders and businesses in obtaining flags and flying them, it was necessary that enough flags be available. Last fall several thousand American flags of various sizes and qualities, as well as national Bicentennial flags, were ordered for delivery this month.

A large committee of enthusiastic citizens under the chairmanship of Ronnie Williams has already formulated exciting plans for our "10,000 Flags Over Midland" project.

From a survey conducted by the commission last spring through the Midland schools it has been projected that about 8,000 Midland families already have American flags and that many thousands more would purchase and fly them as part of this event.

With the help of the commission in making flags available and involving Midland groups in the promotion, sale and distribution of them, surely it is not too optimistic to expect to have 10,000 flags flying from our homes, buildings and businesses this year.

The commission hopes that Midlanders will "show their colors" at this time as a way of indicating that they do believe in patriotism and in letting the world know they are proud to be Americans.

Mrs. Charles M. Linehan
Executive Director
Midland Bicentennial Commission

Let's cooperate

To The Editor:

Wouldn't it be great if during the Bicentennial year Midland and Odessa started seriously cooperating with each other. Blasphemy, blasphemy you say. I realize the complexities and lack of probability of this occurring, but if it did, other than a few bruised egos, most of the results could only be good.

I could at least see a competitive area shopping complex. Those trips to Lubbock and Dallas seem to get longer each time. But at present they are profitable, mind you.

There have been many examples of the undesirable results of two cities not cooperating. Look at the number of semi-abandoned airports in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. For many things it is too late. We sure could have used a good four-year area college within stones throw of the two cities.

No, I am not advocating the forming of one city called Midessa or Odland, but isn't it time that we concentrate on making the area number one rather than each city having to be (number one). There is nothing wrong with trying to be the best, but it seems some past actions were motivated by a need to see that the other city was second.

What do you say, let's give it a try. With a lot of luck, some years from now the other cities around here may not be able to claim that their taxes are only a fraction of ours.

E. M. Pringle III
2505 Stutz Place

Let them resign

To The Editor:

I have never written a letter to the editor but have just read about the federal judges bringing suit against their employer for more money.

The federal judges are making over $42,000 a year now. I'm sure the American people have very little sympathy for anyone who cannot survive on $42,000 a year. I'm sure 75 per cent of the lawyers do not make this much. Most of these federal judges used all the political clout they could muster to get appointed. If they don't like their salary, why don't they resign? I suspect most of them couldn't make $42,000 a year in private practice is the reason they don't resign.

It is a sorry plight in the American judicial system when in effect a judge goes on strike against his employer. After Watergate and now this, it is no wonder the American people hold the legal profession in such low esteem. The judges should resign and let someone else perform the duties or the judges should be impeached.

Mary Jane Moran
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Advice needed

To The Editor:

Recently in Midland a young man of 18 died of asphyxiation in his sleep due to an unvented space heater left burning in the bathroom of his apartment.

Many of us under age 25 have grown up unfamiliar with the proper operation of the old gas flame heaters. Such ignorance can easily be fatal.

It would be a valuable public service to your readers if you would feature a brief but prominent article outlining the dangers of these heaters and detailing the ways they can be used safely. Everyone needs to know:

Gas heaters burn up the room's oxygen. If the resident is sleeping, and his room is not adequately ventilated, he will sink deeper and deeper into unconsciousness to the point of death. Therefore:

One should never go to bed until all such heating sources in the house have been turned off. If the room gets too cold, it should not be too much trouble to put on another blanket.

Those who frequently fall asleep with their clothes on should by all means keep some of their windows cracked slightly open.

By highlighting these facts, you may be able to save some lives.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion and for the continuing responsible service you provide this community.

Mark Mercer
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An injustice

To The Editor:

I was relieved to read Wayne Ulrich's letter in the Feb. 15 issue of The Reporter-Telegram. Having read the report to the board of governors of Midland Memorial Hospital, Mr. Ulrich's letter clarified what might have become a public relations fiasco.

For a fact, Mr. Ulrich read his report to the board, therefore, he could not have, he himself, changed his intent unintentionally. The intent was changed by editorial reporting. When a reporter summarizes remarks, particularly in such a sensitive area as politics, he is injecting personal interpretation of intent. I do not call this good reporting. Miss Barber has done Midland Memorial and Mr. Ulrich an injustice by injecting opinion in her reporting.

Jere C. Hubbard
1 Lazywood Lane, Rt. 2

Free press important

To The Editor:

Many people feel that the press is too free in what it prints, and that it should be controlled by the federal government. I do not.

In Article I of the amendments to the U. S. Constitution, it guarantees the freedoms of speech and of the press. This in itself is one of the bases on which our country was formed over 200 years ago.

If our country is to keep on surviving, the press and other forms of media need to keep on reporting the facts as they have for the past two centuries, no matter whether it be conspiracy or whether it be another Watergate.

If the press is controlled, this will violate the people's right to know and the legislation on freedom of information.

We, the people believe in democracy. Can we keep it that way?

Chris Brown
3215 Sentinel Drive

A busy time

To The Editor:

The individuals who work behind the scenes at the Midland County Courthouse should receive more public recognition and "Thanks".

In order to comply with the crazy election rules of 1976, the voter registration office is in turmoil from within and is invaded by volunteers for each presidential candidate from without. The telephone continually ringing; "Am I registered to vote," is the guestion of the day — which is great — more and more people should register and vote their convictions.

Mrs. Janeice Builta, the person responsible for the many details and copies of same in the registrars' office, is calm, smiling and courteous amidst the turmoil and confusion of instructions from those in charge of elections.

My thanks to her is only a small expression of how I think of her and her abilities. It was her willingness to go the second mile, that made it possible to verify the registration of so many voters on the petitions for George C. Wallace in Midland County.

Mr. Wallace is on the primary ballot with 37 signers of the petitions in the State of Texas.

Thanks again, Mrs. Builta.

Ada M. Spivey
1004 North A St.

Liberals at fault

To The Editor:

Once again the liberals in the Congress have contracted "hoof-and-mouth" disease. While posturing as the guardians of the average American's right to a job, and the protectorates of same from the usurpation of power by the government, they proved by their vote to increase controls on the natural gas industry, that they have little regard for keeping folks employed or freeing citizens from the stranglehold of the federal bureaucracy.

Industries which depend on natural gas for their operation, either because it is absolutely necessary for the manufacturing process (as in textiles), or because gas is cheaper and cleaner burning than alternative fuel sources, will be forced to shut down or have already done so.

That means lost jobs and wasted national productive capacity. The reason for this is that the artificially low wellhead price set by the Federal Power Commission (FPC) has virtually guaranteed that no new gas supplies will become available.

The high risk involved in gas exploration and the increasing production costs facing the industry, necessitate a more realistic approach, especially in light of our economy's monstrous energy needs.

There would be no shortage of natural gas in the interstate market had the FPC been an effective regulatory agency. It makes no sense then, given its past performance, to continue and increase the FPC's authority in this energy field.

Instead, if the liberals succeed here, the government's encroachment on what remains of the free market will be assured, the pursuit of energy independence for this country will be rendered an academic exercise, and the meaningful efforts by the few people in Washington with foresight and ingenuity will continue to be thwarted.

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AUSTIN NOTEBOOK

Advantages of Texan in White House

By PATRICK CONWAY
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — U. S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says he will now spend five days a week on the floor in Washington representing Texas and two days back home campaigning for reelection.

This may or may not answer some of his detractors who have claimed Bentsen neglected Texas while seeking the Democratic nomination for president.

When Bentsen forsook that ambition there was much chortling from his liberal opponents in the Texas Democratic party and, as would be natural, from the Republicans who would like to replace him in the Senate with one of their own.

What most folks seem to overlook is how wonderful it would be to have another Texan in the White House.

The state didn't hurt at all while the Prince of the Pedernales held court on the Potomac, and his love-of-state largess is still being felt in many areas despite inflation and other economic problems.

Liberal Democrats don't want Bentsen as the Texas standard bearer at the national convention in New York, but in hating him, there are some things they have overlooked.

Bentsen's record as a Democrat on the national scene has not been one that the liberals can call shoddy, although it might not sit well in some instances with the more conservative members of the state party.

And his state chairman for the presidential campaign is Agriculture Commissioner John White, who probably many of the young liberal screamers do not know was the only candidate for statewide office who refused to cross-file in both parties back when the state's Democratic leaders were abandoning Adlai Stevenson for an "I Like Ike" button.

Why would White stick his neck out if he didn't believe Bentsen had something to offer? He's not fond of falling on grenades, so perhaps he saw the long range benefits Texas can have by once again being strong on the national scene.

The Republicans didn't think much of Lyndon B. Johnson's tenure as President, but I can't recall hearing many conservatives complain when Texas got another goody out of the tax barrel.

U. S. Sen. John Tower has now been on the scene in Washington long enough to provide some stroke, but when he announces something new for the state his supporters call it a "much needed program," whereas, when the Democrats did it it was an automatic "boondoggle."

So Bentsen has retrenched, and it is doubtful if we will ever know how strong a presidential contender he could have been. On May 1, in the primary, Democrats will be asked to choose between Bentsen, Gov. George Wallace, Jimmy Carter, Fred Harris, Sargent Shriver, someone called Ellen McCormack, and something even weirder called "Uncommitted."

Voting "Uncommitted," in a sense is like giving a blank check to a con man, because you don't know what he is going to do with it after he gets out of your sight.

Never-the-less, that's what National Democratic Committeewoman Billie Carr wants Texans to do, although she now admits Bentsen may have more stroke in the primary than she said he would have when she was helping shoot down his national campaign.

Texas is not a liberal state, but LBJ proved that an astute politician can pull all factions together for his and the state's benefit. Texans may soon be calling for the same type of catalyst.

Somewhere, I'm sure, John Connally is listening.

POSITIVE THINKING

How you can be an improved person

By NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

I received a letter the other day with a check in it, and for an odd amount too — $31. Just why that particular sum, I don't know, but that's the way it was written.

The letter said, "Dear Dr. Peale, I am enclosing my check in the amount of thirty-one dollars drawn to your order. May I ask that you use the proceeds of this check in any way that will be pleasing to God. The writer is a former alcoholic who lived on Skid Row for over three years. Have been arrested for drunkenness and drunk driving a number of times, don't know how many jails I've been in or how much time I served. I tried to quit drinking at least one hundred times, but just couldn't do it. Then, in my darkest hour I chanced to read (or was it chance?) Jeremiah 33:3. I believed these words. Through prayer I was able to completely change the course of my life. Sincerely, —."

Well, I endorsed that check over to a good cause and then took down my Bible to refresh my recollection of the verse this man had mentioned. Jeremiah 33:3 reads "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Now I don't know whether any of my readers have had a great spiritual experience and awakening, such as this man recounted in his letter. His letter was a dramatic and difficult one. He repeatedly tried to do something with himself, but he failed. And then, one day, he opened his Bible and came upon just these 19 words. What happened to him as a result? He got a dynamic and creative idea. It drove deeply into his mind. He began to believe it. He established contact with God, the Creator who also recreates people, and now he can write that he is a changed man.

This man's story illustrates a simple, primary and fundamental technique by which each of us can become a better person. I'm sure everyone wants to be an improved individual.

And what do we mean by a better person? Simply one who has learned to get a firmer hold of himself, to be more efficient and more effective, to get along well with people and to overcome the weaknesses and deficiencies that have plagued him all his life.

Real self-improvement comes from personality change deep within. You can go to church for years and perhaps get only a veneer of improvement. Nobody ever really became a better person unless he wanted to with all his heart and was willing to work at it and to believe deeply.

Inside many of us there are conflicting and defeatist forces which frustrate our occasional impulses to do something about ourselves. They always hold us back. If you really want to be a better person, you have to reach for it with all that you have of desire, determination and faith.

It is pretty difficult for a human being to change for the better without spiritual motivation and understanding. But the Bible tells you how — it is the finest how-to-do-it book ever written. It is a very specific handbook for remaking your personality and life. It teaches you how to think, how to have good personal relations, how to have strength. In short, it outlines how to change from a defeated to a successful human being. The basic secret is that it reconditions your thinking. Try starting that process of thought conditioning now.

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Weighing profits. Far be it from us to poke into somebody else's business (we've got headaches enough of our own). But we're beginning to wince when newscasters, politicians and other critics charge that the big food chains are ripping off the consumer and should be broken up. That's the same argument we hear against oil companies. And tomorrow, who knows? Will there be demands to dismember dress manufacturers, pizza makers and dog food companies? For the record, a Cornell University study shows that average net profit for all food chains in 1974 was well below 1% of sales. (Our own net profit on the petroleum we sold last year worldwide was only about 1.5¢ per gallon.) The moral, of course, is that bigness can *help* the consumer by bringing down costs through big volumes. Especially in oil. And that is our business.

Early bloomers. You can make artificial carnations out of plastic Hefty waste bags, made by Mobil Chemical Company. The flowers first blossomed in the imagination of Addy Baker, a Hong Kong-born artist in Mobil Chemical's design center. With the right snips, folds, pleats, and crinkles, she created flowers so real-looking that people have actually tried to water them. If you'd like to turn white or yellow plastic bags into a dazzling bouquet (average time per flower: ten minutes), write us for instructions. Please *tape* a quarter to your letter to cover postage and handling costs.

Top of the keg. St. Bernards, the large, shaggy dogs who have sniffed avalanche victims out of the snow in Switzerland since the 17th century, are a happy example of how man's best friend can coexist with man's high technology. The brave canines have been working closely with Alpine helicopter pilots in recent years. Often, helicopters alone can't locate avalanche victims, and it remains for the friendly dogs to sniff them out for the choppers. Making the St. Bernard a champion bird dog, we suppose.

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Bottom of the barrel. During the darkest days of the American Revolution, George Washington had a difficult time finding people willing to fight for the new government. Today, one out of five *works* for it.

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Houston to feature world premiere opera

HOUSTON — A world premiere production of a new opera will open this week to highlight the Bicentennial season of the Houston Grand Opera.

"Bilby's Doll," American composer Carlisle Floyd's new opera, will have its first professional performance Friday night in Jones Hall in downtown Houston. Subsequent performances are scheduled for next Sunday afternoon and the evenings of March 2 and 5. These presentations are on the HGO's regular series. Additional performances on the opera organization's American and "Pop Op" series will be presented next Saturday and March 1 respectively.

Based on Esther Forbes' compelling novel, "A Mirror for Witches," Floyd's three-act opera is set in the American colonies and deals with a young girl who is thought to be devil-possessed. All performances will be in English.

Starring in this Bicentennial salute will be an all-American cast headed by soprano Catherine Malfitano in the title role. Miss Malfitano, daughter of singer Joseph Malfitano with whom she frequently teams for recital engagements on the Community Concerts circuit, has sung in several past Houston Grand Opera productions, including "La Perichole" and "Der Rosenkavalier." She also has sung in productions at the Santa Fe Opera, and she is scheduled to make her operatic debut at London's Covent Garden this May.

Joining this young New York City and Chicago Lyric Opera star in the production here will be mezzo-soprano Joy Davidson as Hannah,

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tenor Jack Trussel as Shad, baritone Alan Titus as Titus Thumb, bass Samuel Ramey as Mr. Zelley and bass Thomas Paul as Jared Bilby. Supporting roles are to be sung by Barrie Smith, Nell Evans, Dale Smith, Thomas Page, David Cornell and Jon Enloe.

Young American conductor Christopher Keene, presently the music director of the Syracuse Symphony and artistic director of the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, will conduct all performances of "Bilby's Doll." The production is being staged and directed by David Pountney of the Scottish Opera at Glasgow, and Ming Cho Lee has designed the interesting sets. Costumes are by Suzanne Mess.

Carlisle Floyd, one of only a handful of successful contemporary composers of opera, is probably best known for his "Susannah," adapted from "Susannah and the Elders," an opera having numerous productions around the nation during this Bicentennial season (including a recent production by the Fort Worth Opera) and his "Of Mice and Men," based on John Steinbeck's famous play. The latter was produced by the HGO in its 1972-73 season.

The premiere production of "Bilby's Doll" is being funded in part by grants from the Cullen Foundation of Houston and the National Opera Institute. Tickets for all performances are now available at the HGO box office downstairs in Jones Hall, and will be for sale at the main box office before the start of each performance. Seat reservations may be made through the opera office, 713-227-5277.

Catherine Malfitano

Area students receive honors

SNYDER — Becki Cranford of Midland and Stacy Payne of Stanton have been inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for two-year college students, at Western Texas College.

YMCAs slate fun club

A two-day Fun Club has been announced by the Central and Alamo YMCAs. The Fun Club, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, is opened to children in grades 1-6.

Monday's activity will be a trip to Sandhills, with swimming, bowling and a Walt Disney movies planned for Tuesday.

Fun Club hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and registration is $2.50 per child per day. Further information may be obtained at the Central YMCA.

Applications accepted

ROSWELL, N. M. — The Roswell Jaycees have begun accepting applications for places in their annual Arts and Crafts Fair of the Southwest.

This year's event will take place May 1 and 2 on the Eastern New Mexico State Fair grounds here. In keeping with the national Bicentennial, the fair will have "Pioneer Days" as its theme.

Last year's event— the first— was considered a tremendous succeess, drawing as it did artists and craftspeople from vitually every sector of the Southwest. To date this year, inquiries into the 1976 festival have been received from 19 states.

Jaycee spokesmen are reminding potential exhibitors that booth space is assigned on a first-request basis (although the Jaycees' Standards Committee is empowered to first determine if an exhibitor's work meets the standard of quality desired for the festival). Application forms and detailed information on the festival may be obtained from the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, or from Arts and Crafts Fair, P. O. Box 122, Roswell, N. M. 88201.

Lawyer Referral Service helps 139

The Texas Lawyer Referral Service assisted 139 persons in need of finding a Midland County lawyer last year, according to a State Bar of Texas report sent to Robert Bledsoe, president of the Midland County Bar Association.

Six Midland lawyers are participating in the statewide referral service operated by the State Bar of Texas.

Those in need of a lawyer for services that may range from impending divorce matters to consumer-law problems may dial this toll-free number: 800-292-9690.

'Oklahoma' finale this week

FINAL performances of Midland Community Theatre's "Oklahoma!" are scheduled this week.

The celebrated musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II opened at Theatre Centre three weeks ago to initiate MCT's 30th anniversary year and has been playing to full houses in most performances offered since then.

Leading off the final week will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m. today, to be followed by Thursday, Friday and Saturday presentations. The Thursday performance will begin at 8 p.m. and the Friday and Saturday ones will have 8:30 curtains. Telephone the theater box office, 682-2544, for seat reservations.

Midland Community Theatre's next attraction of its anniversary season will open soon after "Oklahoma!" ends its run. The second offering will be Woody Allen's zany farce, "Play It Again, Sam."

'Ben Franklin' finale slated

ODESSA — "Young Ben Franklin's Fight for Freedom," a special Bicentennial production at Odessa's Permian Playhouse, will have a final performance this afternoon.

Presented by the Kaleidoscope Company, the young people's performing company at Odessa's community theater, the play is a spirited, action-filled account of a real-life experience in the youth of Ben Franklin, that canny American statesman.

How young Ben obtained information about a threatened pirate attack on immigrating colonists, and how he exposed the scheme through his anonymous "Dogood Papers" published in his elder brother's newspaper, form the plotline of the play. Kaleidoscope member James Cunningham plays young Ben.

Tickets for today's presentation, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., will be on sale at the theater, 310 W. 42nd St., before curtain time. Seat reservations may be made in advance this afternoon by telephoning 362-2329.

MHMR centers receive funds

AUSTIN — The Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation have been granted $50,000 for alcoholism detoxification and intermediate care facilities.

Senators W. E. "Pete" Snelson and Kent Hance announced the grant Friday and noted funds would come from the Texas Commission on Alcoholism. The MHMR Centers will contribute an additional $22,075, making a total of $72,075 available for the program.

The centers provide services to alcoholics in Midland and Ector Counties. The program will begin its fourth year of operation on March 1.

TCA grants program administrator Tom Sears said some 750 clients are expected to be served in the detoxification facility and 60 in the intermediate care facility from March 1, 1975, through Feb. 28, 1976.

TCA has estimated a total of over 500,000 alcoholics and alcohol abusers in Texas, each of whom adversely affects another four persons.

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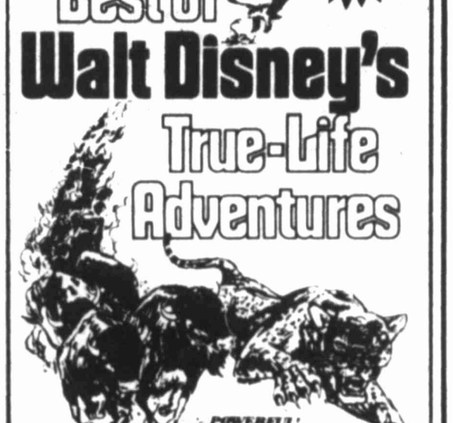

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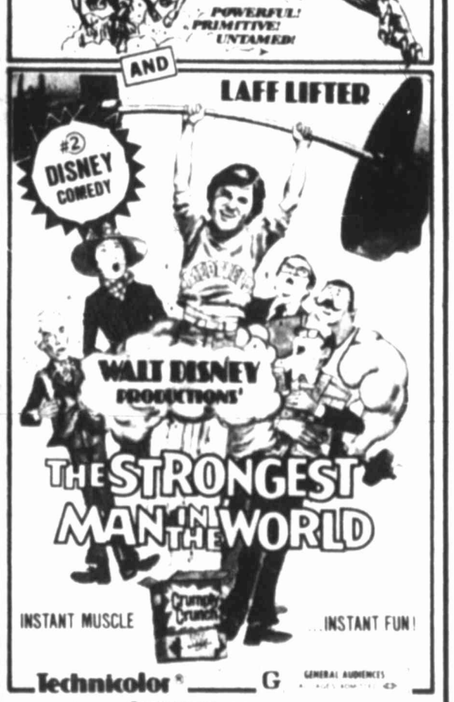

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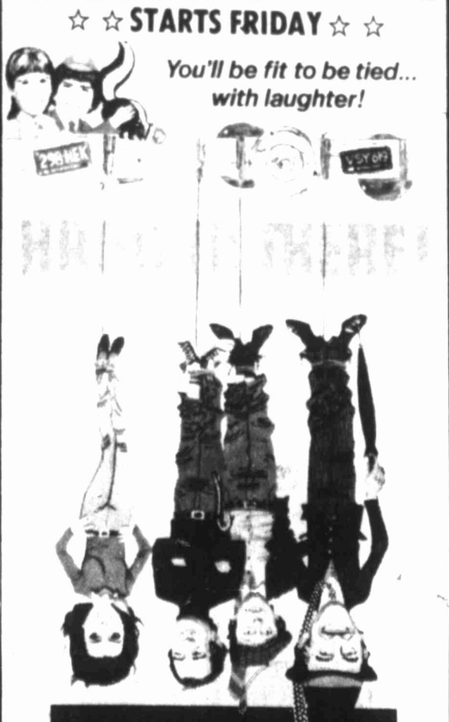

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Community Concerts campaign under way

For almost 30 years, Midland Community Concerts Association has been one of the leading cultura land entertainment forces in Midland and surrounding area.

The 1976-77 season beginning next fall will be a continuation of its on going commitment to excellence in providing residents of the area with varied, top-quality entertainment.

First as Civic Music Association, then as Civic Concerts and now as Community Concerts, the organization has presented dozens of outstanding events for the enjoyment of its members, from guitarist Carlos Montoya, duo-pianists Whittemore and Lowe and famed mime artist Marcel Marceau, to the Dallas Symphony, the Prague Chamber Orchestra and the Gamelon Orchestra of Bali.

Community Concerts Association, now in the midst of its annual membership campaign, is pointing with pride to the four outstanding events booked for the 1976-77 season. They are:

—Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass, a pleasing blend of traditional "Nashville Sound" with the group's own unique sound achieved through brass instrumentation.

—The duo-piano team of Stecher and Horowitz, among the world's foremost keyboard artists and the first such team to be brought here in several years.

—A Broadway "Golden Oldie," ever-new in its appeal, the musical "Music Man," performed by the talented Young Americans troupe of singers and dancers, and

—Texas Opera Theatre (TOT), a touring troupe of the Houston Grand Opera Association, in a performance of Mozart's delightfully witty and melodic "Marriage of Figaro."

The concert organization's campaign headquarters are in the annex of Grammer-Murphey in The Village shopping center. The membership drive will continue through Saturday, at which time the association's membership rolls will be closed to persons currently residing here. Admission to Community Concerts events is by season membership ticket only, with no single admissions sold at the doors.

Persons wishing to renew their season memberships, along with and those who wish to join the organization for the first time, are invited to telephone the campaign headquarters, 682-6397, for full information.

Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass to appear here next fall.

Students prepare for performance

Rehearsals this afternoon with the Midland-Odessa Symphony will prepare four talented young instrumentalists for their guest appearances with the orchestra in concerts Monday and Tuesday nights.

The students are the performing winners selected in the 14th annual National Young Artist Competition held in Midland a month ago. They were chosen out of a field of 11 finalists in the competition, finalists who won out over approximately 70 other participants in the NYAC.

The National Young Artist concerts, always popular events in Midland and Odessa, are scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday in Bonham Junior High auditorium of Odessa, and 8 p.m. Tuesday in Lee High School auditorium here. Season tickets will, of course, be valid for either concert. In addition, because of wide interest in the young artists' performances, the pair of subscription events also will be open to the general public, with single admissions go on sale at the doors before the start of each concert.

Dr. Thomas Hohstadt, music director-conductor of the orchestra, will be on the podium for the concert pair.

Featured in performances will be:

—Cellist John Sharp, 16, student at Waco High School and the performing winner representing the secondary school division of the NYAC, who will be heard in the Concerto No. 1 for Violoncello and Orchestra, by Camille Saint-Saens.

—Violinist Lucinda Marvin, 24, of Minneapolis, student at Indiana University, who will perform the Concerto in D-minor, Op. 47, of Jan Sibelius.

—Flutist David Aguilar, 21, of Corpus Christi, also a student at Indiana University, who will join the orchestra in performances of the Flute Concerto No. 2 in D-major of Mozart.

—Pianist Jeffrey Campbell, 20, of Dallas, who will be heard in the Piano Concerto No. 2 in A-major of Franz Liszt. Campbell will be returning to West Texas later this season to perform with the San Angelo Symphony, as a result of winning the recent annual Hemphill-Wells Sorantin Award competition sponsored by the San Angelo Symphony Society.

Doc to play at Fort Worth

FORT WORTH — "The flashiest trumpet player in the West," Doc Severinsen, comes to town next Sunday to perform with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

Severinsen, possessor of one of the most fantastic wardrobes in show biz, is a frequent performer of "serious" music with leading symphonic organizations in addition to his regular gig as musical director for the "Tonight Show" on TV.

Severinsen's penchant for colorful clothes is not a gimmick. It just happened. Growing up as he did in Oregon, the casual, brightly-colored Western attire so popular there was something he'd always accepted as the norm. But he harbored a secret ambition to some day be a band leader and, following years of study and performing in such famous bands as those of Ted Fiorito, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Charlie Barnett, he finally achieved that ambition. After he got his own band, Severinsen felt entitled to rebel a bit, and took to wearing bright, bold ties to express his individuality. The rebel in his soul grew, along the clothing revolution of the 1960s, and his wardrobe took on its way-out look. Eventually his clothing became his trademark. He accumulated hundreds of suits (sometimes better described as costumes) for his TV and guest appearances. But it should be noted here that he keeps his concert wardrobe entirely separate from his TV one.

In his appearance with the Fort Worth orchestra a week from today, Severinsen will be performing music from the Big Band Era of the 1930s and '40s. The 3 p.m. concert in Tarrant County Convention Center theater will present the symphonic dances from Leonard Bernstein's score for the musical "West Side Story," Texas composer Fischer Tull's Concerto No. 2 for Trumpet and Orchestra and a "Salute to the Big Band Era" arranged by Lew Gillis. John Giordano will be on the podium.

Tickets for this Series II subscription concert, priced $2 to $5, are available at the Scott Theater box office in the Fort Worth Art Center and at Central Ticket Agency in the Fort Worth Sheraton downtown. Ticket reservations should be made through the symphony office, 817-926-8831.

7 area students on Sul Ross list

ALPINE — Seven Midland area students have been tapped for the dean's honor list following the fall semester at Sul Ross State University.

They are Gail Hodge, Candace G. Gonzales, Debra L. Walton and Gregg S. Bass, all of Midland. Crane residents on the list are John E. Caldwell and Steve Pettit and the Odessan is Barry D. Allen.

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Payne honored today

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — B. Iden Payne, 94, internationally known Shakespearean director and professor emeritus on the University of Texas drama faculty, will receive England's second highest civilian honor in special ceremonies today.

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire will be presented in a simple ceremony at St. David's Hospital by W.C. Hodgkins, acting consul-general in Houston in the name of Queen Elizabeth 11.

The award expresses the gratitude of the British people for Payne's long and distinguished career in the production and interpretation of Shakespearean drama.

Born in Newcastle-on-Tyne in northern England in 1881, Payne began his acting career in 1889. He was general manager of the famous Abbey Players in Dublin, Ireland, from 1907-1911 during which he directed 200 plays. During World War I he organized repertory theater seasons throughout northern England and Scotland.

Payne came to the United States in 1913 and directed and produced in New York and Chicago until his appointment in 1934 as director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-on-Avon.

Since 1946 he had been a guest professor of drama at the University of Texas until his retirement in 1973.

Among other achievements he is credited with inspiring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the summer Shakespeare Festival at San Diego, Calif., and the Stratford, Conn., Shakespeare Festival.

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Tests to seek source of forest area radioactivity

ARGONNE, Ill. (AP) — Materials apparently used in the Manhattan Project during World War II are emitting lowlevel radioactivity in a forest preserve near Chicago, the Energy Research and Development Administration says.

Tests will be conducted by scientists from the Argonne National Laboratory to determine the source of the radioactivity, which is not believed hazardous, the agency said.

The administration said the studies will be undertaken in the Palos Hills Forest Preserve near a site where materials from the Manhattan Project are buried.

The Manhattan Project was a code name for the secret effort to develop an atomic bomb. The project was moved from the University of Chicago to Palos Hills.

ERDA said results of the tests will not be known for about a year.

The agency's announcement said the survey will try to document the radiological condition of the site as well as the source of tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, detected by Argonne scientists in three forest preserve wells.

The radioactive level was described as only 2 per cent of the federal limit for drinking water and not hazardous.

Surface water and soil samples at the site have been tested 10 times between 1954 and 1973.

ERDA said soil samples showed traces of the radioactive materials known to have been buried in the waste burial ground but that no hazardous levels were found.

Data from the new tests will be used to determine whether any long-term problems might arise from the buried material and whether any action is necessary to assure continued safety of the area, the agency said.

The Army Corps of Engineers leased more than 1,000 acres of Cook County Forest Preserve land for the World War II project and returned it to the county after decontaminating the area.

The buried materials are encased in concrete and buried six feet below ground, ERDA said.

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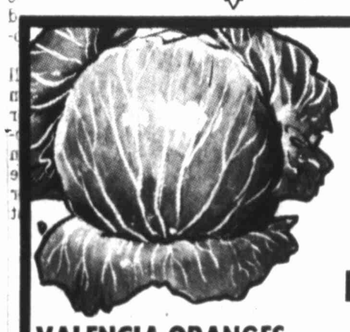

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Mike Burkholder, 39, of Pecos, a farmer for 17 years, finds himself in an unusual position. Like most farmers in the area he can't afford the price of gas to run water pumps to irrigate the land. Unlike most farmers his farm lies atop one of the largest gas fields in the country, but he still must pay $1.85 per thousand cubic feet of gas to the company which pipes the gas.

Farmers in Reeves County hit by energy nightmare

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is a horror story. It is not what could happen. It is what has happened, is happening and will continue to happen. A little West Texas town may be the first affected. But it most likely will not be the last. The energy nightmare that may loom for the United States already has hit the farmers of Reeves County.

PECOS, Tex. (AP) — Mike Burkholder gazed across his flat, flaking farmland and said, "This situation may be unique at the moment. But it won't be for long."

Then, squinting into a dying West Texas sun, he added: "We may be finished. We may be going out of business. I guess there's no question about it. But sooner or later it will equalize. And if people think food prices are high now, tell 'em to wait a year or two."

What's especially alarming is that Burkholder, 39, a Reeves County farmer for 17 years, is among the fortunate. He's got the resources to hang on for a while and is determined to do so.

Many of his neighbors do not and cannot.

The plight of this isolated community of nearly 15,000 seems to provide the first shadowy image of what may be a spreading national energy nightmare.

Simply stated, the price farmers pay for naural gas multiplied here by 500 per cent Jan. 1, outstripping overnight their ability to raise virtually any crop at a profit.

"Now who the hell's gonna grow food or fiber at a loss?" asked one irate landowner.

The ominous answer: very, very few.

The geographical heartbeat of a semiard region, Pecos is the county seat of Reeves County, the old stomping ground of one-time fertilizer king Billy Sol Estes, paroled after serving six years in prison for fraud.

An eastbound motorist can spot Pecos just off Interstate 20 as he rolls toward the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex 400 miles down the road.

The area's assets, other than cattle, mostly are hidden. They are natural gas, oil, and underground water. So while Pecos will survive and probably prosper, most of the farmers seem doomed.

Without the underground water, there would be no crops; cotton, canteloupe, grain, vegetables. Rainfall averages only 11 to 12 inches annually.

To lift that water, farmers drilled wells and installed pumps, powered by natural gas which they purchased for 30 to 40 cents for 1,000 cubic feet (mcf).

Those contracts expired Dec. 31, 1975 and the new year dawned with a new rate: $1.85 per mcf.

"Economics," says the gas company, Delhi Gas Pipeline Corp., pointing to the high wellhead prices it must pay for gas on the intrastate market.

Snapped Burkholder, no stranger himself to gas royalties: "It makes it prohibitive for any one in this arid country to farm his land. People have their life and their life's savings invested in this land and they're both going down the drain. It's a terrible situation.

"But we're just the first of many farming areas going to go out of production because we can't afford to irrigate. Irrigation is what gives stability to food production in the United States.

"Up on the (Texas) plains, there are 60,000 wells irrigating several million acres. I've heard that if gas were to go to $2, there would be six million acres go out of production immediately."

By most estimates, less than 20,000 acres will be in production here, down about half from last year. And no one need point out the implications when $250-an-acre farmland is reevaluated as pasture land on the tax rolls at $25 an acre.

bank loans, life blood of the farm industry, tend to dry up.

"We're not in risk banking," said one banker. "If we wanted to gamble we'd go out and buy the farms and take the profits or losses ourselves."

Peppy McKinney, 46, a lean, onetime rodeo calf roper, said, "It was the gas costs that stopped us but

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Permain Basin area activity includes Kent County strike

A Canyon gas producer has been completed in Crockett County, a Tom Green County wildcat has shown oil, a discovery has been completed in Kent County, a confirmation has been finaled in Garza, a wildcat reentry has been set in Borden and an outpost has been staked in Sutton.

CROCKETT WELL

Victor I. Pierce of Ozona No. 1 V. I. Pierce Fee has been completed ⅞ mile east of Canyon gas production in the Ozona multipay field 25 miles southwest of Ozona in Southwest Crockett County.

Operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potenial from the Canyon of 3,650,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day. Production is through perforations from 6,004 to 6,015 feet and from 6,330 to 6,358 feet.

Fay was fractured with 50,000 gallons after a 2,500-gallon acid treatment.

Wellsite is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 9, block BBB, HE&WT survey.

TOM GREEN SHOW

H. B. Rhoads of Midland No. 1 Viola, five miles southeast of San Angelo in Tom Green County, developed gas, oil and water on a drillstem test in Canyon lime from 4,597 to 4,632 feet.

The test flared gas and recovered 30 feet of oil, 366 feet of muddy oil and 90 feet of salty formation water. Tool was open one hour.

Operator has set 4½-inch casing at

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Oil field truckers to meet March 14-17

NEW ORLEANS — Firms closely related to the oil field and heavy commodity trucking industry will host delegates to the 26th Annual National Oil Field Haulers Conference to be held at the Marriott Hotel here March 15-17.

International Harvester will sponsor the international luncheon March 16.

White Motor Corp. will sponsor a reception honoring government officials March 16.

Cummins Sales and Service, Inc., will sponsor a breakfast March 16.

Trailmobile, a division of Pullman, Inc. will host a get-acquainted hour the evening of March 15.

Hobbs Trailers of Fort Worth will sponsor the annual banquet on March 16.

Mid-Continet, Inc. and the ATA Oil Field Haulers Congference will host the annual dinner that precedes the Hobbs presentation.

A ladies bus tour at 9:30 a. m. March 16 to Longue Vue Gardens and the old quarters of New Orleans will be sponsored by oil field trucking firms located in the southern Louisiana area.

Approximately 400 motor carrier and shipper delegates are expected to attend the annual conference.

Publication says political mood throughout world favors offshore oil holding pattern

By MAX B. SKELTON
AP Oil Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A publication specializing in offshore oil operations says the political mood throughout the world is for a holding pattern on such explorations.

Offshore Magazine reports that international private oil companies remain discouraged at political situations in various areas.

"The North Sea picture, clouded by concern over government participation and uncertain taxes, does not seem any brighter now than it did six months or a year ago," Offshore reported.

"The western Pacific still seems promising but the governments there show signs of waiting to see what Great Britain does in the North Sea before adopting a go-ahead attitude."

Offshore said the United States has an opportunity to pace a turnaround in offshore explorations.

"The United States is putting up for lease more acres than it has offered in recent years," Offshore reported.

The year's first sale involving 132 Gulf of Mexico tracts last week brought high bids totaling only $183.5 million. Offshore had forecast earlier the bidding would not be high in that the acreage had been pretty well picked over previously.

"But the sales get better as the year goes on," Offshore said in its February edition. "Next may come the government's first big offering of Gulf of Alaska tracts ...Perhaps the best of all will be the two offerings of Atlantic Ocean tracts, the first coming in May for 154 tracts in the Baltimore Canyon vicinity, and the second planned for August with 206 tracts close to Georges Bank."

The publication adds that more offshore acreage has been promised for leasing later this year and that a reasonably good schedule has been announced for the next three years.

Offshore adds, however that the availability of exploration money will be the key to the successful bidding of such lease offerings and the answer has not as yet come from most companies.

"The key to this will be in the capital expenditure columns of the oil companies, and these figures are only now coming to public view," Offshore said.

"Look for some increase. If the amount of money budgeted for exploration this year is up considerably from last year, you can expect a flurry of activity this year and next."

Offshore reported two records were set last year in mobile rig construction activity. Rig builders completed work on a record 52 rigs but drilling contractors cancelled 26 new rig orders, also a record.

The magazine added that since the first of the year three more rigs have been completed and three more orders have been cancelled.

"According to a recent tabulation nearly 106 mobile rigs are due to come out of the shipyards this year, but this almost certainly going to be modified somewhat," the publication added. "A more likely figure for completed rigs in 1976 is around 50 or perhaps 55."

Offshore attributed the situation to 321 mobile rigs being available for worldwide activity at a time there is less work to do in practically every area of the world.

By contrast, the magazine added, there were only 184 mobile rigs working worldwide and only 19 under construction at the time of the 1969 discovery of Norway's Ekofisk oil field in the North Sea.

Offshore said fabricators of mobile rigs are concerned about future orders in that only one new order for a rig has been placed since last August.

WASHINGTON OIL

FEA heading for decontrol

By CLYDE LAMOTTE
Reporter-Telegram
Washington Oil Correspondent

WASHINGTON—It appears quite likely that the government is going to decontrol the price of petroleum products. The Federal Energy Administration is heading in that direction and currently is holding a series of hearings to test public reaction.

Ironically, however, price controls will continue for crude oil and for natural gas. Congress has decreed that this be so.

The irony stems from the fact that the basic energy problem facing the nation is the lack of sufficient domestic production of crude oil and natural gas to meet consumer needs. This, in turn, means increasing dependency on foreign supplies and increasing dependency on the political, economic and social decisions made by governments controlling the major share of the world's petroleum supply.

Yet, in the face of this need to stimulate development of domestic energy resources, price controls are being kept on crude oil and natural gas.

Price and wage controls were removed on everything else long ago and the next apparent move is to remove such controls from all segments of the petroleum industry except production.

No one has yet explained how the continuation of controls on the weelhead price of oil and natural gas is going to increase domestic supply. In fact, there is every reason to believe that the controls will result in a further decline in domestic petroleum development.

Even so, Congress seems bent on keeping a lid on domestic oil and gas wellhead prices although there are no similar controls on anything else and there were never controls on raw materials—except crude oil and natural gas.

There have been federal controls on natural gas prices for more than 20 years and on crude oil and petroleum products for the past five years and the result has been a steady decline of domestic production.

Advocates of continuation of controls say that higher prices would not mean an increase in supply but would simply result in higher prices to consumers. But even if this theory is accepted, the obvious fact remains that keeping domestic oil and gas prices low will certainly slow the advent of oil from shale or gas from coal for the simple reason that it is not economic to produce energy from those sources to compete with the controlled price of crude oil and natural gas. So the over-all expansion of the nation's energy capabilities continues at a snail's pace.

Another aspect of the situation is that the longer the controls continue, the more difficult it becomes to remove them.

For example, if President Eisenhower had signed the natural gas deregulation bill Congress had passed at the time, the wellhead price of natural gas would not have risen appreciably because gas was then in oversupply.

When the gas shortage developed, however, this naturally put an upward pressure on prices so that if gas controls were removed today there undoubtedly would be a quick and substantial increase in wellhead prices. As the supply situation worsens, such an upward surge would be even more pronounced if the price lid were lifted. No politician in his right mind would want to be the one who would want to pry off the price lid in such an explosive setting.

To relieve the pressure on prices, the obvious answer is to increase supply. But how can supply increase when prices are kept down?

It should be borne in mind that congressional attitudes are shaped in large part by public attitudes. Therefore, it can be assumed that unless the public recognizes the danger of intensifying energy supply difficulties in the decades ahead by keeping controls on domestic production, Congress is not going to risk the public wrath by letting oil and natural gas prices increase substantially.

This year's political campaigns will help indicate whether public opinion is shifting regarding the need for spurring domestic energy development. If no clear-cut public opinion emerges on this issue, there is little reason to expect that any major changes will be made in government energy policy.

Cuts could start war

CHICAGO (AP) — Price slashing on gasoline by a station on the Nebraska Plains could start a nationwide trend, says an oil industry newsletter.

Herb Hugo, senior editor for Platt's Oilgram, said Friday an independent gas station in Scottsbluff, Neb., cut prices at the pump from 52.9 to 39.9 cents per gallon for regular gasoline. A national price war could result, he said.

"Long lines are forming to get this gas at the Farmland Industries station in Scottsbluff," said Hugo.

"They obviously are selling below cost and it is the lowest in the country since before the oil embargo. If it can happen in Scottsbluff it could happen anywhere and that is the key point.

"Scottsbluff may seem an unlikely place for a national gasoline price war to start, but it could trigger one," Hugo continued. "You get one or two guys starting a fight in a little town and it can become a national one."

Hugo said gasoline prices have been deteriorating gradually since Labor Day.

"Normal prices by majors range from 56.9 to 61.9 in the Chicago area," he said. "But some dealers are buying at 49.7 and selling at 49.9 and you can't operate on that margin. It raises the question of some dealers getting special kickbacks from suppliers."

Commenting last week on falling gasoline prices, Hugo said wholesalers are in a "state of panic."

He and other oil industry analysts had predicted gasoline prices would rise to 70 cents and higher. "Nobody thought it would go down," he said.

Company relocates

Welex, a Halliburton Co., has relocated its West Texas Division Office at 500 Building of the Southwest.

The office previously was located at 405 Gulf Building.

Reed rig survey reports 230 units

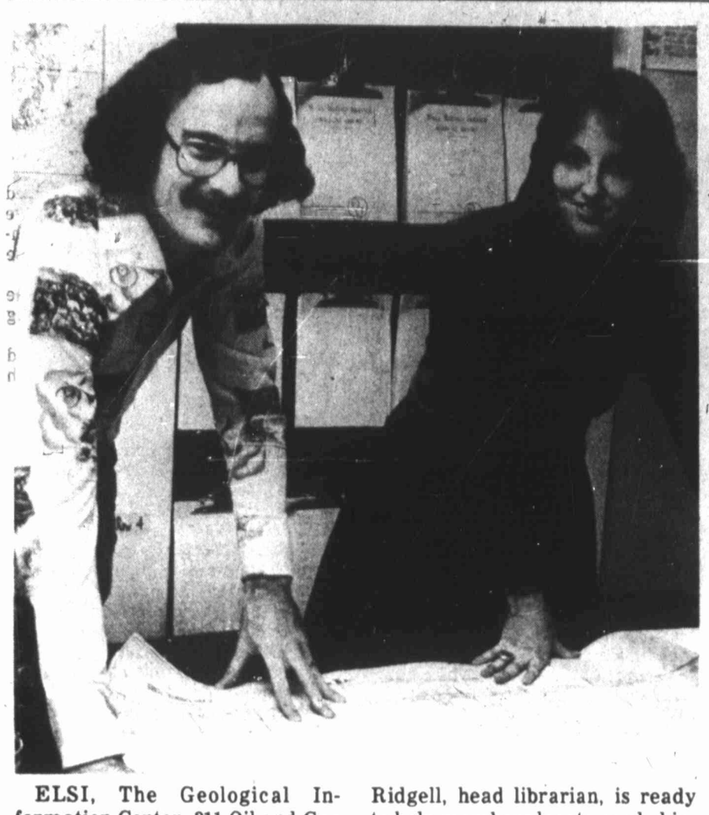
Reed Drilling Equipment reported in its Friday survey, that 230 rotary rigs were in operation last week in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

The count dropped 10 from the 240 reported two weeks ago, and was off 26 from the number of active units working in the two-state area one year ago.

Pecos County jumped to top place with 23 rigs, while Lea County, N.M., the leading county for several weeks, dropped to 19 rotaries.

Andrews County showed increased activity with 15 rigs working and Eddy County, N.M., where there was a Morrow play one year ago, dropped to 12 rigs last week. Ward and Winkler had 11 rigs working in each county, in Delaware Basin development.

County	Feb. 20	Feb. 13
Andrews	15	13
Borden	3	3
Chaves	1	13
Cochran	1	1
Coke	2	4
Concho	0	7
Crane	5	9
Crockett	10	0
Dawson	1	1
Dickens	0	1
Ector	4	3
Eddy	12	14
Edwards	1	0
Fisher	3	4
Floyd	0	1
Gaines	2	3
Garza	4	4
Glasscock	5	4
Hockley	6	5
Howard	4	4
Irion	3	2
B Kent	4	5
Lea	19	22
Loving	10	11
Lubbock	0	1
Martin	9	9
Menard	0	1
Midland	1	2
Mitchell	2	2
Nolan	3	2
Otero	1	1
Pecos	23	20
Reagan	7	4
Reeves	7	7
Roosevelt	3	3
Runnels	4	3
Schleicher	2	3
Scurry	7	5
Sterling	2	3
Stonewall	5	3
Sutton	5	6
Terrell	3	2
Terry	4	3
Tom Green	0	1
Upton	2	2
Val Verde	1	1
Ward	11	11
Winkler	11	9
Yoakum	2	2
Total	230	240



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A number of counties have been added to the already complete file of geological data and statistical records on wells in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico by the Geological Information Center of the Permia Basin. Additions include Bosque, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Coryell, Eastland, Erath, Foard, Hamilton, Hardeman, Haskell, Hood, Jones, Knox, McCulloch, Mills, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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Hydrogen sulfide SPE meeting topic

Bruce Crockett of Midland will be the speaker for the luncheon meeting Monday of the Midland Operations Study Group of the Permian Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME.

Crockett is industrial relations manager and safety coordinator for Union Oil Co. of California's Central Region.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a. m. in the American Legion Hall.

Crockett will discuss "H2S, The Killer" and operational safety in an hydrogen sulfide environment.

Crockett is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is a member of the Permian Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Safety Committee of Gas Processors Association and the Wyoming Safety Advisory Committee.

Crockett is the co-author of "Safe Drilling of Wells Containing Hydrogen Sulfide."

Following seven years as a high school and college teacher and 13 years as an aviation ground instructor, flight instructor and airline transport pilot, Corckett joined Union Oil as company pilot in 1955.

He became safety coordinator for the Central Region in 1964, and was appointed industrial relations manager in 1973.

McMillan appointed

HOUSTON — Joe T. McMillan has been named general manager of Exxon, USA's supply department, effective April 1.

McMillan currently is manager of wholesale fuels in the company's marketing department.

Succeeding McMillan is Robert E. Wilhelm, currently operations manager in the supply and transportation department of Exxon International Co. in New York.

He joined Exxon in 1958 as an engineer in the Baton Rouge, La., refinery. He tranferred to the headquarters refining department in Houston in 1966.

James R. Jones

J. R. Jones honored

Phillips Petroleum Co. has awarded James R. Jones, a landman in its Exploration and Production Department, a 30-year service award.

The Midlander joined the company in 1946 at Bartlesville, Okla., as a contract and title supervisor.

He became a landman there in 1952 and in 1954 was transferred to Denver, Colo., as division landman. From 1956 to 1966 he had assignments in Canada, Alaska and Bartlesville, coming to Midland in 1966 as a landman for the Southwestern Region.

W. H. POTTS was honored recently at a dinner marking his retirement from The Western Co. after 10 years with the concern. He worked as a region sales representative.

Phillips to expand board of directors

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Co. moved Wednesday to expand its board of directors to include a majority of "outside" members as part of a settlement of a stockholders' suit.

The company said it will ask stockholders to elect six new outside directors at its annual stockholders meeting April 27. That would mean nine of the 17-member new board will be outside directors from the company.

Phillips said it will propose election of Melvin Laird, former secretary of defense; David Meeker of Troy, Ohio, chief executive officer of Hoart Corp. and past president of the National Association of Manufacturers; Victor Palmieri of Los Angeles, chairman and executive officer of Pennsylvania Co. and president of Victor Palmieri and Co., and Dolores Wharton of East Lansing, Mich., member of the National Council for the Arts.

Also, Francis Wheat of Los Angeles, former commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Harold Williams of Los Angeles, dean of the Graduate School for Management at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The company statement said:

"The addition of the six new directors is in accordance with a settlement which has been reached in a stockholder suit filed last February in U. S. District Court in California. The settlement was approved (Wednesday) by the court subject to its confirmation after a court hearing April 8, at which time any stockholder may present objections to the settlement.

Elcor to be feted

A reception honoring officers and board members of Elcor Chemical Corp. will be held between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. March 2 at the Midland Petroleum Club.

The Midland Wildcat Committee will be the host organization. Robert L. Wood is chairman of its executive committee.

The guests of honor representing Elcor will include Roy E. Campbell, chairman and president; W.F. Ortloff, executive vice president of Elcor and president of The Ortloff Corp.; F.H. Callaway, George R. Gibson, James E. Hall, Robert M. Leibrock and Hugh O. Wolfe, directors.

W.L. Barnes, vice president of Elcor and executive vice president of The Ortloff Corp.; Dorman R. Blackman, vice president-administration and treasurer; Richard J. Rosebery, vice president-corporate development, and Stuart G. Johnston Jr., secretary and general counsel.

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Horror story told in Reeves County

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it's just that it all caught up with us at once and we couldn't absorb it."

Standing in a stunted wheat field on his 400-acre farm west of town, McKinney stuck a boot into the powdery dirt and said: "The funny part about it is that we've got the water, the soil, the climate but this crop is not going to even pay for itself because we simply can't afford to water it."

"My primary concern is to try to hold on to my land for the future. My dad and I spent 40 years putting this together and we could lose it in one year. That's the sickening part of this whole thing."

One of the complicating factors is that the land must be continuously cultivated.

Said Burkholder: "You let it lay for two or three years and it's gone." The problem is that salt deposits build up in the soil, eroding its fertility.

While Reeves and neighboring Pecos County farmers are paying $1.85 per mcf for their own natural gas, that same gas is selling to competitors on the federally regulated interstate market for as low as 52 cents per mcf.

"Under the current system," grumbled McKinney, "it comes out of our area at $1.85 and goes to New York at 55 cents. If the guy on the East Coast had to pay the same price we do for gas, the money we get for our farm products might increase."

Burkholder's case is bizarre.

"My farm lies atop one of the largest gas fields in the country, if not the world. And I do get a small royalty off it. But I have to buy it back at $1.85.

"At the same time, I got some friends in Arizona in the cotton business and they're buying gas about a dollar cheaper than I am. And, by golly, it's my gas!"

One group of farmers unsuccessfully brought suit against Delhi and its parent company, Texas Oil and Gas Co. Another legal assault is under consideration.

"But they haven't got a very good case," said Pecos lawyer Roddy Harrison, representing the farmers, "and I've told them that."

The farmers say they knew when their old contract expired they would be paying elevated prices but none expected it to be $1.85 per mcf.

"The farmers hadn't thought ahead as well as they could have, said Archie Scott, chairman of the board of Security State Bank and a cotton financier himself.

"They could have contracted for 50 years but they thought 10 was enough and that gas might get cheaper. But I don't think gas is going to get any cheaper.

"Gas production costs are tremendous. It cost anywhere from $2 million to $3 million to drill one of the deep wells out here.

"So you can't really blame the company. Delhi bought the system as a business proposition. If the farmers found gas on their land, they wouldn't want to sell it at 30 cents when they could get $2."

It's simply a case of economics, Scott said.

"The farmer is feeding and clothing the world but he is just not getting his fair share of the American dollar for the goods he produces. That's primarily because farmers haven't banded together and demanded reasonable prices. So the politicians haven't paid them any attention."

Said a company spokesman in Houston:

"We've got a great deal of compassion for these people. We realize they're between a rock and a hard place...we are trying to provide continuity of service at this point because we won't be in the distribution service out there much longer.

"...It is not our obligation to provide their gas so they can make a profit in the farming business...we've gone beyond our obligations."

The spokesman, pointing out that the company is paying prices at the wellhead of nearly $2 per mcf, said Delhi can't make a "reasonable profit" even at $1.85.

He said some 60 area farmers had contracted for the $1.85 gas and "if they pay their bills, and we got the gas, we'll sell it to them."

It appears, however, that October might be the breakaway point and the company is vigorously trying to sell the distribution system before then.

"I'm not saying we're right, but we've been terribly human on this thing out there," the spokesman said.

"I think the real solution is for the farmers to buy the system themselves. They're smart people and there's lots of gas out there. And we'll work with them and help them any way we can...

"The choice is this: do you want energy at a reasonable cost or do you not want any energy at all? That's what it's coming down to."

One large farm operator summed it up this way:

'I've got two more years of cheap gas under an existing contract and then this S.O.B. farm is going back to pasture land unless something happens. It's a hell of a business for anybody but a fool. Unless we either get high prices or some relief it will just be a matter of time until attrition takes us all."

—AP Wirephoto

Peppy McKinney, 46, of Pecos, examines the stunted grain crop on his 400 acre farm west of Mecos. McKinney is in the same shape as most farmers in the area, they can't pay the price for gas to operate thier water wells and make a profit.

Permian Basin area activity

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4,728 feet. Total depth is 5,041 feet. The project is ⅞ mile southeast of the Pecan Station (Canyon lime) field and in section 7, block 25, H&TC survey.

Flowing pressure on the drillstem test was from 130 to 200 pounds. Operator was preparing to perforate and test on last report.

KENT DISCOVERY

Lobo Oil Corp. of Midland recompleted its No. 1 W. Connell as a Canyon pay opener on the west side of the Polar, East (Pennsylvanian) field 11 miles southwest of Clairemont in Kent County.

The strike finaled for a daily pumping potential of 40 barrels of 39-gravity oil, plus 10 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,978 to 6,982 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 560-1.

Originally drilled to 7,600 feet, the well has 7-inch casing set at 7,578 feet. Plugged back depth is 7,000 feet.

Location is 1,607 feet from north and 933 feet from east lines of section 18, block 5, H&GN survey.

GARZA CONFIRMER

The Teas multipay field of Garza County has reported its second Mississippian oil producer and 2⅝-mile southeast extension to that pay.

The well is Shell Oil Co. No. 1-C Slaughter, a former dual Ellenburger and Pennsylvanian discovery nine miles south of Post.

It was recompleted for a pumping potential of 16 barrels of 33-gravity oil, plus 19 barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 125-1. Production is from pay behind perforations from 8,188 to 8,230 feet after 2,800-gallon acid treatment and a 16,000-gallon fracture treatment.

Location is 1,961 feet from south and 1,869 feet from west lines of section 33, block 2, T&NO survey.

BORDEN REENTRY

Coquina Oil Corp. of Midland will reenter the former Hill & Meeker of Midland No. 1 J. B. Slaughter Estate, in an attempt to open Strawn production in the Dunigan field of Borden County, 11 miles northeast of Gail.

Formerly an Ellenburger Producer, No. 1 J. B. Slaughter Estate is ½ mile northeast of depleted Strawn production and 2,173 feet from north and 330 feet from west lines of section 21, block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

SUTTON OUTPOST

Mitchell Energy Corp. of Houston will drill No. 1-39 Genini as a ⅝-mile northeast outpost to the Shurley Ranch (Canyon) field of Sutton County, six miles west of Sonora.

Drill site for the 8,500-foot operation is 933 feet from south and west lines of section 39, TTRR suvery, abstract 759.

Exxon gives highest bid

HOUSTON — Exxon, USA placed high bids totaling $26,736,000 on five tracts at the Federal Outer Continental Shelf Gulf of Mexico lease sale held recently in New Orleans.

In addition to the high bids, the company also made bids totaling $17,264,000 on two other tracts.

Exxon's largest successful high bid was $12,247,500 on Tract 20 in the High Island area.

Ellison marks anniversary

F. O. Ellison Jr., roustabout supervisor in the San Hills area, completed 30 years with Gulf Energy & Minerals Co. - U. S. Feb. 16.

Ellison started with Gulf in 1946 and his entire service has been in the Odessa and Sand Hills area. He also has served as a lease pumper, connection man and instrument man.

Report made

HOUSTON — The El Paso Co. has reported that its consolidated earnings for 1975 from continuing operations were $58,211,000 or $2.19 per share.

Flaring denied

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas has denied No. 1-NCT A. B. McGill well in the Taos (Fusselman field of Irion County.)

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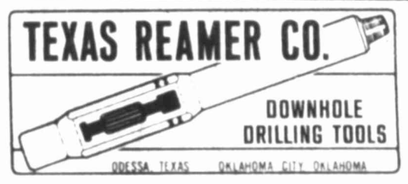

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Wolfcamp, Morrow discovery completes

Depco, Inc. of Odessa, operating with Husky Oil Co. and Yates Petroleum Co., have completed as a dual Wolfcamp and Morrow gas strike in Eddy County, N.M., No. 1 DHY-State.

The Wolfcamp zone gauged a calculated, absolute open flow of 4.85 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations at 8,866-8,902 feet. During production tests in that horizon, it flowed gas at the rate of 7.4 million cubic feet daily, plus 150 barrels of condensate per day, on a ½-inch choke.

From the Morrow, it flowed on absolute open flow test at the calculated rate of 5.217 million cubic feet daily, through perforations at 11,025-11,047 feet. On a production gauge, it flowed 5.4 million cubic feet of gas daily, through a ⅜-inch choke.

Drilled to 11,535 feet, it has 5½-inch casing set on bottom, and is plugged back to 11,055 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 23-19s-28e, 15 miles northeast of Carlsbad.

Former Midlander gains promotion

HOUSTON — Charles T. Matthews of Lafayette, La., and formerly of Midland, has been named vice president and general manager of operations, effective immediately, of Texas Pipe Line Co.

He succeeds Roy W. Olbrich, who is retiring after 30 years of service.

Matthews joined the firm at Houston in 1946. In 1972 he was named division manager in Midland of the Texas New Mexico Pipe Line Co., an affiliate of Texaco Inc.

He was appointed division manager at Lafayette in 1974.

The firm also announced the appointments of John H. Buckley as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer and James W. Brown as manager of employe relations.

All are assigned to the Houston office.

WTGS sets meeting

The West Texas Geological Society will hold its regular noon luncheon meeting Tuesday in the American Legion Hall in Midland.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Brian E. O'Brien of Houston who is with Sanchez and O'Brien Petroleum Group.

His topic will be "South Laredo Area. Wilcox Sands, Webb and Zapata Counties."

Reservations for the luncheon should be made before 4 p.m. Monday by contacting the West Texas Geological Society office.

Earnings reported

HOUSTON — Houston Oil and Minerals Corp. has announced record net earnings and revenues for 1975.

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Dated this 18 day of February, 1976.

Dorthy Marie Sharrick,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Alfred N. Sharrick, Deceased

(February 22)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Midland in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, March 9, 1976, beginning at 1:40 p.m. for a proposed charge in zoning classification from "1F-1" (One Family Dwelling District) to "PD" (Planned District - Single family housing) on the followintg described property:

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1 Lodge Notices

Keystone Chapter No. 172 and Council No. 112 Stated Convocation and Assembly first Tuesdays. Order of the Temple and Inspection by grand officers Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1976 with meal at 6:30. All Sir Knights invited. J. A. Bobbitt, H. P., Paul Hicks, T.I.M., George Medley, Secretary-Recorder.

Acacia Lodge No. 1414, A.F.&A.M., 2009 West Industrial Avenue. Joint meeting with Midland Lodge 623 Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. Next regular meeting Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. School every Monday night 7:00 p.m. All Masons welcome. Bert Cornelius, W.M., Preston Ross, Secretary.

Midland Lodge No. 623, A.F.&A.M., Thursday, Februrary 19, at 7:30 P.M. F.C. Degree. Saturday February 21, at 6:30 P.M. Observance of George Washington's Birthday. Thursday February 26, at 7:30 P.M. Stated communications and examinations. W. H. "Bill" Bowen, W. M. Burl K Timmons, Secretary

2 Public Notices

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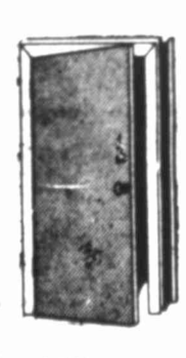

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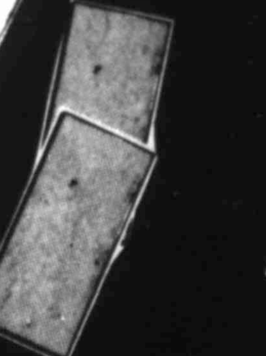

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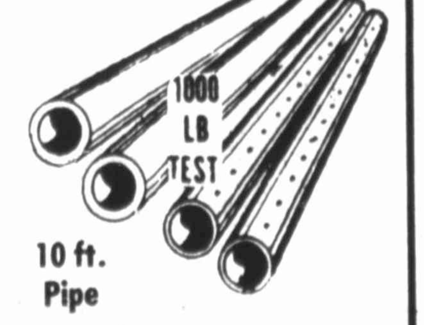

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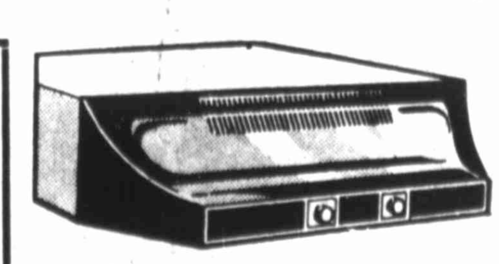

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BI LINGUAL mail clerk, wow!	$600	FEE paid, oil sec, train, now!	$700
PLUSH surroundings, recep	$400	RECEPTIONIST, brite smile	$450
OFFICE mngr, decision maker	$650	SECRETARY, growth position	$575

Open til 7 p.m. Mondays

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104 WALL TOWER WEST 683-5529

ATTENTION SECRETARIES—We have many secretarial positions in and out of the oil industry. If you are looking for a change call us.

SECRETARY, to credit manager. FEE NEGOTIABLE	$ 550
SECRETARY, Not oil	$ 650
SECRETARY, Train for legal. FEE NEGOTIABLE	$ 600 up
SECRETARY, Shorthand, executive suite	$ 600 up
SECRETARY, Small office with good benefits	$ 595
GEOLOGICAL SECRETARY, Small office, good future	to $ 800
PRODUCTION SECRETARY, Front office type	to $ 750
BOOKKEEPER SECRETARY, Office management capability	to $ 1,000
PAYROLL CLERK, Some experience preferred	$ 600
ACCOUNTING CLERK, Oil and gas not necessary. FEE NEGGTIABLE	$ OPEN
SENIOR TAX ANALYST, Minimum three years experience. FEE PAID	$15,000
DRAFTING DESIGNER, Seven years piping drafting. FEE PAID	$15,600
GEOLOGIST, Relocate to S.W. New Mexico. 2-7 yrs. exp. FEE PAID	to $27,000
CPA, Financial reporting, 3 yrs. public audit w/oil. FEE PAID	to $27,000
LAND MANAGEMENT, Minimum five years experience. FEE PAID	$25,000

PROF., ADMIN., & CLERICAL AND POSITIONS LOCAL WORLD-WIDE
Dunhill PERSONNEL SERVICE 3101 West Wall Street Midland, Texas 79701 915-683-4846

LVN, full or part time, all shifts. Apply in person. Permian Lodge, 2000 North Main.

WANTED: combination ranch and farm hand. Call Dr. James or Jesse Brooks, Atlanta, Texas, 214-796-2873.

ACCOUNTING SECRETARY
ODESSA—$600+
Must be efficient, have the ability to work with numbers. Good work background a must. Excellent fast growing company. Call or come by CONTINENTAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 2007 West Texas, 684-5868.

WANTED
Texaco retailer, interstate location, high volume potential. Contact
J. E. Summers
563-2620

LICENSED Texas plumbers needed. The Darville Company, 503 East 21st Street, Odessa. Call 563-1145.

NEED THREE PEOPLE
To stuff weekend supplements into the Sunday Midland Reporter-Telegram 12 midnight to about 4:30 a.m.
See Leroy Stewart
Circulation Manager
The Midland
Reporter-Telegram
201 East Illinois St.

PART-TIME WAITRESS
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Experience required. Apply in person only.
LUIGI'S RESTAURANT
111 N. Big Spring

HELP wanted, cabinet shop man. Experienced preferred. Call 332-3331 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

RECEPTIONIST
$400+
Beautiful office, super working conditions. This co. needs a sharp attractive individual to answer phone and handle light typing. Good speaking abilities a must. Call or come by CONTINENTAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 2007 West Texas, 684-5868.

SERVICE station mechanic and salesman. Must be married, 21 or over. Good pay for right man. 4320 West Illinois.

PART TIME cocktail waitress for small 15 seat bar. Friday and Saturday nights, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Apply in person only. Luigi's Restaurant, 111 North Big Spring.

EXPERIENCED nite man needed, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., six days per week. Works with another man. 694-4376.

BOOKKEEPER
WILL TRAIN—$500+
Full charge bookkeeper. Co will train the right person. Good work background a must. Must be good with numbers. Fast growing co. needs you to grow with them. Good advancement possibilities. CONTINENTAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 2007 West Texas, 684-5868.

BROILER cooks and salad persons wanted. Apply in person only. Los Patios Restaurant, 2101 Wadley.

BEAUTICIAN needed with or without following. Call Modern Miss Beauty Salon, 683-5311, 1401 North Lamesa Road.

SECRETARY—$600+
FEE NEGOTIABLE
Our favorite client needs a secretary with versatile abilities. Good handwriting is a must, typing and shorthand required. Ability to work with numbers is helpful. Super rapidly growing co. Room for advancement. CONTINENTAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 2007 West Texas, 684-5868.

SOMEONE to live-in only. Take care of elderly lady and do housework. 684-5210.

SECRETARY
Good opportunity for mature dependable person. Heavy oil and gas background. Excellent typing and shorthand skills required. Challenging position with potential for advancement, pleasant atmosphere. $700+. Southwest Personnel Service
203 Bldg. of the Southwest
683-4221

HELP wanted, painting. Wilbur Hall, 694-6918.

NEED combination parts man and time checker. Approximately 55 hour week. Call 684-8205 for interview.

SCOUTING SECRETARY
$600+
Public relations and phone work. Good oil and gas terminology and experience required. Excellent co. benefits. Typing skills are necessary. CONTINENTAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 2007 West Texas, 684-5868.

15 Help Wanted

EMPLOYMENT
DALE BARTHELEMY
Licensed Agent-Owner
We have many openings for degreed engineers. We work on an international basis.
THE OIL & GAS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
3028 KERMIT HIGHWAY
ODESSA, TEXAS 79762
915/333-2826

ASSISTANT MANAGER
Position available at Surplus City. Sales experience needed. Opportunity to advance. Apply in person to Bill Jackson at Nickel Chrysler 3705 W. Wall.
Call 694-6661 for appointment

EXPERIENCED oilfield service electricians and linemen for the West Texas area. $6 per hour plus benefits. Send resume with work experience to Electrical Services, Box 2772, Midland, Tx. 79701. All replies confidential.

BABYSITTING and light housekeeping weekdays 11-6. Must have transportation. Call Peggy at 694-8801 before 5 and 694-0708 after 6 and weekends.

OFFSET printing press operator, some experience required. Salary based on experience. Permian Printing & Office Supply, 2002 Kermit Highway, Odessa. Phone 337-5429.

ENJOY INTERESTING PUBLIC RELATIONS
High earnings, require no selling. We seek well rounded mature individual who makes a good appearance and is willing to work. Requires only 4 hours a day local travel only. Call 563-2333, Sunday, 2-2 till Tuesday, 2-4, 2-7 p.m. for appointment.

FULL TIME WAITRESS
Needed, daytime shift experience required. Apply in person only.
LUIGI'S RESTAURANT
111 North Big Spring

BEERMAID
We need a gal to sell beer from 6 p.m. to midnite, 6 nights per week. Must be honest, dependable, and enjoy people. See Clint at
SUPER BOWL
3920 W. Wall

WANTED
Alteration Lady
ANADA SHOP
106 N. Loraine

Cashiers needed for self serve stations in Midland and Odessa. All shifts. Ideal for college students or semi-retired. Experience plus 10 Key desired. $2.30 per hour. Send Name—Address—Phone and Hours—Days available to MSI, 8026 Vantage, Suite 112-C, San Antonio, 78230.

DRILLING OPERATIONS ENGINEER—2-7 years exp., engineering degree. Some oil field work. Travel. You'll HQ in Billings, MT, one hour from mountains, fishing, hunting. If you're a former Montanan, you know this is a great opportunity for quality environment. Challenging work, competitive pay. Please send resume, salary history (in confidence) to Montana Power Company, 40 E. Broadway, Butte, MT, 59701. Attn.: Mr. Ellis Donaldson. Equal Opportunity Employer.

ALASKA—Check with us for up to date info. on Adm. Engr. & Tech. openings. Direct and immediate access to hiring authority with no fee charged to applicant. Great $$'s + +.

WORLDWIDE location. Constant need for operations mgr. w/offshore exp. $32K up excellent benefits.

immediate need in Tex., Panhandle for res. engr.; West Texas exp., great company, $'s open. Dist. & Prod. engr. 5 to 15 yrs. broad O&G exp. to $26K. Process engr. 2 to 4 yrs. exp. to $19K. Rotary Rock Bit mfg. engr. to 25K in Okla. Piping design checker 5+ yrs. Petro/Petro Chem. $'s open in Missouri.

BSEE w/2 to 5 yrs. exp. Electronic instrumentation design & development $'s open, Texas. Extrusion Plastic engr., $'s open, Texas.
all fees paid
OIL & GAS SPECIALISTS
Vance Employment Service, 917 Barfield Bldg., Amarillo, Texas, 79101. (806) 372-3456.

ASSISTANT manager, experience preferred, large adult apartment complex. Phone 684-4004, Mrs. Brown.

DEPENDABLE person to keep 2 children in my home evenings. Call 682-9112.

ELECTRONIC aptitude? Trainee service opportunity. $8,300. Call D'L 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

FEE paid, secretary, fantastic advancement opportunity. $600. Susan, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

15 Help Wanted

THE PERMIAN CORPORATION
Immediate Openings for Qualified Mechanics, welder and yardmen
(roustabout type yard work)
BETTER PAY
for a 5 day Work Week
BETTER BENEFITS
PAID RETIREMENT
PARTICIPATING THRIFT PLAN
PAID HOSPITALIZATION INS.
FREE UNIFORM PROGRAM
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PAID HOLIDAYS
PAID VACATION

We offer permanent employment and a good future in a modern truck shop facility. For interview and application, contact Jim Johnson or John White.

THE PERMIAN CORPORATION
Garden City Hwy.
Midland, Texas
Phone 915-684-7141
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EMPIRE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
And SECRETARIAL SERVICE
119 Midland Savings Bldg.
684-8772
NEW LISTINGS DAILY

SR. ACCOUNTANT—Oil and Gas Accounting. BBA in accounting required. Knowledge through Oil and Gas accounting courses in college or some experience of accounting for oil and gas revenues. 1,000
LEGAL SECRETARY—Opportunity to train in legal field. Mature woman with excellent typing, shorthand and some dictaphone. OPEN
SECRETARY—Mature, able to accept responsibility. Good skills required and some office experience. FEE NEGOTIABLE. 500 UP
MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST—Mature and responsible to handle front desk appointments, some bookkeeping and invoicing—general office duties. Accurate typing. OPEN
BOOKKEEPER—Some bookkeeping background—need experience in income Tax, financial statements. Good company benefits. FEE NEGOTIABLE. 600
SECRETARY—General office duties, excellent typing, shorthand helpful. 2 positions—both good comapnies with company benefits. 550 575 UP
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—Good typing and shorthand skills, some bookkeeping. Land experience helpful. FEE NEGOTIABLE. OPEN
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER—Good typing and shorthand, experience in bookkeeping, invoicing, inventories, etc. FEE NEGOTIABLE. 600
SECRETARY—Odessa—Typing and shorthand required, some data processing helpful. Good benefits. 500 to 550
RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY—Busy office. Able to meet public well, handle front desk, and busy phones. Accurate typist. Will train exciting business office. 450 to 500
HELP! HELP! HELP! WE NEED YOU TO WORK WESTERN GIRL ON TEMPORARY JOB ASSIGNMENTS
OPENINGS FOR STENOS, TYPISTS, RECEPTIONISTS, FILE CLERKS
NO EMPLOYMENT FEE! PLEASE CALL 684-5891

WAITRESS NEEDED
Now taking applications for waitress, good working conditions, top pay.
Apply in person only to
Fields Mexican Inn.
2501 West Illinois.

NEEDED NOW
KILL TRUCK OPERATOR
A dependable and sober person experienced in operating a high pressure truck, that will look out for the interest of the company. Will find good pay, enough hours to make good money in Sonora, TX with
Ace Transport Co., Inc.
Contact Mr. Archie Whitaker,
Box 1097, Sonora, TX. 76950
or call 915-387-3541

SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Needed for branch of national corporation in the office products field. Must have strong electronics background.
683-2052
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CONTINENTAL Employment service
LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT OR EMPLOYEES? WE can help

PETROLEUM ENGINEER
with 5 years experience in Production Engineering, drilling experience desirable but not necessary.
If you qualify send detailed resume in confidence with salary requirements to:
If you qualify send detailed resume in confidence with salary requirements to:
Coastal States Gas Producing Co.
P.O. Box 235
Midland, Texas 79701
Equal Employment Opportunity Company

FEE paid, marvelous office sharpie secretary, $650, Arlene, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

COLLECTION ability, fast paced, responsible $500. Call Rotha, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

AGGRESSIVE, sharp representative needed, advertising sales, $9,600. D.L. 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

RETIRING office clerk creates immediate opening, $500, Susan, 683-6311, Snelling Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

EAGER typist, growing company, learn, earn $550, Rotha, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

MAIL clerk, bi-lingual, unlimited future, immediate $600, Arlene, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

LEGAL secretary, good shorthand, and typing. Top company. Salary open and negotiable. 684-5523. Bennett Employment Service, 125 Midland Tower.

JOINT INTEREST ACCOUNT
$16K FEE PAID
3 to 4 years in joint interest accounting, preferably in oil and gas. To relocate. Call 683-4846, Dunhill Personnel, 2101 West Wall, Midland, Texas.

NEED immediately! One foreman and three carpenters. Call 683-7544 or 682-2123.

CAREER position, health care office. Will train but RN or LVN preferred. Surgery experience helpful. Send resume to Box H-8, Midland Reporter-Telegram.

BOOKKEEPER
Fee Paid
$600 Plus
Full charge bookkeeper. Must have some experience in oil and gas bookkeeping. Very challenging and rewarding position. Company needs individual who can grow with them. Super benefits and great office location. Call or come by: Continental Employment Service, 2007 W. Texas, 684-5868.

15 Help Wanted

THESE JOBS ARE TOP FLIGHT, TOP SALARIED, AND FEE PAID.
IF YOU QUALIFY, DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL.
LET AN OIL MAN PLACE YOU.
WE UNDERSTAND YOUR JOB.
EMPLOYMENT
DALE BARTHELEMY
Liscensed Agent-Owner

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PETROLEUM ENGINEERS
Opening in almost any area with salary increases to meet your requirements. FEE PAID.

GEOLOGIST
Openings in almost any area with salary increases to meet your requirements. FEE PAID.

LANDMEN
We have openings in almost any area with salary increases to meet your requirements. Mr. Landman if you understand overseas operations and how to work as a landman in foreign countries, we have the type job for you. If you are an executive type person this job can turn into a VP opening. FEE PAID.

METALLURGY
Immediate opening with major oil field manufacturer and refinery. FEE PAID.

ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEER
Immediate opening with a major oil field manufacturer and refinery. FEE PAID.

THE OIL & GAS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
3028 Kermit Hwy.
ODESSA, TEXAS
915-333-2826

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Applications Being Taken By
Sharp Drilling Co., Inc.
DRILLERS
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Call Toll Free
8:00 A.M. To 3:30 P.M.
Texas 1-800-592-1442
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Complete Benefits Offered
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PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST
Texas Eastern's International Division is seeking a Geologist with 4-8 years petroleum exploration experience for a Houston staff position in its expanding Exploration & Production Department. Duties of the position will be of a general exploration nature. Future opportunities include a possible overseas assignment.
Successful applicant will have a M.S. or Ph.D. in Geology, with good conceptual knowledge of sedimentology, including carbonates, gained through thesis work or appropriate industry experience.
Texas Eastern offers excellent employee benefits, salary and promotional opportunities. Please send your resume and salary history, in confidence, to Mr. Harry W. Wellingford.
TEXAS EASTERN Trans-mission Corporation
P.O. BOX 2521
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77001

DEVELOPMENT GEOLOGIST
This position offers an exceptional opportunity in the development of new producing properties and re-evaluation of older properties. Requires at least 5 years experience, preferably in the Mid-Continent area. M.S. degree desired. Location in Tulsa.
Outstanding benefits with salary commensurate with ability and experience. Submit detailed resume including salary history and salary requirements to:
Manager of Personnel
Helmerick & Payne, Inc.
1579 East 21st, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114
An equal opportunity employer

SOUTHWEST PERSONNEL SERVICES
BUILDING OF THE SOUTHWEST
Suite 203, 683-4221
Open 9-5

SECRETARY—Heavy oil & gas, excellent typing and shorthand. Stability, dependability a requirement. FEE NEGOTIABLE	$700+
SECRETARY—Good skills, some oil & gas required. FEE PAID	$575
FIRE CASUALTY SECRETARY—Experience required. Good typing, shorthand helpful. FEE REIMBURSED.	$600
SECRETARY—Busy office, bookkeeping knowledge required. Growth potential	$500
BOOKKEEPER—Good background—Need two, oil & gas helpful. FEE PAID ON ONE.	$600
PRODUCTION CLERK—1 to 3 years experience. Local independent, good benefits. FEE PAID	$750
SERVICEMAN—Heavy oilfield electrical experience international firm FEE NEGOTIABLE	$10,800+
SERVICEMAN—Tublar field experience required. Good poptential W/international firm	$9600+
ENGINEER—All phases drilling, production, some reservoir. Professional benefit package. FEE PAID.	$25K
ENGINEER—Local independent needs drilling and production engineer. Good benefits. FEE PAID	$26K

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MECHANICAL ENGINEER
CIVIL ENGINEER
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
PIPING & CIVIL DRAFTSMAN
Previous oil & gas company experience preferred. Must be willing to relocate. We have good locations available throughout the Gulf coast and midwest. Send resume including salary requirements to:
W.E. Neils & Associates
Box 189, Borger, Tx. 79007
or call collect (806) 274-2205
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30 ENUMERATORS
Wanted to update information for the
MIDLAND CITY DIRECTORY
Must have car. Apply 9 a.m., Monday through Friday.
Room 113
Central Building
An Equal Opportunity Employer

TEMPORARY help needed until June $3 per hour. Fiberglass production. Windecker Supply Company, Midland Air Terminal, 563-1700.

DEPENDABLE full time delivery help. Must be neat conventional energetic, physically able to help handle large 3 way color combination sets. Apply in person only at Signal Radio & TV Service, 3405 West Wall, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

GEOLOGIST
OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED
With aggressive, privately-owned, independent, O & G company. Minimum 5 years experience in Permian Basin. Imaginative with supervisory capabilities, all phases geological and geophysical programs. Salary negotiable. Submit resumes to Box 1941, Midland. Replies strictly confidential.

EXPERIENCED waitress needed. Apply 3601 West Wall, Ramada Inn.

EXPERIENCED sewing machine mechanic needed. Top pay. Reply to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Box H-9, Midland, Tx. 79701.

EXPERIENCED presser needed, ladies pants and skirt. Please call 333-3191 or apply Jones Apparel, 2301 Production Ave., Odessa.

VERY reliable, loving person to care for my child in my home. Various working days, no weekends. 694-0826 after 6.

NEED responsible lady to care for my three children 5 days a week, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 682-3413.

HIGHLY geared secretary, nation-wide company. $550. Arlene, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

SHARP credit secretary, advancement potential, $500. Rotha, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

FLAIR for decorating? Inside, outside sales, $8,400. D.L. 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

ENTRY level secretary trainee, unlimited future, $500. Susan, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

RECEPTIONIST, smiling personality, diversified duties, exceptional, $450. Arlene, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

GAS engineers. See display ad in oil section!

BRIGHT beginner bookkeeper, light typing, $450. Rotha Warren, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

MECHANIC'S helper, plant maintenance, $10,500. Call D'L. Hunt, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

BORED with housework? Attractive receptionist trainee, $425. Susan, 683-6311, Snelling, Snelling Personnel Service, 1908 Wall.

TOP notch secretary, versatile, attractive, good office skills, oil experience a must. Fee negotaiable. 684-5523, Bennett Employment Serivce, 125 Midland Tower.

REVENUE accounting clerk, minimum one year experience. $600 to $650. 684-5523. Bennett Employment Service, 125 Midland Tower.

SR. ACCOUNTANT
$18K FEE PAID
4 to 5 years Oil and gas experience, C.P.A. helpful, computer programming a plus. Call 682-4846, Dunhill Personnel, 2101 West Wall, Midland, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALFRED N. SHARRICK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 1976, Letters Testamentary were issued to Dorothy Marie Sharrick as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Alfred N. Sharrick Deceased" being No 5241 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending, and that Dorothy Marie Sharrick now holds such Letters Testamentary. All persons having claims against the Estate of Alfred N. Sharrick Deceased are hereby required to present the same to the Independent Executrix within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address of Dorothy Marie Sharrick is 1610 Stanolind, Midland, Texas 79701

Dated this 18 day of February 1976

Dorothy Marie Sharrick, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Alfred N. Sharrick, Deceased

February 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Midland in the Council Chamber City Hall, Midland, Texas, March 9, 1976 beginning at 1:40 p.m. for a proposed change in zoning classification from "1F-1" (One Family Dwelling District) to "PD" (Planned District - Single family housing) on the following described property:

Being 19.5 acres of land out of Section 16, Block 39, T-1-S, T & P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being described by metes and bounds as follows to-wit:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of a 5.05 acre tract of land in Section 16, Block 39, T-1-S, T & P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas, from which point the northwest corner of said Section 16 bears S 74° 37' W 1998.45 feet and N 15° 35' W 1320.8 feet;

THENCE N 74° 37' E 1330.55 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 15° 32' E 330.2 feet to a point for the most easterly southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE [illegible] 15° 30' 30" E 660 feet to a point for the most southerly southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE [illegible] 74° 37' W 665.85 feet to a point for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE [illegible] ° W 1005.8 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing [illegible] acres of land more or less.

City of Midland
J. W. McCullough
City Secretary

February 22 1976

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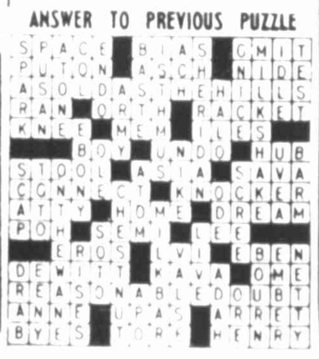

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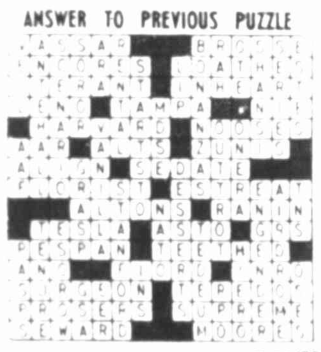

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OFFICE HOURS:

Week Days . . . 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays . . . 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

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3 p.m. day prior to publication except 3 p.m. Friday for Sunday editions. 10 a.m. Saturday for Monday editions.

Please check your ad the first day it appears. The Reporter-Telegram is responsible only for the first day for error that nullifies the value of the ad.

WORD AD DEADLINES:

10:30 a.m. Saturday for Sunday
12:00 a.m. Saturday for Monday
4:00 p.m. Monday for Tuesday
4:00 p.m. Tuesday for Wednesday
4:00 p.m. Wednesday for Thursday
4:00 p.m. Thursday for Friday

SPACE AD DEADLINES:

10:30 a.m. Saturday for Sunday
12:00 a.m. Saturday for Monday
3:00 p.m. Monday for Tuesday
3:00 p.m. Tuesday for Wednesday
3:00 p.m. Wednesday for Thursday
3:00 p.m. Thursday for Friday

DISPLAY DEADLINES:

11:00 a.m. Thursday for Sunday
11:00 a.m. Friday for Monday
4:00 p.m. Friday for Tuesday
11:00 a.m. Monday for Wednesday
11:00 a.m. Tuesday for Thursday
11:00 a.m. Wednesday for Friday

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1 Lodge Notices

Keystone Chapter No. 172 and Council No. 112 Stated Convocation and Assembly first Tuesdays. Order of the Temple and Inspection by grand officers Tuesday Feb. 3, 1976 with meal at 6:30. All Sir Knights invited. J. A. Bobbitt, H.P., Paul Hicks, T.I.M., George Medley, Secretary Recorder.

Acacia Lodge No. 1414 A.F. & A.M. 2009 West Industrial Avenue. Joint meeting with Midland Lodge 623 Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. Next regular meeting Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. School every Monday night 7:00 p.m. All Masons welcome. Bert Cornelius, W.M., Preston Ross, Secretary.

Midland Lodge No. 623 A.F. & A.M. Thursday, Februrary 19 at 7:30 P.M. F.C. Degree. Saturday February 21 at 6:30 P.M. Observance of George Washington's Birthday. Thursday February 26 at 7:30 P.M. Stated communications and examinations. W. H. (Bill) Bowen, W.M., Burl K. Timmons, Secretary.

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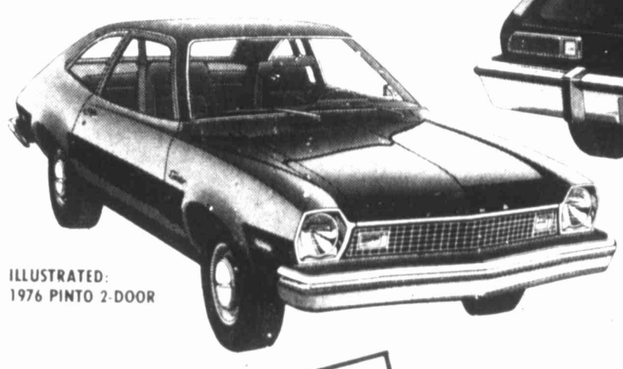

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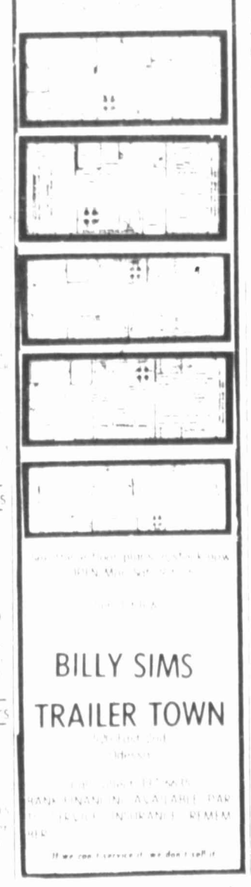

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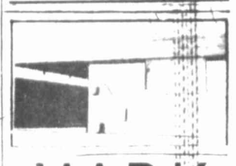

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WARD-Hays built, 3 bedroom, lovely brick patio and walks, sunken den, lots of charm	$54,000
PECAN-Ready for occupancy, 4 bedrooms, humidifier, refrigerated, a nice home	$42,000
MOGFORD-A charming home, excellent condition, 3 bedrooms, Good well	$44,500
MIDKIFF-Two houses, possible commercial properties, close to Wall street	$55,000
MEADOW-3 bedrooms, refrigerated, new houses, FHA financing under	$23,000
MAXWELL-A Lawless built, 4 bedroom, less than 5 years old, large master suite, cathedral den, close to schools	$49,900
KESSLER-Nice 3 bedroom, close to shopping	$26,500
KEITH-2 bedrooms, a lot for the money	$14,000
HAYNES-Lovely Spanish, 3 bedrooms, convenient to schools, 6 months old	$53,000
STANOLIND-4 bedrooms, very neat, trees, close to schools, good family home	$42,000
EMERSON-We have two lovely 3 bedroom homes, super construction, many extra features, storm windows, do see them	$40,800
DOUGLAS-A well maintained home in top location, three bedrooms, zoned heating and cooling, brick wall with fireplace	$49,500
CARRIZO-Two duplexes, stay rented, good investment	$23,500 and $28,500
BEDFORD-A lovely 3 bedroom or 2 and office, new zoned heating and cooling, super location, a real treasure	$45,000
CUTHBERT-2 bedrooms, built by Dean Slavens	$30,000
FAIR GROUND ROAD AND GARDEN CITY HWY.-9.4 acres, office and two bay garage	$40,000
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PRINCETON: Prestige location, 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath, den and living room	$31,000
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2200 NORTHRUP
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FOR sale 3 bedroom, fenced yard, garage, $4,000 [illegible]. Phone 682 8686. The Maxson Company

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MIDKIFF DRIVE—South. Large country home on 2 acres. Den, fireplace, 4 bedrooms.
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BY OWNER
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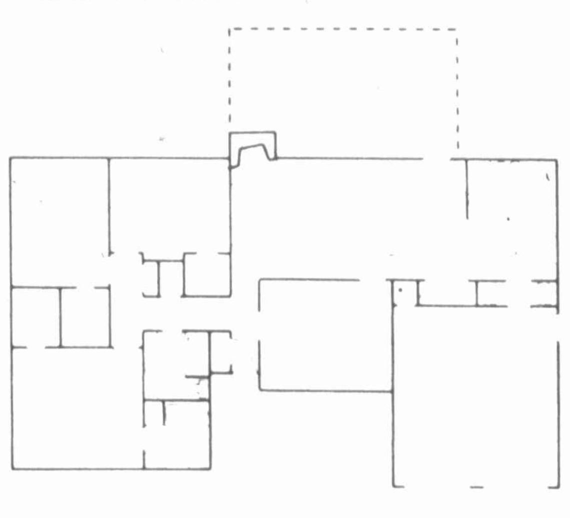

HEAD OF THE LIST this week is this nice & clean home on Huntington. It has gas refg. air, a fireplace, built-in bookcases, & built-in range & oven & dishwasher. Covered patio. Call Mary Jo	$41,000
JUST LISTED: 3 bdrm, 2 bath & den brick home. Covered patio, beautiful carpet throughout. Call Ed	35,000
SOMETHING NEW: One bdrm Townhouse with fireplace, refg. air, built-in range, oven & dishwasher, covered patio	33,750
WOODLAWN: Two more one bdrm Townhouses, refg. air, fieplace. Choose your own carpeting & tile. Built by Shull	32,950
HUMBLE: Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick Spanish home. Large game room, patio, fireplace, partially refg. Call Ed	49,750
INDIANA: Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath & den brick home in excellent condition, fireplace, refg. air, cedar-lined closet. Call Marilyn	44,500
RIC: Cute 3 bdrm, 2 bath & den brick home. Patio with decorator fence. Shag carpet, storage bldg. Call Ed	18,500
MICHIGAN: 4 bdrm, 2 bath & den with fireplace. Lots of Pecan trees & an apple & pear tree too. Call Waymond	40,500
DOUGLAS: 3 bdrm, 2 bath & den brick with fireplace, refg. air & a special landscaped patio. Call Ed	47,500
TWO-STORY TOWNHOUSE: 2 bdrm, 2½ bath, living area on Western. Fireplace, refg. air, patio. Separate dining	48,000
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DUPLEXES: Two duplexes located on Siesta each with 2 bdrm, 1½ bath each side. Refg. air. Located near Midland College. Price of each is	55,000
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SHELL-Lovely 1 owner home in mint condition. Practically new everything. New Listing-don't miss it, $37,500.

KANSAS-Lovely redecorated home with guest house, too! 3110' in house and extra room! 49,950.

LAWSON-Unusually charming home with flagstone entry and dining. Sunken living. Electronic garage openers. Corning rangetop. Call to see all the other extras. 45,000.

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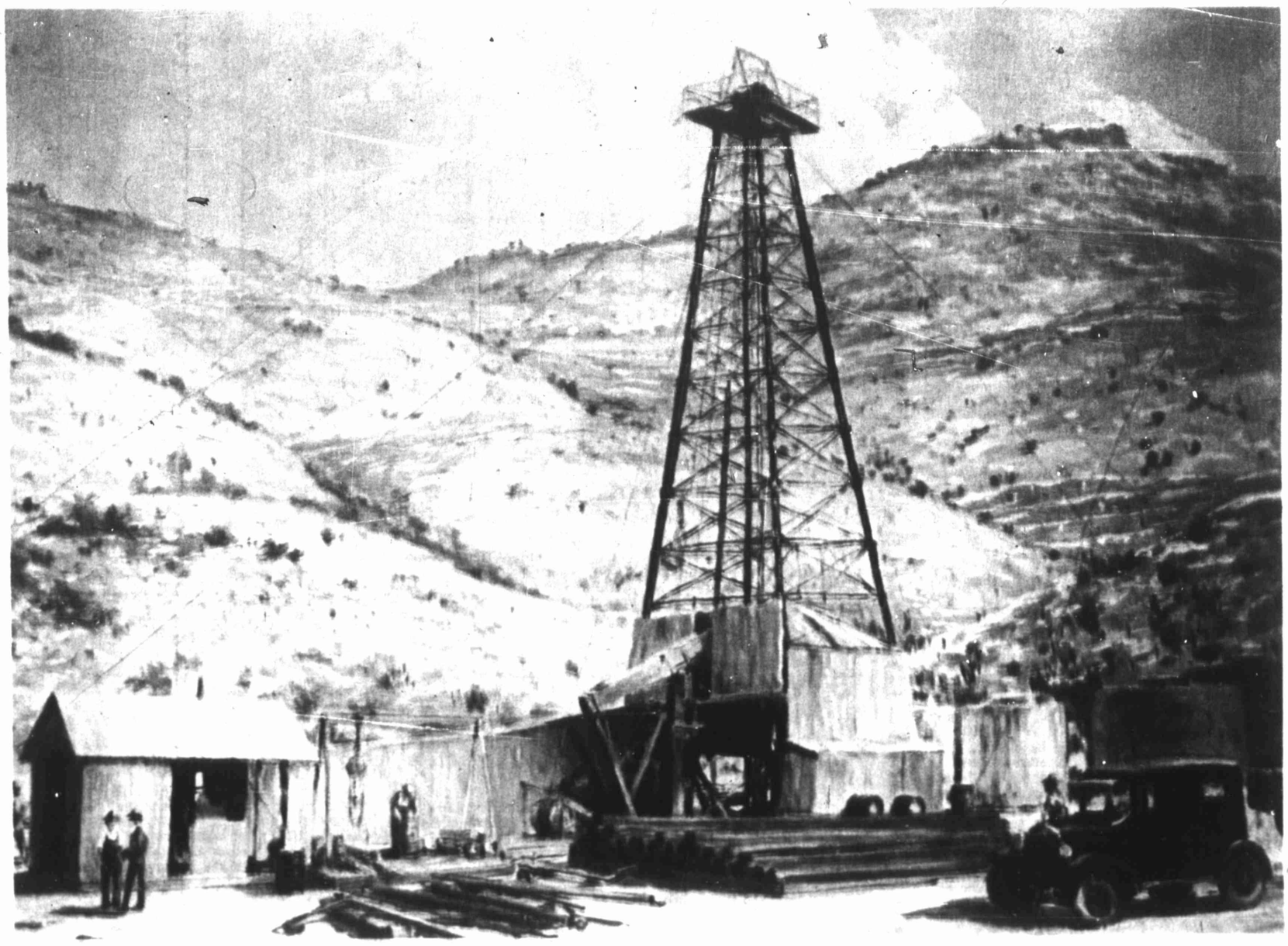

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Oil industry builds West Texas metropolis in 50 fabulous years

The fabulous oil empire that is the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico this year marks the 50th anniversary of Midland as its headquarters.

And today, the skyscrapers of Midland rise proudly over the empire it rules — a modern city of more than 60,000 population which serves as headquarters for hundreds of oil companies and allied firms.

Five decades ago, Midland was just another little dusty Western cattle town of 2,500 population. Its citizens read with little interest about the beginning of an oil industry which could boast of only 20 fields with one or more producing wells throughout the vast reaches of the Permian Basin.

Midland's actual start as an oil city dates from Oct. 15, 1926, when Gulf Oil Corp. moved its West Texas land and geological offices here From San Angelo.

Those offices were located on the second floor of the old First National Bank Building.

From the modest start — 50 years ago — in a town which claimed so few people, has come the present day Midland — a well-balanced, vital, progressive ever-growing metropolitan community.

The oil activity in the Permian Basin sector of West Texas actually began in 1921, when the Westbrook field in Mitchell County was discovered. That caused a few of the larger oil companies to station a scout, possibly a geologist, and a roving lease man in Sweetwater.

Then, in 1923, the Big Lake field in Reagan County was opened. That strike, more spectacular than the Westbrook discovery, stimulated interest sufficient to bring major and independent companies and operators into the area.

San Angelo, then the largest town in the region, and having direct connections with the Big Lake area by railroad, attracted most of those companies and individuals. By the end of 1925, a large representation of the petroleum industry was in that city.

In 1925, however, an event occurred which started the swing from San Angelo to Midland — the McCamey field was discovered.

The McCamey strike was in October 1925. Then in February 1926 came the Taylor-Link strike; in April of the same year the Church & Fields, in May 1926 the Crane-Cowden, followed by the McElroy opener in July. All these discoveries were in East Crane County.

The fire of excitement which was kindled by those new pools flared into a blaze when the Hendrick field in Winkler County was discovered in July 1926, followed by the Yates in Pecos County in October.

In those days, the only paved road in West Texas was the Bankhead Highway, U.S. 80, extending east to west across the state, through Midland.

As the oil play scattered over the territory, Midland became more and more the central location for administrative operations.

Midland had the four-story Llano Hotel. It had a direct paved highway east to Fort Worth and Dallas, and it was on the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

Midland was closer to the Crane and Upton county oil activities than San Angelo, and it was much closer to Winkler County.

Midland had a friendly, hospitable citizenship, which showed a willingness to cooperate with oilmen and the oil company employes.

Gulf officials decided the work of their company in West Texas could be handled more efficiently from Midland than from any other city. The firm moved here in October 1926.

At the time Gulf established its West Texas offices in Midland, practically all the other companies operating in the region had assigned from one to five scouts here in order to be in closer contact with the fast-breaking developments in Crane, Upton and Winkler counties.

During 1927, other companies joined Gulf in Midland. All available office space quickly was filled. That brought erection of the Thomas (now Wall Towers South) building, the Hogan (now Petroleum) Building, Hotel Scharbauer, and The First National Bank Building (now the Oil & Gas Building at the corner of Main and Wall streets.)

Those buildings and the spirit back of their construction formed the solid cornerstones on which Midland's progress has been made.

Early records and statistics on the oil business in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico are sketchy and incomplete.

In addition to the fields already mentioned, others in the area in March 1927 were: World-Powell and Todd in Crockett County; Justiceburg in Garza; Settles in Howard and Glasscock; Snyder and Harding (now Moore) in Howard; Iatan-East Howard in Mitchell and Howard; Wheat in Loving; Yates, South in Crockett; Byrne-Messiner in Pecos; and Northwest (now Sharon Ridge) in Scurry and Mitchell.

The first commercial production in Lea County, N. M., was in the Maljamar area, opened in July 1926.

There is no dependable record as to the number of wells or barrels of production in the small, scattered oil fields of the Permian Basin in 1926.

However, starting in 1927, accurate statistics have been compiled in Midland on the operations of the industry in the Basin.

Total production of all West Texas oil fields in 1927 was 46,106,508 barrels of oil. More than half — 26,498,854 barrels — came from the Crane-Upton area, which included the Church & Fields, McCamey and McElroy pools.

The Big Lake area in Reagan produced 8,421,438 barrels; and Yates in Pecos made 4,562,077 barrels.

Drilling in 1927 in West Texas resulted in the completion of 642 oil wells, two gas wells and 177 dry holes. (Operators completed 688 oil wells in Andrews County alone in 1956.)

An interesting sidelight of how experienced oil men regarded the future of this area in those early days is provided by a statement made Dec. 11, 1936, by A. N. "Ab" Hendrickson, who had come to Midland as a representative of Landreth Production Corp. of Breckenridge.

He reported, "There is a large scope of territory to investigate, and they will be drilling wells here for five to ten years."

His prediction of five to ten years of drilling in West Texas in 1926 was a sound analysis of the situation — as of that time, and using the history of other areas as a foundation for his forecast, he was highly optimistic when compared with the thinking many others who were in the oil business at that time.

The average daily production in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico hit 2,063,000 barrels of oil per day in 1975, with the West Texas area accounting for 1,803,000 barrels.

The same areas' peak year came in 1973 when New Mexico produced 276,000 barrels of crude per day and West Texas recovered 1,829,000 for a total daily average production of 2,105,000 barrels.

According to figures supplied by the Oil & Gas Journal, the daily rig count in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico was 250 in 1975, with the average in West Texas 179 and the average in New Mexico 71.

The Journal also reported that the petroleum industry enjoyed "one of its best drilling years in 1975 with an estimated total completion county of 38,498 wells."

Of that total, the Permian Basin accounded for 6,555 — 5,786 in West Texas and 769 in Southeast New Mexico.

The Railroad Commission of Texas' District 8 office in Midland handled 1,981 completion forms, including 199 wildcats.

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Midland named for its location

Early Texas patriots, pioneer statesmen or geographical location — all have lent names to the state's counties, including those in the vast Permian Basin of West Texas.

Midland and Midland County, for example, got their names from the midway location on the Texas and Pacific Railroad between Fort Worth and El Paso. The county was organized in 1885 from territory formerly included in Tom Green County.

On the other hand, Ector County, created out of Tom Green and organized in 1891, was named for an early-day Texas legislator and jurist, M. D. Ector.

And Crockett County got its name from one of the best-known heroes of the Alamo, Davy Crockett. The county was created in 1875 out of Bexar County and formally organized in 1891.

Martin County's name comes from a statesman of the Republic of Texas, Sen. Wylie Martin. The county, one of the oldest in this region, was created from the Bexar District in 1876 and formally organized in 1884.

Dawson County was also created out of the Bexar District in 1876 but did not undergo organization until 1905. It owes its name to Nicholas M. Dawson, a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto.

Andrews County had its organization even later — in 1910 — although it, too, had been created out of Bexar in 1876. The county is named for Richard Andrews, who fought in the Texas Revolution against Mexico.

Glasscock County owes its name to a pioneer Texan, George W. Glasscock. The county, carved out of Tom Green County in 1887, was formally organized in 1893.

Gaines County was created from Bexar in 1876, then had its formal organization in 1905. James Gaines, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, is honored by the county name.

Reagan County was both created and organized in 1903, the area formerly being a part of Tom Green County. It bears the name of George H. Reagan, first chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Howard County's history goes back to 1876 when it was carved out of the Bexar District, and it achieved full county status in 1882. It is the namesake of V. E. Howard, an early-day Texas legislator.

Upton County was not formally organized until 1910 although it had been created many years earlier out of Tom Green County. The county name honors two brothers, John and William Upton, Confederate Army officers.

Ward County, named for a Republic of Texas leader, Thomas W. Ward, was created out of Tom Green in 1887 and fully organized five years later.

Crane County came into existence in 1887, out of Tom Green but was one of the last counties in the state to be fully organized — in 1927. The derives its name from a former president of Baylor University, W. C. Crane.

Sterling County also came from Tom Green territory, being both created and organized in 1891. It was named for an early-day buffalo hunter, W. S. Sterling.

Winkler County, also organized out of Tom Green, in 1887, did not have formal organization until 1910. It bears the name of a Confederate Army officer, Col. C. M. Winkler.

On the other hand, Reeves County was created out of Pecos County in 1883 and organized the following year. It was named for another Confederate Army leader, Col. George R. Reeves.

And Pecos County itself, second largest in the state, had its beginning in 1871 when it was carved out of Presidio County territory. It was formally organized the following year. The county is named after the Pecos River which defines the northeastern boundary of the county.

SHORTLY AFTER THE turn of the century, these musicians, known as the Midland Concert Band, entertained Midlanders on many occasions. From left, front row, are H. Lawrence unidentified, Lewis Storey, Mr. Vanstraten, Blake B ayes, Rorie Cowden, Percy Mims and Charles Herman. Middle row, from left, are J. R. Storey Sr., Ned Watson and Clarence Ligon. Back row, from left, unidentified, unidentified, J. M. Gilmore, Carol Holloway and Arthur Taylor. The young lad is Mr. Vanstraten's son.

Brown-Dorsey residence being restored by Midland County Historical Society

By Lynne Wells

An inconspicuous looking brown frame house with light green trim stands at 213 N. Weatherford St. It is just another old house until one learns it was once the home of Z. Taylor Brown, an early Midland settler, and his daughter, Sarah Dorsey.

"It is an excellent example of the architecture of that day (the early 20th Century)," said Mrs. Nancy McKinley of the Midland County Historical Society. "There are no other examples left here," she added.

The two-story house was completed in 1900 at a cost of $2,800. Only the enclosed back porch is not an original structure. It was added as a room for Mrs. Dorsey when she became too feeble to walk up and down stairs.

Brown, an Illinois native, came to Midland in the early 1880s. He was a sheep and cattle rancher, and brought one of the first sheep to Midland County. He was the first person to practice farming on a large scale in this area, Mrs. McKinley said.

Brown's family and Mrs. Dorsey and her five sons were the only persons ever to own or occupy the house, with the exception of some boarders. Z. Taylor Brown lived there until his death on March 28, 1930. His wife, Sarah, died Oct. 1, 1923.

The house is now owned by the Midland County Historical Society, who has been restoring it for the past five years. The restoration, which is the Heritage project of the Midland Bicentennial Committee, is the only restoration project ever undertaken by a private organization in Midland County, Mrs. McKinley explained. She said the money for the endeavor has been donated by members of the Historical Society and "interested friends."

The house, which is a Texas Medallion Home and a Texas Landmark, will be dedicated on July 4, said Mrs. McKinley.

Work on the 75-year old home includes sheetrocking and painting the interior, furnishing the rooms with some of the original furniture that is available, and building a grape arbor and cistern outside the house, said Mrs. McKinley.

The original cistern has been moved to the yard, and a grape arbor is under construction now. Mrs. McKinley said Brown used to make wine from home-grown grapes and store it in his wine cellar.

The front door is designed with ornate carvings, and features a decorative brass doorknob and brass doorbell. A blue, yellow, green and rose art glass window graces the entrance hall.

The fireplaces in the back parlor, front parlor and dining room are connected to a single chimney. The screens in the tall, thin parlor windows had to be cut by hand and replaced, said Mrs. McKinley, because they are not a size commonly available now.

The only closets in the house are downstairs, and Mrs. McKinley noted that the house had a lot of storage space for an early 20th Century home.

The enclosed back porch which was Mrs. Dorsey's room when she was older will be used as an office and meeting room for the Historical Society when the restoration is complete.

A steep staircase with two landings leads to the three bedrooms upstairs. The ceilings are high, which helped keep the house cool in the summer, Mrs. McKinley said.

The house had running water, but heating was supplied by coal and wood stoves, and kerosene lamps were the source of light until electricity and gas became available in Midland in 1927.

Mrs. McKiney said the staircase was originally spiral without the landings, but Mrs. Dorsey had it redesigned to make a side entrance off the stairs when she rented the upstairs rooms during World War II.

The large mulberry tree in the front yard was planted in 1900, and was used by Brown as a hitching post.

The house has been vacant since Mrs. Dorsey's death at age 68 on May 6, 1968.

"It's really in good shape for an older house," commented Mrs. McKinley. She remembered that it did not leak at all during the 1968 flood.

Edison invention 98 years old

By SAM STEWART
Copley News Service

The phonograph business has to be reckoned about the most durable of all.

Be it noted that it has been more than 98 years since Thomas Alva Edison received a patent on his invention of a talking machine. Yet the business that began that day (Feb. 19, 1878) never had it any better than right now.

Of course, Mr. Edison wouldn't recognize his invention if he came back today and was introduced not only to stereo developments (which would have amazed him) but also the transition to tapes. No, to be honest, he probably wouldn't be so amazed, either.

Today's technology accomplishes exactly what Edison intended, making music available for everyone and preserving for posterity the voices and sounds of contemporary performers. Edison would be saddened if he didn't find that the job is being done better than with his first working model.

A lot of us can remember the machines that had their musical treats engrooved on a black cylinder, requiring a big horn shaped like an oversize morning glory to provide amplification. Their commercial was the advertisement with a picture of a dog, his ear attuned so devotedly to the horn that you expect a plug for dog food any minute.

Then they flattened the cylinders, like platters, and eventually got the horn built into the set.

And people who had laughed themselves silly over "Cohen on the Telephone" on the old cylinders held their sides over the drollery of the "Two Black Crows." That was real progress.

Of course, about this time radio was emerging from its technological cocoon and everybody said that the day of the phonograph was about at an end. Who would buy phonographs and phonograph records when all they had to do was turn a dial on their Superheterodyne and pick up the Kansas City Night Hawks, Ben Bernie or Ed Wynn?

But a little poetic justice was working in the background and television came along to siphon off radio's talents. Radio no longer had the exclusive rights to soap operas "The Shadow" or Jack Benny.

So how did radio keep going?

By playing phonograph records — completely dependent on the medium it had boasted about consigning to oblivion!

The phonograph folks kept working. Hi-fi, Stereo, FM, AM, LP, Cassettes. Radios in cars became as essential as floorboards.

The radio stations played records and people hearing them wanted to hear them again so they could buy and play the records they had heard on the radio. And the record folks were helpful; they made 78 and 45 and 33 the numbers of progress and they produced platters which could carry as many tunes as whole stacks of the earlier discs.

People today can only wonder about the voice of Jenny Lind or how Frederic Chopin really sounded when he sat down to play.

But future generations can listen to vividly lifelike preservation of the artistry of Cliburn, the stirring vocality of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the nostalgia of Welk's champagne music.

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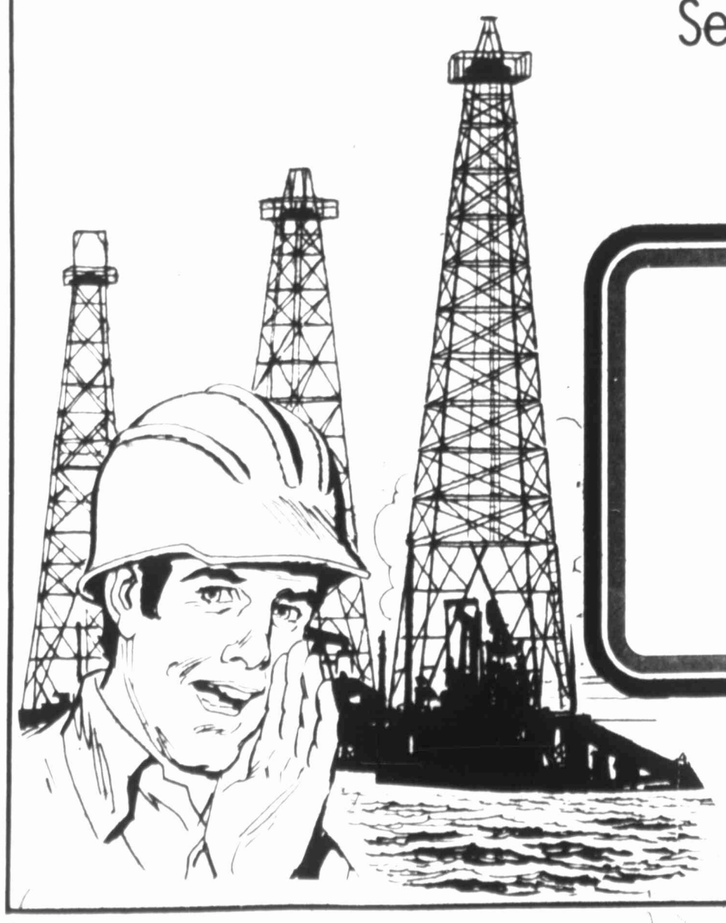

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Cole Park field first major city water area

By J. COURTNEY BARBER

Midland's first major water supply source was Cole Park field, which is located five to six miles southeast of the center of town, and was first utilized in 1927, John B. Lowe, director of utilities, said.

At the time the city was relatively small, around 5,000 people, and was a rural farming operation.

Once the field and pump station were developed, the next water source to be developed was Rosedall Well Field, 1½ miles northwest of Midland, Lowe said.

Lowe recalled that the third phase to be developed was in 1935 and is what is now referred to as the Hogan Park Well, which is still entact and is used for irrigation.

Other fields that have been developed also are entact even though the resevoir has been usurped, Lowe said.

By 1940 Midland's population has almost doubled with Census figures showing 9,300 inhabitants.

The quality of the water is quite low at the Wadley Well and has been used by the city parks department, Lowe said.

As Midland continued to grow and expand, city officials began looking for higher quality and larger resevoirs, Lowe explained. In the late 1940s, McMillian Water Field was developed. It's located 7½ miles from Midland's Andrews Higay.

The 1950 Census indicated Midland's population had nearly trippled with 21,700 residents and the demand for water rose with the population.

Lowe noted that existing wells weren't really first class.

He said McMillian Water Well coverd quite a large section — not too wide, but it ran in length for several miles. Today the McMillian Water Well is used for storing water supplies as well as producing.

The Paul Davis Well Field was developed around 1956 and is located 30 miles north of Midland on the Lamesa Highway. Lowe said the quality of water was good and that the well was an infinite water source.

During the mid-to-late 1950s, the city looked for other water sources. The T-Bar Ranch was developed in 1962. In 1965, 14 sections of the T-Bar Ranch were purchased for the rights surface water as a back-up to the Davis Well Field, Lowe explained.

Population in Midland had expanded to 62,600, according to the 1960 Census.

In 1968, Midland started building a water treatment plant. It was completed in April, 1971, and had a capability of treating 12 million gallons of water per day and could produce water hydrolically at the rate of 18 million gallons per day, Lowe explained.

Early-day city ordinances protected women, horses, prohibited racing on streets

By DEBBIE PIERCE

Times have certainly changed since the early 1900s, and laws and customs in the City of Midland have changed right along with them.

For instance, somewhere between 1925 and 1928, according to city records, it was unlawful to wear hats or bonnets at places of amusement, entertainment or exhibition if the head-gear interfered with the vision of others.

And it was also against city law to drive vehicles in the corporate limits of the city over 18 mph or within the fire limits at over 10 mph.

City ordinances in the early 1900s, as is the case at the present, attempted to provide an orderly regulated system for governing the lives and actions of citizens.

One early ordinance provided for a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $100 for persons who would "ring any bell, or blow any horn or bugle or beat any drum, or make any loud noise, or be guilty of any practice, performance or amusement tending to frighten horses or teams within this City." However, nothing in the ordinance prohibited the mayor from granting permits to bands in parades.

The City also had established a fine of not to exceed $200 for those persons who were vagrants, which was defined as gamblers, gypsies, able-bodied beggers, wife or child abandoners, and "every able-bodied person who lives without employment or labor, and who has no visible means of support."

Male citizens during the early 1920s who insulted females unrelated to them while in a public place could be assured of a charge of misdemeanor and assessed a fine of not less than $1 nor more than $100 if caught.

Midland at the turn of the century also had laws prohibiting horse-racing on its public streets and driving herds or unbroken horses on the streets, according to an early city ordinance.

And citizens were warned not to spit "on the walk or sidewalk or upon the floor of any hall, office, hotel, apartment house, tenement or lodging house, restaurant, store, street car, or stairs or any public building, Church, theatre, railway station or factory."

Area Builders, Odessa based

Area Builders, Inc., with headquarters in Odessa, has been doing general contracting work in the Permian Basin since 1954.

Directors of the company are C. W. Yarbrough, chairman; and Jackson E. Parker and G. H. Doelling Jr.

Corporate officers are Yarbrough, R. B. Hampton, president and general manager, Doelling, secretary-treasure; Parker, vice president, and S. C. Myers Jr., assistant secretary.

Hampton, a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Civil Engineering, has been in the construction business 21 years.

Yarbrough, with 30 years in the construction business, also is a Civil Engineering graduate of Texas A&M.

Ray Dunlap and Bill Kreidel are general superintendents, and Myers is Area Builders' construction manager.

Area Builders has 32 other permanent employes, and the number of other employes at any given time depends on the work being done at that time.

The company is a nationwide builder, with its two biggest jobs in North Carolina — the South Square Plaza Mall at Durham, a $16,000,000 project, and the Eastridge Shopping Mall at Gastonia, $9,000,000.

Major construction in Midland by Area Builders includes the Commercial Bank & Trust Building, the Citizens Savings & Loan Building, Midland Memorial Hospital, U. S. Post Office & Federal Building, Midland City Hall, Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame, Vaughn Office Building, Forest Oil Co. office building, BTA Oil Producers office building, Skaggs-Albertson's store, Gibson's Discount Center addition, Citizens Savings & Loan Building, Coquina Oil office building, Lee High School vocational building, Glass Memorial Chapel of the First United Methodist Church, HBF office complex and The Reporter-Telegram addition.

Map company 26 years old

Midland Map Co. is the largest map-making business in the Permian Basin oil empire.

Owned by several stockholders, the business is operated here by E. L. Skidmore, president.

In business 26 years, the company has a payroll of more than $200,000 annually which goes to 21 employes.

The company, which sells nationwide, maintains maps from county and Railroad Commision of Texas and New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission records.

Lease ownership maps printed by the company are used throughout the oil industry.

Midland Map sponsors Little League baseball, girls softball and bowling teams and is a supporter of numerous civic and service organizations.

Skidmore is a native of Paris, Tex., and was graduated from Paris High School. He earned a B.S. degree at East Texas State University after attending Paris Junior College.

He was with Shell Oil Co. three years before joining Midland Map.

He and his wife, the former Cecelia B. Martin, have two sons, Scott, 26, and Dan, 21.

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[illegible] ness and decided he [illegible] ranched to go into bigger things.

Hearing of the wide open spaces in the Southwest where the range was free and opportunity abounded, the livestock man set out for the West Texas country.

He came by train as far as Eastland, which was the terminus of the Texas & Pacific Railroad at that time, and from there traveled by covered wagon to Abilene.

For a time, it seemed the opportunity was not knocking as quickly as he had expected, and the young man signed his time in Abilene. He went to work [illegible] and continued [illegible] party for three [illegible] he saw his [illegible] own.

Clarence Scharbauer, the son of Chris and builder of the Hotel Scharbauer, while yet a [illegible]ware boy, sold newspapers on the streets to add to the family income until he came west with his father at the age of 11.

At the age of 28, John, having amassed $2,000 in cash, a small fortune in those days, became [illegible] parted with his $2,000 and became the owner of a sheep ranch with a good herd of sheep.

As the sheep business got better, John prospered and gradually worked his way to Midland. He extended his ranch holdings until at one time he was running 40,000 sheep annually.

It was in 1880 that the young John Scharbauer came to West Texas. By 1887 he had ranching interests at Midland.

There wasn't much to Midland when John arrived, "so little in fact that the section house was the only place I could find to sleep."

After he had been in Midland a year, John realized the town's need for a bank so he did something about it. He organized the bank of Connell Bros. & Scharbauer, the beginning of what now is The First National Bank of Midland.

In that same year, he forsook the sheep business and started raising cattle. By that time, the free ranges were about all gone and land was being fenced and leased. The stockman found that cattle could be more easily handled than sheep under the changed order of things and did not hesitate to change his operations.

By this time, tales of John's good fortune in the West began to reach his brothers back home with the result that Chris Scharbauer, the eldest brother, loaded up his family on the train and came West.

He arrived here about the time the transition from sheep to cattle was being made and was placed in charge of the registered herd. John Scharbauer was the first man to introduce Hereford cattle to this country.

He had read about them and decided they were the best breed to supplant the Longhorns of that day. Accordingly he sent to Illinois for registered bulls and soon became known throughout West Texas as a Hereford breeder of first magnitude.

Chris Scharbauer spent most of his time on the ranch looking after the pedigreed animals until his death in 1925.

The Scharbauer whitefaced cattle became known far and wide and the registered bulls were in great demand for stocking purposes. Some years as many as 1,200 registered bulls were sold.

Chris, like his brothers, was always active in public affairs and was particularly prominent in the Baptist church.

It was not long until Chris' son, Clarence, caught the spirit of the West and became a real cowpuncher. While yet a boy, he started his own herd with a few cattle he was able to buy from his savings and a few others given him by his father and Uncle John.

Despite hard luck at the start when most of his cattle died, he kept at it and from year to year his herd grew.

Finally by 1901, when the Scharbauer Cattle Co. was organized, he was able to buy a small interest in the concern.

The new cattle company also owned irrigated lands near Phoenix, Ariz. Stockholders, Phil, Chris and Clarence and Phil Scharbauer, who didn't arrive here until a year after the company was formed.

At the time it was organized, the Scharbauer Cattle Co. capitalization was placed at $250,000. By 1928, the company had ranches in Midland, Ector, Martin, Andrews, Gaines and Pecos counties in Texas and others in New Mexico. The company had a cattle count of 18,000 head although at times the number had reached 25,000.

Phil Scharbauer came to Midland in 1902. He had made two or three visits with his brothers here before that time and, like the climate and the people here, so much so made Midland his home.

Immediately upon his arrival here he bought

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The three early-day Midland Scharbauers pose with friends for this studio photograph. From left, standing, are Jim Flanigan, Clarence Scharbauer and L. C. Wall. Seated, from left, are Burl Aycock, John Scharbauer, Chris Scharbauer and George D. Elliott. Elliott was the builder and owner of the old Elliott Hotel at Odessa.

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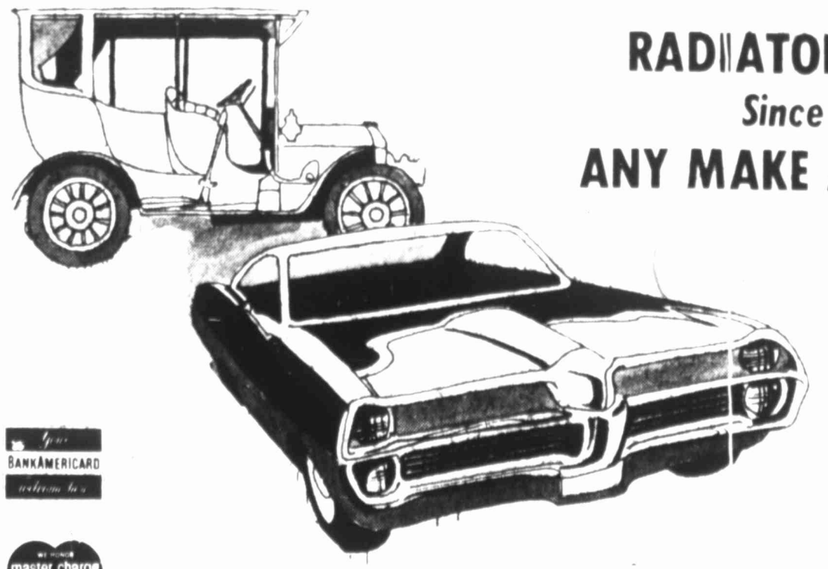

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Lights came to city almost 70 years ago

By J. COURTNEY BARBER

Midlanders have had electricity for almost 70 years.

On June 26, 1906, four men made application to the Commissioner's Court to erect utility poles and string the necessary wires — to bring electricity to Midland.

Permission was granted by the court. Infact, the court believed that "a plant of this kind will be of great public benefit."

E. R. Bryan, George D. Elliott, F. F. Gray and Clarence Scharbauer incorporated under the laws of Texas on Oct. 9, 1907, to conduct an electric business, The Midland Light Co.

There were no high voltage transmission lines in West Texas in the early 1900s, although 12.5 kilivolt lines had been constructed east of Midland to Stanton and west to Odessa. These lines were the only power supply to these two towns for several years.

The power line serving Stanton is still in operation, but the line to Odessa, although still in use, has a source of supply both at Midland and Odessa.

The plant was built on four lots in one block in Midland and consisted of engines, boilers and one electric generator. The downtown post office now occupies the land area.

Electricity was a luxury, however, and was rationed out by allowing certain times during the day for ironing and other electric uses. Lights were to be turned off by 10 p.m.

In 1917, the company was sold to Southern Ice and Utilities Co. According to a report of data gathered by Texas Electric Service Co., Southern "was more interested in ice than electric properties" and disposed of the company to Texas Electric Service Co. in 1927. The Midland Light Co. had their charter dissolved officially by the State of Texas on Dec. 2, 1927.

The first radio was heard in Midland on April 14, 1922. A set had been installed in the City Drug and first played at 7:30 p.m. Another "radio telephone," as they were referred to then, was installed at the Llano Hotel. Prices ranged from $3 to $8.

Electric service was aimed toward the affluent. An advertisement which appeared in the Midland High School yearbook, "High, Dry and Windy," in 1921 has an illustration of a maid and several electrical appliances. The ad reads, "Satisfied Servants are always found in Electrified Homes."

Texas Electric brought in transmission lines from the generating plant on March 18, 1927, and service grew.

More than 25,600 homes and apartments are served by Texas Electric today, a spokesman for the company said.

A utility that was once regarded as a rarity — is now a commonplace service we often take for granted.

Worthy elected 1911 I.O.O.F. head

Reprinted from the Aug. 4, 1911, edition of The Midland Reporter.

"Staked Plains Lodge No. 384, I.O.O.F. held a well attended and enjoyable meeting Monday night.

"The officers for the current term were installed as follows: J. A. Worthy, Noble Grand; S. B. Carr, R.S.N.G.; J. A. Clark, L.S.N.G.; J. W. Furvis, warden; F. B. Buchanan, chaplain; J. M. Roberts, inner guard; E. J. Voliva R.S.S.

"The balance of the officers elect will be installed at the next meeting. Rev. J. S. Moore delivered a stirring address on Odd Fellowship and a number of the members made speaches for the good of the order.

"Mrs. W. N. Pence, a member of the Magnolia Rebekah Lodge No. 130 I.O.O.F., Fort Worth, has received a special deputy president's commission for the State of Texas and Mexico from the president of the Rebekah Assembly.

"This enables Mrs. Pence to organize, visit and resuscitate Rebekah Lodges in these jurisdictions.

"Mrs. Pence has lived in Midland several years and we vouch for her as being in every way worthy of the confidence bestowed upon her by the Rebekahs of Texas."

Levi Strauss employs 300 Midland workers

Levi Strauss & Co., one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of wearing apparel, has a major plant in Midland.

One of the city's largest employers, it has more than 300 employes with an annual payroll of $2,000,000 plus.

The company was organized in 1854 by Levi Strauss.

The manager of the Midland facility is H. K. Etheridge.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., he is a graduate of Beaumont High School at Beaumont. He attended Mississippi State University where he received a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering. He has been in the apparel manufacturing business 13 years.

He and his wife Lynda have two children, Trey, 11, and Haden 6.

Etheridge is an active worker in the United Way, a member of the Human Relations Committee and serves as a director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

An enthusiast, Etheridge is a Midland Junior Baseball Association coach and a coach of a YMCA basketball team.

Equipment campany founded by Keaton

Wes-Tex Equipment Co., International truck dealer in Midland, was founded in 1948 by H. G. Keaton of Big Spring.

The company deals in parts and service and sale of new and used trucks.

The present owners are James L. Baker, president and Merrell S. Witt, vice president and general manager. The company has 14 service areas for truck repairs and operates a complete sales and parts department.

Wes-Tex Equipment sponsors Midland Merchants Baseball team and a bowling team.

The company, located at 4400 W. Highway 80, was purchased by the present owners in July 1972.

Witt is a native of Marshall and attended high school there. He was graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. degree.

He is chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Midland College Diesel School and is chairman of International Harvester Dealers Dallas Region.

After graduationg from Texas A&M in 1959, he was company commander, First Infantry Division, United States Army from 1960 to 1962.

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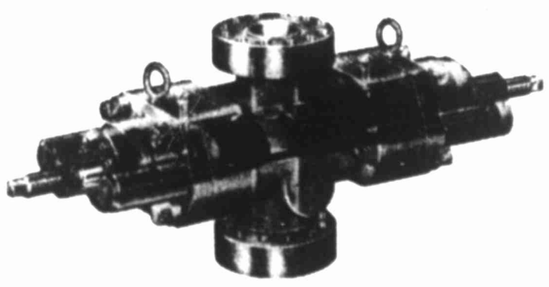

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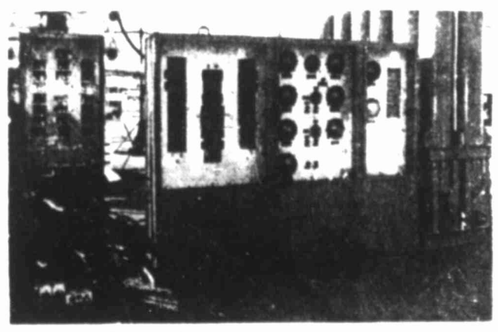

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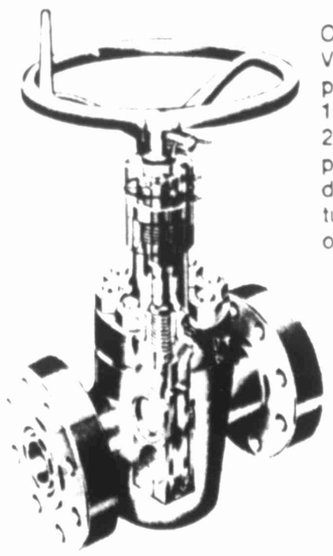

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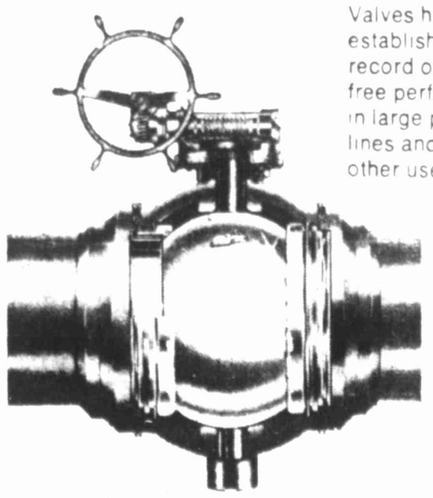

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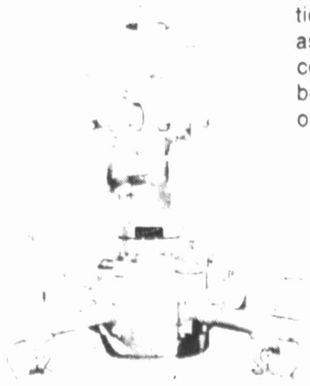

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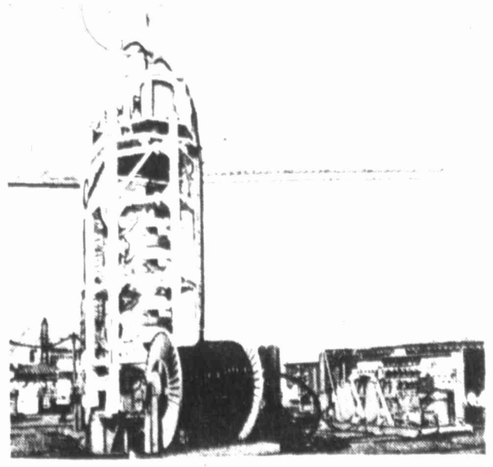

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'New' Midland College in seventh year

By H. L. TUCK
Public Relations Director
Midland College

"Education opportunities for all who seek them" is the creed of Midland College.

Soon after this nation was settled, new educational precepts were established that were more in keeping with the spirit of freedom and equality than those which had guided European educational systems.

Now in its seventh year, Midland College operates as a comprehensive community college. It provides counseling and guidance programs, academic courses for college freshman and sophomores, occupational and technical training, and continuing education programs.

Midland College came into being in 1969 as part of the Permian Junior College System, with offices in a small building on the Andrews Highway. Enrollment for the first semester was 688 students. Classes were taught at night whenever space could be borrowed. Offices later were moved to West Wall street, but classes still were limited to evenings in scattered locations.

Enrollment was 1,085 in 1971, when administrative offices were moved to a former manufacturing plant. A few daytime classes were offered, but Lee High School was rented in the evenings for most courses.

In late 1972, Midland College was disannexed by a vote of Midlanders, and the Midland Junior College District came into being. Enrollment that fall was 1,108 students.

At the same time, $5.1 million in bonds were approved for a permanent campus. The college purchased 115 acres from the city in North Midland, and ground was broken in October 1973. Enrollment was 1,268 that fall.

A year later, enrollment was 1,523. When the first three buildings were occupied in January 1975, enrollment was 1,594. The other four buildings constituting the first phase of construction were completed in the fall of 1975, when enrollment zoomed to 2,039. Governor Dolph Briscoe was the principal speaker at the campus dedication ceremonies Oct. 2, 1975.

For a short time in the early 1900s, there was a church-operated Midland College. After its transfer to Cisco, Midlanders had to leave home after high school for additional education.

As Midland became the administrative center for a far-flung petroleum area, the need for a college again became apparent. Numerous efforts failed.

In the 1960s, population increased due to more diversified industrial firms, and community leaders sought to fill the educational void.

But even the most avid supporters of Midland College were startled by the rapid growth and expansion of the school. By the time it was completed, it was bulging at the seams.

The multiple services provided by Midland College have touched virtually all segments of the community.

High school seniors have completed college courses under the "early admissions program," which allows them to take college classes and obtain credit for them after their high school graduation.

Thousands of high school graduates have gotten freshman and sophomore requirements at Midland College before leaving home for four-year schools. Others have gotten marketable job skills through vocational and technical courses offered at Midland College.

For many, however, Midland College has offered personal enrichment or improvement opportunities for residents of all ages. A number of them already have college degrees and now take credit courses "just for fun."

The adult and continuing education offerings have brought a wide horizon of interesting opportunities.

More than a hundred courses are offered each semester by the Department of Community Services. Poodle grooming, auto mechanics, karate, accounting, sewing, belly danching — almost any skill or interest is represented among these courses.

Midland College offers the community sports enthusiasts exciting collegiate-level competition.

Mostly, Midland College offers opportunity; a change of pace, a chance to stretch a mind, to mold a career, to explore something new.

Midland College came into being to fill a need in this community. Its youth and its size enable it to respond quickly to new demands and challenges.

America has had an exciting 200 years. No one knows what the next 200 years will bring, but Midland College certainly will be an influence on what happens in this area during that time.

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we had the chance to set the broken bones of
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to make the world safe for democracy,
Hope was everywhere...
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First surburban financial firm enjoyed rapid growth

Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Midland's first suburban financial institution, will celebrate its 21st anniversary in May.

During its almost 21 years of existance, the bank has grown from a five-employe operation in a rented 3,000-square-foot building to one of the area's leading banks headquartered in its own six-story office tower.

The financial institution now employs 89 people and deposits have grown from an opening day figure of $1,132,289 on May 2, 1955, to $52,577,077 at the close of business Dec. 31, 1975.

The bank's total reserves and assets were $57,953,771 on that date.

The man who has served as president of Commercial Bank & Trust Co. during its phenomenal growth years is Robert L. Pendleton.

When Pendleton joined Commercial Bank July 15, 1959, as only its second president, deposits were slighlty over $9 million and resources were just under $10 million.

The bank was chartered in September 1954 with the original board of directors being Robert L. Wood, Lynn D. Durham, Tom Sealy, George H. W. Bush, Barney R. Greathouse, J. W. Starr and James P. Simmons, who also served as the bank's first president.

Wood and Durham continue to serve as directors. Other members of the present board are Richard S. Anderson, William S. Bachman, Clovis G. Chappell, Wright E. Cowden, J. W. Miller, John S. Keyes, I. D. Crumley Jr., Sidney S. Lindley, Clem E. George, George R. Tucker, Stanley C. Moore, Joseph I. O'Neill Jr., Pendleton, Charles H. Priddy and Emil C. Rassman.

Keyes is the bank's executive vice president. Stan Sloan and Tom H. Stovell and R. E. Womack are senior vice presidents.

The banks first quarters were rented at 2205 West Texas Street and the original $500,000 capital structure included $312,500 capital stock, $137,500 surplus and $50,000 in undivided profits. There were 73 original stockholders.

Oct. 1, 1955, Commercial Bank moved into its new building at 20 Village Circle.

Then in October 1963, the banking institution moved into its new multi-million dollar present home at the intersection of Wall Street and Andrews Highway.

Eleven months after opening day deposits totaled $12,750,000, outstanding loans totaled $[illegible] and resources totaled $[illegible].

By March 1960, deposits had climbed to $9,786,958, outstanding loans to $5,265,903 and total resources to $10,582,735.

As Commercial Bank & Trust Co. prepared to move into its six-story building, its staff had increased to 60, deposits had zoomed to $14,146,596 with outstanding loans of $9,018,125.

By April 1965, total resources had climbed to $16,133,002 with deposits of $18,222,628 and outstanding loans of $11,747,545.

In March 1970, resources reached $26,092,761, deposits totaled $23,880,439 and there were $13,859,096 in outstanding loans.

Another milestone was reached Jan. 2, 1974, when Commercial Bank & Trust Co. became a part of Texas American Bancshares Inc. with total resources of more than $1 billion.

First Scharbauer arrived in Midland 89 years ago

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ranch and engaged in the cattle business with his brother John For eight years he followed this activity until in 1900 he sold his cattle to the Scharbauer Cattle Co. and went to work in the office of the company. He continued in this capacity until 1923 when his health failed him and for the rest of his life he was confined to his home except for occasional automobile rides.

Despite his confinement however he kept in close touch with the affairs of the city. Up until the time of his illness he was very active in public affairs always supporting those things which contributed to the building of Midland.

At the time of his illness he was a stockholder director and vice president in First National.

Once when housing conditions became so acute that living accommodations were practically impossible for the newcomer to obtain, Phil constructed 16 rent houses to help alleviate the situation.

The Scharbauers have always been big factors in business civic and social life in Midland.

And when oil was discovered in the Permian Basin they did much to help Midland take care of the incoming throngs. From 1927 to 1928 John Scharbauer built 12 business houses of one and two stories including a small hotel.

Then Clarence Scharbauer opened his half million dollar Hotel Scharbauer at the corner of West Wall and Loraine streets.

The hotel was to become one of the most famous in the West, and its loby was the meeting place for oilmen and ranchers. It has been said that more cattle and oil deals were closed, with a handshake, in the hotel's lobby than any other place in Midland.

Much of the credit for the hotel, particularly in the good taste in which it was furnished, was due to Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, daughter of Fred Cowden and member of another of Midland's most prominent families.

Hotel Scharbauer served Midland as a convention center, meeting place, "office" and a place for a night's lodging for many years until finally it gave way to progress two years ago when it was "imploded" to make way for the [illegible] business [illegible] now [illegible] West Texas, Southeast New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle.

In 1949 Clarence [illegible] Mrs. Scharbauer [illegible] Midland.

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City's American Legion Auxiliary formed in 1941

The American Legion Auxiliary to the American Legion, Woods W. Lynch, Post 19, was organized in 1941 and received its charter on April 21 of the same year.

Charter members were Mrs. Hal C. Peck, president; Mrs. Steele, vice president; Mrs. Carl C. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Iva M. Noyes, treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Hannaford, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Bob Preston, chaplain; Mrs. Agnes Deitrich, historian; and Mrs. Gertrude Rann, Mrs. Gladys Palmer, Mrs. Ethel L. King and Mrs. Nettye C. Romer.

The auxiliary was formed for the one purpose of aiding the American Legion in carrying out the great program of peace and wartime service to America, to which the Legion is dedicated. Its program includes community service, rehabilitation, child welfare and Americanism.

The Americanism program is constituted by "the care of the disabled of both wars, the education and welfare of the children of the veterans who have given their lives for their country, the securement of adequate national security against all possible enemies, the betterment and beautification of the communities in which we live, the advocation of a return to greater spiritual influence in the home and ines of our people and cooperation with all peoples for world development."

Poppy sales, Memorial Day, the Gift Shop at the Big Spring State Hospital and a party once a month at the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring all and in this program.

Slogan of the auxiliary, whose current membership totals 210, is "It's Not What the Legion Can Do For You, It's What You Can Do For the Legion and Your Country."

Mrs. Steele and her husband are preparing a book made up of photos and newspaper clippings save during the years they worked with the Legion and the Auxiliary. They will present the book to the state American Legion and Auxiliary convention this spring.

Mrs. Steele, the former Vivian Drucilla Hancock, is a distant relative of John Hancock, signer of the Declaration of Independence 200 years ago.

The American Legion was conceived in a base hospital in Paris in midsummer 1918.

Two veterans were convalescing from wounds. They were anxious to get back to their outfits to "get World War I over with." Then they would "go home and start a veterans' association for the good of the country."

The two veterans were Theodore Roosevelt Jr., then a lieutenant colonel in the AEF, and William Patterson, a sergeant.

By an act of Congress, the American Legion was chartered Sept. 16, 1919. That charter gave official sanction to the constitution of the Legion adopted at a St. Louis, Mo., caucus in May 1919.

Current duties of the auxiliary are Mrs. Vivian Leatherwood, Charity Young, past president; Bess Clark, second vice president; Wanda Scott, treasurer; Phyllis Mathis, secretary; Joyce Campbell, historian; Evelyn Eaton, sergeant-at-arms; and Annie McLaughlin, chaplain.

In 1952, the former Martha Logsdon helped carry out Poppy Day sales, one of the projects of the American Legion Auxiliary, as she pins poppy on Mayor Perry D. Pickett, who now is 142nd District Court judge.

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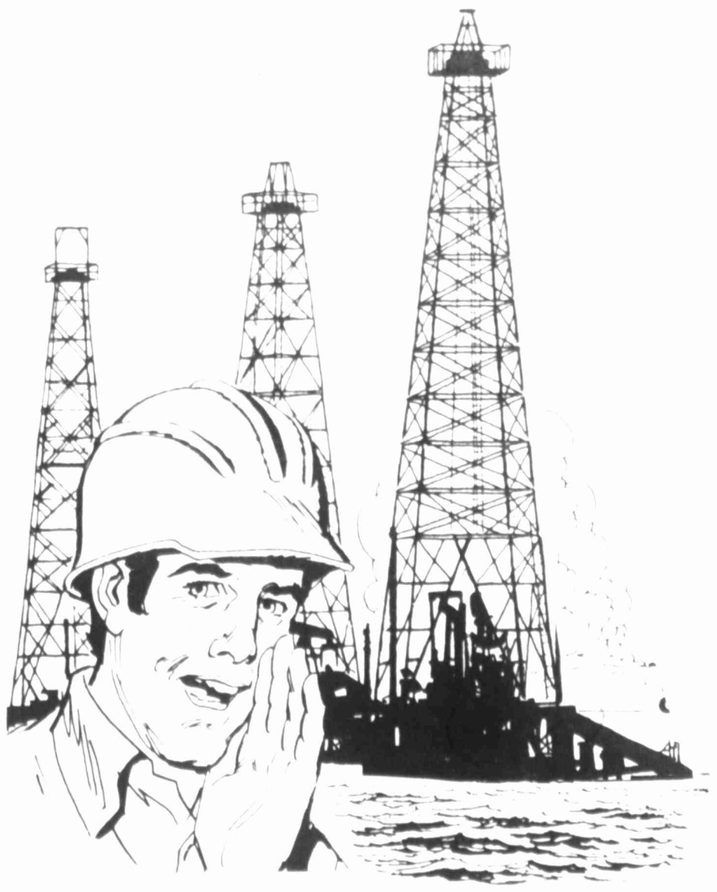

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DAR chapter joins in Bicentennial fete

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with more than 3,000 other chapters to celebrate the Bicentennial of the United States of America. Founded to remember and celebrate a great past, the organization plays an active part in its present and future.

Because of the interest and awareness of its members, the DAR has become involved in many causes before they become political issues. In 1941, a national committee was formed to aid in the education and financial assistance of Indian youth and to alert the members to these needs.

The society also supports Bacone College in Oklahoma and St. Mary's School for Indian Girls in Springfield S. D. The national project at St. Mary's is a much needed $15,000 school bus.

Other schools, such as the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant, Ala. are for under-priviledged children and are entirely owned and operated by the DAR. These schools became a national project in the 1920s.

In 1923, the DAR established a committee to aid worthy, ambitious students to attain a higher education. American history scholarships are given to a high school senior who will major in American history in a school of higher learning. Many medical scholarships are granted by the society to students entering nursing, physical or occupational therapy, optometry, speech pathology, radiology, etc.

DAR takes particular interest in honoring Americans, both native and naturalized. The Medal of Honor and the Americanism award require recipients not only to be leaders in the community, but give outstanding service to the community.

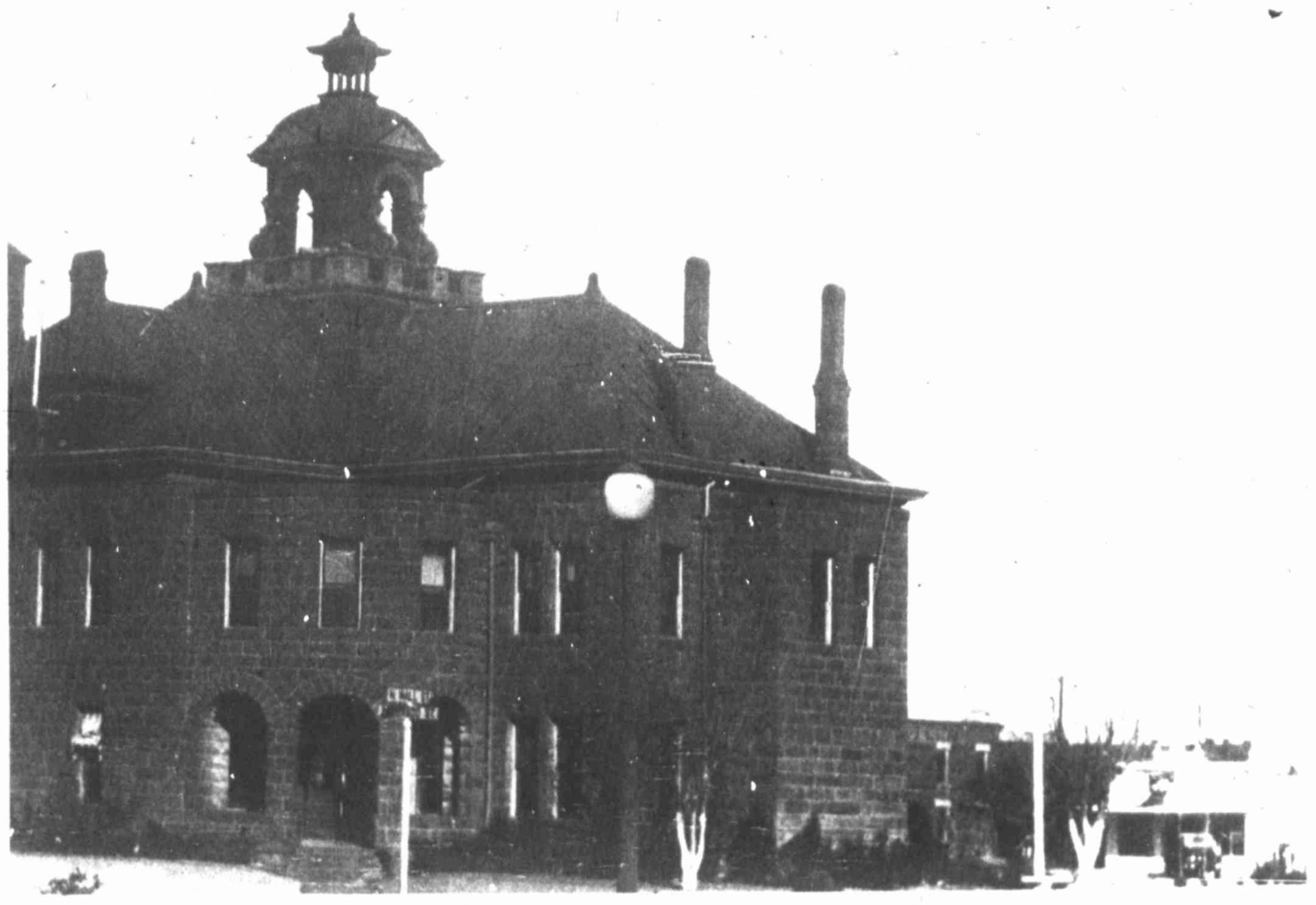
Our natural resources are of prime importance to DAR members. The society established in 1909 a committee to deal with the problem. This committee has expanded to include the present day problems of energy crisis. The theme for many chapters is "Project Independence."

Chapters throughout the nation have joined together to support a national project another national project, a gift of murals for the East Corridor of the House Wing of the United States Capitol. Texas contributes to this project and to the DAR Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, D.C., by donating money to help furnish the Texas Room.

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter, established in 1939, actively supports the Good Citizen contest by stressing active and strong citizenship among high school students. State winners receive a $100 bond and the national winner receives a $1,000 scholarship to the school of his or her choice. For the younger students, the chapter sponsors the American History Essay contest, with winners in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The city winners essays are then sent to state competition.

The goals of the chapter are to foster patriotism, to create an interest in the exciting history of this country and to realize that future growth and development of the nation depends on an understanding of the past.

Current officers of the chapter are Mrs. George Staley, regent; Mrs. John Barbe, vice regent; Mrs. Arthur W. Jones, chaplain; Mrs. E. H. Judson, treasurer; Mrs. Homer Fort, recording secretary; Mrs. Jack Shepherd, registrar; Mrs. Frank Ittner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Nelson, historian; Mrs. Edward Gorence, librarian; and Mrs. John Cross, parliamentarian.



MIDLAND COUNTY'S SECOND courthouse, pictured here, was built in 1905. It served the county until the present courthouse was built. The county's first courthouse was built shortly after 1880 and was a wood frame building. The above courthouse was made of red sandstone quaried in Ward County. Built at a cost of $30,000, it was sold for $1 in 1929 to make way for a new county headquarters.

Cauthen original member of FSLA

Experience has guided the growth of First Savings and Loan Association since it was founded in 1955 by a group of Midlanders. Its four senior officers have a combined total of 78 years of service in savings and loan operations.

President T. L. "Ike" Cauthen is an original member of the First Savings family, having served as the association's first general manager and executive vice president. Cauthen, a Trinity University graduate, was elected to the board of directors in 1955 and became president of First Savings in 1957.

Executive Vice President Paul Davis Jr. joined First Savings in 1958 after graduation from the University of Texas at Austin. A 1954 graduate of Midland High School, Davis also serves on First Savings board of directors.

Vice President Richard Morris joined First Savings in 1963. Morris is a member of the Midland Board of Realtors, which he has served as vice president and director, and is a Texas A&M University graduate. Morris is a member of the board of directors of First Savings.

Vice President and Controller L. R. Holbrook has 20 years savings and loan experience in Fort Worth, Houston and Midland. Holbrook is a former examiner for the Texas Savings and Loan Department.

Five of the original directors still serve on the board of First Savings. They are Paul L. Davis Sr., Charles R. Ervin, C. J. Kelly, Tom Sealy, and Robert L. Wood. In addition to the five original board members, others currently serving as directors are Cuathen, Davis, Morris, Robert M. Davenport, Harold B. Shull, Thomas C. Brown, and Henri De Compiegne Jr.

There have been a lot of big years since First Savings opened for business in 1955 at 500 W. Missouri St. Today the same determination that was prevalent then abounds as First Savings continues to play a vital role in the growth and prosperity of the community.

First Savings moved to its present home office building at 500 W. Wall on Jan. 25, 1965.

Judge Lancaster headed Midland County in 1889

Midland County's officials, according to the Nov. 9, 1889, edition of the Midland Gazette, forerunner of The Reporter-Telegram, were headed by County Judge E. B. Lancaster.

The others were: A. B. Rountree, district and county clerk; W. J. Mosely, county attorney; J. F. Collona, treasurer; T. M. Waddell, assessor; W. D. Allison, sheriff and collector; H. J. James, surveyor; C. A. Winborne, house and animal inspector, and A. S. Hawkins, justice of the peace. Hawkins also was editor of the newspaper.

The edition also shows that M. M. Pittman was the publisher of the paper, an attorney at law and also in the grocery, hardware and ranch supply business.

The county commissioners were Z. T. Brown, James Moore, Peter Smythe and W. C. Stephenson.

The paper's directory listed three "secret societies" — Midland Lodge No. 623 A.F.&A.M. with W. B. Wadley as the worshipful master and D. E. Decker, secretary; Keystone Chapter No. 172, R.A.M., headed M. B. Cranton, with E. J. Mumford serving as secretary and Midland Chapter No. 66, Order of the Eastern Star with Mrs. Mattie Briggs as the worshipful mistress and E. J. Mumford serving as secretary.

The directory also listed two churches, the Baptist with services the first and fourth Sunday and the Methodist Episcopal with services every second and third Sunday. I. R. Millican was the Baptist pastor and the minister of Methodist Episcopal was J. W. Sims.

The directory also shows that Midland enjoyed daily passenger service on the Texas & Pacific with two trains each day, one from the east and the other from the west.

The edition of the paper also reveals that Mattie Kelly, Florence Windborne, Dollie Willingham, Virgil Ray and Billie Connell were editors of the grammar school news.

"Our Fall Stock is Complete," read the Wimberly, Wadley & Co. advertisement. The company featured "dress goods, hosiery, gloves, millinery, fine ready made, perfect fitting clothing, dress-making in connection."

Grocery store ads included those of Hilliard & Ellis, and Pemberton Bros.

Hilliard & Ellis also dealt in "furniture, crockery, hardware & general ranch supplies." The grocery line included Sultan coffee, Silver Leaf baking power, Silver Lake Flour, Silver Shield hams, noted for their purity and freshness."

Pemberton Bros., a wholesale and retail store, also dealt in general ranch supplies. "We carry the celebrated Diamond, Patent and Crystal brands of Flour, the best in the State."

Divers & Crowley, wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, featured "Stoves and Tinware, fine pocket and kitchen cutlery and rabbit proof wire netting." Agents for McCormick Mowers, Divers & Crowley also had a "full and complete line of windmills, horse powers and water supply material."

J. W. Millican's Livery and Feed Stable ad read: "Good saddle horses and first class buggies and teams at any hour. Horses well fed and closely attended to."

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Since 1857, Seagram has grown to become a diversified worldwide corporation with consolidated sales in excess of $1.4 billion annually.

Seagram, which has become famous throughout the world for its distilling, first ventured into the oil and gas industry in 1951 when it organized Frankfort Oil Co. with headquarters at Bartlesville, Okla.

Three years later, at a time when Frankfort's oil production had reached a level of only a thousand barrels per day and its future in the industry was unsettled, a Dallas petroleum consultant joined the firm.

Under his direction, a reorganization followed and Frankfort headquarters were moved to Dallas. By 1963, the Frankfort operation was stabilized and producing more than 10,000 barrels of oil per day.

At this time, Seagram further expanded its operations in the oil industry by purchasing Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., one of the oldest and largest independent oil companies in the United States, for $280,000,000.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.'s history is long and colorful, dating back to 1888 when a predecessor coal company was formed to mine Texas' only known bituminous coal deposit. A city of more than 10,000, Thurber, sprang up at the site of the 15 coal mines which the coal company worked.

In its heyday, Thurber was one of the best known cities in Texas. It enjoyed a wide reputation for progressiveness, color and industry.

Thurber, east of Abilene, was the purest example of a company town. Every building and every inch of ground was owned by Texas Pacific. The town's whole existence was devoted to the mining of coal and to a lesser degree the manufacture of "world famous" Thurber bricks.

Every resident of Thurber lived in a company house, shopped in the company stores, drank at the company saloon, danced at the company opera house and even worshipped in the company churches.

Even though Thurber exceeded 10,000 in population, it was the make-up of the population which gave the city its uniqueness.

The miners of the community represented 20 different nationalities, largely European. Eventually mining activity declined as America's energy needs became more dependent upon petroleum, and by 1937 Thurber became a "ghost town" — a monument to the "Old West."

Texas Pacific's first oil discovery well was drilled in 1917 in the Ranger field which proved to be one of the most prolific oil fields in the United States. At that time, the name of the company was changed to Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. Later, more oil fields were discovered and by 1932 Texas Pacific was in the oil business in a big way.

Through the years, Texas Pacific became active in most of the larger fields in the North Central Texas and West Central Texas areas.

When the Permian Basin was opened to production, Texas Pacific was there too.

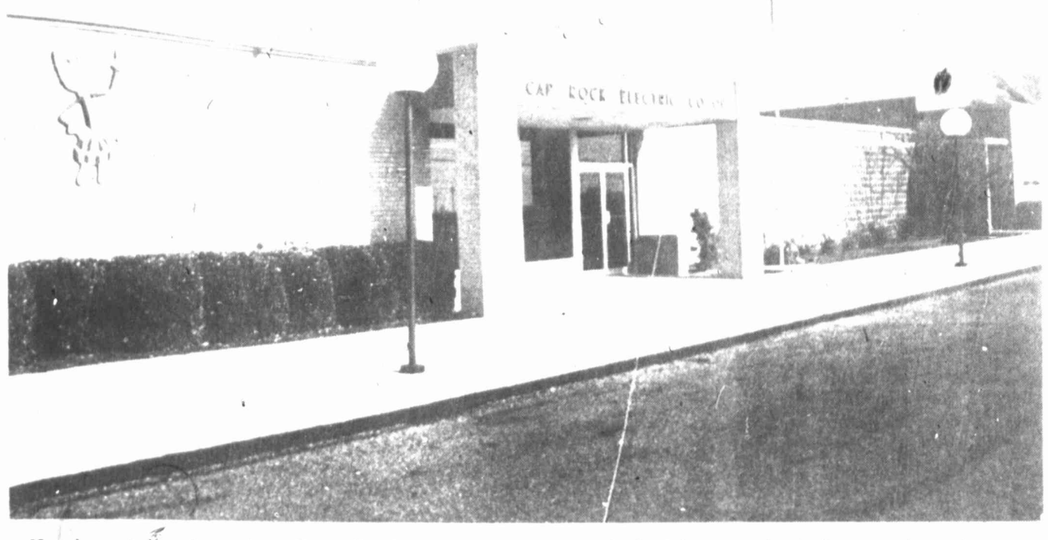
Today Texas Pacific's activities have grown to the point where the company maintains full office staffs in Midland and Abilene.

In 1963, at the time of purchase by Seagram, the company was operating in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

After the sale, Texas Pacific and Frankfort Oil were operating as a division under Seagram. May 1, 1969, Texas Pacific Oil Co. (the two companies were merged) was incorporated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.

Since then, Texas Pacific has steadily increased its production. Currently, Texas Pacific is involved in exploration or production in more than 20 states, on five continents and offshore. Texas Pacific is widely recognized as one of America's leading independent oil companies.

The company is proud to have been so much a part of the history of the Permian Basin.



Headquarters for the Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc., underwent a substantial renovation last year. Located at Stanton, the present plant is comprised of approximately 19,000 square feet, including office space, reception areas, material storage warehouse and workshops.

Commercial Club list included many trades

The Midland Commercial Club, forerunner of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, was organized in June 1911, and at the beginning of its second year of operation, the following persons or business were listed as members.

Attorneys at law: W. E. Allen, J. M. Caldwell, Gibbs & Smedley, Howard & DeArmond, S. J. Isaacks, J. R. O'Conner and L. C. Major.

Automobiles: K. E. Nutt, Peeples & Roller and Spaulding Bros.

Banks: Midland National Bank, D. W. Brunson, E. M. Whitaker, B. C. Girdley, A. B. Estes.

Blacksmith: Ed Eriksen.

Baker: C. W. Wulfgen.

Barbers: Griffin Barber Shop, J. C. Warren.

Capitalists: W. K. Curtis, Garnett & Brown, H. M. Halff, Thos. Holcomb, G. C. McCall, J. H. Potter, W. H. Wolcott, F. G. Youngblood.

County officials: J. K. Knowles, W. M. Beverly, W. J. Sparks, Joe Johnson.

Contractor: Jno. Winborne.

Dentists: Dr. J. Frank Clark and Dr. C. H. Tigner.

Druggists: T. A. Fannin & Co. and C. A. Taylor & Son.

Dry goods and clothing: J. H. Barron & Co., Midland Mercantile Co., W. A. Dawson, B. A. Boyd.

Engineer: B. F. Ward.

Food store and wagon yard: A. C. Francis.

Farmer: J. W. Bullock.

Furniture: Basham, Shephard & Company, Midland Hardware & Furniture Co., T. J. Powell and Lee Irwin.

Grocers: City Grocery Co., Walker & Brady, Midland Mercantile Co., J. M. Jemison, W. W. Wimberly and R. A. Henson.

Grain dealer: W. S. Hill.

Hardware and Windmills: Western Windmill Co., Midland Hardware & Furniture Co., and Jno. Tolbert.

Hotels: J. W. Hudgins, G. C. Allison.

Ice dealer: H. M. Ramsay.

Insurance: Mrs. Eva J. Barnes, J. Harvey Clark, J. M. Rankin, R. D. Shaw and B. O. Mitchell.

Livery stable: J. H. Cook.

Lumber yards: Burton Lingo Co., Midland Lumber Co.

Real Estate: W. J. Moran, N. A. Hammack, T. S. Wallace, S. O. Richardson, West Texas Land and Sub-Irrigation Co., and Jno. Crossett.

Meat market: Armstrong & Andrews.

Newspaper: Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner.

Oil company: A. R. Baker.

Optician: D. H. Roetger.

Preacher: F. B. Buchanan.

Pool room: Crier & Palmer.

Photographer: George W. Miller.

Postmaster: Theo. Ray.

Physicians: Dr. J. F. Haley, Dr. W. W. Lynch, Dr. J. B. Thomas.

Ranchmen: G. F. Cowden, J. R. Dublin, S. W. Estes, E. H. Estes, Lee Heard, W. A. Hutchison, C. C. Johnson, W. N. Pence, Scharbauer Bros., G. W. Wolcott, W. B. Elkin and F. F. Elkin.

Superintendent of schools: W. W. Lackey.

Electric cooperative chartered at Big Spring

STANTON — Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc., a member-owned rural electric cooperative, was chartered in 1939.

Many Permian Basin residents can remember the dark days on the farms and ranches of West Texas before Cap Rock was organized to bring light and power to the rural areas. Coal oil lamps lighted the homes and the housewife was a slave to the rub board and cast iron. The old ice box furnished the only means of refrigerating food and required frequent trips to town for ice.

The men and women who helped organize the fledgling cooperative back in the late thirtys were pioneers in rural electrification. Their efforts were instrumental in providing the energy that today has ended the drudgery of many housewives, runs all the modern household appliances, powers the pumps to irrigate the farms, and serves thousands of oil wells throughout the Permian Basin.

The original offices of the coop were located in the old Reed Hotel building in Big Spring. The move to Stanton was made in 1945. Since Cap Rock established headquarters for its operations in Stanton, it has become a major enterprise in the community. Today, with 54 employes, it provides the Martin County seat with its largest industrial payroll.

The headquarters facilities, which were doubled in size in 1965, underwent a substantial renovation last year. The present plant is comprised of approximately 19,000 square feet, including office space, reception areas, material storage warehouse and workshops. Ample room for future additional work space and storage has been made available for Martin County residents for a wide variety of community gatherings.

The first line for the new cooperative was energized in late 1940 and early 1941. This line consisting of 172 miles served 322 members. Today the cooperative serves 9,350 meters on 3,250 miles of line spread over portions of 13 counties in the Permian Basin. Electric energy is provided for over 4,000 rural residences, 2,250 irrigation wells, 275 commercial establishments, 1,900 oil wells, 20 all-electric cotton gins and 17 schools, churches and other public buildings.

Steady growth has been characteristic of the cooperative throughout its 36 year history. During the past five years net value of the plant has increased from $6,165,312.00 to $10,213,682.00. Income of the cooperative increased from $1,908,725.00 in 1970 to $3,567,908.00 during 1975. Operating costs, however, have risen rapidly due to inflationary prices. The cost of material and equipment has doubled and in some cases tripled in the past five years. Cost of purchased power was the largest item of expense, totaling $2,035,830.00 or 47 percent of total income during 1975.

Construction of 32 miles of line, distribution lines, 26 miles of high voltage transmission lines, two 7,500 KVA substations, plus a 7,500 KVA mobile power substation, kept the major portion of the plant investment in 1975.

O. B. Bryan of Stanton was the first manager of the cooperative, a position he held for 25 years, until his retirement in 1965. The present manager, James D. Bond, has worked for Cap Rock 20 years. He has been assistant manager of the cooperative many years prior to becoming to his present position.

Current officers of Cap Rock Electric Coop are: President, Bob Stanley, Vice President, Edgar Phillips, Big Spring; Secretary-Treasurer, [illegible] Stanton; Directors, [illegible] Ernest Tomlinson, Ackerly; Carlos Dasek, Midkiff, and Sammy D. Buchanan, Sand Springs.

The basic objective of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative has remained the same throughout its 36 year history. To provide dependable electric energy to its members at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound financial management. The directors, management and employes of the cooperative pledge their continuing best efforts to make this so here and now.

April 1 anniversary date for Lone Star

April 1 Lone Star Abstract & Title Co., Inc., will observe its 25th anniversary.

The initial charter was granted by the secretary of state April 1, 1951, and the original staff included Thomas P. Ingram, president, and two secretaries.

Offices were at 204 S. Main St. In September 1951 the company moved into larger quarters in the old McClintic Building. Now, the business is operated at 214 N. Colorado St. where it moved in 1957.

The company now has a staff of 15 persons, and Ingram is still the president.

Two attorneys, who are neither stockholders nor employes, are associated with the company. They are John Campbell, who has been doing work for the company since 1951, and Bob Jennings, who started his association in 1964.

Ingram has been in the title insurance business 30 years.

Jo Christiana has been with Lone Star since 1954 and Anita Lea joined the company in 1962.

Dempsey Rosser joined the concern in 1963, Dorothy Carpenter in 1965, and the other employes have records from six months to five years. The four employes with the longest tenures represent 60 years of service.

"Our business is title insurance in that we handle the examination of title and preparation of all papers incident to the sale or mortgage of real estate, residential, commercial or acreage, all located in Midland County," Ingram said.

"We have a complete abstract plant covering all real estate transactions within the county from its inception, and when an order is placed with us it is turned over to expert and competent help who have knowledge of the problems involved, and over to attorneys who have the ability to examine these titles and determine if the seller has the right to sell what he has agreed to sell, and to determine that the purchaser is going to acquire title to that for which he is going to pay," he added. With the closing of the real estate transaction, Lone Star issues a title insurance policy through Lawyers Title Insurance Corp. of Richmond, Va., or through Pioneer National Title Insurance Co. of Title Insurance Co. of Minnesota.

Ingram said the company was founded in the belief that Midland was going to become a prosperous community.

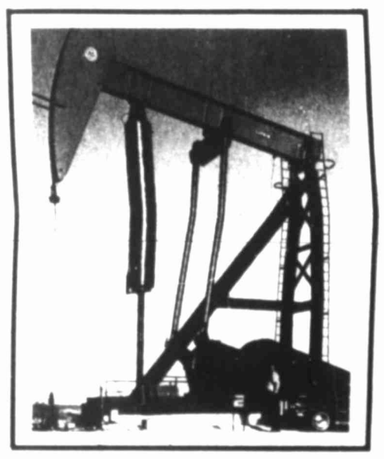
Lone Star opened a branch office at 122 N. N St. in August 1975.

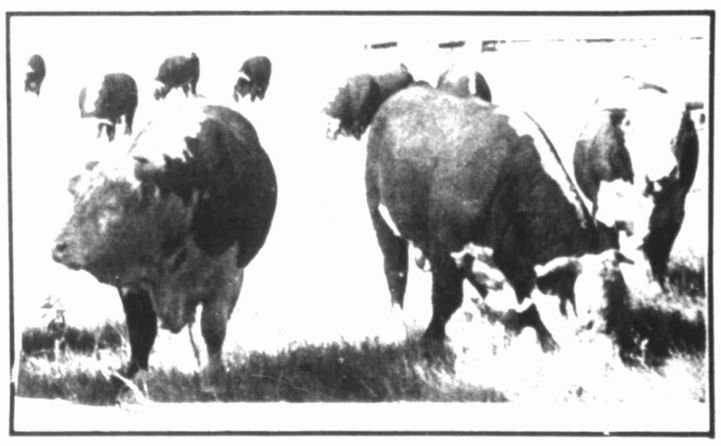
"All of us in the company are proud to be a part of growing Midland and feel the company will continue to grow," Ingram said.

Two honored

Only two men have been granted honorary citizenship in the United States. One was the Marquis de Lafayette, who at 19, was a major general in the Continental Army and personal aide to General Washington. The other was Sir Winston Churchill.

A Grateful Member Of The Permian Basin





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Established In 1901

SCHARBAUER INTERESTS

MNB got its start at Odessa in 1902

In June, 1903, the economic future of Midland appeared more promising than Odessa's to the shareholders of the Odessa National Bank. At least one can assume that was the case, since they voted on June 18, 1903, to move the bank to Midland after 10 months in business. On June 26 they voted to change the corporate title to The Midland National Bank.

M. G. Buchanan was president of the new Midland National Bank, which was officially organized July 3, 1903. The first recorded meeting of the new bank's directors was on August 17, 1903, when stockholders voted to increase the capital stock to $50,000 with 250 shares outstanding, held by 14 individuals. O. P. Thomas, formerly cashier, was elected chairman at the meeting, while D. W. Brunson was elected president.

Ten directors and six advisory board members were elected at the August shareholders meeting. They included Brunson, Thomas, Burl Holloway, S. W. Estes, H. M. Pegues, Henry James, E. F. Elkin, O. H. Williams, W. B. Elkin, and Sam Holloway. The advisory members were W. H. Pepper, C. J. Buckland, W. K. Curtis, L. A. Webb, W. H. Brunson, and J. R. Dublin.

Other officers of the bank elected in addition to Brunson, were Burl Holloway, vice president; E. F. Elkin, vice president; W. B. Elkin, cashier, and C. B. McGonnaghill, bookkeeper. The record does not show the number of employes when the bank opened.

Midland National opened for business with total resources of $61,773.36 in 1903, as compared to $155,827,323.04 on December 31, 1975. On opening day individual deposits totaled $25,409.00 while loans and discounts were $41,403.23. Bank salaries in the first decade reflected the value of the dollar before World War I. One entry in the directors' minutes showed that the cashier's annual salary was raised from $1,800 to $2,000 — a tidy sum in those days.

The first location of the bank was at the northwest corner of Wall and Main Streets, in the old Llano Hotel. In April 1909 a fire destroyed the hotel building and others nearby, and the hotel was rebuilt, with the bank occupying the ground floor space. The building was owned by E. F. Elkin and others. Elkin was a director of Midland National.

The bank remained at the Main and Wall location for more than 44 years. During that time it underwent a number of remodelings and expansions. In February 1953 Midland National moved to a new three-story building at 401 West Texas St. Seven more floors were added in 1958.

This month (Feb. 1976) Midland National changed its location for only the second time in more than 72 years, when it occupied the new Midland National Bank Tower at 500 West Texas St. The bank now occupies four floors and the basement of the 14-story office tower, which contains 225,000 square feet. The hexagonal shaped building is constructed of warm-tone precast concrete and smoked gray glass. Construction began on November 18, 1974, and was completed this month.

M. G. Buchanan was president of the new Midland National Bank which was organized here July 3, 1903 after moving from Odessa.

From the time of D. W. Brunson seven other men have served as bank president. These were W. H. Brunson, Henry James, J. B. Wilkinson, Ralph Barron, Murray Fasken, William A. Hutcheson, and Tony A. Martin.

Murray Fasken now serves as chairman of the board, a post he has held since July 1, 1964.

The man who served the longest time as president of the bank was Ralph Barron, who held that post from May 6, 1930 until January 14, 1958 — nearly 28 years. Barron joined MNB on April 17, 1914 as a file clerk and stenographer. During a career which spanned 43 years as active employe and officer, and another seven as honorary board chairman, he saw Midland grow from a small town of 2,000 to a city of more than 65,000.

The positions he held included file clerk, teller, secretary, assistant cashier, cashier, board member, and president. He served on the Midland City Council from 1928 until 1942, and was mayor pro tem for a number of years. For 56 years Barron was a member of the First Baptist Church of Midland, where his parents had been charter members.

During the first 30 years of its operation, MNB was primarily involved in serving ranching, agricultural, and mercantile interests in the area. With the discovery of oil in 1923, the bank gradually moved into oil-related loans, and was the first bank in the region to establish an oil department. The early 1920s were not especially prosperous times, and in 1923 additional capital was invested in Midland National. J. B. Wilkinson was in charge of a reorganization of the bank, and was appointed active vice president and managing officer.

Other officers at that time included Henry James of Abilene, president; J. V. Stokes, vice president and chairman of the board; and Barron, who was cashier.

During the more than seven decades since its inception, Midland National has played a primary role in financing the cattle and oil industries of West Texas. It is currently a major regional bank, serving both commercial and consumer markets.

In September 1969 The Midland National Bank became part of Midland National Corporation, a one-bank holding company. Then on March 31, 1972, the bank became a member of the First City Bancorporation of Texas, Inc., in an exchange of stock, making it part of one of the largest multi-bank holding companies in the Southwest.

In its early days, Midland National played a significant role in providing capital for the cattle business, which brought economic stability to West Texas. Later, the bank assisted in financing the development of the oil and gas industry of the vast Permian Basin area of West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

The bank's growth reflects the vitality of West Texas. A tabulation of its post World War II assets provides an indication of this growth.

TOTAL ASSETS — Dec. 31, 1945, $6,260,716.76; Dec. 30, 1950, $17,198,498.56; Dec. 31, 1955, $34,438,986.14; Dec. 31, 1960, $46,321,184.63; Dec. 31, 1965, $67,562,301.49; Dec. 31, 1970, $91,221,075.73; Dec. 31, 1975, $155,827,323.04.

On June 29, 1968, the Bank of the Southwest, formerly First State Bank of Midland, merged with The Midland National Bank. Bank of the Southwest President and Board Chairman Tony A. Martin was elected Midland National's senior executive vice president and vice chairman of the board during the merger. A short time later he was elected president of the bank.

Prior to moving to Midland in 1967, Martin was vice president of Western National Life Insurance Company at Amarillo.

In Midland he has been active as a member of the executive committee of the Midland Industrial Foundation, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Midland Symphony Association board, and chairman of the United Way of Midland advisory committee.

He and his wife Betty have three children.

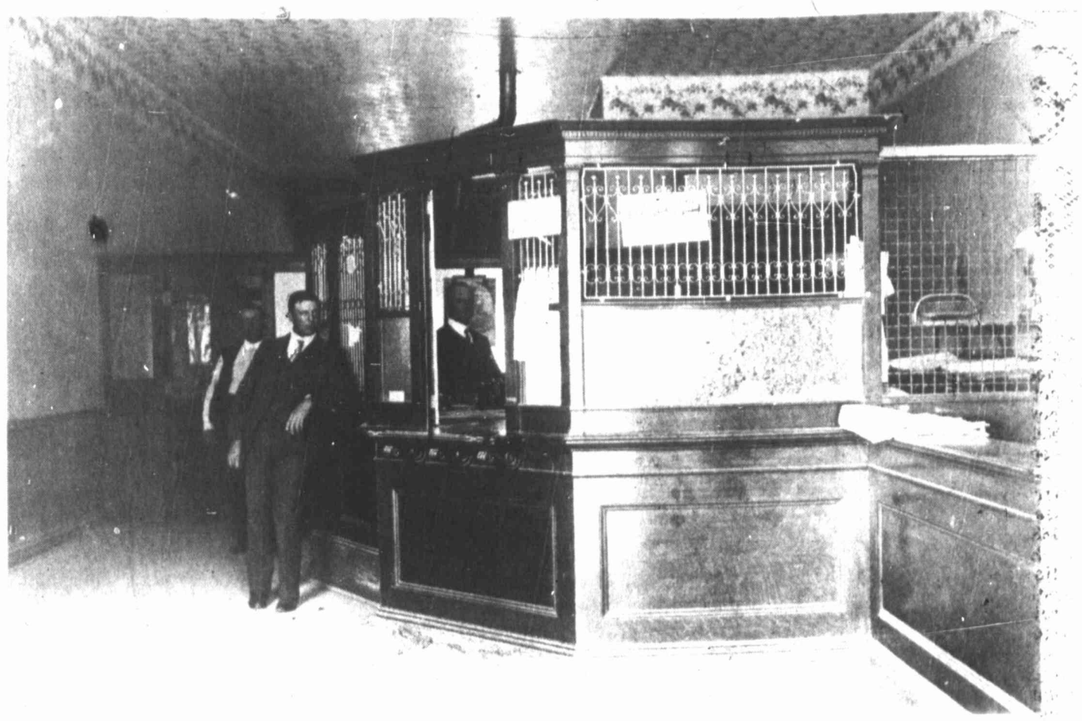
MNB Board Chairman Murray Fasken is also a member of the board of directors of First City Bancorporation of Texas, Inc., a 23-bank holding company with affiliates in major Texas markets. Fasken's father, the late Andrew Fasken, was chairman of the board of Midland National from 1948 through the 1950s.

Murray Fasken was graduated from Texas A & M in 1938, and was commissioned an officer in the U. S. Army in 1941. He served until 1946, leaving the service with the rank of major.

Fasken joined Midland National on February 22, 1950 as an assistant vice president. On June 29 of that year he was elected vice president, and in January 1958 became the sixth person to serve as president of the bank. He was succeeded in 1964 by William A. Hutcheson, when he was elected chairman of the board.

Active in several civic and charitable organizations, Fasken currently is vice president of the Midland College board of trustees, and was one of three original Midland representatives to the board when it was part of the Permian Junior College System. He is chairman of the Fasken Foundation, a non-profit corporation chartered to provide support to benevolent, educational and charitable activities. Its main thrust has been to support higher education in Texas, and it has made substantial gifts to Midland College for its building program.

Fasken and his wife Celeste have three children.



Photograph courtesy Midland County Museum

THIS BANKING "SCENE" is in The Midland National Bank which was organized in Midland in 1903. Officers of the bank at that time were D. W. Brunson, president; Burl Holloway, vice president; E. F. Elkin, vice president; W. B. Elkin, cashier, and C. B. McGonagill, assistant cashier. From left are Holloway, W. B. Elkin and McGonagill.

Caldwell elected mayor of Midland

This story is reprinted from the March 3, 1911, edition of The Midland Reporter.

"The first city election under the new incorporation, held Monday, was devoid of any unusual excitement, the voters going quietly to the polls and casting their votes for their choice of the candidates.

"While there was no excitement, there was much interest as there were contests for two of the offices, the mayoralty and marshalship.

"There were also six names submitted for alderman, and only five to be elected. This brought an element of uncertainty into this part of the election.

"Hon. J. M. Caldwell was elected mayor, S. B. Carr, marshal; T. A. Tannin, H. M. Ramsay, Hugh Wilbanks, G. F. Cowden Jr., and J. P. Inman, alderman.

"This is a splendid body of men to direct the affairs of the city, and we bespeak for them the cooperation of all our citizens. There is much to be done, and it can be done to the satisfaction of all, if all of us will give our hearty support to the administration.

"The vote in detail was as follows: For mayor — J. M. Caldwell, 151; H. D. Boswell, 54.

"For marshal — S. B. Carr, 149; J. A. Nance, 55.

"For Aldermen — T. A. Fannin, 179; H. M. Ramsay, 167; Hugh Wilbanks, 166; G. F. Cowden Jr., 160; J. P. Inman, 145; and F. F. Elkin, 136.

Hatchet lady

Carrie Nation, Kansas temperance advocate, on Aug. 29, 1901, created a disturbance in New York as she descended, with a hatchet, on a saloon operated by former boxing champion John L. Sullivan.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce, working for Midland where the motto "the sky's the limit" is a way of life.

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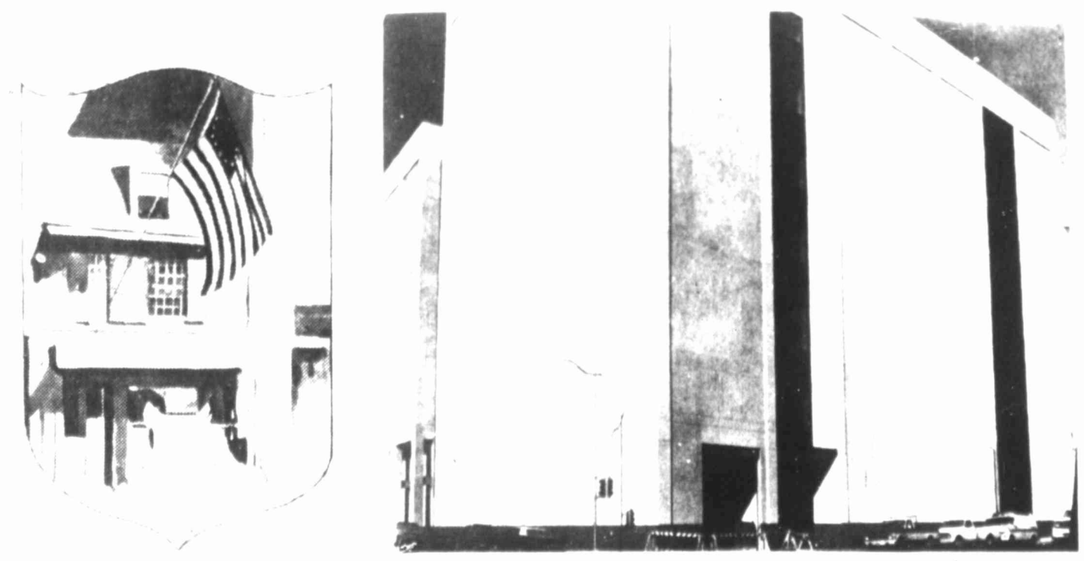

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Gazette says Midland future fruit country

Copies of the Midland Gazette, Midland's fisrt weekly newspaper, are not easy to come by, however, The Reporter-Telegram has several copies in its file.

It is believed that the first paper off the Gazette's press was in 1885.

Nov. 9, 1889, Albert S. Hawkins, the Gazette editor, published the following front page story.

"On none of the ranges of the West have stock done so well the past year as on that tributary to Midland.

"Owing to the mild and even temperature, flocks and herds increase so rapidly in numbers, and the excellent pasturage that the native grasses afford produces a large percentage of beef cattle and muttons.

"The quantity and quality of the wool grown on the Staked Plan renders it one of the most desirable sheep countries to be found anywhere. All natural advantages conducive to successful raising of horses and mules are found to exist.

"The stock pens at Midland are very extensive and furnish as many facilities for the shipment of stock as are to be found in Western Texas.

"Midland is the shipping point for a large area of country, extending far into New Mexico, and thousands upon thousands of cattle and sheep are shipped from here to northern markets.

"The success that has rewarded the efforts of those who have engaged in fruit farming within a radius of 20 miles of Midland, together with the luxuriant growth of vegetation, has exploded the theory that the Staked Plain is a barren country.

"Every species of grain and vegetable that has been fairly tested has been successfully grown. No finer specimens of vegetables than are produced in Midland County are grown anywhere. Trees, shrubs and vines grow splendidly. With a soil climate and altitude as nearly identical with that of the renowned fruit region of California, there is every assurance that in a few years this will become one of the fruit and grape producing sections of the United States."

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Another front page story related the financial condition of Midland County as well as the condition of its roads.

"The roads in this country do not require any work the year round. There is not a bridge in the county, and none required.

"The court house is out of debt.

"Enough money is coming in on the tax rolls to pay off the jail debt.

"The general debt will be almost liquidated by incoming taxes.

"After the next payment, on an old debt to Tom Green County, the balance due will be only $2,500.

"The District school tax is $1,000. The interest from the sale of school lands is $1,062. The state school fund is $700, making a total of $2,702 to be expended in the Midland school district, except about $150.

"After another year's tax at the present rate, the county will not owe a dollar, and taxes will be further reduced.

"How is this for a new county on the plains?

"Strict economy and a careful Commissioner's court did it. If such economy was practiced by the national government, hard times would become easy, and the great masses of the people would quit complaining."

An advertisement on the front page of the paper shows that the paper's editor also was an attorney at law and notary public.

Other adds show that A. L. Camp also was an attorney at law and a land and insurance agent offering such services as "collections made, property rendered and taxes paid."

Other advertisments reveal that T. J. Edwards was the proprietor of the Midland Tonsorial Parlors and Bath House, that C. A. Taylor was in the drug store business, dealing in pure drugs, paints, oils, window glass, notions, stationery, cigars, etc.

Another shows that Burton, Lingo & Co. was in business here with other yards at Fort Worth, Colorado City, Big Spring and El Paso.

Other front page ads show that A. F. Roland was the proprietor of the Llano Hotel that boasted "plenty of well ventillated and comfortable rooms with good easy beds," while still another shows that a "general banking collecting business" was carried on by Connell Bros. & Scharbauer, listing as its owners O. H. Connell, W. E. Connell and John Scharbauer.

Another Midland hotel was the Rio Grande managed by W. G. Johnston. "We Make You Feel at Home" his ad read and added that "We keep a first class hotel and respectively solicit a liberal share of the public patronage."

W. R. Swaim was a dealer in "harness and saddlery and horse furnishing goods with repairing given prompt and careful attention."

Valentine Goetz was proprietor of the Midland Boot Shop. He advertised "repairing neatly done on short notice — satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded."

J. M. Moody was in the nursery business. "Come and see what you want and see what you get. Don't forget that J. M. Moody has a full stock of fruit, shade, ornamental trees and grape vines."

A story on page 2 noted that "In sporting circles it is said that foot ball is destined tm be the coming sport. The base ball cranks out to make a success at it. They are noted for kicking."

Another story on Page 2 reported the execution at Alpine Nov. 1, 1889, of Demerio Fierro for the murder of William Nations and Jacob Simpson, just on the Texas side of the Rio Grande.

"The execution was public and was witnessed by a majority of the people both from this place (Alpine) and Marfa."

Only one lost

Only one of the Mayflower's passengers died on its stormy, 66-day voyage to the New World, although the ship was overcrowded and leaky.

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Education haphazard in early days

By LUANNA CROW

In Midland's earliest years of settlement, education was a haphazard proposition.

In those years before curriculum and budget and policy and the myriad other components of a school system, West Texas youngsters received their "book learning" from ma and pa — else their parents would hire a tutor to instruct several groups of children in a ranch home.

As the newly settled territory grew, however, the citizens banded together to pay for and build a small frame schoolhouse. Erected in 1890, this forerunner of the Midland Independent School District was located, apparently, near the northwest corner of Big Spring and Ohio streets.

Its students were in grades one through 10, and a Professor Hill and his two assistants ran the whole show.

According to research conducted by Wilburn O. Buttery, now principal of Fannin Elementary School, the frame schoolhouse was replaced three years later by a two-story, brick building located on the property which now hosts Midland High School.

During that term, the district had 421 scholastic pupils aged 7 to 17, 56 non-scholastic students, 15 certified teachers whose cumulative salaries totaled $10,555, and three school buildings.

During that year, The Midland Reporter described the schools as "a real factor in Midland's growth and economy," "the model small high school in Texas," "a well regulated school" and an institution with a "curriculum strong and full."

Eleven years later, 631 students attended classes in the same three school buildings. Lackey's salary has reached $3,000 a year and his teachers accounted for $23,135 on the district's budget. During that year, the first Parent; Teacher Assocaition (PTA) was organized.

A portion of De Zavala Elementary School was built in 1928, and five years later the first school for black youngsters was built on the present location of the Carver Building.

As Midland entered the 1950s, the school district included nine schools, 82 teachers and six administrators. Steady growth pushed was evident during the period from 1950 to 1963 when 19 new schools were built.

Now in its 68th year, the MISD owns 32 buildings including 26 schools, administration building, warehouse, North Annex, transportation and maintenance facility, the Carver Building and the Bunche Building.

The school became known as North Elementary School when a second facility, called South Elementary, was constructed in 1909. South, still functional today, stands as alast vestige of early education in Midland.

The Midland Independent School District was created in April, 1907. Their first action was to name W. W. Lackey as superintendent for the approximate salary of $133 monthly.

Lackey, a colorful individual active in many areas of community life, remained in the superintendent's office until his retirement in 1941.

When that first school board convened, however, they also hired eight teachers, for about $60 a month, to staff the school and (Miss Minnie Lockett who was high school principal and math teacher.

Once the matter of hiring was completed, trustees immediately turned their attention toward expansion projects, according to Buttery.

South Elementary was the first addition. The bond election for that project carried a price tag of $20,000. Seventy nine Midlanders favored the new school; only eight opposed it.

Andrews musical planned

ANDREWS — Residents of the Andrews area have a "Yankee Doodle Dandy" theater experience awaiting them as one of the highlights of this Bicentennial spring.

"Yankee Doodle," a spirited musical revue presenting vignettes of American history through song, dance and mime, will have one of its few West Texas performances here in early April.

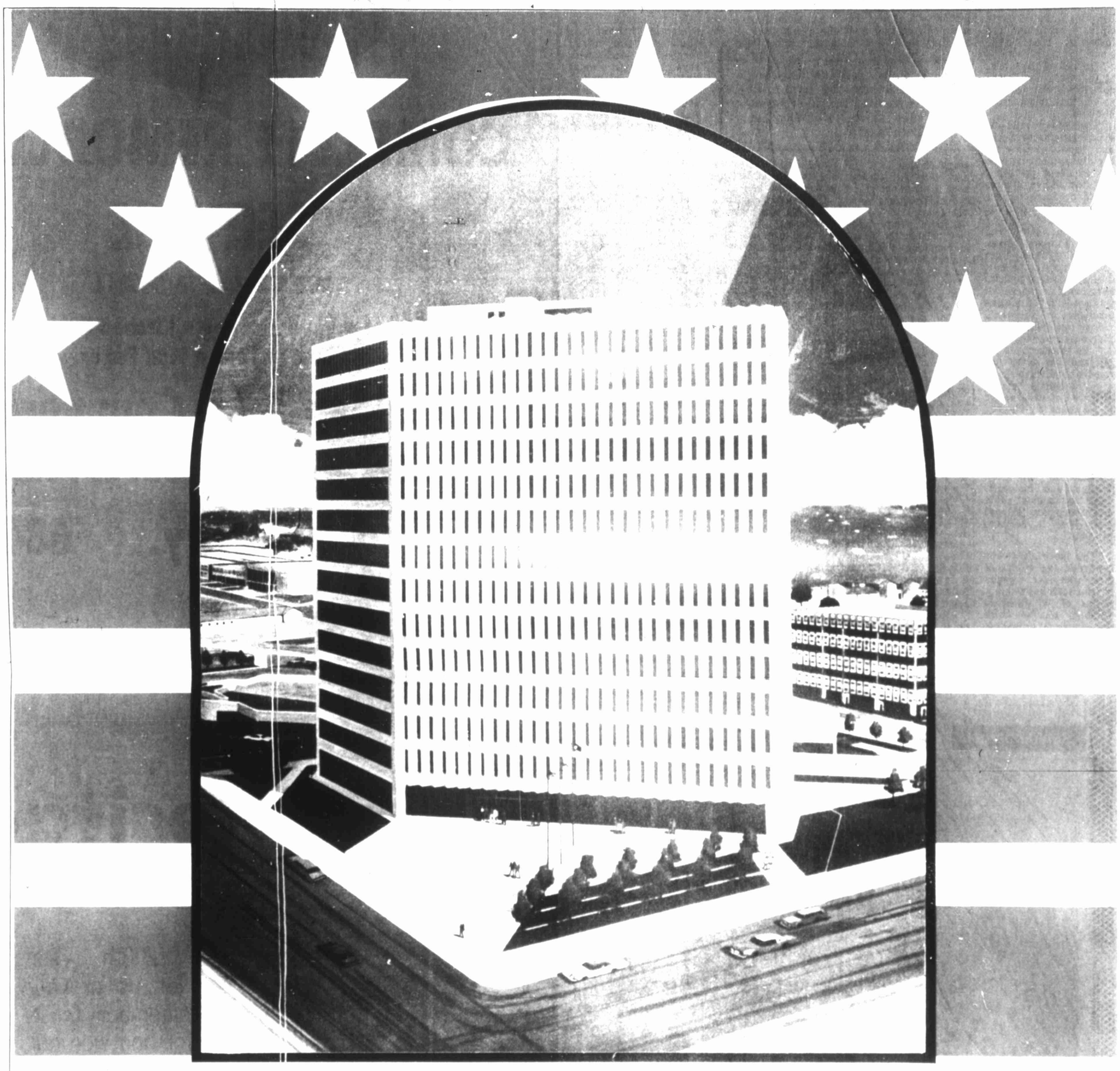
Primarily a show for youngsters but one that nevertheless has broad appeal to any American, "Yankee Doodle" zips through almost two centuries of American history in 85 minutes— no mean feat'

The musical begins with Paul Revere's famous midnight ride in 1776 and concludes with Charles Lindbergh's equally-famous "ride" across the Atlantic in 1927. In between are surprises, suspense, patriotism and much humor. Among the many theatrical "doodles" in the musical are a soft-shoe routine by actors portraying famed explorers Lewis and Clark, and and an innovative and intriguing acting-out of the invention of the ice cream cone.

"Yankee Doodle" is from the pen of Aurand Harris, famous American playwright for children. The musical, which had its premiere performances at The University of Texas-Austin more than a year ago, is being presented in the new production by the UT drama department. The 12-member cast of the musical includes former students and recent graduates of the university's drama department. Dr. Coleman A. Jennings, UT drama department faculty member, is staging and directing the new production, which has been accepted for the touring program of the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The tour is being funded by grants from the office of the president of UT-Austin and by contributions from many interested private citizens of the state.

The upcoming spring tour encompasses virtually all parts of the state. Following a series of public performances in UT's Hogg Auditorium this month, the tour began two weeks ago with performances in Galveston and Houston and has continued with presentations in Bay City and Wharton. In forthcoming weeks, the troupe of "Yankee Doodle" will tour to LaGrange, Falfurrias, Del Rio, Laredo, Fort Worth, Gatesville, Emory, Mount Pleasant, Longview, Texarkana, Bryan and Irving before swinging westward for West Texas performances in San Angelo (April 1), Alpine (April 5) and Andrews (April 8). An April 10 presentation will be in Abilene, and the final portion of the tour will include stops in Freeport, Wichita Falls, Graham, Kerrville, Temple and South Padre Island.

The Andrews performance will be in Andrews High School auditorium.



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Women played important roles in development of West Texas

By MRS. H. N. PHILLIPS
Vice President
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Until 1879 West Texas was trodden with the careless step of the Comanche Indians.

They met at Mustang Springs, just a few miles from Midland, to plan their forays into West Texas and Mexico.

Their trail, a mile wide, ran diagonally across what is now Midland County. The buffalo had almost all been killed by the white men, so the Indians retaliated by stealing their cattle.

In June 1879, the last Indian skirmish in West Texas took place a few miles north on what is now the Mabee ranch. One Texas Ranger was killed.

Two years afterwards the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. built its road through this area on to El Paso. A box car was put off on the railroad siding and the trainmen called it Midway.

The Texas and Pacific Co. was given every other section of land by the State of Texas in payment for building the road.

Since no cash was involved in the deal, the railway company was obliged to sell the land or part of it at least, so that settlers would come west and make the railroad a profitable business. They advertised through the North and East.

The Midland Townsite Co., organized by some Zanesville, Ohio, men, advertised extensively throughout Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia as well as in the South.

The Civil War had been over less than 20 years. The returning soldiers had found their farms devastated — their families in poverty.

They knew they could not farm the once large plantations without help. They wanted a new beginning somewhere else. They wanted land. When they read about land, water and free grass, they came west in covered wagons or by rail. They brought with them the barest necessities.

One reason Midland has always been so cosmopolitan is because people came from everywhere in response to the national advertising from the north, east and south.

The railroad company had built a two-story frame building near the tracks which they called the Emigrant House. Since there were no hotels, people were glad to stay there in order to have a roof over their heads until arrangements could be made for their own place.

Some people moved into tents and others built small houses. Some lived in dugouts. People ordered little so that all the freight space possible could be used for building materials.

By 1885, Midland had a post office, a dry goods store owned by J. H. Barron, the Stallings Hardware, the McCullough Grocery and the Palmer Drug Store.

These stores were on Baird Street north of the railroad tracks.

There was a lumber yard on the south side, also a brick yard was located in that area. Midland had a few hundred people by now and they began to think of churches and schools.

The county was organized and officers were elected, and the contract for a courthouse had been awarded to builders.

When I came to Midland in 1928 there were about 25 first generation pioneers here. I met them and visited with them and learned that they liked to talk about the early days of Midland.

I was impressed with the courage, strength, philosophies, honor and sense of fair play that characterized these pioneers.

Their thriftiness was born of necessity and although many of them had become well-to-do, they wasted nothing. The women had all washed the family laundry in the backyard. She had softened the water with lye and boiled the clothes in a big iron pot over an open fire.

Webster defines a pioneer as a person who goes to an unsettled place. Other definitions are an innovater — a person who is first to do certain things. It takes more than one wave of migration to settle up a new country. Many who came did not stay.

Some came because they wished to escape the restraints of society, but the feW who had such ideas moved on as our court records reveal. The true pioneer was the person who stayed, withstood the hardships, overcame the hazards of the frontier, built homes with their hands and their hearts, and made a future for themselves and their children.

It was the spirit of the pioneer that appealed to me. Their undaunted determination, their willingness to fight for the right knew no bounds. They put feet on their prayers and they worked day and night to make their dreams come true. Every accomplishment spurred their hopes and in time, they could look ahead with confidence.

It is the woman with these qualifications that I am defining as the true pioneer. These women had known nothing about prenatal care, immunization for preventable diseases, annual physical check-ups or diets.

She sent for the doctor only after home remedies had failed. She was both nurse and doctor. She also helped her neighbors. She was always busy but she made time to help when she was needed.

Most of them had lived on remote ranches in the summer and came back to town to put the children in school in the fall.

The ranch woman's husband would be in the saddle all day until after dark. She had the chickens and the stock fed and watered, the cows milked and the garden worked.

She also had the evening meal ready when her tired husband came home. She washed the dishes by lamplight, put the children to bed and then, maybe, she and her husband had an hour's talk about the happenings of the day and the hopes of tomorrow before retiring.

The ranch houses in those days were small, with few conveniences. The landscape was one of vast distance in every direction — no trees or mountains to break the monotony of the prairies.

There wasn't a tree to rest in the shade during the heat of the day until it had been planted and cared for for years.

For the most part, the prairie wife had to rear her children alone, for the husband would be at the ranch miles away for weeks at a time while she kept the children in school.

I heard one woman say that one of her children was three weeks old before its father knew it had been born. There were no telephones, no post offices and no highways near the ranch.

The husband often took part in roundups and brandings. There were few or no fences for a number of years and the rancher had to keep his cattle together. His job was hazardous and lonely and his wife knew it.

In winter, the mother sent her little girl to school in starched dresses and braided hair. She had no defense against the communicable diseases the children were often exposed to at school. There were measles, mumps, whooping cough, diptheria and smallpox. There epidemics of influenza and sometimes of polio, meningitis and typhoid fever.

The rancher's wife trained her son to follow in the footsteps of his father. He learned early how to ride a horse and rope cattle. Mothers turned gray worrying about their sons as they learned to build fences, shoot coyotes, work cattle, take part in rabbit drives.

Before the son was old enough to vote, he had learned to manager, to climb a tower and repair a stubborn windmill, to brand calves, to doctor them for wounds or worms. He learned that life on the prairie wasn't all beautiful sunrises and sunsets, but there were blizzards in winter that would chill a boy to his bones. Need gives impetus to life and urgency spurred him on.

It was my privlege to know many of these pioneer women.

I was fortunate several years ago to meet a ranch couple in eastern New Mexico. He was in his late eighties then. Ranching had been his life. In his thirties, he had met and married a rural school teacher who was a graduate of Baylor University.

To that union was bore a son — the idol of his parents' hearts. Of course his father taught him ranching, but the mother had carefully taught him how to enjoy reading. She ordered books by mail for him and the two of them had lively discussions about what the son had read.

Prayerfully, carefully and confidently, his mother had instilled in him the desire to get an education. The son had always been so obedient and so eager to learn that the father did not object to his entering The University of Texas. Gradually though, as the son's horizons broadened, the father felt that he would no longer be interested in ranching.

He consoled himself with the thought that the son would inherit the ranch and would have to manage it. The fear that his son had others ideas continued to nag.

Finally, the day came when the two went to Austin to see the young man graduate. As they sat in the auditorium and watched the ceremonies, the father felt lost and lonely, aching from the realization that his son had found another place in life.

The mother, understanding the fears in her husband's mind, slipped her hand into his and said, "Daddy, isn't this the happiest day of our lives? That's our son, yours and mine, an honor graduate of this great university."

The father choked back the lump in his throat and blurted out, "We sure did ruin a damn good cowboy."

They still lived in the simple four-room house when I met them. Oil had been discovered on their land and the company had run a gas line to the house. They had a hot water heater for the first time in their married life and the tall, gray-haired mother was proudly cooking with gas.

She took me over the house and showed me pictures of their son. No mother could have been prouder! She had reason to be. Her son wrote her often, expressed his love and appreciation for her sacrifices. What more could a mother ask? She didn't demand anything of her son. She

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Midland became city in 1906 for awhile; reorganized in 1911

Midland County was created from Tom Green County March 4, 1885, but the city wasn't incorporated until July 16, 1906.

In 1884, a cattle shipping point on the Texas and Pacific Railroad was established as Midland, Texas, but the city wasn't incorporated until July 16, 1906.

And the incorporation didn't last long either. Four years later, the County Commissioners Court disolved the incorporation, although records do not specify the reason for the court action.

On Jan. 24, 1911, the City of Midland was reorganized and re-incorporated by action of the voters, at 154 votes for incorporation and 53 against. The organization provided for an aldermanic form of government, and the County Judge called an election for the City officials.

City affairs were administered by eldermen until Nov., 1940, when a Home Rule Charter was adopted by a vote of the people. The charter now provides for a mayor-council type of government.

Midland's first mayor was S. J. Isaacs in 1907. The first city council on record was from April, 1909, and consisted of Mayor A. C. Parker and eldermen Phil Scharbauer, C. A. Goldsmith, H. M. Ramsey, S. M. Francis and T. S. Patterson.

According to a 1911 city ordinance, the mayor and aldermen received no salary, but the city secretary got $360 a year and the city marshall received $1,152 per year.

Midland mayors and their years of office after Parker include J. A. Haley, 1909-1911; J. M. Caldwell, 1911-1915; J. M. Gilmore, 1915-1917; H. A. Leaverton, 1917-1918; W. A. Dawson, 1918-1923; T. Paul Barron, 1923-1925; B. F. Haag, 1925-1929; Leon Goodman, 1929-1935; M. C. Ulmer, 1935-1943; A. N. Hendrickson, 1943-1946; Fred T. Hogan, 1946-1947; R. H. Gifford, 1947-1949; William B. Neely, 1949-1951; Perry D. Pickett, 1951-1953; J. W. McMillen, 1953-1955; Ernest Sidwell, 1955-1958; F. L. Thompson, 1958-1962; H. O. Avery Jr., 1962-1968; Edwin H. Magruder Jr., 1968 -1972, and Ernest Angelo Jr., 1972-present.

The first city secretary was H. B. Dunagan, who served from 1907-1910. Newnie Ellis Sr. held that position in 1917.

Midland's first bond issue was for $50,000 for water works installation with the election coming in October, 1909. On Nov. 23, 1926, $5,000 worth of bonds were authorized for the purpose of installing a street lighting system in the city at a five and one-half per cent per year interest rate.

A 1,000 gallon steel water tank and tower was constructed in 1927 by Pittsburg Des Moines Steel Co. at a contract price of $8,225. That year, salaries of the mayor and eldermen also were increased to $5 a day for eldermen for each day in session and $50 a month for the mayor.

A bond election on Feb. 6, 1928, saw $130,000 at five and one-half per cent interest rate per year go for construction improvements and extensions in the water works system in the city.

One of the largest bond issues on record was in 1947 for $1,260,000 for water and sewer improvements, street improvements, municipal buildings and drainage. Another large bond issue was for $240,000 and voted in 1929 for sewer improvements, paving, street lighting and city hall construction.

The first sewer lines in the city were installed about 1924, according to records. The first city paving was done about three years later, though U.S. Highway 80 was paved through the city in 1925.

A. J. Gates was business manager for the city in 1929, but it wasn't until 1947 that an ordinance creating the office of city manager was adopted. R. C. "Bob" Hoppe was the city's first city manager but only served three months before he had to resign due to ill health. Fred Hogan took his place and served in that capacity until 1948.

By April, 1940, some 127 blocks of street pavement had been laid under a W.P.A. project. well was located at the corner of Baird and Missouri Streets.

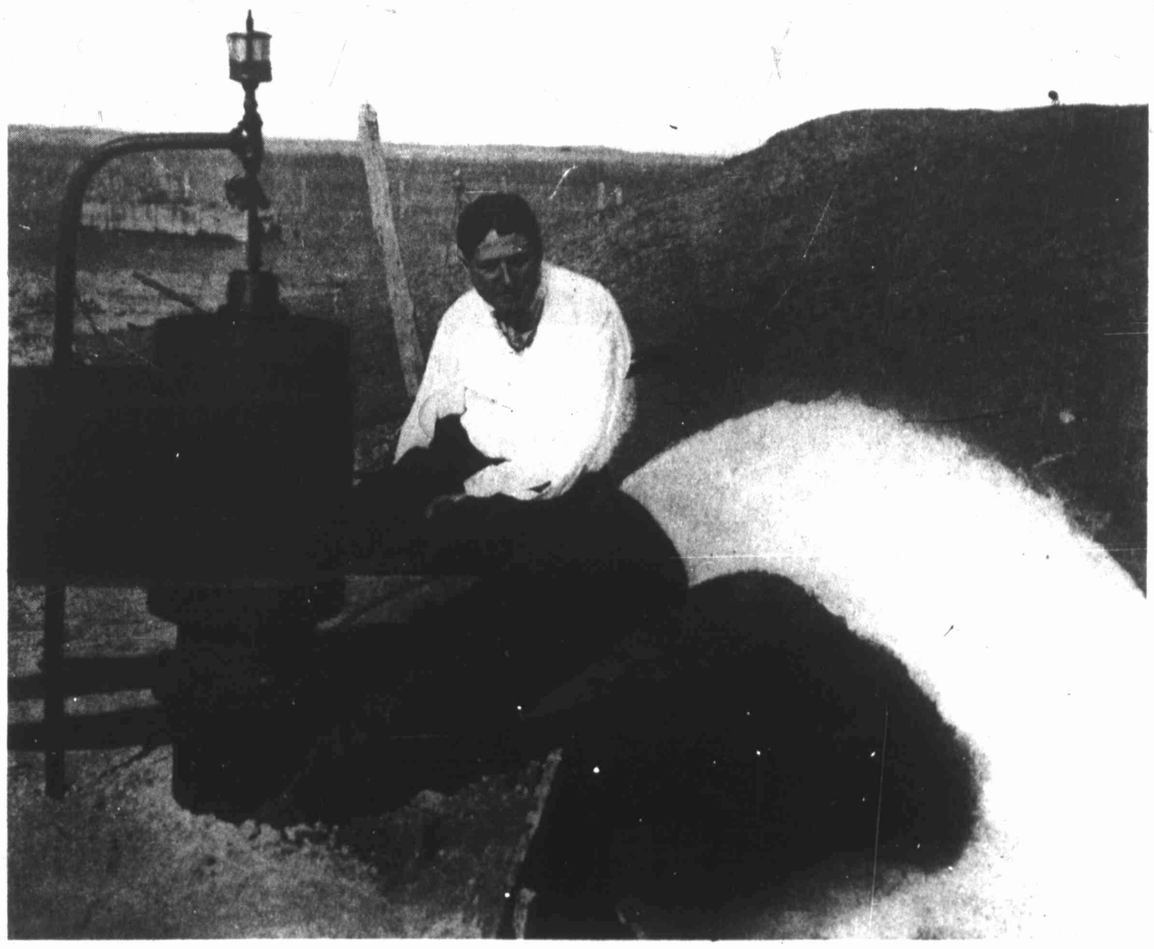
Water wells were first dug in the city at the crossings of Main and Wall Streets, Wall and Weatherford Streets and Main and Texas Streets. Hand pumps were used by the majority of citizens, with wells being for public use.

The first mention in the city records of a swimming pool was in May, 1939; the pool was called Pagoda Pool.

The city purchased its first fire truck in 1917 to replace the hand carts previously used. B. C. Girdley was the first fire marshall in 1911.

Last survivor

Mary Allerton, who was 4 years old when she landed in the New World with the Pilgrims, lived to be 83, the last survivor of the Mayflower passengers.



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Midland's first city hall built in 1929; housed 18 employes, fire department

City government in Midland got a real boost in 1929 with the erection of the first City Hall — a combination police station, fire house and city hall located at the southeast corner of Loraine and Illinois Streets.

Originally intended to house the 18 City employes at that time, the building soon became overcrowded and was a recognized fire hazard, complete with worn-out plumbing and wiring and a weakened flooring. Neither did the structure comply with the City's own building code.

A second story was added to the building in 1941 and, through this and other additions and remodelings, the building was made to do its job. After awhile though, the issue was tossed around more with the suggestion made to expand facilities for the police and fire stations and include a new City Hall in the overall project.

Midland City Council decided a new City Hall could be held off for a few years, however, and submitted to the voters a $460,000 bond proposal Sept. 13, 1952 to help finance a new Public Safety Building.

The issue carried easily and police and fire facilities moved into the new building two years later.

City Hall was still crowded though, and the Personnal and Inspection Departments were moved to a converted Army barracks in the 300 block of N. Colorado St. in the early 1960s.

About that same time, the City Council under Mayor Frank Thompson seriously began consideration of a proposal for a new City Hall and set Feb. 17, 1962, as the date for the bond election.

The $650,000 bond proposal was turned down by Midland voters on election day at a 2-1 margin.

After the defeat of the 1962 bond issue, city leaders were reluctant to risk another vote on the proposal, but changed their minds at the urging of Councilman Hugh McCullough, who urged spotlighting the critical need for new municipal administrative facilities.

A second attempt to get City officials out of the obsolete 1929 City Hall was made on Sept. 19, 1964, with another bond issue spearheaded by a Citizens Advisory Committee composed of some 34 Midlanders representing a wide range of the City's business, professional and economic strata.

The issue called for $500,000 to build the building at 300 N. Loraine St. and was approved by 239 votes. But when City Council opened bids on the construction June 22, 1965, they discovered the lowest bid was $128,133 higher than the bond issue.

However, the trimming of $100,133 in "luxury" items and the selling of the old City Hall to H. M. Rockwell of Houston paved the way for purchasing a new site for City offices.

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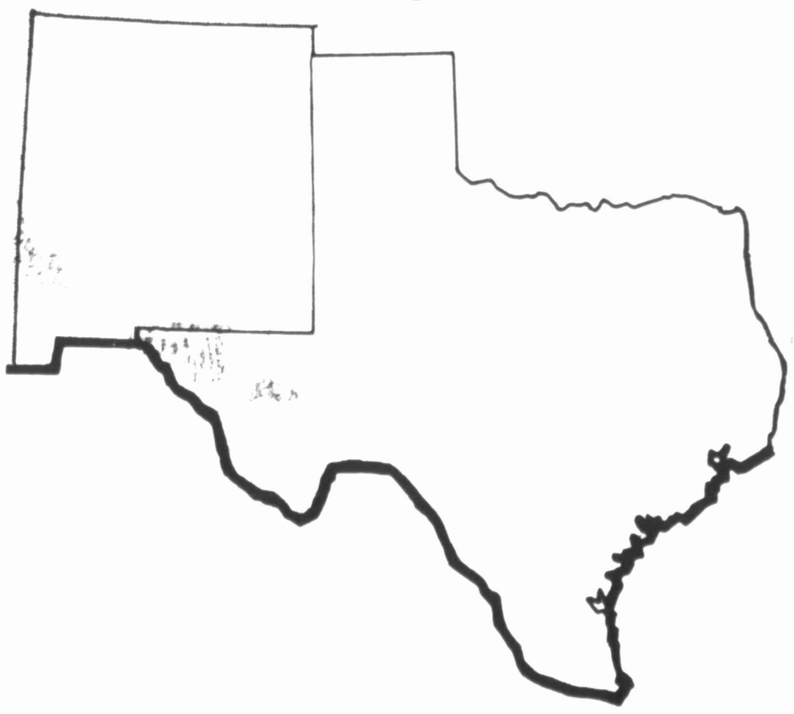

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Women prominent in West Texas history

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merely pointed the way, waiting in the wings on the stage of life, to encourage him if he faltered, to assure him, to love him.

In the early days when her husband had been a cowboy on various ranches, he met Will Rogers. They worked cattle together during the day and Will entertained with his rope around the campfire at night. When will left to go into show business, he never forgot his friend whom he had met and worked with on the C Ranch near Midland.

Earlier, I mentioned J. H. Barron. He was a single man when he came to Midland in 1884 or 85, but he had hoped to bring his promised bride, Annie Aycock, out here soon. She had been reluctant to come to this far away western village until schools had been built and churches organized.

It was late in 1885 when Mr. Barron wrote Annie that his business was established now and he could well afford to assume the responsibility of marriage.

Eagerly, he wrote that the Methodist people had organized a mission — the Presbyterians were working on their church organization and that he had contacted every Baptist in this area and had arranged for the associational missionary to be here Jan. 10, 1886, at which time a Baptist Church would become a reality.

When Annie received that letter she agreed to a date for their marriage. So Mrs. J. H. Barron became the first woman to become a member of the First Baptist Church of Midland.

This couple had had 35 years together when he died. She lived 28 years longer, giving faithful service to her church.

Life had not always been easy for them. Their first born, a son, died from typhoid fever just before he was 21 while a student in Simmons College at Abilene.

Their first daughter, Ruth, had suffered from cerebral palsy and death came when she was 8.

Annie Barron was a dear person — always ready to help her friends and neighbors in times of need and she was a faithful, working member of her church as long as she lived. Her gentleness and tender compassiom left its mark out here where life was often raw and uncertain.

Around 1900, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wilson and their baby joined a wagon train coming to West Texas. Land had been opened up for sale and men and women were eager to own it, to stock it and to build homes for their families.

The weather had been good for their journey so far, and although distant rain clouds were to the north of them, there seemed no immediate threat of rain. Late in the afternoon they decided to pitch camp on the banks of the North Concho River.

The men unhitched and hobbled the horses, gathered wood for campfires while the women made preparations for the evening meal. They had made good time during the day but the long, dusty, rough road had taken its toll and they were all tired.

Shortly after their supper had been eaten, a cowboy rode up to warn them that a flood was rushing towards them. Men ran to get the horses but some were too late to get their wagons out of the low places. It was a question now of saving their lives.

Wilson helped his wife and child to a fence.

He put her astride a wooden gate and she clutched her child frantically as her husband went to rescue a woman who was hanging to a tree by her hair. It was dark and there were no fires or lanterns — only darkness and the screams of frightened children and the mighty rushing of water.

Another wall of water came and Mrs. Wilson and her child were swept from the gate into the churning water and debris. The child was gone. The mother searched in vain. When dawn finally came, they found the little body of the child wedged at the bottom of the gate. People searched through the mud, the driftwood and the water for family members and for what few possessions they had left.

Ranchers came from the surrounding area to bring food, to bury the dead. When the last wagon pulled out and headed west, there were six graves as silent reminders of a night of horror.

The Wilsons found land and in time they had a small house, barns, fences and other improvenents to show for their hard work. He worked for other ranchers when he could, helping with round-up; branding and fencing. She cared for the children, milked their cows, worked the vegetable garden, raised chickens and fed the stock during her husband's absences.

They had managed to make payments on their land but with a growing young family, their needs were greater. Mr. Wilson decided to go on a cattle drive to market which would mean that he would be away from home for some three months. Before he left he had taught his wife to shoot a shotgun. She kept it loaded beside the door.

Her husband had been gone for several days when two strange men knocked at the door. They were wearing frock-tailed coats and derby hats. They told Mrs. Wilson that they had a deed to this land and informed her that she had to move out at once. Mrs. Wilson was a small woman, probably wouldn't have weighed over a hundred pounds, but she picked up that shotgun and pointed it at the intruders, ordering them off the place.

One man laughed to see the little woman make such big threats. She told him to watch the second wire on the fence. To their surprise the gun was fired and the wire came in two. One man didn't wait. He ran as fast as he could to the buggy. The other wasn't far behind. When Mrs. Wilson was asked if she ever heard from them again, she replied, "No, the last time I saw them they were running with coat tails flying behind them."

Mrs. Frank Ingham told this story. The Inghams lived on a ranch in Reagan County. She came to Midland twice a year to do her marketing. It was more than a day's journey in a wagon. She usually spent one day shopping and got an early start home the next day. At the time this incident took place, Mrs. Ingham had a four year old son and a small baby girl.

She had to buy in large quantities — such as a barrel of sugar, one hundred pounds of flour, several sides of bacon, several pounds of coffee, salt, dried apples, and a gallon of syrup. Then she purchased what ranch supplies that were needed, drugs and materials for making clothes for her family.

On one occasion she was returning home and darkness had overtaken her. She said, all was well. The children were sleeping on the seat beside her when all at once she heard the piercing scream of a panther. She urged the horses into a trot, tied the lines to the handle of the brake, reached back, and dragged a side of bacon out of the wrapping and with a pocket knife she had in her purse, she cut off hunks of the meat and threw it back of the wagon, hoping that the panther would find it and devour it instead of following the wagon.

Finally she came to the gate to their ranch. She held her children close as she opened the gate. She told the little boy to hold on tight to the baby while she led the team through the gate. She closed it and put the children back into the wagon. She put her son between her feet and he held the baby. The panther screamed again and was answered off in the distance by another. The horses did not become frightened as she feared they would. Not too far away now he could see the lantern her husband had hung on the windmill tower to guide her home.

After that story, I knew how the west was won.

Another courageous woman, Mrs. Almo Thomas, who had the pioneer spirit. Many of you will remember her and no doubt some of you went to school here when she taught. Her husband had a ranch in this area but Mrs. Thomas lived in town to keep her two sons in school.

One day when Mr. Thomas was due home and failed to come, his wife was concerned but thought perhaps he had been delayed because of some problem at the ranch, and there were always problems. Mr. Thomas was careful of his commitments and his wife knew it. There was no telephone either at the Thomas ranch or a neighboring one, so Mrs. Thomas got someone to go see why the delay. He had been on the windmill tower to repair the mill when he fell.

Left with two young boys, she managed the ranch as best she could. When the boys were ready for college, their mother went to Austin with them. They enrolled in the University of Texas and so did their mother. When the boys graduated, so did their mother.

The young men married and went into business for themselves. Mrs. Thomas went to New York and got her Masters degree at Columbia University.

She taught school here a number of years.

There are those here who will remember Mrs. Thomas gave extra help to the slow learner and the child with a handicap, but perhaps you don't know that she befriended a teacher who became ill and had to stop teaching. But that wasn't enough. She knew the teacher was her mother's sole support, so she took care of that situation until the teacher was able to resume her work a year later.

Fortune smiled on Mrs. Thomas when oil was found on the ranch. She retired from teaching and took many Wonderful trips to far away places where she had long dreamed of going.

I saw her often and since we both picked up our mail at the post office, I frequently saw her there. One day I met her on the steps. After greetings I told her I had missed her and wondered where she had gone. She looked around to be sure no one would hear and said, "I've been to New York to see the Yankees play."

Her zest for living was a delight to see. She brought happiness to so many of us because of her concern and genuine interest. She was generous with her wealth. The First Methodist Church, Georgetown University and the Methodist Children's Home in Waco were only a few of the recipients of her generosity.

As some of you know, Mrs. Thomas has outlived her two sons. She is now in Austin and has been in a wheel chair for some time.

She is a great lady with a true pioneer spirit, the ability and faith to face life as it comes.

We have some modern day pioneer women, too. One that especially impresses me is Mrs. Ollie Nunn, a Davis Mountains rancher. She is a native of Texas, the daughter of a prominent family. She received a good education and became a registered nurse. She nursed in Dallas hospitals for some years before she met and married a rancher.

She moved from urban life to the Davis Mountains of far West Texas. She learned all about ranching from her husband and ranching fitted her like a glove. So often you have heard it said that Midland is where the West begins, but the Davis Mountains ranches are where the West is. If you've ever known anyone from that area of Texas, you understand what I mean.

> Women served as chief cook on many West Texas ranches, cared for sick, helped on cattle drives, reared their children and taught religion and reading and writing.

Mr. Nunn died several years ago after a long illness and Ollie took up where he left off and went on with ranching. In recent years health problems caused her to sell her cattle and lease the land for grazing purposes to a neighboring rancher. She maintains her home as always and lives there alone. She has no telephone and until recently she did not have electricity. She goes sixteen miles to her mail box. She drives twenty-five miles to church. She travels some but always returns in time to go to her cabin at Bloys for the annual camp meeting.

When Ollie walks into a room, it's like a refreshing breeze or a ray of sunshine. She is well read and can carry on a conversation with a college professor as easily as she can with ranch people. She enjoys reading and she has surrounded herself with good books. She understands the westerner because she has become a westerner. She understands hard work for she has done it. She is kind because it is not in her nature to be otherwise. She is religious and lives her religion in such a way that others see it and feel it. She has the pioneer spirit through and through — unafraid, never discouraged, always heading into the wind.

I want to quote the following from the diary of a buffalo hunter's wife: "Things are changing now. The country is settling up fast and the town is also — building business houses and homes.

Farming is being done extensively, cotton raising, gardening, orchards etc. At times I seem to stand and gaze on the progress of the country almost in wonderment — only a little while ago it seemed when there was nothing but buffalo — then a space of time elapsed when there was nothing left but ourselves — yet we remained.

This was a time ever to be remembered — there were months and months that I did not see the face of even one woman. Next the cattle were being moved in, then the ranches — then a long space of time ere the farming and the building of towns — schools began and now the present. What a change, but this was a change I had longed to see for I wanted my children to grow up with the advantages of a civilized country."

I could not possibly name all the women who worked for a civilized country in this area — not even if I stood here twenty-four hours. Midland wouldn't have had a library in 1903 if it hadn't have been for women. Fairview Cemetery would have been a mass of tangled mesquite brush if women hadn't have cared and worked to make it otherwise.

There wouldn't be museums or parks or PTA's or concerts if Midland women had not pioneered and courageously overcome all odds. Free children's clinics, mental health, the handicapped and numerous other social responsibilities have been undertaken and accomplished by women who dared to pioneer.

Out here in West Texas we have priceless legacies of the last frontier — a heritage to be proud of. We enjoy today what the pioneers made sacrifices to gain. They had little to do with but never failed to cut a path to what was right and just for all.

Midland has come of age now — we are ninety years old. It behooves us to pick up the torch and follow in the footsteps of our pioneers. This bicentennial year, we are urged to reread our history for if we do not know and appreciate the past, we cannot be trusted with the future.

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Woman's club has 46 years of service

Mrs. Jess W[illegible] serving as the [illegible] president of the M[illegible] Woman's Club [illegible] which was org[illegible] 1930, when the C[illegible] Federation of Wom[illegible] Clubs was formed to fulfill the need for a "clearing house for [illegible] information of interest [illegible] women's organiz[illegible]

The City Federat[illegible] Women's Clubs [illegible] became the City-County Federation, and [illegible] the name was ch[illegible] the Midland W[illegible] Club.

Other current [illegible] of the club which [illegible] clubhouse [illegible] Hogan Park [illegible] S. Knautz [illegible] president [illegible] Graybea[l] [illegible] president [illegible] Samples [illegible] president [illegible] Cook [illegible] secretary [illegible] W. McCree [illegible] ding secretary [illegible] treasurer [illegible] treasurer [illegible]

[illegible] and moral and fine arts."

Membership is open to any organized woman's club and/or individual women, upon election by the board of directors. Member clubs are classified as shareholding clubs and tre is individual membership, designated as life, honorary patron, sustaining and active. The club now has approximately 300 active members.

Shareholding club members this year are the Lt. William Brewer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fine Arts Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Midland Garden Club, Midland Junior Woman's Club, Midland Porcelain Art Club, MWC Book Review Unit, Modern Study Club, Progressive Study Club, Pyracantha Garden Club, Twentieth Century Study Club, Woman's Wednesday Club and Yucca Garden Club.

Obtaining a county [illegible] nurse in 1931 was [the] first federation project. The group cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs in a [city]wide clean-up campaign. A scholarship [fund] was started in 1933, [and] three years later the [illegible] sponsored Girl [Scouts] in Midland. A [illegible] beautification [program] was instituted in [illegible] When World War II [illegible] the organization [illegible] the sale of war [illegible] assisted in Red [Cross] work and in [illegible] OPA [illegible] members [illegible] with the organization of youth canteens, which later materialized into a Youth Center.

Regular meetings of the club today are luncheon meetings for active and shareholding club members each month. Members of shareholding clubs may attend their respective club meetings in the clubhouse and attend the regular monthly luncheons. They also may use the clubhouse for personal entertainment on a rental basis. Active members have the privilege of attending and taking guests to MWC functions. Non-members of the club may use the clubhouse facilities and/or food service at a service charge.

Past presidents of the City-County Federation, 1930 to 1949, are Mrs. F. H. Schouten, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, Mrs. Louis F. Caddell, Mrs. Ernest Neill and Mrs. W. G. Epley and the late Mrs. John A. Haley and Mrs. Hal Peck.

MWC past presidents from 1949 to 1975 are Mrs. B. R. Matthews, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. A. P. Shirey, Mrs. Hoy B. Harrison, Mrs. J. C. Lawrence, Mrs. G. A. Plummer, Mrs. George A. Farlow, Mrs. William N. Sands, Mrs. William C. Wettstein, Mrs. T. R. Barnes, Mrs. E. W. Cowden, Mrs. Ernest Neill, Mrs. L. T. Barnett Jr., Mrs. Sam J. Poythress, Mrs. Samples and Mrs. Key, and the late Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. James Noland, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Paxton Howard and Mrs. Harry S. Murray.

R. W. Browne has air taxi

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Photograph courtesy Midland County Museum

MIDLAND COUNTY RANCH stock tanks were favorite swimming holes for Midlanders in the early days before the city's modern swimming pools were built. This Sunday scene was photographed about 1919 on the old Mann farm and ranch. Today, the city's Parks and Recreation department operates five pools, including the Olympic standard pool at Alamo Park, scene of the annual West Texas Invitational Swimming Meet.

DIRT chapter organized At Gholston home in 1954

The Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was organized in Midland in 1954 during a meeting in the home of Mrs. Roy D. Gholston, who was serving as second vice president.

The state charter was received Dec. 7, 1954. The charter was signed by 18 charter members, all descendants of Aaron Estes. The organizing president was Mrs. John P. McKinley.

Current officers of the chapter are Mrs. Max Perry, president; Mrs. Bruce Pearson, vice president; Mrs. Warren Faller, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John Cross, chaplain; Mrs. Holt McWorkman, registrar, and Mrs. Solon Crain, historian.

Committee members include Mrs. Faller, Mrs. E. J. Flannery and Mrs. R. S. Brooks, finance; Mrs. Ed Brannon, Mrs. F. R. Melear and Mrs. Porter Rankin, project; Mrs. Robert Turner, Mrs. R. E. Estes and Mrs. Melear, social; Mrs. Crain, social; Mrs. McWorkman and Rosemary Rankin, yearbook and telephone, and Mrs. McKinley, publicity.

The charter of the DRT was filed with the Department of State March 9, 1895. It was renewed and filed on Sept. 15, 1944.

Objects of the association include perpetuation of the memory and spirt of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas, historical research, obtaining and memorializing historic spots and promoting the celebration of special observances.

Estes was the son of Hiram Estes, and was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, in 1820. He moved to Missouri and later married Elizabeth Wilson of Alabama. They came to Texas in 1840 in an ox-drawn wagon and settled in Navarro County. They located near Sardis in McLennan County on 640 acres of land in 1848.

He joined the Confederate Army in 1861, was captured at Arkansas Post in 1863 and was imprisoned in Illinois. He also was a member of Johnson's Army of Tennessee and was killed in an infantry charge in 1864.

The Aaron Estes Chapter has contributed to state projects, which include custodianship of the Alamo and the French Legation, which was purchased in 1915 and the DRT was given custody. The Midland chapter also supports the Old Land Office Museum which the state association sponsors for preservation and restoration, and "The Oaks," Col. W. P. Ballinger's home in Galveston, where a small house used as an office and later as a library was located. In 1891 Betty Ballinger and Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry conceived the idea of forming the DRT. The former library was located in Menard Park in 1937 and through efforts of [the] Ballinger family [the] "Cradle," as the build[ing] is known, has been mo[ved] back to its orig[inal] location on the Ballin[ger] Estate, which is m[ain]tained by the DRT.

Reigle heads oil concern

Richmond Drilling Co. has been in the oil patch since 1914 and in the Permian Basin area since 1923.

Organized by H. M. Reigle and C. S. Richmond, the company now is owned and operated by E. E. Reigle with headquarters in The First National Bank Building in Midland.

E. E. Reigle purchased the company in [illegible]

E. E. Reigle acquired the company's assets in 1948.

Organized as a dr[illing] concern, Richmond [has] operated as a produ[cing] company only sice 194[illegible]

Reigle is a native [of] Cameron, W. Va. [He] attended high schoo[l in] Fort Worth. He atte[nded] MIT, TCU and Univ[ersity] of Oklahoma and has [a B.] S. degree in Geology.

His work experi[ence] includes assignments [as] a geologist, roustab[out], tool pusher, of[fice] manager and comp[any] manager.

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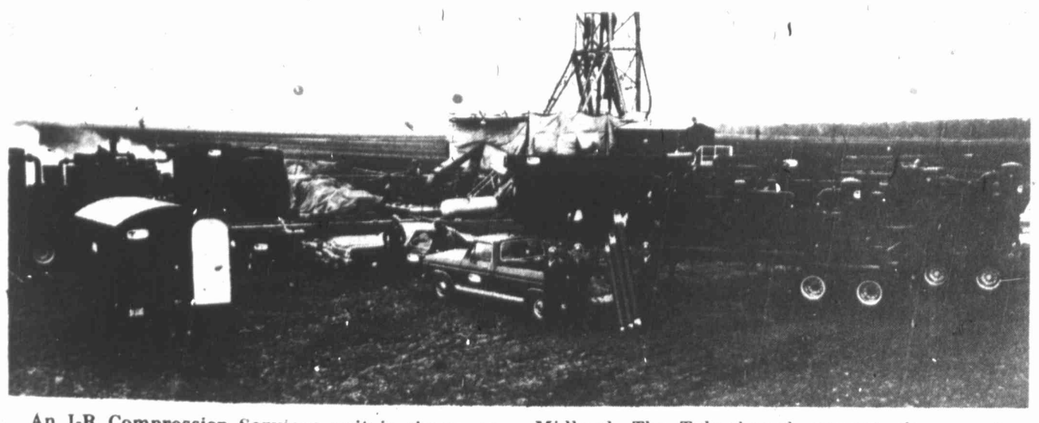

An I-R Compression Services unit is shown on location to assist in the drilling of an oil and gas operation. The company operates a district office in Midland. The Tulsa-based concern also operates district centers at Houston, Fort Smith Ark.; Detroit, Mich.; Denver, Colo., and New Orleans, La.

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I-R Compression Services handles air compression, process gas compression, gas gathering, air drilling, contract compression and turnkey contracts.

Much of I-RCS's success can be attributed to its highly trained personnel who operate and maintain I-RCS's equipment. This results in higher profits to the customer because of higher on-line performace of equipment, besides giving the customer the added advantage of no capitol investment, tax deductability, no added personnel costs, no maintenance or operation problems and expenses or other related items.

The company operates several fleet terminals throughout the country and district offices at Midland, Houston, Fort Smith, Ark.; Detroit, Mich.; Denver, Colo., and New Orleans, La.

All services performed by the company include professional personnel 24 hours a day, transportation to site, all necessary piping, valving and manifolding to connect the system, and a guaranteed performance.

The telephone number of the Midland District office is 683-5396.

Business report shows drouth 'being overcome'

The Jan. 5 issue of the Midland Reporter and Gazett-Examiner, the first of 1912, gave the following roundup on business activities in Midland.

"An energetic changing about seems to have been working up in the commercial and professional breast of our city during the last days of the Old Year, to break out with great vigor in the beginning of the New. There is activity along all lines, and a special to the Fort Worth Record a few days ago is quite in keeping with the facts. It said:

"New stores being opened up, new irrigation wells being bored, new people coming in, and large increases in banking transactions are some of the convincing proofs that prosperity has come back to the Midland country, and the bad effects of two years of drouth have been overcome.

"Renewed confidence is manifest in the city by the opening up of two new stores during December, and plans have been made and accepted for the building of a new brick business block on Main Street.

"Henry M. Halff has completed arrangements for the erection of a $50,000 residence, which Architect W. H. Kelly states will be the handsomest in West Texas. Prospecting in the country for irrigation wells continues unabated, every week showing new test holes bored, and all have struck abundant water.

"No less than six wells of from 500 to 1,000 gallons per minute capacity being brought in in December, and the owners are now awaiting the arrival of well machinery.

"The establishment of an ice factory and a new laundry are being agitated, with every prospect of both being established in the near future. (End of report to Fort Worth Record.)

"Nor are these all of the evidences of activity. Though thay have neither affirmed or denied — have given no statement for publicity, in fact — it has been reported that the Midland Mercantile Company is preparing to double its floor space and business capacity by taking over the two buildings just vacated by the Midland Hardware & Furniture Company.

"The Midland Hardware & Furniture has increased its capacity and floor space and now occupies the three buildings across the street, belonging to Haley, Jackson and Brunson.

"If this rumor be true the above firm may be considered possibly the largest business establishment of its kind between Fort Worth and El Paso.

"The Midland Hardware & Furniture Company started moving New Year's Day, and are now handsomely and comfortably fitted up in their new quarters, not yet fully straightened out.

"The Electric Theatre, now changed to the Judge Theatre, has moved from the Haley building into the Potter building, next door to the City Drug Store, just vacated by Miss Maggie McCormick's millinery establishment. It is splendidly fitted up, and presents a pleasing arrangement for its patrons.

Farmers found first institute here in 1911

The first commercial potential of the Midland area was discovered by Midland County's first citizen, Lum Medlin, when, before 1880, he shot buffalo and shipped their hides to market.

Then, shortly after 1880, H. N. Garrett drove his sheep into Midland County to give the area its first sheep business.

After the Texas & Pacific Railroad brought its line through the area in 1881 and set up a post office and named the fledgling town Midland, pioneers from many sections of the country began moving in. Some of them were ranchers and some were farmers.

By 1912, the farming industry had grown to such extent in Midland County and surrounding counties that some sort of organization was needed.

Dec. 29, 1911, about 15 farmers, a probably a rancher or two, got together at Midland's Commercial Club, the forerunner of the chamber of commerce, to form an organization in which they could swap ideas.

The results was the Midland County Farmer's Institute.

The Midland Report and Gazette-Examiner printed the following story on the organizational meeting.

"Last week about 15 farmers of this county met at the Commercial Club and organized the first Midland County Farmer's Institute. The men present were leading agriculturists of the county and great interest was manifested.

"This is undoubtedly a move in the right direction. Great benefit cannot fail to result from these meetings of the farmers of the county at which they will exchange ideas and experiences and will discuss the best methods to be pursued for successful farming. It is possible that expert speakers on various phases of farming will address the Institute.

"This is an organization which every farmer in the county should certainly join at once, as it cannot fail to help him in his business.

"There are no initiation fees or dues, consequently there are no expenses attached to the meetings which are to take place in the Commercial Club rooms.

"A second meeting was held Dec. 30 at which the following were present: C. C. Bailey, C. E. Heidelberg, A. C. Ingram, W. G. Jackson, I. W. Tokers, T. J. Brown, B. F. Hedges, W. W. Jackson, N. L. Heidelberg, S. W. Morris, D. T. Parr, J. S. Tidwell, W. C. Warren and T. C. Carrington.

"D. T. Parr gave an interesting talk on his experiences last season raising broom corn, explaining how he planted and harvested and the advantages that broom corn possess over other crops for this locality.

"All present took part in the discussion and the majority agreed to plant next season a few acres, about 75 acres in all.

"It was resolved to hold these meetings the first and third Saturdays at 1 o'clock p. m. The secretary was requested to arrange to secure an expert to give a lecture on soil culture."

Scarlet fever dread disease in early days

Scarlet fever was a dread disease during the early settling of the West, and the following story from the Jan. 5, 1912, edition of the Midland Reporter shows that this city had problems with the sickness.

"Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in the city and with a commendable desire upon the part of the city officials to speedily eradicate this epidemic, it has been decided to temporarily close the public schools, churches and all places of public amusement.

"The recommendations of the mayor and city health officer are given below, with the hope that they will meet with prompt and cheerful compliance and thus aid in the speedy supression of the fever.

"Order of City Health Officer:

"Midland is having a mild epidemic of scarlet fever. Since the holidays, several new cases have developed. On account of this spreading of scarlet fever and a few cases of suspected meningitis, it is now thought best that, temporarily, the schools, as well as all paces of public amusement, should be closed, and services at the churches discontinued until further notice.

"As is well known, scarlet fever is often of serious consequence and while the schools are closed we would appeal to the parents and guardians to keep the children closely within the home, in order that the epidemic may be more quickly controlled and be made possible to re-open the schools at the earliest possible date. Signed, J. B. Thomas, County and City Health Officer."

Chief refuses takeover idea

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Alexander Hamilton, while on General Washington's staff, proposed to the commander-in-chief that he organize a takeover of the national governement of the then new United States.

Hamilton was angered by the reluctance of the Continental Congress to give support to the Army and take decisive action on the subject of independence.

Washington scorned the suggestion and responded that for him to use political power based on the use of force, even though the people might accept the act, would destroy the whole American experiment.

After a series of debates within the general staff, Washington convinced Hamilton and his friends that his reasoning was correct.

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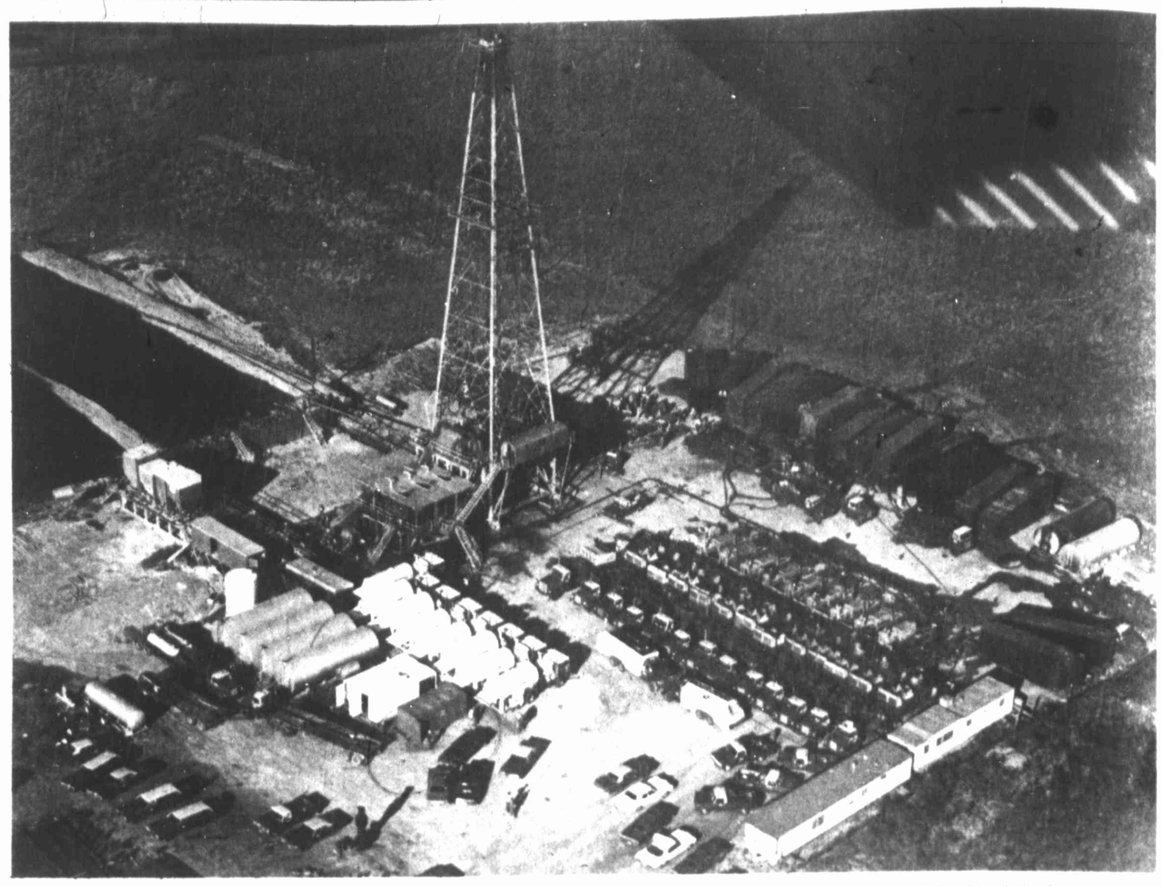

A large array of Halliburton pumping units, tanks and allied equipment, mostly seen on the right side, at a Permian Basin wellsite are massed to perform a fracturing service job for one of the Basin's deep, tight-formation producers.

Halliburton largest field service company in world

Halliburton Services operates as the largest oil field service company in the world with 276 field locations in 60 countries. Halliburton Services provides services to the petroleum industry such as cementing, fracturing, chemical, testing and others — services required throughout the life of virtually every oil and gas well.

The red and gray colors of Halliburton Services helped develop the resources of the North Sea, participated in the first efforts to explore the South China Sea, served the first well brought in on Alaska's North Slope and were on specialized equipment developed to make jungle operations practical.

Halliburton Services operates 11 field divisions to serve the petroleum industry in the United States. One of these divisions has its headquarters in Midland.

The six districts of the Midland Division — Odessa, Monahans, Rankin, Brownfield, Lovington and Farmington, N.M., serve the greater Permian Basin region and the Four Corners country from locations at Andrews, Brownfield, Monahans, Odessa, Rankin and Sonora in Texas and Cortez in Southwest Colorado and Artesia, Farmington, Eunice and Lovington in New Mexico.

Halliburton's world-wide service organization had its beginnings in 1919 when the late Erle P. Halliburton started an oil well cementing business at Burkburnett in North Central Texas during the boom there.

He borrowed a pump, a wagon and a team of horses, found a couple of hoes for stirring cement slurry, built a mixing box of 2x12 boards and scouted the oil patch for business.

His business grew and spread as oil exploration expanded throughout the Mid-continent region. In 1924 Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co. was incorporated — the forerunner of the present-day Halliburton Services which is an operating division of Halliburton Co.

Halliburton set up shop in the Permian Basin in 1926 when the late Frank Kempf came to Midland with a cementing unit.

Another unit came to the Basin in 1927 and a camp was opened at Odessa. Soon Erle Jackson moved to Big Spring with another cementing rig and R. H. Webster opened a location for Halliburton in the Red Barn area of the Yates Ranch in Pecos County near the fabulous Yates field.

Next a camp was established at Wink and another at Hobbs, the McCamey.

By 1946 Halliburton had Permian Basin locations in Midland, Odessa, McCamey, Andrews, Post, Levelland, Frankel City, Big Spring, Anson, Eunice, Jal and Hobbs.

Taxes show city's growth

One indication of a city's growth is a study of its financial situation through the money raised from taxes and the property tax is the most important tax levied to raise money for the City of Midland.

In 1905, the earliest year that records are available on city finances, a total of $12,082.83 was taken in tax revenue by the City, compared to the $1,328,456.66 taken in during 1975.

The assessed value of property in the city in 1905 was $1,849,095, which had increased to $96,255,580 by 1975.

This year, the assessed value of property is based on 75 per cent of market value, which was $182,871,430. The revenue brought in is based on a tax rate of $1.44 per $100 valuation. No figures are available on the assessment percentage or tax rate from 1906.

Tax rates and percentages of assessment are set by the City Council and have seen considerable change over the years. All the assessing work is done by the City Finance Department. This year's 75 per cent assessment and $1.44 tax rate were both first set by the 1975 city council.

Twenty years ago, in 1955, the City took in $1,048,355.06 in revenue based on a tax rate of $1.60 per $100 valuation. The assessed value of property in the City then was $65,520,960, based on 35 per cent of market value, which was $187,202,740.

In 1940, the revenue taken in was $89,076.41, based on $1.20 as a tax rate. The assessed value of property then was $7,423,035.

The assessed value of property in 1933 was $4,592,387, while the revenue taken in was $73,478.19 based on a tax rate of $1.60.

Some $45,037 was taken in in revenue during 1927, according to figures from the City Finance Department. The tax rate was set at $1.50, with an assessed value of $2,967,025.

Finance Director Robert Massengale noted the City had always had a relatively high percentage of collection of taxes. He said the City probably had a 95 per cent collection rate in 1950, and the rate this year is about 97 per cent.

Peach crop excellent

From the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner, July 5, 1912:

George Price, who lives eighteen miles southeast of Midland, and Ed Hopkins, who is located twelve miles away in the same direction, were in town Monday with two loads of excellent peaches, which were grown in their own orchards.

The peaches were of fine flavor, and it is needless to say that they had no trouble in disposing of them.

The only wonder is that more farmers do not turn their time and attention to the production of this highly remunerative crop.

The soil and climatic conditions are favorable to such an enterprise, and the only requisite to success is a little outlay of capital and labor.

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Gold and Levis discovered in California

The miners and prospectors of the gold fields had a problem. They couldn't find "britches" that could "stand up" to the hard service they were given. Levi Strauss had an idea! He started tailoring "britches" from heavy cloth and fastening the strain points with copper rivets. Those britches became so famous that the name was simply shortened to "Levis" and that name is known worldwide.

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Council dedicated to growth of Midland

The six members of the Midland City Council this year have brought their diverse backgrounds together with the one purpose of helping this city to grow.

Terms will expire in April for Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. and councilmen Frank Cahoon and Mark Martin. The remaining three councilmen, Martin Neill, Charles Tighe and Carroll Thomas, will be in office until 1977.

Mayor Angelo is a native of St. Paul, Minn. He graduated from St. Paul's High School in Covington, La., and received a B.S. degree in pertoleum engineering in 1956 from Louisiana State University.

He worked for Gulf Oil Corp. in the Midland and Crane area for six years before being employed with Sohio Petroleum Co. Since 1964, he has been self-employed in Midland as a petroleum engineer.

Mayor Angelo is a past member of the boards of directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland United Fund. He served as president of the local chapter and as a former state director for the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He was also president of St. Ann's Catholic Church board of education and a member of St. Ann's Parish Council.

Politically the mayor has served as Midland County Republican Chairman and is a member of the State Republican Executive Committee. He was first elected Midland's mayor in

April, 1972, and reelected to a second term in April, 1974.

He and his wife Betty Lou have four children.

Councilman W. Martin Neill was born in Mexia, Tex. He graduated in 1938 from Midland High School, completed correspondence school at International Accountants Society in 1942 and received his permit to practice under the State of Texas Public Accountancy Act of 1945.

Neill served in the U.S. Air Force, was vice president and treasurer of C. E. Smith Inc., was vice president and estimator of Neill's & Co. Inc., and is now president of The Martin Neill Co.

He is a member of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Texas and the National Society of Public Accountants. He has served as president of the West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, vice chairman of the Human Welfare Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, director of the Downtown Lions Club, chairman of the Texas Municipal League-Region IV and has been listed in Who's Who in Texas. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church.

Neill was first elected to the city council in April, 1968. He chose not to run for re-election in 1972 but served a partial term in the position vacated by Thornton Hardie. He was elected to another full term in 1975 and serves as Mayor Pro Tem.

He and his wife Genell have two sons and a daughter.

Councilman Charles Tighe served in the U.S. Navy before graduating in 1951 with a B.A. degree from Rice Univeristy. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1955 and practiced law five years in Houston.

He moved to Midland in 1960 and is currently a partner in the firm of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe, Morrow and Dawson.

Tighe was appointed to the city council in May, 1975, to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Jim Kent.

Tighe and his wife Schatzie have two sons and a daughter.

Councilman Carroll M. Thomas is a 1956 graduate of Midland High School. He received a B.S. degree in geology in 1961 from Texas Tech and his masters degree in 1964 from the same university.

Thomas worked for Mobil Oil Corp., Ralph Lowe Estate and American Quasar Petroleum as a geologist before taking his present position of geologist in the firm of Thomas, Harris and Anderson petroleum consultants.

He has served as president of the West Texas Geological Society and the Permian Basin Section SEPM and as a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

He is a former member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce petroleum information committee, a director of the Midland Rotary Club and a former member and director of the Midland Jaycees. He also served as president of the Central Division Arthritis Foundation, director of the Boy's Clubs of Midland and volunteer for the American Cancer Foundation. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Thomas was first elected to the city council in April, 1975.

He and his wife Georgia have a son and a daughter.

Councilman Frank K. Cahoon was born in Wichita Falls. He received a B.S. degree in geology in 1957 from the University of Texas. He served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before moving to Midland in 1959.

He served as Midland's state representative from 1964-1968 and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Miami in 1968. He is president of Pioneer Ref Inc. and a director of U.S. Bancshares and Pro Chemco Inc.

Cahoon was first elected to the city council in April, 1972. He was re-elected in 1974.

Councilman Mark S. Martin was born and reared in Lincoln, Neb. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1956 with a Business Administration degree. After serving four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he moved to Oklahoma City and worked as a landman.

He came to Midland in 1965 and currently works for Dow Chemical.

Martin was first elected to the city council in April, 1974. In that election, he ran against a woman and two men for the position being vacated by John Pike.

He and his wife Donna have two sons and a daughter.

Mayor Angelo and the council expressed high hopes for the future of the Tall City.

"I believe the council should aggressively promote Midland for the benefit of all of our citizens," Mayor Angelo said. "It is also absclutely essential that the council maintain a sound economic policy. I believe Midland has tremendous potential for the future and that we have the people to make that potential a reality."

Councilman Neill commented that Midland is in a boom area and said he hoped the prosperity continues. He added that the city's economic situation was closely tied with that of the oil industry.

Councilman Tighe said, "Midland is a truly unique community in which to live, and we still have the opportunity and ability to maintain and improve the quality of life for all of our citizens. The challenge facing the city council is to act as responsibly and as fairly as is humanly possible to insure that Midland will be an even better place in which to live and raise our children than it has been in the past."

Councilman Thomas also predicted steady, well-planned growth for the Tall City.

According to Councilman Cahoon, Midland is in a period of growth, so the city council must do more planning to allow the growth to develop more desirably. He said, "The hope for the future of Midland, in my opinion, lies in obtaining new industry that will outline our present oil production."

Councilman Martin said the city council is composed of concerned citizens desiring to see the city run as efficiently as possible. He added, "I have become more and more impressed with the quality of employes working for the city. We hope that good governmental practices will keep Midland strong and growing so more jobs will become available and more people can enjoy a pleasant and secure future.

"Midland has a lot to offer with its weather and people," Martin continued. "One job of the council is to see that the attitude of the people is positive, and this can be done not only by the attitude of the council but by positive actions taken. It is more and more the council's role to maintain a positive and optimistic environment which will, in the long run, benefit all citizens."

Meyers heads Helco Fishing

Bill Meyers, a veteran of many years in oil field work, heads Helco Fishing Tools Inc. of Midland.

Founded in 1968, the company is engaged in fishing tool operations, well completions, reentry and deepening work.

With a staff of 20 employes and an annual payroll of approximately $300,000, Helco has headquarters 11 miles west of Midland on E. Highway 80.

Meyers has been president of the company two years. His oil field experience includes three years as a roughneck, five years as a driller and four as a toolpusher. He worked for two drilling contractors and was service manager for MWL Tool & Supply before becoming Helco president.

A native of Coleman, Meyers was graduated from San Angelo High School.

Meyers and his wife, the former Nell Beth Harris of San Angelo, have two children, Cindy, 17, and Linda, 22.

He is a member of the Crescent Park Baptist Church of Odessa and likes to fish and boat and has an interest in camping and horse and all sports.

48 employed by shoe store

Barnes Pelliter, a Midland retail concern 26 years, has 48 full-time employes and stores in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Lubbock.

The Lubbock sotre is the Booterie.

The firm is one of the Permian Basin's major outlets for men's, women's and children's foot wear and women's handbags.

The Midland store is at 2501 W. Ohio St.

The store was founded in 1950 by W. B. Barnes and Harry Krist.

The store now is owned by the Wohl She Co., which purchased it in 1953.

Robert Myers, a native of Williamson, W. Va., is the Barnes Pelletier general manager. He attended Marshall College.

His work experience includes 27 years with Wohl Shoe Co., including assignments at Huntington, W. Va.; Dallas; Columbus, Ohio, and Cincinnati.

He and his wife Jane have three children.

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Epley back at old post as Home National

From the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner, Jan. 19, 1912:

J. Homer Epley, one of Midland's most brilliant and most energetic young men, is back at his old post as assistant cashier of the Home National Bank of Stanton.

Homer is a repid, accurate and experienced accountant and thoroughly acquainted with the banking business.

The Reporter joins his host of friends in wishing for him a successful career at Stanton.

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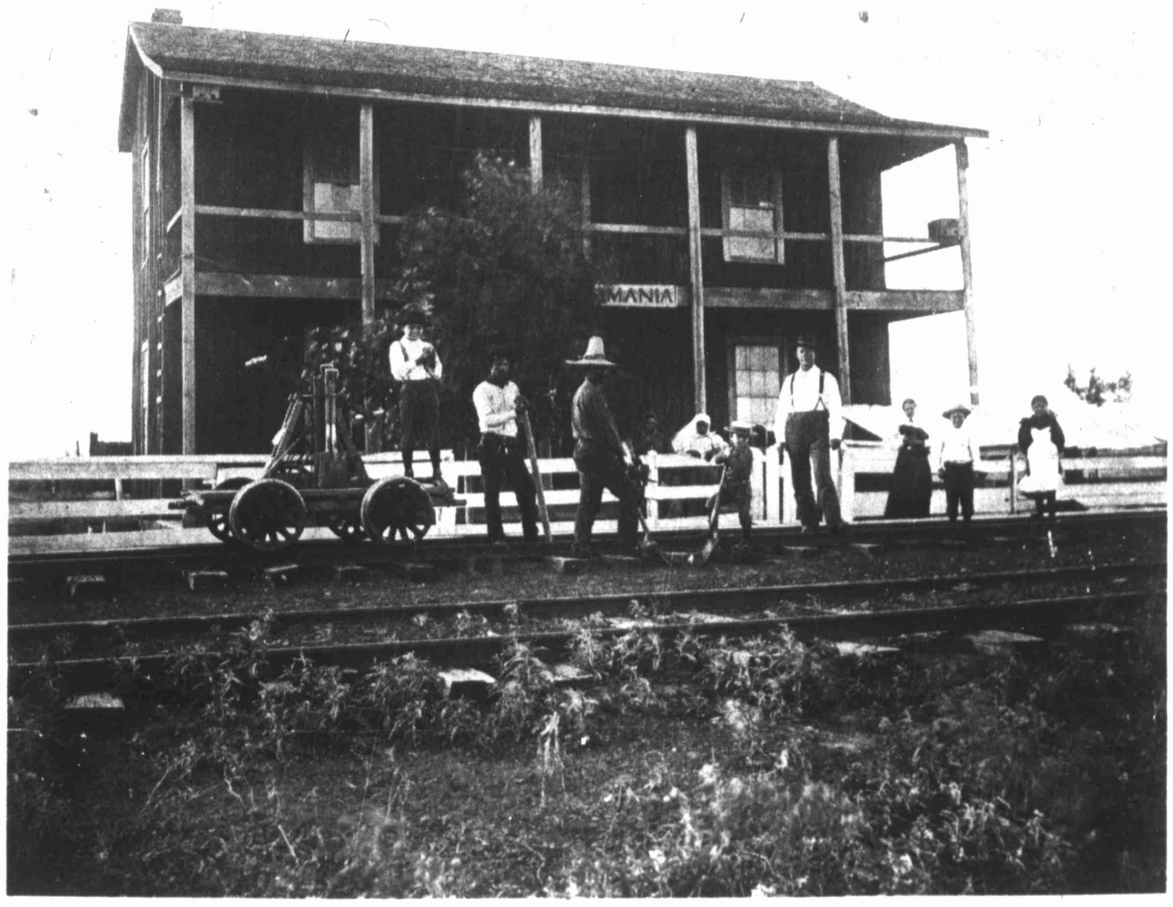

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THIS IS THE first permanent section house at Germania 10 miles east of Midland. In 1881, shortly before the Texas & Pacific Railroad Co. set up a work station that later became Midland, the company set up camp at Germania. This section house was built there in 1885. At left behind station can be seen the tops of some of Germania's building at a time when the town had grown to "considerable" size.

Old newspapers give bits, pieces of city, Midland County history

From the files of the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner 1912:

On Monday Jan. 8 the First National Bank made the following selection of officers for this year: President, W. H. Cowden; first vice president, O. B. Holt; second vice president, Phil Scharbauer; cashier, E. R. Bryan; assistant cashier, M. C. Ulmer. Board of directors, W. H. Cowden, O. B. Holt, Phil Scharbauer, John M. Cowden, J. H. Barron, C. A. Goldsmith and E. R. Bryan.

On Tuesday Jan. 9 the Midland National Bank held its annual election and the following are the officers for the coming year: President, D. W. Brunson; vice president, W. B. Elkin; cashier, E. M. Wallace; assistant cashier, C. Scott; B. C. Gilliland. Directors, D. W. Brunson, W. B. Elkin, J. R. Dublin, S. W. Estes, W. K. Curtis, C. L. Sinclair and W. H. Brunson.

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Feb. 9, 1912:

A decided impetus has been given to the planting of broom corn in the Midland County by the advent of a broom factory in our midst.

This enterprise has been launched by our progressive friend, T. E. Robertson, and has established his plant in the southwest side of Midland, outside of the city limits.

The present capacity of the factory is 20 dozen brooms per week, but this will be increased as the growing demand for its product warrants.

S. W. Smith, an experienced and skilled workman has charge of the mechanical department and is producing a first-class broom.

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March 1, 1912:

At a meeting held at the Commercial Club rooms last Saturday the South Plains Poultry and Pet Stock Association was organized.

There was a large attendance of those interested in the breeding of fine chickens and every one was enthusiastic on the subject of having a first class poultry show in Midland next fall. The poultry show will be held in connection with the Midland County Fair.

The following officers were unanimously elected:

S. H. Basham, president; Dr. C. O. McCall, vice president; T. C. Carrington, secretary and treasurer; and W. C. Masser, chairman of the executive committee.

Other charter members include J. H. Barron, Dr. W. K. Curtis, Henderson Horton, C. C. Raley and A. B. Estes.

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March 15, 1912:

W. H. Cowden has at last joined the automobile enthusiasts who believe in abridging time and distance.

He is now the proud possessor of a brand new 40 horsepower 1912 Cadillac with electric lights, electric self starter and all the latest accessories. The purchase was made through the local dealers, Spaulding Brothers.

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April 12, 1912:

On last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Miles, the young folks were entertained with an Easter egg hunt. Three prizes were offered for the finding of eggs specially colored for the occasion.

Jowell Holt won the first prize and the second and third were won by Marie Dykstra. The occasion was one of jollification and general good time for the young people.

Those present were Misses Ellen White, Hallie Rhea Jowell, Nettie May Ward, Roxie Nugent, Lola Taul, Marie Dykstra, Nell Dykstra, Maurine Gamel, Nettie Weatherred, Louise Baldwin, Minta Aycock, Effie Julian, Annie Maude Aycock, Eloise Fay Midkiff and masters Glenn Gamel, Clyde Crowley, Garvice Dockery, T. J. Miles, Thomas Edward White, Holt Jowell, Buell Powell, Forrest Ward, Howard Hendricks, Prather Benedict, Sam Hendricks, Dulaney Ward, Tom Sheppard, Thord Dockery and Ernest Shepherd.

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June 14, 1912:

One of the largest deals that has been recorded in the Midland country in a good many months was closed last week whereby our townsman, C. A. Goldsmith, became the owner of the university leases of the famous Clabber Hill ranch, and 4,200 head of fine pure bred black muley cows.

These were sold to him by J. A. Yates, also of this city, and the cattle are a part of the big bunch of stuff bought last fall of the 6666 Ranch.

The cattle are well known throughout the livestock world, the herd from whence they came having been started many years ago by Nelson Morris, deceased, and having been bred by him to a very high degree of purity.

Well known as are these cattle, they are hardly more so than the Clabber Hill ranch which constitutes a part of the big deal. We have not been given particulars of the deal, but rumor places the aggregate considerations at $175,000.

Associated with Mr. Goldsmith in the purchase of this outfit, we understand, is E. E. Baldridge of Fort Worth.

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June 14, 1912:

Dr. W. W. Lynch, Capt. J. B. Rhea, E. H. Estes and G. N. Rand left the latter part of last week for Devil's River.

Presumably a great time was in store for them, basing said presumption on manifest preprations for the outing.

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June 21, 1912:

At a stated meeting of Midland Lodge No. 623, A. F. and A. M., held in the lodge room on Saturday night, last, June 15, 1912, the following officers were elected to serve the lodge for the ensuing Masonic year:

J. Wiley Taylor, S. W.; S. H. Basham, S. W.; C. S. Karkalits, J. W.; J. H. Knowles, treasurer; J. C. Inman, secretary, and W. M. Price, tiler.

June 21, 1912:

Rev. A. B. Norrell, a Presbyterian missionary for West Texas, working under the direction of the American Sunday School Union, was here the first of the week.

Last Sunday he completed the organization of a union Sunday school at Warfield, 10 miles west of Midland.

J. H. Sullivan was chosen as superintendent and Miss Vernie Meeks, secretary. Mr. Norrell, who lives at Big Spring, has been instrumental in organizing quite a number of Sunday schools in West Texas and his work generally is encouraged by success.

He commends Warfield to the attention of all the pastors in Midland.

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Oct. 25, 1912:

Below will be found the names of those pupils in the city schools who ranked first and second in their respective classes for the first month and the names of those who are on the honor roll for that month. To be on the honor roll a pupil is required to make a grade of 90 or better.

Eleventh grade, Oliver Fanning, 1st; Fletcher Terry, 2nd. Honor Roll: Lorena Allen.

Tenth grade, John Allen, 1st; Clara Mabry, 2nd. Honor Roll: John Allen.

Ninth grade, Alice Mabry, 1st; Lois Prothro, 2nd. Honor roll: Clydine Stuckney, Alice Mabry, Lois Prothro.

Eighth grade, Henrietta King, 1st; Bess Luther, 2nd. Honor roll: Henrietta King.

Nov. 1, 1912:

The Commissioners Court of Midland County met last Monday for the purpose of passing upon and paying the bounty offered for wolf scalps.

The number of coyote scalp brought in was 47 and the parties who kill these marauding pests were paid one dollar each for the scalps and, in addition, will be able to sell the hides for a fair price.

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Nov. 15, 1912:

Graham B. Smedley, a Midland attorney, has lately been appointed by General Looney assistant Attorney General of Texas, and he and his wife will leave for Austin early in December.

Mr. Smedley is one of the brightest young lawyers in the west, and Midland will lose him with much regret.

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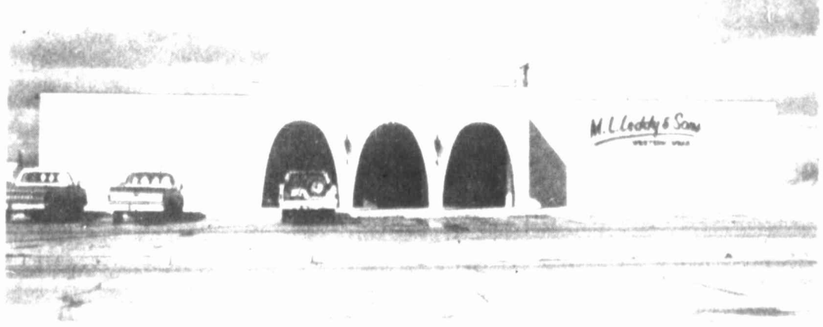

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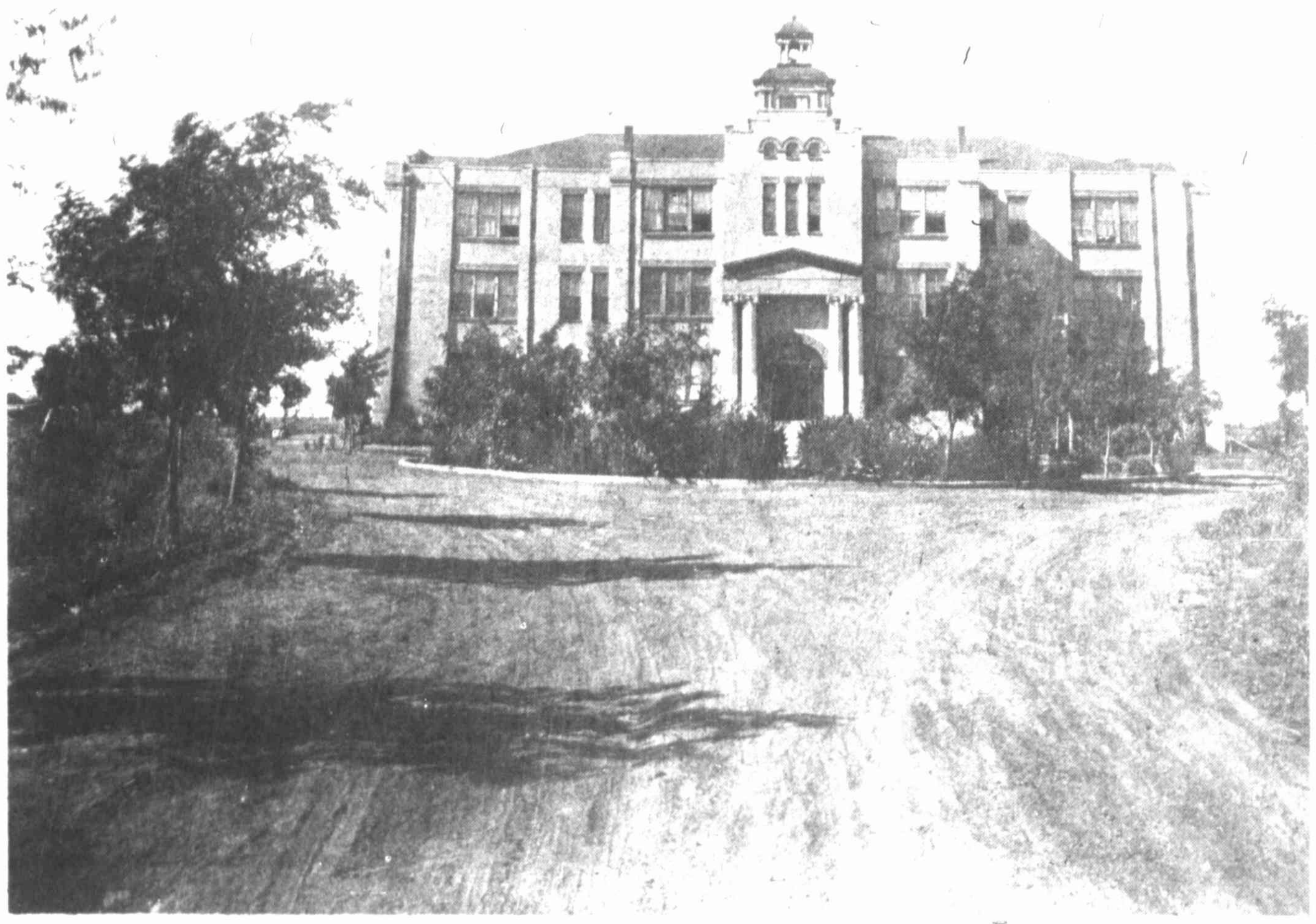

Photograph courtesy Midland County Museum

THIS BUILDING HOUSED Midland College in the early 1900s. Located at the end of College Street in Southeast Midland. The college was closed here in 1922 and moved to Cisco where it still exists as Cisco Junior College. A historical marker at the college site reveals that its first year of operation was in 1910.

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Thus describes the original Midland College in Clinton Myrick's 1918 yearbook, appropriately named The Sandstorm.

During the era of the first Midland College, 1910 to 1921, Midland was a small prairie town that fell prey to vicious wind storms that stirred up clouds of sand and dust so dark they resemble tornadoes in photographs.

The college was located on a site beyond Garfield Street on College Street. An historical marker stands near the site of the main building, a three-story structure which was razed after the college closed down, the victim of financial woes.

Myrick, a retired Midland insurance man, was in the last graduating class in 1921.

E. Buford Isaacks, another former student at the institute, years later wrote about the school in a series of articles for The Reporter-Telegram.

Recounting the institution's earliest years, Isaacks said it "looked like a very promising beginning for a successful college but after a few years it went the way of most private junior colleges at that time... But it was a good college while it lasted and meant much to early Midland."

It had been established in cooperation with Texas Christian University. Myrick said it was moved to Cisco after the Midland venture failed financially.

He remembers the facility as "a nice building." It stood 144 by 87 feet, featuring stone trimmings and Corinthian columns. The building was steam-heated and included dormitory facilities for the female students, a parlor, dining room, recitation classrooms, library and a chapel.

The men were housed in what Myrick describes as a barracks. "They called it the dog house," he said.

Estimating an enrollment of 100 to 150 during the college's last year, the Midland alumnus remembers more female students than male although nationally the trend was just the opposite.

The majority also came from outside Midland, he said, although many locals were included in the enrollment.

Midland College offered a variety of student activities including an orchestra, monthly magazine, literary society, Spanish club, athletic council and choral club.

Among the student groups were some exotic-sounding organizations such as the Apache Blood Boilers (Myrick was high chief) and a number identified by mysterious abbreviations.

One such club was the L.O.P.H. which the 1921 Sandstorm suggests stands for "Left on Pop's Hands." The motto for this all-girl group was "Be prepared, for ye know not the hour nor the minute when the bridegroom cometh."

Clinton Myrick

The early Midland College also enjoyed an active athletic program which even included the women students who competed in basketball. The men's sports included baseball, football, tennis and golf.

Myrick, who was captain of the basketball team and a member of the baseball squad, said Midland's first golf course was located at the old college.

The team was called the Herefords and one of the cheers appears in the 1921 yearbook: "Hit 'em high! Hit 'em low! Midland College, let's go!"

The season record for football in 1921 appears to have been good one — four wins and only one loss to Stanton.

The day U. S. Navy force was founded

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service

Of all the defiant acts against King George III committed by the American patriots during the Revolution, the action taken on Oct. 13, 1775, took some beating for audacity. That was the day Congress founded the American Navy.

Even some patriots thought Congress had a nerve when everybody knew Britannia ruled the waves. Samuel Chase of Maryland said it was "the maddest idea in the world to think of building an American fleet."

Virginia delegate Prof. George Wythe reminded him that the Romans had built a fleet from scratch and managed to destroy Carthage.

There already had been incidents where British ships had come under attack by rebels in armed vessels mostly privately built or privately owned. Some attacks had been successful and the booty was shared among the owners, captains and crews.

Rhode Island claims to have been the first to outfit vessels for the express purpose of opposing the British. It chartered two ships in June, 1775, because the British frigate Rose was proving to be an annoyance as it foraged along the coast for supplies.

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia [illegible] also kept [illegible] to guard [illegible] waters [illegible] in search of prizes.

The first sea [illegible] of the Revolutionary War is said to have taken place off Machias, Maine, on June 12, 1775, when a group of [illegible] patriots led by Jeremiah O'Brien, [illegible] Scotch-Irish lumberjack, seized the armed British vessel Margaretta.

In September, 1775, Gen. Washington scraped together a "mosquito fleet" to raid enemy convoys off Boston. [illegible] former fishing schooner Hannah [illegible] had a dozen other small vessels [illegible] the convoys hard and [illegible] tons of stores destined for the [illegible] Boston.

[illegible]

On Oct. 13, Congress authorized construction of four [illegible] vessels [illegible] protection and defense of the United Colonies [illegible] first ships of the Continental Navy. [illegible] 13 new war vessels were ordered.

Construction was given to several shipyards between Portsmouth and Baltimore. The first of these three-masted square-riggers to be launched was the 32-gun Raleigh at Portsmouth on May 21, 1776.

Meanwhile, a makeshift squadron had been scraped together at Philadelphia consisting of eight ships. Esek Hopkins, a Rhode Island shipmaster and the Continental Navy's first commander in chief, set sail [illegible] February, 1776, on the first American naval mission — to capture British military stores in the Bahamas.

Aboard the flagship Alfred was a [illegible] lieutenant named John Paul Jones, who directed the training of the gun crews. To him went the [illegible] of hoisting the first American naval flag.

Jones wrote later: "The first beginnings of our Navy were so small that I am of the opinion it has no precedence in history."

On reaching the Bahamas, the Americans bombarded Ft. Montague, taking the British by surprise. Then 50 sailors and 200 Marines went ashore under fire to storm the fort. It was the Navy's first amphibious operation and the first battle fought by American Marines. They pulled down the British flag, then went on to take Ft. Nassau, which surrendered without firing a shot.

The squadron came under attack from a British warship on the return journey and suffered some damage, but it managed to arrive home safely with an enormous quantity of munitions for Washington's army.

The Americans grew bolder and began taking on the king's navy further afield. The first sea raid ever staged by an American warship in European waters was made in January, 1777, by Capt. Lambert Wickes, a former Maryland lobsterman, commanding the Reprisal. Ordered to take Benjamin Franklin across the Atlantic to seek French aid in Paris, Wickes took the opportunity to snap up British prizes en route.

After landing Franklin in France, he crossed the channel to raid shipping off the English coast. He took some 18 ships, the best prize being the British mail packet Swallow, waylaid off Falmouth.

In Wickes' wake, other Yankee raiders crossed the ocean to worry British shipping. Boldest of them was John Paul Jones. As captain of the new war sloop Ranger he took the war to the very shores of the British Isles.

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Spindletop discovery inspired all-out search

Some call it the nation's greatest oil well, that Lucas gusher that blew in Jan. 10, 1901, on Spindletop hill, four miles south of Beaumont, Texas.

Few could argue, because the success at Spindletop, 75 years ago, inspired other oil pioneers to launch a feverish search for oil along the Texas Gulf Coast, setting off a chain of discoveries that fueled more great expectations, which led to other great oil and gas discoveries and a major American industry.

Since the day Spindletop blew in, Texas oil men have drilled some 630,000 oil and gas wells, according to the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. From these wells, more than 40.5 billion barrels of crude oil and 188 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been produced.

Spindletop spawned an accelerated search for petroleum energy in Texas and elsewhere. Within four decades Texas had become the number one oil state and the nation had accelerated its standard of living, strengthened its economy, developed the world's most mobile society, and fueled the first World War.

On the eve of the nation's entry into World War II, the U. S. was gearing up to supply the oil needed by nations then opposing the Axis onslaught.

By the end of 1945, America's bloodiest conflict had passed to history. Led by Texas, the nation had supplied the oil for victory. A few months later, the Petroleum Administration for War, the agency that coordinated with the oil industry in providing vital fuel, declared in its official history: "... World War II, from beginning to end, was a war of oil."

Within 30 years after Spindletop, Texas oil men had made some of the state's greatest discoveries — fields that today are highly important to state production totals, state and local governments, school districts, and employment. But, old fields wear out, an ominous sign to Texans and Texas oil men, too, who face considerable difficulties in replacing this declining production.

The growing availability of U. S. oil and natural gas in the first half-century after Spindletop, coupled with American ingenuity, accelerated the deVelopment of basic domestic industries. In the past quarter-century American technology has become highly refined and even more dependent on petroleum energy to produce sophisticated goods and services for Americans, who now use about one-third of the world's energy.

The U. S. standard of living has outpaced that of any other society.

Development of oil-powered vehicles in the United States is a prime example. Four out of every five Americans now go to work in a car or truck.

In 1900, the year before the Spindletop discovery, there were 8,000 privately owned motor vehicles throughout the country. By 1905 there were nearly 79,000. The number grew to 48.5 million by 1950. By 1974 nearly 129 million privately owned motor vehicles were using highways financed primarily by motor vehicle and gasoline taxes.

During the 1975 fiscal year, the Texas treasury collected $395 million in state taxes on motor fuel, the oil industry's chief product.

Texas, with more than 8 million motor vehicles, and California, with nearly 14 million, have nearly as many vehicles together as Japan, which is second-ranked among nations with 25 million motor vehicles.

The state's fledgling pipeline industry expanded in the five years following the Spindletop discovery as drilling found other fields at such nearby points as Sour Lake, Batson, Saratoga, and Humble. During this period, about 650 miles of pipelines were laid to deliver oil from Gulf Coast fields to refineries or to water-borne transport facilities.

To transport oil to distant U. S. markets, barges, freighters, ore carriers, and some ocean-going tankers were employed. About one-third of the oil from Spindletop and other fields was being shipped by water in the period 1901-1905.

Today Texas has 65,472 miles of oil pipelines: 27,490 miles of trunk lines, 24,794 miles of gathering lines and 13,188 miles of product lines.

Petroleum now accounts for nearly two-thirds of the tonnage handled by Texas ports.

Long-time cleaning business

Fashion Cleaners No. 1, one of the oldest condinuously operated cleaning establishments in Midland, has been in business 39 years.

Organized by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCain, the business now is owned and operated by James A. McCain.

The establishment is at 801 W. Wall St., and No. 6 is at Scharbauer Drive and A Street.

In addition to cleaning in all categories, Fashion Cleanors is engaged in the rental and sales of formalwear.

James McCain is a native of Taylor. He attended Allen Academy at Bryan and Sul Ross State University.

Photo courtesy Midland Fire Department

Pulling Midland's first piece of fire fighting equipment, a hose cart, are left to right, Lonnie McCormick, Frank Prothro, Fred Leonard, Luther Tidwell and Fred Barber.

Fighting fires wasn't easy job in early days

In Midland's early days, firefighting was a physically demanding operation. Men pulled the fire wagons to the site, organized bucket brigades and pumped water when available.

A hose cart was purchased for the Midland Volunteer Fire Co. on Feb. 27, 1925, for $1,000. According to city records, a motion was made on Nov. 13, 1925 to donate $200 to the volunteer force to help build a Fire Hall to house it and cart. Formerly the hose cart was put in a shed at the courthouse.

In 1927, the fire department received its first motorized truck with the purchase of its first fire truck. No. 1, a Model T Ford, replaced steam-powered wagons. Top speed of the new unit was 35 mph.

The first payment of $1,160 was made 10 days after La France, the manufacturer, delivered. Each year for the next four years one payment out of $1,160 was made, making the total cost $5,800.

William E. Klatt, a retired fire marshal, remembered that riding in No. 1 was "pretty rough."

Old No. 1 is chain driven. The tires are strips of rubber which cover a wooden-rimmed wheel, akin to pioneer wagon-wheels, complete with 12 spokes.

It is equipped with a 24-foot extension ladder on the side and at one time had a bell and a crank siren, but they disappeared from the fire truck a few years ago. James Roberts, assistant fire marshal, explained.

Klatt's son, Eddie, is also a fireman. He recalled his father's days as a volunteer fireman: "When I was a kid, I can remember dad getting up in the middle of the night — grumbling — as he put on his "bunkers" to go to a fire.

Bunkers are boots, gloves and all of the gear a fireman wears when he fights a fire. They were labled bunkers, because firemen put their gear by their bunks when they go to bed.

No. 1 has been retired — but not forgotten. The Midland Fire Department (MFD) displays the original piece of equipment during fire prevention week.

Chief James L. Walker was the first paid MFD chief, but three others, Chief Worthy, John Winborne and Luther Tidwell, served as chiefs of the volunteer force.

Walker became chief on Jan. 13, 1948 and resigned on Dec. 18, 1951. On Jan. 10, 1952, Chief J. M. Little took his place in the job he holds today.

William L. Tarver has been Midland's fire marshal since July 1, 1971. His position was previously held by B. C. Girdley in 1911, Luther Tidwell in 1915, W. F. Prothro in 1917, John Winborne in 1919, U. S. Huntsman early in 1928, Jerry Phillips, July of 1928, J. L. Barber in 1943, Klatt in 1948 until he resigned and Tarver became fire marshal.

Fire truck No. 2 was acquired in 1928 with No. 3 purchased 10 years later. Neither piece of equipment is still in operation.

No. 4 was added to the MFD in 1946. Its body and pump are currently used on No. 14.

The population boom hit Midland in the mid 1940s and the city realized the need for sub-stations. The first fire station was at Air Terminal and proved to be inadequate for the growing city, so a sub-station, No. 2, was built at 200 E. New Jersey St., and No. 3 station was erected at 1710 N. Edwards St. Both were built in 1951.

An aireal ladder truck was added to the fire fighting equipment along with a 750 gallon pumper truck and two 500 gallon pumper boosters, in 1956.

A fourth fire station was built in 1956, at 2500 Delano St.

A second aereal ladder truck and 750 gallon pumper truck were bought for the MFD.

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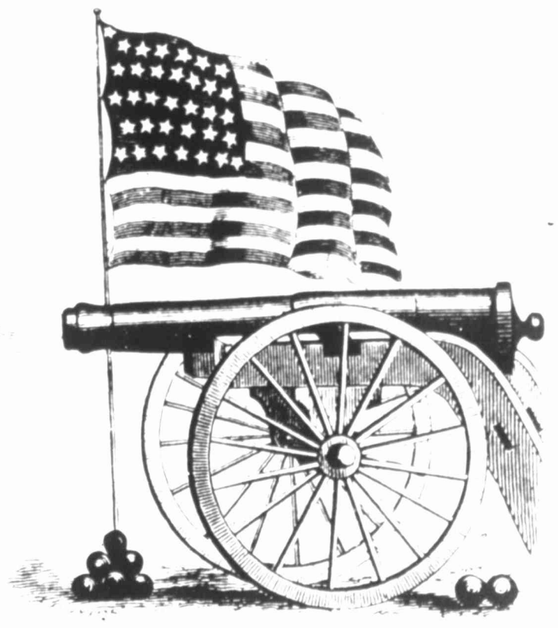

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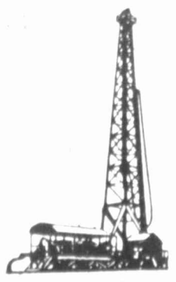

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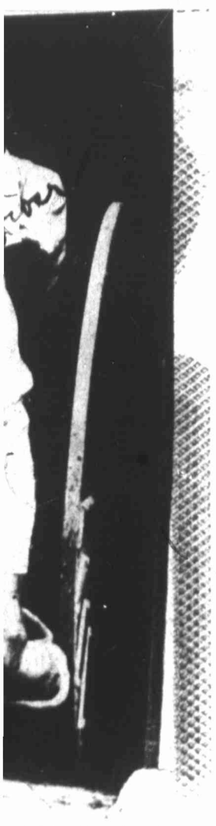

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Joe Dominey, Bicentennial chairman

Joe Dominey serves as Bicentennial head

Joe Dominey, 36, has served as chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Midland since April 1974, when he was appointed by Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. and the City Council. Dominey succeeded Tony A. Martin, who had served one year, and Thorton Hardie Jr., the first chairman.

Prior to his appointment as chairman, Dominey was secretary of the Conmission.

"The momentum and excitement about the celebration of our Bicentennial is really building in Midland, and it's great to share in our community's enthusiasm," Dominey said. "We have much to be proud of over the 200 years we have existed as a free nation, but also much to accomplish in creating a greater nation while protecting our liberty."

For the past three years he has been an officer of The Midland National Bank, where he is vice president for marketing and business development. He is primarily concerned with the bank's advertising, public relations, and community affairs programs, but also assists in development of new services and solicitation of new business.

Prior to joining the bank, Dominey worked nearly 10 years as news director, public affairs director and operations director for KMID-TV. Prior to moving to Midland in early 1963, he worked in news and programming for radio stations in Austin and San Angelo.

He is a graduate of The University of Texas-Austin, where he majored in radio-television broadcasting and minored in advertising and public relations. Dominey is a native of Huntsville, but moved to several parts of the country as the son of a career U. S. Navy medical officer.

Since April 1971 he has been a member of the Board of Education of the Midland Independent School District, and presently serves as vice president. He was elected to a second three-year tern in April 1974.

He served as president of the Optimist Club of Midland during 1970-71, and continues as an active member, involved in the club's annual Oratorical Contest.

Dominey recently served as the M.I.S.D. representative on the board of directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and is presently chairman of the Membership Breakfast Committee. He has chaired both the Publicity Committee and the Conventions & Visitors Committee. He is also a member of the Midland Area Sales Team.

In his professional career, Dominey is president of the Permian Basin Ad Club, and a past president of the United Press International Broadcasters Association of Texas. Since the fall of 1973 he has been a part-time instructor at Midland College, teaching "Introduction to Public Relations."

Women's club president announces new plate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, largest organization of women in the world, has announced the issuance of the fourth commemorative plate, which completes the GFWC Official United States of America Bicentennial Commemorative Project.

The 1976 plate, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land," features three Americans ringing the Liberty Bell, one of the most revered symbols of American freedom. The "final plate" will be available through women's clubs across the nation.

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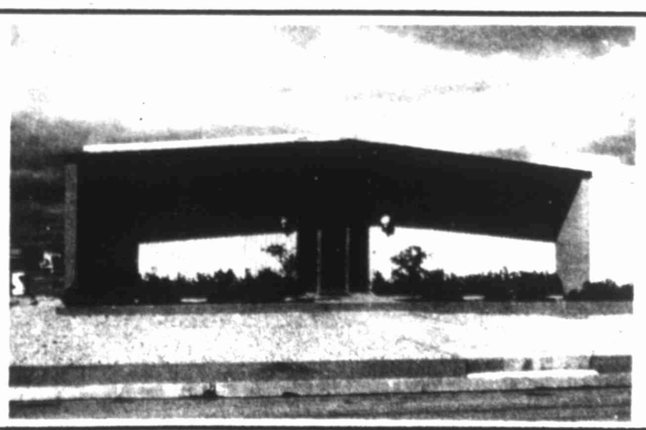

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Mrs. Charles Linehan Bicentennial director

Mrs. Charles M. Linehan, presently serving as executive director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, also was the organizer and executive director of the West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Just a very few years ago, practically no one in West Texas had heard of the Arthritis Foundation. As a matter of fact, just a very few years ago most of the residents of West Texas were of the opinion that "nothing could be done for arthritis" and that it was primarily an "old people's disease."

However, in 1966, Mrs. Linehan, better known as Katy, who had seen her mother suffer with rheumatoid arthritis when a young woman, organized the Permian Basin Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. In the spring of 1967, this group expanded into what now is known as the West Texas Chapter, which covers 85 counties.

The national association honored Mrs. Linehan, who resigned in May 1974 as executive director of the West Texas Chapter, for her "dedication and devotion to the chapter."

Mrs. Linehan told the board of directors in her letter of resignation that "I have lived and breathed arthritis, hoping that in perhaps 20 years it would be a well organized and active chapter with programs available to many West Texas arthritics, and even a medical center with a rheumatology department. And eventually, one or more diagnostic and treatment clinics for needy arthritics."

Mrs. Linehan was instrumental in obtaining a rheumatologist for the Texas Tech School of Medicine in August 1973. Also, through her efforts a Fellowship Fund is available to graduate students of the Tech School of Medicine. Purpose of the fund is to encourage more students to study rheumatology with hopes they choose to stay and practice in West Texas. The chapter also has a preceptor fund for undergraduate students.

Concerning other achievements, the chapter has made a grant to the rheumatology program at Texas Tech to support a research project there. This grant was matched by the university to establish a laboratory to carry out this project.

Mrs. Linehan also was responsible for the chapter receiving the Tinkler Award, given for phenomenal growth of the chapter, before her resignation was effective.

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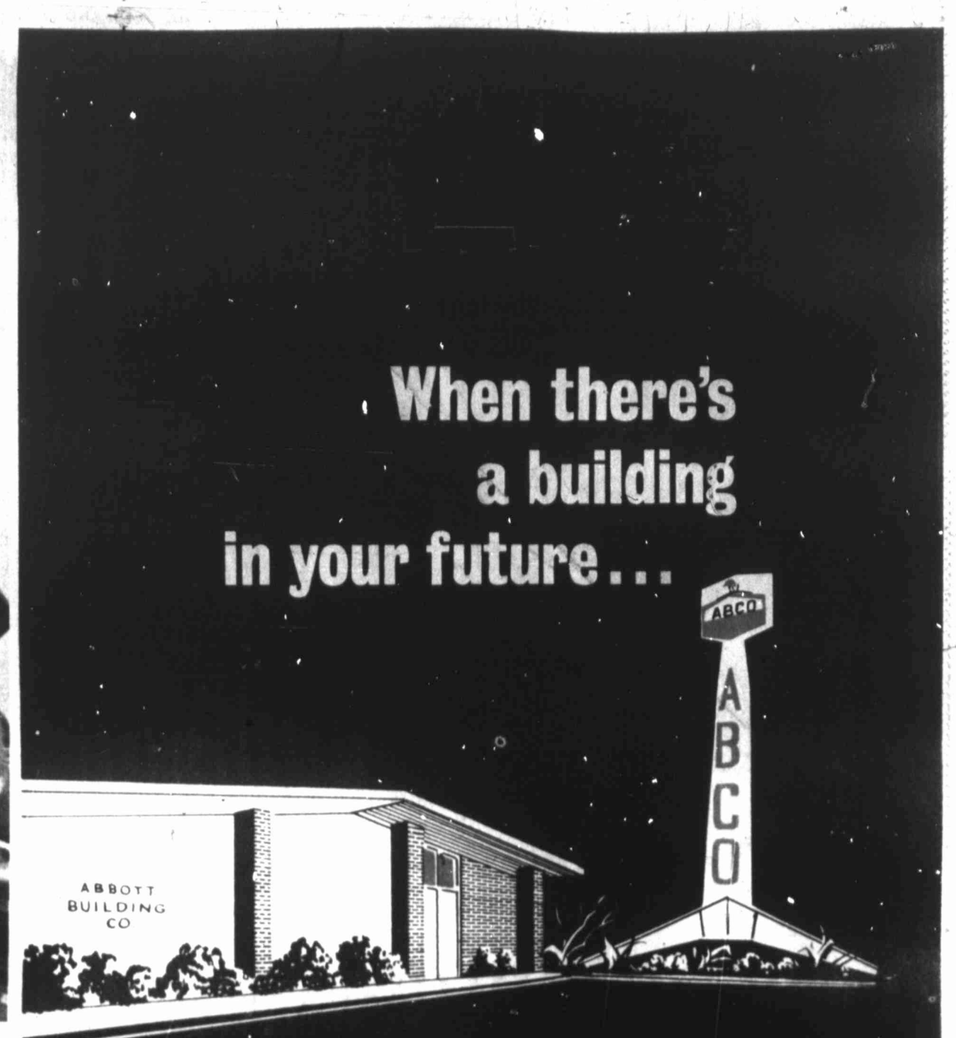

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Marathon organized 88 years ago in Ohio

Marathon Oil Co., an 88-year-old publicly-owned corporation with more than 41,500 stockholders, maintains a district office in Midland.

D. E. Morris is the operations manager here, and N. E. Webernick is the district exploration manager.

The Midland District of the company employes 210 persons of a company-wide staff of 11,000.

The district headquarters hear coveres East New Mexico and West Texas and is engaged in all phases of the oil industry including production, exploration, refining, transportation, marketing and research.

Marathon's headquarters are at Findlay, Ohio.

Marathon ranks 59th in sales among the nation's industrial corporations. Total assets are approximately $2 billion. The company has invested more than $1 billion in capital and exploration expenditures in the last five years.

The company was founded in Ohio in 1887 by 14 men who were determined to build a successful crude oil producing company.

In the early 1900s, the company expanded westward from Ohio and Indiana fields and soon became the largest producer in Illinois.

During this period, Marathon pioneered the construction of long-distance pipelines. Production operations have been expanded through the years into virtually every major oil region in the nation.

In 1924, Marathon moved in refining by purchasing a 750-barrel-per-day plat at Robinson, Ill., and with the acquisition came a handful of service stations. From this beginning, a half century ago, refining and marketing advanced steadily to become major phases of the company's operations.

The company embarked in 1948 on an extensive search for crude oil outside the U.S. and obtained its first production in Canada in 1949. A major breakthrough in international operations occurred in 1958 when Marathon and its associates made the first of a series of important oil discoveries in Libya. It moved quickly to participate in the construction of refineries in Spain and West Germany.

An acquisition in 1959 added a major refinery at Detroit and a sizable marketing operation in Michigan. Three years later, another major acquisition added oil producing properties, a refinery on the Texas Gulf Coast, and wholesale marketing operations throughout the Southeast.

These major developments highlight Marathon's growth from a small regional producer to a leading North American oil company, efficiently balanced in domestic production, transportation, refining and marketing, and with significant international operations.

Major overseas offices are located in London, Dublin, Munich, Tripoli, Singapore, and Karachi, Pakistan.

Marathon's North American production areas include 22 states and three Canadian provinces. Daily net production during the first half of 1975 averaged 180,300 barrels of liquid hydrocarbons and 379 million cubic feet of natural gas.

Marathon also has a large production volume in Libya, with tanker liftings of crude oil averaging 134,000 barrels per day during the first six months of 1975.

In recent years, large oil reserves in Alaska's Cook Inlet have been contributing significantly to Marathon's U.S. crude oil volumes.

Much of the company's current exploration and development effort is concentrated in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana and Texas coasts.

A subsidiary, Marathon Pipe Line Co., operates more than 4,800 miles of crude oil and refined products lines in 12 states.

The latest project is the construction of a 97-mile, 16-inch common carrier from the Yates field in Pecos County to Midland.

Marathon's refining operations in the United States are conducted at three plants with a combined capacity of 324,000 barrels of crude per day -- Robinson, Ill., 195,000; Detroit, 65,000, and Texas City, 64,000.

Marathon's Denver Research Center is staffed with approximately 300 highly-trained people, including approximately 50 employes with Ph.Ds.

The goals of this organization are to develop innovatve technology in the following areas: more effective exploration for new petroleum reserves, recovery of a larger percentage of oil in present fields, protection of the environment, new processes and products and advanced transportation concepts.

The company's domestic marketing operations embrace a 19-state area, including both wholesale and retail activity,
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in the states adjoining the Great Lakes and the Ohio River, and wholesale activity in the states from Texas east to the Atlantic Coast.

200 years ago

Two hundred years ago in February.

Feb. 1: George Washington ponders lack of experience and discipline for offensive operations by American troops and expresses concern over short-term enlistment.

Feb. 2: In London, KingGeorge decides to confer on Admiral Richard Howe exclusive command over naval operations in north America, dismissing Admiral Shuldham.

Feb. 3: Baltimore's harbor defenses are allocated 6,200 pounds for strengthening with fortifications to include a battery, barracks and powder magazine.

Feb. 4: Boston is reported in a state of panic as an encounter there between Americans and British seemed inevitable, but no clash occurred.

Feb. 5: A German count agrees to furnish King George with a detachment of 660 infantrymen, fully equipped and in good condition, in a treaty agreement.

Feb. 6: Virginia forces abandon Norfolk, leaving a city of then 6,000 inhabitants reduced to ashes after extensive bombardment by the British.

Feb. 7: Virginia's Richard Henry Lee asks Samuel Adams to request that Congress send "a good general officer or two to command the nine battalions raised for defense."

Ku Klux Klan

Newspapers reported on Aug. 29, 1921, that members of the Ku Klux Klan had tarred and feathered 43 Texans in the last seven days.

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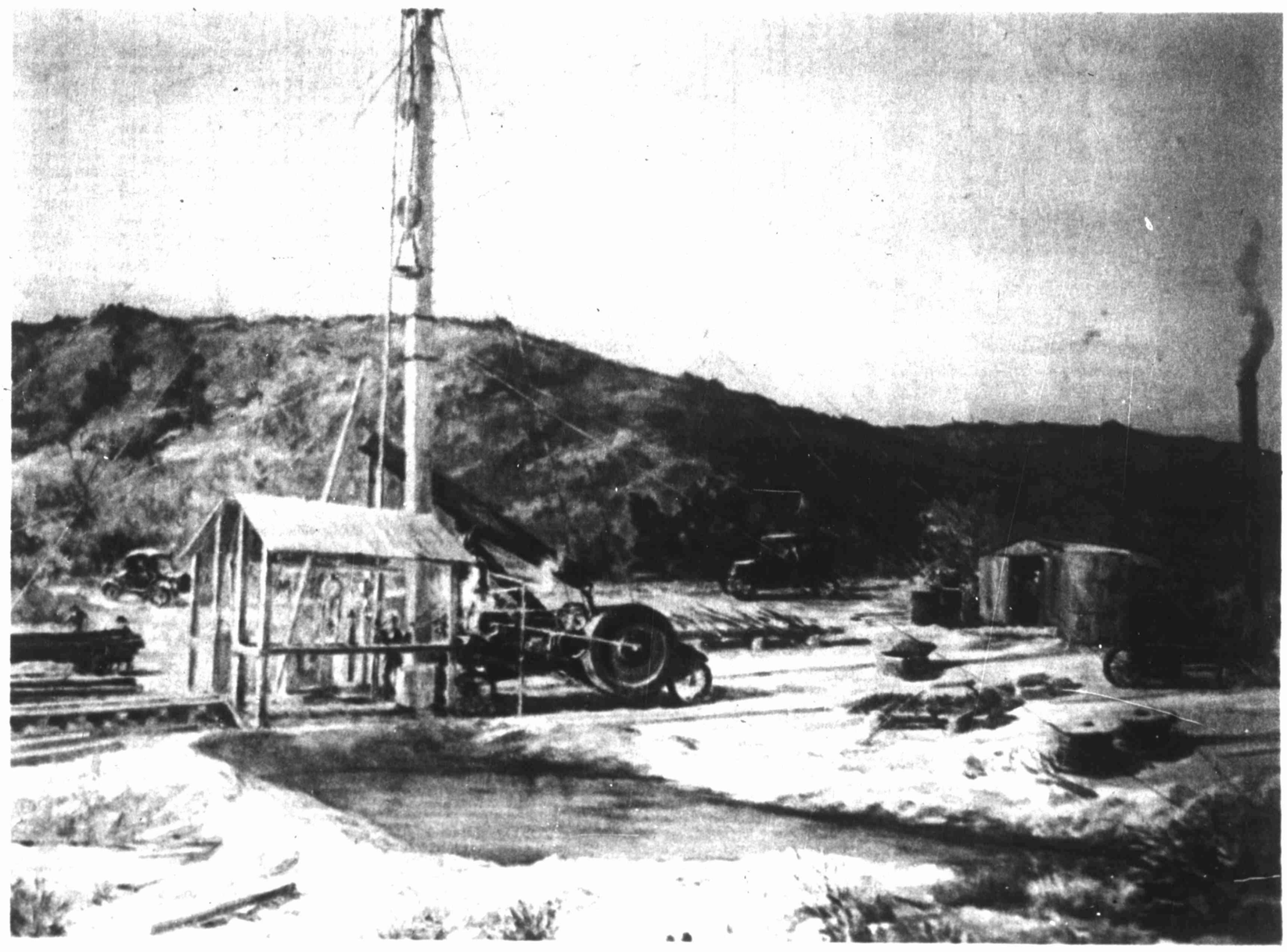

OTIS CHALK, UNLIKE many other West Texas ranchers, didn't lease his property in Howard County to those experienced in finding oil. He hired himself this Star drilling rig and moved it to within ½-mile of his home and found his own oil at 1,710 feet. The painting is by Frank Gervasi, N. A., and George T. Abell, one of the founders of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame where this picture hangs, researched the painting for historical accuracy. Permission to reproduce the painting here was granted by the Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland, the copyright owner.

Oil came to Midland County at Humble discovery in 1945

Midland, headquarters city for the vast Permian Basin Oil Empire ever since Gulf Oil Corp. decided to move a land and geological staff to this city in 1926, didn't have barrel of oil it could call its own until 1945.

After the Gulf move, oil companies started moving into Midland at a fast pace. By the time 1945 arrived, every major oil company and scores of independents were represented in the headquarters city.

But not many seemed to want to explore for oil in Midland County. Their resources and skills were applied to such areas as Winkler, Andrews, Crane, Upton, Ector, Borden, Mitchell and almost every other county in the Basin, and with great success.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., now Exxon Co. USA, is credited with opening Midland County to production.

Humble moved a rig to one of its leases about 11 miles east of Midland and started making hole on No. 1 Mrs. O. P. Buchanan.

The project, 10 miles south of the Martin County line and 8 miles west of the Glasscock County line, reported shows in the Strawn section of the Pennsylvanian between 10,300 and 10,400 feet and continued drilling for a check of the Ellenburger.

Hole was made to 12,574 feet. The Ellenburger developed water and hole was plugged back for completion attempt in the Strawn.

Oct. 8, 1945, Humble potentialed the well for a daily flowing potential of 270 barrels of oil, plus 10.6 per cent water, through an 11/32-inch choke. The gravity was 45.7 and the gas-oil ratio was 4,350-1.

Humble named the new pool the Midland field.

By the end of 1945, No. 1 Mrs. O. P. Buchanan had produced 4,540 barrels of oil. The next year, 11,732 barrels were recovered, and in 1947, the last year the well produced, 3,733 barrels were made. The last production report on the well by Humble was in June.

Before No. 1 Buchanan quit producing, Midland had its second field, the Midland, South only a mile southeast of the original discovery.

This second field also was discovered by Humble, and the discovery well was No. 1 Mary E. Turner. Jan. 5, 1947, this well was completed from the Wolfcamp section for 139 barrels of oil per day.

Although No. 1 Buchanan was Midland County's first producer, there were several other attempts made to find oil in the county.

One of those attempts was made by Phillips Petroleum Co. 21 miles southeast of Midland.

The June 14, 1929, edition of The Midland Reporter-Telegram carried the following account.

"At 3 o'clock this afternoon, when a Reporter-Telegram representative left the Stokes well, the driller estimated the depth to be about 3,930 feet. With the iron bits cleaned out of the hole, and a new bit started at noon, drilling was resumed, and the hole had been deepened about four feet.

"The bailer was to be run at 3:30 but the driller had no idea what would be brought up. A strong odor of gas was noticeable this afternoon.

The theatre of interest last night was 17 miles southeast of the city. Automobiles went to the Phillips No. 1 Stokes in a steady procession and were parked over the ground around the well as tightly as though they had been placed in storage.

"Land and royalty owners, farmers, business men, oil scouts, newspapermen, a landman for the Phillips Petroleum Co., visitors from other counties and women came to the well as they received intelligence of the possibility of bringing in the well a few hours after drilling was resumed late Thursday.

"Some walked around the slush pit, looking over samples bailed from the hole, not content to wait for the next bailing process to inform them of the status of the well. Others dozed on the lazy bench to the monotonous creak of the walking beam. Several watched closely every move of Driller Wise who came on duty at the morning tower.

"Those spectators who had worn no coat when driving to the well earlier in the evening found it convenient to stand around the heated manifold of the gasoline engine back in the power room.

"Some continually were looking into slush buckets and rubbing grimy samples against palms that seemed to itch. Several noses had greasy spots on them from too proximate smelling of samples.

"Shortly after 1 o'clock, the tools were lifted from the hole and a good show of oil was found on the bit. The bailer brought up a chopped up emulsion of what appeared to be water, gray lime and crude.

"Even the drillers seemed extra pleased with the strong odor of crude that drifted over the derrick floor. Most of the crowd was standing now, grouped in a semicircle about the driller and tooldresser. The landman of the Phillips rubbed some of the washed sediment in the palms of his hands and nodded his head to the driller.

"With the smoke of the brake band on the bull wheel stifling and pungent in the boarded enclosure as the tools were again lowered into the hole, several members of the crowd began exiting from the derrick floor. The vibrations set up by the speeding wheel shook the derrick.

"Drilling became disappointingly slow. "Hard going," Driller Wise said. He made fewer adjustments to the swivel. During the passage of one of the hours between the time the tools were lowered and again drawn up no more than four inches appeared to have been drilled. Bailing shortly before 5 o'clock showed that the tools had been cutting into wickets broken off a spear used in fishing recently. There were iron dust and shavings in the bottom of the slush bucket. Inspection of the bit showed that another would have to be screwed on. This was done and drilling resumed."

After Humbles No. 1 Mary E. Turner opened the Midland, South field it was two years before the county recorded its next strike, the Warfield (Ellenburger) field on the Scharbauer Ranch near Warfield west of Midland. The discovery, Texaco No. 1-A Clarence Scharbauer, finaled for 38.6 barrels of oil, plus 12.5 per cent water, flowing through a 5/8-inch choke.

Then, on the 21st day of the same month the big one was brought in — Tex-Harvey Oil Co. of Midland No. 1 Mrs. B. W. Floyd and others in East Midland County.

This strike, together with the Kelley-Snyder discovery in Scurry County, turned the Permian Basin into an oil hunters paradise.

The Tex-Harvey discovery opened the Tex-Harvey (Spraberry) field which later was merged with other Spraberry zone strikes into the vast Spraberry Trend Area.

During the height of the Spraberry and Kelley-Snyder plays, the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico was the scene of more than 700 rigs drilling for oil daily.

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Photograph courtesy Midland County Museum

COWBOYS AND TEXAS Longhorns were the bread and butter of Midland during the formative years of the county and city. Here, a herd pauses for water at one of the county's watering holes during drive to market. Picture was taken shortly before 1900.

Midland boy's speech wins first in Texas

A speech on "What Our Bicentennial Heritage Means To Me" has won a Midland youth more than $2,000 in scholarship money and a trip to national competition in Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Sapyta was sponsored by VFW Post 7208 and the ladies auxiliary. His speech won first in the state:

"What our Bicentennial heritage means to me: American. Say the word slowly. Made into two words, the final four letters of American pretty well tell the story of the nation's surge to success over the past 200 years. I CAN.

"Yes, it has been this undying belief of Americans that I can do for my country that has made America the greatest and most envied nation in the world. This Bicentennial that was born in the men and women of the 13 original colonies has grown and matured over 200 years to become the heritage of 50 states.

"This country was built on this heritage of values. Basic values like freedom of conscience, industriousness, liberty, opportunity, patriotism, personal integrity, self-determination and self-reliance. People came to this land for freedom of conscience, that is, freedom to worship and think the way they want to.

"They survived here because of their belief in an honest day's work, for their strength and courage in themselves and their own qualities of trust, honor and respect. This industriousness, self-reliance, self-determination and personal integrity are only a small part of the heritage that helped us survive the trials and the growing pains of a new nation.

"Those ideals helped us to become a great nation. The ideals that founded this nation were liberty, opportunity and patriotism to a cause. The cause was that the nation is and ought to be free, free to be governed by the people. That a government, be it good or bad should be the responsibility of the people it governs.

"This is what 200 years have proven — that the American experiment with democracy was not foolhardy. They may have scoffed at America's idealism 200 years ago, but today they praise our success at what America has become.

"This is a heritage that is passing onto my shoulders. A heritage of 200 years that I must practice, preserve and defend.

"For the Bicentennial is not just a celebration of the deeds of 1776, but a celebration of all the heroic and courageous events that followed after Philadelphia. Our Bicentennial heritage can be found in the Lincoln Memorial, in the forests of the Argonne, in the fields of Kansas, on the sands of Iwo Jima. The heritage is not the event, but is found in the lives of millions of Americans who worked, fought and even died to form the heritage of America.

"It is my duty now to live those values every day, preserve them and pass them on to future generations and protect that Bicentennial heritage with my life.

"Together, all of us practicing these values may truly culminate in a rebirth of our national spirit. The President said, 'It is hoped that in later years our Bicentennial will be remembered for its constructive, inspirational and searching influence in American life.'

"We can rediscover our pride in the past, rediscover those values in our heritage. Have pride in the present and make a commitment to a better America. Our Bicentennial heritage means to me: values of self-reliance, personal integrity and industriousness that I, and all of us, can use to make a stronger America."

Her brothers cowboys

Mrs. Mayme Stokes, a native Midlander who now resides at 2501 Stanolind St., had two brothers who were international cowboys in the early 1900s.

Ira Driver and Len Driver traveled to Brazil in 1903 with a Wild West Rodeo show. Mrs. Stokes said Midlanders Clay McGonegill and Joe Gardner, both professional ropers, and Spence Jowell also made the six-month journey to South America.

Julius William Driver, father of Mrs. Stokes and the two cowboys, was born at Teague Nov. 18, 1856. He married Elizabeth McCormick, who was born at Meridan, Miss., Dec. 19, 1855. They had seven children — four boys and three girls. Mrs. Stokes was the youngest child, and she is the only one of the Driver children living today.

Driver came to Midland when he was very young. He owned a livery stable on Main Street for many years, where the old Dunlap store now stands.

J. W. Driver served Midland County for many years as a county commissioner and brand inspector and ranched in the southeast part of the county.

The Drivers were all members of the First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Stokes remembers her mother was very active in church work.

"I lived most of my life on a ranch," Mrs. Stokes said, and she remembered the family's shopping trips to Midland were a welcome break in the routine of work.

In 1922, she married J. V. Stokes Jr., a native of Midland and a cattle rancher. They had one son, J. V. Stokes III, who died in 1960.

J. W. Driver died in January 1943 and Mrs. Driver died in September 1931. Mrs. Stokes said her brothers and sisters lived in cities near Midland during their adult lives.

Commenting on the changes in Midland, Mrs. Stokes said, "It's almost impossible to think about it. It was little for so long, and now it has outgrown everything."

Supplies needed for British POWs

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From the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia, autumn of 1775, 200 years ago:

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One quart of small beer or cyder per man per day, or nine gallons of molasses for one hundred men per week.

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Twenty four pounds of soft or eight pounds of hard soap for one hundred men per week.

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We are credibly informed that the Assembly of Rhode-Island have passed an act making it death for any person or persons to supply our worse than savage enemies, the ministerial army and navy, with provisions and other necessaries.

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By advices received yesterday from Cambridge, we learn that advices had been received from Col. (Benedict) Arnold, of the thirteenth of October, that he was proceeding with his men in good health and spirits, and it is not questioned but that he is now in possession of Quebec.

P.E.O. Sisterhood notes anniversaries

Midland Chapters of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, BS and DD, are celebrating the Bicentennial and the 107th anniversary of the founding of P.E.O. this year.

A special "Celebration Americana" skit was presented at a joint Founders' Day luncheon held by the chapters in January.

The skit portrayed historical events paralleled with P.E.O. developments. The first P.E.O. chapter in Texas was organized 74 years ago in Whitesboro. During the 1900s, P.E.O. established an Educational Fund for the improvement and betterment of women in the world.

By 1910, there were P.E.O. chapters in Whitesboro, Amarillo and Hondo. In 1927, the Sisterhood assumed the administration of Cottey College, and during 1941-43, the group started the United Victory Fund and, later, an International Peace Scholarship Program.

Texas now has 151 chapters, and in 1973, the construction of Star Oaks, P.E.O. retirement home in San Antonio, was begun.

Chapter BS had a "People Celebrate the American Bicentennial" program, with Mrs. Patty Carter speaking on "The Miracle of Philadelphia." The program was held in the Midland Woman's Club, with Chapter DD members as guests.

Hostesses were Mrs. Donald A. Ross, Mrs. Paul J. Nicholson, Mrs. James N. Allison, Mrs. John Casselman Jr. and Mrs. Charles F. Underwood.

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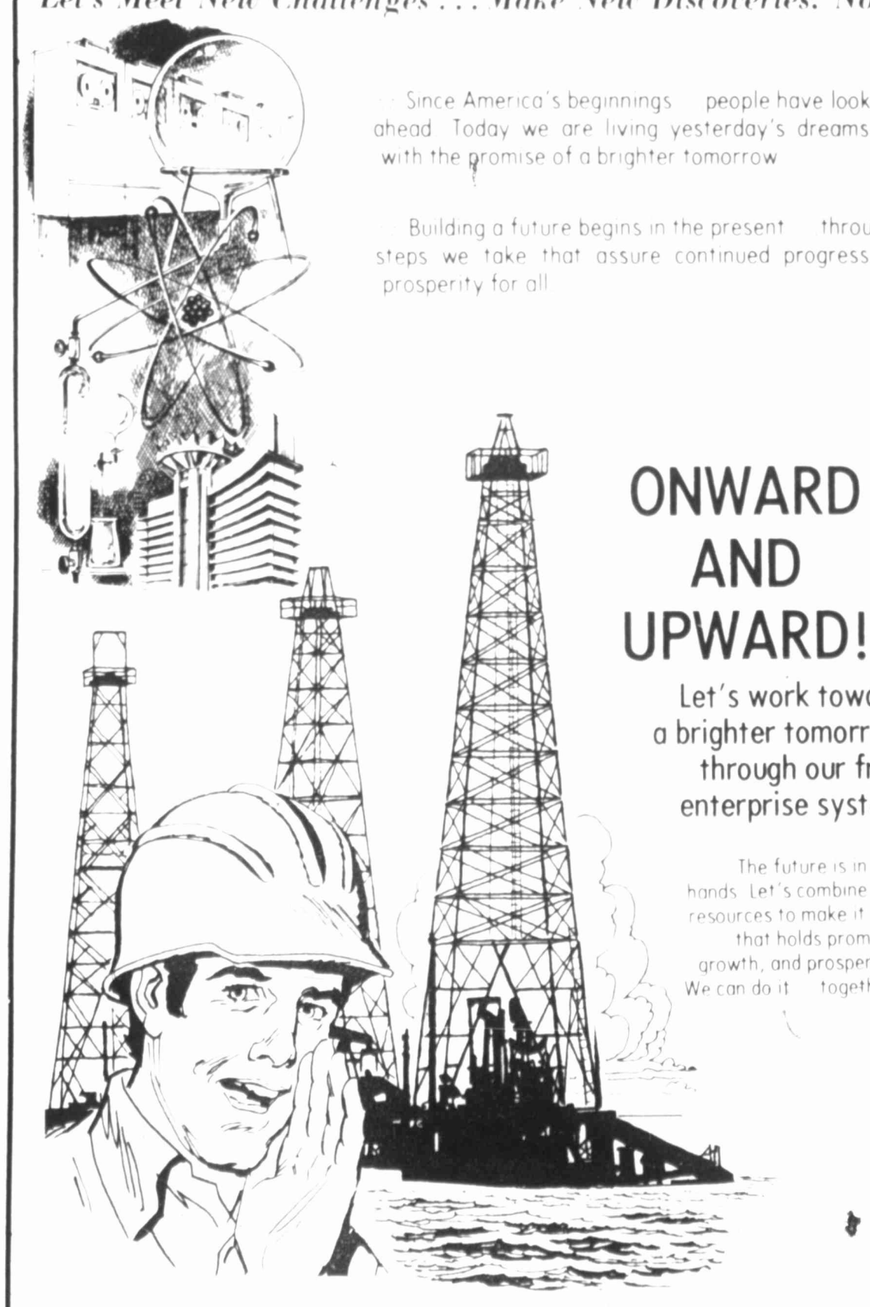

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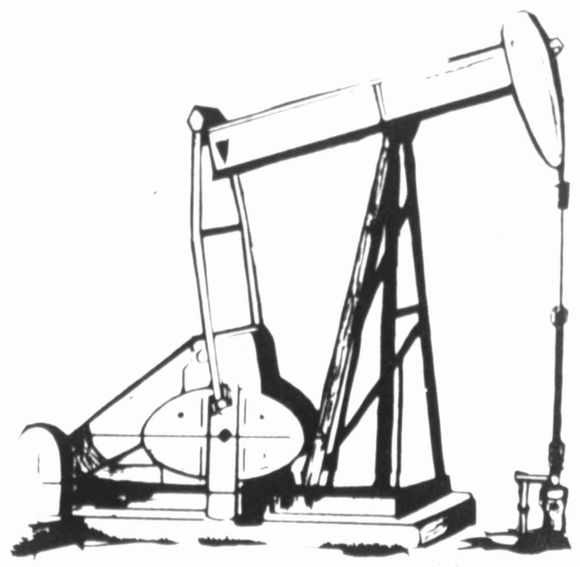

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Browning, DPS started together

By ED TODD

Flashback: A scant 40 years ago, a young man in search of a promising future latched onto a dream.

He straddled a motorcycle, made the right decisions, detoured when necessary, and eventually rode his way up to the near apex of the state's No. 1 peacekeeping agency: The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

That man is Maj. E. K. Browning, now commander of the sprawling DPS Midland region, which takes in a sizable chunk of West Texas and almost a third of the state.

"I've enjoyed it," Browning, 63, said in reflecting over his 40 years in law enforcement work. "That's the trouble with enjoying a career: You hate to think about retiring one of these days. Forty years gets by in a hurry."

But Browning, who has a couple of years to go before he retires from service, recently was recognized for his 40 years of "loyal and efficient service to the people of the State of Texas."

He is the first uniformed official to have served the DPS for 40 continuous years.

Browning began his career Dec. 9, 1935, only four months after the DPS sprang out of the old State Highway Patrol controlled by the Texas Highway Department. The DPS thereby became a separate state agency.

Moving over to the DPS were 120 patrolmen from the "old" patrol, then five years old.

And recruit Browning was in the DPS's first recruit training school in 1936.

"And I got one of those 27 jobs" newly authorized for the department, he said.

Browning's first duty station was in Wichita Falls where he patrolled without benefit of two-way radio, radar, or high-speed patrol cars. His machine was the two-wheeler.

"The captain assigned us to a road," Browning said, "and we just patrolled with no communications." Then, like today, the DPS troopers were policing the rural roadways and highways in the name of safety, spotted violators of traffic laws, and issued citations.

By mid-1937, Browning was working out of Vernon. "There were two of us there," he said, "and I was the senior patrolman."

By December of 1939, he had been transferred to Waco and, officially, was driving an automobile instead of the motorcycle.

"We started using automobiles by then," he said. "But we didn't have any money to operate them." Patrolmen's mileage was restricted, he said.

"We were using cars predominantly (by 1939)," Browning said. "Just more of our work can be done in an automobile" than on a motorcycle. (Browning said that his DPS unit at Wichita Falls did have one patrol car, and that by 1937, the department's trend toward operating out of patrol cars was well under way.)

Browning was promoted to sergeant in 1942, the year he was transferred to San Angelo. Three years later, he was a captain, left San Angelo, and served duty stations in Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and Austin.

He had been in Austin 20 years when on Dec. 1, 1967, Browning was promoted to regional commander and was assigned to Midland.

Browning, now a major, succeeded Lt. Col. Leo Gossett, who was promoted to assistant DPS director.

Gossett, who has been Midland regional commander since 1962, filled the position vacated by Col. Wilson E. Speir when Speir was promoted to director. Speir succeeded the ailing Col. Homer Garrison Jr. who died in 1968.

Speir, by coincidence, had been the DPS Midland regional commander from 1957 until 1962 when he was promoted to assistant DPS director.

In recounting his and the DPS's 40 years of service, Browning cited the progress in communications and in computerized information and, most of all, the quality of DPS officers and others on the job.

(The DPS uniformed strength has grown from 147 in 1936 to more than 2,100 in 1976.)

Rather than pinpointing any one incident or series of happenings, Browning said the "highlight" of his career came in the "fine people" who took pride in doing good jobs. That is a continuing highlight which Browning surely will take pride in long past his retirement.

Browning was born and reared in Hillsboro, in Central Texas, graduated from high school there, and in three years completed pre-medicine courses at the University of Texas.

(Browning and his wife Ernestine, who reside at 2509 Stanolind St. in Midland, have three children: Jack of San Francisco, Calif., and Suzanne and Judy, both of Austin.)

Instead of pursuing a medical career, Browning made a detour and elected to invest his life's task in law enforcement.

"I found what I wanted," he said. ". . .There's a lot of satisfaction in this work . . . . It's no fun putting a person in jail. But by the same token, you've helped somebody . . . ."

—Staff Photo

Maj. E. K. Browning Jr.

Dairy Queen of West Texas still expanding

In the American tradition of growth and private enterprise, Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., is expanding and developing just as are the Midland area and the United States during this Bicentennial year.

For Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., the growth has been steady and impressive — from one store in September 1969 to 23 in February 1976.

The company has spread from its Midland birthplace into 17 other cities of West Texas and quadrupled from one to four restaurants in its home city of Midland.

Two Texas businessmen joined to open a Dairy Queen restaurant Sept. 6, 1969, at 3702 W. Wall St. in Midland. They are J. B. "Barney" Chapman II of Fort Worth and James Utley of Midland. Chapman is president of the current organization, and Utley is executive vice president.

Two months after Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., was organized, Chapman and Utley bought a Dairy Queen at Fort Stockton, the only one of the organization's 13 drive-in restaurants to be purchased rather than constructed.

For several months, Utley and his wife operated the first two Dairy Queens. Now, there are approximately 500 employes working at Dairy Queens in West Texas and the company payroll is approximately $1,110,000 annually.

For the first five years, the Chapman-Utley company was known as Dairy Queen of Midland, Inc., but with expansion into the Panhandle area in 1974, the firm name was changed to Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc.

Midland's four Dairy Queens are at 3702 W. Wall St., the original store; 1219 N. Midkiff St., 706 N. Big Spring St., and 802 S. Big Spring St.

Big Spring has three of the firm's Dairy Queens and others are in Alpine, Andrews, Borger, Canadian, Clarendon, Dalhart, Floydada, Fort Stockton, Haskell, Hobbs, N.M., Muleshoe, Perryton, Stamford, Stanton and Sweetwater.

Another store is at Van Horn and is unique in that it is an employe-owned store on property owned by the company.

Chapman, whose headquarters are in Fort Worth, is the head and majority owner of four Dairy Queen corporations operating more than 50 of the restaurants in Texas, New Mexico and Virginia.

Utley is a native of Rhome and a graduate of Texas Christian University with a degree in business. Chapman holds the same degree from the same university.

Utley had 11 years in the retail grocery business before he formed his partnership with Chapman.

Other executives of Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., are Carl Reeves, a division supervisor; and James Jackson, Jim Marks and Mrs. Belle Subia, area supervisors.

Dairy Queen personnel are active in civic as well as business affairs in their communities, and all Chapman-Utley restaurants in West Texas participate in local livestock shows as well as in the annual Southwestern Expositon and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Their activities include the state association of Dairy Queen restaurants as well as local service and political groups.

Jackson is a city councilman at Spearman, and Mrs. Subia has long been active in PTA work. She is a resident of Fort Stockton.

Two more Dairy Queen of West Texas stores are being constructed in Roscoe and Shamrock.

Pace firm formed 18 years ago

The late J. W. Pace and Floyd C. Pace founded Pace Construction Co. in Midland 18 years ago to do general contracting work in the Midland area.

The company is engaged in both public and commercial building.

The company now is owned by Floyd C. Pace and Gene W. Pace. The company employes 10 persons and the annual payroll exceeds $87,000.

During the first 18 years of its existence, Pace Construction was engaged in home building only, and commercial construction was added 10 years ago.

Floyd Pace is a native of Fort Stockton and attended high school in Midland. He has been engaged in the building industry 45 years.

He and has wife, Mary Nelle, have three children, Gene, Mary and Atrelle.

Pace is a member of the Lions Club, Midland Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church.

Amalfi

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These Italian Imports from the current Barnes Pelletier collection represents an unusually bountiful choice of textures, colors, and styles-all showing the subtle refinements of line that distinguish the look of spring '76. But there's more to these Italian-made Amalfis than mere good looks: soft padded insoles make each step a joy! Just the graceful shape you need below your new skirts. A variety of heel heights, and the creative excitement of a spring shoe season rich with color.

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A GROUP OF Continental Airlines officials met with Midland Post Office and Chamber of Commerce representatives at the Midland airport sometime prior to the launching of regular Continental service here in the 1940s. Continental Vice Presidents Ted Hauter, left, and C. C. West, second from right, headed the visiting delegation. The late Allen Tolbert, then Midland postmaster, is pictured third from left, and Bill Collyns, then manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, right.

Elcor Chemical diversified, Midland-based company

Elcor Chemical Corp., a Midland-based company currently producing annual sales in excess of $85 million, is a diversified manufacturing, engineering and construction firm serving the process, transportation and building products industries. One of Midland's largest employers, Elcor has over 200 employes located in Midland out of a total of approximately 900 permanent employes.

The present corporation, which is a publicly owned company listed on the American Stock Exchange, had its beginnings in 1960 with the formation of its first subsidiary, National Sulphur Co. The principals responsible for the establishment of National Sulphur consisted of a group of individuals who had been associated in a consulting petroleum engineering firm in Midland since 1955. That firm was Leibrock, Landreth, Campbell and Callaway, whose general partners were Robert Leibrock, George Landreth, Roy E. Campbell and H. F. Callaway. Their efforts in the organization of National Sulphur to purchase and process gas for the recovery of elemental sulphur laid the cornerstone from which Elcor ultimately came into being.

In 1961, Roy Campbell, who now serves as president of Elcor, and his partners secured William F. Ortloff to head up a new engineering and construction company with the objective of building sulphur processing facilities. In 1962 The Ortloff Corp. was formed and the construction of five sulphur processing facilities was begun for National Sulphur. Later in 1962 two natural gas processing plants were purchased by the group from Warren Petroleum. This purchase resulted in the formation of a new company, National Fuels Corp. The following year saw the formation of yet another company, Western Ammonia Corp., which operated an anhydrous ammonia plant and marketed fertilizer products on the high plains of West Texas.

The four companies, National Sulphur Co., National Fuels Corp., The Ortloff Corp., and Western Ammonia Corp., were joined together in 1965 to form Elcor Chemical Corp. The sale of Elcor's first stock to the general investing public took place in December of 1966 when 300,000 shares were sold through a public offering.

From 1967 through 1970 Elcor acquired additional companies and its business operations included the manufacturing and marketing of elemental sulphur, gathering and processing of natural gas, and the manufacturing of printed circuit boards for the electronic industry. The company was also involved in the manufacturing, processing and marketing of fertilizers and sorghum seeds for the agricultural industry, refining and marketing of petroleum products, and the engineering and construction of process facilities for the chemical, gas processing, petrochemical, petroleum, and mining industries.

Two major factors characterized Elcor's success in the early years as a public company. These were the remarkable growth attributed to sales and earnings, and the undertaking of an ambitious project to produce elemental sulphur from gypsum rock. The sulphur operation, called the Rock House project, involved a new technological process developed by Elcor and called for the construction of a $29 million facility to handle the operation.

For two years Elcor concentrated its corporate efforts toward the construction of the mammoth Rock House complex. The considerable capital which was required for the construction of the plant was raised by the sale of stock, borrowing funds and through the sales of other companies owned by Elcor. The Rock House facility, which was located near Van Horn in Culberson County, was completed in October of 1970 and began to successfully recover good quality elemental sulphur from gypsum. During its initial two week period of operation the plant produced approximately 720 long tons of sulphur per day. This period was the early part of a six week start-up program designed to bring the plant to full capacity.

The concept, design and function of the plant was an engineering success, but sharply declining sulphur prices forced the closing of the facility after two months of operation. With no hope of a recovery of sulphur prices in sight and with such a large investment in the Rock House project, Elcor developed a plan of recapitalization to provide a financial base for future growth. This was accomplished through the conversion of most of the company's debt into equity. Elcor had sold all of its operating companies except The Ortloff Corp., its Midland-based engineering and construction firm.

In 1972, with Ortloff its only remaining subsidiary, Elcor began to grow again with the acquisition of Chromium Corp. of America. This company, located in Cleveland, Ohio, with a branch in Chicago, is the leading proprietary refinisher of large diesel engine cylinder liners for the railroad industry. Again in 1972 the growth pattern was repeated when The Ortloff Corp. acquired Tulsa Pro-Quip, Inc., an engineering and fabrication firm specializing in skid-mounted packaged process units. In December of that year Elcor gained another subsidiary, the Elk Roofing Co. of Stephens, Ark. — a firm which manufactures and markets asphalt roofing products.

The Ortloff Corp. expanded its operations again in 1974 with the acquisition of The Barnes Engineering Co. of Golden, Colo. In 1975 Ortloff formed an engineering operation in Houston, Ortloff International Corp. The ongoing growth and expansion by Ortloff during 1975 also resulted in the addition of a construction division — the Gulf Coast Division of Houston.

Elcor also expanded in 1975 when it formed Castile Minerals Corp. of Midland to explore for sulphur and hydrocarbons in and around Elcor's land holdings in Culberson County. During 1975, Elcor acquired Mosley Machinery Co. of Waco — a major manufacturer of scrap metal processing equipment.

Because of the continuing growth of Elcor during the past few years, the company is currently in a stronger financial position and is realizing greater sales and earnings performance than at any time in its history. Throughout the world the increasing demands for energy and products to serve growing economies have generated expanding markets for the products and services which Elcor is uniquely qualified to supply. The outlook for the company during 1976 and the years ahead appears to be bright and Elcor stands ready to meet the challenge.

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Ortloff Corp. brings recognition to Basin

National recognition for its contribution to the processing plant construction industry has been brought to the Permian Basin by The Ortloff Corp., a subsidiary of Elcor Chemical Corp.

Founded by West Texans and dedicated to the pursuit of performance excellence, Ortloff's sustained growth rate has paralleled that of the great Permian Basin.

Many years before the motto was adopted for Midland, "The Sky's the Limit" was the guiding philosophy of the five engineers who sat down together and hammered out the corporate structure that became The Ortloff Corp. in 1962.

Robert M. Leibrock, George H. Landreth, Roy E. Campbell and F. H. Callaway, principals of the consulting engineering firm of Leibrock, Landreth, Campbell & Callaway, were joined by W. F. Ortloff in defining the need for an integrated engineering/construction service which would be headquartered in the Permian Basin.

From the consulting firm's individual needs and recognized similar needs of other Permian Basin industries, the group moved to take advantage of the potential in the area. Ortloff, the Permian Basin's largest engineering/construction firm, was incorporated under Texas law in January 1962.

Concentrating at the beginning on the design and construction of sulfur recovery units, the fledgling firm could boast a modest $125,000 sales figure and increasing recognition for its expertise in its first year of operation.

With typical "Sky's the Limit" attitude, Ortloff set its sights on a $1 million sales goal by its fifth anniversary. Actual sales for that year (1967) exceeded $4.5 million in addition to the in-house work performed for its originators.

By the end of 1968, Ortloff's sales of $18 million put Ortloff in the top 200 engineering/construction firms in the country in the Engineering News-Record national listing. Current annual sales exceed $60 million, more than three times that early peak.

Although Ortloff's primary activities prior to 1968 were in petroleum, natural gas and petrochemical industries, a mineral beneficiation and sulfur recovery facility, estimated to be worth $45 million in today's dollars, put Ortloff into the multi-million dollar project category. Experience gained on this Elcor-owned project brought additional acceptance among its clients and allowed Ortloff to increase both the size and scope of the projects handled.

Nineteen hundred sixty-eight also marked the year Ortloff's accelerated activities necessitated the establishment of branch offices to handle the increased demands for its services. Colo-MACCO, Inc., in Grand Junction, Colo., was acquired to serve the construction needs of clients in the Rocky Mountain region. This subsidiary serves the mining, mineral recovery and extractive metallurgy industries as well as some petroleum and natural gas construction.

Ortloff de Venezuela, S.A. headquartered at Caracas, was also established in 1968 to handle the company's activities in South America.

Throughout the 1970 to 1975 period, Ortloff has continued to expand its business base through the establishment of new subsidiaries and divisions.

In 1972, Ortloff acquired Tulsa Pro-Quip, Inc. This Oklahoma subsidiary specializes in the engineering, design and fabrication of preassembled, semi-portable processing units for the energy-related industries. This added ability to fabricate and utilize skid-mounted units greatly enhances Ortloff's capacity for quick response when time is a major concern.

The Fabricated Industrial Systems Division was established by Ortloff in late 1972, and a year later this Midland Industrial Park division doubled its original capacity in order to serve the increased demand for prefabricated piping and other industrial systems throughout the United States.

The Barnes Engineering Co., located at Golden, Colo., was purchased by Ortloff in 1974. This subsidiary, specializing in the engineering, design and procurement of equipment and systems for coal, ore and mineral processing facilities, further expands The Ortloff Corp.'s capability to serve other energy-related industries.

Ortloff International Corp., established earlier this year, provides process and economic consulting, process design, engineering, procurement and other technical services to segments of the national and international hydrocarbon, petrochemical and gas processing industries.

Ortloff International, headquartered at Houston, also coordinates Ortloff's foreign work, which includes South American facilities and engineering projects for plants to be built in Norway and France.

To more readily serve Ortloff's clients clustered in the Houston area, Ortloff established a Gulf Coast Division in mid-1975. Initiated primarily to act as a South Texas construction arm for Ortloff, this division complements Ortloff International with total capabilities for construction, procurement and expediting services.

The total effect of these additions for The Ortloff Corp. is a synergistic combination of capabilities to provide fully-integrated engineering, procurement and construction services to a broad spectrum of the process industries from strategic locations designed for the client's convenience.

Much of Ortloff's success can be attributed to taking advantage of unique opportunities such as that provided the sulfur production in the Permian Basin in the early 1960s.

Another such opportunity arose when oil was discovered in the Smackover formation of the Florida panhandle in May 1970. The production there was found to contain a large amount of hydrogen sulfide gas. Industry's need was to find a way to remove the hydrogen sulfide from the crude...and fast!

The demand for new sources of supply to meet the growing energy crisis, coupled with the ever-increasing requirements for pollution control, created a time challenge to test the abilities of the finest engineers and constructors.

One of the major producers in the New Jay (Florida) field hired Ortloff to locate, move and modify an existing gas treating and sulfur recovery unit. Concurrently, Ortloff designed and installed a crude oil stabilization unit for the front end of the plant. Thus, the new wells were producing — and a new industry was off and running in Florida — all within 11 weeks of the contract award to Ortloff.

Ortloff's timely response to the industry's needs has allowed the company to play a major role in the development of the Jay petroleum resources. Of the 10 major facilities installed in the field, five were designed and installed by Ortloff.

A major field processing facility engineered and constructed by The Ortloff Corp. of Midland in the panhandle of Florida. The plant includes crude oil stabilization, gas sweetening, sulfur recovery and tail-gas pollution control facilities.

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers recognized the professional quality of The Ortloff Corp. by awarding the company the State Industrial Professional Development Award for 1972.

From its inception, the company has adopted a policy of careful selection of engineering and support personnel, and has placed great emphasis on the professional development of each individual employe. Seventy per cent of Ortloff's graduate engineers are registered professional engineers in one or more states; 33 per cent of that number are registered in two or more states.

Ortloff's recent average job spans the $2 million to $10 million dollar size range, although currently a $40 million dollar job is in the engineering/design state at the Midland offices.

Employes in the Midland headquarters total 210. In the field, Ortloff crews will vary from 300 to 800 craftsmen. Projects requiring peak crews of 600 workmen have been staffed from the pool of qualified craftsmen who typically perform Ortloff's field erection responsibilities.

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The cornerstone of the old City Hall building on the southeast corner of Loraine and Illinois Streets contained 16 items important to Midland's history.

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From the Pennsylvania Ledger, Philadelphia, in the late summer of 1775, 200 years ago:

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"We held a court martial at every other stage, and gave several of the unruly ones Moses's Laws, i.e. thirty-nine; and they now begin to behave very well, being kept under as strict discipline as any of the regulars.

"There is the greatest plenty of fresh and salt provisions here, the men have as much as they can use.

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"There has been a French gentleman here lately from Canada, who has put our men in great spirits, by assuring us that the greatest part of the Canadians would join us upon our arrival, but that they dare not make themselves known to be our friends, till we are landed amongst them.

"As for my own part, there is nothing that gives me the least uneasiness.

"P.S. — Since writing the above, a spy of ours arrived from St. John's, who says, that there were two vessels ready to be launched at that post, each mounting 16 guns, in order to take possession of the lake, which would render it impossible for us, for some time, to get past. Therefore we have received immediate orders to embark for that place, and are to sail tomorrow morning, the 28th."

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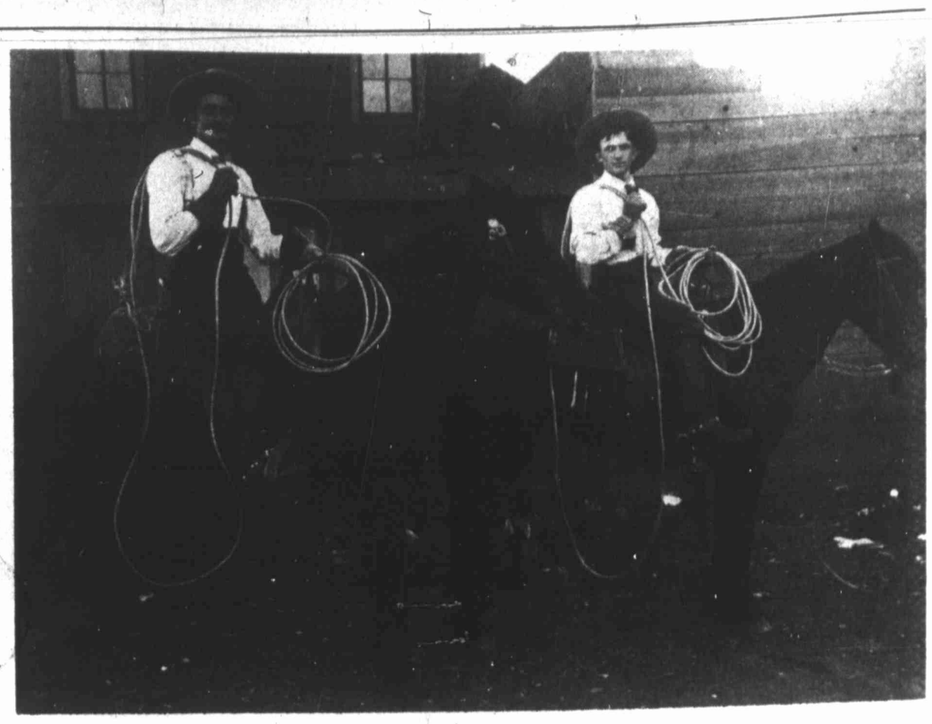
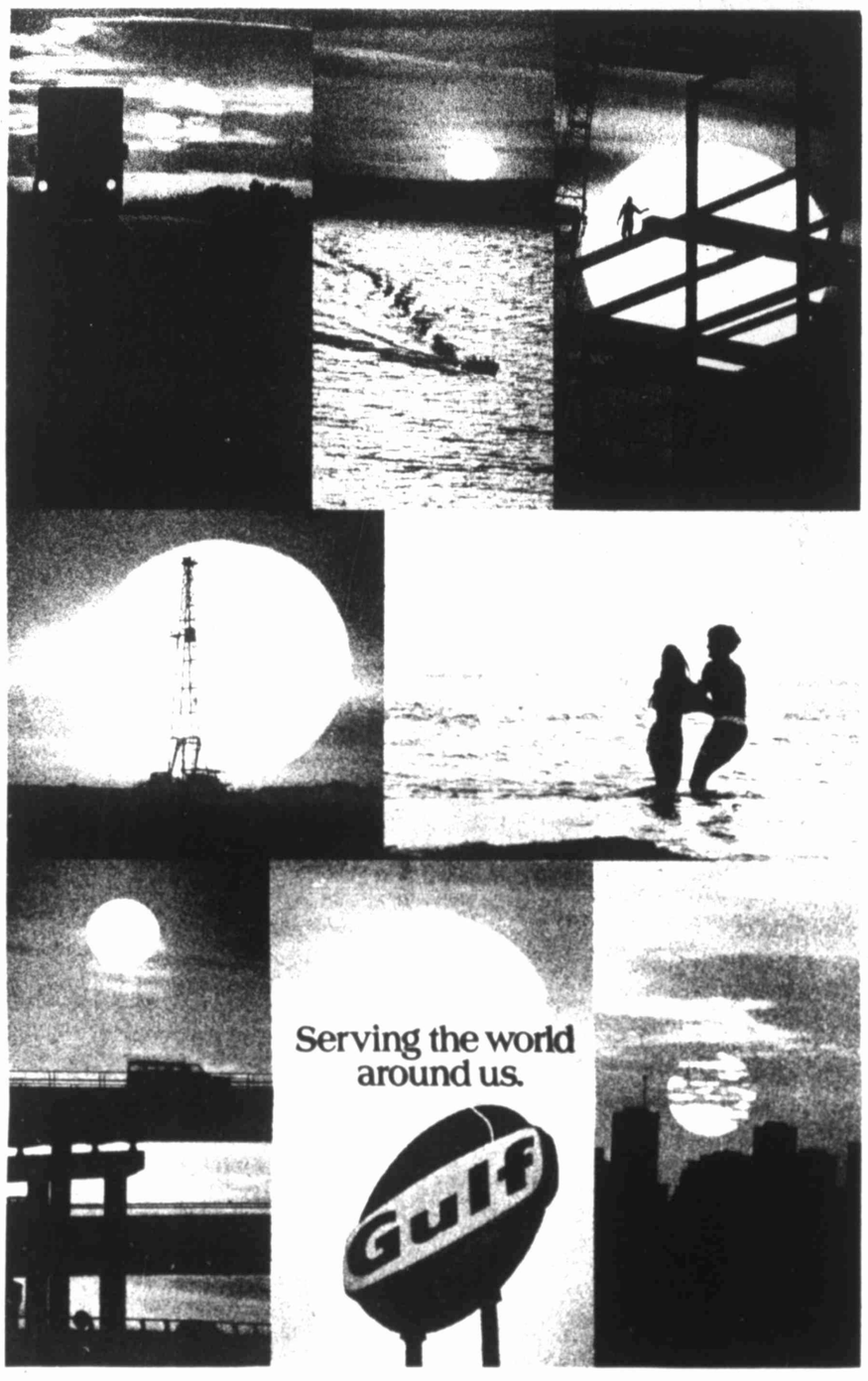


A PAIR OF early-day Midland cowboys, Frank Midkiff, left, and Clarence Scharbauer, get their ropes ready for competition in a Midland rodeo. The photograph is one of many in the possession of the Midland County Museum in the basement of the Midland County Library.



MCT growing part of city's cultural life

By ROGER SOUTHALL

Civic and "little" theater endeavors have been a part of the Midland scene for almost half a century.

Earliest years may have seen such endeavors faltering about as often as they flourished but for the past three decades Community Theatre in the city has been very much a going (and a growing!) thing.

Midland Community Theatre is marking its 30th anniversary this year at the same time that it celebrates the nation's Bicentennial with a star-spangled season of productions celebrating the strength and diversity of American theater.

It is doubtful that the early-day backers and boosters of live theater (many of them still resident in Midland and still going strong) could have realized that "amateur" (that is, non-professional) theater would reach the degree of polish and sophistication achieved today at MCT. Their endeavors on behalf of theater were almost certainly not tied to any longrange goal in the first place, however. Rather, it was that Midland was an isolated cattle town, far away from the bright lights, and it was up to the townspeople to make their own entertainment. It was as simple as that!

These intrepid early-day thespians presented their comedies and dramas as one-night stands in local movie houses. However, since the screening of the current flick was dispensed with only on actual performance night, it was up to the casts to have rehearsals in homes, with sets being built in garages or back yards. Dress rehearsals on the movie house stage itself usually took place during the early morning of performance day.

Casting for these productions was not always a snap, and the story goes that one solution to this problem was for some of the theater folk to station themselves across from the old Post Office on South Main to watch people who came and went in order to select likely candidates for the roles to be filled. Once chosen, it wasn't always easy to persuade these people to be in the production, however, and this led to many a merry chase' participants in this unique casting method have recalled.

The original theatrical endeavor hereabouts was known as Midland Little Theatre and it remained so until well into 1930s when it came to be called Midland Civic Theatre. (Its sponsors probably thought the first name connoted insignificance.)

Construction of the City-County Auditorium about the time World War II began provided better facilities for Midland Civic, just as the establishment of Midland Army Air Force Base (site of the present Midland Regional Air Terminal) brought a fresh supply of talent for the theater's productions.

Among these newcomers was a young man from Ohio named Arthur W. Cole who, during his three-year stint at the base, acted in several productions of the town group and also directed war bond shows using base personnel as well as Midlanders.

Cole had had previous directing experience with a national producing company but he was more than a little interested in amateur theater directing as a career upon return to civilian life. While stationed on Guam late in the war, his interest was sharpened by an article he read in Theatre Arts Magazine about the exciting possibilities of establishing non-professional acting groups in post-war America. He contacted the late Mrs. Naomi Lancaster, one of Midland's most enthusiastic, influential and hard-working backers of the arts, regarding Midland's potential for such an enterprise and, by the time of his discharge in January 1946, had received wholehearted encouragement from her and an invitation to return here to try out his ideas for a community theater organization. The futures of Midland and Art Cole were inextricably intertwined, it turned out.

The minutes of the Feb. 8, 1946, meeting of Midland Civic Theatre show the election of a steering committee to work toward a new theater organization in the city, and the employment of Cole as director of such a new organization.

Civic Theatre was disbanded and Midland Community Theatre came into being in March 1946 and, the following month, MCT's charter was adopted. Ronald K. DeFord was named first president.

In its first year, 1946, seven regular adult productions (the first was "George Washington Slept Here," the second, "Uncle Harry") and two children's plays were offered. In 1946, MCT's total revenues were $6,762 (including $3,400 in memberships) as compared to, say, its 1966 budget of almost $100,000 and its 1976 budget considerably in excess of the 1966 figure.

In 1947, MCT's paid membership climbed to 174, and by 1950, membership totals reached 269. The theater mounted six regular productions in '47. By 1949 it had rung up a full 25 major productions, the 25th being "The Winslow Boy." Concurrently, MCT was presenting a selection of children's theater productions as well. By the end of the 1953 season, MCT reached the 50-mark in number of major productions, with "Stalag 17."

But even as Midland Community Theatre was growing, developing, broadening its scope and making a name for itself throughout this area as a place to spend an entertaining, perhaps even enlightening, evening, the theater was planning for the future.

The City-County Auditorium, a quonset structure located where the Midland County Public Library now stands, had been the site of MCT productions for the first half-dozen years or so, but its facilities were sadly limited and besides, the auditorium's days were numbered because the new library was on the planning boards.

With all that in mind, MCT retained the services of James Miller, well-known theater design consultant, to work with Cole on plans for an innovative new theater center, and fund-raising for this ambitious project began in earnest. (Midland's well-known and widely imitated Summer Mummers had launched their annual summer melodramas back in 1949 as just such a fund-raising effort, and through succeeding seasons had added a sizeable amount of money to the building fund.)

In late 1956, MCT mounted its final production in City-County Auditorium and by early 1957 the theater was, literally, scattered all over town, with offices, storage areas and set and costume departments located throughout the city. "The Rainmaker," MCT's first show of the season, was presented in San Jacinto Junior High auditorium, and subsequent productions were either there or in other auditoria in the city.

Ground for the first segment of the new theater home had been broken in 1956, and this was followed by the start of construction of other segments in later months. A message from director Cole in an issue of the MCT playbill, The Prompter, described the described the new facility as "a new concept in Theatre ... aborning here in Midland is a new theatre form which most ideally brings together all other forms. It is genus Midland Theatre."

Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for the structure were Mayor Ernest Sidwell, Susan Pennycook, Mrs. Naomi Lancaster, J. Wilmont Hunt, president of MCT's board of governors, George Bush, building committee chairman, and John Redfern, chairman of the cleanup fund-raising campaign.

Finally, in early 1958, Theatre Centre was an accomplished fact and on Feb. 6 that year, Midland Community Theater, Inc. proudly opened its new home with its 75th major production, the celebrated musical "Oklahoma!"

MCT boosters living here at that time say it was undoubtedly the biggest night in the history of Midland theater. Shackleford Reeder, new president of the board of governors, told the first nighters that "this building, which reflects the cultural growth of Midland, is the work of many who have given unselfishly of their time and money through the years. To each of you, we wish to express our thanks. It is your theater— you have built it— now let us fully equip it and make it fulfill a worthwhile place in our community!"

The opening of Theatre Centre marked the start of a whole new chapter in the history of MCT.

For one thing, it instituted the happy tradition of a season-opening musical each year. Although MCT had mounted musical productions occasionally during earlier seasons (an original revue titled "Get With It" was the first, back in 1946, and others had included "The Fortune Teller," "The Gondoliers" and "The Mikado") it was not until "Oklahoma!" made its appearance on the spacious new Theatre Centre stage that Broadway hit musicals began to be offered yearly.

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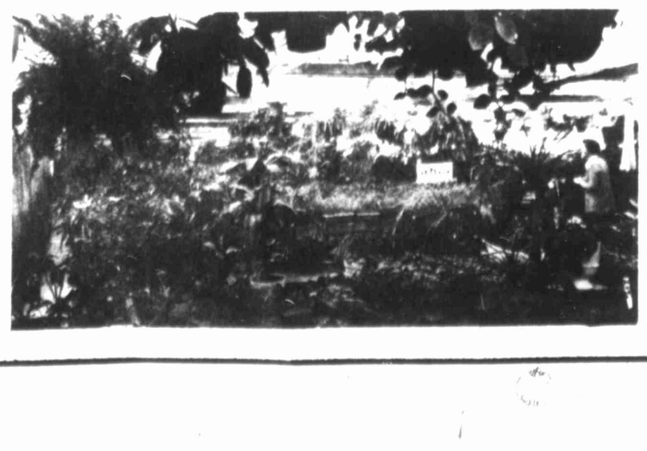

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A national extravaganza is under way, sone of it ridiculous, some of it sublime; but all to help Uncle Sam light the 200 candles on his birthday cake. It is, after all, our Bicentennial.

Planning began in 1966 when Congress established the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, later replaced with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

AREA chose three themes for celebration planning — heritage, festival and horizons. Heritage looks at our history and the traditions that made us what we are. Festival celebrates our birthday with pageantry and parades. Horizons examines our future to ascertain how we can make America better still.

Among celebrations planned by cities, those of the original 13 colonies naturally have the inside track.

"If you miss Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington," one pamphlet says, "you miss the Bicentennial."

Boston will reenact Paul Revere's Ride and the Boston Tea Party. New York will highlight its cultural and ethnic diversity at museums, concerts and plays.

Philadelphia — home of the Liberty Bell, the Declaration of Independence and the Continental Congress — will sponsor events surrounding those keystones of American history.

The Capital, an attraction in itself, will feature plays, concerts, ballets, many scheduled for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Seeking similar involvement on the part of business and industry, ARBA found most businessmen willing to do their share. Exxon, for example, decided early in 1974 to participate.

In laying plans, Exxon rejected commercialization in favor of making some significant contribution of lasting value to the country.

Planners sought a program that would help rebuild pride in America. In an effort to generate support for the fundamental principles of democracy, planners searched for a theme demonstrating the importance of personal endeavor and individual achievement in creating our national character.

Exxon's Bicentennial program has several elements. Its main theme celebrates the American "Spirit of Achievement" — the urge to try, to accomplish, to excel — which has figured so prominently in our success as a nation. The first nine television messages feature Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of polio vaccine; the Wright brothers, first to master powered flight; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone; Amelia Earhart, a pioneer of flight; Mark Twain, whose literature held a mirror to America; Anne Sullivan, friend and tutor to Helen Keller; Dizzy Dean, baseball hero to millions; Walt Disney, master of the animated cartoon, and Louis Armstrong, beloved jazz musician. As a second project, Exxon chose to present the Parade of American Music. In this series of 52 concerts at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., each state sends a musical representative — a soloist, a group, an aggregation — to perform.

Following the concert, the music of each state is featured in a series of 13 radio broadcasts. About 200 plaques will be mounted at historical sites important to the world of music.

In addition to the 50 state day concerts, one concert will feature musicians from the District of Columbia, and a final concert will honor John Phillip Sousa, America's march king.

As a third element in Exxon's Bicentennial plans, the company helped to promote the American Issues Forum. This national program, through adult education classes, churches, unions and major communications media, stimulates discussion of the fundamental principles that made the country what it is today.

In addition to these national programs, Exxon is supporting local Bicentennial projects. For example, Exxon's Northeastern Region is helping to convert a 19th Century Boston police station into a home for the Institute for Comtemporary Art. The Southeastern Region contributed toward the restoration of a century-old general store in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. In New York City, Exxon is supporting the South Street Seaport project in lower Manhattan, site of the city's first important commercial district. Exxon's grant will go toward the creation of a minipark there.

Before 1976 is over, Americans may get their fill of stars, stripes, eagles, and red, white and blue. But Exxon hopes the light from Uncle Sam's candles will illuminate the good things about our nation for all the world to see.

Gulf Oil Corp. observing 75th anniversary

Gulf Oil Corp. will observe its 75th anniversary this Bicentennial year.

Gulf was the first major oil company to obtain commercial production on the West Texas Structural Platform. This occurred in July 1926.

In October of that year, Gulf also became the first major oil company to establish an office in Midland so this year marks another major milestone — 50 years of operation in Midland.

The company's first office was in the old First National Bank Building at the corner of Wall and Main Sts.

The half century of partnership between Gulf and West Texas came about after years of effort and a considerable expenditure of money. Skepticism about prospects of oil in West Texas was common before 1920.

"There is not a barrel of oil west of Abilene," was an accepted cliche among oilmen of the time.

Gulf, which began operation with the famous Spindletop well near Beaumont in 1901, had extended westward along the Gulf Coast, eastward into Louisiana, into North Texas and Oklahoma, and westward as far as Eastland and Stephens County by 1918.

In an effort to see whether there was oil south of Abilene, Gulf kept a wildcat drilling rig operating in Runnels County from May 1918 to February 1920 and drilled three tests to about 2,500 feet.

The first made a small quantity of oil and gas and was finally plugged, and the other two wells were dry.

Independent operators also continued to drill wildcats but with only marginal success in the early 1920s, however, the completion of Santa Rita No. 1 by the Texon Oil & Land Co. opened the huge Big Lake field in 1923.

At the end of 1924, when Big Lake had produced its first million barrels, the oil industry intensified its efforts and the West Texas boom began in earnest.

Gulf then began a land play during 1925 and most of 1926 which resulted in the acquisition of leases on several hundred thousand acres. Such optimism finally paid off despite a record of three years of geological work, 12 dry holes, an expenditure of $5 million, and not a single barrel of oil.

When Gulf completed its No. 1 McElroy in Crane County as its first successful West Texas wildcat in July 1926, Gulf's future in the area was assured and the Central Basin Platform was given a major push on its way into history as one of the world's great oil producing areas.

Immediately after Gulf moved its staff into Midland in 1926 other oil companies began settling here to make Midland the headquarters of the vast Permian Basin oil industry.

Today, Gulf's Midland office supervises exploration and production of oil and natural gas in 46 West Texas counties, all of New Mexico and Arizona as well as areas in Southwest Colorado and South Utah.

MGF Oil Corp. notes great growth

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland was formed in 1970 and chartered in 1971, not exactly vintage years to begin offering limited partnership drilling programs to the public.

MGF not only survived, but has doubled in size every two years and expects to continue its growth for some time to come.

Company leadership demonstrates knowledge of the oil industry, wide experience in the oil patch, foresight and no fear of hard work.

MGF Oil Corp. is the successor of a partnership which was formed in 1957. The company name, MGF, was taken from the initials of the former partnership name, Major, Giebel and Forster.

R. O. "Jack" Major, president and chief executive officer and a director of the company, holds a master's degree in geology from The University of Texas. He served as an engineer in the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas, as an engineer and geologist for Bankline Oil Co., and was an independent petroleum consultant until the formation of Major and Giebel Oil in 1957.

Aaron F. Giebel, chairman of the board, is vice president in charge of special projects. A petroleum engineering graduate of Texas A&M, he was formerly employed by Amerada Petroleum Corp. and was drilling and production manager for Headwaters Oil Co. and Empire Drilling Co. before joining with Major in 1957.

Fred Forster Jr., the third man in the organization of MGF, recently resigned from the company. In 1952 he formed Forster Drilling Co. He joined Major and Geibel in 1967 and brought three rigs into the partnership to form MGF Drilling Co., Inc.

Two additional rigs were added in December 1973 and three more in late 1974, bringing the total to eight — with depth capacity ranging from 3,000 to 13,500 feet.

With the formation of the public company and the subsequent growth, with shareholders totaling more than 800, additional management personnel was recruited or promoted from company ranks.

John E. Kimberly, a vice president and director, directs his efforts toward the establishment of sales and marketing capability. He gained industry experience with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. and Anadarko Production Co. Later he formed Markim Corp. — now MGF Operation Corp., a subsidiary of MGF Oil Corp.

Bobby W. Page, vice president of finance and secretary-treasurer of the company, joined the MGF partnership in 1967. He became secretary-treasurer in 1971 and was promoted to vice president-Finance in 1974. Page is in charge of all accounting and financial operations.

He formerly was an accountant for Mobil Oil Corp.

Joseph C. Gourlay, vice president-Engineering for MGF Oil Corp. and president of MGF Operating Corp., formerly was with Texaco Inc. and Eright and Schiff Oil Producers. He became a consulting engineer in 1960 and joined MGF in 1969. Gourlay is responsible for all engineering functions, including well completions, workovers and production activities.

Featherlite in operation since 1952

The Featherlite Corp., a manufacturer of light weight concrete blocks, has operated in Midland since 1952 at Industrial and Midkiff streets.

The company was founded by E. J. Kingsbery at Ranger and is a division of Kingstip, Inc.

The concern went public on the American Stock Exchange in 1972.

Charlie Goss is the manager of the Midland plant which covers the area east to Big Spring, West to Pecos and north to Lamesa.

Goss is a native of Waco where he attended Waco High School. After attending Texas A&M University, he gained 20 years expierence in block and pre-stress concrete work.

A Mastor Mason, he is a member of the Optimist Club. He and his wife Glenda are the parents of five children.

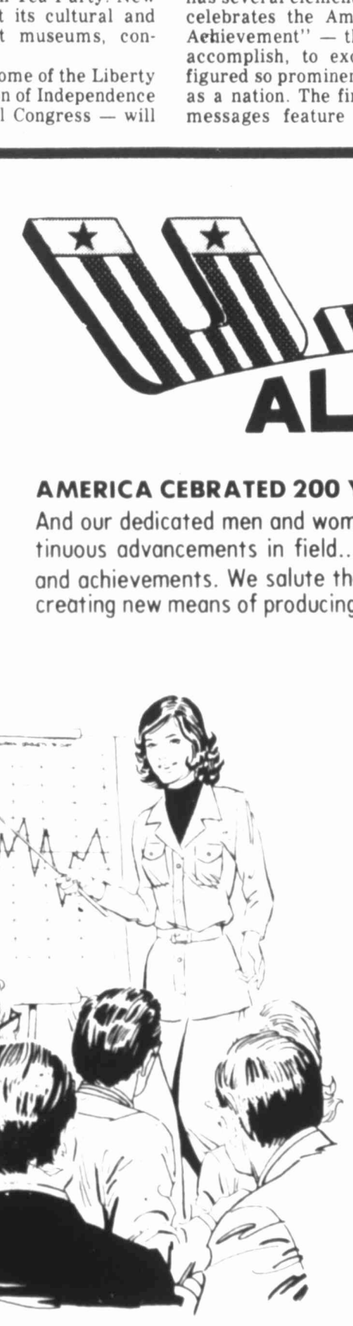
Falcon Marine water-oriented

Falcon Marine, Inc., is a successful water-oriented business although there are no large bodies of water within miles and miles of the City of Midland.

Organized five years ago, the company's headquarters are at 2714 W. Wall St.

Founded by the present owners, Joe G. Roper, Harold Smith and J. C. Decker, Falcon Marine, Inc., deals in boats, motors, trailers and marine accessories, as well as in boat repair.

The firm employs six persons.



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STUDENTS ATTENDING OLD Midland College fill to overflowing the horse-drawn "school bus" operated by the college. This photograph was taken sometime in 1911. The bus made pickups for the start of school, during the noon hour and at the end of school.

Midland's Community Theatre vital part of city

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success, and the 1960 season got off to a fine start with "Guys and Dolls," which proved once again that Midland talent is not to be dismissed lightly, and that Midland staging and direction can hold its own with the best on Broadway.

Other musicals offered here in following yeas have been "South Pacific," "Damn Yankees," "Music Man," "The King and I," "Li'l Abner," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," "Oliver!", "Camelot," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hello, Dolly!", "1776," "Promises, Promises" and "Anything Goes."

In addition to "Oklahoma!", the premiere season of Theatre Centre also saw productions of "Three Men On A Horse," "Death of a Salesman," "The Moon Is Blue," "Someone Waiting" and "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker."

In July that year, everyone went all out to put on "One For the Money," MCT's famous mortgage revue to eliminate a $72,000 indebtedness. The revue brought new publicity to MCT — it was even written up in Life Magazine.

Total attendance at all productions in the premiere season amounted to more than 22,000.

In the 1959 season, the Children's Service League began a several years' collaboration with MCT in summer benefit shows, the first one being "Oh Men, Oh Women," directed by Mickey Fitting. Later summer productions were "The Seven Year Itch," "Golden Fleecing," "Send Me No Flowers," "Come Blow Your Horn," "Sunday in New York" and "Roar Like A Dove."

The 1959, '60 and '61 seasons offered such popular fare as "The Tender Trap," "Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Happiest Millionaire," "The Girls in 509," "Pygmalion," "The Marriage Go Round," "Teahouse of the August Moon" and "Charley's Aunt." (These in addition to the extremely popular musical each year.)

The 1962 season saw another milestone reached with MCT's 100th production, "The Pleasure of His Company," while other hits of the season included "Damn Yankees," "Anastasia," "Auntie Mame" and "The Deadly Game."

The 1963 season opened with the perennially popular Meredith Willson musical, "The Music Man," and also offered such sure-fire comedy hits as "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Everybody Loves Opal." Balancing the season nicely were such meatier stage works as "Taming of the Shrew" and "Inherit the Wind."

1964 and 1965 were to be like no others in the annals of MCT up to that time. In the 1964 season, the theater offered not one but two musicals—"The King and I" and "The Fantasticks" (the latter to be repeated by the theater during this 30th anniversary year). And in 1965, Midland Community Theatre went to Europe!

The reason for the European junket was the third International Festival of Amateur Theatre in the tiny Principality of Monaco on the Mediterranean. The festival, held every four years under the sponsorship of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace, draws amateur groups from many countries. Participation is by invitation from the Festival Committee, the invitation to an American group being channeled through the American National Theatre Association whose responsibility it is to choose the group to represent the U.S.

At the 1961 festival, a group from Buffalo, N.Y., had been the American emissaries, and now, in 1965, MCT was singled out to represent the U.S.

Play after play was considered and rejected as the suitable vehicle MCT's touring players, one which would meet festival restrictions and requirements. Finally, Edward Albee's acclaimed (but also controversial) play, "The American Dream," was chosen. It seemed to suit the festival requirements but did not suit all the home folks, some of whom were aghast that a play of such harsh outlines would represent this nation. And they said so.

Nevertheless, the play was cast from the more than 50 people who auditioned for it. Filling parts in the drama were Rita Buckley, Liz Pennebaker, Bill Adam, Mary Lou Cassidy and Martin Buckley. Joining them on the junket were Art and Ruth Cole, stage manager Jon House and a troupe of MCT backers.

At the September festival, the Midland players joined theater groups from Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, West Germany, Sweden, Canada and the Netherlands, among others. The Midlanders' performance was highly praised by critics and audience, even though some professed not to like the play itself. And one cast member, Mary Lou Cassidy, came in for portrayal of the 80-year-old grandmother in "The American Dream."

This was MCT's first professional venture abroad, but not its last. Nine years later, MCT was invited to bring a production to the Dundalk Maytime Festival in Dundalk, Ireland. As a matter of fact MCT took not one but two productions to the Irish festival—a contemporary comedy, "Butterflies Are Free," and one of its inimitable Summer Mummers productions, "Peril on the Pecos," as a bonus entertainment for festival visitors.

Once again, an MCT production drew high praise from an international audience. "Butterflies Are Free" was hailed by critics and public alike and one of its cast members, Jim Salners, was singled out as an oustanding actor at the festival which also showcased dramatic productions from a number of other nations.

In between these two junkets, MCT continued to grow, to extend its outreach as a viable entertainment force in the Permian Basin.

Among the highlight productions of these years were "The Devil's Disciple," "You Can't Take It With You," "The Miser," "Barefoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," Cyrano de Bergerac," "Harvey" (a repeat production), "The Andersonville Trial," "Cactus Flower," "Room Service," "Wait Until Dark," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "A Shot in the Dark," "The Crucible," "Plaza Suite," "The Man Who Came to Dinner" (another repeat production), "Of Mice and Men," "Lamp At Midnight" and "Harvey" (still another repeat).

MCT reached new highs in attendance with its production of the musical, "The Sound of Music," in the 1967 season, and followed it in 1968 with an almost-as-successful "My Fair Lady."

The theater chalked up its 150th major production when it opened Noel Coward's classic "Blithe Spirit" in the spring of 1970.

Meanwhile, during this same time, MCT has occasionally offered its members brand-new plays through its membership in the American Playwrights Theatre. These plays are available to member theaters before they have Broadway or other professional productions. Among those seen here in recent years are Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" and Preston Jones' "Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia," plus such others as "Ivory Tower" and "Summertree," the latter offered as one of MCT's Poco Mas or bonus productions.

These Poco Mas offerings have also included such interesting fare as Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano," O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms," Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "The Sandbox," and "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running."

Also during these busy years, MCT found time to present two summer benefit shows, "Critic's Choice" (in cooperation with Temple Beth El) and "I Do! I Do!" (presented jointly with the Midland Symphony Guild).

And, MCT presented a slew of shows in the 1960s in conjunction with the Children's Service League, among them "Oh Men, Oh Women," "The Seven Year Itch," "Send Me No Flowers," "Come Blow Your Horn" and "Roar Like A Dove."

MCT celebrated its 25th anniversary in the summer of 1971 with a rollicking production of a nostalgic 1920s musical, "Good News." And in 1974, the theater's Summer Mummers chalked up an anniversary of their own — 25 years of providing zany, light "meller-drammer" as special summertime entertainment in the city. Many of the members of the original Mummers production back in 1949 were present for the opening night festivities. The Mummers, through the years, have served up their unique entertainment format in such guises as "Roguery on the River," "Panic on the Pedernales," "Bungling on the Brazos," "Banditry on the Border," "Pathos on the Potomac" and "Skullduggery in the Skies." The Mummers' hilarious "movieolas" have been special features since '68.

Children's theater, and productions for children, have long been a part of MCT's outreach, culminating in 1968 with the organization of the Pickwick Players, a young people's performing and producing company. The company, organized by Edward Graczyk, has presented a number of Graczyk's original plays, among them "Aesop's Falables," "A Penny Friend," "Appleseed" and "Due to A Lack of Interest, Tomorrow Has Been Cancelled." The troupe still occasionally revives a Graczyk play and also addresses itself to other new plays as well as to children's theater classics. The company now is directed by Judy Yeckel of the MCT staff.

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THESE UNIDENTIFIED 1919 Midland College football players probably wouldn't have put too much fear in a present day team, but from all reports they had their way over their opponents in the "good old days." Known as the Herefords, the Midland College eleven played high school and "town teams."

Henry E. Cummins pioneer cattleman

Henry Eugene Cummins was a pioneer rancher, born Nov. 15, 1860, who left Navarro County, the place of his birth, at the age of 11, herding sheep and doing odd jobs, working his way westward.

He spent the next 70 years in and around Midland.

Shortly after his journey, he met Walter Cochran, who was ranching in Ector County. Cummins and Cochran made an unusual deal with Cummins to work for him and Cochran to hold his wages until the end of the year.

When Cummins had finished a year of work and the cowboy's tobacco and other incidentals had been deducted, the amount coming to the puncher, although only an accumulation of the very slim wages of the day, seemed like a fortune to the cowhand, who had grown up the hard way.

That money was an inspiration to Cummins whose thrifty nature had learned to know the real value of a dollar.

He and Cochran repeated the arrangement year after year until 25 years had passed before Cummins drew a dollar of his wages from Cochran.

Then Cummins ceased to be a cowhand and became a cowman, investing his 25-years accumulated wages, drawn in a lump sum and purchased land.

He bought 46 sections of land in Ector County and stocked it with cattle. Personal attention was given to his ranching activities for many years until his health no longer permitted him to be active. Cummins was confined to his bed most of the time seven years prior to his death on June 26, 1948.

Cummins married Miss Myrtle Utley of Midland County and they had three children. Mrs. Frank Williamson, a daughter who lives in Midland, is their only surviving child.

His first wife died in 1917 and three years later he married Mrs. Rosa Lee Barron of Midland, who died in 1939. Later he married Dr. Mae Oberlander, who survived him.

Stanton church ties enduring

By ROGER SOUTHALL

STANTON — Church ties are strong in this Martin County city — and long, going back almost as far as the city's history goes.

Because this area was heavily settled by German Catholics in the 19th Century, the Catholic church is the patriarch among churches here. But Baptist, Methodist and Church of Christ congregations organized not long after have flourished as well, serving God and community faithfully through all the intervening years.

The early focal point for worship for Baptist, Methodist and Church of Christ groups was a one-room Union Church, site of which later became the site of Stanton's First Baptist Church. Erected around 1900, the edifice served the denominations equally for preaching, funerals, weddings, "singings," Sunday school classes and special events.

A Methodist circuit rider, Bro. L. A. Webb, made infrequent visits to Stanton as early as 1902. Then in 1904, he held a successful revival here which prompted the formal organization of the First Methodist Church.

One of the early members of that congregation, Mrs. Nobye Hamilton, authored a history of the church several years ago, in which she pointed out that there were nine original, or charter, members: Amanda E. Houston, John H. Good, Ira Cockerham, Nobye Cockerham, B. G. Lewis, Mrs. M. E. Kyle, Mrs. Mary E. Finley, Mrs. Lula Stokes and Josephine L. Cockerham.

A Baptist circuit rider named Arthur Wilson began holding Baptist services in the little town about 1904, commuting here from his ranch home south of Midland.

Responsible for organizing the Baptist congregation were such original members as Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kaderli, Mrs. J. H. Epley, Mrs. R. W. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Epley and J. B. Stokes.

The first Church of Christ congregation in Stanton was organized in the summer of 1904 by Price Billingsley. In 1906, a steepled church structure was erected on a site now occupied by St. Joseph's Catholic Church here. Pioneer residents of Stanton recall that the structure was sometimes referred to as the "gray mule church", because of the number of gray mules tied up outside on Sunday mornings.

Among charter members of this congregation were County Judge Bailey Anderson and his family, A. J. Graham and family, "Aunt Net" Millholland, the J. W. Kellys, Mabel Nolton, and the Henson, Jackson and Lindsey families. Atchison family members also were early members of the congregation and one of them was the first congregational member ordained as an elder in 1907.

The church remained in its original location until about 1915 when it was moved to another site and a wing added to accommodate increasing attendance at services.

Meanwhile, disputes between the various congregational groups using the Union Church finally caused the groups to depart it in favor of their own separate meeting places. The Church of Christ met in members' homes and later at the school house before erecting the "gray mule" structure.

In August of 1906 the Union Church edifice became the property of the Baptists, with money from the sale of the building being distributed among the participating congregations.

The Baptists shortly initiated construction on a new building. The white frame edifice was ready for occupying in 1907, and continued to serve the congregation faithfully and well until present First Baptist was erected in the post-World War II years. At the dedicatory service in 1907, the Rev. Arthur Wilson noted that "we will do well to accomplish in our lifetimes half as much as the pioneers of Stanton have done."

Stanton's Methodists had undertaken construction of their new church home a few months earlier under the spiritual leadership of the Rev. A. C. Bell. The white, frame one-room structure, original cost of which was approximately $1,500, was added to, improved, enlarged in later years. Finally, in the 1920s, the congregation erected a fine, large brick structure, complete with full basement, stained glass windows and spacious sanctuary; this edifice underwent renovation and modernization in the 1960s.

Two other denominational groups in existence in Stanton during its pioneer era did not survive to the present time. A Christian (Disciples of Christ) congregation banded together near the turn of the century, under the leadership of John Mott, a lay preacher who also taught the first Sunday school classes in the Union Church during the years it was in use. The congregation erected a structure of its own after the union building was sold to the Baptists. This structure burned in the 1920s and the congregation dissolved following that disaster and the death of Mr. Mott.

Presbyterianism, too, was represented with a Stanton congregation in the early years, but information on this group is sketchy; in all, the church was in existence only four years or so before the small congregation disbanded.

Stanton's Catholic parish, St. Joseph's, for many years occupied a stately brick structure atop the town's highest hill (adjacent to the Catholic convent and academy). Later, the parish built a low, modern limestone structure just down the hill and the old church was razed.

In more recent years, congregations of many denominations have been organized in Stanton and, like the "old-timers" among the city's churches, are proving again that Stanton is a church-minded, church-going community.

1912 epidemic claims lives of Dr. Ellis, wife

Although one story in the Jan. 26, 1912, issue of the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner related that an epidemic of scarlet fever and meningitis that had prevailed for several weeks was subsiding, another told of the death of two prominent Midland citizens.

They were Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Ellis who had moved here in 1889.

The following is the report of their deaths:

"In our last issue we reported that both Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Ellis were sufferers of meningitis, expressing the general hope that both might soon be on the road to recovery.

"Our hope was doomed to the bitterest disappointment, and consequent grief is in the heart of every citizen that these two have been called from our midst.

"Last Saturday morning it was learned that Dr. Ellis was worse and gradually sinking. Despite this, hope still lingered in the hearts of friends that the would yet rally, and, hoping against hope, none relinquished until he was no more.

"He died at 3:30 in the afternoon. At this time it was thought that Mrs. Ellis showed some symptoms for the better. These were hardly more than temporary, though she seemed to hold her own against the disease, until, possibly, Tuesday afternoon. In the closing hours of this good and useful life, she was mercifully unconscious of suffering, and, the spirit of a precious mother was ushered into the Home Eternal.

"Dr. and Mrs. Ellis had lived in Midland since their marriage 23 years ago. Two sons, Newnie and Irvin, and a daughter, Mrs. Walter Dunn, were born to them.

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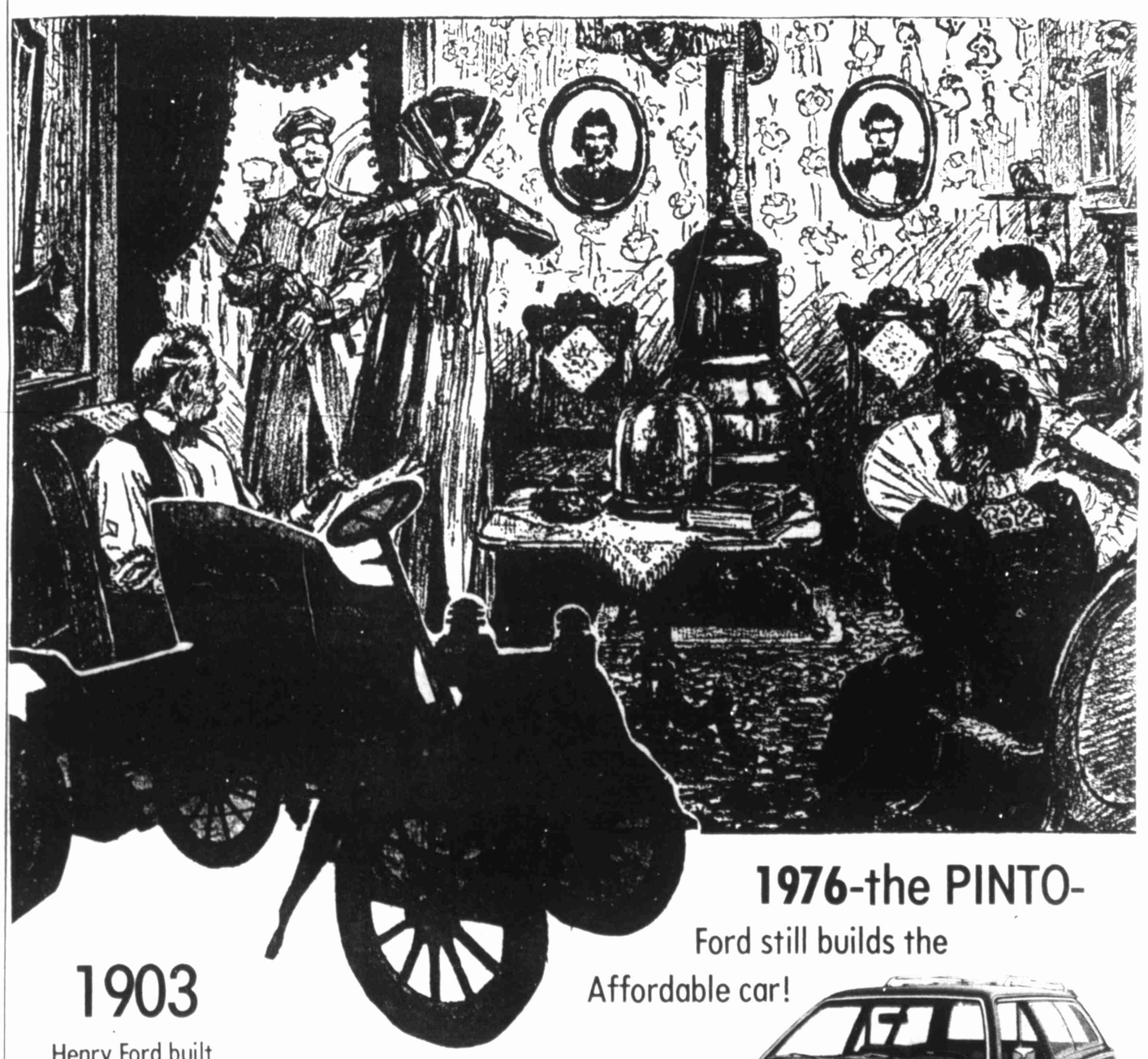

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Midland DAR chapter founded in 1966

The Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, Texas Society, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was established Oct. 15, 1966, after almost a year of organizational work that began after the appointment of the organizing regent, Mrs. John P. Butler, in December 1965. Because 1965 was the Diamond Jubilee Year of the NSDAR, the chapter was designated as a Diamond Jubilee chapter.

At the initial meeting Oct. 15, 1966, state officers present were the vice regent, Mrs. Buck Wynne Wooley of Dallas; the chaplain, Mrs. Lee Miller Blake of Dallas; the state recording secretary, Mrs. F. Hastings Pannili of Midland, and the state chairman of American Heritage, Mrs. Ernest Brainard of Amarillo.

Acting on behalf of the Texas state regent, Mrs. Walter G. Dick, Mrs. Woolley installed the following officers: Mrs. Butler, chapter regent; Mrs. George Van Husen, first vice regent; Mrs. Charlton Hadden, second vice regent; Mrs. Willard Green, chaplain; Mrs. James V. Kemper, recording secretary; Mrs. E. N. Gideon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert J. Lindemood, treasurer, and Mrs. C. Robert Winkler Jr., registrar.

In addition to the officers named above, organizing members were Mrs. Edwin F. Alstrin, Mrs. Ronald A. Britton, Mrs. Courtney Cowden, Mrs. Roy Davidson Jr., Mrs. James C. Duke, Mrs. William B. Faudree, Mrs. Hugh B. Gilmour, Mrs. C. C. Herndon Jr., Mrs. Preston J. Lea Jr., Mrs. W. E. Lyle Jr., Mrs. R. G. Patterson, Mrs. John Redfern III, Mrs. Jack Sappington, Mrs. J. A. Wanamaker, Mary Lynn Pannill and Susan Park.

Non-resident organizing members were Mrs. H. B. Arnold Jr. of Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. P. R. Granberry of Waterton, Mass., Mrs. Vester Smith of Higgins and Mrs. John A. Thompson of Fort Worth.

Those joining after organization, but before the first anniversary, are called charter members. These were Mrs. Robert K. Hudson, Mrs. Benjamin F. Black and Mrs. Dan Montgomery.

Chapter regents following Mrs. Butler have been Mrs. Hadden (1967-1968); Mrs. Preston J. Lea Jr. (1968-1969); Mrs. John Redfern III, (1969-1971); Mrs. Hudson (1971-1973); Mrs. Van Husen (1973-1975), and Mrs. Solon P. Crain (1975-1977).

Because of the mobility of Midland residents, there have been a number of resignations and transfers, but even so the membership today is fifty. The most recent addition was Mrs. Bob L. Johnson, the granddaughter of Midland pioneer residents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley, and the daughter of the late Mrs. Alice Haley Porterfield, also a DAR.

Two active members of the Dey Chapter are descendants of soldiers of the American Revolution who are buried in Texas. Mrs. Hudson is descended from Benjamin Clark for whom Clarksville is named. Clark came to Texas in 1819, permanently settling in what is now Red River County about 1833, where he died in 1838. He was buried in Red River Cemetery near Clarksville. Mrs. Crain's Revolutionary ancestor was Alexander Hodge, who came to Austin's Colony in 1825. Hodge led the women and children from that part of Texas in the Runaway Scrape of 1836 and died Aug. 17, 1836 after the ordeal. He was buried in Hodge's Bend Cemetery near Sugarland. A memorial gate for the cemetery, erected by the Dey Chapter, is to be dedicated May 12. The chapter is arranging a chartered bus trip for the ceremony.

State officials on hand Oct 15, 1966, when Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, Texas Society, of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution established in Midland.

Since the objectives of the National Society, DAR, are to foster the growth of patriotism, education in past and current events and affairs relating to our American life and government and historical research and preservation, it is a matter of concern that preschool and school children are introduced to a proper appreciation of American history, and a knowledge of and a familiarity with its ideals, heroes and events. To this end, the Dey Chapter has organized two Junior American Citizens' Clubs that are open to all members of the grades selected. The first of the clubs, the Jim Bowie Club at Hillander School, was sponsored by Mrs. C. R. Winkler and Mrs. Hadden in 1969 and now is under the leadership of Mrs. Ronald A. Britton. The second club was organized in 1975 at Fannin School under the leadership of Mrs. Hadden and given the name of James West Fannin Club.

Another youth project sponsored by the chapter is the Joseph Black Chapter, Children of the American Revolution. Already a going concern when this chapter was organized, the Joseph Black Chapter has always received the whole-hearted support, both financial and otherwise, of the Dey Chapter. A junior member, Mrs. Howard D. Hoelscher of Dallas, is the immediate past president of the Texas State Society, DAR.

Since it was organized, the Dey Chapter has always observed Independence Day with family picnicking and a non-motor vehicle parade for all ages and with prize awards. Other activities of the day are patriotic music, speakers and the raising of the flag.

To encourage high school seniors to develop outstanding and useful qualities, a DAR Good Citizen Award is offered by the national society and sponsored by local chapters. Because the project already was sponsored by another Midland DAR chapter, the Dey Chapter, as sponsor, selected the Borden County Independent School District for the program. The winner, chosen by senior classmates and the faculty, is presented a pin and a gift. The winners name is then entered in state competition, and, if successful there, is eligible for the national award, a $1,000 scholarship to the college of the winner's choice.

In the area of adult education, a ten minute talk is given at each meeting on some phase of foreign or domestic policy, defense, education, morals and political or military affairs by chapter members.

In 1969, the regent, Mrs. Lea, applied to the national society for a DAR Americanism medal and certificate for naturalized citizens to be presented to Mrs. Leslie F. Dunlap, a native of Peru, whose record of achievement to better understanding and communication with foreign students and residents, together with her support of cultural, educational and religious activities was outstanding. Approval came in April 1969, when this symbol of appreciation was presented Mrs. Dunlap.

The equivalent of such an award for native-born citizens is the DAR Medal of Honor, awarded in 1974 to Mrs. Richard Anderson of Gail, whose volunteer service to her community, along with several other women of Borden County, includes the salvaging of a defunct newspaper, The Borden Star, the only newspaper published in a wide area. A column of opinion, "Jere's Jottings," by Mrs. W. C. Hubbard of Midland, a member of the Dey Chapter, is a special feature of this paper.

Another project for the Bicentennial year has been a pro rata contribution by each member for the flag poles at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame. This was a joint undertaking of the two Midland DAR chapters, Permian Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, the Joseph Black Society, DAR, Midland Daughters of the American Colonists and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

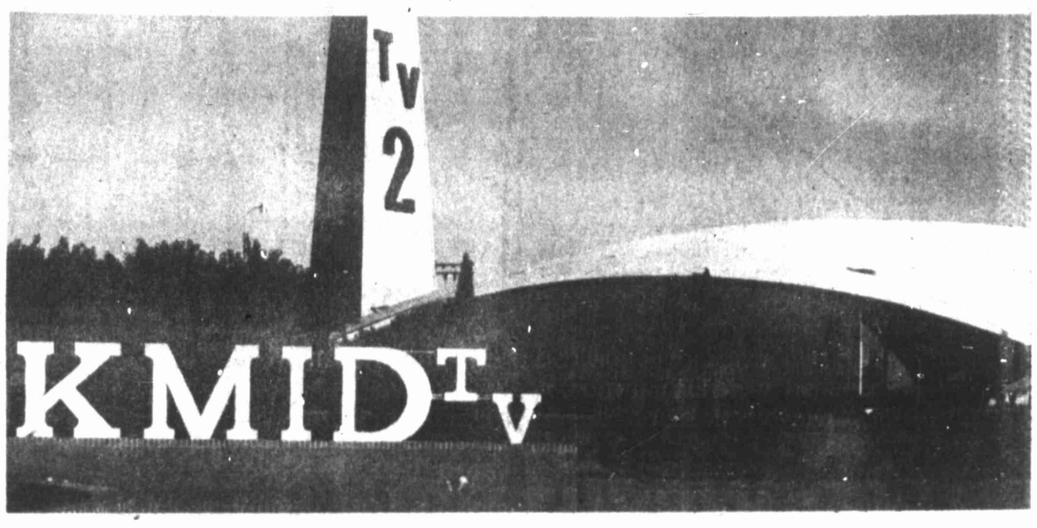
To raise supplementary funds, the Dey Chapter has an annual "I-Hate-to-Cook" food sale when many fine foods prepared by chapter members are offered for sale to those who hate to cook.

Indicative of what it has accomplished, the chapter has received six national awards since it was organized — one honorable mention, three silver and two gold awards.

Present resident members are Mrs. Alstrin, Mrs. M. W. Armistead, Mrs. Barry A. Beal, Mrs. Benjamin F. Black, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Diana D. Claiborne, Mrs. Joe Collins, Mrs. Cowden, Mrs. Crain, Mrs. Davidson Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Mrs. Alden S. Donnelly, Mrs. Lynn Durham, Mrs. Jack English, Mrs. Francis B. Essex Jr., Mrs. Edward N. Gideon, Mrs. George Holt Glass, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Edgar G. Harris, Mrs. Richard Henderson, Mrs. Walter C. Hubbard, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Richard L. Hughston, Mrs. Bob Johnson and Mrs. Marshall E. Jolly.

Also, Mrs. B. Simpson King, Mrs. Brett Lea, Mrs. Preston J. Lea Jr., Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Everett R. Neff, Mrs. Bruce Pearson, Mrs. Norman D. Raman, Mrs. Redfern Mrs. Sappington, Mrs. Jordan C. Snyder, Mrs. Richard V. Stump, Mrs. Joe J. Travis, Mrs. Van Husen, Mrs. Joe Bob Warren, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Charles R. Welch and Mrs. C. Robert Winkler Jr.

Non-resident members are Mrs. Howard D. Hoelscher, Mrs. Glenn Reynolds, Mrs. John T. Sapp, Mrs. Vester Smith, Mrs. Gerald E. Stengl, Mrs. Linda Melton Taylor and Mary Lynn Pannill.



This impressive building houses KMID-TV at Midland Regional Air Terminal. Construction started on the building in 1962 and it was occupied in 1963. The station's first location was in a converted Air Force building at Terminal which was used during World War II.

KMID first television station to broadcast in Permian Basin

Midland has had its share of pioneers, and KMID-TV is one of them — the Permian Basin's first television station.

It came as kind of Christmas present Dec. 18, 1953, televising from a converted administration building at Midland Air Terminal — a building originally used by the Army Air Force in World War II.

Since that time, KMID-TV has moved both its sudio and transmitter locations. The station now broadcasts from modern facilities at Terminal, opened in 1963.

The first transmitter site was 13½ miles southwest of Midland and the original tower was approximately 25,000 watts. The tower was 440 feet high.

KMID's present telecasting tower is a 1,137-foot structure at the juncture of Midland, Ector and Andrews counties and located on the A. G. Bohannan ranch 10 miles north of Terminal.

Sid Grayson was the original station manager, serving from 1953 to 1955 when the present general manger, Ray F. Herndon took over.

Licensed at first to serve Midland and Odessa, KMID became a regional television station in 1960, with a power of 100,000 watts.

Network affiliation is with the National Broadcasting Co.

Color broadcasting began at KMID in 1968, and the present television coverage extends throughout the Permian Basin area of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico through cable systems and translator stations which receive the station's signal and converts it to another channel frequency for residents at Monahans, Fort Stockton, Kermit, Big Lake and other West Texas cities.

Aware of the public's need for constant information on a wide range of topics, KMID is part of the nationwide system of emergency broadcast stations assuring a constant flow of information to the public during any emergency situation.

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May 28, 1923, Santa Rita No. 1 blew in to change West Texas from a traditional ranching country into the nation's most productive oil region. Drilled by the Texon Oil & Land Co., the well opened the Big Lake oil field on University of Texas Lands, bringing riches to the university and oilmen flocking to the Permian Basin in great numbers. The Big Lake field, located about 75 miles southeast of Midland in Reagan County, still is one of the Permian Basin's major producing areas.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Drake gave nation its first well; Basin opened in Mitchell County

Aug. 17, 1859, Edwin L. Drake discovered oil at Titusville, Pa., and since that time no single material thing has shaped the lives of people throughout the world more so than petroleum.

Because petroleum was used mainly as a fuel to feed lamps that lighted homes and businesses, historians termed Drake's discovery as the beginning of the "Age of Illumination."

Then, along came the Spindletop discovery at Beaumont Jan. 10, 1901. The famous Lucas gusher announced to the world the vast oil potential of the Texas Gulf Coast and ushered in the "Age of Petroleum."

Although the Lucas gusher is credited with being the beginning of the fabulous oil industry in Texas, the state's first commercial well was drilled 35 years earlier.

Lyne Taliaferro Barrett, then a 34-year-old Virginia native and Civil War veteran, brought in that first well near Nacogdoches in September 1866. At 106 feet, it began flowing at the rate of 10 barrels of oil per day.

After the Barrett strike, oilmen began searching throughout the state for petroleum — a search that led to West Texas and eventually to the fabulous Santa Rita No. 1 in Reagan County which gushed oil the morning of May 28, 1923, and brought explorers in great numbers to what now is known as the vast Permian Basin Oil Empire.

Santa Rita No. 1, drilled by Texon Oil & Land Co. headed by Frank Pickrell of El Paso and Haymon Krupp and associates of New York, was not the first commercial well in West Texas — that honor goes to Underwriters Production & Refining Co. No. 1 T.P. Land Trust-Abrams in Mitchell County.

Completed in October 1920, the Mitchell County well finaled for 25 barrels of oil per day to open the Westbrook field. The small potential did not exit too many oil men, but at least, the well proved that the Permian formation of West Texas was productive and kept an interest alive in the area.

Santa Rita No. 1 (formally No. 1 University) did excite the oil industry with its initial potential of 80 barrels of oil per day after gushing oil many feet above the top of the derrick.

Midland County's first oil well was completed Oct. 8, 1945, by Humble Oil & Refining Co. The well, No. 1 Mrs. O. P. Buchanan was completed for an initial potential of 270 barrels of oil per day 11 miles east of Midland.

Before Westbrook, Santa Rita No. 1 and No. 1 Mrs. O. P. Buchanan there was a tremendous amount of oil exploration in West Texas.

The beginning of the West Texas petroleum industry goes back to 1871 or 1872 when two brothers — G. A. and R. C. Graham — drilled a well near Graham in Young County in search of salt water — salt then being an important industrial activity in that immediate area — found gas in a porous, brown sandstone at 131-136 feet. There is no report of any attempt being made to make any commercial use of that gas.

The next significant development in West Texas came at Brownwood in 1878 when Martin Meinsinger, a wagonyard keeper, in a hand-dug 3½-foot diameter, 102-foot hole in which he had hoped to find water, encountered an oil sand from which he drew about five gallons of dark green crude per day.

That strike caused widespread excitemt and continued to produce for many years.

The next year, 1879, a well near Gordon in Palo Pinto County had enough gas to keep a light burning day and night from a pipe inserted in a beer keg over the hole. Another, called the Dalton test, about five miles north of the town of Palo Pinto, encountered a large flow of gas at 384 feet.

When the gas accidentally became ignited, the explosion sounded like thunder and flame shot up 40 feet or higher. After several hours, the fire was extinguished and the owner had the well filed with gravel and cement. He was hunting, he said for water, not fire.

In 1902, near Henrietta in Clay County, a farmer who was drilling for water also found oil instead. This discovery led to West Texas first oil boomtown — Petrolia.

To the west, a prominent ranchman, W. T. Waggoner, drilled three wells for water in 1903 and 1904 near Beaver Switch, later called Electra fOr Waggoner's daughter.

When he found only salt water and traces of oil, he was disgusted. "What do I want with oil," he said. I'm looking for water. That is what the cattle need."

Also in 1904, small amounts of oil were produced in Pecos County near Toyah.

In 1907 the completion of natural gas wells in the Petrolia field of Clay County and the piping of that gas to Petrolia and Wichita Falls gave rise to the Texas gas industry as a public utility.

In 1909, the Lone Star Gas Co. was organized and chartered to provide a market for the natural gas being produced in the Petrolia field. A gas pipeline from the area was built to Fort Worth and Dallas in 1910.

Also, a small produciton of oil was found at Jacksboro in Jack County in 1907.

In 1910, oil moved closer to the Permian Basin, with strikes in Brown, Coleman Shackelford and Wichita Counties.

Early in 1911, the attention of Texas oilmen turned to Electra in the northeast sector of West Texas, where Waggoner had spurned the oil found

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With Valley Forge, Pa., encampment area behind them, three young men in Revolutionary War costumes practice loading their muskets in scene that will be familiar to Bicentennial year visitors at site of grim winter encampment by Gen. George Washington and his army in 1777-1778.

Out-of-work actors 'dress' up to find jobs in onetime capitals of colonies

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — The American Bicentennial will need more laughs. Any nation that can survive what ours has survived for 200 years must have a keen sense of the ridiculous. This is no time to lose it.

Up and down the Eastern seaboard in the onetime capitals of the Thirteen Colonies, out-of-work actors are finding jobs in colonial costume. They pop up in wigs and satin longcoats, in Revolutionary uniforms, tooting fifes and pounding drums, demonstrating how to load and fire muskets, to conduct the manual of arms, to cook victuals in cast iron pots.

With members of the Society of American Travel Writers I have been previewing what visitors along various Freedom Trails may expect this year, and the laughs are coming in the wrong places, like Valley Forge.

The site of that grim encampment in the winter of 1777-78 by Gen. George Washington and his crumbling army is in rolling, wooded hills 22 miles from Philadelphia. There was no effort made to preserve the site for the first century, but it has since become a handsome state park.

Park Supt. Horace Wilcox showed us around, pointing out 13 buildings being restored and 50 huts, a museum and amphitheater at a total cost of $10 million.

But tourists are camera-happy, and battlefields and museums are static.

Supt. Wilcox had three young men dressed in Revolutionary uniforms demonstrating use of their muskets, and the travel writers' cameras popped out like confetti at a parade.

The scene was too much for the young men, who shook their heads in astonishment and threatened to retreat. The best pictures were with wide angle lens to include both the actors and the picture-takers.

Later at lunch, Valley Forge tourism officials discussed their Bicentennial problems and goals. A community that normally receives one million to two million visitors a year expects from five million to 10 million this year. It offers 1,800 rooms in seven hotels, and space for lots of campers.

But one Montgomery County official had to be led away from the podium by his colleagues.

"Nobody's helping us," he said. "We went out to raise a million bucks and we've only raised $5,000, but everything's OK. We're doin' it on our own!"

The obsession with fund-raising in connection with the Bicentennial is found up and down the East Coast and it really has very little to do with what the visitor will most enjoy on the Bicentennial trail.

There is too much cant and too little heart in federal Bicentennial planning, like the big slick brochure of suggested graphics that was published at high cost by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

Writers reacted predictably during this preview trip, finding the spontaneous insight more revealing than the structured patriotic program.

Like visitors who will follow us this year, we found our own laughs. A convention official brought gleeful applause as he presented a Williamsburg reproduction of a Paul Revere bowl in appreciative thanks to a Bostonian who had opened doors.

As a special Amtrak train bore 200 writers from Boston to Philadelphia, a sweet-talking Georgian, Carolyn Carter, drew out a deck of cards.

"Anybody heah want to play a little bit of poker?" she asked.

We did, and along the way she devised a game.

"This next'n'll hand will be called Bicentennial," she said, flipping out a seven-card stud hand.

"Aces and sevens and sixes are wild. If you get a natural, 1776, you win."

The winners laughed all the way to Valley Forge.

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Core Lab maintains major Midland office

Core Laboratories, Inc., a worldwide oil industry concern, maintains Mid-Continent Division and West Texas District headquarters in Midland at 3416 W. Wall St.

Organized in 1936 in Dallas by Case Pomeroy, Inc.; E. E. DeGolyer and Dr. J. C. Karcher as an oil field core analysis concern, the company serves the oil industry where ever oil is produced in the Free World.

The company, a public ownership concern, is traded on the American Stock Exchange.

It offers core analysis technical services, mud logging, petroleum reservoir engineering, field research and off-shore communications. The company also offers a polution monitoring and control service.

The company, with 1,100 employes, went public in 1970 and was listed on the American exchange in July 1971.

Locally, the company sponsors a Little League baseball team and supports all civic activities. It is a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Rufus S. Bynum Jr. is manager of the Midland office. He is a native of San Antonio and attended Main Avenue and Thomas Jefferson high schools there.

He was graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1938.

He joined Core Lab in 1938.

His wife is the former Lorraine Curtis of Weatherford. They have two children, Rufe III and Bill.

Bynum served two years here as Cancer Crusade chairman and is a past member of the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Currently Bynum is a member of the board of directors of the Petroleum Club of Midland and a member of the board of executors of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame.

Core Laboratories Inc.'s home office currently is at 7501 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas.

Ozark Water Co. in business in Midland more than 30 years

Ozarka Water Co., Inc., a concern that sells bottled water throughout the Permian Basin area, has been in business in Midland 30 years.

The company has 20 employes with an annual payroll that exceeds $175,000.

Owned by J. J. Schlichting, the company's offices are at 605 S. Marienfeld St.

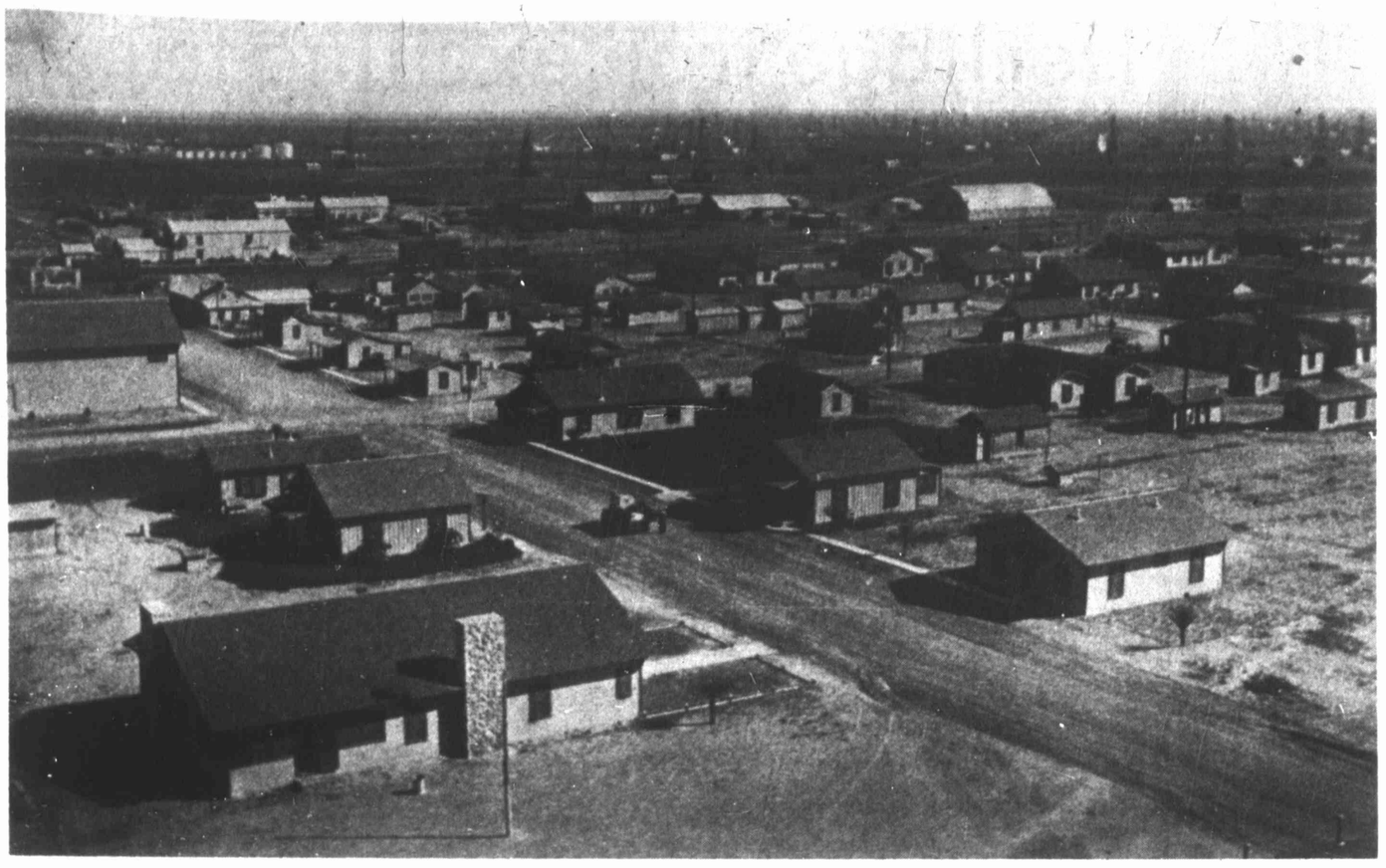
Schlichting purchased the company in 1958 and in 1967 acquired Ozarka Water Co. of Roswell, N. M., and in 1975 purchased Crystal Clear Water Co. of Fort Stockton.

Jay D. Schlichting, a native of Weatherford, Okla., is the manager of the business here.

A graduate of Midland High School, he attended Southwestern College in Oklahoma.

He worked three years for Douglas Aircraft Co. and has been in the water bottling business 18 years.

Jay and his wife, Janet Karem, have three children, Michelle, Jalynn and Stephen.



The first major oil company camp in West Texas was established in Reagan County shortly after the Texon Oil & Land Company opened the Big Lake field with the completion of Santa Rita No. 1. The camp was named Texon after the discovery operator. This picture shows a portion of the camp in 1927. Texon, built by the Plymouth Oil Co. for its employes, was a model for future oil camp "towns" with its own post office, hospital, recreation center and business district. The camp boasted a nine-hole golf course, swimming pool, a polo team and a baseball team, known as the Texon Oilers which gained national prominence in semi-pro circles.

Drake well opened 'Age of Illumination'

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in his water wells.

Waggoner had been persuaded to lease most of his ranch to Producers Oil Co., a subsidiary of The Texas Co.

Producers Oil Co. found oil on the property in 1911. This well produced only 50 barrels of oil per day, but the company's second well, also completed in 1911, sprayed oil a hundred feet in the air causing more oil excitement than any well since the Lucas gusher at Beaumont.

In 1911 oil also was found in Archer County and in 1913 discoveries were made 20 miles west of Wichita Falls at Iowa Park, then, in 1915 a well which flowed several hundred barrels of oil per day was brought in three miles west of Strawn and about 10 miles east of Ranger.

The oil fever really hit that region in the fall of 1916 when a 200-barrel-per-day producer was completed on a ranch seven miles southwest of Breckenridge and 25 miles northwest of Ranger.

In the spring of 1917 Ranger businessmen had persuaded the Texas Pacific Coal Co. —then operating large coal mining properties at Thurber, a short distance to the east — to drill deep test wells in the Ranger area.

In October, on a farm about two miles southwest of Ranger, one of the tests roared in with an estimated flow of 1,700 barrels a day. That was the start of the famous Ranger boom where the town's population grew from 1,000 to almost 30,000 in a year.

On the morning of New Year's Day, 1918, a well awakened people at Ranger with a great roar as millions of cubic feet of natural gas blew out. Six weeks later, the same well gave another mighty blast, gushing oil over the countryside.

South of Ranger, the village of Hogtown, which was about to change its name to Desdemona, did not want to be left out of the boom. People there had been looking for oil since 1914. In October 1917, they formed Hog Creek Oil Co. and made a contract with a drilling company.

In September 1918, they brough in a powerful gasser which caught fire from the forge on the cable tool rig. After the fire was extinguished, the well became a 2,000-barrel-per-day producer.

The Breckenridge region about 35 miles northwest of Ranger had been the scene of prospecting since 1911. Its boom began in February 1918 when a well withing the city limits blew in for a large oil output.

Soon, the town had 200 derricks and within five years there were 2,000.

Meanwhile, to the north, the Burk-burnett field was experiencing one of the most colorful Texas oil booms.

In July 1918, a well blew in as a 2,200-barrel gusher. Within three weeks, 46 drilling rigs were at work in the town. As oil gushed from one well after another the town went wild with excitement.

The same year, strikes were reported in Tom Green, Coleman, Brown, Young and Parker counties and the first major gas field was hit in the Texas Panhandle near Borger.

Nineteen eighteen also brought oil to Comanche and McCullouch counties.

Then, oil moved into Mitchell County and the Permian Basin in 1920. That same year, the first commercial oil producer was completed in the Texas Panhandle, and that same year helium was discovered in the area.

The Big Lake field was opened with the completion of Santa Rita No. 1 in 1923 and the same year oil was found in Scurry County. The region opened by that discovery ultimately became the multipay Sharon Ridge field.

The McCamey field was opened in Upton County in 1925 and it again brought a flurry of excitement to West Texas.

The following year was a big one for West Texas and the Permian Basin. New strikes were the fabulous Yates area in Pecos and Crockett, the Chalk — now Howard-Glasscock — in Howard and Glasscock Counties, the Church & Fields — now McElroy — in Crane and Upton, the Hendrick pool in Winkler and the Garza field in Garza County.

Andrews County was opened to production in 1929.

Since then have come such giants as the Wasson pool in Gaines and Yoakum counties, the Slaughter and Levelland fields in Hockley and Cochran, the multizone Fullerton in Andrews, the Keystone in Winkler, the Scurry Canyon reef fields, the Spraberry Trend Area which extends into Dawson, Martin, Howard, Glasscock, Midland, Upton and Reagan counties.

In 1968, deep development in the Delaware Basin counties of Pecos, Loving and Ward counties was developing into a major project along with deep work in the Val Verde Basin.

That deep program has resulted in the discovery of many of the nation's major gas producing areas.

Golden Rule stores started Penney chain

J. C. Penney, one of the giants of the nation's retail business, has operated in Midland 40 years.

The store, located at 212 No. Main St., utilizes 45 fulltime employes to serve Midlanders and other shoppers throughout the Permian Basin.

Gene Bartus, a native of Albany, La., is manager of the Midland store. He has 27 years with the company.

A graduate of Hammond High School at Hammond, La., he earned his B.S. degree at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Bartus took over the management of the Midland store when Larry Hart, a veteran of 41 years with J. C. Penney, retired Oct. 1, 1975.

Bartus and his wife Mary Anne are the parents of three children, Jenny, 15; David 12, and Gregg 11.

He is a member of Kiwanis International.

James Cash Penney opened the Golden Rule Dry Goods Store in 1902 at Kemmerer, Wyo. The town had only a population of 1,000, but the day's first business brought in almost $500.

In 1903, Penney bought an interest in a second store at Rock Springs, Wyo, and opened a third in 1904 at Cumberland, Wyo.

By 1911, he had an interest in 22 stores which had sales of more than a million dollars that year.

In 1913, the Golden Rule stores were incorporated as the J. C. Penney Co., and in 1914 the chain moved its headquarters from Salt Lake City to New York.

The company opened its first store east of the Mississippi at Watertown, Wis.

The company launched development of its own brands in 1918, one of the most famous being Pay Day work clothes.

In 1924, Penny opened its 500th store at Penney's birthplace of Hamilton, Mo.

The company purchased 139 more stores in 1929, and in 1963 went into the mail order business.

Currently, J. C. Penney has more than 2,000 stores, including retail outlets in Italy and Belgium.

The company opened its first full-line store at King of Prussia, Pa., and its first Auto Center at Melbourne, Fla., in 1963. These are prototypes of the hundres of department stores and auto centers to be opened by the company during the next decade.

James Cash Penney died at the age of 95 in 1971.

The company's first $5 billion year was in 1972.

Franklin helps early minister

NEW YORK — Benjamin Franklin, during his numerous diplomatic missions to Europe, on behalf of the new American nation, helped many prominent figures to escape to the North American continent to gain freedom.

Notable among these was the non-conformist minister, in the North of England, Joseph Priestley.

Priestly was a well-known philosophical writer and supporter of Franklin in London during the early and mid-1770s.

His library was burned by a mob angered by his support of the American and French revolutions. He sailed to Philadelphia, with Franklin's help. Later he became the predominant theologian.

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The headquarters office was moved from Midland to Fort Worth in 1959, after which time offshore drilling operations were added as a major part of the company's services.

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The famous statue of Washington, the only one modeled from life, stands in Virginia's historic capitol in Richmond. The sculptor, Jean Antoine Houdon, came to Mount Vernon to create the model, and finished the marble statue in his Paris studio. It was installed in 1796 after being exhibited at the Louvre in France.

Heritage trail exciting trip into history of United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Bicentennial celebration of the United States has begun, a period during which travel through our land can help us be inspired by our origins.

Discovering the important sites linked with America's struggle for independence is a trip into our past that also could help us resolve the problems of the present as well as provide an opportunity to mold our future inspired by the ideals that created our country.

A new and exciting journey into our history is the 1,100-mile George Washington Country Heritage Trail, a self-guided tour of historic sites and recreational areas associated with the father of our nation.

Sixteen key attactions are located on the trail that covers five states and the District of Columbia.

This city, whose location George Washington chose, abounds in historical treasures. Your trek on Heritage Trail could start, for instance, with a visit to the Capitol. Our first president laid the cornerstone of the building in 1793. For one of the city's most impressive views, walk a few blocks to what by law is its tallest structure—the 555-foot-high Washington Monument.

Keeping in mind that the nation's capital has more than 700 monuments, memorials and parks representing historically significant battles, events and personalities, you should include a stop at the National Visitors Center, largest single development project for the Bicentennial.

The complex, still building within and around Union Station, will provide a wide range of services as the primary hub for visitors seeking information on local attractions and transportation.

Across the Potomac and only 16 miles into northern Virginia, Heritage Trail leads to the handsome plantation Washington inherited when he was 20: Mount Vernon. It was his home until he died in 1797. Many of the original furnishings are on display in the beautifully restored estate.

Next stop is Richmond, capital of the Confederacy from 1861 to 1865. There is much to see in and around Virginia's capital. Not to be missed is the Capitol where the oldest legislative body in the English-speaking world still meets.

In this structure, modeled after an ancient Roman temple in the French city of Nimes, is the famous marble statue of Washington, carved from life by the French sculptor Houdon.

About an hour's drive southeast of Richmond is Jamestown, where the permanent English settlement of America began in 1607. Eight miles away is the restored town of Williamsburg and 12 miles from there is Yorktown, where the British surrendered to American and French forces under Washington and Lafayette—effectively ending the war for independence—in 1781.

Heading back north, with a number of interesting routes to follow, Heritage Trail takes you to Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, home of the U.S. Naval Academy and the place where Washington resigned his commission in 1783.

At nearby Easton is Wye Mills, an operating 18th Century mill that once ground grain to make bread for the Continental Army. Cumberland, in western Maryland, was the site of Washington's first headquarters.

A few miles from Cumberland and just inside West Virginia is Berkeley Springs, oldest spa in America. Washington, who surveyed the area in 1748, visited the warm-water baths regularly.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., is an Ohio River town that claims the first battle of the Revolution was fought there, rather than at Lexington. In 1774 Colonial forces defeated British-incited Shawnee Indians on land surveyed by Washington.

Other points of interest along the trail include Cooch's Bridge near Newark, site of the only Revolutionary battle on Delaware soil and the spot where, according to tradition, Betsy Ross' Stars and Stripes flag was first displayed.

Nine miles south of New Hope, Pa., is Washington Crossing State Park. The grounds include the site where in a snowstorm on Christmas night, 1776, Washington and 2,400 soldiers crossed the Delaware River, captured Trenton and turned the tide against the British.

Nearby is 2,100-acre Valley Forge State Park, a memorial to the soldiers of the Continental Army who lost their lives while bivouacked in the area during the winter of 1777-78. During that period, the darkest of the American Revolution, Washington saw a third of his 11,000 troops die because of the weather and lack of food.

Philadelphia, as would be expected, is on the tour. Lacking space in which to list its scores of historic sites, let us suggest plenty of time to take in at least the major points of interest, such as restored Independence Hall where the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Traveling the Heritage Trail of George Washington Country, be it the entire tour or a small portion of it, is one way to participate in our 200th anniversary as a nation.

Odessa American has two-state circulation

ODESSA — The Odessa American was founded in 1940 when R. Henderson Shuffler consolidated two existing daily newspapers, The Daily Bulletin and The News-Times.

Shuffler, now deceased, sold the paper in and, after two subsequent changes in ownership, the newspaper was purchased by the late Raymond Cyrus Hoiles of Fredom Newspapers in 1948. Hoiles appointed V. L. DeBolt as publisher, a position he held until his death in April 1974.

DeBolt was succeeded by his eldest son, V. Lyle DeBolt, a long-time Odessa resident who joined Freedom Newspapers five years ago after a banking career of 13½ years.

The present publisher is a graduate of Odessa High School and North Texas State University where he obtained a B.B.A. degree.

He is an ex-pilot in the U.S. Air Force, a former chairman of the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center, former president of the Odessa Jaycees and has served as a director of the Odessa YMCA and the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. He is an elder in the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

He is married to the former Paula Whitton of San Augustine and they have two sons, Vernon, 18, and Paul, 14.

V. Lyle DeBolt

The Odessa American, with a circulation of almost 35,000 in 17 counties in West Texas and one in New Mexico, publishes two editions each afternoon, Monday through Friday, and morning editions on Saturday and Sunday.

The newspaper has been a consistent supporter of numerous charitable and civic endeavors. It continues to sponsor the annual Regional Golden Gloves Tournament and it was a co-sponsor of the Bicentennial Freedom Train which was parked at Midland Air Terminal Feb. 7-9 which drew thousands of visitors.

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Washington disappointed in Army; Massachusetts offered appoligies

BOSTON — Washington took command of the Continental Army July 3, 200 years ago. He was not very impressed with it.

"I found a mixed multitude of people here, under very little discipline, order or government," he noted. "Confusion and disorder reigned in every department."

The Massachusetts Provincial Congress apologized, explaining that most of the men had not before seen service, "for want of experience in military life have but little knowledge of divers things most essential to the preservation of health, and even life."

The ragtaggle army was sprawled in a great straggling crescent around Boston. Raw provincial recruits had fought the disciplined British regulars at Bunker Hill. Though they did not win the battle they had stood their ground, with what the surprised British Gen. Thomas Gage described as "uncommon zeal and enthusiasm."

The British in Boston were still firing their cannons intermittently at the American lines, to which the rebels had retreated from Bunker Hill when their powder gave out. The British command was no longer eager to order another major attack, however, especially now that the Americans were busily fortifying the line that stretched from Roxbury in the southeast to Prospect Hill in the northwest, with Cambridge as headquarters.

One of Washington's first orders was to have a count taken of his men, equipment and supplies.

Returns showed a total of 16,770 men on the rolls, but sickness and absenteeism left only 13,743 present and fit for duty.

They wore motley dress—rough, homemade working clothes or hunting outfits which many had donned hastily at the beat of a drum, faded military coats left over from the French and Indian War 20 years before, tattered old tunics belted at the waist and worn over breeches, three-cornered hats, broad-brimmed felt hats and coonskin caps. Some of the volunteer companies sported their own well-worn parade uniforms, and most of the officers managed to dress in military fashion.

It was hard to tell rank, however.

In order to distinguish the different grades, Washington ordered colored ribands to be worn—light blue for the commander in chief, purple for major generals, pink for brigadiers and green for aides-de-camp. Field officers were to wear red or pink cockades in their hats, captains yellow or buff, subalterns green. Sergeants were to wear shoulder knots of red cloth on the right shoulder, corporals a green knot. The traditional blue and buff "Continental" uniform worn by Washington and his staff was never standardized for the ranks, through lack of funds.

The men's arms were as varied as their costume—brown Bess muskets that had seen service in the French and Indian War, muskets issued in King George's War 30 years before, some queen's arms dating from Queen Anne's War, American-made muskets, fowling pieces and blunderbusses, as well as old French and Spanish pieces with here and there a bayonet.

Later the rifle was added.

Washington also was faced with the problem of feeding this hastily assembled, unorganized force. Congress had ordered him "to victual at the Continental expense all such volunteers as have joined or shall join the united army."

Washington appointed Joseph Trumbull, Connecticut's patriot governor, commissary general. He was directed to "supply the troops with privisions, in the best manner he can, without spending time on exactness."

Marjorie Lynch

British-born woman deputy administrator of Bicentennial year

By MARGUERITE SULLIVAN
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — Marjorie Lynch would have supported the Revolutionary side in the break with England if she had been around in America 200 years ago.

Because she is Marjorie Lynch that decision is all the more significant.

For one, Marjorie Lynch is deputy administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

For another, she is British-born—although she has been a naturalized American citizen since 1948.

"Knowing me as a person I would have been right in there. If I had been married, I probably would have been supporting my husband hoping he was right in the middle of it," said Mrs. Lynch, who became the ARBA deputy chief in January.

"And if he wasn't there, there probably would have been some great discussions going on in the family," said Mrs. Lynch, 54, in an interview.

But she adds, for many families the decision "could not have been easy—the tearing away from a country that really meant something to them."

Marjorie Lynch may have first come to America at age 20, but she's made up for any time lost.

She served 10 years in the Washington state Legislature.

She held every office in Washington's Republican Party from precinct chairman to state chairman.

She was president or chairman in her community of almost every volunteer activity—particularly health and education—and as a legislator sponsored legislation in these areas. And she served three years at the regional and national level with ACTION before coming to ARBA.

Initially there was a flap from the Daughters of the American Revolution about Mrs. Lynch's ARBA appointment because of her British-born status. But all that has died and the DAR apparently is supporting her now that she is on the job.

Mrs. Lynch says that she was "disappointed the DAR questioned my citizenship."

But she adds that "on the other hand that is one of the things we are recognizing the Bicentennial is all about. That it is the right of any group to disagree and I think the DAR did it the correct way."

In fact, she adds, she is almost glad that it all was brought up because the flap "brought the kind of issue to the American people that should be dealt with—that is the right of citizens—whether they be born here or you adopt the country."

In her confirmation hearings, she elaborated: "The tenets of American democracy are particularly cherished when you are not born to them but with deliberation and conviction adopt them for your own."

As deputy director to ARBA Director John Warner, who will spend much of his time on the road, Mrs. Lynch explained her main role will be handling administrative problems—personnel, budget, program supervision.

Mrs. Lynch doesn't look on the Bicentennial as celebrating something that happened 200 years ago.

"We are not just celebrating the separation from England. We are celebrating the last 200 years. Any one of us who lives in this country as a citizen has the right to be pretty excited by some of the things we have accomplished here," she said, ticking off the building of the railroads, Paul Revere's ride as well as Lexington and Concord.

But in Mrs. Lynch's personal view the Bicentennial is also a lot more. And it is coming, she stresses, "at a very apt moment in the history of this country."

"I think it is making people take a really good, hard look at government. And maybe one of the things we need more desperately than anything is to recognize some of the really great things that this country has accomplished."

She readily admits many things that have been done in the United States are not necessarily good, but adds: "We have spent a large number of years downgrading ourselves and saying how bad everything is, but I think there also comes a time when people need to look at what we have accomplished and recognize there have been some incredible things done in this country in a very short space of time."

The state of the economy, she admits, might dampen people's enthusiasm somewhat when they face the Bicentennial but she adds: "On the other hand, the very fact that we are able to deal with it and are able to talk about it and are trying to find answers to it, maybe that is part of the greatness of this country, too."

Mrs. Lynch laughs that her introduction to America wasn't quite so positive.

She served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in World War II and also was with the American Red Cross in London and Paris. It was in France that she met her former husband, an American physician (they are now divorced), and became a war bride.

She was apprehensive about coming to America, "as anyone would be coming from a very close-knit family and going 6,000 miles from your home to a country that in many ways is very different from England," she said.

"But there was an amusing corollary to this. My father was Canadian and went overseas in World War I and met my mother. She would not go back to Canada so daddy stayed over in England.

"When I wrote to mother that I was going to marry an American, she wrote right back and said, 'Now don't be foolish like I was, you go to America.'"

That she did, but her first view wasn't through the sighting of the Statue of Liberty. It was to Yakima, a rural area in Washington state.

As they drove into the town, Mrs. Lynch reminisced, she turned to her husband with tears in her eyes and said: "Don't you even have sidewalks here?"

"There was snow all over the place, it was bleak, it was a small community and I thought, 'What in the name of heaven have I done?'

"But it was probably one of the greatest things that happened to me because that small community opened up in a way that I am sure many people coming to a big city would never have experienced," she said.

Within the first month she was working with the American Red Cross—"and I became part of that community very quickly and easily."

Mrs. Lynch describes herself as always being "deeply involved and committed to issues in my community. When I lived in England, at age 16, I ran a youth club in the slums of London and I have always been very much a part of things."

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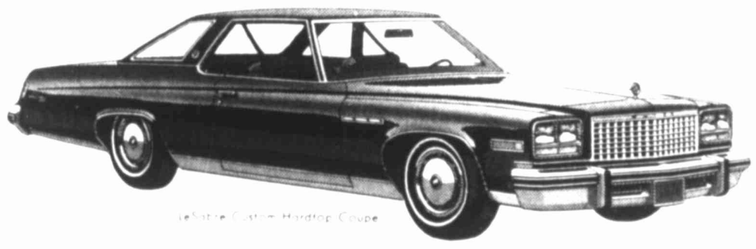

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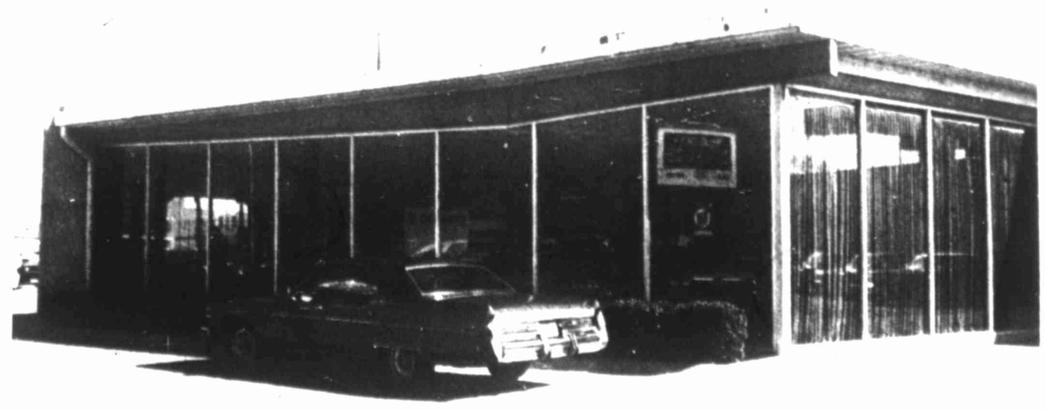

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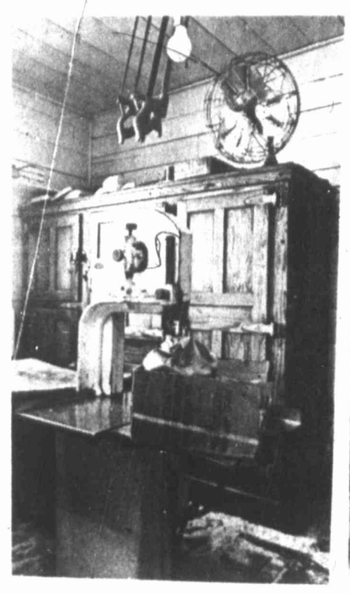

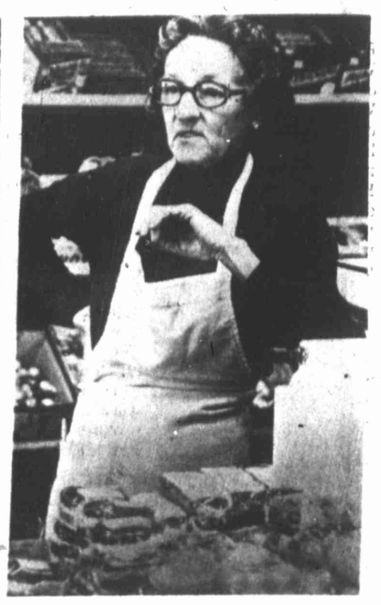

Schmidt's General Store in Cortland, Ill., is still doing business, as it has for "way back over 100 years." The meat department, left, includes a swaybacked chopping block. Hilda Schmidt stokes the fire, center, in the tall black stove. At right, she recalls days when many of her customers used to be farmers.

Illinois general store: a place where time seems to stand

By MARIE DOTY
Copley News Service

CORTLAND, Ill. — Once in awhile—in the midst of this neon-lighted, chrome-plated, bubble-gum world—one finds an oasis where time seems to stand still.

Cortland is no longer the tiny, isolated farming village it once was. A trailer court and a new subdivision tug at its prairie skirts.

Ignoring the intruders, a small store in the center of town plants its squat wooden frame firmly and resists change.

On one multipaned window is the legend: Schmidt's General Store.

And on the second window is the store's history in three words: "Hardware, Groceries & Meats."

As a concession to the newfangled automobile, gas pumps sit like metal Martians where once farmers hitched their horses.

Wooden floors sag beneath the weight of ancient coolers and antique display cases. An old Coca-Cola cooler, a red top-opening oblong, hunkers down behind the Station National Excelsior stove.

In years past, farmers gather around the tall black stove on Saturday nights. A one-armed bench, faded green, its paint almost worn away by countless overalled bottoms, is nearby.

Kelly Malone, 5, squirms on the bench through a halting conversation with these strangers in the store.

Hunger overcomes shyness and he marches to the counter.

Buying candy requires several minutes of serious consideration. Hilda Schmidt, hand on one thin, white-aproned hip, watches him with amused affection.

The decision is made. It will be jawbreakers.

"Oh, yeah," Kelly remembers. "I want a loaf of bread, too."

A large loaf is placed on the counter and he hands over three quarters.

"Have I got some money back?" he asks anxiously.

"A little," says Mrs. Schmidt as she makes change.

"Well, I want some more candy."

There is an invisible partition in the store. Groceries on one side—hardware and clothing on the other.

The two divisions spill over and merge into an unorthodox blend in the center.

Shoe boxes are piled high along the top shelf on the clothing side. Below are rubber boots. A plaque announces: "Honor Award. This store has sold Ball-Band Footwear for over 40 years."

And, on the same top shelf, way down at one corner, is stovepipe of varying lengths. Below are two shelves of fuses and electric cords covered with dust.

On the floor stands an old scale of the kind used in feed stores and on farms to weigh everything from laying mash to the farmer's wife.

A clutch of brooms and mops is stuck casually in a round cardboard keg. A brace of rakes stands nearby.

Hammers and garden tools cuddle up to Chore Girl pot scrubbers. All in the same display are bit stock drills, Bull Dog picture hangers, clothespins, clothesline, Nu-Way Automatic Hog Ringers, caulking guns, twine in a Snickers box and Kester's Metal Minder Solder.

In the rear of the store are the meats of "Hardware, Groceries & Meats." There is an enormous old wooden cooler. A chopping block, its top swaybacked from years of use, stands in an island of sawdust.

Massive hinges support massive doors on the walk-in cooler. Two saws hang near the single light bulb.

The store is owned and operated by Mrs. Schmidt and her husband, Ernie. Before that it belonged to his father, Edward, and his uncle, Al Johnson.

"We bought out his uncle first and then his dad," she recalls. "That's been 30 years ago, anyway."

And the store itself. How long has it been here?

"Oh, my, it has been here 'way over 100 years. I couldn't begin to tell you how long."

"Many of our customers used to be farmers," she said a little sadly. "We don't have so many anymore."

The store is no longer opened Saturday night. And it's closed each noon hour and on Thursday afternoons. Her husband works somewhere else.

Mrs. Schmidt delivers groceries on Thursday afternoons and on her lunch hours—mostly to elderly people.

Officer answers letter on prisoner treatment

From the Pennsylvania Ledger, Philadelphia, early autumn of 1775, 200 years ago.

The following letter was written by Gen. Thomas Gage, the British commander in Boston, in response to a letter from Gen. George Washington, the American commander at Cambridge, in which Gen. Washington protested the treatment of American prisoners held by the British. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq. Sir,

To the glory of civilized nations, humanity and war have been compatible, and compassion to the subdued is become almost a general system.

Britons, ever preeminent in mercy, have outgone common examples, and overlooked the criminal in the captive. Upon these principles, your prisoners, whose lives by the law of the land are destined to the cord, have hitherto been treated with care and kindness, and more comfortably lodged than the King's troops in the hospitals; indiscriminately, it is true, for I acknowledge no rank that is not derived from the King.

My intelligence from your army would justify severe recrimination. I understand there are of the King's faithful subjects, taken some time since by the rebels, labouring like Negro slaves to gain their daily subsistence, or reduced to the wretched alternative to perish by famine, or take arms against their King or country.

Those who have made the treatment of prisoners in my hands, or of your other friends in Boston, a pretence for such measures, found barbarity upon falsehood.

I would willingly hope, Sir, that the sentiments of liberality which I have always believed you to possess, will be exerted to correct these misdoings.

Should those, under whose usurped authority you act, control such a disposition, and dare to call severity retaliation, to God, who knows all hearts, be the appeal for the dreadful consequences. I trust that British soldiers, asserting the rites of the state, the laws of the land, the being of the constitution, will meet all events with becoming fortitude.

Till I read your insinuations in regard to Ministers, I conceived that I had acted under the King, whose wishes, it is true, as well as those of his ministers, and every honest man, have been to see this unhappy breach forever closed; but unfortunately for both countries, those who long since projected the present crisis, and influence the councils of America, have views very distant from accommodation. I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant, THOMAS GAGE.

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Robinson, the current owner of the company, is a native of Pecos and attended high school at Jal, N. M.

His work experience includes 30 years in the construction and trucking business.

Robinson is president of West Texas Teen Challenge, vice president of the Permian Basin B.A.T.T.L.E. Group and is a member of the New Covenant Church.

Ruthco sponsors a Little League baseball team and is active in the annual American Junior Rodeo Association show and the annual Junior Livestock Show in Odessa.

He and his wife, Lee, have a daughter, Mona Kinden.

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'76 spawned literary independence

EDITOR'S NOTE — From Michael Wigglesworth, who outsold Milton, to Noah Webster, the American colonies were rich in literary figures. Though many, alas, including Poor Richard, endeavor'd at first not so much to make a revolution as to make a bundle — or save a soul.

By DONALD SANDERS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The independence which the American colonies won in the Revolution spurred a trend toward independence in literature, until then dominated by religious writings and political tracts.

Many books and pamphlets were published in the colonial era, but they had none of the impact abroad which American literature was to develop in the past century.

The first men who made major contributions were all born after the Revolution: Washington Irving in 1783, James Fenimore Cooper in 1789, William Cullen Bryant in 1794, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville weren't born until the early years of the 19th century.

the American colonists wrote journals and histories, sermons to teach moral lessons and pamphlets to argue political issues. Their writings imitated popular European styles.

During the 1700s, preoccupation with religious subjects gave way to a concern with political matters. After Great Britain imposed the Stamp Act in 1765, dozens of protests arose from all parts of the colonies — some of them with literary merit.

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Some of the earliest political essays started to appear in a Philadelphia newspaper in 1767 as "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania." They were recognized as the work of John Dickinson, a prosperous and cultured Philadelphian, then 35.

Dickinson advocated moderation. "We never can be made an independent people, except it be by Great-Britain herself," he wrote.

His letters were printed in all colonial newspapers, collected and published separately here and in Europe. Except for Benjamin Franklin, who wrote clever prefaces for two London editions, Dickinson was for a time the colonies' most renowned writer. When war broke out, he took up arms.

As in so many aspects of colonial life, Franklin left his mark on literature. He also advocated moderation at first, later criticized British policies in a pamphlet called "Rules for Reducing a Great Emlire to a Small One."

His "Poor Richard's Almanac," published yearly from 1733 to 1758, was one of his most popular publications. "I endeavor'd to make it both entertaining and useful," he wrote, "and it accordingly came to be in such demand, that I reap'd considerable profit for it vending annually near ten thousand."

The versatile Franklin wrote many political satires — advice to a young man on the choice of a mistress; a yarn about whales leaping up the falls of Niagara like so many salmon.

With Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and others, he helped draft the Declaration of Independence — a work of literature as well as a political affirmation.

Jefferson was also a writer of great distinction, but his work survives mostly in his voluminous letters.

More violently revolutionary than Franklin was Thomas Paine, whose "Common Sense" was published on Jan. 10, 1776, while George Washington was pinning down British troops occupying Boston. Washington praised its "sound doctrine and unanswerable reasoning."

Copies were sold widely throughout the colonies, and Paine later wrote a new series, at the time of Valley Forge, starting with the words, "These are the times that try men's souls." After the war, he was tried in absentia for treason in England.

The new Constitution stirred sharp debate after the war. It was defended in a brilliant series of essays called "The Federalist" written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.

There were successful writers earlier. Michael Wigglesworth, a gloomy Calvinist born in 1631, wrote "Day of Doom," which is little more than doggerel about sin and salvation. Within a year it sold more copies in America and England than did Milton's "Paradise Lost" in twice the time — a copy for every 20 persons in New England.

Three generations of Mathers — Richard, Increase and Cotton — were influential theologians and teachers. Increase published some 130 titles on subjects ranging from smallpox and politics to Indians and earthquakes.

His son Cotton Mather published 450 titles, in some defending the Salem witchcraft trials. His masterwork, in two volumes of some 1,300 pages, was "Magnalia Christi Americana" — an ecclesiastical history of New England.

A young schoolmaster in Goshen, N.Y., Noah Webster, called for liberation of American literature from British authority, saying the national honor demanded "a system of our own, in language as well as in government."

Webster's blue-backed spelling boof, in time and various editions, sold tens of millions of copies, becoming one of the best selling books ever.

Passports issued

PHILADELPHIA — Pennsylvania, which produced much of America's history, is issuing "passports" to its Bicentennial visitors.

Anyone who collects at least three visas in his or her passport will receive a gift commemorating the tour of the Keystone State.

The passports, numbering more than 40 pages each, will include sections covering 13 major regions of the commonwealth, with details of their historic, cultural and scenic highlights.

The passports have two aims — to give visitors a guide to Bicentennial sites and events and to provide a lasting memento of participation in the nation's 200th birthday.

The passports will be stamped each time a visitor travels from one Pennsylvania region to another.

Joining in this Salute to America's 200th Anniversary

If we could only bring back the good old days

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Early disasters all but ended budding republic

By EDWARD L. FIKE
Copley News Service

As we enter into the observance of the Bicentennial celebration of our nation's birth, it is fascinating, and not inappropriate, to look back on some cliff-hangers and contemplate our narrow escapes.

The fate of nations—the fate of the world—often pivots on a very small point. And so it has been at some momentous crossroads in American history.

We celebrate our 200th birthday next year. That seems a long time ago; actually it is but the span of two long human lives.

From the outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1775 the British strategy was to seize the City of New York and then to take the Hudson Valley and thus cut off New England from the other Colonies.

In late August and early September, 1776, crack, well-trained British troops immeasurably strengthened and succored by the unchallenged British fleet, attacked and quickly defeated the ill-equipped, ill-trained, ill-organized, ill-fed and ill-clothed American boys defending New York City under Gen. George Washington.

This was but the first of a series of disasters that all but finished the infant Republic.

Forced to abandon New York City, Gen. Washington positioned his army a few miles up the Hudson, meanwhile establishing two forts on either side of the river: Ft. Lee on the Jersey bank and Ft. Washington on the New York side.

The Continental Army dug in at a small junction on the east bank by the name of White Plains.

On Oct. 28, 1776, the British under Lord Howe arrived on the scene sooner than expected and rolled back the Americans, who suffered a sharp defeat that sent them reeling across the Hudson and southward through New Jersey.

The calamity at White Plains was compounded two weeks later by the fall of Ft. Washington and the capture of almost 3,000 American soldiers that Washington simply could not spare. In fact, these losses took more than half the Continental Army.

And this battered, tattered little army was the only organized military force worth speaking of in all the 13 Colonies.

The whole cause of the Revolution, the entire future history of the United States of America, now hung precariously in the balance.

Washington had to meet two formidable challenges: he must somehow ferry the remnant of his army across the ice-swollen Delaware into Pennsylvania lest the British overtake and annihilate him and he had to rally some defense before Philadelphia, the seat of government, to which the British now turned.

In early December, '76, Washington and his officers collected every boat on the Jersey shore and ferried the Army across to momentary safety in Pennsylvania.

Everything now depended on time—time for reinforcements, for new supplies, time to reorganize. And time depended heavily upon the fickle weather.

A week of frigid temperatures and the Delaware would be frozen so solid that the British could march across the ice with their wagons and cannons and paraded into Philadelphia.

Providence brought a favorable spell of weather; the Delaware flowed on and Washington struck boldly at the enemy in a lightning attack on Christmas night, 1776. He fell upon hapless Hessians at Trenton and captured a thousand prisoners. A few days later he won a second victory at Princeton, forcing the British to retire that winter from New Jersey.

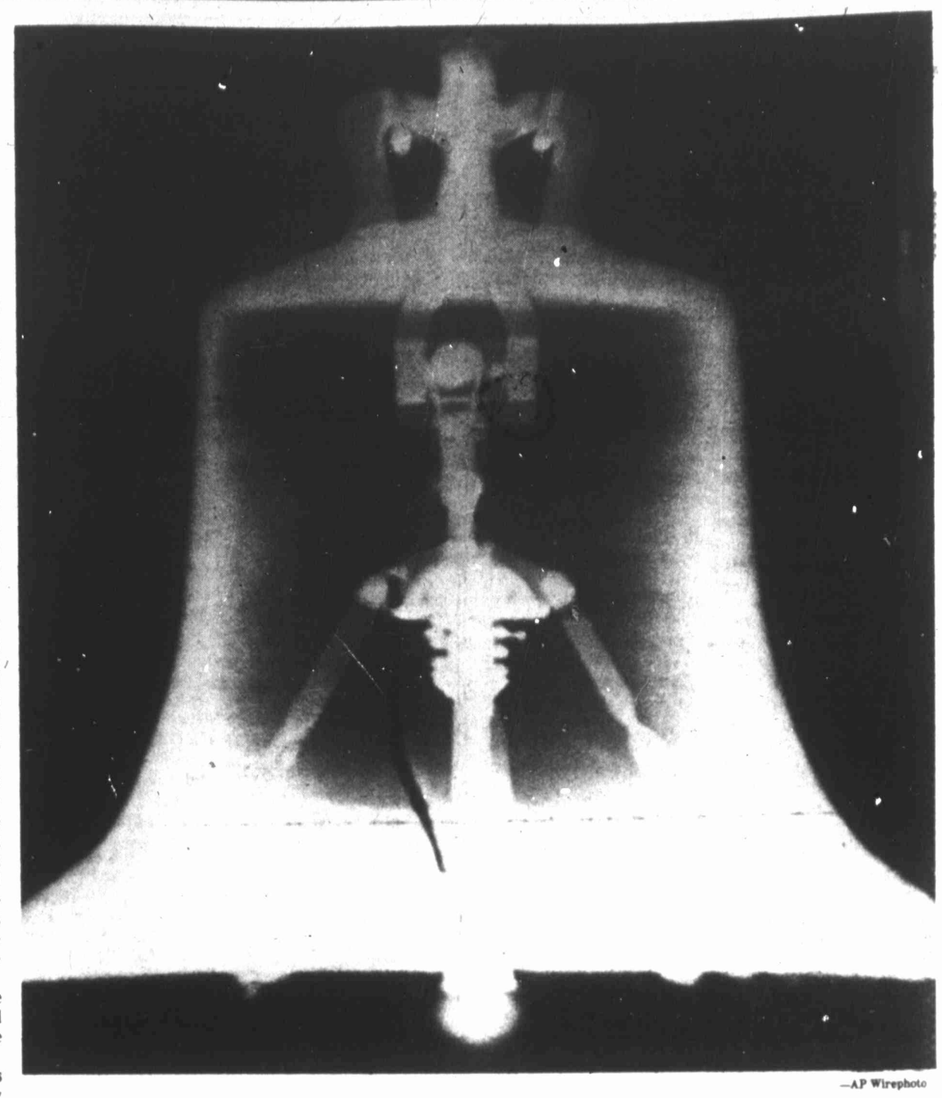
By late summer of the following year, 1777, the British, under Washington's old foe, Lord Howe, moved on Philadelphia. Washington met them (Sept. 10-11) near a creek named Brandywine.

Everything went wrong for the Americans.

Intelligence reports about the movements of the enemy were faulty and conflicting. While a portion of the British army maintained an active fire across the creek from Washington's army, Howe's main force slipped upstream, forded the creek and moved quickly to smash the entire American Army from the rear.

Then a farmer rode up to Washington's headquarters, said he had important news and insisted on seeing the general at once. He told him that the Army must move immediately, otherwise it would be surrounded; the enemy was coming down the eastern side of the creek and already was near at hand. Washington could not believe it; his information, he said, was that all the British were on the other side of the Brandywine.

The main body of the British army was indeed at the rear of the Americans; Washington's army was rolled up and narrowly escaped being crushed, suffering casualties estimated at approximately 33 per cent of his total force.



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THE LIBERTY BELL, shown in a radiographic image of its exterior and inner yoke, is in as good a shape as can be expected for being 222 years old, according to a recent series of radiographs. Besides the infamous crack, shown here as a black line, a few more cracks were found that weren't known to exist.

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Robinson named his drilling firm after has birthplace of Holliday, Texas.

A graduate of Gladewater High School, he earned his degree in Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University.

Before starting his own company, Robinson worked five years with Standard Oil Co. of Texas and 12 years with B. L. McFarland Inc.

He is married to the former Zena Elizabeth Sharp. They have three children, Gerry, Karyn and Greg.

Continental Army used information supplied by British forces deserters

Copley News Service

From the Pennsylvania Evening Post in late summer of 1775, 200 years ago:

CAMBRIDGE — Several deserters from the enemy have arrived at our camp within a few days past. From the intelligence they brought, and some circumstances in the conduct of the enemy, it has been apprehended by some that they intended, this week, to make an attack on some of our posts. Others conjecture that they are weary of Yankey fighting, and will e'er long in a violent fit of madness evacuate the town, at least they will not dare to attempt to occupy it during the ensuing winter.

WORCESTER — Several deserters from the enemy at Boston have, during the course of the week past, come over to our guards at Roxbury.

One, who seems to be an intelligent person, asserts that there are not above five thousand of the Ministerial troops in Boston and on Bunker's Hill which are able to do duty, and that three thousand and upwards are now sick.

Gen. Gage we hear has seized the donation stores in Boston, and placed a strong guard over the same.

It is said for a certainty that the enemy have dismantled that part of Castle William which commands the harbour of Boston, and blowed up the walls.

Mr. John Gills, late one of the publishers of the Boston Gazette, was seized in Boston by order of Gen. Gage, and cruelly committed to jail.

A great number of the Tories have lately left Boston.

HARTFORD — Last week about six hundred Indians, from the Six Nations, arrived at Albany, where they are to be met by a number of gentlemen from this and neighboring colonies. We hear their business is to inquire into the cause of the present controversy between Great Britain and the colonies.

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Betsy Ross, (1752-1836), made the first American Flag adopted by Congress. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she was a daughter of Samuel Griscom who helped build Independence Hall. In 1773 Betsy married John Ross, a nephew of George Ross, signer of the Declaration of Independence. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress decided upon the design for a national flag. A committee requested Mrs. Ross to make the flag. The original design submitted by Congress specified 6-pointed stars; however, 5-pointed stars were suggested instead by Betsy Ross and her suggestion was adopted. The home of Betsy Ross stands today and is open to the public. Called, "The American Flag House", it is on Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Two-timing French help whip British

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service

Two hundred years ago there was an uprising in Britain's American Colonies.

The Colonists, egged on by a few hotheads, turned on kind, tolerant, jolly King George and had the cheek to declare their independence.

An armed rabble took on the proud British army and, more by good luck than good management—and with some notable help from the two-timing French—snatched a surprising victory.

That's the way it was according to my schooling, anyway.

Now here I am, a transplant from the Land of Hope and Glory, a naturalized American, caught up in something called the Bicentennial.

Well, if I'm going to take my part in the celebrations, I'll have to believe a whole different story.

I've been reading up on the American Revolution—the American version. Such tales of patriotism, resolution, courage, sacrifice and heroism I had rarely heard before.

Wellington of Waterloo, Nelson of Trafalgar, Drake of the Armada, Clive of India and Wolfe of Quebec—these were my heroes. Now I have to make room in my heart for such men as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, (Mad Anthony) Wayne and (Light-Horse Harry) Lee.

Some things, I admit, I find a bit hard to take—all that stuff, for instance, about the brutal British soldiers and tyrannical George III.

Still, being wiser now to the ways of propaganda, I know that the truth must lie somewhere between the two versions.

Much depends, of course, on which history book you read. Both sides have their fair historians and both sides have their biased ones.

Here are some views of the Revolution as seen from opposite sides:

BRITISH: George III was a benevolent, well-meaning monarch whose long-suffering patience was so sorely tried by "those damned rebels" that he went mad in the end.

AMERICAN: George III was a tyrant who refused to listen to reason. He would have gone mad anyway.

B: It was only right and fair that the Colonists should pay their share for military protection and other imperial benefits.

A: Why should we pay for King George's wars? We could look after our own frontiers. Taxation without representation was tyranny.

B: Tax and trade laws were made for the mutual benefit of all subjects living within the cozy British empire.

A: We weren't about to be lorded over by British rulers, enriching themselves on our sweat and industry as we forged new frontiers.

B: All that fuss about restricted trade was whipped up by a bunch of greedy smugglers and ungrateful renegades.

A: Washington was the greatest general who ever lived.

B: Washington was a poor strategist. Howe could have beaten him if he hadn't been so intent on trying to avoid bloodshed and reach a peaceful settlement. At least three times he had Washington reeling and offered him surrender terms. Washington was too stubborn to accept them.

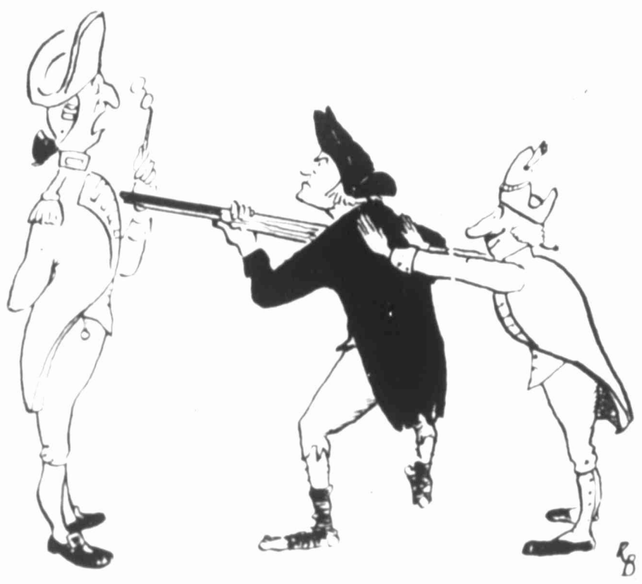
A: We admit there were some close calls. But the spirit of the Revolutionaries burned ever bright. The Continental Army learned its lessons and developed into a fine, disciplined force which was eventually able to inflict a stunning defeat on the British.

B: The British had a small number of trained soldiers, made up with men hired from Hesse and equipped from 3,000 miles away, trying to suppress a great number of Americans fighting a guerrilla-type war on their home ground, with the whole eastern seaboard in which to form, disperse and reform.

A: We did indeed benefit greatly from French help, but it was American spirit and Washington's inspired, resourceful, courageous leadership that were primarily responsible for the final victory.

Well, I've found a comfortable way to compromise.

For the Bicentennial celebration I'll carry two flags on my desk—the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes.



"WHO'S YOUR FORMIDABLE FRENCH FRIEND?"

Franklin, Lynch, others hold Cambridge meeting

From the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia, autumn of 1775, 200 years ago:

CAMBRIDGE — Since our last arrived in town the Honorable Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Lynch and Benjamin Harrison, Esqrs. from Philadelphia, a Committee from the Continental Congress.

As the time for which the present army is raised will expire in two or three months, these gentlemen, with the members of the Hon. Council of this colony, are appointed to meet and confer with his Excellency General Washington, on the subject of forming and establishing another Continental army, for the defense of the invaded rights of the United Colonies.

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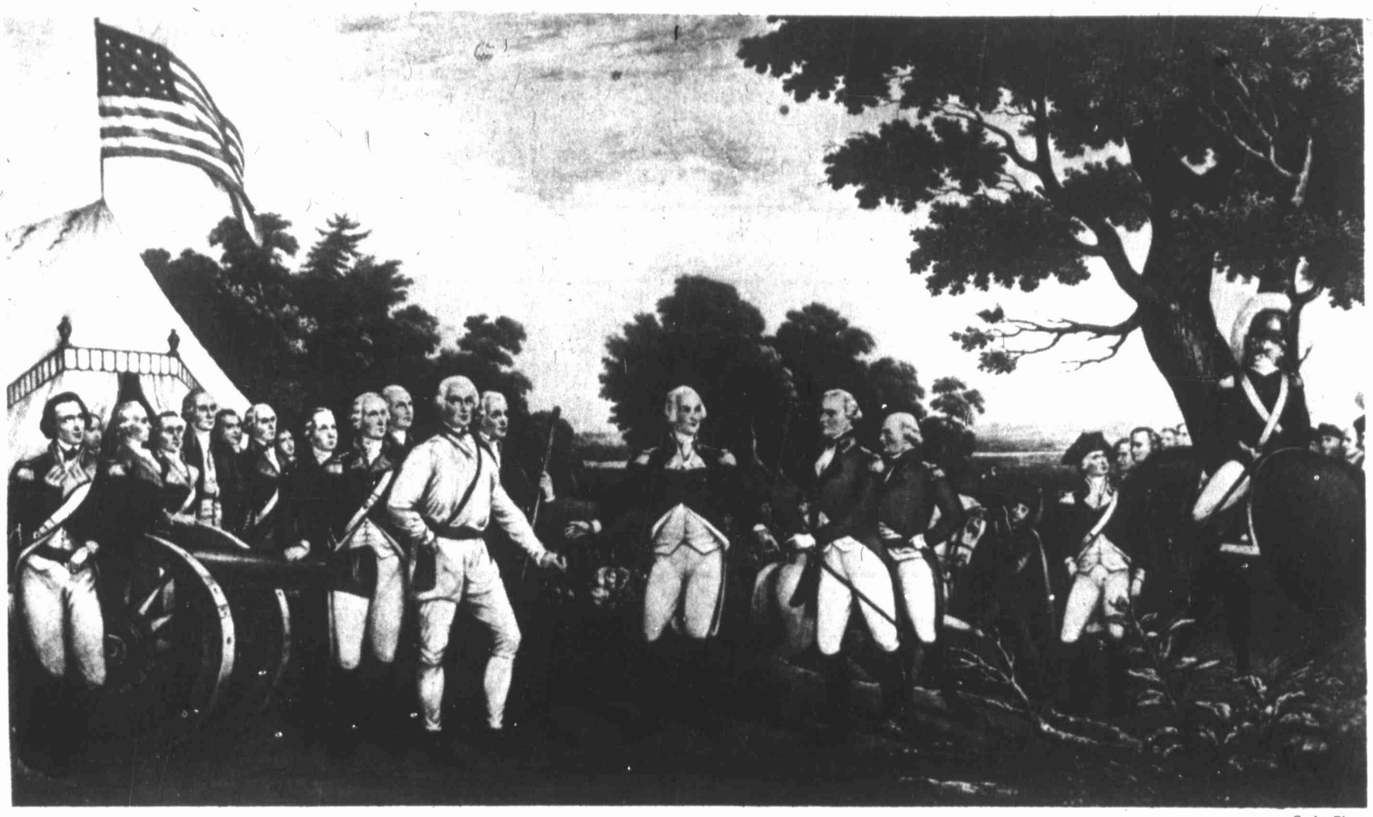

—Copley Photo

THIS IS A copy of the lithograph showing the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga, from the original painting by Colonel Trumbull. After the surrender, it was reported by the Pennsylvania Packet of Philadelphia that General Burgoyne "has lately shewn every appearance of a deep settle melancholy, is continually walking the streets of Boston with his arms folded across his breast and talking to himself."

Boston's theme: history made easy

BOSTON — History made easy is the theme of the Bicentennial observance here, where you can almost hear the trilling of flutes and the beat of Revolutionary drums.

History becomes enjoyable the way Boston has arranged for visitors to relive the days of the Revolution.

It has always been a part of the city, which is why so many of the original buildings which played a part in the Revolution are still standing downtown.

Dwarfed by modern skyscrapers, the historic old buildings have been preserved and marked for identification.

Visitors can stroll the Freedom Trail of historic sights on foot, ride it and other interesting routes on special buses or take underground transportation to points of interest.

There are child-care centers, visitor centers and a host of other services designed to make it easy for the Bicentennial-minded visitor to explore the American heritage here, where it all began.

What is there to see in Boston?

On Boston Common, the lush, green park in the heart of downtown, you can see where the British began their march to Lexington and Concord.

In a stroll of the Freedom Trail that should not take more than 90 minutes starting from the Commons, visitors can also see the Old North Church, from which the signals to Paul Revere were sent.

The graves of three signers of the Declaration of Independence are marked in a cemetery with tiny flags. John Hancock, the first to put his script on the document, lies in the Granary Burying Ground.

A few blocks away is the site of the Boston Massacre, which took place in 1770 and fueled the fire of revolution.

On March 5 of that year, a group of Colonists were protesting the quartering of British troops in their homes and threw stones at some Lobsterbacks (called that because of their red coats) on guard duty.

As the rocks flew and the verbal taunts escalated, the nine soldiers feared for their safety and fired into the crowd, killing five men. Word of the massacre spread throughout the Colonies, rallying the patriots against the British.

Paul Revere's house is on the trail, as is the Old North Church from which the lanterns hung which triggered his famous ride.

At Lexington Green there is a statue of a Minuteman, facing the way the British came down the road.

A few miles away, there is the "rude bridge that arched the flood," the famous span over the Concord River.

Before reaching it, though, travelers can see a yellow house on the right side of the road with a curious diamond-shaped patch to the left of a door.

In the center of the patch is a hole made by a British ball, fired by a soldier at a Colonial who looked out to see who was marching by that fateful day.

The house is still in use today and all its owners since the days of the Revolution have revered that hole, refusing to patch it over.

At the bridge tourists can cross a few feet of green turf and walk onto its rough timbers. It is a small bridge, and the Concord River surges underneath.

Neighbors rally to famous 'shot'

CONCORD, Mass. — The "shot heard round the world" that was fired at Concord, Mass., April 19, 1775, echoed in Connecticut two days later.

The response was immediate. Nearly 4,000 militiamen from 50 towns rushed to the aid of their neighboring Colony to take up arms against the British.

Connecticut was already well along the road to revolution. Defiance of Britain reached back to the Charter Oak incident 88 years earlier. When New England Gov. Sir Edmund Andros demanded surrender of the charter which gave Connecticut the legal right to exist as a corporate Colony, the Colonists hid it in the hollow of an oak tree in Hartford.

Parliament's trade and taxation policies stirred further protest. By 1771 the organization known as the Sons of Liberty was strong in Connecticut. They had their own "tea party" on March 16, 1774, when they seized 100 pounds of tea brought to Lyme, burned it and buried the ashes.

On June 6, 1774, a Norwich town meeting adopted a resolution to defend American liberties and oppose the Coercive Acts.

A month later the Committee of Correspondence appointed Silas Deane, Eliphat Dyer and Roger Sherman as Connecticut's first delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. On Oct. 10, 1774, a so-called "Declaration of Independence" was adopted at a meeting in Mansfield.

News of Lexington and Concord was brought by postrider Israel Bissel, a native of Connecticut, who rode from Watertown, Mass., arriving in New Haven on the evening of April 21. The next day, the men of the newly organized 2nd Company, Governor's Foot Guard, assembled on the green, eager to set out for the relief of Boston. They were commanded by Benedict Arnold, an enthusiastic champion of the patriot cause before he turned traitor.

When New Haven selectmen hesitated to distribute ammunition to the company, Arnold told them they had a choice of handing over the keys to the powder house or having them taken by force. They gave in. The incident is reenacted annually on "Powder House Day" by men of the 2nd Company, which is still in existence.

While no major revolutionary battles were fought in Connecticut, its troops took part in all the engagements fought elsewhere—from Bunker Hill to Yorktown. Connecticut provided a total of over 40,000 men during the period of the war. It also provided so much money, food, clothing and war material to the Continental Army that it became known as the Provision State.

Connecticut's patriot governor, Jonathan Trumbull, the only governor in any Colony to be retained in office after the outbreak of the revolution, became paymaster of the northern patriot troops. At his war office in Lebanon, the Connecticut Council of Safety held more than a thousand meetings, arranging for all manner of supplies to be dispatched to the American Army.

Much of the military strategies were also devised there, at high-level staff meetings attended by Gen. Washington. Washington also used Webb House, in Wethersfield, 35 miles west of Lebanon, as his headquarters. It was there that the strategy was developed which led to the British defeat at Yorktown.

An early armed action against the British took place in Connecticut on Aug. 30, 1775, when they attempted to capture merchant ships in Stonington harbor and requisition food supplies for troops besieged in Boston.

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A native of Henryetta, Okla., Dunnavant attended high school there and earned a B.S. degree in Engineering at Oklahoma State University.

Dunnavant had a long career in the oil industry before he formed his own company. His work experience was with Phillips Petroleum Co., Argo Oil Corp. and Rodman-Noel Oil Corp.

He is a co-founder of Southwestern Natural Gas, Inc., and Western States Producing Co.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Ann Shane, have two children, Gary and David.

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Riders reenact 1,200-mile trek

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — From Horcasitas, Mexico, to San Francisco is a distance of 1,200 miles.

You could fly it in two or three hours. On horseback it takes a few months longer.

That is how Juan Bautistá de Anza and a party of 239 adventurous souls made it 200 years ago, and that is the way several people are currently traveling, at least for part of the journey.

They are participating in a reenactment of the famous Anza trek, a Bicentennial project organized jointly by the Arizona and California state Bicentennial commissions.

Their trek began in Horcasitas, Sonora, last Sept. 29, with $35,000 in seed money from the state of Arizona. Following the trail of the original expedition, it crossed the border and arrived in Tubac, Ariz., Oct. 15, crossed the Colorado River at Yuma, Nov. 30, continues through California and will reach San Francisco June 27.

Today's participants are mainly local horse riders who join the group for a few days as it passes through their region. They wear costumes of Anza's day, camp out, cook their own food and follow as closely as possible the traveling style of the original party. Local Bicentennial committees in each area are cooperating by marking the trail, planning overnight stops and arranging local reception parties.

Anza's expedition coincided with events on the East Coast where the 13 Original Colonies were struggling for independence. It was on Sept. 29, 1775, that he departed from the presidio of San Miguel de Horcasitas with the nucleus of his party.

He arrived at Tubac on Oct. 15, where more colonists were assembled. The group which left there Oct. 23, 1775, consisted of three priests, 41 soldiers, 29 wives, children or other soldiers' relatives, 136 settlers of both sexes, 15 mule drivers, three cowboys, seven servants, five interpreters and a commissary.

They took with them 695 horses and mules and 302 cattle.

Main objectives of the expedition were to open an overland route in order to supply from Sonora and Sinaloa the few Spanish colonies already established in California, to found missions and to ward off the threatening encroachment of Russians and English along the northern Pacific coast.

Alta (Upper) California had remained practically unknown until 1769, when two expeditions by land and sea established the San Diego de Alcala and San Carlos de Monterey missions. In 1774 Anza made the journey from Sonora to Monterey and back with a party of 20 soldiers mapping the desert and thereby establishing a passable land route. Thereafter, he was anxious to demonstrate that the long journey could also be accomplished by Spanish colonists including women and children who would make California a fit place to live in.

The viceroy of New Spain (Mexico) promoted Anza from captain to lieutenant colonel and gave him permission to "organize a land expedition to strengthen California, to explore the Bay of San Francisco, and select sites for two missions and a presidio there."

The extraordinary feat of conducting such a large contingent of men, women, children and animals across the barren desert wastes of Arizona and through rugged mountainous terrain to California has been amply recorded in the diaries of Anza and the chaplain to the expedition, Father Font.

The party arrived in Monterey on March 10, 1776. Anza explored the Bay of San Francisco to determine the sites for the presidio and mission. Returning to Monterey, Anza left the expedition and rode back to Mexico City to report on the success of his mission.

Meanwhile, the settlers under leadership of Anza's trusted lieutenant, Don Jose Moraga, went on to San Francisco, arriving there in June. The presidio was officially founded there on Sept. 17, 1776, and the Mission of San Francisco de Asis on Oct. 9.

The observance of the 200th anniversary of the trek began in Mexico City the weekend of Aug. 15-17. Those present included 47 Californians and five Arizonans.

One of the Americans was Mrs. Helen Shropshire, Monterey, trek chairman for California Heritage Guides and producer of a set of slides depicting the grueling Anza trek which is being shown to inform and motivate communities along the trail for participation in the reenactment.

"The Mexican band played the 'Star Spangled Banner,' I cried," Mrs. Shropshire said.

Parchment documents duplicating the decrees given Anza by the viceroy of Mexico, Antonio Maria Bucareli y Ursua, were given to the Americans, to be carried by trekkers to San Francisco.

Any individual over 12 years of age or group who wants to join the group may do so by filling out an application form. Information can be had from their local Bicentennial committee, from California Heritage Guides, 181 Pacific St., Monterey, Calif. 93940, or from North American Trails Ride Conference, Concord, Calif.

Authentic costumes, military and civilian of the Spanish colonial period 200 years ago, are required. Participants are financially responsible for their own costumes, animals, incidentals and meals not furnished by local committees along the route.

No motor vehicles are permitted.

Participants must ride a horse or mule or walk, if they feel up to it. No herds are being driven.

Even though Anza had herds of cattle and horses, trying to emulate that part of the original expedition is carrying authenticity a little too far, planners have agreed.

Tipperary energy company is 'native'

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Organized here in 1967, the energy company employes approximately 200 persons. Headquarters are at 500 W. Illinois St.

The company was founded to operate farms and cattle stations in Australia.

The company's operations now include the exploration and production of oil and gas, manufacture of chemicals and liquefied petroleum gas and the development of coal and uranium.

Tipperary's officers include Ford D. Albritton Jr., chairman of the board; Deane H. Stoltz, president and chief executive officer; Frank M. Agar, executive vice president and chief operating officer; Ben D. Gould, vice president-Production; Jesse R. Pharis, secretary-treasurer; D. E. I. Thompson, assistant secretary-treasurer of Brisbane, Australia; and Emily M. Digby, assistant secretary.

The directors include Albritton, Agar, Stoltz, William B. Blakemore II, independent oil operator; Jack E. Brown, independent oil operator; Gerard C. Gambs, vice presided of Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc.; Wilfred J. McNeil, rear admiral, U.S. Navy retired, and a director of Fairchild Industries, and Cyril Wagner Jr., independent oil operator.

Stoltz reported that Tipperary's Petroleum Division participated in 20 wells during 1975, with eight of the nine successful completions being gas wells.

Stoltz said the most important future development for the Petroleum Division is in the Piceance Basin of Colorado. In addition to the original purchase of 99,000 acres with seven shut-in gas wells, the company recently acquired a contiguous 51,500 acres of oil and gas leases.

During the last year, the company drilled and completed two important gas wells on the property. One of the wells had a calculated open flow potential of 14 million cubic feet of gas per day, and a stepout tested 5 million.

In Palo Pinto County, the company completed a 100 per cent owned conglomerate gas discovery for 4,700,000 cubic feet of gas per day and has drilled two offsets, one 2,700,000 cubic feet per day well and the other for 500,000.

Also in 1975, Tipperary completed a 50 per cent owned Olmos well for 1,100,000 cubic feet of gas per day in Webb County.

Tipperary's $18,000,000 Denton anhydrous ammonia fertilizer complex near Lovington, N. M., will be fully on stream this year.

The plant has a design capability of 90,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia annually.

The Liquefied Petrolem Gas Division operates three gasoline plants. They include the Denton plant near Lovington, the Claytonville plant in Fisher County and the Bowie plant in Montague County.

They produced a combined 71,000,000 gallons of gross product in 1975. Tipperary has a 90 per cent ownership interest in the three plants.

Tipperary has 175,000,000 tons of strippable coal under 66,000 acres in Wyoming, in addition to a 21 per cent gross royalty on future production from property traded to Mobil Oil Corp.

The company also owns coal properties in Australia.

The Midland-based concern also has 15,000 acres of mining claims and state leases in San Juan County, Utah, with prospects for uranium production. The company currently is evaluating the potential of these lands with a geological study and core drilling program.

Stoltz, the chief executive officer, is a native of Ottumwa, Iowa.

He attended Ottumwa High School and received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Northwestern University.

Stoltz served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955. He was an independent oil operator from 1955 to 1962 and then joined in a partnership with Cyril Wagner Jr. and Jack E. Brown until 1969.

He and his wife, Janet Frei, have four children.

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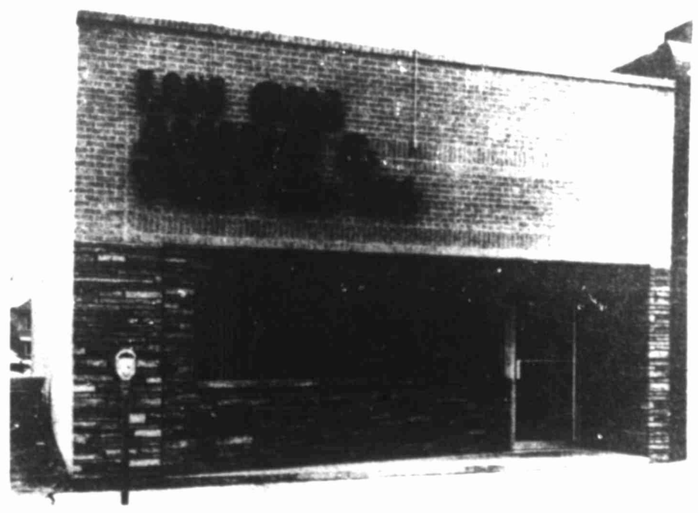

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Winter cooled fires of rebel's patriotism

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Continental Congress called the defeat of the British at Boston a great victory for America. But George Washington was less sanguine. The Revolution was just starting and there were difficult times ahead.

By DENNIS MONTGOMERY
Associated Press Writer

"Now," penned Thomas Paine in the winter of 1775, "is the seed-time of continental union, faith and honor." But in that first season of Revolution, prospects for the harvest looked poor.

Fired with enthusiasm for their cause, and successful on the battlefield at Lexington, Concord and Ticonderoga, the American rebels were full of confidence in their Revolution. But winter's freezing temperatures began to cool the fires of patriotism.

George Washington was among the afflicted. Before departing Philadelphia in June 1775 to take command of the Army surrounding the British in Boston, he had written to his wife: "I shall rely ... on that Providence which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me, not doubting but that I shall return safe to you in the fall."

By September he'd been disabused of such notions. To the Continental Congress in Philadelphia he wrote on Sept. 21: "It gives me great pain to be obliged to solicit the attention of the honourable Congress to the state of this army in terms which imply the slightest apprehension of being neglected. But my situation is inexpressibly distressing, to see the winter fast approaching upon a naked army, the time of their service within a few weeks of expiring, and no provision yet made for such important events." There was money neither for food nor pay, he said, "and the greater part of the troops are in a state not far from mutiny."

Perhaps the complaint was exaggerated, but it brought a special commission from Congress to look into the problems.

Meanwhile, one of the great fiascoes of the Revolution was beginning — the attempt by the colonists to capture Canada from the British to secure the Canadians as allies and deny to the Redcoats a base of operations on America's northern frontier.

Col. Benedict Arnold, with a column of soldiers, marched on Quebec while Brig. Gen. Richard Montgomery, with another force, headed for Montreal, and finally captured that city. But he was killed in the assault on Quebec on Dec. 31, 1775, and Arnold was wounded seriously. Quebec, built on hills overlooking the St. Lawrence, was too strong a fortress for the Americans to take, and the rigors of winter had weakened them. More than half the American force of 800 men was captured. Sixty others were killed in the battle.

Back in Boston it wasn't going much better. Washington's army, 13,743 strong in early July, shrunk to 5,582 in late December. And it was strung out along a dozen miles of earthworks which kept 10,000 Redcoats bottled up—warm and comfortable—in the besieged city. He hadn't the strength to fight and the British, fortunately, didn't want to either.

The new year rose on the first continental flag to fly over an American army. Among those to see it was Martha Washington who had joined her husband on Dec. 14. It had 13 red and white stripes and a Union Jack where the stars now are.

Washington was still surviving by the grace of British lethargy and help was on the way. In Philadelphia, on Jan. 10, Paine published "Common Sense," a pamphlet that inspired the colonists to independence, and somewhere between Ticonderoga and Boston an overweight bookseller was puffing to Washington's rescue.

Col. Henry Knox, in command of some oxen, horses and teamsters, arrived in Boston on Jan. 18 with 59 pieces of heavy artillery captured from the British the previous summer at Ticonderoga. In an epic feat, he'd drug them by sled across 200 miles of snowy mountains and icy rivers.

On March 2 the rebels began a bombardment. Two days later, under cover of darkness and fog, they dug in, with cannon, on Dorchester Heights, overlooking Boston from the south.

American batteries now menaced the city. Yankee guns could hit the British and their fleet below but English weapons couldn't hit the American positions above.

Maj. Gen. William Howe, the British commander, launch an attack, but a severe storm forced an end to the engagement before battle could begin. By March 8 Howe saw his position could not be defended. He offered to abandon Boston without burning it down, if Washington would allow him to withdraw unimpeded. Washington agreed and the Redcoats departed by ship on March 17, bound for Nova Scotia. Eventually they would sail for New York and, with reinforcements, form an army of 25,000.

Washington was distressed. The British occupation of New York, which he had expected, threatened to split the country at the Hudson River.

Relics sale scheduled

By SARAH BOOTH CONROY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the hope of cashing in on the Bicentennial fervor, a number of antiques and relics associated with American presidents are going on the market. A packet of 119 letters and five documents autographed by George Washington, valued at between a quarter and a half-million dollars, will be auctioned Tuesday at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York.

In the same auction will be Washington's own copy of his commission as gen. and commander in chief of the Continental Army, valued between $35,000 and $50,000.

Other items in the Washington Birthday sale, said by Sotheby's to be the most important sale of Americana ever held, include: the official document recording the count of the vote in the House of Representatives on the impeachment of then-President Andrew Johnson (Feb. 16, 1868), estimated at between $5,000 and $10,000 a drawing by Maj. John Andre (before he was hanged as a British spy) of a rural scene, estimated to be worth $20,000 to $25,000, and the first log of the USS Constitution.

The Washington letters are remarkable, Peggy Shannon of Sotheby's said, "because they were all written to his overseer at Mt. Vernon, William Pearce, in 1793-1796, while Washington was President. They tell in great detail how he wanted his estate run and how he felt about farming." One letter says, in part:

"The more I am acquainted with agricultural affairs the better I am pleased with them, in so much that I can nowwhere find so great satisfaction as in these innocent and useful pursuits. In indulging these feelings, I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on earth, than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it by the most uninterrupted career of conquests."

The Washington letters come from the Long Island Historical Society.

Washington's commission was bought seven years ago at an Ohio antique show for $12.50 by Richard M. Ahlstrom, a Cleveland historian. The copy, according to his research, was made by Charles Thomson for Washington to carry as his credentials during the Revolutionary War.

Several pieces of White House china will be auctioned Thursday through Saturday of this week. A teabowl and saucer are from the Niderville Service, a French porcelain tableware used at Mt. Vernon. Comte de Custine-Sarreck, the Niderviller factory owner, served under Washington at Yorktown. Eight other Niderviller pieces are at Mt. Vernon. The estimate is $8,000 to $12,000.

A small Chinese export platter, also in the auction, was made for Washington with the Order of the Cincinnati eagle. In the Washington service a figure of fame flies over the eagle. Sotheby estimates the value at $14,000 to $18,000.

Other presidential china in the auction comes from the terms of Benjamin Harrison and Andrew Jackson. Oyster plates from the pattern commissioned in Rutherford B. Hayes' term (replacements made during later terms) are also to be sold for an estimated $800-$1,200. Pieces from these services were exhibited recently at the Museum of History and Technology. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service is now circulating the show.

In February, Sotheby plans to auction two copies of the first printing of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln, one from an edition of 50 signed by the wartime President.

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Research center displays first

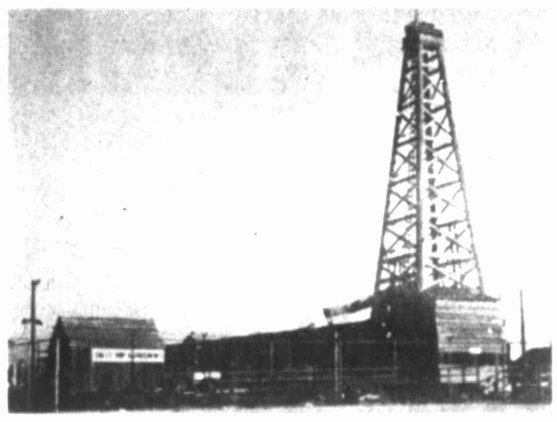
Copley News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — recognition of the nation's 200th birthday, one of the U.S. Air Force's aerospace research centers is displaying a working replica of the first wind tunnel used by the Wright Brothers 75 years ago.

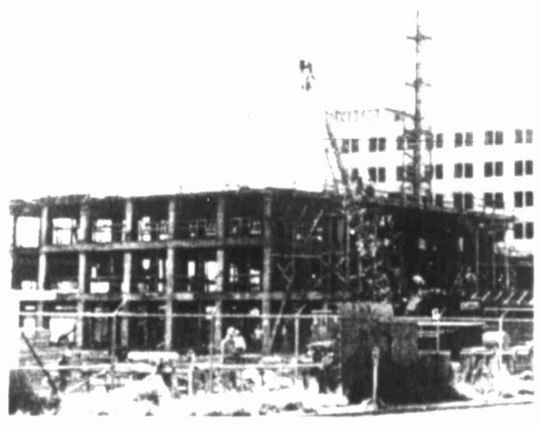
The 5-foot-long wooden tunnel, built by the Arnold Engineering Development Center at the Arnold Air Force Station, Tenn., closely duplicates the original tunnel the brothers used in their Dayton, Ohio, bicycle shop in 1901.

The tunnel is part of a Bicentennial exhibit that describes the Tennessee aerospace center and traces American technology from its beginnings to a modern complex of wind tunnels.

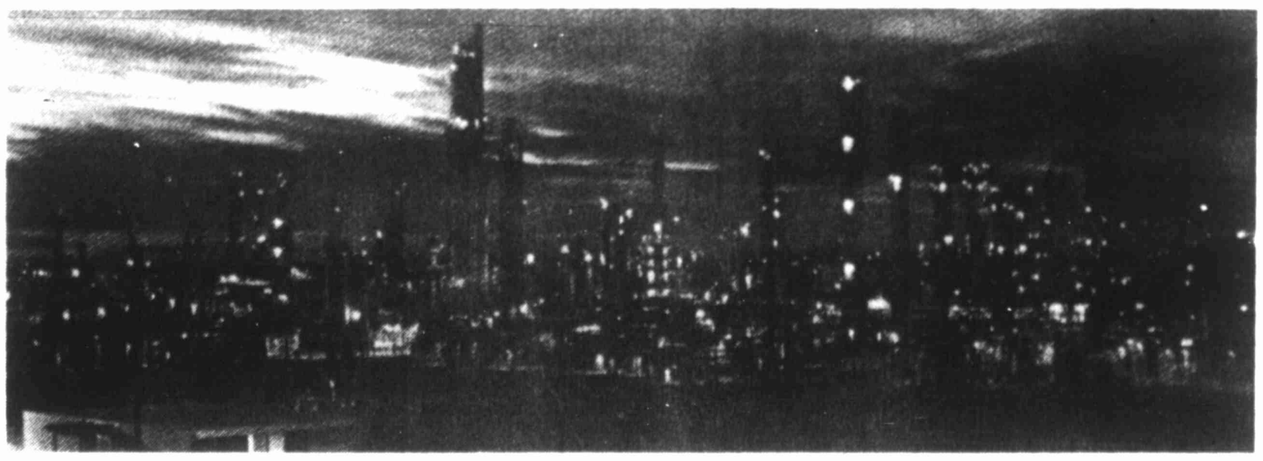
THE ODESSA AMERICAN Salutes Our Neighbors in Midland and the Permian Basin...



We're very fortunate to be living in this particular part of the world...not just for the 260 days of sunshine per year and the mild temperatures, but also for the sunny nature of the economy here. This is largely due to the oil industry, and the ever-increasing demands for the energy and petrochemicals it provides, but all this would be useless without the hard-working and dedicated people that make it work.



Everything about Odessa is growing: the petrochemical complex is running at capacity with many companies planning expansion; the $100 million housing development University Gardens has begun to be occupied, and many new apartment complex developments have begun to abate the housing shortage caused by the influx of new workers. And to take care of our health, the new Women's and Children's Hospital has been open since March, which added another 275 employees and $1.2 million payroll to the community. Construction is on schedule for the $20½ million addition to the Medical Center Hospital.



But despite our regional and civic pride, we must remember the interdependence of all of us...for not only is the bounty of a healthy economy shared, but so is the burden of failure, sluggishness, and inefficiency. So, as we Americans enter this our third century, we are in essence if not in fact standing side by side...

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DAILY NEWSPAPER

MIDLAND COLLEGE HAD a well-rounded extra-curricular program including football, basketball and baseball so the need was great for a band to help keep the adrenalin flowing. This band performed sometime between 1919 and 1924.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Old Midland College hurriedly put together athletic program

Usually it takes years and years to build an athletic program at a new college or university.

Not so with Midland College, the old one that is — the one that opened its doors Sept. 1, 1910.

On that first day of school there was an enrollment of only 27, but before the first month of classes had been held, the student count had swelled to 65.

Now, that isn't a big number of students with which to start an athletic program, but old MC did the job.

The first edition of the school journal, "The Antelope," published in October, carried a complete roundup of the athletic situation at the college. The details were put on paper by Antelope sports editor Elliott H. Barron.

The text of the roundup follows:

"Soon after school opened, the boys met and organized an Athletic Association and elected officers of the football team as follows:

"Edward B. Mersereau, coach and faculty manager; Elliott H. Barron, manager, and Charlie Dublin, captain.

"We have some promising material for a football team and hope to make a good record this season. The boys have been practicing every evening under the direction of Coach Mersereau and are rounding themselves into shape for the first game which will be played with Big Spring.

"Dunn Reiger is our heaviest and possibly our best player. Beyond a doubt, he will play fullback on the eleven. We advise any team which plays us to watch out or he will hurt you. We expect him to make touchdowns every game."

(Reporter-Telegram note: Reiger, in fact, not only was one of Midland College's better football players, but he went from here to Baylor University where he was named to the 1912 All-Southwestern team as a fullback.)

"Ralph Barron is also very heavy and very strong. This combined with his more than average headqork practically assures him of the position of halfback. The good coaching he is getting will make him one of the best halves in West Texas.

"As a companion half, Rutledge Isaacks seems to be able to hold his own against all comers. He would make a good lineman but on account of his headwork, he will probably play half. He would make a good man anywhere on the team.

"The headiest man was picked out to play quarterback. Captain Charlie Dublin seems to be this man. His quickness and knowledge of football will be the cause of several teams' downfall.

"He would have made a good end, but can take care of quarter better than any other man on the team.

"Irvin Ellis is rather light, but his abilities seem to overcome this defect. He is working hard and will probably play center. The precision with which he handles the ball makes him a valuable man on the team.

"Another applicant for this position is Buford Isaacks. He is also rather light but has a knowledge of the game which may overbalance this. He has not practiced regularly but has a good chance of making the team if he will try hard enough.

"For guard, Roy Holloway will probably make a star. He is heavy and will make a good man. When it comes to bucking the line, Roy is right there. Eleven men like him sure would make a fighting team.

"Ralph Garrett has the making of a good guard in him. Good coaching will bring him out wonderfully. He is one of the best line men in school. He practices hard and has other elements that go to make a good football player.

"Harley Meeks has a bad ankle this year and didn't expect to make the team, but he has shown up so well that he has a good chance of being one of the guards. He is heavy and plays consistently. Other applicants for the position will do well to watch him.

"For tackle, Elliott Barron is a good man and stands a good chance of having this position assigned to him. He is not too light and has a good knowledge of the game. It looks like he will be one of the best men on the team.

"Grover Landers is working hard to make the other tackle. He seems to understand football and will fill this position creditably. He plays with his head as well as with his body.

"Mike Garrett is coming out regularly and the indications are that the man that beats him out for end will have to hurry. He is small, but active. He is fast and handles the forward pass well.

"Another good end is Pence Wadley. With the exception of Reiger, he is the fastest man on the team. He handles the forward pass well and if he ever gets away with the ball 'its all up with Big Spring. The game is won.'

"Last, but not least, comes John Dublin. For end, he is hard to beat. He's everything that it takes to make a good end. Swiftness, cunning and a good knowledge of handling the forward pass."

From there, Barron went into tennis:

"A great deal of interest is being taken in tennis this year. Two good courts have already been fixed up and they are crowded at all times of the day.

"The Tennis Club is preparing to meet with any high school or college in West Texas. We have two or three players who can hold their own against any high school players in the West. We would like to hear from any club this side of Abilene with reference to games."

Then, basketball:

"It is not baskeball season yet, but we are planning to have a great basketball team this year. We have some promising players and a good coach to bring them out. Several of our boys have had experience in this game and our coachd, Mr. Mersereau is one of the best in the South.

"He was a player on the famous Baylor team of 1909. This team was champion team of the state of Texas.

"Baskeball is rather new out here, but we are going to have a good team and get the people interested in it. It is too early to now give any idea of who will compose the team."

Barron did not leave out the facilities:

"The football field was cleared off and leveled about the middle of the month. The fence and the grandstand of the Midland ballpark, which the owners donated to the college, will, in a few days, be moved and placed around our field. When this field is completed it will be one of the best athletic fields in the West. Shower baths are also being put in for the use of the athletes.

"Next Monday will be Campus Day. The trustees are going to gave a dollar to the Athletic Association for every boy who will work that day to help clean off the campus."

The school's colors were Crimson and white.

THESE CONFEDERATE VETERANS posed for the photographer at a meeting here of the Confederate Veterans of Midland in 1902. The speaker was Gen. John B. Gordon. From left standing are Mr. Coleman, Henry McClintic, B. M. Smart, Mr. Wesson, W. A. Little, Dr. Collum and Lemy Collins. Seated from left are Mr. Curtis, Matt Daugherty, General Gordon and Mr. Lewis.

Pennsylvania Winter brings hardship alive

By JAMES CARY
Copley News Service

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Winter has come to Pennsylvania, scattering snow over the old Revolutionary War encampment of Gen. George Washington's army at Valley Forge.

As always, more snow will follow, re-creating as it does annually with ghostly precision, an image emblazoned into the mind of every American since childhood.

It is a wintry scene that emerges, lifted with startling clarity from America's past:

Snow half engulfing replicas of the log huts where the sick and ailing Colonials somehow, and sometimes, survived in that terrible winter of 1777-78...

Snow blanketing the parade ground where Baron von Steuben, in spite of hardships and short supplies, drilled raw recruits into an organized, reasonably professional army...

Snow lying like cake frosting atop the rusting cannon massed nearby in Artillery Park, where Gen. Henry Knox had assembled the guns...

Snow drifting deep over the unmarked graves of nearly 3,000 men who died of wounds, near starvation, disease and exposure — many of them without shoes and winter clothing, and for a time with no shelter...

Snow banked against the redoubts, sifting into rifle pits near borders of the camp, and nearly covering the earthworks of Fts. Washington, Green, Muhlenberg, Huntington and "Star Redoubt," guarding approaches to the camp from the west, east and north to make certain the British didn't suddenly attack from Philadelphia, 20 miles away.

All this, at any given moment is a moving sight, but this year, on the threshold of America's Bicentennial, the image assaults the mind with special intensity.

For it was here that the mettle of a nation was tested, where American independence hung by a thread, at times almost totally dependent on the will of Washington and the smoldering anger of the rebellious and dwindling band of 11,000 men who stayed through that terrible time of testing with him.

Valley Forge today is a Pennsylvania state park, and by heritage a national shrine, embracing 2,033 acres of the area originally occupied by Washington's forces.

It was in December, 1777, after defeats by the British at Brandywine and Germantown, that Washington led his ill-equipped, half-starved and staggering men along the road from Whitemarsh, Pa., to the Valley Forge site, selecteJ and laid out by a 26-year-old Frenchman, Brig. Gen. Louis Duportail.

The camp is situated on gently rolling ground, providing excellent surveillance in all directions.

The story of what happened there has been told many times — Washington's constant struggle with the Continental Congress to provide supplies that seldom arrived, the rigid discipline he imposed to halt desertions and curb a growing mutinous spirit, and the diet of firecake and water that was all the food available during part of the six months the army spent there.

Much of the encampment has been reclaimed and restored. Washington's headquarters building, 90 per cent of it the original construction, is located near the northwestern corner of the encampment.

Von Steuben's quarters are nearby, and not far away are buildings that housed Gens. James M. Varnum, Daniel Morgan, Jeddediah Huntington, William Maxwell and Knox.

The "bake house," hospital, Artillery Park and blacksmith shop have all been restored.

Even the remains of the original forge in the valley, from which the location takes its name, have been recovered. British troops passing the site in September, 1777, burned the forge. In 1929 parts of it were found intact under 12 feet of silt in a nearby creek.

But it is the simple markers along the main road through the park that perhaps tug hardest at the emotions.

If you were to begin a walk past these monuments on one of those mornings when fog hugs the ground, be on guard. For the imagination easily conjures up forms moving in the mists, and voices, at first whispering, then speaking loudly as you move by, call a ghostly roll from the past.

Muhlenberg's brigade — it's first on the right. The men are up and standing muster before reporting to the parade grounds for drill.

Those sounds fade, then a babble of new voices emerges from the fog. Patterson's brigade is falling out.

You walk ahead and the roll and voices, rising then fading, continues. Learned's brigade, then Glover's, Maxwell's, McIntosh's.

Off in the distance to the south you can hear the movements of Poor's brigade, and "Mad" Anthony Wayne's division, and the picks and shovels of burial parties striking the frozen ground, preparing new graves for the night's harvest of bodies. Gen. Washington has ordered all the dead buried in unmarked sites to prevent spies from counting the Army's losses.

If you keep walking you might hear Washington's horses, "Nelson" and "Blueskin," stomping in their stables and the first signs of life from his personal guard encamped nearby.

You might even have heard some faint cheering in the distance if your walk through the mists had come later in the spring of 1778. For by that time France had decided to conclude an alliance with the Americans and provide troops, equipment and supplies to help their cause.

So the mists drift away and on June 19, 1778, the Continental Army, rebuilt and forged into disciplined fighting units, is on the move again. Six brigades depart on a forced march to the Jersey coast.

Word had been received that the British, fearing a French fleet might now blockade the Delaware, have abandoned Philadelphia and are retreating rapidly toward New York.

Washington's brigades succeeded in cutting off part of the enemy force. The battle of Monmouth Court House followed, but the brilliantly conceived plan and a well executed assault came to naught.

Washington was betrayed by Charles Lee, who ordered a retreat at the moment the attack should have been driven home.

Washington restored the line but it was too late and the British escaped. But the long night of Valley Forge was over, and the independence of a new nation had been forged in the agonies of that long ago time that was — almost — only yesterday.

Fitzgerald nears 30th year as Midland firm

In two years, Fitzgerald Weather-Mart, Inc., will observe its 30th anniversary in Midland.

Started out as a one-man operation in June 1948, the concern has grown to the point where 30 to 35 employes are on the annual payroll that pours more than $390,000 into the Midland economy.

The company still is owned by Morris J. Fitzgerald the founder, who now serves as president, and Kirk S. Fitzgerald, vice president.

The president says all of West Texas is the company's operating area, and operations include being a mechanical contractor and sales and service of pluming, heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment along with special work. The company does residential and business work.

The company is an active member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and Kirk Fitzgerald is a member of the Midland Jaycees.

The headquarters for the huge business is 2906 W. Wall St.

Morris Fitzgerald is a native of Fort Worth where he Attended North Side High School. He learned much where he took a refrigeration-estimating course and at trade schools. He has been attending Carrier design, installation, service and air conditioning service schools since 1933.

Morris Fitzgerald, a charter member of the West Side Lions Club, is married to the former Billye Harris of Fort Worth. Kirk is their only son, and Jacquelyn Fitzgerald Sively of Abilene is their only daughter.

Morris is a member of the chamber Aviation Committee and formerly was on the city's Airport Planning & Development Board, serving from 1969 to 1975.

Kirk is a graduate of Lee High School and attended Texas Tech University before earning a B.B.A. degree at North Texas State University.

Morris Fitzgerald also is a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623, the Midland Shrine Club, Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies, Suez Temple and York Rite.

He moved to Midland in 1947 to air condition the old Petroleum Building while he was working for the Charles Heyne Co. out of Houston. When the job was completed he stayed on to form his own company here.

Some of the major environmental systems work done by Fitzgerald Weather-Mart include Midland Memorial Hospital, Permian General Hospital at Andrews, Brownwood Community Hospital at Brownwood, Baptist Memorials Geriatrics Hospital at San Angelo, McKnight State Hospital at Carlsbad, Tex., and Rankin Hospital at Rankin.

Others include schools at Fort Stockton, Coleman, Midland, Iowa Park, Quinlan, Bronte, Alpine, Kermit and Angelo State University.

In addition, the company has installsystems in many Midland buildings, including air conditioning renovation at Midland Regional Air Terminal and the computer Room and Motor Bank and Garage at The First National Bank.

Calculator finds home

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The world's first miniature electronic calculator, the forerunner of more than 100 million now in use, has been accepted by the Smithsonian Institution for its permanent collection in the nation's capital.

Making the presentation to Dr. Brooke Hindle, director of the National Museum of History and Technology, was Jack S. Kolby, who with Jerry D. Merryman and James Van Tassel, invented the miniature electronic calculator at Texas Instruments in the mid-1960s.

A basic patent was issued to the three engineers by the U.S. Patent Office in June 1974. Measuring about 4 x 6 inches, and less than 2 inches thick, the working prototype minicalculator had a high degree of computational power found only at the time in much larger machines.

It was a milestone in the development of the calculator industry.

Also presented to the museum was a collection of integrated circuits, the working "heart" of electronic calculators performing mathematical and memory functions.

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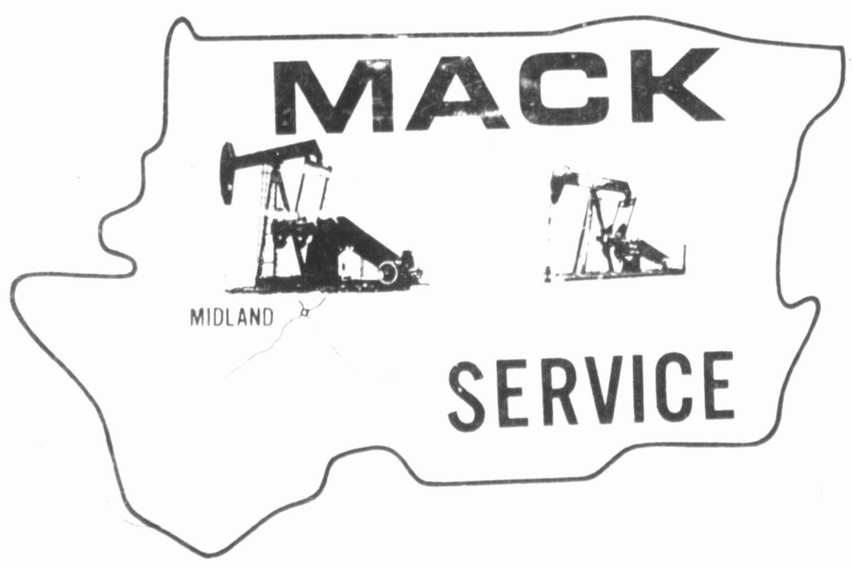

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Several installations of El Paso Co. subsidiaries are located in the Midland area.

EPNG's Permian Division is headquartered in the Tall City, in the Building of the Southwest. Division superintendent is T. J. Crutchfield.

The division is responsible for gathering, processing and moving gas from the wellhead to the mainline pipelines in the area that includes western Kansas, western Oklahoma, Southeast New Mexico and Texas west to the Pecos River.

The division obtains gas from more than 40,000 oil and gas wells, and operates and maintains several thousand miles of pipelines of various sizes comprising the gathering and transporting system. Fifty-six plants condition and compress the gas for shipment to market.

Another El Paso Co. activity is located at Odessa. It is a huge petrochemical complex in which El Paso Products Co., another El Paso Co. subsidiary, operates or has a joint interest in several facilities. These facilities produce butadiene, styrene, ethylene, propylene, polyethylene, polypropylene, ammonia and intermediates for producing nylon fibers.

The Products Co. and Dart Industries have a joint venture going at another Texas location, Bayport, on the Gulf Coast, for production of polypropylene. This plant is under construction, scheduled for completion in mid-1976.

The El Paso Co. is pursuing a number of measures aimed at alleviating the energy shortage in the United States. Some of these include:

— A project now being implemented to import the equivalent of one billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from Algeria; the gas would be brought to the United States in liquid form and then re-gasified.

— A project to make the bountiful supplies of natural gas on the North Slope of Alaska available for use throughout the United States. This project envisions a pipeline with a capacity of 3.5 billion cubic feet per day, extending from the North Slope to the south-central coast of Alaska, where the gas would be liquefied and transported in ships to the Lower 48 states for transportation to market through displacement and the use of idle capacity in existing pipeline systems.

— A coal gasification project in Northwest New Mexico, which would have a capacity of 288 million cubic feet per day of pipeline quality synthetic gas.

— A second project to import in liquid form the equivalent of one billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from Algeria. A contract has been signed with the Algerians for this project.

— Letters of intent have been entered into by El Paso and others with the Soviet Union and Iran for investigation of projects which could result in substantial quantities of liquefied natural gas being made available from those countries to the United States.

C. H. Brockett eyes 20th year

C. H. Brockett, Inc., this year is observing its 20th year of operation in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

Founded here in 1956, the company's headquarters are on the Rankin Highway. With an employe force of six, the company's annual payroll is approximately $90,000.

Brockett, the founder of the company, was named Midland's Outstanding Young Man in 1962. He is a past president of the Midland Jaycees.

A graduate of Cleburne High School at Cleburne, Brockett earned a B.B.A. degree in management at Texas Tech University.

The company is an active member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association and the West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association.

Brockett worked in the oil fields as a roughneck seven years, as a driller two years and as a casing pulling contractor six years.

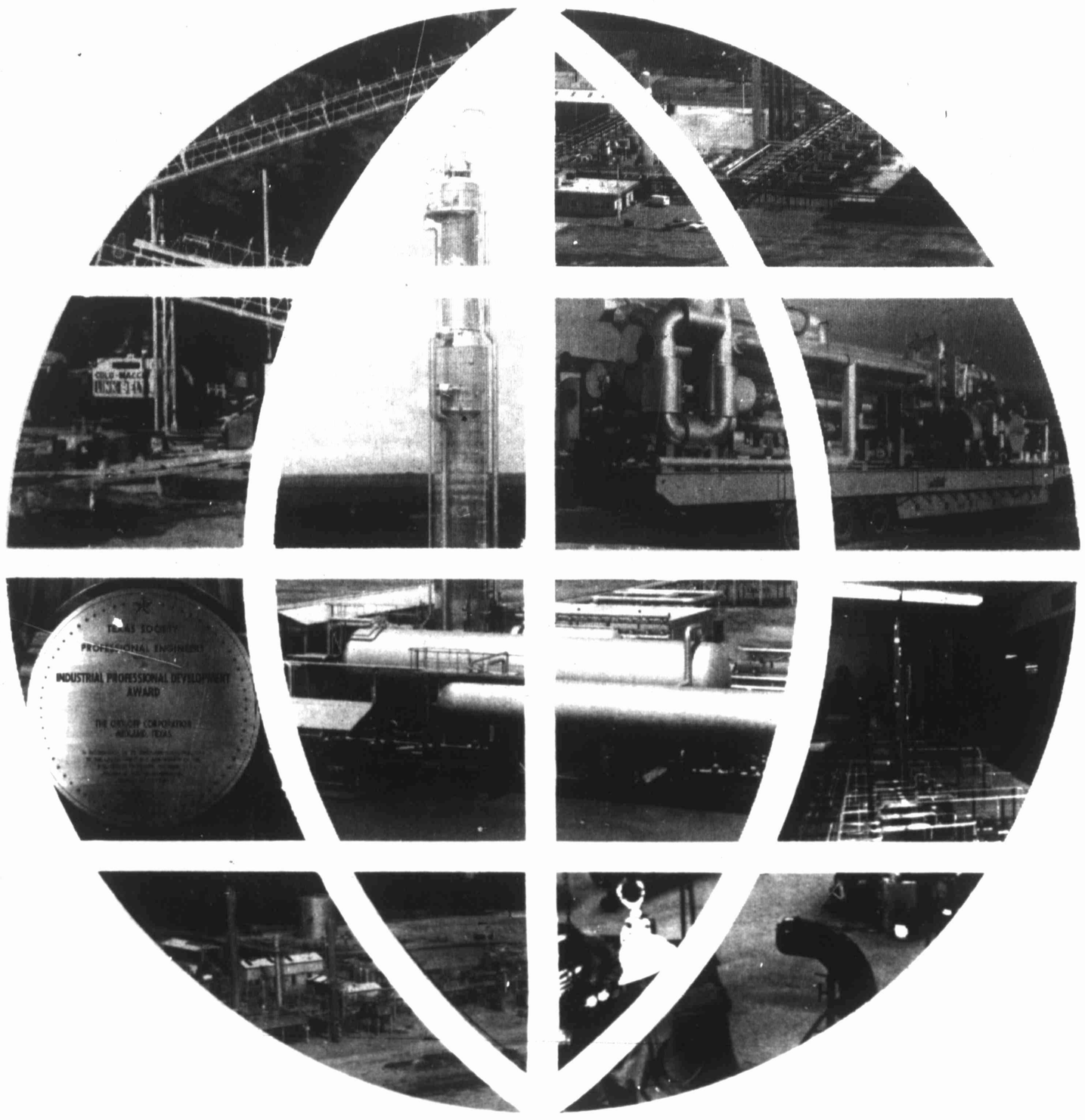
C. H. Brockett, Inc., deals in used oil field supplies.

Pirate innovator

Onetime owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Barney Drefuss, initiated a call on Aug. 22, 1903, for a World Series. He wrote a letter to Henry Killilea, president of the Boston Red Sox suggesting they organize the series. And, they did.

Woman editor

The first American woman newspaper editor, Ann Franklin, started work on the Newport Mercury, Newport, R. I. Aug. 22, 1762.



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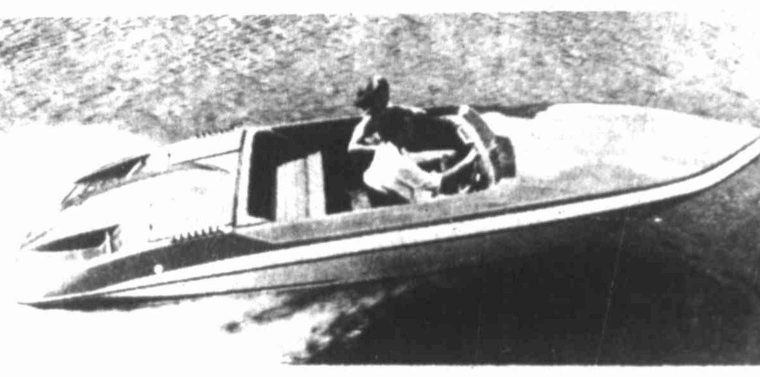

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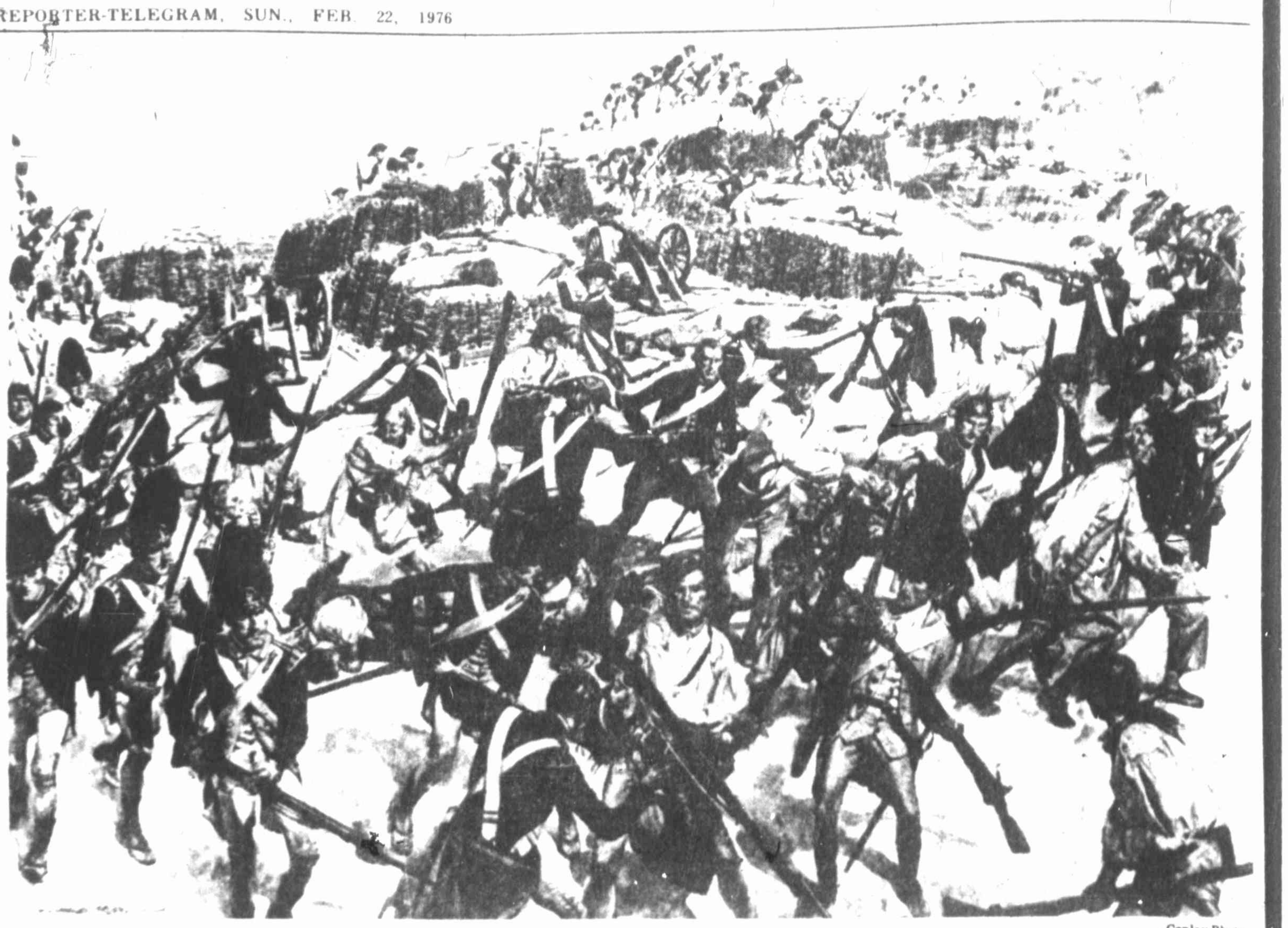

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This painting depicts the first Revolutionary War battle fought after the birth of the U.S. Army on June 14, 1775. It was fought on Breed's Hill, Boston, on June 17, 1775, and although the Americans, still not organized into a true army, were forced to withdraw for lack of ammunition, they exacted a heavy tole from the British. The event is known as the battle of Bunker Hill.

U.S. Army organized June 14, 1775; first battle fought at Bunker Hill

By JOHN PINKERMAN
Copley News Service

June 14 will mark the 198th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as America's national colors. It will also mark the 200th birthday of the U.S. Army.

The Army has had its days of triumph and its days of despair since June 14, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress drafted a resolution establishing the American Continental Army from the scattered groups of New England Colonial riflemen.

There have been the high points of Yorktown, success in World Wars I and II to the despair of "no win" wars in Korea and Vietnam and all the way to the disgrace of My Lai.

The Army gave the nation Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ike gave the country its last remembered years of tranquility, reasonable prosperity and high morality in political affairs. It also gave the nation Benedict Arnold, a traitor to the fight for independence even while wearing the uniform of the fledgling nation.

Even today the Army seems to have difficulty in attracting public interest, particularly in competition with its brother services. To many of the nation's young people it is the least desirable service in which to serve.

Part of the reason for this is that it always had been the biggest service in terms of people, and the very size has given the potential recruit second thoughts about getting lost in a bureaucracy.

Except in times of war until recently it has been the only service involved in the draft—in other words the only service made up of those serving involuntarily. Actually, this should make it proud to be the most representative service insofar as the broad spectrum of the American populace is concerned.

However things have not worked that way. There have been the Marines.

The "Corps" as its members call it, is the nation's elite force, almost always completely volunteer in nature and trained and bred to be the toughest of the tough although also designed as "fire engine" type troops vs. the all-encompassing chores handed to the larger Army.

Competing with the elite nature of the Marines, the "cleaner" and more desirable life lived in the Navy and the glamor advertised to the skies by the Air Force, the Army often has been last choice because of it's mud-slogging rifleman image. The Coast Guard is not to be ignored but it has dealt with a special breed of youth over the years and has performed well, even though almost silently in a public relations sense.

Through all these years the Army has done its mud-slogging and some more interesting duties as part of the nation's military team—most times riding to battle on Navy or Coast Guard ships, frequently fighting alongside Marines with the aid of bombardment and aerial combat of the Air Force.

Its history is rich with heroics and accomplishments and spotted here and there with something less than the highest in success. The invasion of continental Europe in World War II may have been the Army's finest hour, at least in glamor and in death. The slower, less spectacular return to the Philippines from Australia in World War II perhaps was an equal accomplishment [illegible] by Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Then there was the failure of the Army's 27th Infantry Division on Saipan in 1944 and this was tough for Army men to swallow.

Today the Army is all volunteer and it is down to 780,000 regulars plus a reserve force of about 600,000. The no-draft system appears to be working but there are those who say it does not reflect the true cross section of American youth that a military force should be so in a "civilian" nation.

It still has its troubles in competing for top men with the Marines, Navy and Air Force. Plainly it needs better publicity. The other services have a built-in glamor and they also have more political clout in the halls of Congress. The Army's main voice outside the Pentagon is the Association of the U.S. Army, a national organization of many local chapters devoted to "spreading the Army word."

The AUSA will provide the civilian-military leadership in celebration of the Army's Bicentennial across the nation on June 14, aided by Open House celebrations at military posts almost everywhere.

These celebrations will recall that same day in 1775. The Colonials of New England had been fighting the British since Lexington and Concord (April 19, 1775) and in other minor skirmishes before. They were keeping King George III's troops bottled up in Boston but there was a desperate need for artillery and a need for other weapons and more help from other Colonies along the Atlantic.

The Colony of Massachusetts on May 16 sent an emissary to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to "confer about such matters as may be necessary to the defense of this Colony and particularly the state of the Army therein."

To gain the support of other Colonies, Massachusetts and its New England Colonial neighbors asked that the Continental Congress take over the regulation and general direction of the Army at Boston "for the general defense of the rights of America." The Congress responded with much needed gunpowder and flour and on June 14 adopted the legal action that gave birth to the United States Army and—incidentally—the Infantry.

The resolution also provided that six companies of riflemen be raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland and two in Virginia. These troops were to march to Boston and join the fray, the first truly "national" force authorized for the benefit of [illegible]. For servicemen who think themselves underpaid, the pay scales authorized on that day of birth 200 years ago were: captains, $20 a month; lieutenants, $13.33; sergeants, $8; and privates, $6.67.

All were "to find their own arms and clothes."

Thus was born the Army, a band (not truly an organized force) of 14,000. The very next day George Washington was named commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and he took command at Cambridge July 3. On June 17 the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought in Boston. The Americans eventually were forced to withdraw, out of ammunition, but they had killed or wounded 40 per cent of the British force and had clearly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

Most recollections of the Army since those stirring days have had to do with the field of battle. However, there have been other achievements of considerable benefit to American and world civilian society.

It was the Army that completed the Panama Canal, a job considered folly when started in 1907 but hailed as a miracle when finished in 1914. And, in 1900, Maj. Walter Reed (after whom the famed Washington, D.C., Army hospital is named) braved the dangers of yellow fever in Cuba, proved its carrier to be the Aedes mosquito and with the follow-on work of Col. William C. Gorgas overcame the fever danger in Panama during the canal's construction.

Vaccine used today for German measles is a direct spinoff of Army interest in respiratory ailments that are a major risk during recruit training. The Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., is the acknowledged national center for burn research. Advances in the field of artificial limbs have had the Army at the forefront.

Even tasty convenience foods found in today's supermarkets are spinoffs from some pretty horrible morsels developed and endured by soldiers under wartime conditions.

Thus, starting its 201st year the Army is a far cry from the ragged band of patriots who huddled together at Valley Forge in bitter Revolutionary War winter weather. It is today, however, as it was then, a bulwark of the nation's global defense posture. And, most of all, a willing team member in this posture.

Bicycle route in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A "Bikecentennial Route" has been developed along the Pacific Coast.

It follows U.S. Highway 1 from the Oregon border to San Diego and goes through areas rich in history and scenic attractions.

More than 10,000 cyclists are expected to travel the route this year. The route was marked by the U.S. Department of Transportation in cooperation with the American Bicentennial Commission.

Aaron Co. founded here 30 years ago

Thirty years ago, Todd Aaron and his wife Dorothy founded the Aaron Co., an oil well drilling and gasing pulling concern in Midland.

The company, with a staff of from two to 20, depending on the operations at any particular time, offers cable tool drilling service and plug and agandon service.

The company's field of activity includes the entire Permian Basin area.

Headquarters for the concern are at 312 N. Big Spring St.

Aaron was born at Pawhuska, Okla., and Dorothy is a native of Albuquerque, N.M. Todd attended schools at Pawhuska, and his wife received here education in the Tulsa, Okla., school system.

Mr. Aaron earned a B.S. degree in Commerce at Northwestern University, and Mrs. Aaron has attended Midland College and the University of Texas of The Permian Basin. She will receive a degree in creative writing this year.

Todd has two years of oil company experience, worked three years in the banking business, was in the Navy four years and handled nitroglycerine four years. He has 30 years experience in drilling and casing pulling.

The Aarons have one son, Bill.

Mr. Aaron is a member of the Midland Downtown Rotary Club.

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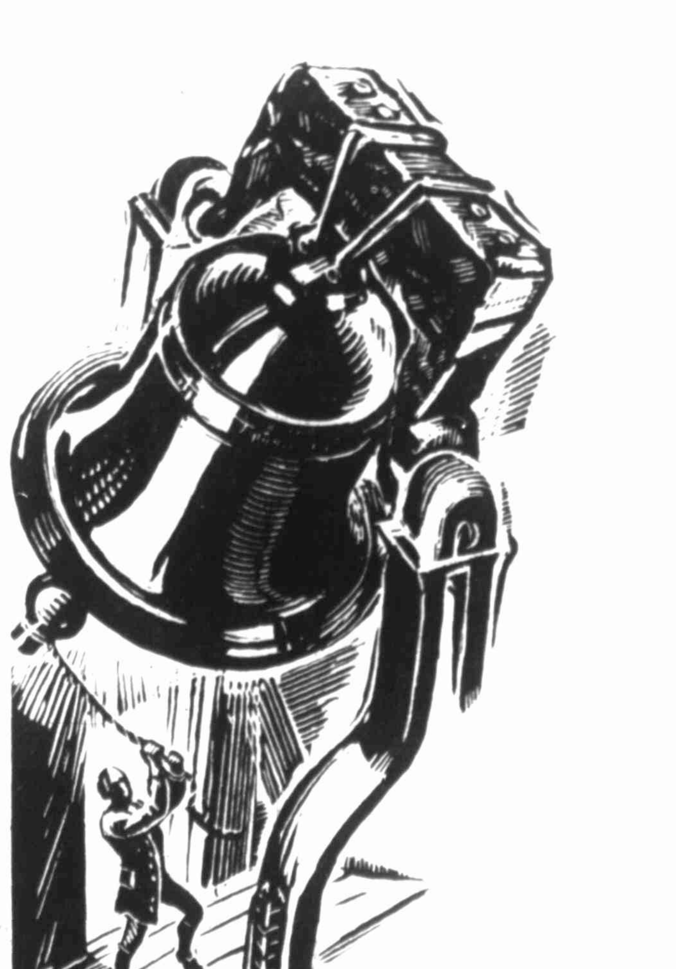

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Official Bicentennial Medal commemorates U.S. birthday

Bicentennial Medal

WASHINGTON — The National Bicentennial Medal — the first gold medal in the history of the United States to be authorized by Congress for sale to the public went on sale to Jan. 1.

The medal is a joint project of the U.S. Mint, headed by Mrs. Mary Brooks, and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. John Warner is the administrator of the ARBA.

The three-inch gold medal sells for $4,000. The gold is .900 fine and comes from U.S. Treasury reserves. The three-inch medal is serially numbered and struck only on order.

The medal is available in smaller sizes and in silver, gold-plated bronze and bronze. Prices range from $5 to $4,000.

All revenues are being used to support national, state and community Bicentennial activities.

"This medal is the major commemorative of our Bicentennial activities," Warner explained. "It is the official commemorative of the Bicentennial and is being directly used to support the celebration.

"At a time when the over-commercialization of this celebration has been attacked by many, this medal stands as a tangible symbol to citizens who want to remember our 200th birthday and help fund its celebrations at the same time," Warner added.

"In addition," Warner said, 'the medal is available in a wide range of prices and sizes in order to give every American the opportunity to afford this valuable investment in America's past and its future."

Frank Gasparro, chief engraver at the U.S. Mint, designed the medal.

The medal is available only to those people whose letters are postmarked Jan. 1 through July 31, 1976, and is limited to five of each medal.

Requests for order blanks should be sent to ARBA, P.O. Box 1976, San Francisco, Calif., ZIP 94101.

Mt. Rushmore observance to be one of nation's largest

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Many Bicentennial observances will be held this year, and one of the largest will be at Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota — where the 65-foot-high faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved.

From mid-May through September, a 25-minute film narrated by Lowell Thomas will be shown each evening.

It will depict the memorial's concept and history.

President Ford and other officials have been invited to participate in the Mt. Rushmore celebration.

Work began on the national memorial in 1927 and was completed in 1941.

British try to buy support says story in Philadelphia paper

Copley News Service

From the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia, late autumn 1775, 200 years ago.

WILLIAMSBURG — By a gentleman from Maryland we have undoubted intelligence that Doctor Connelly was seized last Tuesday night while in bed at the house of one Doctor Snively near Hagar's town in that province with two other gentlemen of the names of Smith and Campbell.

Under Connelly's pillow was found a brace of loaded pistols and a scimitar and the triumvirate had all necessaries to encamp in when they got to the back settlements in their route to the Indian country.

They were conducted the same day under a guard of forty men to Frederick town where upon being searched letters were found in possession of Connelly from Lord Dunmore to several Indian Kings also a considerable sum in specie to distribute among the Indians to induce them to go to war against the colonies.

CAMBRIDGE — This week his Excellency (General George Washington) the Commander in Chief received some dispatches from the Honorable Continental Congress by which we have authentic intelligence, that several nations of the Western Indians have offered to send three thousand men to join the American forces whenever they may be called for.

The smiles of Providence on the American cause cannot but animate every ingenuous mind, and stimulate every friend of his country to pursue, with unremitted ardour, the most vigorous measures for defeating the infernal designs of the British ministry.

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Jefferson thrilled by Henry's declaration

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service.

When Patrick Henry made his famous speech against the Stamp Act in 1765, declaring, "If this be treason, make the most of it," a young law student stood in the doorway of the Virginia House of Burgesses listening in rapt attention. His name was Thomas Jefferson.

"Henry spoke wonderfully," he said afterward. "Call it oratory or what you please, but I never heard anything like it."

Four years later Jefferson himself was elected to the Assembly as a representative from Albemarle County.

He was no orator. He was shy. His voice was frail and he stammered. Years after he had proved himself a leading statesman, John Adams recalled, "During the whole time I sat with him in Congress, I never heard him utter more than three sentences together."

It was in the written word that Jefferson showed his talent.

His reputation as a "masterly penman" was established early. When he entered the House of Burgesses at the age of 26, a 6-foot-2, red-haired son of a well-connected Virginia family, he was widely read in philosophy, science, economics, mathematics and the arts. He had a successful law practice. He read easily in Latin, Greek, French and Italian, played the violin and was a keen student of classical architecture.

He designed his beautiful Monticello mansion, construction of which was begun in 1770.

Jefferson first attracted attention as a powerful exponent of the patriotic cause with a 23-page pamphlet that appeared in 1774. Titled "A Summary View of the Rights of British America," it attacked British intransigence, brilliantly expounding the Colonists' views and exhorting George III not to be "a blot on the page of history."

The pamphlet was acclaimed in the First Continental Congress and throughout the Colonies, but Parliament took note of the name of Jefferson as one more traitor whose life and property were forfeit.

Jefferson became a Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress, taking his seat there on June 1, 1775.

He gave invaluable service in drafting addresses and resolutions, sat on the committee to prepare a declaration of the causes of taking up arms and eventually on the committee to prepare a Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson was only 33 when the honor fell to him of drawing up the draft of the Declaration. In that document, with a few minor alterations by other members of Congress, he set down the ideas and sentiments of a whole people in words that were to become immortal.

The Declaration, announcing the birth of a new nation, was adopted on the evening of July 4, 1776.

Jefferson returned to Virginia after the signing, there to work for reform of the state government along the lines of the newly expressed ideals.

He urged the discontinuance of an aristocracy of wealth and birth, introduced a bill for establishing religious freedom and proposed an educational program calling for a public school system, a public library and a more liberal university.

He succeeded Patrick Henry as governor in 1779 and served throughout the last difficult years of the Revolution, when British troops invaded a Virginia short on financial and military resources. He ordered out the militia to repel the invasion and narrowly escaped capture at Monticello by taking to a back road on horseback.

His wife died the following year, 1782, and his daughter Martha became his close companion. Of the Jeffersons' six children, only she and her sister Maria lived to grow up.

Serving in Congress again from 1783-84, Jefferson drafted a decimal system of coinage based on the dollar and wrote an ordinance defining the Colonial policy that the United States should follow. Revised and elaborated as the Northwest Ordinance in 1787, it became the basis of American territorial practice which has been followed ever since.

Jeffersen succeeded Benjamin Franklin as minister to France and was there to see the beginnings of the French Revolution.

In 1787 he endorsed the new U.S. Constitution, urging also the inclusion of the Bill of Rights. His growing fear that a conservative movement might eventually return the nation to monarchist ideals, if not to an actual monarchy, caused him later to become virtual leader of the anti-Federalist forces.

They called themselves Republicans, a group to which the Democratic Party traces its origins.

Johnn one of oldest Basin drilling firms

Johnn Drilling Co., one of the oldest continuiously operated drilling concerns in the Permian Basin, was founded in 1946 at Artesia, N. M.

The founders were Johney Cockburn, Ed Peters and Vernon Blain. Blain is president of the organization, and his partners now are J. W. Arnold and Jack Steele.

The company, which principally drills for major oil companies on a contract basis, has 65 employes and an annual payroll that tops $1,250,000.

The concern's work area covers West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

A native of Arlington, Colo., Blain started work in the oil fields in 1936 in East Texas. He is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 955, El Paso Consistory and El Maida Temple and the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang.

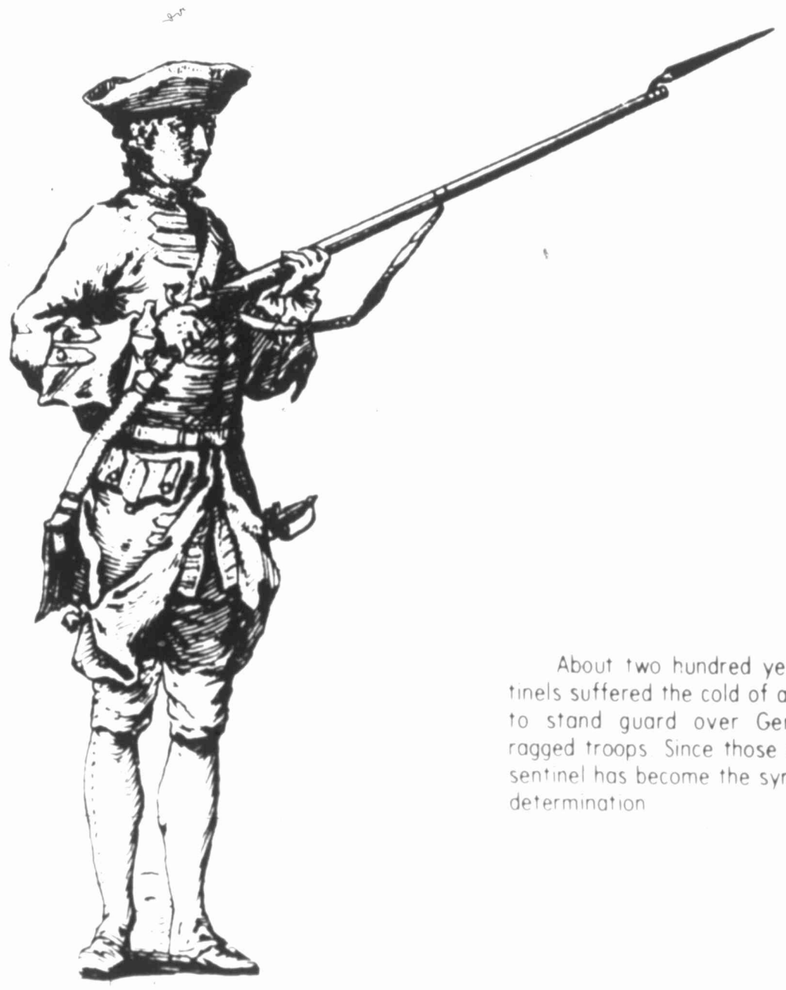
Blain is a past president of the Permian Basin Oil Show and also of the Industrial Foundation of America.

Currently he is serving as a director of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and of the Sand Hills Hereford & Quarter Horse Show held annually at Odessa.

The firm's headquarters are at Odessa, with offices on East Highway 80.

Johnn Drilling is a member of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and sponsors a league bowling team.

The Sentinel



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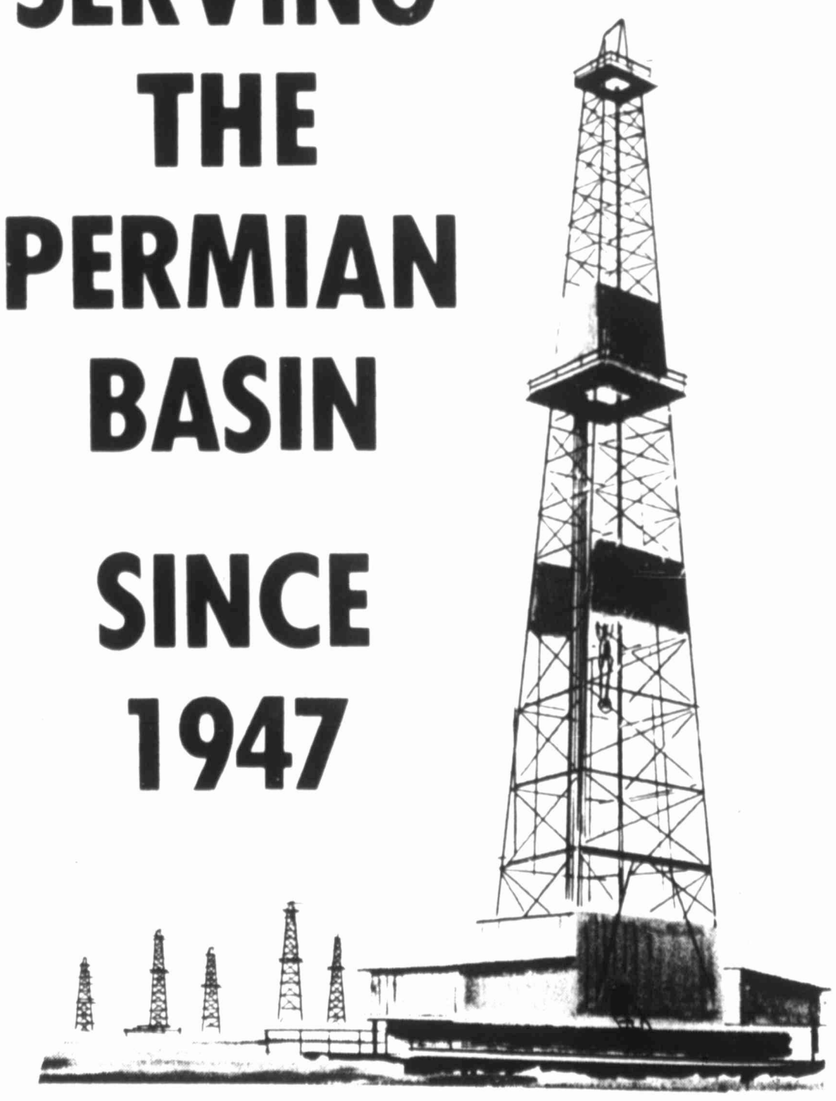

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Heritage Center plans July 4th celebration

LUBBOCK — When the shot heard 'round the world was fired in Massachusetts no louder echo reverberated than the one from Texas.

Celebrating that echo July 4, 1976, will be the Ranching Heritage Center, an authentic outdoor ranching museum at Texas Tech University.

The Center is scheduled for completion in July, although almost 50,000 visitors have already toured its authentic bu8ldings depicting the history of ranching in America.

Charlie Schreiner, one of the nation's leaders in the breeding of Longhorn cattle and a founder of the Longhorn Association, will boss a symbolic cattle drive arriving at the Ranching Heritage Center July 3. The herd's arrival will start the celebration. The drive will begin at Schreiner's YO Ranch near Kerville.

Opening-day visitors also will see the premier of a major theatrical production — the forerunner of a unique mobile theater using the 12-acres Ranching Heritage Center as a stage.

Charles G. Scruggs, editor and vice president of Progressive Farmer magazine and a Texas Tech regent, is general chairman for the opening-day events.

Already there are 16 buildings on the Center site, and four more are expected to be in place by July 3. The only building which did not once serve on a ranch will be an orientation center, providing visitors a glimpse of the broad aspects of ranching history.

At Center are ranch homes reflecting a century of development, from a log cabin build in South Texas in 1836 to a three-story ranch home built in the Panhandle in 1909.

The Escarbadas headquarters of the 3 million-acre XIT Ranch has been restored. There is a half-dugout and a two-story dugout, a double log cabin and a box-and-strip house.

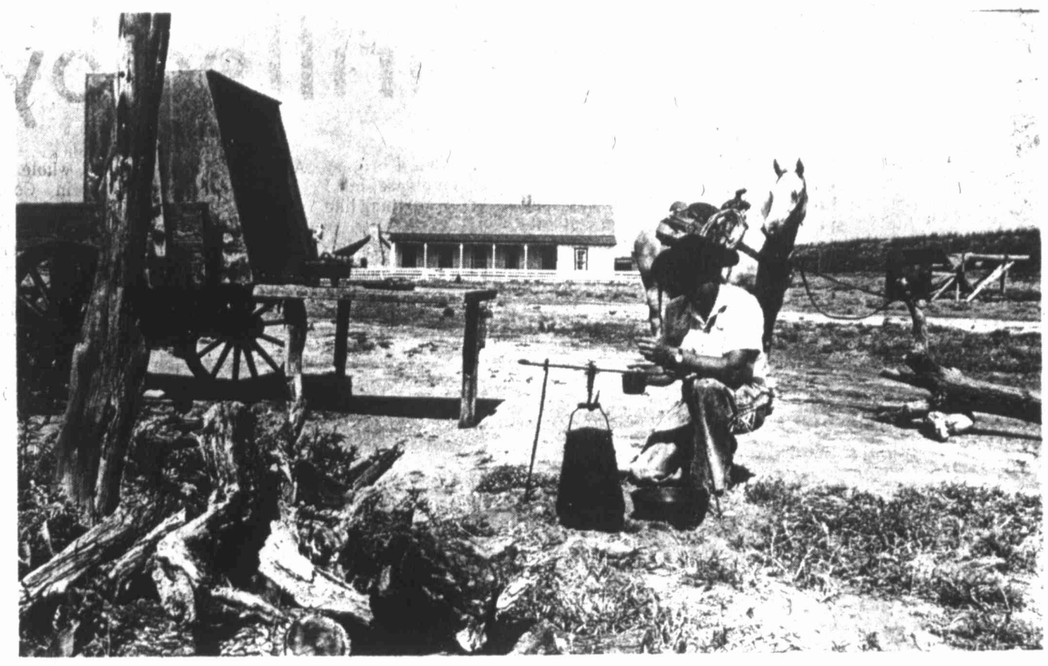
One house at the Center grew from a rock and mud room to a comfortable dwelling.

Ranch facilities denote various historic periods. These include a bunkhouse, a meat and milk house, a ranch office, a blacksmith shop, carriage house and a one-room schoolhouse.

Each building was chosen to depict a step in the progress of ranching. Each is restored with attention to the detail of its original condition.

Brands and messages burned by cowboys on dugout logs still are deadable. Dirt floors, a cranky schoolhouse stove, rust on an iron bedstead help visitors see the truth of life as it was lived by pioneer ranchers.

Windmills on the site — an Eclipse, a Walpole and a ground tumbler — first drew water for Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas Ranchmen.



Bobby Allen, cowboy for the Panhandle's Pitchfork Ranch, stops for a biscuit and coffee on a visit to the Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University. The Center's opening is set for July 3.

McGrath heads 1-year Basin oil, gas concern

Midland-based Bengal Oil & Gas Corp. is a newcomer to the nation's oil and gas exploration scene.

Founded by R. Searle McGrath Nov. 5, 1973, by R. Searle McGrath, the company is engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas.

During the first full year of operations, Bengal participated in drilling 21 wells, of which fiver were dry hole, three were oil producers and 13 were gas producers.

Eleven of the gas wells were completed in the Elders Ridge Area of Pennsylvanian, and two were finaled in Forest County, Pa.

The oil weres were No. 1 Union-Government in Converse County, Wyo.; the No. 1 Buckminster in Garfield County, Okla., in the Sooner Trend, and the No. 1 Gunter in the Quitman field area of Wood County.

Currently, Bengal is working on prospects in Pennsylvania, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas.

R. Searle McGrath, president and a director of the company, is a graduate of Princeton University.

In 1954, he formed McGrath & Smith, Inc., an oil and gas operating company and served as its president until July 1972.

He also has served as general partner in various oil and gas limited partnerships. In 1970, he was one of the founders of Coquina Oil Corp., and served as executive vice president until 1972.

Benjamin F. Hoffacker Jr. is a director and vice president of Bengal. A graduate of Lehigh University with a B.A. in geology, he received an M.S. degree in petroleum geology in 1948 from the University of Pittsburgh.

From 1948 to 1951 he was a geologist for South Penn Oil Co. in Pennsylvanian, and was district geologist for Seaboard Oil Co. in West Texas from 1952 to 1958, and then until 1962

R. Searle McGrath

was division exploration geologist in the Mid-Continent area for Monsanto Chemical Co. From 1963 to 1970 he was a partner of Grover, MacCurdy and Hoffacker, independent oil operators, fore joining Bengal, he was self-employed as an independent oil operator and consultant.

Joe E. Vaugh is secretary-treasurer and a director of Bengal. He attended Cisco Junior College at Cisco and Odessa College. Since He was employed by Union Oil Co. of California as a section accountant. He became manager of accounting for William P. Castleman Jr. here in 1959.

Another director of the company is Edward C. Danford, C.L.U. A graduate of Ohio State University, where he received a B.S. degree in Business administration, he is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel.

He is president of Riverdale, Inc., a management consulting and financial planning services company.

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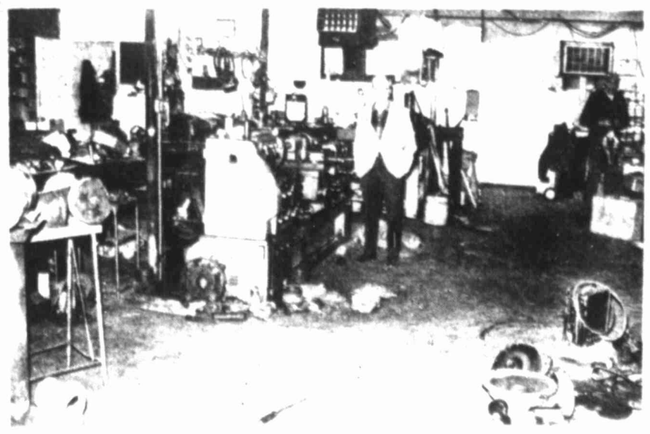

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Founded April 15, 1959, by Charles E. Palmer and his family, the oil field and industrial supplies business now is owned by the Palmers and Henry Schlichting.

With 14 fulltime employes and 5 parttime workers, Palmer Pipe & Supply has an annual payroll of more than $20,000.

The company sells a general line of supplies and reconditions equipment for its own stock and for customers of the company.

The office is at 1909 Garden City Highway.

Palmer, who sponsors a bowling team here, is a native of Hollis, Okla. He attended Dryden, Okla., high school.

He has had 34 years of experience in in oil field and industrial supply stores.

Palmer is married to the former Eileen Marie Pflug and they have a son, Robert, and a daughter, Karen.

Currently a member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Palmer is a past co-chairman of Clover House at Odessa and is a member of the Midland Council on Alcoholism and the South Side Lions Club. He quit taking part in other civic work three years ago due to ill health.

PBPA president heads Remuda Oil & Gas Co.

Remuda Oil & Gas Co. is a five-year-old Midland oil and gas exploration firm that is owned by Power Test of New York.

The company was organized in Midland in 1970 by Robert A. Dean, Hugh Meyer and Reed Albritton. Offices are in the Mid-America Building.

Dean, a native of Hamlin, is serving his second term of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, the independent operator's "voice" in oil industry matters in this area.

Remuda, with nine employes and a payroll of $130,000 annually, has interests in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Dean is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he earned a degree in Petroleum Geology.

He worked for Standard Oil Co. of Texas three years before becoming an independent operator.

He and Mrs. Dean, Mary Jane, have two children, Julianne and Leslie.

DESIGNER FLEMMING LJOEERING displays a bicentennial greeting Denmark plans to send to 1.5 million Americans in 1976. The design represents two persons with joined hands holding up U.S. and Danish flags.

—AP Wirephoto

Sundance year-old Basin drilling firm

The number of employes on the roll of Sundance Drilling Corp. belies the fact that the business has been in existance slightly more than a year.

Organized in Midland Nov. 1, 1974, as Brown & Lawhorn Drilling Co. by Fred G. Brown and Joel Lawhorn, the drilling concern now is solely owned by Brown.

Covering the drilling areas of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, Sundance has 45 employes on its payroll and operates three rigs.

The headquarters are in Room 403, Petroleum Building.

A native of Lubbock, Brown is a graduate of Midland High School.

Brown was graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and began his oil industry career with Signal Oil & Gas Co., a firm he worked for three years.

He then joined Midwest Oil Corp. for another three-year stint and then worked three years for Amini Oil Co.

A member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Brown is married to the former Karon Gilliam. They have five children, Kelly, Shelly, Heidi, Debbie and Randy.

Maintenance concern works Basin sectors

Industrial Maintenance Contractors, Inc., a Midland concern started here 10 years ago, was founded by C. L. Perkins Jr., Paul M. Varner and R. H. McKoy.

The construction, industrial painting and plant and field maintenance company has an average employe list of 68 persons a week, with an annual payrool of more than three-quarters of a million dollars.

The company, with headquarters at 2210 G. Eden City Highway, does work throughout West Texas and East New Mexico.

In 1973, V&M Field Service, Inc. was merged into Industrial Maintenance.

Perkins, president of the company is a native of El Paso where he attended high school. He also is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso.

He and his wife Joan, are the parents of three children, Cyrus Lee II, Cathy Lee and Donna.

Washington fought battles, George Pollock paid bills

EDITOR'S NOTE — Oliver Pollock, one of the major financiers of the American Revolution, was an Irishman and "that was reason enough to hate the British," says an historian. He also worried that if England won, his trading empire in the West would be lost.

NEW ORELANS (AP) — George Washington may have fought the battles but Oliver Pollock paid the bills — at least many of them.

Pollock is credited with raising $300,000 for the American Revolution, most of it out of his own pocket. Only France, Spain and Holland gave more.

For his concern he landed in a debtor's prison and is hardly a footnote in most history books.

The barrelchested Irish immigrant was much more than a footnote in the wartime journals of George Rogers Clark. He referred almost daily to Pollock's financial assistance during his campaign against the British on the young nation's western frontier.

The battles eventually led to American control of the land between the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Clark, then a general, said Pollock put up almost every penny his 200-man army needed.

Pollock also bankrolled an expedition against the British in western Florida, which at that time included a good slice of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

He begged, borrowed and bartered the money and funneled most of it straight to the Continental Congress.

Why all this patriotic benevolence?

"He was an Irishman and that was reason enough to hate the British," says John Chase, a local historian. "He also was worried that if England won, the trading empire he had carved out west of the Mississippi would be in jeopardy."

Pollock arrived in Pennsylvania in 1760 virtually penniless at the age of 23. By 1762 he was a successful merchant in Havana and six years later he had his own trading business in Spanish controlled New Orleans.

He made a bundle selling flour to the Spanish during one of their miniwars with the French Creoles and by the time the bullets started flying at Lexington and Concord he was one of the city's wealthiest men.

When the Continental Congress had difficulty raising tax money from a population that had been shouting "no taxation without representation" Pollock came to the rescue. He put his considerable fortune on the line and what he couldn't loan personally, he borrowed.

When Washington won at Yorktown, Pollock's creditors began clamoring for their money and he took a quick trip to Philadelphia seeking repayment. Congress, however, was broke.

"He finally got most of his money back but not until years later," Chase said. "He even landed in a debtor's prison in Cuba for a while."

Pollock spent his final years with a daughter on a plantation in western Mississippi and died in 1823.

Famous men were in Army

NEW YORK — Many of the Founding Fathers served with distinction in the Continental Army.

James Monroe was a major. John Marshall, who was to become the second Chief Justice of the United States, was a captain. Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton were both colonels on General Washington's personal staff.

New Jersey joined revolution in 1774

TRENTON, N. J. — New Jersey's die for revolution was cast Feb. 8, 1774.

That was the day the provincial assembly in Burlington rebelled and created the Committee of Correspondence "to keep up and maintain a correspondence and communication with our Sister Colonies."

Thereafter New Jersey acted in concert with the other Colonies in defiance of the crown and its last royal governor, William Franklin.

New Jersey had been an English Colony since the armies of King Charles II won control of it, with other Dutch North American possessions, in 1664. The land was divided into two sections, West and East Jersey. West Jersey became the first Quaker colony in America. Another group of Quakers later bought East Jersey. Following disputes over property rights, ownership of both sections was renounced and England united them into one royal Colony — New Jersey.

By the 1760s a rural society of some 100,000 persons had settled there. They were ruled by a Colonial governor and a 12-member council, but they elected their own Colonial assembly.

They shared the growing Colonial resentment over Britain's restrictive tax and trade laws.

The First Provincial Congress, meeting at New Brunswick on July 21, 1774, issued a proclamation affirming that Parliament's claim to make such laws "is unconstitutional and oppressive; and which we think ourselves bound, in duty to ourselves and our posterity, by all constitutional means in our powers to oppose."

The meeting also elected delegates to attend the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On the night of Dec. 12, 1774, a year after the Boston Tea Party, a group of young New Jerseyans dressed as Indians burned a supply of tea that had been brought ashore from a British ship at Greenwich.

Some 17,000 New Jersey men joined the fight for independence.

Situated as it was between New York City and Philadelphia, their homeland became a major battleground during the war. For seven years the fighting raged across New Jersey, giving it the title "Cockpit of the Revolution."

George Washington spent most of his time there as commander of the armies. The military events which swept across the territory began with the evacuation of Ft. Lee, Nov. 20, 1776, following the New York disasters, and the subsequent retreat across New Jersey before the British onslaught by way of the Hudson and the Palisades.

At Trenton, now the state capital, Washington made his crucial Christmas attack after crossing the Delaware, surprising and capturing 918 Hessian soldiers. The barracks which they occupied at the time are still standing.

Washington next struck at Princeton, driving two British regiments back toward New Brunswick. One detachment of British troops sought refuge in Princeton University's Nassau Hall, where they were easily captured. The hall served as a barracks for both British and American troops at various times during the Revolution.

Morristown National Historical Park marks the area where Washington's troops first encamped in January, 1777, and passed the winter of 1779-80.

In all, the Americans and British fought nearly a hundred engagements in New Jersey. They included the battles of Monmouth, Springfield, Chestnut Neck, Powles Hook, Red Bank and a number of smaller skirmishes.

The American and French armies marched down through the Ramapo Mountains into the heart of New Jersey and across the Delaware on the way to Yorktown and final victory.

New Jersey ratified the Articles of Confederation, forerunner of the U.S. Constitution, on Nov. 26, 1778. On Dec. 18, 1787, it ratified the U.S. Constitution and became the third state in the Union.

Temple names Commissiona

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sergiu Comissiona, conductor of the Baltimore Symphony, has been appointed musical adviser for the Temple University Music Festival.

Comissiona already has taken an active role in advising on the selection of artists and programs being developed for Biecentennial. He also will conduct the resident Pittsburgh Symphony on several occasions next summer.

Trained as a violinist in his native Bucharest, Comissiona was in the Romanian State Ensemble when, at age 19, he stepped in for an ailing conductor and was so impressive that it launched his career on the podium.

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Englishman may have Influenced Jefferson

Copley News Service

The American Bicentennial is upon us, and we hear much about Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, et al.

But not much about John Locke.

This is understandable. John Locke was an Englishman. But not only was he an Englishman; his span on this earth was from 1632 until 1704, which means that he ended his days on this earth 72 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Death, however, did not mean oblivion for John Locke. A philosopher with impressive credentials, he wrote an "Essay on the Human Understanding," which included more specific subtitles including dealings with "Civil Government," "Education," "The Reasonableness of Christianity," and more.

John Locke died without ever having heard of Thomas Jefferson. One good reason: Jefferson wasn't born until 1743.

But in Locke's second essay, "Concerning Civil Government," published in 1690, there are some phrases which have the ring of familiarity. For example:

"Men being, as has been said, by nature all free, equal and independent, no one can be put out of his estate and subjected to the political power of another without his consent."

In the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson wrote that all men "are endowed with certain unalienable rights," that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

language of the Declaration:

"...Man having been born free, as has been proven, with title to perfect freedom and an uncontrolled enjoyment at all the rights and privileges of the law of Nature..."

Locke wrote: "Wherever law ends, tyranny begins, if the law be transgressed to another's harm; and whosoever in authority exceeds the power given him by law...may be opposed..."

Jefferson wrote that when government becomes destructive of human rights, "it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."

A few excerpts from Locke which bear strong resemblance to the

Basinwide company organized by Sledge

Gene Sledge, a former president of the Permian Basin Chapter of the International Association of Drilling Contractors, two years ago formed the Gene Sledge Drilling Corp.

Now, the firm has 60 employes and plys its trade throughout the Permian Basin Empire.

The company, headquarted at 105 Wilco Building, contracts for jobs from 8,000 to 12,500 feet. The company was organized in February 1974.

Sledge is a native of Comanche and he and his wife Joyce have three sons, David, a Baylor University student; Steve, attending Lee High School, and Mike, a student at Austin Freshman School.

Sledge is a member of the Baptist church and the Lee Booster Club.

He is a past partner of Chaparral Drilling Co., Inc., and was vice president of Eddins-Walcher Co. of Midland. He also was district manager of the West Texas District for Iverson Supply.

Midlander owns prized revolution document

Wayland K. Sullivan of Midland has come up with an authentic document from the Revolutionar War.

It is a letter written by Capt. Samson Benson to Harmon V. Dewater, an ancester of Sullivan. It is thought that the letter was written after the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Actually, the letter is a warrant of authority to the Sergeant Dewater and reads as follows:

To Mr. Harmon V. Dewater, Greeting:

By virtue of an Act of the Continental Congress for regulating the Militia of this Province, I do hereby nominate and appoint you, the said Harmon V. Dewater to be a Sargeant of the Harmon Company in the Outward of the City of New York of which I am Captain.

You are therefore to take charge of the said company as Sargeant and from time to time when thereunto required enlist and warn the men in my Company to appear under arms and send other military duty.

You shall be required as the men are obliged to observe your orders, to observe and follow such orders and directions you shall receive from your superior officers according to the rules and discipline of war, and also such warrants as shall be issued pursuant to said orders by the commanding officer of the said Company. This shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand ans seal this Fourth Day of October, anno dominum One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five. Samson Benson, Captain.

Klickitat tribe learns ancient art of basket weaving

BINGEN, Wash. (AP) — The ancient and refined Indian art of basket weaving is being taught at the Adult Learning Center here — but only to Indians.

Some 28 students are also learning to string beads and make moccasins at college classes aimed at recapturing the nearly lost skills developed by their ancestors over thousands of years.

Most of the 28 students are from the Klickitat tribe, part of the Yakima nation. They meet three evenings each week at the center, just opened by Clark College in the old Bingen Elementary School building.

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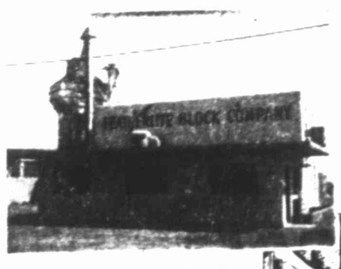

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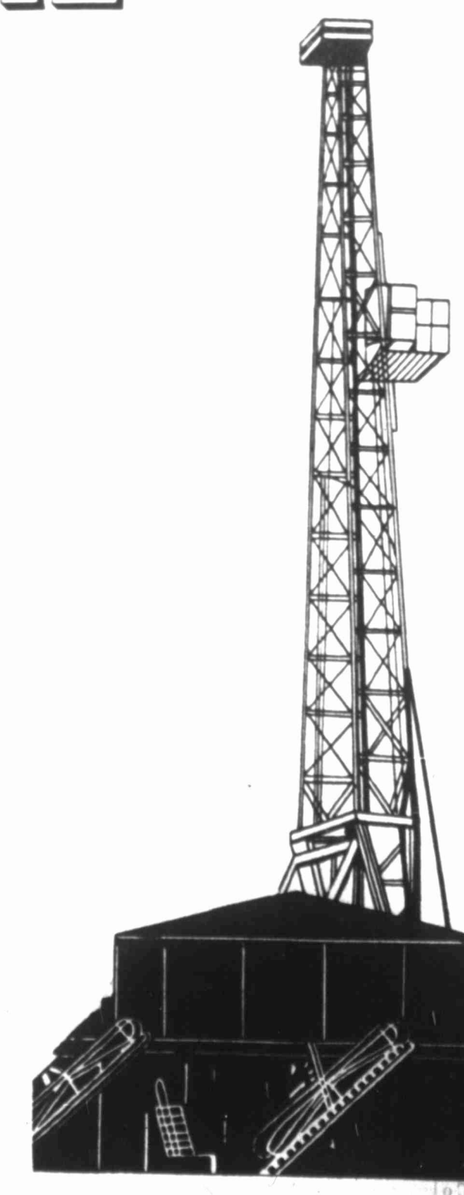

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A visit to George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia is a visit to the tranquil rural world of 1732. Visitors can see a "living farm" operated by park personnel who are planting, caring for animals, raising horses for the National Capital Park Police and harvesting the crops.

Nixon names

Aug. 22, 1973. President Nixon nominated Henry A. Kissinger to be secretary of state to replace William P. Rogers who resigned the same day.

Plantation aromas set mood at national park

By GARY EVERHARDT
Director, National Park Service
Copley News Service

Some national parks fill the visitors' eyes with magnificent scenery. Others test your ears with thundering waterfalls or roaring surf. George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia appeals to your sense of smell.

At this quiet park 38 miles east of Fredericksburg aromas set the mood of a tidewater plantation of two centuries ago. As you walk its tidy paths you can sniff clumps of boxwood, sprays of lilacs and the honest smells of a busy barnyard.

From the kitchen house near the reconstructed mansion come the odors of herbs drying and bread baking in the oven.

Such savory scenes were familiar to young George Washington who spent the first three and one-half years of his life at the Popes Creek Plantation. Later, as a teen-ager, he lived here from time to time with his half-brother Augustine. Today, a traveler needs to drive only a few minutes from north-south Interstate 95 to reach this park, one of the key Bicentennial sites in the National Park System, and step into the tranquil rural world of 1732.

We encourage each newcomer to simply forget the outside world for awhile," Superintendent Don Thompson told me as he described his park's living history program.

Park interpreters play authentic roles to further visitor understanding. In the kitchen, costumed girls dip candles, make spice balls and mix soap from meat fat and lye as their predecessors did years ago at this self-sufficient plantation. Out in the carpenter's shed, John Davy fashions replacement pickets for a fence while farm supervisor Barry Whitman checks the dryness of the tobacco, the plantation's major cash crop. Each interpretive activity is begun only after careful research by Chief of Interpretation Dwight Storke.

To make the picture authentic, both agriculture and animal husbandry have taken a great leap backward. Old varieties of crops are grown on the 30 acres under cultivation. "We plant an unhybrid corn, similar to Indian maize," Whitman says. "Last year, we planted our first crop of flax."

Hay is stacked in old-fashioned haycocks so the rainwater runs off. More than 170 varieties of herbs grow in the herb garden and are used to season food, make sweet-smelling sachets and compound medicines.

European boars, smaller and wirier than today's selective breeds, were brought in. Columbia and Cheviot sheep were crossed to produce the montadale, a breed similar in appearance to the Leicester sheep that Augustine Washington probably raised. To fascinate park visitors, interpreters demonstrate how the sheep are sheared and the wool cleaned, carded and dyed before being skeined and spun into cloth.

Fields are plowed by a well-known pair of oxen, Buckshot and Shorty. Both are red Devons, a strain first introduced to Virginia in 1623.

Doing things the old way occasionally turns out to be surprisingly up-to-date. To get away from the use of chemical insecticides, the park brought in praying mantis. On the basis of one year's trial, the mantis seem to be controlling the pests and are eliminating the need for insecticides.

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Museum makes 'home' popular

By CHARLES HILLINGER
Los Angeles Times

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Gene Reis' funeral home is one of the most popular spots in town.

That's because Reis has a museum in his mortuary.

Five years ago Reis converted the old Harmony Valley Creamery plant into a funeral home.

Three former cheese-aging rooms in the cellar are now the Reis Mortuary Museum.

The rooms are filled with old telephones, button hooks, fans, historical newspapers and magazines, lamps, farm implements and tools.

On one wall is a barbwire collection. Another section contains old photos of pioneer San Luis Obispo families and early-day snapshots of the town.

Museum pieces are scattered throughout the mortuary chapel and viewing rooms. Century-old funeral home organs from Nova Scotia, England and Scotland, chandeliers that came around The Horn.

Dowdle Oil organized as nationwide concern

Dowdle Oil Corp., a nationwide and foreign oil and gas production company, was organized five years ago in Midland.

The founder and current president is Nash J. Dowdle, and the company has a staff of 11 persons and a payroll of $200,000 a year.

Dowdle is one of the founders of the City of Midland Swim Team and a past president of the organization.

Dowdle Oil Corp.'s headquarters are 1220 Midland Savings Building, 300 W. Wall St.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Dowdle attended New Trier High School at Winnetka, Ill., and Grinnell, Iowa, University and Notre Dame University.

He has been and oil and gas operator and producer 25 years.

His two sons, Nash Jr. and Tim, and four daughters, Kerry, Mary, Kelly and Janie all have been members of the City of Midland Swim Team.

Catholicism departs from 'melting pot'

By JANIS JOHNSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The American Roman Catholic bishops have approved for bicentennial use an ethnic mass that departs from the "melting pot" theory and recognizes the pluralistic traditions coexisting in the United States.

It reflects a growing ethnic consciousness among American churches and religious groups that have been criticized for failing to explore the rich cultural, racial and language diversity of their ethnic minorities.

"The society we call our home is not as comfortable with the past as it might be," reads a suggested sermon in the Catholic mass. "And so it tries to make us forget what in our own cultural tradition makes us what we are, calling such 'remembering' meaningless, unproductive."

"Pride in one's national heritage is never a threat to the unity of the human family if its companion is a deep respect for the heritage of others," it adds. "There is not an ethnic tradition or a minority group in this 'United' States that has not some inestimable gift to offer our young nation, as we struggle to find a new future, in the light of events of the past."

The mass is one of several worship forms in "Catholics and the Bicentennial" just published by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee. Prayers, an Independence Day mass, ecumenical services, a children's service, and hymns and songs are included in the booklet.

The ethnic service, which is to be said in English, is designed for adaptation in parishes reflecting a foreign heritage and uses the Polish tradition as a model. In one portion, it recognizes the variety of cultures emigrating to America and "continually misunderstood by established Americans."

A key section is a litany of praise and Thanksgiving for important individuals in an ethnic heritage. It follows this from based on Polish tradition:

"For Marie Curie, scientist, discoverer, healer,

Let us praise and thank the Lord.

For Frederick Chopin, and for the Polonaise,

Let us praise and thank the Lord.

For Kazimierz Pulaski, social reformer, crusader for civil rights,

Let us praise and thank the Lord."

As part of the ritual, the assembly repeats these lines from the Declaration of Independence: "We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Msgr. Geno Baroni, who heads the National Center for Urban and Ethnic Affairs here, said in a recent interview that Catholicism has "neglected the riches" of its own ethnic groups and must "make the case for pluralism and the transmission of ethnic values" in society.

Historic houses among Bicentennial features

Copley News Service

New York City has many historic structures of pre-1800 vintage, but some were so thirsty for a paint job that the City Bicentennial Commission was reluctant to include them in its plan for celebrating America's 200th birthday.

Then along came the SCM Corp. with a donation of more than 250 gallons of new paint to spruce up the old houses. Now these structures are gleaming reminders of the nation's upcoming Bicentennial.

They include such landmarks as Kingsland Homestead in Queens; the Valentine-Varian House in The Bronx; the Fraunces Tavern, six houses in Richmondtown, Staten Island; the Conference House on Staten Island; the Abigail Adams Smith House in Manhattan; the Lady Moody House in Brooklyn and the famed Poe Cottage in the Bronx.

In South Dakota, the 147th Field Artillery Group of the Army National Guard is putting together an authentic horse-drawn artillery half-section duplicating a unit of the late 19th Century South Dakota militia.

The unit will be made available for participation in parades, rodeos and celebrations across the state during the Bicentennial year.

Students and teachers at three schools in Queens, N.Y., are restoring Jamaica's Prospect Cemetery as a Bicentennial project. The cemetery contains early Dutch graves and Revolutionary War dead.

For lack of funds, the cemetery has deteriorated over the years. Hence, with the approval of the Queens Bicentennial Committee, instructors and students at Robert Van Wyck Junior High School, Richard S. Grossley School and the Jamaica High School are tackling the restoration task.

Achison, Kan., is a town of less than 13,000 inhabitants. Yet already three official Bicentennial flags fly over the community.

One flag belongs to the international organization of licensed women pilots, the Ninety-Nines.

It has a membership of more than 450,000 women fliers in 32 countries around the world.

The second one was presented to the town when it became an official Bicentennial community. The third is emblematic of the naming of Benedictine College as an official Bicentennial school.

In North Carolina, the town of Newton has set July 4, 1976, as the target date for finishing a citywide face-lifting job in recognition of Bicentennial observance.

Business houses throughout the city have signed up to renovate and remodel the interiors and facades of their stores. The idea is to re-create the village atmosphere for which Newton once was known across the

Philadelphia citizens seeking cherished document

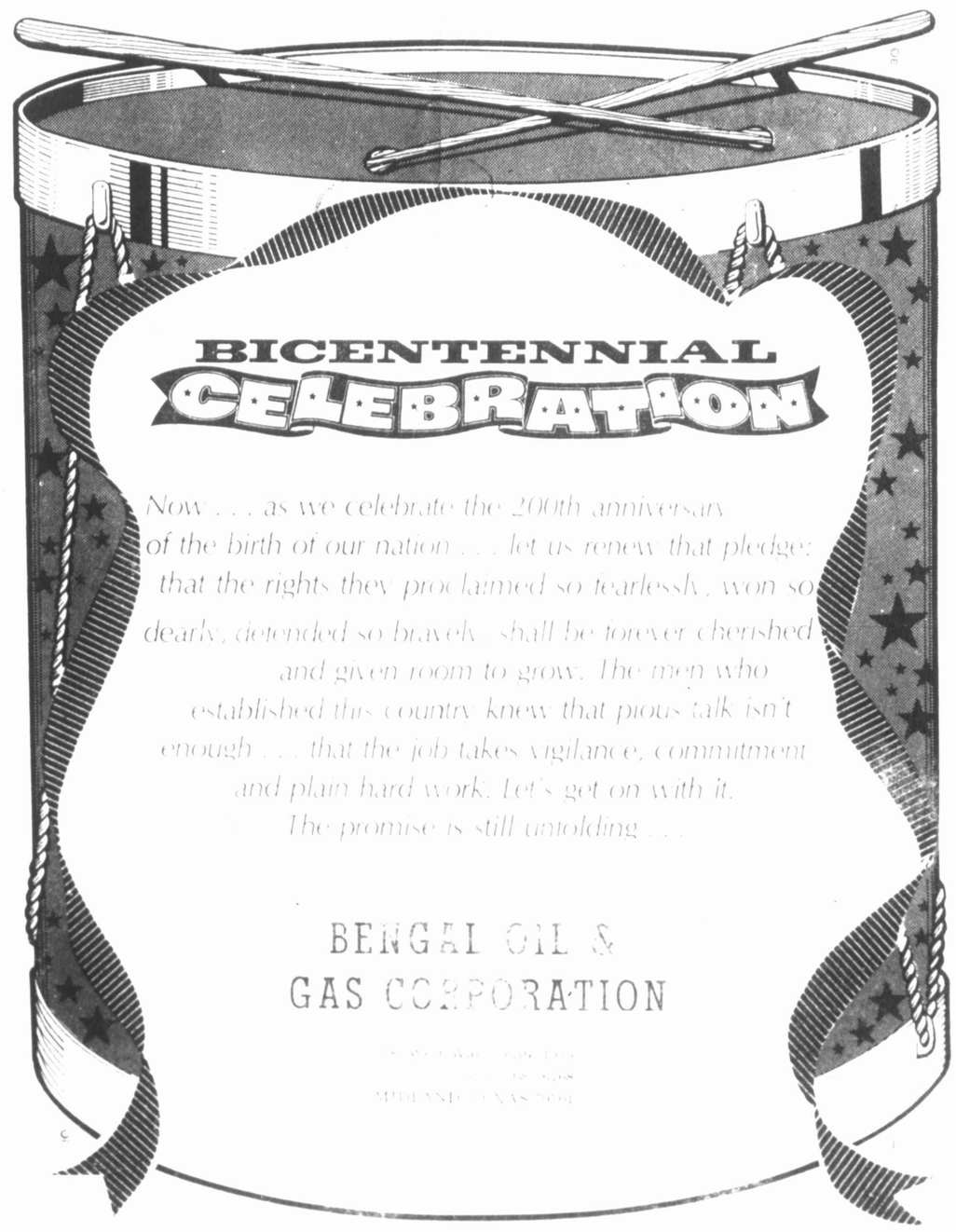
Copley News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia wants back from Washington, D. C. the original engrossed Declaration of Independence for its Bicentennial celebration.

A drive to retrieve the historic document was launced by Philadelphia Mayor Frank L. Rizzo.

The mayor was the first to sign a petition to President Ford asking return of the document to the city where it was drafted, adopted and signed in 1776.

Appropriately, the thousands of Philadelphians signing the petition are doing so at the desk used by Thomas Jefferson.



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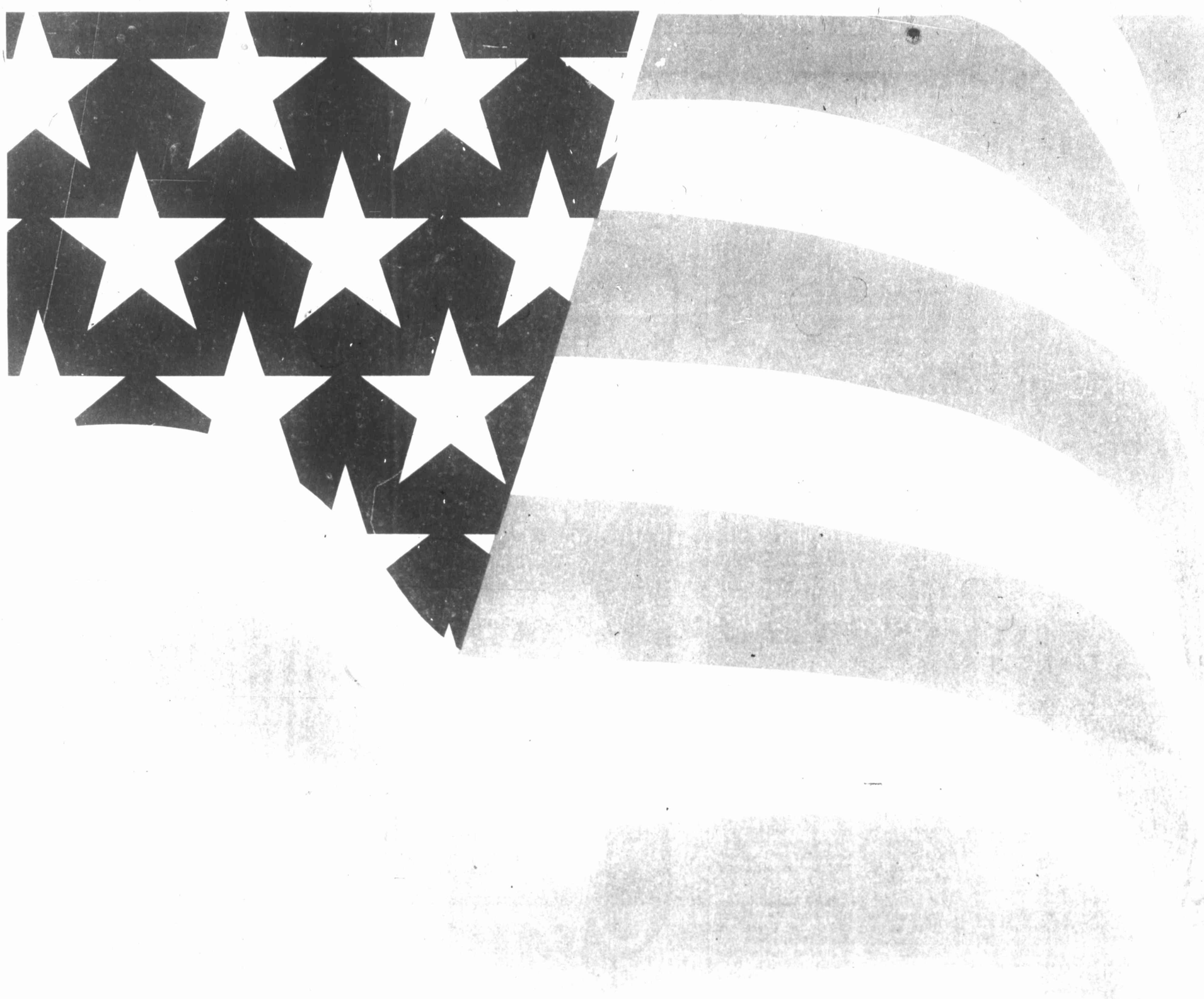

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This is all that remained of one of the buildings burned in April 1909 when the City of Midland suffered one of its most disastrous fires. Another fire ravaged the downtown area in 1908, and still another took its toll in 1910. The First National Bank was lost in the 1909 fire, after the Midland National had burned in 1908.

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1910 conflagration was terrible; buildings destroyed, one life lost

Everytime the Midland Fire Department sends a truck wailing through the streets it just might bring back memories to the very old oldtimers here of the times when flames almost devoured the city.

That would be back in 1909 once and again in 1910.

Some say the 1909 fire was the most destructive when The First National Bank Building was destroyed along with other businesses along Main Street and along Wall Street.

But, there are no written records available on the 1909 fire (one of two oldtimers believe it might have been in 1908, but the Midland Reporter refers to it as being in April 1909.

However, the Dec. 9, 1910, edition of the newspaper has complete details of the 1910 conflagration that wrapped the business portion of the city in flames and caused the death of one man.

In all, according to the newspaper, nine business houses were destroyed and several others heavily damaged.

Following is the account of the 1910 fire by C. C. Watson who was the editor and publisher of the Midland Reporter.

"Since last April a year ago Midland has not witnessed so terrible a conflagration as broke out in the W. A. Holloway livery barn at 8 o'clock last Monday night (Dec. 5), the result of an exploding oil heating stove.

"The quickly speading flames were terrifying beyond expression. For more than an hour it seemed that the whole business portion of our city was hopelessly doomed, and only for our city water works, just nearing completion and being tested out, no man doubts that the results would have been infinitely more terrible.

"Almost in the time it takes to tell it the flames rolled from the office of the livery stable and the whole massive frame structure, dry as tinder, was a roaring furnace.

"George Maulden, the faithful man in charge, was suffocated and a tragedy sad to every citizen of our town occurred. His body was burned to a crisp.

"The Midland Grocery and Dry Goods Company was soon in flames. They leaped on to the Martin-Camp Jewelry Company, Klapproth building, then to the Scharbauer building, recently vacated by Basham, Shepherd & Company. The two-story and single story Boaz buildings, occupied by Bigham & Lee, were hardly well started to burning when the old Stag Hotel building and Legal Tender building, both two-story, and the latter occupied by the Midland Metal & Manufacturing Company, and the Philipp building, occupied by Heatly & Parks, were caught and rapidly being consumed.

"Up to this time the efforts of our heroic fire fighters had been directed toward saving the business establishments on the west side of Main Street.

"Success attended efforts that were Herculean and unfaltering, efforts that were attended by dangers terrible and heat most intense and all but overpowering, crowned the worn-out struggles of our brave fellows.

"After hours of this the subjected fiend roared and hissed and died down to smoldering ruins, ill content that ravages had not spread to greater proportions.

"The general losses of this conflagration will total far forward $200,000 and possibly fully that much with insurance not more than half this sum. The losses as nearly as we can estimate them were about as follows:

"Holloway stable and contents, $7,000. No insurance.

"Midland Grocery and Dry Goods Company, $80,000. Insurance $37,500.

"Martin-Camp Jewelry Company, $15,000. Insurance $4,500.

"Miss Maggie M. Cummins, millinery, $1,500 to $2,000. Insurance $700.

"Bigham & Lee, vehicles and implements, $15,000. Insurance $8,000.

"Midland Metal & Manufacturing Company, $5,000. Insurance $4,500.

"Heatley & Parks, saddlery, harness, etc., $6,500. Insurance $4,500.

"The buildings partially insured will total many thousands more, besides many smaller losses will swell the total near to the enormous sum mentioned above.

"The Midland Reporter and all who were interested in it — our esteemed employes and many friends who are now doubly dear — were scared with about all the scare that could have been gotten out of us. The cry 'Old Watson's gone again, fellows, let's save his stuff' was taken up, and such a hoisting of presses and a sliding out of machinery you never saw the like in all your days!

"Our office now is in a beautiful state of pi, and there are masses of stuff that will finally find a way to the hell box, but our stuff was saved, all but a few hundred sheets of paper which now litter our streets.

"Seriously, our office has been damaged a few hundred dollars, but we love and appreciate the friends who did it, for they were prompted by sympathy and a desire to save us what they could.

"Frankly, we have lost all twice before by fire, and we encouraged all to help, helped ourself, and in the midst of all the pranks of such, bless our friends, and to [illegible] we have such a multitude!

"The city water works was submitted to a test [illegible] contemplated by its promoters.

"The past few days has been a time of testing tests under the direction of the constructing engineer, S. G. Greene, preparatory to turning over the system to the city. When the alarm of fire was sounded, the thoughts of many turned to our new water works and all of us wished that in this time of impending disaster that it might be in running order.

"The fire hose was stored in different parts of town and the first problem was to get it assembled at the fire zone and ready for use. A record auto run was made by City Secretary H. B. Dunagan and Oscar Cunningham, and in a short space of time a supply of hose was on the ground. 'All records for auto driving in Midland were broken in the run by S. G. Greene to the water works plant. At the risk of life and limb in a wild ride, the plant was reached and the compressor put to work — and it worked beautifully.

"In spite of a number of lines of hose attached to the mains, increasing friction and decreasing power, a powerful stream was

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Photograph courtesy Midland County Library

This photograph was taken July 5, 1908, following fire of day before. The intersection is Wall and Main streets, with Main running from bottom of picture to top. The building directly beneath the water tower is the Llano Hotel. The fire broke out in the rear of the hotel, left. The Midland National Bank also was destroyed in the fire, which was the first of three major Midland fires, the other two occurring in 1909 and 1910.

Boston dressed in patriotic hues

By ROXANE ARNOLD
Copley News Service

BOSTON — Bicentennial Boston is a city festooned in red, white and blue.

From buses decorated in the patriotic tricolor bunting to the Boston 200 shops and offices that dot its neighborhoods, Boston is celebrating a rich and unique history in a style wholly its own.

The birth of the nation started in April, 1775, when a band of Yankee patriots stood its ground at Lexington and Concord and fired that shot that was heard around the world.

The City of Boston and its people are not about to forget that.

The offices of Boston 200 are responsible for a number of commemorative programs and exhibits that will be scheduled throughout the year.

The city's buildings, streets, parks and waterways have become the sites of the celebration.

Historic gathering places like Paul Revere's house, Bunker Hill, the old State House, the old North Church and Old Ironsides continue to be as well visited as ever.

But under the direction of Boston 200, a network of exhibits, tours, historic sites, trails and markers has been set up featuring some of the city's lesser-known but equally remarkable landmarks.

The one-and-a-half-mile Freedom Trail has a new Tea Party Path to celebrate 18th Century Boston. It features one of the three original Tea Party ships and a museum now open to the public at the Congress Street Bridge.

The walking trail runs from the Boston Common to the USS Constitution, covering such landmarks as the old North Church and the site of the Boston Massacre near the old State House.

Other trails are devoted to architecture, literature, famous medical institutions and the city's famous greenbelt of parks and gardens.

Visitors can meander around the North End, Back Bay, Charleston, Beacon Hill, South End, Downtown, Chinatown and Waterfront, all the time seeing a unique blend of American history and modern urban life.

For, along with the brick town houses, the 18th Century meeting halls, the graveyards with their historic headstones, Boston is also a city of glass and steel. The towering skyscrapers, elegant hotels and smart restaurants and shops are as fine as those found in any American city.

The city of endless cobblestone alleys and narrow, snaking streets is also a city of freeways and turnpikes.

Crowds of shoppers, sightseers and businessmen crowd the city's sidewalks. Boston is above all a city for walking.

Much of the city's charm is hidden behind brick walls or nestled at the end of a narrow, one-way street.

The gardens of the Beacon Hill homes, the beef and fruit on display in the open Haymarket can only be appreciated by the visitor on foot.

The old burying grounds with their ancient headstones marking the passing of most of our nation's Founding Fathers are hidden behind iron gates, inaccessible to anyone but the pedestrian with a moment to spare.

Boston's museums are due their share of attention as well as the area's famous educational institutions such as Harvard, Radcliffe, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Most of the attractions are easy to find, with the help of one of the easy-to-read maps available for a smile around the city.

All the sightseer must have is a quarter and a few minutes to ride the city's fast and effective rapid transit system.

Conflagrations damage Downtown Midland businesses; destroy town's two banks

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directed against the already blistering and endangered east side business houses and then from the roof of the Klapproth store against the roaring flames now devouring everything in their path.

"But for that stream forced by the engine at the water works it is hard to prophecy what might have been the last word in Midland's latest fire. It is safe to say that the three business houses not destroyed in the burning block, and all on the east side of the block are a standing monument to our water works syste which has been tried by fire and measured up to our fondest expectations under the test.

"In April, 1909, occurred the greatest fire in Midland's history. It exceeded the one of Monday night considerably, but then we had no facilities for fighting any kind of a serious conflagration. Had the fire of Monday night occurred under conditions the same as in 1909, no man doubts for a moment but what three-fourths of the business portion of our city, and perhaps much more, would now be in ruins.

"The Reporter first burned out the latter part, the 28th, we think of January, 1905. The next time was the morning of the 18th of October, 1909. Both were total loses.

"Just how soon, we do not know. However, speculation amongst the owners of devastated lots is now rife, and it is probable that steps toward rebuilding will be taken at no distant day. The properties destroyed were too valuable as business locations to remain long vacant, and it's Midland's way to rise from ruins grander, better and more beautiful than ever.

"The Queen City of the South Plains has done many a Phoenix stunt, and she'll do another."

Another fire of serious proportions razed businesses along Main Street and Wall Street July 4, 1908.

Not many records of this fire are available, but bits of information and pictures owned by the Midland County Museum reveal that Midland National Bank, the Llano Hotel, a grocery store and a drug store were destroyed.

This fire broke out in the Llano

C&K Petroleum, founded in Midland, has $4.5 million earnings yearly

"Chance favors the prepared mind."

This famous quotation, often attributed to Louis Pasteur, is most appropriate when characterizing the decision of C. Fred Chambers and W. D. Kennedy to organize an oil exploration partnership in 1952. The company has become a public corporation with $39 million in assets earning at the rate of $4.5 million per year.

C&K Petroleum, Inc., listed on the American Stock Exchange, is the direct successor to the partnership that began in a basement in a Midland office building.

Chambers and Kennedy had grown up in Dallas, attended The University of Texas, served in the Navy in World War II and started putting oil deals together in the Permian Basin.

In 196[illegible], Chambers moved from Midland to Houston to open an office in that city to guide exploration onshore and offshore in the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast area.

C&K Petroleum, Inc., was formed in 1969 to serve as the vehicle to acquire the assets of Chambers & Kennedy Partnership, C&K Offshore Co., Chambers & Kennedy Properties, Ltd., Nortex Oil & Gas Corp., Valley Royalty Corp., C&K Petroleum, Ltd., and C&K Nederland.

Subsequently, the company went public in 1971 through the sale of 650,000 shares at $9 per share of C&K common stock through an underwriting syndicate led by Rauscher, Pierce Securities Corp. of Dallas.

Since then the company has expanded by opening exploration offices at Denver, Colo., Corpus Christi, and Lafayette, La.

The company operates in most of the major producing areas of the United States including offshore in Lousiana and Texas, the Texas Gulf Coast, the Permian Basin, the Delaware Basin and the Rocky Mountains.

Since becoming a public company in 1971, C&K Petroleum has almost tripled its operating revenues, increased earnings five-fold and quadrupled cash flow per share.

Today, the outlook for continued growth of the company appears bright — all because the two partners were prepared to take the chances required for success in such a risky business.

Chambers is president of the organization, and Kennedy is executive vice president.

The company also engages in exploration and development of petroleum to a limited extend in foreign countries.

Other officers of Chambers & Kennedy, Inc., include Malcolm J. Kutner, vice president; Bruce M. McIntyre, vice president and treasurer; W. C. Tillett, vice president; Ann Cooper Adams, secretary; E. R. Manson, assistant secretary, and Katrena Cain, assistant secretary.

Abbott Building goes into business in 1954

The late Harland E. Abbott, along with his sons, H. Eugene Abbott and Richard E. Abbott, founded one of the best known building firms in the Permian Basin — Abbott Building Co.

The firm was founded in 1954 and still is owned by the Abbot sons.

With more than 150 employes, the company has an annual payroll of $1,750,000 and does business within a 200-mile radius of Midland and Odessa.

The civic minded company actively supports most youth, social and civic organizations. Headquarters are on West Highway 80 in Midland.

Since its organization 22 years ago, Abbott has has purchased Crawford Door Co. and Pioneer Fence Co., both Odessa concerns.

H. Eugene Abbott is the current manager of the company. He is a native of Ontario, Canada, and was graduated from high school at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

He attended the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering.

He and Mrs. Abbott, the former Rachel Jones of Houston, have seven children.

Abbott serves as a commissioner in the Midland Housing Authority, and is a member of the executive committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Richard E. Abbott was born at Youngstown, N.Y., and also attended high school at Niagara Falls.

He attended Texas Christian University and has worked 26 years in the construction business.

He is married to the former Janell Christian of Midland. They have two children.

Post reports war activity

Copley News Service

From the Pennsylvania Evening Post, Philadelphia, autumn of 1775, 200 years ago.

NEW YORK — The following information received by express from South Carolina may be depended upon, viz:

That they have two thousand men in actual pay, and five hundred horse on the frontiers, Col. Gadsden, Commander in Chief, and Colonel Isaac Huger, second colonel of the first regiment, second regiment Colonel Moultrie.

Fort Johnson fortified and garrisoned with four hundred fifty men.

Mount Pleasant fortified with four cannon, and two hundred men stationed to prevent the King's ships taking in water, and no provisions allowed them.

Two schooners fitted out, mounting fourteen and twelve guns, and full manned as cruisers.

Three forts in Charlestown, and the bastion fortified with cannon.

An entrenchment about four miles from the town laid out, tools made, and men ready to begin the entrenchment when the express came away.

Women and children almost all moved out of town, and barracks built for them in the country.

They have twenty tons of powder, and the quantity daily increasing.

Two thousand men in uniform, blue faced with red.

Light horse five hundred, blue faced with white, and well furnished.

The militia in the country in fine order, drill serjeants having been sent among them many months past.

The people are under no apprehension from their Negroes. The Hon. William Henry Drayton, the worthy judge of the Superior Court, has made a treaty with the Cherokees to assist the inhabitants in case of necessity.

January events of 200 years ago

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It happened 200 years ago in January:

Landing parties from the British forces set fire to houses throughout Norfolk, Va. Flames devoured many structures before the fires were extinguished.

Col. Williams at Boonesborough, Transylvania (now Kentucky), complained of ammunition shortage and cited difficulties in surveying and settling land.

Gen. George Washington told Congress he would attack Boston at the first opportune moment in an attempt to wrest the city from Britain's hold. That was on Jan. [illegible]

The Continental Congress on Jan. [illegible] ordered destruction of British naval strength in Chesapeake Bay, the Carolinas and Rhode Island, in that order.

British warships were were reported to have left Charleston, S.C., harbor bound for Savannah, Ga., and the two Colonies attempted to set up a reliable communications system.

Jan. 8, Gen. Washington ordered Gen. Lee to proceed to New York to deal with the Loyalists on Long Island and to try to confiscate the enemy's stores and provisions there.

Jan. 9, Thomas Paine presented his pamphlet, Common Sense, to the Continental Congress, marking its duty to create "an asylum" for liberty in the country.

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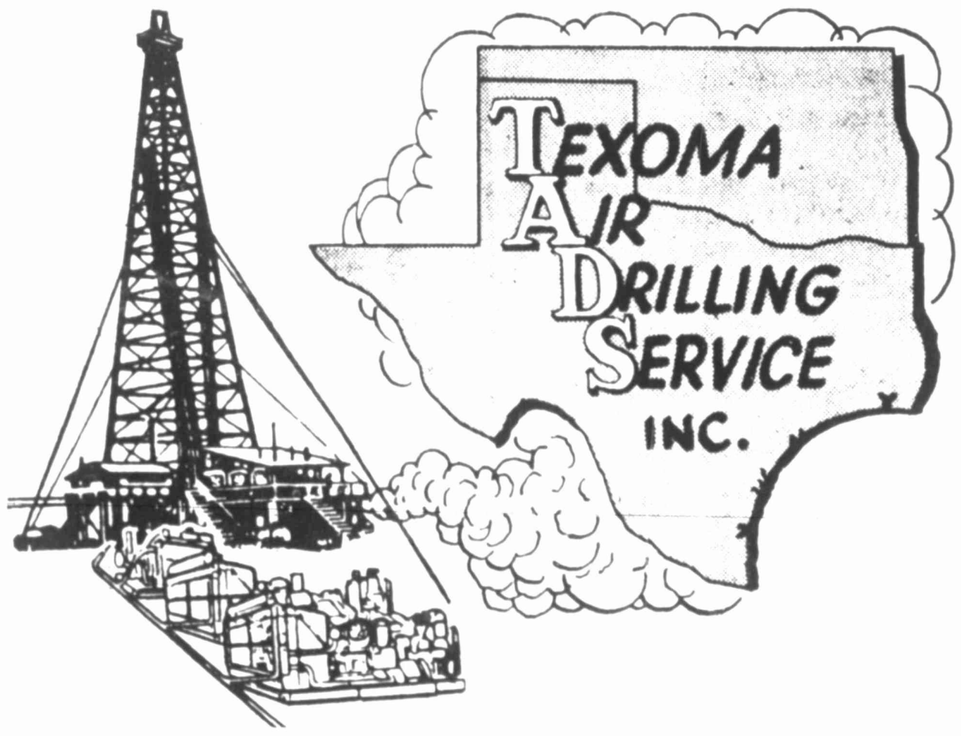

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Birthday offers reconciliation with Indians

By CLAIRE COX
Copley News Service

NEW YORK — The nation's Bicentennial offers an opportunity for Christians to seek reconciliation with the original Americans—the Indians—by learning more about their values and spiritual strengths instead of trying to make them over in the white man's image.

That is one of the conclusions drawn by the Rev. Jack Wintz, associate editor of St. Anthony Messenger, in an introduction to six interviews he conducted with American members of Roman Catholic religious orders.

The magazine, published by the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, offered the views of the six men and women Indians who work among members of their race on reservations and in schools. All were in agreement that the white man should listen and observe more and talk less when in the presence of Indians.

"Perhaps," Wintz wrote, "it is not too late to come to some reconciliation by doing what few of us have been wise enough to do: to listen to the original Americans; to seek wisdom and counsel from them. Such an attitude, though a couple centuries tardy, could make the Bicentennial celebration more meaningful for all of us."

Wintz began by stating that it was a sad truth that the Bicentennial gives little cause for celebration to the descendants of the first Americans.

"Seeing them stranded on the outskirts of national life," he said, "we non-Indian Americans feel a guilt that will not go away."

After 200 years of assuming that Indians should learn from non-Indian intruders, he added, "it is beginning to dawn on us that, just maybe, it is we who really need them. We begin to wonder if perhaps we need their values and spiritual strength more than they need ours."

Conflicting sentiments about the Bicentennial celebration have been observed on the strife-torn Oglala Sioux reservation in South Dakota by the Rev. Charles Leute, a member of the Sauk and Fox tribe.

"The tribe has planned, at least on paper, some kind of celebration for that time," he said, "but another segment of the people feels this is a joke—that we really don't have anything to celebrate and that the United States as an institution or republic has not really been honest in dealing with the Indian people. I would have to share this latter view even if it may sound unpatriotic."

As for the values and strengths of the Indian people, others interviewed by Wintz had a variety of observations.

The "Red Stay Away" is the description given by Sister Gloria Ann Davis, daughter of a Navajo father and a Choctaw mother, who says the Indian approach to life involves staying in harmony with nature "by not deviating into extremes."

"When we walk in harmony with your nature, we walk to beauty," she says.

Sister Gloria Ann would like to see the church—specifically the Catholic church—show more respect toward Navajo customs and myths.

"The church would be placing before us a terrible burden of guilt if we [illegible]

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With a staff of 60 persons, Texas American has an annual payroll of $435,000.

Areas in which the company has oil and gas properties are Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rocky Mountain area, Nevada, Utah and Illinois.

A number of small companies have been merged or purchased by Texas American throughout the years.

Currently, the president is William F. Judd who has held that post as well as treasurer since May 1957.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., he graduated from Camden High School, Ark. He earned a [illegible] in Accounting from the University of Arkansas.

[illegible] associate [illegible] Certified Public Accountant, Judd worked for [illegible] Mitchell & Co., [illegible] Stanton & Co., [illegible] Permian Basin Association of Certified Public Accountants and Sigma Chi fraternity.

He and his wife, Lisa, have [illegible] children, David and Carole.

Judd is a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Permian Basin Association of Certified Public Accountants and Sigma Chi fraternity.

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Music events sites to get recognition

NEW YORK — Sites in the U. S. which have been associated in some way with significant music events or musical personalities during the nation's first 200 years will be given landmark designation during this Bicentennial year, according to announcement by the National Music Council.

The project, funded by Exxon, is part of the National Music Council's Bicentennial Parade of American Music.

"Locations chosen for historial landmark designation may be associated with musical events or with prominent musical persons," explained Don C. Robinson of Atlanta, chairman of the Bicentennial Commission of the Music Educators National Cpnference, which is administering the program. Each state has its own screening committee, appointed by the National Music Council's 60 member-organizations, which will nominate the places to be given landmark designation, he added.

Following approval of the selected sites in each state by the national committee, a bronze plaque commemorating the musical event or musical personage will be installed at each site, with attendant ceremonies. Final selections are to be announced soon.

Although up to this time more than 300 sites have been suggested nationwide, only those significant to the nation's broad musical heritage will be officially recognized— not to exceed 200, Robinson said. "We believe the establishment of these musical landmarks, preserving for posterity a record of two centuries of musical development, will be one of the most important events of the Bicentennial celebration," he declared.

Another part of the Council's Bicentennial Parade of American Music is the series of 52 free concerts planned at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D. C. The series, extending over a 20-month period, will be administered by the National Federation of Music Clubs. Programs saluting the musical contributions of each state are to be held in conjunction with the various "State Day" celebrations planned and organized by the Mayor's Office of Bicentennial Programming in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Merle Montgomery, National Music Council president, is national coordinator for this 200-year survey of American music. "America has a right to be proud of its musical heritage," she points out. "As we observe our Bicentennial, it is altogether fitting that the musical pioneers who gave us our vital music background be recognized and honored by the performance of their works, and that the places where they lived and worked shoul be marked in an appropriate manner."

Monthly themes

The New Jersey Bicentennial Commission has come up with a new approach to the states observance of America's 200th anniversary.

It's a calendar of monthly themes running through 1976 designed to guide and encourage government agencies, business, industry, labor and private organizations to participate in the Bicentennial.

Illinois professor appointed to advisory board

Copley News Service

An Illinois professor has been appointed by President Ford to the Advisory Board of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA).

He is Northern Illinois University political scientist Martin Diamond. The board will make recommendations to ARBA Administrator John W. Warner.

Dr. Diamond is one of 25 board members who come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds.

Tri Service explores Basin for 30 years

Tri Service Drilling Co., one of the largest in the Permian Basin, has drilled for oil for more than 30 years. Organized Oct. 17, 1945 by M. W. Branum, E. T. Smith and K. L. Fouch, the company has 125 employes with an annual payroll exceeding $2,000,000. Since the company was founded, Branum bought out Smith and Fouch and added Carl Neatherlin as a partner. Tri Service not only does conctract drilling work, but drills wells of its own and is a producer in its own right. B. ranum was born at Memphis, Texas and was graduated from high school at Frederick, Okla. He has been active in the oil business since 1937. Tri Service, active in civic work, sponsors a Little Leage baseball team and a bowling team. Headquarters are 401 First National Bank Building.

Odessa service firm founded by Jarrell

ODESSA — Kolo Line, Inc., was organized four years ago in Odessa as a oilfield service company.

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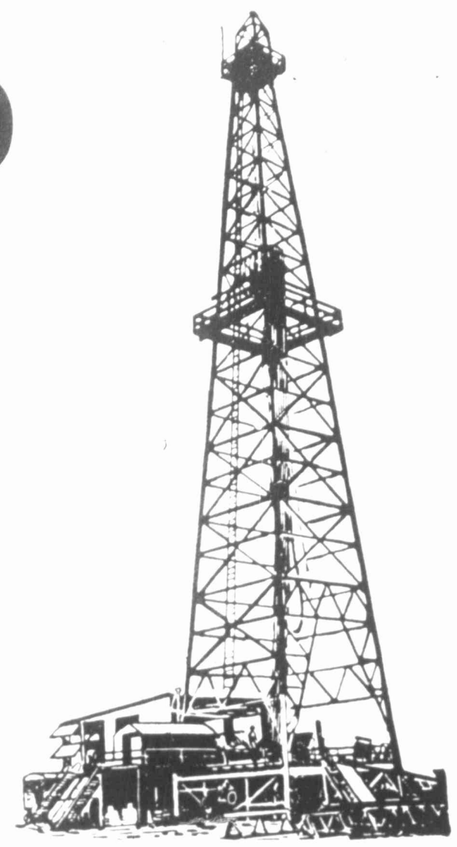

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Colonel Knox may have saved Revolution

By RON MCLEOD
Associated Press Writer

One of America's great traditions is the self-made man, and Henry Knox was one. Self-taught, self-confident and determined, he performed one of the most amazing feats of the Revolution.

America might have lost its fight for nationhood in its infancy if Knox, a fat bookseller turned soldier, had not delivered the guns which allowed George Washington to strengthen his fledgling army and liberate Boston.

"Col. Knox of the artillery came to camp," Gen. William Heath entered in his journal 200 years ago today Jan. 18, 1776. "He brought from Ticonderoga a fine train of artillery."

A modest recognition for a monumental deed. Knox had hauled 60 tons of artillery and supplies from Ft. Ticonderoga in New York, across the length of Massachusetts to Boston in the dead of a winter that numbed horses and oxen and terrified men.

For more than 300 miles they pulled and pushed their cargo on rough-hewn sledges over treacherous mountain trails, through deep woods, across frozen lakes and rivers which often cracked under the weight, and through smothering snow banks.

When animals refused to struggle on, men pulled an impossible load. And when men hesitated, Knox's own assurance and courage kept them going and rallied the countryside to their aid.

The American cause was in mortal danger in the winter of '75-76. The Americans had the British penned up in Boston. But if the Redcoats had known just how short of supplies the rebels were, they might have sallied forth and crushed the Revolution.

Washington's skill in keeping his weakness a secret only resulted in criticism from his own troops and from Congress. Why didn't they drive the outnumbered British from their shores? Men threatened to go home when their enlistments expired in the spring.

But with the big guns from Ft. Ticonderoga Washington could defend his own siege positions, command Boston and prevent the arrival of British supplies from the seas. Without them, it was a matter of time before the English massed enough men and equipment to defeat him.

"The want of them is so great," said Washington, "that no trouble or expense must be spared to obtain them." So Knox, a military amateur who had been helping engineer the fortifications, came to Washington with a plan. Why not go after the guns captured from British forts on Lake Champlain?

It was Impossible, but Knox, with a new colonel's commission in his pocket and only 25 years old, set out for New York on Nov. 17, 1975. Racing as best they could on horseback over frozen roads, Knox and his brother William reached Ft. Ticonderoga on Dec. 5.

Most of the guns captured the previous spring by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold were beyond use.

Some of the bigger guns weighed 5,000 pounds each. The total load, with ammunition, was about 120,000 pounds. Knox had the guns and carriages broken down and loaded onto three boats, then hurried south to prepare the land route.

William, meanwhile, began the 33-mile voyage down Lake George through a channel in the ice, which stretched a mile from each shore of the narrow lake. The first day out a boat struck a sunken rock and was freed only after exhausting labor.

Then, halfway down the lake, the big scow struck again and sank in shallow water. The guns were lifted from icy water by freezing hands and repairs to the scow were made in the middle of the lake. But eventually each priceless piece of artillery arrived at the southern end of the lake. There the real work began.

Everything was transferred to 42 sledges pulled by 80 teams of oxen. By Christmas Eve the advance guard reached Saratoga in a heavy snowstorm. The artillery train struggled all Christmas Day through three feet of fresh, loose powder snow.

Following crude roads, Indian trails, or none at all, they made no better than two miles a day — all at great strain. Oxen and horses gave out and had to be abandoned. Men often pushed the sleds.

While crossing the Mohawk River above Albany one of the sledges crashed through the ice and sank. But it was too precious to abandon. Frozen men fished it out.

When things seemed unendurable the people of the countryside found their courage and came to help. With fresh horses and men, they struggled into Albany by year's end, only to be stalled by thin ice on the Hudson.

Knox spent the first days of 1776 cutting holes in the ice to force up water which froze in layers, thickening the ice until it could bear the weight of heavy guns. Where there was only open water, sleds, guns and draft animals had to be loaded on boats and rowed across.

But despite all precautions there were disasters. Knox recorded cross the ice "fell into the river ... and in its fall broke all the ice for 14 feet around it."

The next day they "proceeded so cautiously that before night we got over three sleds and were so lucky as to get the cannon out of the iver, owing to the assistance of the good people of the city of Albany, in return for which we christened her — The Albany.

South of Albany a sleigh shattered under its load and detained the column. But then Knox plunged east into the Berkshires and reached Monterey, Mass., on Jan. 10 "after having climbed mountains from which we might almost have seen all the kingdoms of the earth."

Then they ran into a 12-mile stretch of dense evergreen forest and steep hills.

"It appeared to me almost a miracle that people with heavy loads should be able to get up and down such hills as are here, with anything of heavy loads," Knox marveled.

Now they had to descend from the mountains at Westfield. The teamsters took one look and refused to go. The steep incline, with overloaded sleds threatening to slide out of control on the snow and ice and crush them, was madness, they said.

"But after about three hours' persuasion they agreed to go," Knox reported.

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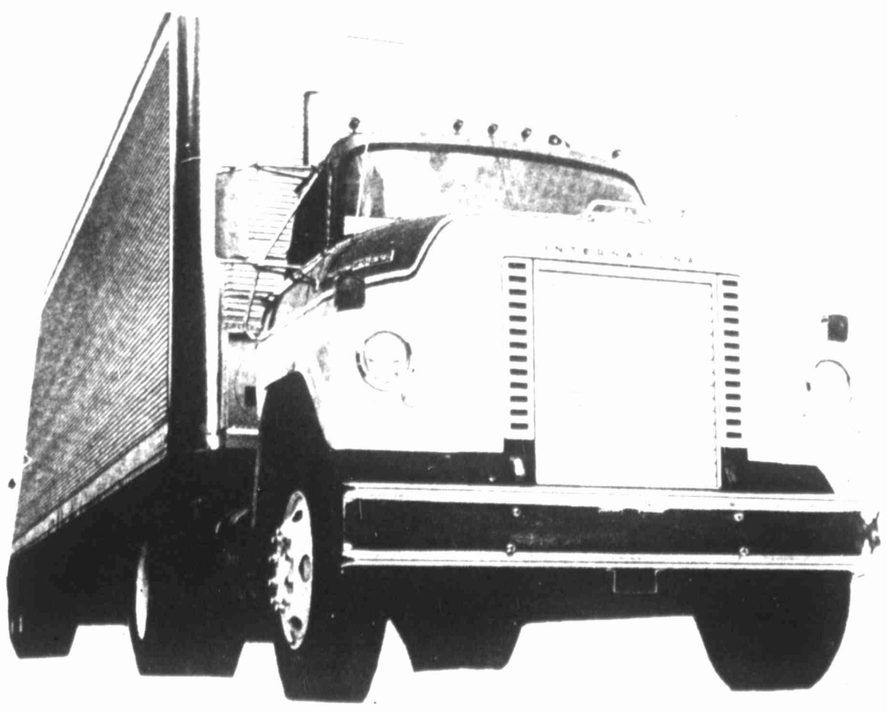

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Washington's army left behind spiritual legacy

THIS STATUE of Gen. George Washington in prayer itself tells the story of Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78. The leader of American forces was seeking divine guidance in facing incredibly tough conditions. Photo reprinted courtesy of Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

By JAMES CARY
Copley News Service

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — In a grove of trees hard by the winter encampment where his soldiers starved and died, a brooding statue of Gen. George Washington casts its spell over the hallowed ground of Valley Forge.

He is kneeling in the snow, praying for the salvation of his dwindling army and the sorely beset new American nation whose fate is inextricably tied to the survival of his men.

The scene reportedly portrays what one of Washington's officers glimpsed in the forest one day during the worst hours of the six-month ordeal here during the terrible winter of 1777-78.

It is not surprising, then, that when Washington's rebuilt and reequipped army marched out of Valley Forge never to return on June 19, 1778, it left behind a spiritual legacy of dedication and sacrifice that is still deeply embedded in the American psyche today.

Yet in these days of cynicism, distrust of government and other assorted emotional traumas from the Vietnam-Watergate period, it is a difficult and delicate task to find ways to discuss the heritage of Valley Forge in a meaningful and realistic context.

But the statue of the praying Washington is on the grounds of an organization dedicated to doing just that — to underscoring and emphasizing the sacrifices made to create a United States of America.

It's calling attention to the patriotism of those who laid the foundations of the nation, to the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

This is pretty heady and fragile stuff — patriotism, love of country, pride in the past — capable of being easily twisted to serve those who oppose change and have no capacity to understand or tolerate diversity.

Yet this is the material that Freedoms Foundation, a nonprofit nonpolitical and nonsectarian organization, deals with daily.

Founded in 1949 in a barn on the edge of Valley Forge State Park, it has grown into an institution of nationwide impact that by its own definition has three basic goals: to contribute to the development of responsible citizens, to the practice of responsible citizenship and to make Americans proud of America.

Now housed in a cluster of modern brick buildings, the foundation attempts to further these goals through a national awards program, a number of educational activities and American Heritage presentations that can take such varied forms as half-time ceremonies at the Liberty Bowl football game and band concerts on the foundation's own outdoor stage.

Under the day-to-day direction of Robert Miller, newly elected president, the foundation is guided by a nine-man board of directors — soon to be expanded to 25.

Its awards program is carried out with the aid of an annually selected jury consisting of prominent state jurists and representatives of prominent national organizations.

This year the jurors met here from Nov. 30 to Dec. 5 to examine more than 20,000 entries in the 27 categories of competition.

Winners, including the person to receive the top ranking George Washington Award, will be announced on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, 1976, in ceremonies both here and throughout the nation.

The categories range over such diverse fields as journalism, speeches, sermons, advertising, radio, television, motion pictures, government, education and community activities.

The foundation says the intent is to recognize and encourage those persons "who have acted in a variety of constructive ways to make America a little more like the American dream." For, as President Miller said in his instructions to this year's jurors:

"Ideas, even the noble ideas of freedom, do not propagate themselves.

"To create and build an understanding of the spirit and philosophy of our political and economic freedoms and of our spiritual heritage is central to Freedoms Foundation's purpose."

This purpose is incapsulated in what the foundation calls "The American Credo" — a declaration of 17 political and economic rights designed to protect "the dignity and freedom of the individual."

They are the right to worship God in one's own way; to free speech and press; to peaceably assemble; to petition for redress of grievances; to privacy in our homes; right of habeas corpus — no excessive bail; to trial by jury — innocent until proved guilty; to move about freely at home and abroad; to own private property; to free elections and personal secret ballot; to work in callings and localities of our choice; to bargain with our employers and employes; to go into business, compete, make a profit; to bargain for goods and services in a free market; to contract about our affairs; to the service of government as a protector and referee; to freedom from arbitrary government regulation and control.

This repetition and enlargement of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is portrayed prominently on a tablet erected in the center of the main road leading into the Freedoms Foundation grounds.

Nearby is the Martha Washington Building, housing the headquarters offices and off to one side is the Medal of Honor Grove, where approximately one acre of ground is set aside for each state. Twenty-five state areas have been dedicated and monuments and markers erected there to the servicemen from that state who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Up to 10 more are expected to be dedicated by next July.

It is from the Eisenhower Garden, adjoining the grove, that the giant statue of a kneeling Washington casts its spell.

Whatever values this symbol stands for, it may be that the foundation's most lasting effort to perpetuate them is embodied in its educational programs.

Each year it sponsors seminars for social studies teachers, elementary and secondary schoolteachers, three-day sessions for teen-age students, and programs for inner-city youths.

This year 600 students have traveled to Valley Forge to participate in 10 seminar programs. Their expenses are paid by local service organizations.

"We try to get students to think about who they are, what they want to be and the limits and responsibilities of their freedoms," said Sandra Williams, who heads the educational effort.

There is no effort to indoctrinate anyone who attends, or select issues or parties for them to support.

The discussions are freewheeling, open and sometimes blunt.

"I was expecting a push toward extreme patriotism..." said one teacher, Allen N. Schaefer, after a seminar this summer. "Instead, I found presentations of the strengths and weaknesses of current American life. Freedoms Foundation offered a balanced approach..."

Fossil remains in abundance near Lovell

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — University of Kansas researchers and others have made archaeological expeditions to a sinkhole near Lovell, Wyo. for the last two summers.

Believed to have been formed when the roof of a limestone cavern collapsed about 50,000 years ago, the sinkhole, a natural death trap for prehistoric animals, is regarded as one of the best sites in the country for excavating fossilized remains.

Last summer, more than 10,000 specimens were excavated and brought to KU for study. About 2,400 specimens between 12 and 13,000 years old were dug up in 1974.

Among 1975's specimens were the bones of a camel, bison, dire wolf and wolverine, bighorn sheep and at least two mammoths.

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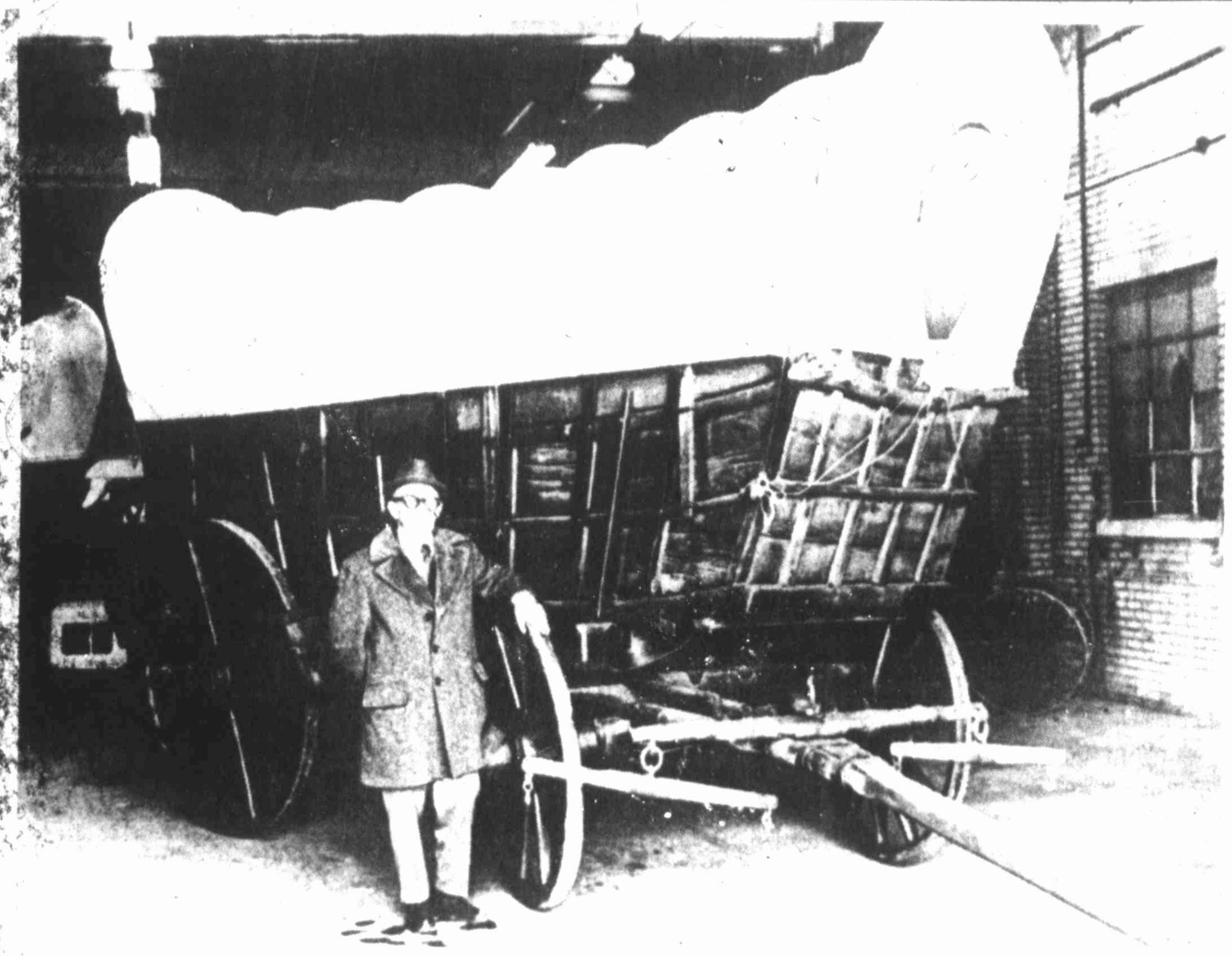

Direct from Pennsylvania, this Conestoga wagon will provide touch of authentic Americana to Ulster Folk Park in Ireland. Scotch-Irish are constructing the park, to be finished by July 4 to help America celebrate its bicentennial. Ulster immigrants and descendants contributed greatly to the development of the United States.

Northern Ireland builds park for '76 celebration

By LESTER BELL
Copley News Service

BELFAST — The ancestral home of untold Americans, Northern Ireland is forging a new link with the nation its Colonial settlers helped to create.

The Scotch-Irish, some of whom are willing to believe the United States is an Ulster invention, are building a Folk Park in the countryside of County Tyrone to commemorate the American Revolution Bicentennial.

They plan to have their Ulster-American Exposition and Folk Park ready for next July 4 as a major and permanent tourist attraction.

It will depict 18th Century Ulster and frontier America, a re-creation of the period of great Soctch-Irish migration to the new world.

Ulstermen occupy a singular place in American history. This restless and rugged breed was always on the frontier.

Their influence was so pervasive and lasting it remains to this day. Although many Americans are unaware of their Scotch-Irish ancestry, they bear its indelible stamp in their values and folklore.

Beginning in 1717, more than 200,000 to 300,000 Scotch-Irish came to America in the 18th Century in several migratory waves.

Most entered through Pennsylvania. Their treks created the "Great Wagon Road" as they pushed west up against the mountains, then turned south into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and on down into the Carolina Piedmont.

They pushed on generation by generation.

Scotch-Irish descent contributed 10 presidents —Andrew Jackson, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Woodrow Wilson, to name a few.

'Mad Anthony' Wayne strict disciplinarian

By ROBERT BETTS
Copley News Service

Anthony Wayne was a brave soldier—dashing, bold, but also impetuous and hotheaded.

He had the audacity to tell Gen. Washington how the War for Independence should be conducted.

He was a strict disciplinarian, fulsome in praise for a job he considered well done, but liable to fury at the faintest sign of slackness. No man dared appear before him dirty, unshaven or sloppily dressed. He had a flashing temper.

On one occasion, when confronted by men in a mutinous mood he laid one of them cold with his fist.

They called him "Mad Anthony."

Among the great American revolutionaries he was one of the most picturesque.

Born in Chester County, Pa., he early became devoted to the patriot cause and organized the Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion. He was appointed its colonel in January, 1776.

If he was strict, he also was concerned for his men's general welfare. He was constantly foraging or pressing higher authorities for better food, clothing and equipment. As a result, his men suffered less sickness than those in other commands.

His born leadership showed best in battle, where his decisiveness, calm assurance and cool courage were an inspiration to those under him.

"I have the finest and best regiment in the Continental service," he boasted.

So highly did Washington regard him, that he consulted Wayne on every planned strategical move. The impatient Wayne—by now a brigadier general —thought his illustrious chief was inclined to be overcautious, and he as good as told him so.

"It is my opinion that your excellency should march tomorrow morning," he would assert, or "the credit of the Army, the safety of the country, the honor of the American arms (demand) the immediate necessity of giving the enemy battle."

When Washington ordered a retreat after the hard-fought battle of Brandywine, Wayne urged him to make a counterstrike, declaring:

"There never was, nor never will be a finer opportunity of giving the enemy a fatal blow than the present, for God's sake, push on as fast as possible."

Wayne fought in more parts of the North American continent than any other important military man. He suffered one setback when his force was badly cut up in a surprise British attack at Paoli, Pa. Critics were quick to attribute the defeat to Wayne's negligence. To silence the rumors, he requested a court-martial and was acquitted with honor.

His most famous achievement was a stealthy night attack on Stony Point, N.Y., which took the British completely by surprise. Wayne, with a scalp wound from a grazing bullet, reported briefly to Washington:

"The fort and garrison with Col. Johnston are ours. Our officers and men behaved like men who are determined to be free." The daring feat boosted patriot morale and enhanced American prestige.

After the British surrender at Yorktown, Wayne took a force into Georgia, where he broke remaining pockets of resistance in a short, brisk campaign.

A grateful Washington in 1792 made Wayne commander in chief of the Army. He fought further engagements against hostile Indian tribes in the Northwest Territory, inflicting a decisive defeat upon them at Fallen Timbers in August, 1794.

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George Eng is sales manager for the West Texas and New Mexico area, and Royce McIver is operations division manager for the same areas.

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The company takes part in many civic and charitable functions in Midland.

Colonial dames kept up with days fashion

By The Associated Press

It was always expensive, sometimes uncomfortable and occasionally hazardous to health. But a small class of wealthy coloniats felt it was worth it to keep up with the latest in 18th century style.

High fashion for the early American women who could afford it emphasized narrow waists, wide hips and pushedup bosoms. Girls got their first corset reinforced with wooden slats or whalebone, at about age 4 and continued to wear one until death. Fainting and malformed spines were among the hazards for those who followed the style to extreme.

Men also had their sacrifices to make. For much of the 18th century, wigs were considered essential for a gentleman. Small boys, like their fathers, were sometimes fitted with heavy, hot and often cumbersome wigs. For comfort, and to ensure a close fit, some shaved their heads or closely cropped their hair.

By the middle of the century wigs gradually began declining in fashion. Instead, gentlemen grew their own hair long and had it groomed and powdered.

Still, there were other unpleasantries associated with both wigs and hair styles for men and women.

Weevils found cozy homes in many a colonial wig. Head lice and other vermin nestled in some of the best-dressed heads of the times.

Wigs, sometimes made of human hair but also of goat hair or wool, were set with perfumed animal fat and powdered with talcum, flour or cornstarch.

Trends in hair styles and clothing often followed the styles which were popular in the courts of England and France.

Costly silks, laces, brocades, velvets and cottons were imported for clothing worn by both sexes. Travelers were eagerly questioned for news of the latest fashions abroad.

The interest in styles and high fashion was by no means widespread among the general population. Most colonials were poor and commonly made their own homespun clothes from flax, wool and other materials at hand.

The Watteau gown or sacque was one of the popular style of dresses worn by women. It was a flowing gown with a wide back pleat to the floorlength hem. There were variations in the basic style but it was generally low cut at the neck, shaped with stays and worn with a corset to produce the fashionable look of the uppushed bosom.

Women often wore [illegible] for lowcut bodices but it is likely that warmth and comfort were as much a factor as modesty. Low-cut necklines were prevalent in dress for all classes of women. It likely was a functional style in origin for mothers who breastfed their babies as they went about their chores.

Underpants were not worn by colonial women but other types of underclothing were. A shift, roughly akin to a slip with sleeves, was the basic undergarment. Women also frequently wore six or eight petticoats to puff out a fashionable gown.

Paniers, undergarments which attached basket-shaped objects to each hip to fan out a skirt, were popular for a time. So were hoops.

Toward the time of the Revolution, a sentiment against the British Stamp Act caused some patriots to put away their finest imported clothes. Along with boycotting tea, many turned to homespun clothing produced in the colonies.

George Washington, customarily an elegant dresser, wore a brown suit of homespun broadcloth for his inauguration in 1789.

What its all about

Copley News Service

WASHINGTON—What would a governmental program be without bureaucracy to carry it out? And to think the nation's Bicentennial is any different would be downright unpatriotic.

But the big birthday bureaucracy is a different breed than most—with federal, state and local officialdom involved. Today, we offer a lineup of what it's all about.

Overseeing the national celebration is the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and with regional offices across the country.

Backing up a bit—in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson established the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, a 50-member body which was tasked with setting policies and goals for the nation's 200th birthday observance. Two years ago, that commission was reorganized into the administration to carry out those goals. The administration (ARBA) was funded last year with about $11 million—including $25,000 grants for each state and territory.

At the federal level, three themes were designated for the nation to follow in Bicentennial activities. These are Heritage '76, directed at the past; Festival U.S.A., a celebration of the present; and Horizons '76, emphasizing the nation's future.

The administration, directed by an eight-member board, coordinates activities nationwide and also selects projects which qualify for national recognition.

Such projects must involve several states or if local in nature must be valuable as a showcase which other states could emulate.

Pilgrim marriage

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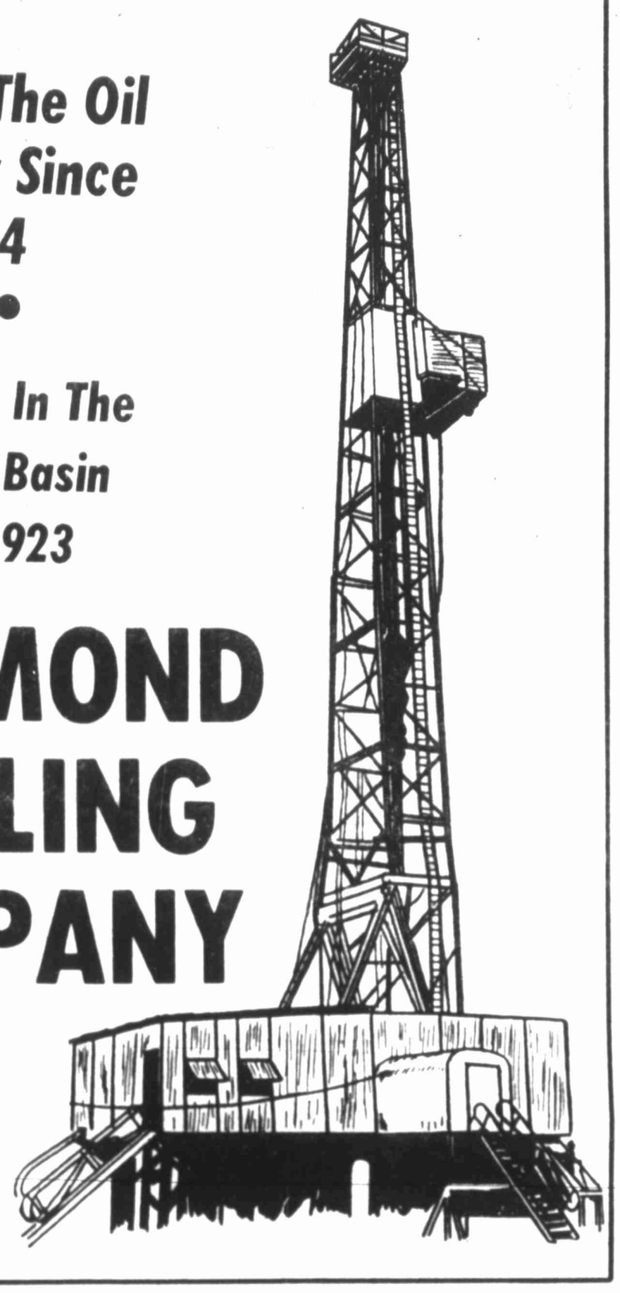

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Ragamuffin rebel band liberators of Canada

Associated Press

As a later-day historian wrote, it was one of the great fiascoes of the Revolution. A ragamuffin band of American rebels — hardly enough musters to its credit to be called an army, its homeland occupied by the spit-and-polish King's regulars — was off to liberate Canada.

In a letter to the "oppressed Inhabitants of Canada," the Second Continental Congress invited the largely French-Catholic populace to join the Yankees "In defense of our common liberties, jeopardized by a licentious ministry the British government."

But, like the wary Indians, the Canadians regarded the war as none of their business. And the "licentious Ministry," enacting the Quebec Act in 1774, had guaranteed them freedom to live as they had before the province was subjugated by the British 14 years earlier in the French-Indian War.

It would take more than propaganda to force liberty on the lands to the north. An invasion was required.

Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold had opened the door to Canada on May 10, 1775, by capturing Lake Champlain's Fort Ticonderoga—to the deep embarassment of the gentlemen sitting in Philadelphia.

Congress had authorized no such assault and feared that the fort's capture destroyed any chance of restricting the fighting to the Boston locale. In today's terms it was a dangerous escalation. The legislators ordered the strategically important position abandoned but soon elented under pressure from leaders of colonial militias.

Plans for a Canadian campaign began to crystalize. Under rebel control, the province could no longer be a base of British operations and there would be a 14th star on the banner of revolution.

It fell to Brig. Gen. Richard Montgomery, a former British captain turned New York Continental, to take the first stride toward turning the paper proclamations into reality. He was to capture the colony's second city, Montreal, link up ith an American force from Boston led overland by Arnold and storm Quebec, the capital.

Arnold and his contingent of 1,100 men left Boston on Sept. 11, 1775, and sailed to Maine, then continued by boat part way up the Kennebec River before marching overland toward Quebec. Because of the early winter weather, it was one of the most difficult marches of the war. Even before Arnold left Boston, Montgomery had set out from Fort Ticonderoga and was ready to begin the battle for Montreal, a city he had captured for the British in 1760.

Montgomery's march began prematurely on Aug. 30 because he had learned that the British were ready to launch a sloop at St. Jean, a river fort guarding the approach to Montreal from Lake Champlain. The sloop would give the British command of the lake, which Montgomery used as his route north toward Montreal. To avert this, the Americans departed Ticonderoga in great haste aboard small boats and barges.

From the start, there were problems. The 1,700 American soldiers — mostly Connecticut and New York militia inclined to question and debate their officers' orders — were in Montgomery's words "the worst stuff imaginable for soldiers."

On Sept. 6, the rebels reached St. Jean, a low line of earthworks, picket walls, a flagpole and two modest buildings.

Some 500 regulars — the bulk of the King's troops in Canada — and 100 Canadian militia garrisoned the outpost. Montgomery ordered 1,500 men to attack and try for a quick victory. They were repulsed by one English officer and 60 Indians lying in ambush. It was a disaster. Among the first to realize this were Canadians still deciding which side to take.

St. Jean and Fort Chambly, a smaller garrison nearby, were all that stood between Montgomery and Montreal. The city had to be taken soon if the attack on Quebec was not to be jeopardized. Within Montreal Gov. Guy Carleton supervised the resistence, acutely aware of the dangers.

To satisfay his troops, Montgomery was forced to abandon assault for seige. By his order St. Jean was encircled on Sept. 17.

Meanwhile, Ethan Allen, a rough New Hampshire mountaineer not much troubled by military niceties, had marched North on his own. He took matters into his own hands on Oct. 24, launching an unauthorized attack on Montreal. Most of his men deserted under fire, leading to his capture.

But at St. Jean the British were beginning to crumble. On Oct. 6 a 13-inch mortar — "Old Sow" the Americans called her — had begun reducing their works to rubble. A winter storm turned the compound into a mudhole. Provisions gave out; rations were cut.

On Oct. 18 Fort Chambly, defended by 88 Englishmen, fell to Maj. John Brown, an uncle of Arnold's who distinguished himself throughout the misbegotten campaign. This time the British prisoners were paraded before St. Jean, just out of annon shot. It did nothing for the morale of His Majesty's troops. A relief column from Montreal was turned back on Oct. 30. And illness began to florish in the wretched enclave.

Blocker heads firm established in 1934

Dec. 12, 1934, eleven men met to organize the Midland Savings Association.

They were Clint Myrick, J. S. Nolan, D. L. Swain, T. R. Wilson, John P. Butler, D. H. Roettger, J. R. Martin, Addison Wadley, F. F. Elkins, I. E. Daniel and W. J. Sparks.

The original directors were Martin, Butler, Daniel, Roettger, Wadley, Wilson and Sparks.

P. F. Bridgewater later replaced Sparks, and G. R. Greathouse and A. A. "Jack" Bradford were added to the board in 1953. In 1956, Clarence Scharbauer Jr., Murray Fasken and Frank Cowden Jr. joined the board.

The present directors are Spencer Blocker, Fasken, Scharbauer, Frank L. Thompson and Wylie R. Wisely.

Midland Savings' first officers were Martin, president; Wilson, vice president; Sparks, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Stubbeman, attorney.

The present officers are Blocker, president; Joe D. Watson, senior vice president; Ronald L. Overend, vice president; Jerry G. Cox, vice president; Mary Jane Warren, secretary, and Clyde Stringer, treasurer.

Assets at the time of organization were $6,197.50. At the close of business Dec. 31, 1975, assets amounted to $78,860,924.

To meet the needs of Midland's rapidly growing population and to make its services available to more and more people, Midland Savings first expanded to offices in the Wemple-Avery Building on West Wall Street, then their own much larger and more modern building at 601 W. Texas St. and finally, in 1959 to the present location on the ground floor of the multi-story Midland Savings Building at the corner of Wall and Colorado streets.

A branch office was opened at the corner of Midkiff and Cuthbert streets in 1969.

An agency was opened at Stanton in 1963, and a new full service branch was opened there July 14, 1975.

To show the tremendous growth in savings accounts, Midland Savings paid $611,019.01 in earnings to savers in 1960 and $3,826,453.07 in 1975.

Since Midland Savings first opened for business, the association has paid $29,595,473.07 in earnings to holders of savings accounts. Approximately 12,000 loans have been made to help people own their homes in the last 40 years.

Imperial Corp. of America is the present owner of Midland Savings Association, an organization that has 25 employes and a payroll of more than $200,000 a year.

Imperial became association with the savings institution in 1959.

Blocker is a graduate of Stanton High School and a graduate of Schreiner Institute and Texas Tech University where he earned a B.B.A. degree in Finance.

He was associated with the insurance business 10 years before going into savings and loan work five years ago.

Blocker and his wife, Anita, are the parents of two daughters, Gay and Sonya.

He is a member of the Rotary Club, the chamber of commerce's MAST team and is treasurer of Midland Heart Fund and serves as chairman of the Easter Seals campaign here.

Revolutionary period includes action in West

By ROBERT P. STUDER
Copley News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Things were growing tense. The rebellious Colonies were getting more and more out of hand and an increasingly angry British Parliament decided to do something about it.

In 1769, it strongly censured the people of Massachusetts and authorized the use of force, if necessary, to put down "treasonous acts."

Every schoolboy and schoolgirl knows the story.

But, all the history wasn't happening in the restive Colonies of the Atlantic seaboard.

Significant events were getting under way 3,000 miles to the west, too, and California's American Revolution Bicentennial Commission is taking advantage of the nation's 200th birthday anniversary to make sure everybody knows it.

One of its popular current projects is distribution of a "California-Colonial History Time-Line" that traces the twin stories of the nation's birth and events occurring in California.

Thus, in the same year that Massachusetts was feeling the ire of the British crown, worrisome reports of Russian intrusions into the northern coastal areas of what is now the United States began to filter back to Spain.

The Spanish suddenly began to pay heed to this golden land it so long had neglected.

Jose Galvez, visitor general of New Spain, assumed the responsibility for organizing a land and sea expedition to secure outposts for Spain at what now are San Diego and Monterey.

That is why, as Parliament was venting its ire on the obstreperous Colony of Massachusetts, Gaspar de Portola was sending the ships San Carlos and San Antonio from La Paz, Mexico, to San Diego, and setting out overland himself for the same destination.

And, as George Washington was introducing in the Virginia House of Burgesses a set of resolutions of protest against taxation by the crown—resolutions which also censured by inference the British acts against Massachusetts—Portola and Father Junipero Serra were reaching San Fernando in Baja California to found Mission San Fernando.

As the Massachusetts House of Representatives in July of 1769 was branding Britain's Gov. Bernard as "an avowed enemy of this Colony and the nation in general," the Portola expedition was feeling the first earthquakes ever recorded in California. They named the site, just to the northeast of the present city of Orange in Orange County, "Rio de los Temblores."

In October of that same year, as the town of Boston was preparing a 37-page defense of its actions against the British crown, Father Juan Crespi—who was accompanying the Portola party—was standing in awe at the base of unbelievable trees, California's redwoods near what is now Soquel in Santa Cruz County. They named the trees "Palo Coloradi," and Crespi's diary became the first written record of the Sequoia sempervirens.

And in March, 1770, as a dozen British soldiers, reacting to the taunts of a crowd in Boston, fired rifles at civilians in what was later to be called "The Boston Massacre," the loss of a sea anchor was forcing the ship San Antonio to turn back to San Diego from a voyage to Monterey.

The badly needed supplies that were on board saved the new mission at San Diego from abandonment.

While Boston was buzzing with news that a number of men disguised as Indians had dumped tea into Boston Harbor in a "Tea Party" that led to war, acting Padre Presidente Father Francisco Palou was marching on an inspection tour from Velicita to Monterey.

And, while the Declaration of Independence was being signed in Philadelphia, an expedition under the command of Lt. Morgana was busy founding a new mission at San Francisco.

The Bicentennial time line traces the joint history to December of 1783—when George Washington was resigning his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Armies before a Congress assembled at Annapolis, and Father Serra was returning to his home mission at Carmel after his "last journey" through California. He died the following August at the age of 70.

The years that followed were monumental ones in the history of the nation, as 13 Colonies on the eastern seaboard began emerging as a new nation—and on the West Coast a more pervasive western civilization began making its first real inroads in California.

In 1848, scarcely a week before the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the war with Mexico and ceded California to the United States, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill—and a new phase of history began.

With the flood of gold seekers, the time lines of California and the new nation began to merge, until in 1850, California became the 31st star in the flag.

In the little over a century that followed, California has become the most populous state in the Union.

Copies of the "Time-Line" publication are available from the Bicentennial Commission at 1501 Eighth St., Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

Foreigners visit U.S.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Delaware County, Pa., families will host German, English and French families throughout 1976 as part of a "Meet the Americans" program created in cooperation with the Delaware County Bicentennial Commission.

Families from these countries will be invited to visit Delaware County homes for periods of from 5 to 11 days.

American Revolution Bicentennial Administration boss John Warner has called the project "a novel experience."

He said that every evert will be made to present the way of life to the visitors from the standpoint of the past and present.

The SPIRIT of '76

At this point in our nation's history, it is extremely important to renew "The Spirit of '76." Back in those early days, that driving spirit of freedom caused patroits to think of the future and work hard. And the necessity for hard work and careful planning is just as important today.

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British Redcoat not always as advertised

BOSTON (AP) — On a late fall day 200 years ago, a soldier in the British marines was found guilty of "insolent mutinous behavior." His sentence: 800 lashes with the cat-o'-ninetails.

Two months later, a private and his wife were convicted of receiving stolen goods. He got 1,000 lashes and she, mercifully, 100 strokes and three months in prison.

The same day, however, two other privates were found guilty of breaking into a store and ordered hanged.

Accounts of the punishments were entered matter of factly in the orderly book of Sir William Howe, commander of the British forces in America.

This, in the occupied town of Boston, in the grim, cold months of 1775, was military justice.

The threat of the whip, the hint of the rope, were constant reminders to the common British soldier of his station in life. He was poorer than a working man, infinitely lower than an officer and despised by loyalists and rebels alike.

A saying popular those days in the British navy summed it up:

"A messmate before a shipmate, a shipmate before a strangr, a stranger before a dog, a dog before a soldier."

Despite the popular image — ragtag Continental soldiers, armed with hunting rifles, fighting well-fd and impeccably uniformed Redcoats — the life of the British soldier was miserable.

To begin with, many were there against their will. Criminals were pardoned on the condition they enlist. And as the war heated up, the unemployed and the poor were drafted.

To keep them from running away, the men were locked up until their troop ships sailed for America.

Beyond a place to sleep, military life had little to offer.

Although many of the men were married, soldiers earned less than common laborers, officers less than tailors and weavers. A phamplet circulating about the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill read:

"From the eight pence per day which is issued for the pay of a soldier, when all deductions are made, for clothing, for necessities, for washing, for the paymaster, for the surgeon, and for the multiplied articles of useless and unmilitary fopperies, there is not sufficient overplus for healthful subsistence; and as to the little enjoyments and recreations, which even the meanest rank of men can call their own in any country, the brave, the honorable, the veteran soldier must not aspire to."

Then there were the uniforms. Scarlet coats, stunning from a distance, were bulky and uncomfortable for men dodging musket fire in the forests of the New World.

They went into battle carrying an ammunition box, musket, bayonet, extra clothes, a blanket, food, a canteen, and part of a tent. When infantrymen charged up the slope in the Battle of Bunker Hill, they carried at least 125 pounds of gear.

If they were wounded, the soldiers rarely received anything close to competent medical care. Each regiment had a surgeon, but they were essentially political appointees, and some had no medical training. Nurses, when they existed, were often wives of soldiers who followed the army.

The soldiers' religious needs were poorly cared for, too. Each regiment was supposed to have a chaplain, but like the surgeons, their performance was sporadic.

Some colonels refused to let their men leave quarters on Sunday. They figured that instead of going to church, they would get drunk.

The colonels' concerns were probably well founded. Drinking was one of the few inexpensive, socially acceptable diversions of the time.

Another was gambling. British soldiers had few possessions they could afford to lose, and sometimes they wagered the clothes off their bodies.

Photograph courtesy Midland Country Library

MIDLAND WAS LITTLE more than one year old when this picture was taken in 1881. The building at left housed a saloon, and the main establishment in central building was a tonsoril parlor.

Stillwell heads Stilco concern

Dan Stilwell, a native of Seminole, Okla., is the owner and operator of Midland-based Stilco Engineering Corp.

The organization specializes in engineering and construction related to the oil, gas and chemical industries.

Stilwell founded the company five years ago its primary interest is process, treating and gas conditioning installations, and revanping of existing facilities.

Starting with customer specifications and/or conditions, projects are engineered, designed, fabricated and field installed to provide an operating plant.

The company, headquartered at 308 N. Colorado St. in the Patio Building, has seven key personnel.

Before organizing Stilco here in 1971, Stilwell had 10 years of sesign and construction experience in chemical and gas processing.

He was graduated from Seminole High School and received his degree in Chemical Engineering from Oklahoma State University.

He and his wife June are the parents of two boys and a girl.

First U.S. capital rich in revolution heritage

NEW YORK — The United States' first capital is almost broke financially, but it is rich in Revolutionary War heritage.

Through the years, the city has become famed for many reasons, but people tend to forget that it was this country's first seat of government.

Battles raged all over Manhattan between the rebels and the British, and George Washington became the first president here.

The site where he took the oath of office is well preserved, as are other historic sites around the island.

To begin at the beginning, go to 26 Wall St. and look for the statue of Washington in front of Federal Hall. The imposing monument stands at about the spot where the oath was administered to him.

The building is not the original, but it stands on the same site. It happens to face the New York Stock Exchange, which is open to visitors.

Inside Federal Hall, the railing on which Washington rested his hand during the inauguation is preserved, along with a stone from the balcony on which he stood.

A short walk from the hall is Fraunces Tavern on Pearl Street at Broad Street. It was there that Washington said farewell to his officers after the war.

A profile of the general hangs over the corner on a wooden sign. Inside, the tavern still serves meals and has a very comfortable bar to the left of the entrance.

The upstairs room in which Washington made his farewell speech is open for viewing, and there is also a museum in the tavern devoted to its part in the Revolution.

Within a short walk from the tavern is Bowling Green, where the Colonials tore down a lead statue of King George III and had it melted into musket balls after the Declaration of Independence was read to a cheering throng.

Battery Park is near the tavern and the green, and is a site from which the Statue of Liberty can be seen. Sightseeing boats depart from it.

During the Revolutionary War, the Battery was called the Grand Battery, for the British had many cannons there.

The patriots tried to steal them one night, but a British warship at anchor nearby opened fire, dispersing them and splintering part of Fraunces Tavern.

Jokes about "Washington slept here" are true in New York, for his headquarters during the battle for the town is still standing.

He used the home of loyalist Roger Morris, and is said to have watched the city burn from a balcony after one British victory on the night of Sept. 20, 1776.

The shifting fortunes of war eventually forced Washington to flee New York and the home, but it survived as the Morris-Jumel Mansion in Roger Morris Park, which is at W. 162nd Street and Jumel Terrace near Edgecombe Avenue. It is open Tuesday through Sunday.

Another historic site is Trinity Church. The cemetery contains the remains of Alexander Hamilton and other luminaries of the nation's past.

Although the church was burned by the British in 1776, it was rebuilt in 1797 and stands today as a memorial to the resilience of the Colonials, who by then were free men.

Leddy organization starts at San Angelo

West Texas have, for more than 54 years, have donned boots and Western wear from M. L. Leddy and Sons and saddled up their horses with saddles from the same firm.

Organized in 1922 at San Angelo, M. L. Leddy and Sons have operated a Midland branch 14 years.

Owned by Hollis Leddy, Jim Franklin and Dale Leddy, the Midland store is managed by Rod Franklin, a San Angelo native.

The company is active in 4-H Club work, the Midland County Livestock Association and the Tall City Youth Horse Club.

The business address is 2308 W. Front St.

Franklin, a graduate of East Texas State University, trained for his managerial position here at the headquarters store in San Angelo.

He and his wife Katy have two children, Rob and Fred, students at Anson Jones Elementary School.

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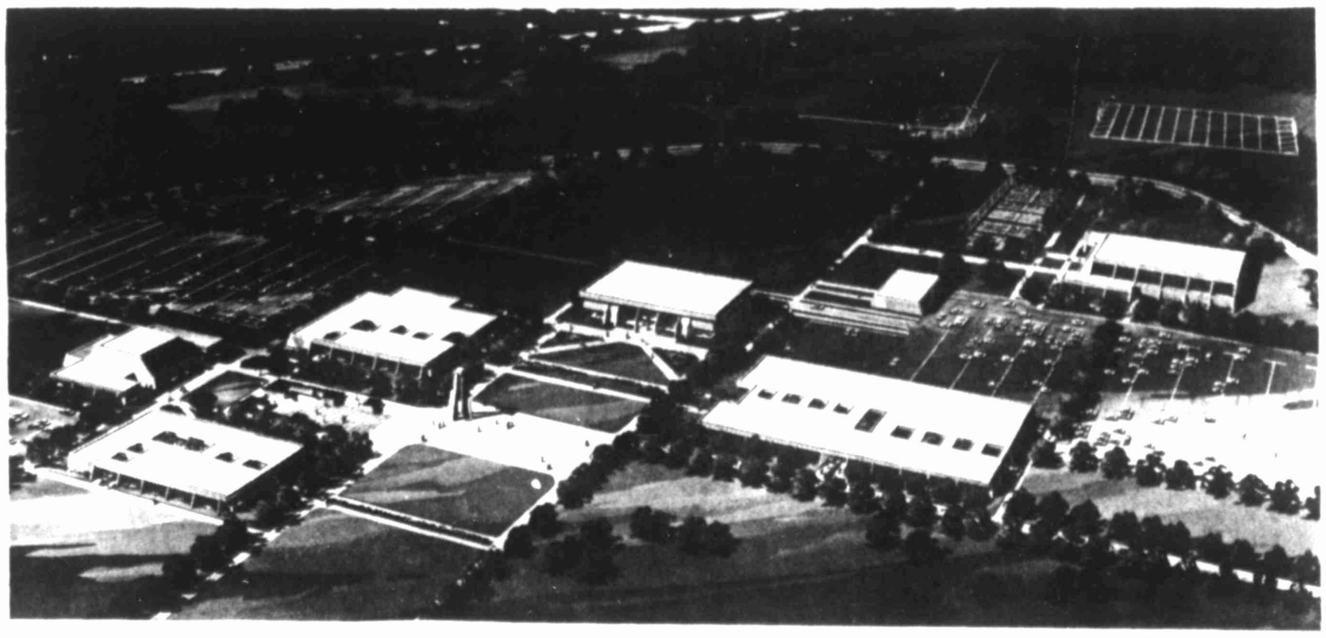

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Massachusetts plants gift from California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Windblown rain was gusting wetly through Mattapan, Mass., a suburb of Boston, as the Messenger Street Neighborhood Association gathered on June 1 of last year to plant a new "Liberty Tree."

It was a gift from California, one of 13 sent by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan to the 13 Original Colonies as California's thanks for uniting on that momentous June 1 in 1774 after the closing by the British of the Port of Boston.

It was that historic decision to unite for freedom that led to the founding of a new nation that has grown through the years to be the most powerful on earth.

To fittingly commemorate the occasion, the state of California sent 13 young redwood trees, its treasured Sequoia sempervirens, for ceremonial planting at the site of the nation's beginning.

They, too, are scions of the most awesome living things on earth.

Taller than the Statue of Liberty, able to tower over the peak of the dome of the nation's Capitol, California's redwoods attain heights of more than 350 feet. Some specimens of the Sequoia dendron giganteum sometimes reach a diameter at ground level of 35 feet. Some are 4,000 years old.

California's thanks for decision June 1, 1774, to found new nation.

California considers its redwoods as its own Liberty Tree, matching in greatness the minds of the freedom-loving men who gathered beneath the elm tree at Washington and Essex streets in Boston to become the Sons of Liberty; to denounce British oppression; to keep up their courage with toasts and songs; and to hang from this original Liberty Tree unpopular Colonial officials in effigy.

At the same time that momentous events were taking place on the eastern seaboard—events that would lead to revolution and freedom from British rule—a company of Spanish soldiers and churchmen became the first civilized men to look with wonder upon the giant redwood.

An entry written in his diary by Father Juan Crespi, who was accompanying the Gaspar de Portola exploration party when that momentous discovery was made in 1769, became the first written record of Sequoia sempervirens.

These huge trees had stood silently along California's golden coast since long before the birth of Christ in whose name the Spanish padres were creating their chain of missions. They had waited as the first Indians wandered into California from the mountains to the north and the deserts to the southwest.

They had stood majestically by as Sir Francis Drake and his crew of the Golden Hinde sailed up the coast of this new land in 1579, and they waited as the first group of colonizers arrived in San Diego Bay in 1769.

The story of California's Freedom Tree is told in a fascinating filmstrip produced for the California American Revolution Bicentennial Committee and the state Department of Parks and Recreation by Peter Higgins and Associates and written by Carol Raimondi.

Although the Spanish padres were the first to record the existence of Palo Colorado (the red tree), Father Junipero Serra was not unduly interested in them. His burning mission was to convert as many Indians as possible to Christianity.

He might have been more concerned, the filmstrip points out, if he had known of the special meaning this tree had for the Indians. The Washo, Miwok, Mono and other tribes of the Sierra Nevada had developed semireligious, mythological beliefs about them. The Mono tribe, who lived in the Fresno, Kings and Tule River basins, believed they were sacred and not to be disturbed.

Jenkins serves area shoppers 28 years

Twenty-eight years ago, Raymond Jenkins founded Jenkins Jewelry, Gifts & Luggage in the 200 block of North Main st.

Since that time the firm has served the Permian Basin Area with jewelry, gift items, luggage, a gemologist and diamond appraisal service.

The firm's headquarters now are at 325 Dodson St. and a branch store is at Winwood Mall in Odessa.

Jenkins, still the owner of the business, is a native of Coleman. He started his public school career at McCamey and was graduated from San Angelo High School.

He attended San Angelo State and Midwestern University where he earned his degree.

After leaving college, Jenkins roughnecked in the oil fields near Texon for several years.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Robinson of Marfa, have four children, Raymond, Roy, Helen and Bryan.

Jenkins Jewelry sponsors a Little League baseball team and a bowling team.

The firm is involved in many youth activities including Golden Gloves, swimming, auto racing, FFA and oratorical contests.

Jenkins is a member of the Optimist Club, the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He also is active in the Midland Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the board of directors of the West Texas Watchmakers Association, and served in the United States Air Force.

He is a retired Lt. Col. after serving 25 years in the reserves.

His chamber activites include service on the Aviation, Retail and Armed Forces committees.

Burke put limit on support to American Colonies

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Long known as a friend of the American Colonies, Edmund Burke placed limits on his support.

Those limitations came to light when the Revolution broke out.

He had been a consistent supporter of Benjamin Franklin's campaign, urging fair treatment for the Colonies. But he did not favor rebellion.

Some years later, after America had won its freedom from England, Burke also opposed the French Revolution and on this scope he was bitterly attacked by Thomas Paine who wrote "Burke has changed his front but not his ground."

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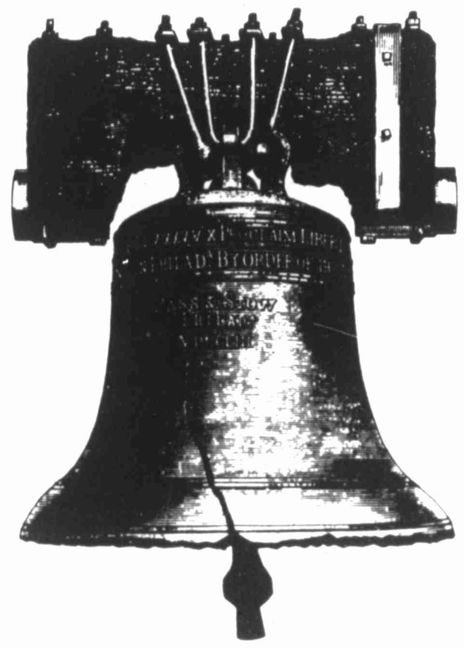

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AMONG THE HISTORICAL paintings hanging in the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is this one of Midland County's first courthouse which was built in 1885. The painting is by Robert Summers, and George T. Abell, one of the founders of the museum, researched the painting for historical accuracy. Permission to reproduce the painting here was granted by the Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland, the copyright owner.

'Uncle Walter' Cochran remembers early cowboys

(EDITOR'S NOTE. The late W. C. "Uncle Walter" Cochran, early trail driver of Texas and for many years a Midland cattleman, wrote the following account of the early days of the cattle industry in this section a few months before his death in 1935.)

After the disappearance of the Indians, like in all western county, came the buffalo hunters, then the antelope hunters. George Pemberton claims to have killed and shipped more antelope than any other hunter on the plains not including Lum Medlin, the first resident of the Midland country.

Henry Cummins was the last of the old buffalo hunters here. He hunted buffalo around Monument in the winter of 1884. The earliest settlers in Midland County were sheepmen, including H. N. Garrett, Al Garrett and a man by the name of Zakers. They located here in 1882.

H. N. Garrett had his first sheep camp where The First National Bank (now Oil & Gas Building) stood for many years. He watered his sheep at the railroad tank east of town. When he came here, he borrowed lumber at Pecos to floor the railroad bridge across the Pecos river so he could cross with his sheep.

J. T. Mulanax was the next man in Midland County in 1883. Theo Ray, J. S. Curtis, Robertson Willingham, George Pemberton, Taylor Brown and too many more to mention came in 1884, and John Scharbauer came in 1887. In 1888, when this was a sheep country, John Scharbauer shipped a car of sheep to Chicago to try the market. His commission men wired him to buy all the sheep he could. He drove two teams down in one night buying sheep and made $40,000 out of that night's work.

The cowmen of today do not know anything about what the first men and women in this country had to go through with. In settling up this country it used to take three to five days in an old wagon to make a trip to town after a little group from any of the ranches, while today you can make the trip from any ranch to town and back in a day. The women lived in dug-outs and dirt houses.

Mrs. John M. Cowden lived the first year on the ranch in a wagon bed for a house. Mrs. George Cowden lived in a dug-out at the edge of the sand hills. One day one of the old Palo Pinto milch cows fell in the dug-out onto the bed. George Cowden had to dig the bank off the dug-out to get the cow off the bed.

The men ran horse powers night and day to water their cattle as this was before ground tanks and gasoline engine days.

If there is such a thing as a hereafter I doubt if the old timers in this country will ever make the trip the way they used to punish the old pump horses, working them night and day and some of them without a change in 24 hours.

C. C. Slaughter was the first man to locate on the plains. He started the "Long S" Ranch on the head of the Colorado and Tobacco Creek in 1879 about 50 miles northeast of Midland, and in 1887 and 1888 Slaughter branded 15,000 calves on the ranch each year.

Cowden Brothers (W. H., George E., John M. and Buck) were the first men to locate west of Midland. They setup in the upper sand hills about 30 miles north of Monahans near the line of New Mexico in the fall of 1883.

There were plenty of Indian signs in the way of old camps and trails leading to the Pecos, and there were still a few scattering buffalo in the sand hills and antelope by the thousands.

W. H. Cowden had heard old Mat Tucker of Stephenville tell about tying his mule to a big willow tree in the sand hills on his way to California in 1849. Cowden hunted and found the tree where Tucker had tied his mule, and made his first camp in the sand hills.

The Cowdens ranched in the sand hills in 1884 and 1885, and in 1886 they dug wells in the Monument draw in New Mexico and moved out of the sand and started the famous JAL Ranch.

You have always heard it said there was not any money in horses. When the Cowdens left Palo Pinto County they had seven $25 Spanish mares that they rode for cow ponies. They rode them until they wore them out, then turned them loose on the range to raise horses. They never bought a horse, but raised all their horses from these seven mares and from those horses they made their big fortunes. They sold $15,000 worth of polo horses and had $40,000 worth when they sold out in 1913.

Ben and George Wolcott located the first ranch in Midland County at Pecks Springs in the spring of 1884, sold out the same year to George Gray and moved to the Guadalupe Mountains. Wolcott moved back to Midland in 1895 and bought land in Martin County and made a fortune.

Tom Martin, W. Peppers and Lump Mooney located and started the Cross Tie and Railway Ranch about 8 miles southeast of Midland at the old Salt Lake in the fall of 1884. Dan Watson was the first foreman.

Martin fenced the first pasture ever fenced in Midland County and used flat wire to keep from cutting up his horses. The fence cost $200 per mile to build, with the post and wire being hauled from Colorado City. Tom at one time owned and controlled about 35 miles of country south of the T.P. road.

A. W. Dunn started the Block Ranch about 25 miles south of Midland in 1884. He sold the ranch and cattle to George Gray in 1894. A drouth in 1894 forced George Gray to move the Block cattle near Childress and he left most of them on the bed ground on the trail. This trip broke him.

The winter of 1884 was the winter of the big drift through this county. George Cowden said there was 100,000 head of cattled passed between Midland and Monahans on the way to the Pecos. This drift of cattle was from as far north as the Canadian River in the Panhandle. There was not anything to stop this drift until the cattle got to the Pecos.

There was not even a wire fence between the Pecos and the North Pole. There were more of these cattle drowned and died in the Pecos then ever were brought back home.

There was no place to water after you left the Pecos until you got to Ward's Wells about 75 miles northwest of Midland and not enough water there to commence to water the big herds that were driven back after the big drift. At Ward's Wells the cattle were divided and each outfit took their own cattle home.

A. W. Wight dug the first well ever dug west of Midland, in Ector County in 1881. The old well is in the B. H. Blakeney pasture.

Taylor Brown was moving from the drouth of 1894 and gave A. W. Wight 47 dogie calves out of his herd. Wight had a few milch cows on the ranch and he necked these dogies together and raised them. From them, Wight raised a good herd of cattle.

Uncle Bill Ramsey dug the next well west of Midland at the edge of the sand hills about 50 miles west of Midland and started a horse ranch in the fall of 1883. This well is now in the Ratliff and Bedford's pasture.

Cub Roberts dug the well known to all old timers at the I Ranch headquarters in 1884. John Roberts, in 1884, dug the well and started the noted M Bar Ranch now owned by Fred Cowden.

Major Wells started the Five Wells Ranch about 40 miles north of Midland in 1884. Sam Car was the first foreman. Wells sold the ranch and cattle to W. E. Connell of Midland. In 1895, Connell sold the ranch and cattle to John Scharbauer.

Nels Morris of Chicago fenced the

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Early Midland cowboy recalls frontier days

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first pasture west of Midland known as the C pasture and stocked it with Black Muley cattle in 1885. His first foreman was H. C. Rogers. Morris sold the ranch in 1913 to David Fasken of Canada and the cattle to Henry Yates.

I want to state here that the biggest Indian fight ever fought on the plains was about two miles east of Beard Lake about 25 miles northwest of Midland known as the C Ranch headquarters, the second day of June, 1862.

Judge Rountree dug a well and started a horse ranch about 8 miles northwest of Midland in 1886, and John Tolbert was the foreman.

Judge Creighton dug a well 12 miles west of Midland and started a horse ranch known by old timers as the C Horse Well in 1885, and Charlie Quinn was his foreman. Quinn built the first ground tank ever built in the country. He tarred the sides and bottom to make it hold water. This tank is now in Burl Aycock's pasture.

Frank Divers built the next tank on the TAX ranch about 100 miles west of Midland in New Mexico. This ground tank solved the water proposition for the cowmen. Something had to be done or these big herds of cattle would never have been here today.

Lish Estes located the 7Z7 ranch about 115 miles northwest of Midland in New Mexico in 1885. Lish claims to have bought the first car of windmills ever shipped to Midland. What he didn't use himself he sold in Midland. Estes sold out in 1887 and moved to Old Mexico and ranched there until 1894 when he moved back to Midland and brough $100,000 worth of cattle with him.

W. H. and Dave Brunson moved from Stephens County and located about 80 miles northwest of Midland in Gaines County near the line of New Mexico in the fall of 1885. They sold out in 1895 and moved to Glasscock County and have ranched there ever since.

Frank and Ed Crowley located in Gaines County in 1886, sold out in 1892 and moved to Midland.

Uncle Henry McClintic, the old Virginia War Horse, located in Gaines County near New Mexico in 1886. Uncle Henry shipped from Missouri the first Hereford cattle ever on the plains. There were in this shipment of Herefords 20 2-year-old heifers and old Bull Giant which was a famous bull.

Sam and Burl Holloway, Henry Gary and Jim Turner located the Poor Boy Cattle Co. ranch about 8 miles west of Andrews in 1885. In the fall of 1888, Burl Holloway and Gary got in a fight over a ranch settlement.

When the fight was over Burl was badly cut up, so he went home and got Sam and came back to Gary's house and told him he had come to kill him. Gary walked out of his house and right up to Burl, talking to him all the time. Gary told me later he never would know why Burl didn't kill him. He said Burl wasn't afraid of any man and he came there to kill him. Gary had Nath Jones to take Burl to town and had him put under a peace bond.

A few days after this fight, Gary and Turner sold out to Sam and Burl and left the country. The Holloways both made plenty of money in the cow business. Burl planted more money in Old Mexico gold mines than most men ever made. Sam left the country with a good stake. Burl lost his before he died.

Dawson Brothers (Tal, Gib and Lish) located their ranches in the sand hills east of Monahans in 1884. Alex Brichfield located his ranch west of Monahans sandhills in 1885, and Bud Ratliff and Horten Williams from Young County located west of the sandhills in 1885. Williams was killed in Monahans soon after locating his ranch.

Hocker and Eister located the VV Cattle Co. Ranch north of Monahans in the fall of 1884 and George Cowden was the first foreman.

Fred and Dock Cowden moved from Palo Pinto county and bought a well 12 miles west of Monahans from Cowden Brothers and turned their cattle loose in the summer of 1885. The summer of 1886 was awfully dry and still Fred Cowden is one of these smooth easy going men that takes everything just as it comes.

He never was known to fly off the handle about anything that happened, but one day a bunch of us boys rode up to his ranch on our way to the Pecos round-ups and Fred was out of water.

He had been out for two days and his cows were leaving the ranch going east hunting for water. Fred told Dock to get the monkey wrench and go on top of the windmill and fix that pump. When Dock got down Fred took his Winchester and shot two sections out of the wheel and said, "now, damn you, I guess you'll pump."

Fred told Dock to get his horse and try to stop the cows before they got to Colorado. Fred has never been known to be out of water since that day.

Fred and Dock moved from their Monahans ranch to New Mexico in 1888. They ranched in New Mexico several years, then moved to Texas, this side of the sand. Fred bought the M Bar Ranch in 1895. Dock bought the old Draper sand ranch.

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COWBOYS FROM THE old Quien Sabe Ranch near Midland picked an unlikely spot to have their picture made. From left are Ben Driver, Fred Truelove, Raby Preston, Gill Haynes, James Curry, Bob Preston and Cleo Gaither. The Quien Sabe Ranch was started in 1884 in Upton County by Major Hewett of New York. The ranch spread from Upton into South Midland County.

—Photo courtesy of Midland County Museum

W. E. CONNELL, an early-day Midland rancher, bought the 5 Wells Ranch 40 miles north of Midland from its founder, Major Wells, sometime after 1884. Connell, one of the founders of a private Midland Bank, Connell Bros. & Scharbauer which later became The First National Bank of Midland, sold the ranch to John Scharbauer in 1895.

O. B. Holt came to Midland and located his first ranch about 30 miles northwest of Midland, in the C pasture, in 1886. He owned a third interest in 200 dogies when he came to Midland. He soon moved north of Midland about 15 miles and ranched there a few years, then bought his present ranch, 25 miles north of Midland. You hear cowboys say they haven't got time to raise a herd of cattle.

O. B. Holt had time. He never bought but one bunch of cattle to put on his ranch. He bought 800 2-year-old heifers from Frank Divers and paid $12 per head for them, raised his cattle and made a fortune.

Frank Divers asked W. E. Connell when was the time to ship and Connell told him to watch Brack Holt. Divers located the TAX Ranch about 100 miles West of Midland in New Mexico in 1884.

During the big snowstorm this country had in December 1887, the cattle all drifted off the northern plains down through the JAL country. W. H. Cowden, Frank Crowley, Bill Brunson and as many more men as they could get together followed this drift and stopped the cattle at Divers ranch. There were between 5,000 and 6,000 cattle and no water in the country at that time to water such a herd. The men commenced to cut this big herd up so they could handle it.

Bill Brunson told Divers that W. H. Cowden wasn't trying to cut his cattle, he was going to leave them for him to water. Divers took his quirt in his left hand and rode right straight to W. H. and said, "you are not trying to cut our cattle. You have got to cut every one of them before you leave this roundup." W. H. looked around and saw Bill Brunson down on the ground dying a laughing; he knew then that Brunson had put up a job on him.

Dick and Tes Henderson came to the Odessa country in 1884, and they are both still there. John and Judge Buchanan located about 20 miles northwest of Odessa in 1887.

H. M. Halff started the JM Ranch on the Pecos in 1878. The TX Ranch was owned and started by Bob Wylie and Sug Roberson on the Pecos in 1879. Wylie and Roberson sold the TX cattle to Dawson, Werd and Biller. The TX Ranch went into the hands of a receiver, Henry Stephens, being appointed by the court.

Arthur Johnson ran the TX ranch from 1888 until 1890.

The Quien Sabe Ranch was owned and started by Major Hewett of New York in 1884. Sam Cress was the first foreman.

Halff bought the Quien Sabe cattle in 1893 and moved them to his Upton County ranch.

Tom White and Allen Heard worked on the Pecos in 1881 and until 1887, when they started the High Lonesome Ranch. They ranched there several years and moved to New Mexico and lost in that move what they had made in this country.

Billie Holmsley came to the Pecos country in 1883. He ranched there several years and then moved to Crockett County. He had plenty of money made at one time.

Frank Ingram located about 75 miles south of Midland in Crockett County and went into the sheep and cattle business in 1886 and made a success of it.

The two-year drought of 1886 and 1887 broke all the little cowmen on the Pecos. J. V. Stokes says that he stood on the bank of the Pecos in 1886 and counted the dead cattle floating down the river at the rate of 40 head an hour. Just imagine what a time we had working that country and drinking that water off those dead cattle in the spring of 1888. Johnson Bros. of Pecos bought all the cattle that was left, the Allen Gibson outfit, Bill Birchfield, the W. outfit and all the others they could.

John Scharbauer bought the first Hereford cattle to Midland in 1890. There can be more good herds of cattle on the plains of New Mexico and Arizona traced to this bunch of Scharbauer cattle than any other herd in the country.

Burl Aycock was the first man to go into the Mereford business after Scharbauer. Burl has been one of the successful Hereford breeders of the country who has ranched all around Midland and has made a success.

J. V. Stokes came to the Pecos country in 1886 and worked on the Pecos until 1890 when he went into the ranching business east of Midland. He also has made a success of the cattle and land business, but J. V. is not satisfied with what he has done — he is trying the oil business a round.

Taylor Brown was the first man to try farming in Midland County. That was in 1890. He decided to put in 10 acres in cultivation eight miles south of town. His crop consisted of watermelons and pumpkins. One day Taylor came to town with a wagon load of pumpkins. At that time, John M. Cowden and Albert Lee were running a two-by-four butcher shop in Midland. John M. asked Taylor how many pumpkins he had and Taylor told him he didn't know. John M. said he wanted to buy some to feed his hogs on at the butcher pen. Taylor told him that he could have the pumpkins for $6 per ton in the field. John M. and Lee hauled 17 tons and quit; they said they had all the pumpkins they wanted. John M. as long as he lived never would talk about buying any more pumpkins.

Lee left the country soon after this pumpkin trade with Brown. Taylor sold 60 tons of watermelons on the streets of Midland off his 10-acre patch.

The first men in the country that made fortunes in the cattle business were W. H. Cowden, George Cowden, John M. Cowden, Buck Cowden, Fred Cowden, Dock Cowden, O. B. Holt, W. E. Connell, Tom Martin, Sam Holloway, George Wolcott, J. T. McElroy and the Scharbauers.

Other men in the country that have made a success of the cattle business would include Burl Aycock, J. V. Stokes, Frank Ingram, W. H. and Dave Brunson, Henry Cummins and E. P. Cowden.

P.S. The day the old timers of Midland first commenced going broke was when N. B. Brown put in the first telephone in Midland in 1896. Pemberton and Youngblood put on two extra delivery wagons the next morning to deliver the goods. Old man Erb Bell couldn't do the delivering after the 'phone was put in. Ed Crowley was the first man to put in a 'phone line on a wire fence in this country in 1897.

Midland newspaper existed before county

By LUANNA CROW

Even before there was a Midland County, there was a Midland newspaper.

Called the Midland Enterprise, its 11-month existence began in 1884 under the leadership of C. E. Gilbert.

The Enterprise was the first in a rather long line of journalistic endeavors for a growing West Texas cow town. It was followed by The Staked Plains, The Eye-Opener, Midland Gazette, Midland Livestock Reporter, Midland Examiner, Midland Daily Telegram and, finally, the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The Reporter-Telegram was born March 10, 1929, following a consolidation of the Midland Reporter (Livestock by then had been dropped from the title) and the Midland Daily Telegram. The "city" at that time was about 5,000 population.

But the R-T's forerunners did much to pave the way for a permanent newspaper. The second Midland publication, The Staked Plains, was even located in a small sheet iron building at Main and Illinois streets — site of the R-T's second home. An historical marker stands at the location today.

The Staked Plains was established as a weekly newspaper in 1885, and was followed, apparently, by The Eye-Opener, which reportedly operated only briefly.

Before the turn of the century, still another publication appeared: The Midland Gazette. The publisher was reported to be an Englishman by the name of Bert Rawlins. He is described as one of Midland's "top-notch boosters and supporters of the 1890s."

A few copies of the Gazette on record in the R-T's microfilm library, however, list M. M. Pittman as proprietor and Albert S. Hawkins as editor. Articles contained in those few issues are light on news and heavy on commentary. In the Nov. 9, 1889, edition, one article reads:

"The roads in this county do not require any work the year round. There is not a bridge in the county, and none required.

"The court house is out of debt.

"Enough money is coming in on the tax rolls to pay off the jail debt.

"The general debt will almost be liquidated by incoming taxes."

Those early editions, peppered with advertisements such as the one touting Allen's Lung Balsam for "la grippe or influenza," were four-page publications.

The Midland Livestock Reporter made its debut as a weekly during that era. Publisher was Rawlins, who in later years became a probate judge in Carlsbad, N.M. His associate was a man named Virgil Albritton. Apparently, the pair's endeavors were short-lived, because C. C. Watson — an Arkansas newsman and printer — took over the business July 25, 1899.

Then, on the heels of the Livestock Reporter came The Midland Examiner, which chamged hands several times. One of the owners was the Rev. A. C. Parker, an early-day pastor for the First Christian Church. That paper was in existence only from 1902 to 1903.

The same year the Examiner opened, Watson dropped the middle name of The Midland Livestock Reporter. That early-day journalist changed offices several times and was burned out twice. That might explain why he left Midland to try newspapering elsewhere before returning in 1927 to establish The Midland Daily Telegram.

In the meanwhile, T. Paul Barron had purchase the Reporter from Watson and converted it into a semi-weekly in 1925 and a daily in 1929.

Then, in the same month the paper

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This was newspapering — 1895-style. The Midland Gazette, one of the spiritual forerunners of The Reporter-Telegram, put out its four-page editions with a small crew. Seated at left is Clarence Scharbauer. Standing, from left, are B. Johnson and Bert Rawlins.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

pays tribute to the pioneers of American freedom and to all citizens who followed in the tradition of liberty, justice, and the dignity of the individual, in every section of "this nation under God."

From its beginning and throughout the history of our country, the American newspaper not only has been the voice of liberty but also its champion, its constant upholder and its aggressive defender against those powerful interests who would destroy freedom of speech and action forever in our land.

Even to the point of "tolerance for the intolerant", the American newspaper carries on as possibly the last bulwark against the forces of regimentation, bondage, corruptness, censorship and authoritarianism. As we approach our third century as a free nation, let us all rededicate ourselves to our priceless tradition of freedom and to eternal vigilance in its behalf.

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First Baptist Church organized in 1886

By ROGER SOUTHALL

The nation was just 10 years past its Centennial when Midland's First Baptist Church came into existence.

The hardy band of dedicated Christians living in the raw, new village of Midland had no way of knowing the church they would organize on that January day in 1886 would some day be one of the largest churches in West Texas — indeed, one of the dominant units of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, even of the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

But it could, and did, become such a church, and a new book just published, "To God Be the Glory," tells the First Baptist story — the trials, the triumphs, the victories and defeats, the glorious achievements and the disappointing setbacks.

In his introduction to the book, Dr. L. L. Morriss, pastor of the First Baptist Church for well over 20 years before resigning in 1975 to become director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said:

"The year 1886, Grover Cleveland, 22nd President of the United States, journeyed to New York City and took part in unveiling the greatest symbol the world has ever known outside the symbolism of the cross of Jesus Christ. Mr. Cleveland unveiled the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France commemorating 100 years since America declared her independence.

"The act of President Cleveland was no more significant than the little group of Christian people who gathered that same year to organize First Baptist Church in the growing village of Midland.

"This little band of pioneers knew nothing of deep freezers and electric can openers, zippers, streamlined automobiles, radio or television sets. They would not have understood a conversation about sound barriers or atomic energy or jet airplanes. They didn't have Polaroid cameras or electric blankets, guided missiles or radar...but they had Bibles and hearts full of faith and spiritual vision for the future."

Certainly, faith and vision were needed by the adults when they gathered in the schoolhouse that January morning — there weren't too many residents interested in church-organizing in the raw, new ranch settlement, and even if there had been, churches and preachers cost money, and money wasn't all that plentiful.

But the group had been persistent in the months since they first talked of forming a Baptist congregation with the Rev. J. A. Moore, a preacher from Sweetwater. And on that January morning, the eventful step was taken, with the group voting unanimously in favor of forming a Baptist church. J. K. Barron, owner of a dry goods store, was then elected clerk of the congregation.

Joining him as charter members were Mrs. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCullough, Reeves Barron, the Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Callaway, Ann Willingham, M. F. Palmer, Mary Nash, John R. Barron, M. F. Stanfield, E. J. Morris, Etta Westmoreland, M. B. Tolbert and Sallie McKenzie. Others submitting their church letters included Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Petty and Mary and Minnie Petty.

In their preliminary planning, the Midlanders had agreed they could afford to hire a part-time preacher at a salary of $125 a year. Following formal organization of the church, Mr. Callawy was called as first pastor; the selection of deacons was set to take place at a future congregational meeting.

"Brother Lallie" carried a Bible in one saddle bag and a six-shooter in the other.

The town of Midland was five years old when the Baptist church came into existence here, but Midland County itself had only come into being the year before, when it was carved out of Tom Green County. For Midland Baptists, the closing years of the 19th Century turned out to be a thrilling, challenging time: From 1886 to 1900, 363 persons were added to the church — 194 affiliating by letter or statement of faith and the remainder by baptism. (Also during this period, 27 members of the congregation were excluded from the church for various offenses against church discipline.)

During their second monthly business meeting in February 1886, church members voted to build a "Baptist house of worship," and a permanent building committee was named, including McCullough, Petty, J. H. Barron, Croft and Waddell. These same five also were chosen as trustees, to manage and transact all church business, which at that time included negotiating a loan to finance the church building. In March 1886, ground was broken for the building at North Marienfeld and West Illinois streets — the first real church structure in Midland. Since the congregation's preacher only came to town once a month, other new congregations in the city, including Methodist, Presbyterians and Disciples of Christ, were invited to hold services there, too, which they did for a number of months.

As new families moved into Midland and the congregation increased, the pastor's salary was raised to $500 annually; by that time, Mr. Callaway was holding services in the new church twice monthly. He resigned the post in the fall of 1887 and moved to Austin to fill pastorates in that area.

The Rev. Leander Millican, known as "Brother Lallie," became the church's second pastor, serving from December 1887 until 1894. It was during his ministry (twice monthly) that the little frame Baptist building was moved from its original site to one at North Main and Illinois streets, a site that was to be "Baptist corner" for more than half a century.

Mr. Millican considered himself a traveling missionary — and certainly travel was essential, since he was also pastor of the First Baptist Church of El Paso. It was said that on his travels through the vastness of the trans-Pecos region, he carried a Bible in one saddle bag and a six-shooter in the other.

By the year 1900, the Baptist church had more members (almost 400) than all the other churches in town combined.

Meanwhile, though, the Rev. G. H. M. Wilson had succeeded Mr. Millican in the pastorate in 1894. Mr. Wilson served the church only one year, resigning in 1895. However, he returned to the pastorate in 1896, serving until 1900 as the Midland congregation's first fulltime pastor. During his first stay, the church building was enlarged and improved, and the church indebtedness was wiped out. During the Wilson pastorate, also, George F. Cowden Sr. served as Sunday school superintendent, with J. H. Mims as his assistant. J. H. Barron continued his long tenure as church clerk.

The Rev. B. W. N. Simms, a native of Virginia, was called as fourth pastor following Mr. Wilson's first departure from the post in 1895. He served until 1896 when Mr. Wilson came for his second stay.

Members of the congregation, realizing it would become increasingly hard to find pastors if no parsonage were available, appointed a six-man committee to study the possibility of building a parsonage. The committee was comprised of George Cowden Sr., Lew Murphy, W. E. Connell, Frank Divers, W. H. Cowden and Jess Pemberton. Construction was begun on the home in 1896.

After Mr. Simms' resignation for health reasons, the congregation overwhelmingly favored the recall of Mr. Wilson, at an increase in salary plus the pastor's home. During his second stay of four years, the church's Sunday school and music programs were strengthened and broadened and fresh emphasis was placed on all phases of missions work. The church moved forward in both stewardship and strength.

The Rev. Jacob Coonce Burkett came to Midland as Baptist pastor in 1900, and served for nearly 12 years. The church continued to make strides — in the 1901-02 church year, the total budget adopted by the congregation amounted to a whopping $1,650, a figure including all phases of church expenditure except the pastoral salary, which was raised by donations from church members.

And in 1903, the congregation voted to replace the gas lights with the newly-available electric lights.

Also during his pastorate in the first decade of the 20th Century, Mr. Burkett led the people of First Baptist Church to erect a new brick building on the Main and Illinois site. The structure with its circular auditorium and distinctive dome, continued to serve the congregation until the early 1950s.

—Photo courtesy of Midland County Museum

Brick structure, at the corner of Main and Illinois streets, served the First Baptist congregation from the first decade of the 20th Century until the early 1950s.

It was also during Mr. Burkett's long tenure that one of the best-remembered and most highly-respected lay leaders of the church first came to Midland. W. W. Lackey moved to town to become superintendent of the public schools. He also was a dedicated and talented worker in First Baptist Church during his residency here until 1941.

Following Mr. Burkett's resignation from the pastorate, the congregation voted to call the Rev. U. S. Thomas as his successor at a salary of $2,100 yearly. Mr. Thomas preached his first sermon here Feb. 4, 1912. Later that year, he was stricken in the pulpit, leaving him partially paralyzed, and he submitted his resignation that July. The congregation then embarked on yet another search for a pastor, and in October 1912 voted to call the Rev. L. E. Finney to the post. The native of Antiquity, Ohio, was a descendant of the great American evangelist Charles E. Finney. While in Midland he was an effective evangelist and prominent revival preacher and was known as a Bible scholar and defender of the Scriptures.

It was during Mr. Finney's pastorate that the congregation voted to add a south wing to its brick church building, then about six years old. The pastor drew the plans and specifications for the addition, estimated to cost $3,500. A committee of church members to seek funds for the construction project was made up of B. M. Aycock, John M. Cowden, George Elliott and T. M. Waddell. The building committee itself was composed of the pastor and C. S. Karkalits, J. M. Caldwell, J. H. Barron, Aycock, Clarence Scharbauer and W. F. Cowden.

Mr. Finney submitted his resignation in May 1914, and the search began again for a replacement. The search ended with the calling of the Rev. R. E. Quick, who moved to Midland in early 1915. He held the pastorate until July 1917.

In 1916, during the Quick pastorate, First Baptist Church celebrated its 30th anniversary. There were 524 members on the rolls at the time. During his pastorate, also, two outstanding evangelist came to town to preach revivals — Dr. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth and the Rev. Mordecai Ham.

After Mr. Quick resigned, the pulpit remained vacant for months. In March 1918, the congregation called O. J. Hull, a recent graduate of Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons University), to the pastorate. Hull was said to possess a "true pastor's heart" and he was popular with townspeople of all denominations. It was while he was pastor that J. H. Barron, one for the founding members of the congregation and one of its most beloved leaders, died.

Hull remained in Midland until 1922, when he resigned. The congregation shortly afterward extended a call to the Rev. W. S. Garnett of Victoria. Mr. Garnett remained here until the fall of 1924. He was succeeded in the spring of 1925 by George F. Brown of Hobart, Okla., who filled the pastorate of the Midland church for six years. During his ministry, the church experienced steady growth not only in membership but also in stewardship and spiritual development, among members, old-timers recall.

Following his resignation, First Baptist Church's pulpit was filled for seven years — from 1931 to 1938 — by the Rev. Winston F. Borum. This graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky and Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth had served as an officer in the Army field artillery during World War I and later distinguished himself as assistant to two great Southern Baptist preachers, Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., and Dr. James B. Leavell.

Mr. Borum, a many-talented man, played the trombone and was influential in organizing a church orchestra. One year he wrote the script for a Rotary Club minstrel show which was presented in the Yucca Theater in downtown Midland. He was widely known hereabouts as the "singing pastor" and was much in demand as an entertainer. He also was an avid and skilled golfer. He left Midland in 1938 to assume the pastorate of a large Oklahoma church.

The years of the Borum pastorate saw great changes in Midland as it began to lose its sleepy "cattletown" image and took on the tempo of a bustling, busy petroleum center. It was in 1935 that the city received one of its greatest single population increases up to that time with the establishment of regional offices of Humble Oil Co. here. A number of the families involved in the move immediately joined First Baptist Church.

To accommodate it's growing membership, First Baptist Church in 1937 once again expanded its building — the structure built in 1906 which had been expanded in 1912. This was a temporary solution for worship services but did not solve problems of congestion in Sunday school.

Three years later, in 1940, a three-story brick education building was erected, and at the same time a new parsonage was built.

These projects were undertaken and completed during the pastorate of Borum's successor, Dr. H. D. Bruce, who served the congregation from 1938 to 1942.

The war began and Midland's population swelled again and again as Midland Army Air Field broadened its scope and increased its military strength. First Baptist Church and other churches in the city reached out to welcome these temporary citizens into their fellowships.

The church called the Rev. Vernon Yerby as its pastor in 1942. Only 28 years old at the time, this native Virginian served for 11 years. His was a ministry marked by his efforts to provide a ministry to the military personnel stationed at the bombadier school, the expansion of missionary giving among church members and the initial planning for a postwar building and expansion program for the church.

Mr. Yerby maintained a radio ministry during the war, aimed particularly at military personnel. He also led his congregation in working toward the establishment of new Baptist churches in the city. The first of the smaller Baptist churches established had been Calvary Baptist on South Main Street, in 1940, followed by Bellview Church in 1949. (Several Baptist churches in the county — including Greenwood, Valley View and Cottonflat churches — had been organized in the earlier years of the century.) But his great concern was for adequate facilities for the First Baptist congregation and in early 1944 he devoted an entire Sunday morning message to the needs of a large new church home. Just 10 years later, the congregation moved into the newly-constructed building which he had envisioned.

During his 11 years as pastor here, the church membership zoomed from 1,651 to 2,937 and the annual budget rose $14,000 to $112,000.

Members of the First Baptist Church congregation took on the task of finding a successor to their longtime pastor, though none thought it would be an easy task, particularly those members making up the pastoral search committee.

In the months following Mr. Yerby's departure in 1953, the pulpit was filled by Dr. Boyd Hunt from Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Now more than 20 years later, Dr. Hunt is again serving as interim pastor while the congregation seeks a replacement for their beloved Dr. Lester I. Morriss.

Dr. Morriss, then pastor of a church at Mount Pleasant, had preached a trial sermon in the Midland High School auditorium, temporary meeting place of the congregation after the old church building was condemned in the early 1950s and torn down, and after the educational building (the one erected in 1940) was gutted by fire in early 1953. Dr. Morriss was given a call by the congregation and preached his first sermon as church pastor June 6, 1954.

That June Sunday was a red letter day for Midland Baptists. Not only was there excitement over the fact that a new, dynamic preacher had come to serve the congregation, but the church was occupying its new, modern church facilities for the first time, an event long anticipated.

That epochal event was the fruition of long years of work, planning, more work, more planning. Mr. Yerby had laid the groundwork for First Baptist's postwar construction program as far back as 1944. The following year the basic planning for the expansion program began with a deacon's meeting at which it was voted to retain an architect to make recommendations, and also the board agreed to seek authorization from the congregation for developing cost estimates. In January 1946, the deacon board formally initiated a building program and then began a study of possible sites in the city for the new plant.

A building fund campaign was formulated in 1949, headed by Frank Monroe, Harlan Howell and Ernest T. W. Neill, and in June 1950 the congregation commissioned architect Mark Lemons to begin drawing plans. The structure was to be located on acreage belonging to Mrs. E. P. Cowden and R. B. Cowden, a site used in earlier years for holding Cowden cattle brought in from range to await shipment to market.

In late 1950, the congregation retained the services of a professional fund-raising organization to direct the fund drive, and by December of that year more than $650,000 had been given or pledged for the construction costs. Soon after, the drive reached approximately $1 million, but continually rising construction costs made it necessary to raise building estimates to $1.2 million, with a resultant renewal of the fund campaign. This figure, too, was ultimately subscribed.

The new plant, to cover two city blocks, was to have 78,000 square feet of floor space, and the congregation determined that it would be "paid for" by the time it was first occupied.

A long-awaited day was March 9, 1952, the day of the ground-breaking for the new structure. Pastor Yerby

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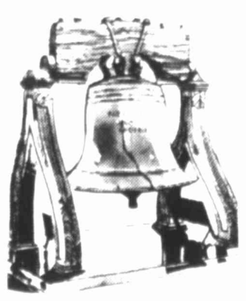

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Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are active in civic affairs. Mrs. Zimmerman is on the hospital board, and Zimmerman is a member of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, the Ambassador Group, Rotary Club and they both are members of the First Christian Church.

First Presbyterian overcame many setbacks

By ROGER SOUTHALL

"Presbyterians are a determined people. Hardships and discouragements do not stop them. Because of their nature, they often turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones."

Thus wrote the late Mrs. J. M. Caldwell as the introduction to here "History of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas," completed in 1943, shortly before her death.

Mrs. Caldwell's history, a labor of love and long research, bears out her thesis: Adversity, discouragement, setbacks were companions to the group of Presbyterians who first banded together to form a church in the little town of Midland back in 1885, but determination and faith in the future were the catalysts turning such stumbling blocks into true stepping stones.

Mrs. Caldwell's history has been incorporated into a longer history of the Midland First Presbyterian Church compiled in 1963 by Col. John Perkins, another longtime member. This volume also gives a brief history of the Calvinist movement, discusses church government and traces the history of the Presbyterian Church, both in the South and in Texas. The Perkins compilation brings the history of the Midland church up to the 1960s.

Midland County had been in official existence only a few months when the Presbytery of Dallas, on Oct. 19, 1885, appointed the Rev. O. F. Rogers, the Rev. E. P. Palmer, Dr. P. C. Coleman and J. C. Peoples as a committee "to organize churches at Midland and Big Spring and anywhere in the region adjacent to these, if the way be clear."

The Methodists had already organized a church here in August of that year, and Midland's Baptists were laying the groundwork for forming a congregation in early 1886. The Presbyterian Church came in between these two, in the closing days of 1885.

Mr. Rogers at the time was pastor of the Colorado City Presbyterian Church and Dr. Coleman was ruling elder there. Mr. Palmer was pastor of the Abilene Presbyterian Church and Mr. Peoples was a resident of Midland.

Consistent with the Presbytery of Dallas' directive, the committee organized the Midland church Dec. 22, 1885, with J. C. Peoples, J. C. Kerr and Lee Thompson as elders; J. C. Shear and Henry Peoples as deacons, and Mrs. S. N. Peoples, Mrs. M. E. Thompson, Dr. Peoples and Mrs. M. E. Peoples as additional members.

Mr. Rogers came almost every month to hold services here, as long as he was minister at Colorado City. After he left the area, the Rev. W. N. Dickey and others came to hold Presbyterian services. Often in those early days, a visiting minister would hold services on several consecutive days.

After organizing in January 1886, the Baptists built the first church house in town. That congregation held services usually once a month, sometimes twice, and they generously loaned the building to other denominations for services. Methodists and Presbyterians both availed themselves of the structure until the Methodists built their own house of worship. The Presbyterians continued to make use of the Baptist building.

The first and only resident pastor the Presbyterians had in the early years was the Rev. H. M. Smith, who moved here with his family in 1890. When he came here, the church had seven members, none a charter member of the congregation.

Times grew hard and even harder in later years of the 19th Century — the area was in the midst of a severe drought from 1885 to 1888 and one by one the members of the little church moved away. Finally, by 1896 only two members remained, there were no elders or deacons, and the Fort Worth Presbytery, which had assumed administration of Presbyterian churches in this area, ordered the Midland church dissolved in April 1897.

Thus ended the first phase of Presbyterianism in Midland. Happily, it was not to be the last.

By the turn of the century, Midland had grown, matured somewhat and developed many of the attributes of an "established" community. The time seemed right for the reorganization of the Presbyterian Church.

Leading the movement for reorganization were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watts, early ranch people here. However, Watts (who had been one of the two remaining members when the church was dissolved) realized the need for a church building to tie a congregation together and he took on the task of preparing a church home. Joining him as members of a building committee were Postmaster C. P. Fuller and F. H. Burney, a teacher. The trio selected a site at West Wall and South Big Spring streets, and a contract was let for construction of the building.

As a result of waning membership, the Midland church was ordered dissolved in April 1897.

Meanwhile, the Rev. R. L. Dale, representing the Fort Worth Presbytery, held an organizational meeting on Nov. 29, 1899, which brought the church now known as the First Presbyterian Church of Midland into existence. The records of the Fort Worth Presbytery for 1900 show that the church was organized with 16 members.

The congregation's new structure was dedicated in May 1900 with Dr. Junius B. French of Fort Worth preaching the sermon.

The little church still needed a minister and the matter was put in the hands of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. J. F. Lloyd of Fort Worth was selected to serve the congregation as minister. When he departed a year later, the church had 21 members on its rolls, and 22 pupils in Sunday school, along with five teachers. In 1902, the Rev. J. H. Cumpston came to fill the vacancy and later was contracted by the church for three-fourths of his time at an annual salary of $450. Later, Dr. O. G. Jones of Fort Worth preached here occasionally and then the Rev. W. L. Downing came to the Midland pastorate, also preaching each month at Odessa and Stanton. At the time of his resignation from the post in 1909, the congregation numbered 60 members.

The next member to serve here was Dr. Jones, an evangelist for the El Paso Presbytery, which had been created out of the Fort Worth Presbytery in 1905. He lived at Big Spring but held Midland services twice each month. He was followed by the Rev. T. B. Anderson who served from mid-1970 to mid-1912. During his years here, held a teaching position at the old Midland College in addition to carrying out his pastoral duties. During his sojourn, the congregation acquired a manse for its pastor.

After Mr. Anderson's departure, the congregation was served by a succession of ministers and student suppliers, the latter including R. F. Gribble, who was to become a distinguished educator and theologian at Austin Theological Seminary. Others included the Rev. J. P. Kidd, the Rev. J. H. Viser and the Rev. O. H. Moore.

Improvements were made to the little church, including new carpeting, the purchase of a new communion service, the replacement of the old reed organ with a piano, and the planting of trees on the church grounds. Later the structure was repainted.

The Rev. W. H. Foster began his ministry here in mid-1917, coming from seminary studies and ordination. Many oldtimers recall Mr. Foster as a likeable, highly-conscientious pastor who not only conducted services in the church but also took his ministry to area ranches where he held services in ranch school buildings. All in all, the church made progress during his stay, which lasted until 1919.

A ministry of short duration was that of the Rev. L. W. Matthews, beginning in January 1920 and continuing until April 1921. Ill health plagued him during his Midland pastorate and he died the year after leaving the post.

The Rev. A. P. Willis, a longtime Midland resident who had preached often during the illness of Mr. Matthews, continued to fill in as supply preacher until 1922. The Rev. B. K. Tenney, who filled pastorates at Barstow and Van Horn, began coming to Midland monthly to conduct services. This arrangement continued until 1923 when the Rev. Ted Holifield accepted a call to the church. It is recalled that he preached excellent sermons and might have remained for a long and fruitful period of service if the church session had not discovered that Mrs. Holifield had a divorce in her background. Mr. Holifield sensed the disapproval and resigned.

Oldtimers recall this was "the straw that broke the camel's back." The discouraged little congregation made no attempt to find a replacement. Even the Sunday school classes were dismissed for a time, and a few members even voiced the opinion that the church should be dissolved. The church roll shrank.

The lackluster situation was changed with a visit here in 1925 by a Mrs. Muirhead, widow of a Presbyterian minister and sister of Mrs. George Gray, a member of the local church. Mrs. Muirhead was distressed that no Sunday school classes were held for Presbyterians and she and Mrs. Gray set out to remedy the situation. A bit of leadership was all that was needed, and the resurgence of interest in Sabbath school brought a resurgence of interest in other facets of church life. The congregation resumed services.

The Rev. Grover Bidwell began preaching here once each month, from late 1925 until the following spring. That summer, a theological student filled the pulpit.

In the fall of 1926, the Midland church obtained the services of the Rev. J. W. Allen, a missionary home on leave from the Congo. He is recalled as a warmly sympathetic person who helped heal the old apathy with his sense of humor and tolerant outlook. When he returned to Africa in 1927, congregation called the Rev. T. D. Murphy. He accepted and was installed in December 1927. During his pastorate, until mid-1931, the church building was enlarged to provide additional Sunday school space as well as a kitchen and pastor's study. During this same time, the church roll increased to 142 members, with eight elders and seven deacons.

Mr. Murphy was followed in 1931 by the Rev. W. J. Coleman, whose ministry was to continue for almost 10 years (and still is one of the longest pastorates in the history of the Midland church).

Midland had become a small city by the time Mr. Coleman assumed the pastorate here. The shift in emphasis from cattle town to petroleum center had caused hotels, office buildings, additional school buildings and many new homes to be built. First Presbyterian Church attempted to keep up with the changing times by renovating its little building. The grounds were beautified with more trees and shrubs, and inside new carpet was laid and a new electric organ was installed, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bucy.

Early in 1937, planning began for a new and more adequate church plant. A finance committee was appointed and in March the congregation purchased a site at the corner of West Texas and North A streets.

Finally, contract for construction was let and in October 1937 the cornerstone of the new structure was laid, with the pastor, Mr. Coleman, being assisted in the ceremony by former pastor T. D. Murphy and pastors of the city's Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches.

A. Harry Anderson served as chairnan of the building committee for the structure, which was built at a cost of $38,000. The first service in the new building took place Dec. 12, 1937.

In 1941, Mr. Coleman accepted a call from a Bonham church, concluding a ministry that lacked only five months of covering a full decade.

A call was extended to a young West Texan, the Rev. Mubert Hopper, then serving as assistant minister of Highland Park Presbyterian Church at Dallas.

Mr. Hopper, a native of Lubbock, came to Midland in October 1941. When he began his pastorate here, the church had 307 resident communicants, nine elders and 13 deacons. The Sunday school department had an enrollment of almost 300.

Mr. Hopper's ministry covered the war years and continued into the postwar era. During this period, Presbyterian and other congregations in the city broadened their scope and outreach to include the city's temporary residents, the military personnel assigned to the Midland Army Air Field and its bombadier school.

Mr. Hopper, an excellent organizer,

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First Baptist Church organized in 1886

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and many members of the congregation felt they had indeed come a long way since the dark war years when the new church had originally been discussed.

Among those taking part in the cereromy were such long-time congregational members as Mrs. Barbara Wall, J. O. Nobles, Ernest T. W. Neill, Mrs. J. H. Williamson and many others, joined by Pastor Yerby and by business manager C. G. Murray.

During the time of construction, and particularly after the education building burned and the old sanctuary was razed, the church held Sunday school classes in various locations in the city, with worship services held first in the Ritz Theater and later in the Midland High auditorium.

The building of the church was no easy matter. It was the era of the Korean conflict and steel and other building materials were scarce, and there were numerous delays. Finally patience and faith paid full dividends and the new church plant was ready for worship in early summer of 1954 — just in time to welcome a new pastor.

L. L. Morriss, who was to remain in the First Baptist pastorate for well over two decades and guide the church through its greatest progress and growth up to then, was a native of Tyler whose father was a Baptist deacon. He preached his first sermon at age 15. After attending East Texas Baptist College and Baylor, he enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and, following graduation from that school, pastored churches in New London, Cameron, Baytown and Mount Pleasant before moving westward.

During his years as a pastor, Dr. Morriss simultaneously held positions of responsibility within the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the governing body of Texas Southern Baptist churches. These included membership on (and a term as chairman of) the 192-member executive board of the BGCT. He also has held membership on the BGCT's Human Welfare Commission, the Training Union Convention of Texas, and has been on many college and university and benevolent boards in the Southern Baptist denomination. In addition, he served as parliamentarian of three Southern Baptist Conventions and has twice been honored by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., with George Washington Honor Award medals.

During his Midland years, Dr. Morriss, in addition to his preaching and pastoral work (including counseling work), also was active in civic and welfare projects benefitting the city and its residents.

He announced his resignation from the Midland pastorate in early 1975 and departed the city a few weeks later for Dallas where his work as director of evangelism for the BGCT is headquartered.

Although Dr. Morriss did not move to Midland until the new church plant was already an accomplished fact, several subsequent expansion and construction projects undertaken at First Baptist were successfully completed under his leadership. Four years after its completion, a $230,000 addition was made to the church building. Then, in 1960, a $205,000 Activities Building was completed just across the street. Finally, the early 1970s saw the start and the completion of a major expansion of the original building. This $377,000 project provided new choir facilities, additional Sunday school classrooms, new office space, a new parlor and numerous other improvements.

In recent years, Dr. Morriss, his staff and members of the congregation have taken great pride in the fact that Christian Life Magazine cites the Midland church as one of the 50 churches in the nation with the largest Sunday school enrollment and attendance. During Dr. Morriss' long tenure, also, First Baptist had 9,598 new members, including more than 3,200 who came for baptism. The congregation contributed a total of $11.27 million during those same years, of which more than $3.5 million went to missions programs.

Kennedy first judge

Thirteen men have been district judges for Midland County.

Their names and tenures are:

William Kennedy, Jan. 16, 1886, to Sept. 22, 1896; S. H. Morrison, a special judge for the February term of 1897; W. R. Smith, Sept. 6, 1897, through September, 1902.

James L. Sheppard, 1903 to 1909; S. J. Isaacks, Feb. 8, 1909, to Dec. 31, 1916; Charles Gibbs, 1917 to the fall of 1926; Ben Randall, appointed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, from the date of Gibbs' resignation through December, 1916, two or three months.

Charles L. Klapproth, Jan. 1, 1927, to December 1938; Cecil C. Collings, Jan. 1, 1939, to December 1948; Paul Moss, January 1949 to December 1950; R. D. Hamilton Jan. 1, 1951, to Oct. 17, 1953; William B. Deaderick, Oct. 17, 1953, to Sept. 17, 1954, and Perry D. Pickett, Sept. 17, 1954 to the present.

Depot started

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First Christian Church organized in 1890

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Rev. J. B. Sweeney was called to conduct the first revival, and the first convert was Mrs. E. H. Estes. At the close of the meeting, the church was dedicated by Mr. Sweeney.

Several months later Mr. Ferguson was employed as pastor.

The congretation's first Bible school superintendent was Professor Bell, superintendent of the Midland Public school.

The First Christian Church of Midland was organized in 1890, with a membership of 16.

Charter members were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. W. E. Connell, Mary Dawson (later Mrs. J. V. Stokes Sr.), Professor Bell, Mrs. H. M. Horton and Mr. Lee.

Members met from house to house among their group for worship Sunday afternoons.

In 1892, the first church building

The church books were kept at the Midland National Bank when the bank burned in 1909 and the records were burned along with it.

The first missionary society of the church was organized in 1901 with the help of Mr. Brown, a missionary to India. The original name was the Christian Women's Board of Missions.

A new church building, which was utilized until the early 1940s, was built in 1908 during the Reverend Horn's pastorate and and the pastorate of the Rev. A. C. Parker. While the church was being built, services were held in the courthouse.

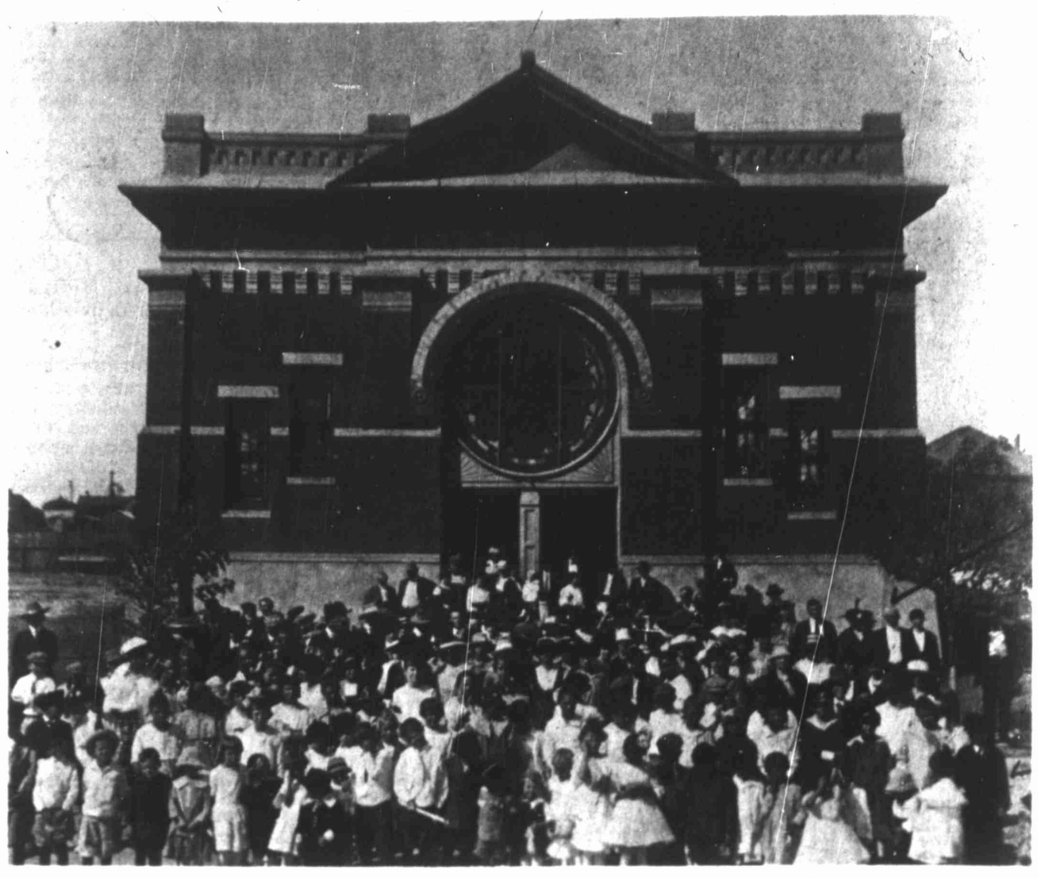
The first services in the new church were held Easter Sunday, 1908.

On Dec. 4, 1908, a site was selected in the west edge of Midland by a committee from Texas Christian University for a junior college, the committee including C. M. McPhearson, C. W. Gibson and Colby D. Hall.

The following were the first board of trustees of the college: S. J. Isaacks, John M. Cowden, E. F. Elkin, J. A. Haley, Dr. W. K. Curtis, Volney Johnson and Burl Holloway. Buildings were erected and equipped for the opening in September 1910.

While the college was not primarily sponsored by the local congregation but by the church at large, a number of local members devoted considerable time and money to the undertaking.

Owing to disruptions of World War I and lack of sufficient local support, the school was moved to Cisco in 1921. In the new environment, the school prospered and still operates today as Cisco Junior College.



—Photo courtesy of Midland County Museum

This brick building, completed early in 1908, was the second home of the First Christian Church of Midland. The first church building, a frame structure, was built in 1892.

Episcopal services first conducted here back in 1884

By ROGER SOUTHALL

Episcopal services were first held in Midland in 1884, a year before the county was created, and others took place at intervals during the first years of the 20th Century. However, it was not until 1929 that services began to be held here regularly.

An old journal of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas tells that the bishop of the diocese came to Midland and held morning and evening services Oct. 5, 1884. Some time later, Episcopal activities in Midland County and Tom Green County — out of which Midland County was created — were transferred to the jurisdiction of the church's missionary district (ultimately the Diocese) of Northwest Texas.

Old church records found in Colorado City in the early 1960s reveal that the Rev. J. E. H. Galbraith, a vicar of All Saints Church in that city, held services in Midland in 1900, 1901 and 1902, site of the various services being a lodge hall and the Presbyterian Church here. The diocesan bishop also held a service here, in 1901.

Other early records reveal that a small Episcopal mission existed here for a few years after 1910. The journal of the missionary district of Northwest Texas makes mention of an unorganized Episcopal mission in Midland, which had eight communicants.

However, the real beginning was in April 1929 when Bishop Seaman celebrated Holy Communion in the private dining room of the new Scharbauer Hotel. During this visit he also baptized the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooksey and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Butler. In early June of the same year, the Rev. William Martin — vicar of St. Mary's Church of Big Spring — held a service here at which time an Episcopal mission was organized. Mr. Martin instituted monthly services, which were held in the First Presbyterian Church.

In July that year, a women's auxiliary was organized with the

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Catholic origin here humble one

The origin of the Catholic church in Midland may be styled a very humble one.

The first American Catholic family came to Midland in 1884, a family by the name of James Up until that time the only Catholic population was that of Mexican heritage, and the nearest church was at Stanton (then Marienfeld).

The Stanton church was cared for by the Carmelite Fathers and the James family attended that church.

About five years after the arrival of the James family, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Brown and Mrs. Andrew Campbell moved to Midland, increasing the Catholic population to three families.

One of the Fathers came to Midland from Stanton occasionally to say mass and to care for the Catholics here. During those early days, the only place of Catholic worship here was a room which had been made into a chapel by Cyrus James in the James home.

After this humble origin, a Catholic church was erected in 1896. The building was a small one, constructed of Pecos sandstone, scantily furnished with a few benches and a small frame altar. It was built during the time of Father H. A. Bonface Andrew Campbell engineered the building of the church.

Shortly after the Midland church was built, the Carmelite Fathers left Stanton, and Midland was taken care of by the Rev. Herbert Brockman of Carlsbad, N.M.

In 1900, Father Hoban moved to Stanton and his ministerial work was conducted in that city and in Midland and Big Spring.

In 1903, Thomas Moran and his family moved to Midland, bring the total number of Catholic families to four.

When Father Hoban left Stanton in 1906, the Oblate Fathers came to Stanton from San Antonio to take charge of the parish and its adjoining missions, of which Midland was one of the largest. Rev. Father I. Tresch, O.M.I., was the first Oblate Father in this part of Texas.

From that time until 1933 Midland remained a struggling mission, cared for by numerous Oblate Fathers.

July 8, 1933, Midland was for the first time had its own parish. It was created by the most Rev. R. A. Gerkin, D.D., bishop of Amarillo. By this time the Catholic population here had grown to about 150 Anglos and about 400 of Mexican origin.

Father Edward P. Harrison, O.M.I., was appointed first pastor of St. George Church by the very Rev. A. C. Dusseau, O.M.I., of San Antonio.

Currently, there are three Catholic churches in Midland. The Rev. Adolf Kaler, O.M.I., is the pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, located at 206 N. M St. His assistant is the Rev. Dan Schuckenbrock, O.M.I.

The Rev. Ronald Marlow, O.M.I., is pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, located at 1004 N. Tyler St. He is assisted by the Rev. Charles Hassenauer, O.M.I.

The city's third Catholic unit is the Our Lady of San Juan Chapel at 1008 W. New Jersey St.

Wells-Fargo adds wagon

From the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner Jan. 5, 1912:

The long looked for express delivery wagon has arrived at last and the opening of the year 1912 saw it put into active service by Wells Fargo Express.

The wagon is a dandy and its advent is hailed with delight by all who have hitherto been under the necessity of lugging their express from the office or sending for special delivery wagon after it.

Elza White knew how it was long ago

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The late Elza White, a resident of Mayhill, N.M., when he died many years ago, wrote the following story as part of his "memory" of how it was like in the early days of Midland and the surrounding country. White was the first telegraph operator for the Texas and Pacific Railroad when it was built through Midland.)

In the early part of 1880, the Texas & Pacific Railroad graded through the site of "Midway", now called Midland. The Jay Gould Co. building the T&P, and the Huntington building the G.H.&S.A. Railway. These men made an agreement that whoever got their tracks into Sierra Blanco first, should build the road into El Paso from this point and the loser was to use the winner's track at a rentage.

The T&P lost by some four or five months. But when the T&P reached Sierra Blanco on Dec. 16, 1881, these men could not reach an agreement on track rentage into El Paso and the Gould men went on to work grading toward El Paso, but they had only gone about two miles when Gould and Huntington came to an agreement and I suppose this agreement is still in effect.

The first T&P train went into El Paso the last part of Dec. 1881 over the Galveston, Houston & San Antonio (now known as the Southern Pacific) track.

My job with this company was front telegraph operator. My first station was at "Antelope", now called Kent; my next, Odessa, then Warfield, then to Midway.

Only section houses existed from Big Spring to Sierra Blanco, big two-story houses every ten miles, with four water barrels half-buried and fenced in and everything painted a bright red. Water was hauled by train and put in the barrels twice a week.

Then came the promoters — Col. Spangler from Zanesville, Ohio came to the Midway Section House in a special car and made a trade with the T&P who received every other section of lamd on both sides of the track for quite a way out from the state as a bonus for building the road.

The T&P then built a station and called it Midland.

Col. Spangler meantime, laid out town lots. The T&P brought in a big hotel — ten rooms, from Big Sandy, Texas, and set it up on the town site and called it "The Llano Hotel", hiring Mr. W. M. Dunn from Colorado City to come and open the same for business.

Then Mr. Spangler brought Bob Zane with him from Zanesville, Ohio, from whom I might say here that Zane Gray, the noted western story writer, got his first taste of western life here. Bob Zane and Zane Gray were relatives.

Col. Spangler then built Bob Zane a Land Office to handle the town lot sale which was to be called soon. Tom Wadley brought a carload of H. J. Allen & Co. lumber and put up the first lumber yard. The Lone Star Saloon came. Mr. McCullough came with the first store. McCormick with the Livery Stable and Wagon Yard, then a Saddle Shop by Matt and Charley Quinn.

The big town lot sale was pulled off in 1886.

Then Jim and John Barron showed up. Jim put up a Dry Goods Store and John built houses.

From then on cattlemen were coming with their herds — Gen. McKenzie, Eugene and Tom, his brothers, came with the first herd and went up northwest of town some 30 miles. I might say here that these McKenzie boys killed the last wild buffalo that came down on the plains. Killed them right on the town site of Midland. Everybody got a liberal hunk of buffalo meat, there being 13 head in the bunch and they killed all but two or three. Those left crossed the tracks and went down to the Castle Gap Mountains near Horse Head crossing and run there with the TX cattle for quite a while before they were killed.

Mr. C. H. Welch was made the first station agent at Midland. At this time I was to telegraph at Warfield. I might say here that the Warfield Section House was named after the kinfolks of "Wally" Warfield — "who bumped a king off his throne".

Now, Odessa got to thinking that she ought to have a town, and the railroad built a station at this point, and Mr. Sabine of Cincinnati came and laid out the town. He brought with him Dr. Houghton who built a big sanatorium. Later a town was organized and the sanatorium was turned into a courthouse.

Elza White was the first station agent at Odessa for T&P, but the business at Midland got too heavy for Mr. Welch (who was crippled) and could not hold up under the heavy cattle shipments that were being made by now, so I was sent to Midland and Mr. Welch to Odessa in 1885.

When building the railroad across the plains, water was the great problem. The railroad dug a well for water in the draw that crosses the railroad about two miles east of Midland Station, running north and south. They got plenty of water. Then at Odessa, they dug another well in a draw about two miles west of the station and got plenty of water. All water was very hard.

Then came a man along by the name of Jim Monahan and dug a well in the Sand Hills and got lots of water — very soft and fine for engines. The railroad bought Jim out and built a section house there which they called "Monahan".

The surveyor's crew going from Monahan to the Pecos River lost two men, dying from want of water. They are buried at Deadman Cut where the Duro Section House is located. At Duro, the railroad graders lost two men killed in a blast in the big Rock Cut and they are buried here, and there was one or two other men put to rest in this "Boot Hill" graveyard.

Back to Midland — A Mr. Zirker, stockman, dug a well for water about two miles north of Midland in the same draw the railroad got water and he got water — the first well for stock water. Then a town company decided to try for one and they dug a well on the Llano Hotel lot and got lots of water at 40 feet and this settled the water business for the Great Staked Plains. In a few years, the town of Midland became known as the town of wildmills, as most every lot had a well and windmill over it.

I will tell you something about our young society; our greatest amusement was dancing and parties. I will name you most of the girls and boys. The first to come was Miss Mary Lizzie Dunn, always the "Bell of the Ball"; there was Lillian and Minnie Carson, who could kill an antelope as far as you could see; Jennie and Ella James (no relation to Jesse and Frank), Addie Stanfield, Maggie Deardorf, Lillian Muggett, Lena Johnson, Annie Winborne, Lottie and Mamie Holt, Lou Robinson, Nannie and Rose Pitzen and Lizzie Davis, our first "postmaster". Here are some of that day "Glamour Boys": Eugene McKenzie, Sanders Estes, Brack Holt, Arthur Johnson, Jim Flannagan, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Wimberly, Frank Thurston, Hunter Halley, Buster and Arch Coleman, the Tracy boys, our first carpenters, I.C. and Lee Bell and Elza White.

To get the girl's date, we had to send notes. Ron Holt and Spencer Jowell were always ready to do the job and as well would keep the ball-room supplied with fresh well-water while the dance was on. I might way here, that they boys drinking while at a dance was a rare thing and such a thing as a girl taking a drink or smoking a cigarette was never thought of, and Midland never had such a thing as a public dance hall (such as Colorado City had in the dance hall of Archy Johnson). Never was such a fine lot of people settled a place as did Midland.

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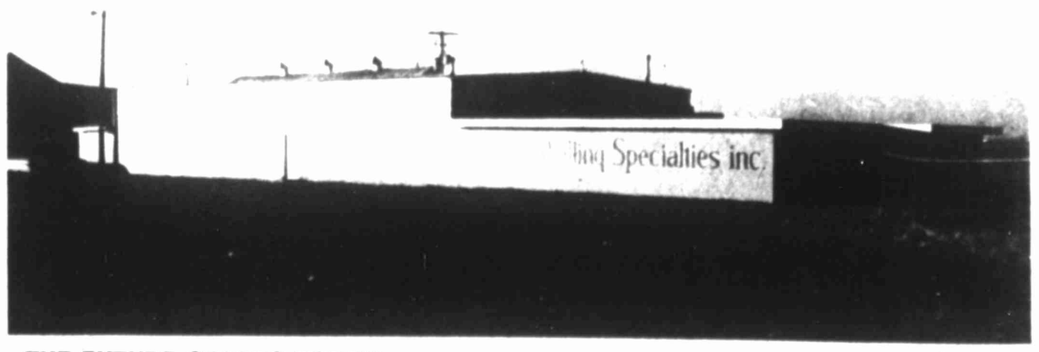

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Methodist Church 91, going strong

Midland's First Methodist Church is going on 91— and going strong.

Organized on Aug. 23, 1885, it is the oldest congregation in the city, anteceding the Presbyterian Church by four months and First Baptist by five.

First Methodist has another distinction: In its 90-plus years in existence the church, physically, has moved only a block —from the site it first occupied in the 100-block of North Main street to the site at Main and Illinois streets which it has occupied now for 80 years.

A vast and unsettled (and relatively unknown) region was West Texas in 1885. The New Mexico Conference of the Methodist Church (or Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to use its formal name of that era) had jurisdiction of this trans-Pecos region, and within this whole region only three units of the denomination existed. The El Paso Station had 93 members, the Fort Davis Mission had 30, and the Pecos Mission had 70, of which seven were in Midland. Pecos, Toyah and Midland made up the latter mission, a distance of approximately 100 miles from one end to the other, served by a circuit riding minister.

The earliest record of the congregation of the Methodist church here is in the form of a letter written by J. H. Barron, owner of a dry goods store and later one of the founders and leaders of Midland's First Baptist Church, to his future wife, Annie Aycock. Dated Sunday, Aug. 23, 1885, the letter stated that "Brother Scoggins, the Methodist minister, organized a church today with six members, only one male member."

The minister referred to in the letter was the Rev. J. A. Scoggins, one of the early-day circuit-riding Methodist preachers in this area.

The official list of charter members of the Methodist church has been lost but it is thought that at least some of the organizers came from a small rural Methodist group in the county.

A letter from J. H. Barron, owner of a dry goods store in Midland, to his future wife, Annie Aycock, reveals the organization date of the Methodist congregation here that now is known as The First United Methodist Church. The postmark on the letter is "Aug. 23, 1885."

During its earliest years, the Midland church was served by other circuit riders in addition to Mr. Scoggins. Available records show other ministers holding services here in the mid-'80s, among them the Revs. W. T. Burk, Bush McDonald and William Monk. The Rev. J. W. Simms served the little church in 1889 and, beginning in 1890, the following preachers served here: Revs. J. T. L. Annis, Nat B. Read, J. L. Browning, W. J. Snow, J. R. Hixon, Walter Spence, W. H. Moss, G. E. Cameron and L. A. Webb.

Midland was a thriving town of several hundred inhabitants, with a railroad, a courthouse and two hotels — but no churches— when that hardy band of Methodists organized a congregation on that hot day in August, 1885.

The town then had a congregation but still had no church until the following year when, after organization of the Baptist Church in the town, a Baptist church structure was erected. The Methodists and the Presbyterians, who also had organized into a congregation by this time, were invited by the Baptists to use their structure on the Sundays when no Baptist preacher was in town to conduct services. Both congregations availed themselves of this generous offer, continuing to do so until they erected churches of their own.

In the case of the Methodists, the church edifice was built in 1889, a simple frame structure in "prairie Gothic" style, complete with tower and steeple. This structure was moved in 1894 to the corner of Main and Illinois streets, a corner occupied by the Methodists continuously since.

By the time the Methodist congregation had grown and prospered to the point where it could erect a spacious and "modern" brick structure in 1907, 16 pastors had directed the activities of the church. The Rev. Nat B. Read, who had served the congregation for a time before the turn of the century, had returned to the pastorate and was serving at the time the congregation occupied its fine new church home. Ministers assigned here in following years included the the Rev. A. M. Martin (1908-09); the Rev. F. B. Buchanan (1910-11); the Rev. J. S. Bowles (1912); the Rev. J. M. Perry (1913-15); the Rev. J. W. Cowan (1916-17); the Rev. J. G. Forrester (1918); the Rev. Daniel Scarborough (1919), and the Rev. S. X. Swimme (1920).

A young minister who came here in 1921 to serve the congregation as its pastor was to make a name for himself in higher Methodist circles in later years. The Rev. W. Angie Smith (later Dr. Angie Smith) went on to fill pulpits of several large Methodist churches in the nation, including the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., and then served as

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The city's third Catholic unit is the Our Lady of San Juan Chapel at 1008 W. New Jersey St.

Wells-Fargo adds wagon

From the Midland Reporter and Gazette Examiner Jan. 5, 1912

The long looked for express delivery wagon has arrived at last and the opening of the year 1912 saw it put into active service by Wells Fargo Express.

The wagon is a dandy and its advent is hailed with delight by all who have hitherto been under the necessity of lugging their express from the office or sending a special delivery wagon after it.

First Presbyterian overcame adversity

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instituted administrative changes in the interests of efficiency and smooth-running operations.

At the same time, First Presbyterian Church, through its session, began taking note of the limitations of its facilities and envisioning the need to expand its physical plant at the end of the war.

Meanwhile, the debt on its current plant had been liquidated and a dedicatory service was held in March 1943 with Mr. Coleman returning to preach the sermon at the event. In early 1945, a group of communicants of the church presented as a gift to the congregation the two lots on the northwest corner of the church site, to allow for future expansion. Soon after that, an expansion committee was named, including H. E. McRae, Lee B. Park, Mrs. R. F. Peters and Ernest Sidwell, joined by Frank Stubbeman and Mrs. R. L. Miller as advisory members. Plans were gradually made, methods of financing explored and in late 1947 a $192,000 expansion program was approved by the congregation. A Finance committee was chosen, to include Robert L. Wood, Tom Sealy, Richard Peters and Mrs. J. L. Greene.

In October 1947, Mr. Hopper submitted his resignation, terminating a pastorate that had seen the membership increase to almost 500 and the church budget expand from $573 in 1941 to almost $19,000 in 1947.

The Rev. R. Matthew Lynn was called by the congregation as its pastor and arrived in Midland in late 1947. It was to be a long and fruitful stay.

In July 1948, a contract was let for the expanded church facilities; the project was completed and Mr. Hopper returned to preach at an acceptance service July 21, 1949.

In 1949, the church membership had reached 755, with a church school enrollment of almost 600. The city was booming, with more and more oil companies and related firms transferring people to Midland. The church had to make a decision in the face of increasing attendance — organize a new Presbyterian church in the city or enlarge the church structure again. Both ideas eventually came to be adopted, but the organization of new churches was given priority.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, now disbanded, was the second Presbyterian unit in Midland. The Rev. Lewis G. Waterstreet came to First Presbyterian as assistant pastor, one of his duties to be the organizing of a new church. Mr. Waterstreet's enthusiasm resulted in the organization of the new church in short order — in October 1950 — and he became its first pastor.

The organization of St. Andrews Church took some of the pressure off First Presbyterian, but not for long. By spring of 1952 another Presbyterian unit was needed, in fast-growing west Midland. Westminister Presbyterian (later renamed Trinity Presbyterian) was the result. The Rev. Flynn V. Long Jr. became its first pastor.

The third church organized under sponsorship of First Church was Covenant Presbyterian, in far west Midland. It came into existence in June 1960 with 92 charter members. The Rev. Warren Moody became the first pastor.

Midland's other Presbyterian church, Christ Presbyterian, is a unit of the United Presbyterian Church (sometimes referred to as the "northern") branch and thus not directly tied in with the other congregations. Nevertheless, the two branches work closely and cordially in many endeavors, including the Midland Presbyterian Corporate Ministry.

By the mid-1950s, First Presbyterian's existing facilities were taxed by increased membership and larger attendance in worship services as well as in church school. In October 1956 the building committee submitted plans for a new sanctuary and Christian education building. The plans were approved and the panel received the go-ahead to hire an architect and began a pledge campaign for funds. In 1959, the congregation authorized construction of the new structures, estimated to cost $1,146,122. The project was completed in phases with the fellowship hall and Sunday school classrooms being occupied for the first times in late 1960 and the sanctuary in February 1961.

The congregation paid off its indebtedness on the church plant and symbolized it with a note-burning ceremoney in the early 1970s.

Dr. Lynn, as senior minister, continued to serve the congregation until resigning earlier in this decade to accept a synodical executive position at Dallas. Just prior to this, he was honored by his denomination by being elected to the highest position in the church, that of moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. He served in that capacity for a year, traveling widely through the U.S. and elsewhere on denominational business.

Following Dr. Lynn's departure from the Midland pastorate, the church's associate minister, the Rev. Forrest Whitworth, now of Bryan, filled the pulpit on an interim until the selection of a new minister.

Dr. Robert Boynton Smith was chosen as senior minister and took up his new duties in late 1972. Other current members of the ministerial staff of First Presbyterian include Dr. F. Ray Riddle, minister of pastoral care and family life, and the Rev. Larry Grimm, minister of nature.

Church of Christ formed here by 12 persons

In 1925, through the efforts of R. D. Hamlin, who had moved to Midland from Comanche County, 12 members of the Church of Christ were located in and around Midland.

They secured the use of the county courthouse for a place of worship and the Church of Christ was born here.

Among the members was W. H. Skaggs, who had just begun preaching and he greatly encouraged and assisted in the establishment of the congregation. From time to time, others moved in and cast their lot with the church.

The congregation continued to meet in the courthouse until 1930. At this time they decided to erect a place of worship of their own. A lot was purchased on West Tennessee, North A and North San Angelo streets, plans were drawn up and the building was erected. Services still are held at that location.

Up until the church was built, a number of preachers had assisted in meeting and local work. Among them were R. T. Harris, Foy E. Wallace Sr., George Shelton, Thomas Barr and J. D. Harvey.

After the building was finished, the church called Harvey for another meeting, as he had greatly encouraged the congregation in a former meeting. A number of new members were added at this meeting, which was assisted by Thornton Crews of Big Spring.

In the summer of 1932, J. A. McCall of Fort Worth assisted the church in a series of meetings and the membership was so pleased with his efforts they hired him as the church's first fulltime minister.

All strangers

John Alden, Priscilla Mullins and Miles Standish, leading characters in "The Courtship of Miles Standish," all landed in America with the Pilgrims but all were "strangers" rather than members of the sect.

Episcopalians conducted first Midland services Oct. 5, 1884

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following as the first slate of officers: Mrs. I. E. Daniel, president; Emily Bird Smith, vice president; Mrs. Butler, secretary-treasurer. For the next few years, the work of the Episcopal mission was carried on by this faithful band and by Butler, the one active male communicant. Butler served as mission warden, treasurer and in whatever other mission capacity he was needed.

The mission group in 1930 purchased a small frame structure at Colorado and Wall streets from the Midland Library Association. The structure had formerly housed the Library. It became Trinity Chapel, with first services being held there Jan. 20, 1931. The chapel remained in that location until 1935 when the site was sold. The Episcopalians then moved their chapel to a site on West Illinois Street which had been donated to the mission by Mrs. J. L. Crump.

But better things were coming — in this case a better home for the energetic, dedicated mission members. Planning for a permanent church structure had begun as early as the mid-1930s and by late 1938 the group was about ready to begin its building program.

Members of the building committee had included Mrs. Crump, A. N. Hendrickson, E. H. Ellison and Butler. The church missions committee was made up of W. A. Yeager, E. E. Payne, Robert Tucker, R. E. Gille, J. G. McMillian, B. K. Buffington, W. W. Student, D. C. Sivalls and Butler.

To prepare for the construction program, the small frame chapel was sold and moved off the site. Construction began and communicants held services in the interim in a small tin building, a shoe repair shop, at Colorado and Texas streets. Finally, in the fall of 1939, the new brick building was finished and ready for occupancy. The first service was held there Oct. 1. The structure was consecrated in May 1942.

Trinity Episcopal Mission was given parish status in 1943 and the Rev. Robert J. Snell was called as first rector. The parish purchased a residence at West Illinois and North B streets for a rectory and Mr. Snell and his family moved to Midland from Big Spring in May 1944.

Midland was on the grow in the late war years and early postwar ones, and Trinity, like most of the city's churches, found its existing facilities sorely taxed by an influx of new members and increased attendance. In 1947, just four years after achieving parish status, a new wing containing parish hall and many classrooms was built. It was the first of several major additions to be undertaken and completed through the years.

The first church school, or Sunday school, classes at Trinity had been held in the early 1930s, with E. P. Soper serving as superintendent. Then, in 1958, (the same year that the church name was officially changed to Church of the Holy Trinity), a parochial day school was organized with the Rev. Kenneth Eade as chaplaim and the Rev. George Morrell as headmaster. As the school grew, additional property was acquired. Mrs. Crump donated some lots east of the parish hall and the Vestry purchased two houses and lots adjoining the Crump gift. Still later, additional property in the 1400 block of West Illinois was acquired by the parish. The school continued to flourish, and in 1961, William B. Blakemore II and the late Mrs. Blakemore gave a 10-acre tract in extreme northwest Midland as a means for expanding the school's curriculum and scope of activity. The school, on West Wadley, became the Trinity School of Midland, one of the most outstanding private schools in West Texas.

Meanwhile, the need for a second Episcopal parish in the city had become apparent by the late 1940s and early 1950s. Finally, in 1957, a mission church was organized in northwest Midland under Trinity parish's sponsorship. The mission was named St. Nicholas' and achieved parish status quickly. The Rev. Richard Neal was its first rector. The church occupies the 2900 block of Princeton Street, with facilities including sanctuary, classrooms, parish hall, kitchen and service areas. Several expansion programs have been undertaken and completed through the years, including a remodeling and enlargement of the nave. The parish celebrated its debt-free status with a mortgage-burning ceremony last year. The Rev. J. L. Considine Jr. has served the parish as rector for the last decade, and the Rev. Duane Beauchamp is his assistant.

During these same years, Trinity parish also was expanding. The parish had acquired title to all lots fronting Illinois Street in the 1400 block, and new facilities were completed in 1968, with dedication ceremonies conducted in November of that year by the Rt. Rev. George Quarterman, then bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas. The new wing contained additional classrooms and office space.

A third expansion program began at Holy Trinity in late 1974, being brought to completion this past fall. The nave was expanded and remodeled to provide additional seating for communicants (and also providing space for a larger, finer pipe organ soon to be installed), and various other facilities in the church structure were enlarged and renovated. The Rt. Rev. Willis R. Henton, current bishop of the diocese, was present for ceremonies marking successful completion of the building program.

Following the Rev. Robert J. Snell as rector of the parish have been the Rev. George H. Morrell, the Rev. Kenneth C. Eade (as an interim rector), the Rev. F. W. Fowler and the Rev. Jack Leather. The Rev. Bob J. Currie currently serves as rector, with the Rev. Jeff Kraemer as curate of the parish.

Adobe Oil, Gas Corp. started here in 1960

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp., a Midland-based oil and gas exploration concern, was started in 1960 as a property manager in the petroleum industry.

The company went public in 1968 and since then, the growth has been tremendous.

In September 1975, Flintkote Co., a building materials supplier, took the unusual step of investing approximately $21 million in Adobe.

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On July 1, 1975, Adobe boasted reserves of 22 million equivalent barrels of oil. Reserves are located entirely in the U. S., primarily in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, and North Dakota, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Officers and directors of the company are Pevehouse, Lloyd G. Whitley, senior vice president-Finance; M. D. Rogers, senior vice president-Production; Ernest Deal of Houston, Robert F. Dwyer of Portland, Ore.; Robert M. Turpin of Midland; Grinnell Morris, New York; Sir John Carmichael, Dundee, Scotland; James D. Webb, vice president-Exploration; H. R. Holcomb, vice president-Land and assistant secretary; P. M. Welch, secretary, James U. Gentry, treasurer and assistant secretary, and P. T. Wurster, controller.

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Methodist Church going strong at 91

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a bishop before his death only a few years ago.

First Methodist Church had about 500 members on its roll by the mid-1930s and leaders of the congregation began to consider the implications, as Midland moved from town to small city status. Not only was the community emerging from the worst portion of the Depression, but increased oil activity in the Permian Basin was bringing scores of new residents— and new church-goers— here. A structure designed and built to accomodate a 1907-size congregation could not effectively provide for the needs of a much larger congregation,they concluded.

Accordingly, plans were drawn for a new church building, and a pledge campaign instituted to finance its construction.

The construction project began in August 1940 — 55 years after the church was first organized. For two years while the old church was being razed and the new edifice constructed, services were held in the Ritz Theater and in several other locations around town. Completion of the project came after the war had begun; the new structure was officially dedicated by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt on May 2, 1943. By that time, the church membership had grown to 1,100!

Pastors serving the First Methodist congregation during Midland's transition from cattle town to petroleum center were: The Rev. L. U. Spellman (1923-25); the Rev. T. O. Rorie (1926); the Rev. Stanley Haver (1927-28); the Rev. Leslie Boone (1929); the Rev. Elwin C. Calhoun (1930-31); the Rev. K. C. Minter (1932-36); the Rev. C. M. Epps (1936-37); the Rev. W. C. Hinds (1938-41). Serving during the war years and the immediate post-war era were the Rev. J. W. House (1941); the Rev. W. Carl Clement (1942-45) and the Rev. Howard H. Hollowell (1945 to 1950).

The decades between the early 1940s, when the new church edifice was constructed, and the early 1960s, when it became abundantly evident that still larger church facilities were essential, saw the church membership double in size, from 1,100 to 2,100.

The congregation in the meantime had erected the Scharbauer Education Building, the Children's Building and a third educational wing.

By 1963, plans for an entirely new sanctuary were on the boards and the congregation in November began a fund campaign to underwrite construction of the facility, along with church parlor, kitchen and auxiliary areas. The sanctuary was to contain a large new pipe organ, one of the finest in the Southwest.

Ground was broken for the new sanctuary in the mid-1960s, with completion reached in early 1968. The First United Methodist Church of Midland then fully occupied the entire block bounded by Illinois, Main, Ohio and Baird streets.

At the helm of this major expansion program was Dr. Timothy W. Guthrie who had come to the pastorate of the Midland church in mid-1957. (His immediate predecessors in the post had been Dr. R. Luther Kirk from 1950 to 1954 and Dr. Marvin L. Boyd from 1954 to 1957.)

Dr. Guthrie remained as pastor of the church until 1975, when he retired from the active ministry and became Pastor Emeritus of the congregation. He continues to reside here.

Completion of the new sanctuary and tower was not to be the final construction project during "Dr. Tim's" pastorate, however. The former sanctuary, that structure which had been erected in the early 1940s and which had become the chapel after the completion of the spacious new sanctuary in 1968, was razed last year to permit construction to begin on a new chapel. The new structure, the Mabel Holt Glass Memorial Chapel, is presently nearing completion at the corner of Illinois and Main streets, and will be dedicated at services scheduled a week from today.

"Dr. Tim" was succeeded in the pastorate last June by Dr. Charles Lutrick who came here from St. John's Church at Lubbock. Presently serving as associate minister of First Methodist Church is the Rev. J. B. Stewart, appointed to the post following the death of the Rev. Marvin Menefee several years ago.

First Methodist Church officially became First United Methodist Church as part of a denomination-wide name change resulting from the merger of the United Brethren Church with the Methodist Church in the late 1960s.

—Photo courtesy of Midland County Museum

The Methodists of Midland organized the city's first formal congregation Aug. 23, 1885. They met at various locations in the city until this building, their first church house, was completed in 1889. When the church was organized it had only seven members, and all but one were women. The church was organized only four months before the same step was taken by the Presbyterians and only five months before the First Baptist Church of Midland was founded.

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'Midland Man' unearthed in 1953

The discovery of partial human skeletal remains in the bottom of a sand blowout southwest of Midland represented the first adequately documented human bones of such age and was designated the "Midland Man."

Amateur archeologist Keith Glasscock made the discovery in June, 1953 on the Clarence Scharbauer Sr. ranch. Recognizing the importance of the fossilized human bones, Glasscock notified the Laboratory of Anthropology of New Mexico to get a professional archeologist to look at the site.

Through a grant, the site was excavated and studied in the spring of 1954 by Wendorf, Kreiger, Albritton and Stewart.

The "Scharbauer Site," named after the landowner, was known not only for the fossilized remains of a Paleo-Indian but also for a new classification of a Paleo-Indian point.

The studying of the points and the great number of unfluted Folsoms suggested that the points were being intentionally prepared in this manner. The original 21 specimens of the unfluted Folsoms found at the site were later designated a new point type, called "Midland."

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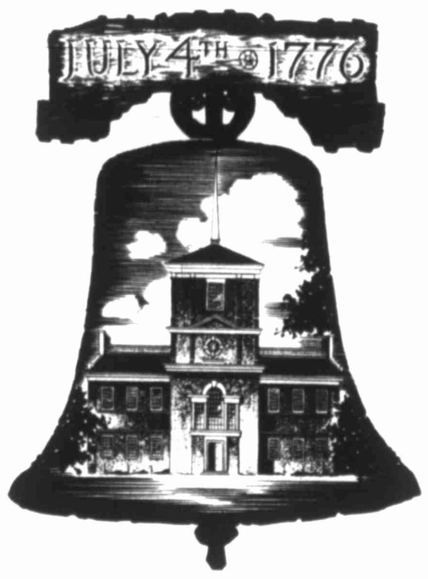

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Fine museums explore Basin area history

By ROGER SOUTHALL

Heightened interest in the origins and early days of their city or county has resulted in the establishment by local historical societies of a string of small but excellent museums in the Permian Basin.

Displays of historic objects and artifacts, from barbed wire to bullets to branding irons, frequently share the spotlight with rare old photographs depicting historic sites and scenes. And, in some cases, interesting displays of important local archeological finds are presented as well.

For history buffs, and for those who simply wish to learn more about the region's colorful past, visits to the various museums can be fascinating and rewarding.

Midland's historical museum is located in the basement of the County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri St. Containing many historic items and objects, the museum also presents photographs of early-day scenes and events. The museum is open weekdays during regular library hours.

The local historical organization also is making plans to furnish and equip its Sarah Brown Dorsey House in downtown Midland as an important example of an early-day residence here.

Midland's Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri St., currently is at work on a new, permanent history exhibit of this area. The display will be divided into segments, covering the Indian occupation of the area, the coming of the Spanish explorers, the arrival of the buffalo hunters, the coming of the railroad and the settlement of the area by ranchers and farmers. The exhibit is set to open this summer.

Stanton organized its county historical museum several years ago and is continuing to add displays and items of interest. Site of the museum, the old sandstone, two-story jail structure, is itself historically interesting and worth seeing.

One of the dominant regional museums is the Annie Riggs Museum at Fort Stockton. Many displays dealing with historic old Fort Stockton are presented, along with items from the early days of the town and from the ranches in the area. The museum has a daily schedule.

Big Spring's Heritage Museum presents artifacts and photos of Howard County and surrounding area; outstanding art displays and other special exhibitions are scheduled there from time to time also.

Lamesa's Dawson County Museum has historical exhibits depicting early-day life in the county, and Dawson citizens have given or loaned a variety of fascinating historical items for the public to view.

Rankin citizens went all out to establish their museum of city and county history last year, and their hard work has paid off. The displays are enlightening and fascinating, and more items are being added to the exhibit.

McCamey's Mendoza Trail Museum has fine historical collections and Pecos' historical exhibitions in its museum are among the best to be found in this region. Monahans can offer the Sandhills Museum at Sandhills State Park, which offers a variety of exhibits, including art.

Kermit gives the visitor a fascinating glimpse of early-day oil field technology with its park "museum" featuring an historic wooden oil derrick, complete with bull wheel.

And for the dedicated student of the oil industry, there can be no better place to indulge that interest than Midland's brand-new Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame. The museum presents the most comprehensive overview of the oil business, from earliest days to the present, to be found anywhere. Described as one of the most unique institutions in the U.S., the museum is open to the public daily, and guided tours of the professionally-designed displays are now available from museum's well-informed docents.

—Photo courtesy of Midland County Museum

THE OLD West Texas-New Mexico Baseball League, of which Midland was a member, is believed to have been the only professional baseball loop organized underground — in Carlsbad Caverns. Judge Bramham, then czar of minor league baseball, attended the historic event, Feb. 28, 1937. Bramham is pictured, third from right, front row, flanked by the late Jess Rodgers — then sports editor of The Reporter-Telegram — on his right, and Bill Collyns — then manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and now Reporter-Telegram editor — on his left. Texas baseball moguls, including Walter Morris, Cecil Coombs and Joe Pate, and representatives from other cities in the league also are pictured.

Newspaper here before county

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went to daily publication, Barron and two Amarillo publishers formed the Midland Publishing Co. with the purchase of the Daily Telegram. The consolidation resulted in The Midland Reporter-Telegram. Barron became sole owner in July 1936, when he purchased the stock of his two associates.

Barron kept the paper about four years. Then, on Aug. 15, 1940, it was purchased by third-generation newspaperman Janes N. Allison who was a field executive for The Associated Press when he purchased it.

Jim Allison Jr., son of the late publisher and now publisher himself, remembers the R-T's first quarters: "It was located at 112 W. Missouri St. where the garage of the new Hilton Inn is now."

It originally operated with an eight-page Duplex flat-bed press, three Linotype machines, an Associated Press wire machine and eight employes.

A May 23, 1956, article in The Dallas Times-Herald recalls the old R-T when James Allison Sr. took the helm. Describing the Midland of 1940 as "a sun-baked little cowtown," the writer said the newspaper's "circulation was low and the equipment shot." The community's population at that time was an estimated 9,000.

"Like nearly every other big city newspaperman," the article reads, "he (James Allison Sr.) longed to own a small paper that would make him a living and permit time for fishing, golf and a few tranquil evenings at home."

However, that small town entered a boom era and by 1956 the population was close to 50,000. The R-T had constructed a new plant at 221 N. Main St. in 1948 to house a new 16-page Duplex tubular press and six Linotype machines. The paper, at that time, had close to 40 employes.

Jim Allison Jr. recalls that the growing required even more room five years later and rented the building next door for expansion. At the same time, his father added another eight pages to the press for a 24-page capacity.

Still additional growth for the community and the R-T required still another move in 1959 to the newspaper's current home at the corner of Illinois and Baird streets. A 96-page rebuilt Scott press was installed, and about 100 employes contributed to the paper's production.

"I worked here as a kid," Jim Allison Jr. said. "I sold papers, and then I worked as a printer and as a pressman from the time I was about 14 to 19 years old. I also worked some in the editorial department and accounting department."

At the age of 19, he became publisher of The Stanton Reporter, then owned by The Permian Basin Publishing Co.

He said he remembers wartime news as the biggest stories printed in the R-T during the early years of his father's leadership.

"They opened the bombardier school here at what's now Midland Regional Air Terminal. That was big news because it was the largest in the world."

The current publisher said the postwar building boom accounted for a large amount of news space, along with the news of oil companies moving into the city.

Headlines of memorable events requiring special editions have been embossed in gold on a blue background to hang on the wall in the executive offices of the building. Included in the list of "specials" are three heralding the outbreak of World War II in three editions Dec. 12, 1941; two marking the Allied invasion of Europe June 6, 1944, and three telling of the assasination of President John F. Kennedy. The three "extras" printed on Nov. 22, 1963, the assassination date, are the last printed to date.

Jim Allison Jr. has been publisher of the R-T since the Jan. 13, 1975, death of his father. He had returned to Midland six months earlier after a stint in Washington, D.C., politics. The current remodeling and expansion plans already were under way when he returned and now are nearing completion.

Once the project is completed, few reminders of the past will remain. One antique which likely will be displayed for years to come, however, is an old R. Hoe & Co. press which during its hey-day printed one paper at a time.

The old press, a gift to the Allison family, was never used to publish news in West Texas, but nevertheless remains as a reminder of the printed word's varied past.

Gibson's continues to expand service

The concept of discount merchandising was brought to Midland on Aug. 7, 1967, in the form of Gibson's Discount Center.

That same store — twice as large today as the original building — is continuing to add better facilities for its customers.

This month, Gibson's completes an extensive remodeling program that adds 35,000 square feet with the addition of a home improvement and garden center, plus a complete new facade for the store exterior.

It's the third major remodeling program for the store that's approaching its ninth birthday this year.

The Midland store is part of a five-store franchise that's proven to be one of the most successful of all Gibson franchises. Founders of the chain are Herschel O'Kelley, Jim Hooker and L. F. Hooker. The company is officiicially known as Gibson Distributing Co. Inc.-Permian Basin.

Initial store for the two youthful businessmen was the 32,000-square-foot Gibson's in Odessa, opened in October 1964.

Less than three years later, the Midland store was opened, bringing the first full-line discount operation to the Tall City.

In 1969, the second store was opened in Odessa — larger than either of the other two stores then in operation.

In September 1971, the Gibson-Permian Basin franchise made its entry into the El Paso market, opening a giant 105,000-square-foot store on Dyer Street that provided the largest opening in Gibson franchise history.

Exactly one year later to the very day, a second store was opened in El Paso on Yarbrough Street — the largest Gibson store in the world with its 125,000-square-foot structure.

The company's philosophy has long been to continually stay abreast of things, to keep constantly on the move, adding departments that the public wants.

It is this philosophy that makes the chain the most dominant group of Gibson stores in West Texas. With five stores and a combined floor space of 520,000 square feet, they are specialists in high volume merchandise movement.

The firm makes use of electronic data processing as better means of controlling inventories and cash flow with its own computer in the general office at 405 W. Indiana, and with the new NCR 255-series electronic registers in the store.

A 100,000-square-foot warehouse in Odessa — added about 1½ years ago — plus a fleet of trucks, has helped greatly in distributing merchandise for the multi-million dollar operation.

An aggressive, young four-man management team heads the Gibson group, charged with day-to-day operation and development. This includes executive vice president Gerald Helm; Leon Townsend, vice president, operations; Bill Howard, vice president, merchandising; and David Hoelscher, vice president, finance.

Heading the local Gibson store is veteran manager Ray Boulter, who directs a staff of over 200 employes with an annual payroll in excess of $1 million. In all, the Gibson-Permian Basin franchise employs almost 1,000 persons in the three cities.

Dresser Atlas maintains Midland regional office

Dresser Atlas, a division of Dresser Industries, Inc., maintains a regional headquarters office in Midland.

Organized in 1932 as Lane-Wells Co., Dresser Atlas offers technical services, including logging and perforating, to the oil industry in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

The Midland headquarters are 1200 Midland Savings Building.

The founders of Lane-Wells were Bill Lane and Walt Wells. They organized the firm at Los Angeles, Calif.

Dresser Industries, Inc., purchased the concern in the early 1950s.

In 1968, Lane-Wells purchased PGAC and the two were merged, resulting in the present Dresser Atlas company.

Norman E. Williams is the current regional manager. A native of Caddo, he attended Gaston High School at Joinerville, and earned a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at Texas Tech University. He has been with Dresser 28 years.

He and his wife Grace have four children, three boys and a girl.

Neill Co. serves wide WT area

The Martin Neill Co., a mechanical contracting concern, was founded here in 1944 as Neill's & Co. by W. Martin Neill, Joe R. Brooks, Edison M. Bauer and Lewis Haney.

The name was changed in 1971. Neill is the current president of the organization.

The company serves an area with a radius of 200 miles of Midland with commercial plumbing, heating and air-conditio-ing.

The Martin Neill Co. has approximately 130 employes and a payroll of more than $250,000 annually.

Headquarters are at 2501 Montgomery St.

Neill is a native of Mexia and attended Midland High School and International Accountants College.

Neill, a member of the Midland City Council, is married to the former Genell Conner. They have three children, Kenneth, Donald and Nancy.

Nine brothers form firm

Nine brothers got together in 1953 and founded one of Midland's oldest reproduction firms, Reynolds Brothers Reproduction.

They were Ray, Roy, Gene, L. G., Lester, Vell, Clarence, Bill and Hollis Reynolds.

Ray, Roy, Gene, L. G. Bill and Vell still own and operate the business.

The company has 24 employes that serve customers in West Texas and New Mexico with reproudction work, drafting supplies and office supplies.

The headquarters is at 315 N. Colorado St.

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Federal Building sits atop early city water supply

By DEBBIE PIERCE

In 1971, Midland was chosen the site for the newly formed Federal District Court of Texas. The Federal Building site was selected in an area of downtown Midland where some of the first buildings in the settling of Midland were built. In the spring of 1972, the removal of the present buildings was started.

After a couple of months of periodical visits, daily talks were begun with the operators of the dirt moving machines. The operators were alerted that three wells may have been dug in the early 1880s in this area.

One of the wells was uncovered late on a Friday afternoon as one of the operators with his machine had started removing the dirt for the basement of the Federal Building. He had a good selection of bottles which had come from the eight feet of dirt he had already removed.

A crew of Midland Archeological Society members began looking for the well opening on May 5, 1972. The operator of the heavy dirt mover had deposited a hard surface by the forward and backward movement of the machine, so an hour was spent in locating the well opening.

The first two feet of fill were a deposit of dark brown soil. The next 12½ feet were through limestone, and water level was reached at 19 feet. The bottom of the well was firm, but the lifting of the bucket full of water and mud became hard.

The fill was taken down another foot and a half below the surface of the water. The total depth of the excavation, 20 feet and six inches, was below the depth the contractor was removing for the basement of the building.

Though many whole bottles and dishes were recovered, 75 per cent of the glass, china and clay items were broken. The whole bottles recovered from the lower level of the well possibly indicated the well had a high level of water at the time it was first being filled.

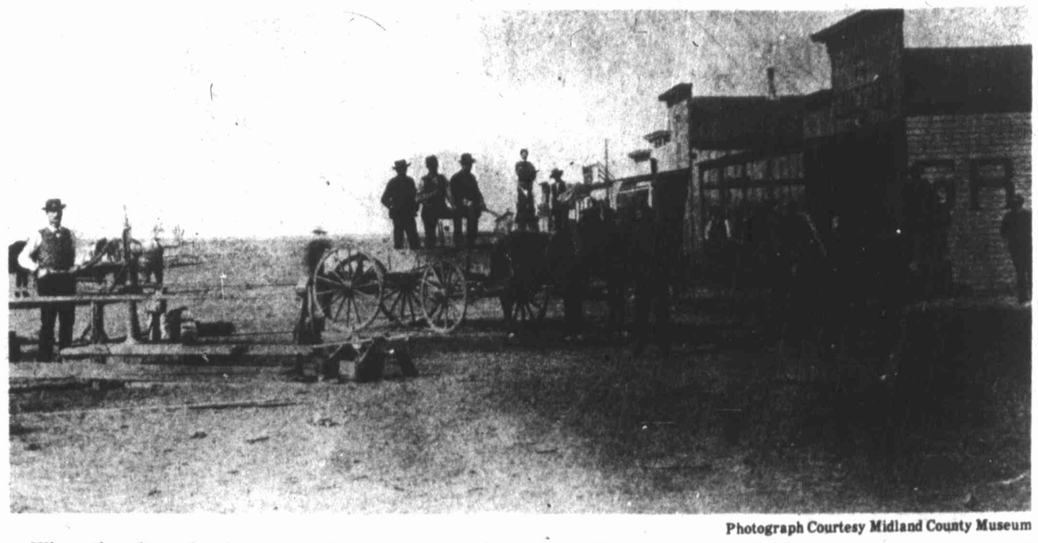
The iron scrap found ranged from an enameled dish pan near the well's bottom to a spoked wheel off a child's red wagon. The scraps were covered with a layer of rust indicating the well had retained much moisture.

Among the unusual items recovered were large clock parts, a hand and springs; china doll arms and legs; small china dog; hand mirror with its metal back still intact; silver-plated salt or pepper shaker; a clear glass light bulb, and a piece of stalactite possibly from Carlsbad Caverns.

Bottles recovered included one marked "FHCW 37" made by Frederick Hampson Glass Works in England; "AB A6" by Adolphus Busch Glass Manufacturing Co. in Bellville, Ill.; "Pluto Water America's Physic," and one marked Midland Water Co.

This Midland well was hand dug and possibly one of the three wells mentioned as being dug in 1884. Some time after that date, the lot the well was in was bought and the well became the water supply for a household.

The well was used until some time after 1910, the year a public water system was installed. When the household became a user of the public water system, the well was abandoned. Because no well could be left open, the household filled it with trash from the house and yard.



Photograph Courtesy Midland County Museum

When the site selection committee for Midland's New Federal Building picked the location for the building no one knew that the spot was once one of Midland's favorite places — the town's public water well. This picture was taken in 1884 at the corner of Baird and Missouri streets. The pump for the well can be seen at left.

McCamey boisterous boomtown in its infancy

By PEGGY GARNER
Upton County Judge

McCAMEY — "McCamey, Texas — a great place to raise kids, cattle and cash" — If memory serves me correctly, this phrase won a McCamey Chamber of Commerce slogan contest in 1969. The brochure was never printed so the slogan did not catch on, except in the minds of a select few who served on the brochure committee of the chamber and the author of the saying.

The quotation is true, however, because any citizen of McCamey when asked the best points of the small city of 2,682 will say, "McCamey is a great place to live and the best place in the world to bring up a family."

McCamey is snuggled rather haphazardly at the intersection of U.S. Highway 67 and Texas Highway 385 in the shadow of King Mountain and Blue Mountain to the east. The winding Pecos River curls around to the south and again to the west of McCamey. Historic Castle Gap, early highway of the Southwest, provides a northern interest point and Horsehead Crossing and the dinosaur tracks are claimed by McCamey as tourist attractions of the area.

It takes a stretch of the imagination to believe that this quiet peaceful domesticated little community was once a rip-roaring wild oilfield town occupied by 10,000 lusty people, boasted 30 oil well supply houses, and was known as the "Hub of the Oil Fields." Early residents of McCamey do not require imagination, however, cause all they need are their memories. They were here — in McCamey — when it all began.

Two important events took place in the life of George B. McCamey Sunday, Sept. 27, 1925: His only son, Robert L. McCamey, was born, and he struck oil.

The No. 1 Baker, McCamey's discovery well, located in the northeast quarter of the E. C. Groom survey, Section 8, block R, marked the beginning of a new era in the development of Upton County. George B. McCamey agreed to pay the costs of a "switch" or spur on the Orient Railroad to provide conveience in drilling at the well site. When the spur was built a railroad land man printed the name "McCamey" on a board and nailed it to a boxcar on the switch. From this christened boxcar, the city of McCamey grew.

The oil industry was, and is, responsible for the livelihood of McCamey. Their tax revenue has contributed largely to the establishment of the outstanding facilities of the City of McCamey and Upton County.

A census in 1920 shed a population of 253 people in the entire County of Upton. Within seven years, the population of McCamey alone was estimated at the 10,000 mark.

The day after the Discovery Well came in, the McCamey Townsite Company was organized by Lon McKinney, Col. Brooks, Taylor Emerson, A. W. Caruthers, and the Real Estate firm of Burleson and Johns. Albert S. Burleson and C. D. Johns set aside and dedicated a tract for the commercial and residential townsite of McCamey. T. A. Oldhausen acquired the first two lots on Nov. 18, 1925, for $200 for a 15-year lease providing he began construction on a building within one hour after signing the contract. He began immediate construction of a building to house a service station and cafe.

By the fall of 1926, a building boom had overcrowded the original townsite and the adjoining acreage with make-shift shacks, and a tent-town covered the hillside east of McCamey.

County Judge J. D. Patterson filed application to incorporate McCamey Dec. 13, 1926. An election submitting the question to the people was held Dec. 27 and the city became incorporated. Dr. F. E. Gibbons was elected mayor pro tem and a board of aldermen were selected at a public meeting held Feb. 8, 1927.

Water was a real problem to the City of McCamey in the past, as it is in the present. Rains reduced the dry, dusty streets into muddy, mucky streams. Board walks served as a means for crossing the street and teams of horses were kept busy pulling cars and trucks out of the mud.

No water was found in or near the town — either in wells or cisterns. The nearest water was shipped into McCamey via the Orient Railroad. Oil reportedly sold for 70 cents a barrel, but water, the precious necessary commodity sold for $1. T. A. Pauley, businessman, said that water was not wasted during the early years of McCamey.

George Ramer, manager of Burton Lingo Lumber Co., when he moved to McCaney as one of its earliest settlers, worked with Mayor Gibbons to search for acceptable water. An attempt four miles southwest of the city found water there was unfit for drinking or even for fighting fires, since it ruined the pipes and pipe connections. Through Ramer's efforts on a chamber of commerce committee, good water from the Trinity Sands was discovered on the Tippett Ranch in Pecos County, 17 miles south of McCamey. Negotiations were made and water was supplied to the dusty, dry city.

McCamey's post office was established in March 1926.

"In 1929 McCamey boasted eight automobile shops, two bakeries, four barber shops, eight hotels and cot houses, three cafes, 13 grocery stores, six dry goods stores, two hospitals, eight physicians, four oil companies, four trucking and teaming contractors and three transfer companies," related Miss N. Ethie Eagleton in her book, "On the Last Frontier."

Bootleggers prospered in Boomtown McCamey.

"Pop" Laycock arrived in a big black automobile and set up a "drug-out" tavern during the late '20s and early '30s. Pop's Tavern featuring a four piece Hawaiian band, gambling, dancing, food and drink, was open every night and "many a month's pay was gone in a few minutes."

In 1926, a Baptist minister preached on the sidewalks outside the Green Parrot Cafe and Mrs. T. E. Baxter paraded young people around town with sticks and pans to organize the first Sunday school. Churches struck a blow for Christianity and civilized living in Boomtown McCamey with Hobb's Chapel, A.M.E. being the first to be founded in 1925.

First Baptist Church and Christian Science Church Were organized in 1926; Methodist and Presbyterian churches in 1927; Sacred Heart Catholic Church and South Union Baptist Church in 1928; Church of Christ and Church of God in Christ in 1929; Christian Church in 1930; Assembly of God in 1939; East side Baptist and West Side Church of Christ in 1951; Bethel Baptist and Apostolic Church in 1954.

McCamey began to take on some semblance of order as the churches began to reach out and her rowdy oil field men succumbed to the pleadings of wives determined to have settled homes.

A chamber of commerce was organized in 1927 and received a state charter in 1937.

Along with religion, education was a prerequisite demanded by McCamey citizens and in 1926, Marland Oil Co. obtained State Department of Education permission to operate a school in its camp near town. The Marland Co. bore all the expenses of the school and 70 pupils were enrolled for its first term.

Through the efforts of the Rankin School Board, a four room school called Westover was established and W. C. "Prof" Williamson and three other teachers were hired. First enrollment was 550 students. Three other teachers were secured and classes

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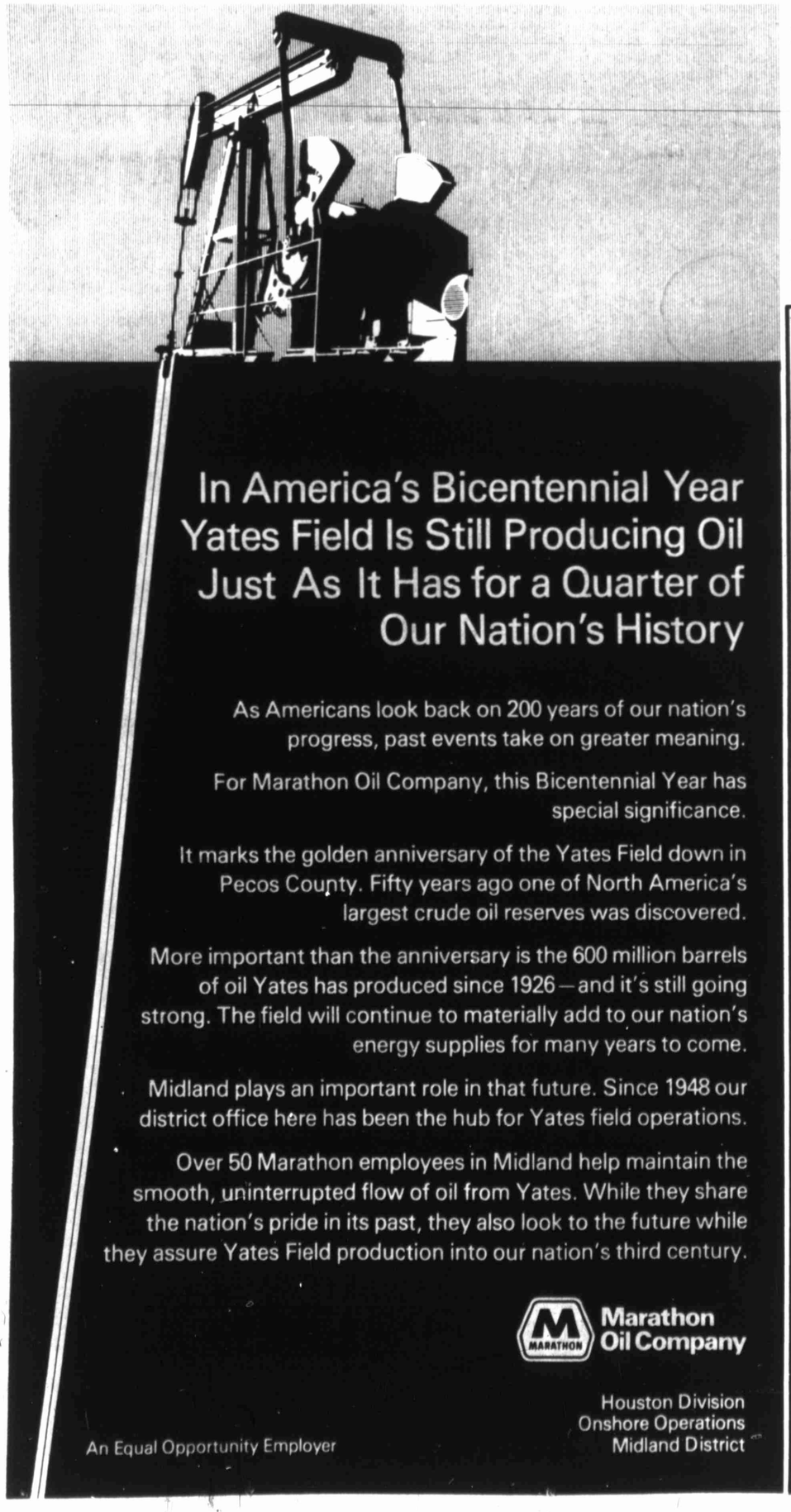

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A TYPICAL STREET scene in Midland was photographed at the intersection of Wall and Main streets. The Llano Hotel was one of six hotels in Midland at that time. The Midland National Bank was housed on the ground floor, with the entrance just behind the columns. The Llano had been serving Midland more than 20 years when this picture was taken.

W. W. Lackey shaped up schools

By LUANNA CROW

He was a poet, a musician, an instructor of Latin, a dedicated Baptist, a school superintendent.

His later years in the superintendent's office found him to be a controversial figure, but from 1906 to 1941 he was at the helm of the Midland public schools, making an indelible mark on West Texas education.

The late W. W. "Prof" Lackey had been elected school superintendent with instructions to "restore and maintain discipline" to the fledgling school system.

Early Midlander E. Buford Isaacks can recall little of Lackey's predecessor.

"All I remember of him is that he was an elderly man with long chin whiskers and had trouble with the big boys and discipline generally.

"Whenever he would take one of the big boys to the office to paddle him, the boy would grab him by the whiskers and pull till the superintendent let him go.

"Some of the big boys were running pretty wild," the longtime Midlander wrote in a series of reminiscences previously published in The Reporter-Telegram.

When Lackey assumed the post, the school system consisted of one building and 444 students. His discipline is well remembered by his former students including Elma Graves of Midland.

"Every morning we had to march into school," Miss Graves said. "He had a man who beat the drum — left, right! — and we had to march into that building and have a devotional before we went into our classrooms."

The students "had to answer roll call with a quotation or a poem by a sure-enough literary man" like Shakespeare or Longfellow, she recalls. A scripture from the Bible also would be acceptable.

"And music — whooee!— we couldn't begin to sing ragtime like what was popular then. We had to sing arias from operas. That's the truth!"

For 30 years he was choir director of the First Baptist Church here and also conducted annually a city-wide Christmas Cantata Choir.

His choral club, composed of singers throughout Midland, spent ample time on the funeral circuit, Miss Graves said.

"Newnie Ellis' father had the funeral home then, and he'd call him (Lackey) up and say, 'Prof, so-and-so's dead. You get your singers together for the funeral.'"

After singing in the church, the group "had to go to the cemetery and we'd sing at the graveside service."

Miss Graves said, "He did it for everybody, but a prominent Baptist just got the works!"

A native Texan and the son of a Baptist preacher, Lackey had come to Midland from Abilene.

Mrs. Clinton Myrick was his secretary and taught in Midland High School's commercial department from 1926 to 1934.

He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from The University of Texas, she said, and his LL.D. from Hardin-Simmons University.

"A student in Midland High School during Mr. Lackey's administration received a cultural and musical background second to none," she said.

"The entire student body repeated from memory literary selections and complete chapters of the Bible in unison."

Reminiscing on the years of the Lackey administration, Miss Graves said, "When he died, teachers like him went with him. It's a heritage to think about being under his tutelage."

By the time he retired from the school district here in 1941, the enrollment had grown to 2,300.

In addition to his school activities, he wrote numerous newspaper and magazine articles and published four volumes of original poetry.

The subjects of his poetic endeavors often were drawn from local events and personalities.

In his book, "Five and Thirty Years," can be found titles like "Clarence Scharbauer — First Citizen" and "P-TA of South Elementary."

A Jan. 1, 1941, article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram pointed out that his "everyday letters, birthday greetings, Christmas cards and Happy New Year's all take verse form."

As testimony to this observation is a correspondence section in the back of "Five and Thirty Years." One letter was from L. L. Click, arts and science dean for The University of Texas, thanking the Midland superintendent for his poems.

The letter, dated Feb. 14, 1940, reads: "I am using some of these poems of yours in my contemporary poetry course -- the course you came into once and announced to a huge group of teachers that the class 'looked like an old ladies' sewing group' — and got away with it, remember?"

Lackey had a particular method of printing up his poems, according to that article in the Star-Telegram. "He simply prints the poem on a leaf of paper, with his picture in the upper left, the seal of Midland public schools in one corner, date of the poem in another and his big W. W. Lackey signature at the bottom."

Apparently, the big signature was something of a trademark for this early Midland educator.

"To God Be the Glory," a history of Midland's First Baptist Church written by Billy Keith, includes four pages documenting his contributions to the church.

One section describes a tea held in his honor by the Alathean Class which he taught:

"As far as the class was concerned nothing was too good for their 'Prof.' So they decorated the Cowden home with arrangements of irises, jonquils and cosmos."

J. H. Barron one of first in business

Looking about Midland today, it's hard to visualize the community when the business district was merely one block of Baird Street.

But that's how it was when the late James H. Barron first opened his dry goods store in 1884. It was one of Midland's four retail outlets.

"Everybody's," as Barron named the store, was a two-story adobe building (the Masonic Lodge here used the second floor) located just north of the railroad tracks.

"I don't know how long he was in that store," said Mrs. H. N. Phillips, a charter member of the Midland Historical Society who has researched much of the city's background.

"But we had a bad flood out here at one time, and his store literally melted."

Also damaged in that flood were the three other Midland stores: J. J. McCullough Grocery Store, Stallings Hardware and Palmer Drug Store.

After the flood, Mrs. Phillips said, Stallings and McCullough either sold their businesses or closed down. Everybody's was rebuilt on Main Street, then known as Abilene Street, next to the site of the old First National Bank. Palmer Drug was sold to C. A. Taylor who moved the business "just below Everybody's."

Mrs. Phillips said Barron carried "general mercantile, so far as clothing was concerned. He had some ready-made things, but they really didn't have very many ready-made things in those days, period! It was mostly shoes, men's underwear, piece goods..."

In later years, Barron "either took in a partner, T. S. Patterson, or he sold to him because when I came here in 1928, it was owned by T. S. Patterson," she said.

Barron apparently had stayed in business under his own name until his death March 11, 1920.

The early-day Midland merchant came to the little community in 1884, the same year he opened his store.

"His fiance, Annie Aycock, lived in Sweetwater," Mrs. Phillips said, "and he was urging her to come out here to be married but she wouldn't come until there was a Baptist church."

She said Barron "contacted everybody in this area to see how many Baptists he could find to see if there were enough to organize a Baptist church."

After he had accomplished his goal and notified her of a church's organization, "she wrote him and told him to come get her."

Barron was, of course, a charter member of the First Baptist Church and a deacon. He also was a member of the first school board for the Midland Independent School District which was created April 15, 1907.

Still living in Midland and watching it grow are Barron's daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. H. Barron, and her son James Barron. One of James H. Barron's sons, T. Paul Barron, is a one-time publisher of The Reporter-Telegram and currently is living in Odessa.

But all three have enjoyed ringside seats for watching Midland grow — from a four-store town to a city boasting roughly 1,500.

Cameron Iron long standing Basin company

Cameron Iron works, a world wide oil field equipment manufacturing concern, has been operating many years in the Permian Basin.

Founded in 1922, the company has more than 8,500 employes.

West Texas offices are in Midland, Odessa and Hobbs, N.M. The company was founded by J. B. Cameron and J. S. Abercrombie.

Roy G. Uhl is manager of the Midland facility. A native of Tulsa, Okla., he attended high school at Valley Center, Kan., and earned a B.S. degree at Oklahoma State University. He has been with Cameron 25 years.

It happened 200 years ago

It happened 200 years ago in February.

Feb. 11: John Adams predicted that the British warships would not attack New York — "It has too much Tory property to be destroyed by Tories."

Feb. 12: The Chester County Committee in Pennsylvania named three men to visit the saltpeter works in Philadelphia to obtain "a knowledge of making that article."

Feb. 13: According to Gen. Lee, New Yorkers no longer feared naval attack and "despise the menaces which formerly used to throw them into convulsions."

Feb. 14: George Washington considered moving troops over bridge of ice now frozen solidly across Boston Harber, an effort he believed would out-maneuver the British.

Feb. 15: A London report indicated that Nova Scotians had contacted George Washington expressing sympathy for the rebel cause and invited his invasion of the province.

McCamey calms after lusty youth

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branched out into two church buildings, one dance hall and a skating rink.

The McCamey Independent School District was created Oct. 13, 1926, and in July 1927, bonds were voted in the amount of $200,000 to build and equip a school.

McCamey welcomed West Texas Utilities as a means of electrifying the oil field town in 1927. C. M. Bender of Breckenridge had the first brick building erected that same year to house the Bender Hotel, Bender's Department Store and for two years the Security State Bank.

The McCamey Security State Bank was chartered in 1928. L. C. Eastland was the first president, Bender was first vice president and William R. Edwards was vice president. Other officers were George W. Ramer, vice president, and M. T. Wilson. A bank building was constructed in 1929.

The Dixie Oil Co., the Republic Production Co. and Marland were leading operators in the McCamey field, and Humble Oil and Refining Co. and Humble Pipe Line created major operating headquarters in 1927.

Other companies that played important roles in the development of McCamey were Gulf, Shell, Standard, Mobil, Stanolind, Continental, Phillips, Cordova-Union, Sun and Texas Pacific.

Judge W. D. Riser published the first newspaper in 1926: the McCamey Tri-County Record. The paper was sold to Garland Adair in 1929 and was called the McCamey News. It still publishes under that name. C. C. Carl has been the publisher since 1943.

The McCamey Country Club, with an initiation fee of $2.50 and monthly dues of $3 was organized in 1926.

The first McCamey Volunteer Fire Department was formed Oct. 3, 1927.

The Blue Bonnet Choral Club brought worth while music into the lives of McCamey citizens in 1929.

The McCamey Woman's Study Club introduced cultural interests in 1929, a year or two after the Lions Club was organized. The American Legion Price Pool Post was chartered in April 1927.

The Oil City A.F.&A.M. was chartered in 1928, and the first Boy Scout troop was sponsored by the Lions Club in 1929. Girl Scouting was organized in 1935.

In the early 1930s, Upton County established two parks with free swimming pools in McCamey and, in 1935, authorized a County Extension Service with Casper Snell as the first agricultural agent.

The McCamey Park Building was constructed in the 1940s following a bond election called by the Upton County Commissioners Court.

Efforts of the McCamey Woman's Study Club resulted in a free public library in 1939.

The Mendoza Trail Museum was begun by students of the late Miss N. Ethie Eagleton in the 1940s. The art work on the first dioramas was done by Mrs. William Wolf.

The present Mendoza Trail Museum Building was erected in 1966 by McCamey and Upton County. Mrs. W. F. Patterson serves as its curator.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Holmes donated a house, built in Girvin by R. F. Mayse in 1915 and later moved to McCamey. The Adrian House, former home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adrian, was restored and furnished in 1900 decor by the Woman's Study Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harold Brown in 1965.

The Adrian House and the museum make up a part of the Santa Fe Park complex. The park was originally an Humble camp.

C. W. Brown of McCamey gave the city permission to lay out a small park alongside the present Post Office building and in recent years donated a corner lot with a small brick service station building to the McCamey Garden Club which was organized in 1940.

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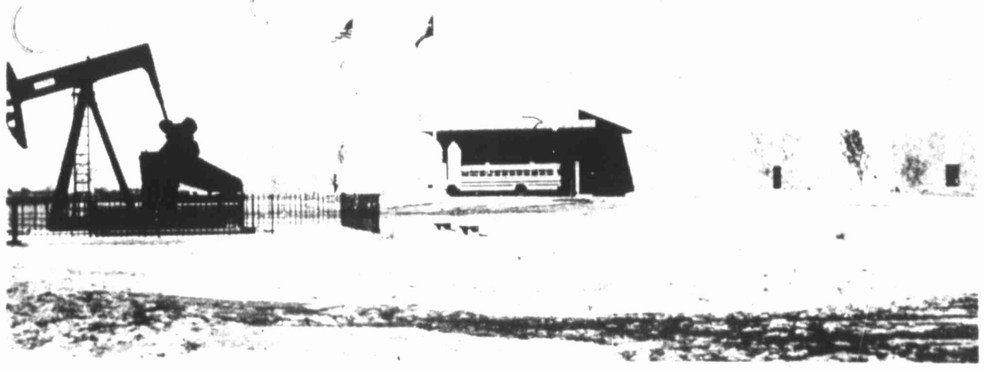

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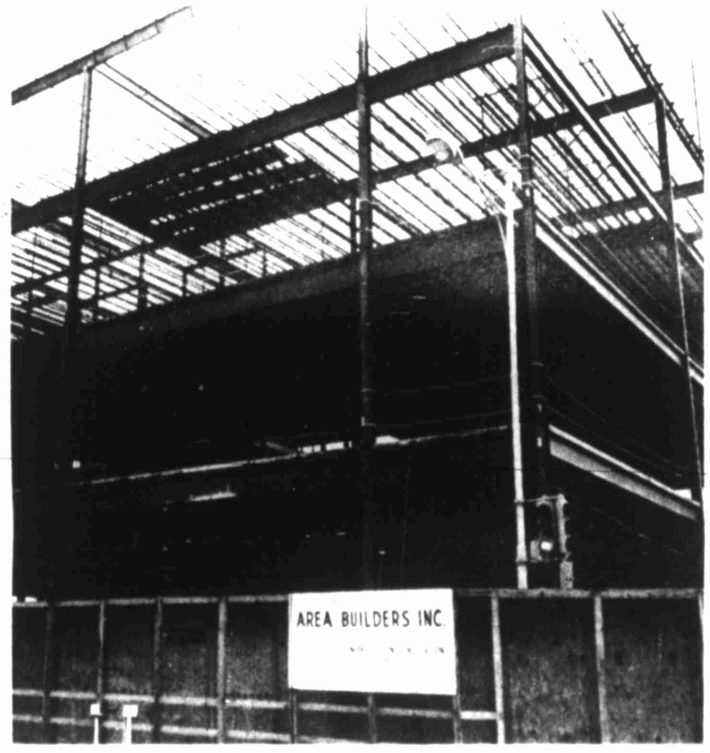

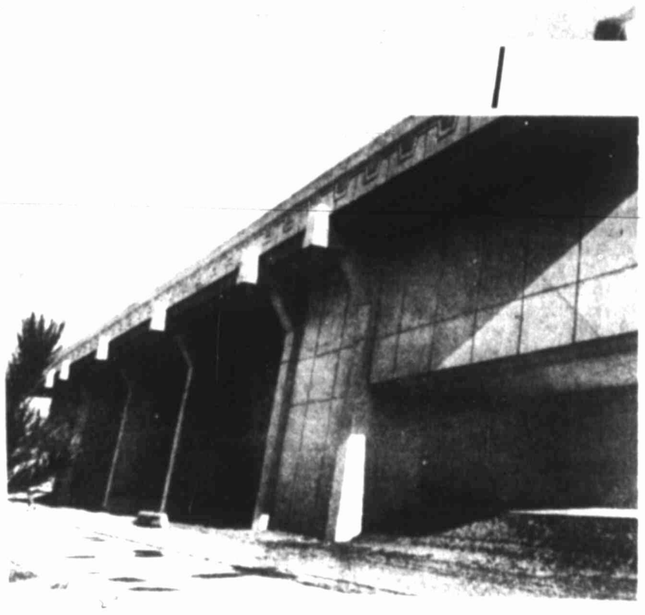

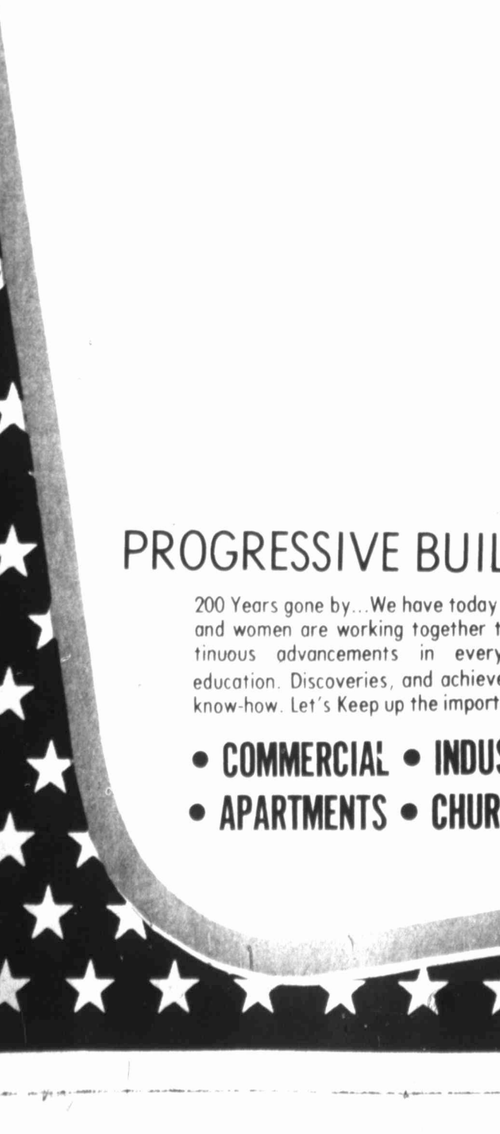

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MIDLAND WAS NOT this busy every day during its early life, but this picture was taken on a special day — Christmas Day 1891. The cowboys came in from the ranches in their Sunday best with their mounts curried and brushed to a shine. Note the brilliant white wagon covers. This photograph is the property of the Midland County Museum.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

First Midland commissioners had many problems to solve

"Be it remembered that on Monday the tenth day of August, A. D., 1885 then came on and was held in the town of Midland the first regular term of the Hon. Commissioners Court of Midland County, Texas."

Thus began the minutes of the official governing body of the new county 81 years ago.

Pages of Volume 1 transport the imagination back to an era when brave souls faced the problems of carrying on a pioneer outpost community. Money was very scarce. Dangers were real. Public facilities had to be started from scratch.

At their first meeting, the county judge and commissioners voted to pay F. M. Wardlow $15 per month rent for his store building for courthouse purposes. They were assembled in that structure at the time.

Present for the very first session of the commissioners court were E. B. Lancaster, county judge, presiding; A. B. Rountree, county clerk; Theodore Ray, sheriff; M. Zirker, commissioner for Precinct 1, and J. S. Moore, commissioner of Precinct 2.

Protocol was observed. "Court, being opened by the sheriff according to law ...: says the record.

The court declared vacant the offices of commissioners of Precincts 3 and 4, because the men elected to those places had failed to qualify within the required time.

Consequently, Lancaster appointed George G. Gray commissioner for Precinct 3 and D. A. Crichton commissioner for Precinct 4.

In this first meeting, the county judge presented and had filed by the clerk the bond of the Midland Town Company by which the company agreed to donate to Midland County $3,000 for construction of the courthouse and a jail. It was decreed that the judge make an order on Midland Town Company for the $3,000 and the offered block of land for the site, the same location as that of the present courthouse.

Commissioners and judge also ordered that day that the proposal of Midland Town Company to donate 10 acres for burial purposes be accepted, and the company was requested to make the deed.

Bond of the sheriff for collection of state taxes was set at $2,500 and as collector of county taxes at $5,000 in another official action of the court.

The next day — Aug. 11, 1885 — the court met again. Then it attended to ordering of record books and stationery, divided Midland County into two school districts, made plans to have a map of the county prepared (not to cost over $25), and appointed J. W. Echols to transcribe the assessor's tax rolls belonging to Midland County from the assessor's tax rolls of Tom Green County. Echols was to be paid $100 for his services. (Midland County was formed out of Tom Green County.)

One of the two school districts (No. 1) created Aug. 11, 1885, embraced Commissioners Precincts 1, 2 and 3, and the other (No. 2) covered Precinct 4.

Aug. 12, 1885, the court decided to take bids for construction of an adobe building as a courthouse and jail. The county clerk was told to publish advertising for bids in the following newspapers: Midland Staked Plain, Presidio County News at Fort Davis, El Paso News, San Angelo Standard, The Colorado Clipper and Big Spring Pantagraph.

Also at the Aug. 12 session it was voted to pay R. W. Zane a salary of $400 per year as county attorney. He was to be paid in quarterly installments.

John Eagleton was appointed sheep and scab inspector and his bond was set at $2,000.

When the day came — Sept. 7, 1885, — to receive bids for erection of an adobe courthouse and jail, the court got only one bid, and rejected it. Members agreed to have wooden structures instead of adobe.

Two days later, the court awarded contract to Hunter and Weller on that firm's bid of $2,934.65 to build a wooden courthouse. J. T. Service was appointed superintendent of construction, to be paid a total of $25.

At the same time, the judge was instructed to obtain lumber and have constructed a foundation for the two steel-clad jail cells which the court the day before had contracted with Pauley Jail Building and Manufacturing Co. to errect. The jail cells, or "cages," were to cost the county $3,000.

Salaries set by the commissioners court sound tiny by today's standards. For example, $720 per year was allotted for the county judge, and $300 was set aside for the county clerk. The officials got paid every three months.

M. V. Nash petitioned the court Nov. 9, 1885, for a salary as justice of the peace, Precinct 1. His request was rejected and he thereupon resigned. Judge Lancaster immediately appointed C. D. Palmer to the vacancy.

Also on Nov. 10, the court ordered warrants in the amount of $61.50 sent to the General Land Office of Texas to pay for fees and procure a patent to the four leagues of school land for Midland County.

By Dec. 19, 1885, the court saw the need and offered $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person stealing horses, cattle or sheep.

The frame courthouse constructed by Hunter and Weller was accepted formally by the court Jan. 12, 1886. At that same meeting, the members granted J. C. Kerr a certificate permitting him to practice law.

And, the county commissioners of early days had trouble with taxpayers just as they do today.

Some people tried to render property too low in 1886, but the commissioners court did not let them get away with it.

When W. L. Adams, tax assessor, submitted his report of assessments, the court declared that some valuations were too low.

After publishing a notice in the Midland Staked Plain, the court met June 29, 1886, as a board of equalization for the purpose of bringing the values up to the level it believed proper. It ordered that the values of stock horses be raised to $15 a head and saddle horses to $25 each. Certain lands were upped from a rendition of $3 to $4.

Jan. 21, 1886, the day the court accepted the courthouse, the members employed the same contractor to build a frame, weather-boarded privy, to be painted a color to match the courthouse. The cost was to be $39.

Jan. 21, 1886, the court also ordered the county clerk to move the following day from the temporary courthouse quarters in the Wardlow store building into the new courthouse.

Sympathy for the under privileged — a notable trait of West Texans — was evidenced in those beginning days of Midland County. Minutes of the court reveal that in Jan. 1886, the court provided assistance for a J. P. Cameron, who was ill. It employed Mrs. J. B. Wilt at $5 a week to "diet" the ailing man, allotted $2 per day for a nurse, ordered Dr. W. E. Bailey to treat the patient at $2 a day and allowed C. W. Hunter $12 for bedding and other aid he had furnished Cameron.

But despite the county's efforts Cameron died. The court approved bills for his care plus an $8 charge from Hunter and Weller for his coffin, and a $10 account from Bell and Turner for digging the grave.

Feb. 9, 1886, the court approved payment of three months' salary to Sheriff Ray — $75.

Also on that day, the commissioners granted a petition of T. B. Wadley and others that an election be held to supplement the state school tax for the purpose of building a schoolhouse and providing teachers for School District No. 1. Proposed was a tax of 20 cents on each $100 of assessed value.

At the school tax election, held March 8, 1886, all 29 persons voting favored the proposal.

Cowdens, windmills dominated early Midland

"All I saw were Cowdens and windmills."

That is the report pioneer Big Bend country rancher Will Evans gave to friends when he returned to the Marfa area after a visit to the Midland country about the turn of the century.

The Cowdens Will saw were William Hamby Cowden and George Franklin Cowden and their many children. And, the windmills he saw more than likely were on a Cowden ranch.

William Ham and George Franklin had come to the Midland country in 1883 from Palo Pinto County and stayed to become leading ranchmen and stockmen of the West.

The descendants of William Hamby Cowden and George Franklin Cowden, who first came to Texas in 1847 from Alabama and settled in Shelby County, are many as shown by a passage from the book, "The Southern Cowdens."

"They have spread out from Midland in almost every direction, and there are representatives of the family today in many of the cities of West Texas, engaged in successful and leading businesses and devoted to the highest and best interest of state and church and society in gereral."

William Hamby Cowden and his wife, Caroline Liddon, had 11 children — seven boys and four girls. All the boys became prominent ranchers in West Texas or New Mexico.

William Hamby Cowden and his sons created the famous JAL Ranch in Southeast New Mexico which spawned the present town of Jal.

John M. Cowden, one of William Hamby's sons, was the father of the late Rall Bell "Bum" Cowden of Midland who owned the H Ranch in Andrews County.

Another of John's sons, Edwin Cowden lived in Midland and ranched in Ector County. The North Cowden oil field was discovered on his ranch.

John M. had another son, Claud who also lived in Midland but ranched in Ector and Andrews counties.

Another of William Hamby's ranching sons, E. P. "Gene" Cowden was a Midlander and the fathey of Guy Cowden and Allen Cowden who also continued the ranching tradition, Guy having ranches in New Mexico and Midland County, and Allen running his stock in Andrews County.

George E. Cowden, another of the JAL Ranch owners, also was a son of William Hamby Cowden. He moved from Midland to Fort Worth and became the owner of Fakes & Co.

William Henry Cowden Sr., William Hamby's oldest son, served about 30 years as the president of The First National Bank of Midland and had ranching interests along the Pecos River. He moved from Midland to San Antonio.

William Henry Sr. and his wife Mamie Savage had 11 children, with two of them, William Gilbert "Gib" Cowden and Jax M. Cowden becoming ranchers, both in Crane County.

Two other William Hamby Cowden sons were New Mexico ranchers, Lidden at Alamogorda, Rory at Jal and Charles Webster Cowden at Jal.

George Franklin Cowden, who migrated to West Texas from Palo Pinto County with his brother William Hamby Cowden, married Elizabeth Whitesides and they had nine children.

Although many of William Hamby Cowden's sons' lives were associated in many ways with Midland, George Franklin's family has had even closer ties.

His son W. Fred Cowden bought the famous M Bar Ranch in Andrews and Ector counties in 1885. Fred and his first wife, the former Mattie Courtney of Palo Pinto County, had two sons that became successful ranchers. Fred's second wife was Emma Long. They had no children.

One of Fred's sons, John Ellis Cowden ranched south of Odessa, and Frank Cowden Sr., another, moved to the Cross Bar Ranch in Midland and Martin counties in 1922.

Frank Sr. currently is a director of The First National Bank, as is his son, Frank Jr.

Frank Sr. has been a director of the financial institution more than 40 years — longer than any other of the bank's directors.

Frank Sr. and his wife, the former Gladys Holt, daughter of another early Midland couple, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt, had three children, Frank Jr., Courtney and Elizabeth.

Frank Sr. was one of nine children of W. Fred Cowden, almost all of whom settled in Midland.

They are Maud, Lucy, Ruth, Mamie, Freddie, J. Ellis, Essie and Geraldine.

Maud married Bassel Hakeney in Midland and they had one child, Baby Ruth who married Harvey Conger here.

Lucy Cowden married B. C. Girdley in Midland and they had two children, B. C. Jr. and James Frederic.

Ruth Cowden married Clarence Scharbauer Sr. in Midland and they had two children, John Christopher, deceased, and Clarence Jr.

Mamie Cowden married Homer W. Rowe of Midland and they had no children.

Freddie Cowden married J. O. Nobles here and from that union came six children, Martha Louise, John Jr., Jack, Gerald, Eddie Blance and Mary Sue.

J. Ellis Cowden married Maede Taylor in Midland and they had two children.

Geraldine married Clifford Hill in Midland and they were parents of one child, Francis.

Essie Cowden married Whit Stafford of Dallas and they had no children.

Frank Jr. now operates the M Bar Ranch, and Courtney is the operator of the Cross Bar Ranch.

Another one of George Franklin's sons, Jefferson Davis Cowden ranched in Ector County. He and Mollie Holcombe were married and had five children, Herbert, Vivian, Noel, Luna and Alene.

George Franklin Jr. was the father of Elliott F. Cowden, Clyde Cowden and Strawn Cowden.

Elliott currently lives in Midland. He is the owner of the Half Circle 2 Ranch in Ector County. Elliott married Ida Fay Wooldridge and they had two children, Wright Elliott Cowden and Ida Beth.

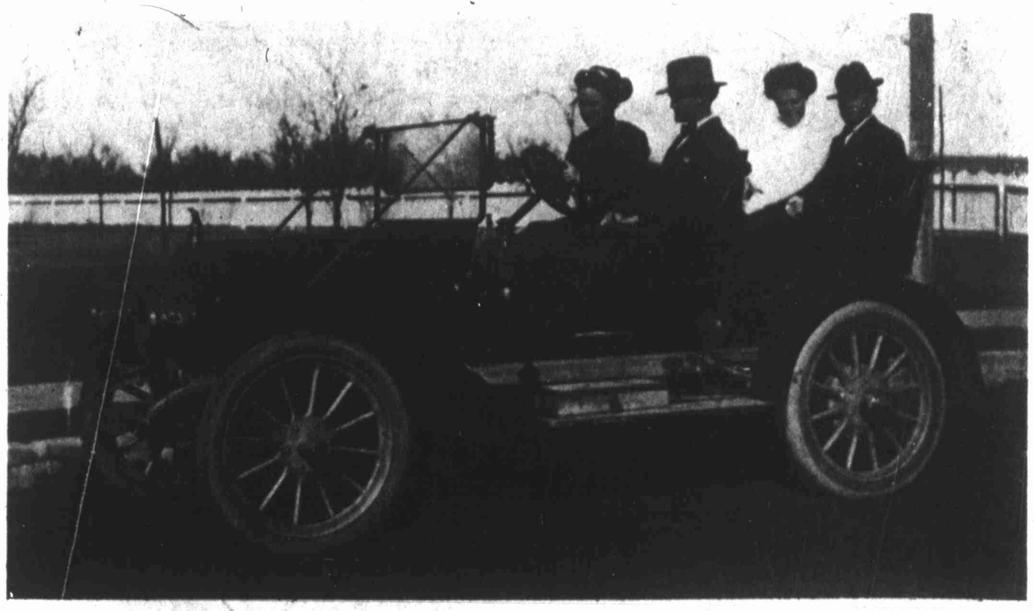
George Franklin Jr.'s son Clyde ranched in Ector County, and Strawn was killed in an accident at an early age.

Another son of George Franklin Sr., J. Tom Cowden, lives in Abilene, and another, E. Walter Cowden ranched south of Odessa.

Walter married Eva Holcombe and they had two children, Bessie and Walter Faye. Bessie married Jess C. Ward of Wichita Falls and they had three children, Cowden Clark, Jess Jr. and Mozelle.

There are many, many more Cowdens in Midland and other West Texas cities that are not mentioned here. It is no wonder that all Will Evans saw here was "Cowdens and windmills."

A story in this edition of The Reporter-Telegram, pages 1GG and 2GG, contains references to the early ranch life of the Cowdens.



Elliott Cowden, in the left front seat, and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer, in the back seat, are residents of Midland. This early-day photograph shows them out for a ride with Mamie Cowden Rowe and Ellis Cowden, both deceased.

First National leaves humble start behind

July 14, The First National Bank of Midland will be 86 years old. Not so long, as history goes, but time enough for a small cowtown like Midland to have grown into one of the principal oil centers of the world.

And, time enough, too, for First National to have vaulted from a frame shack operation in 1890 to one of the largest banks in Texas.

The First National Bank of Midland was not the first financial institution in Midland — that honor goes to Connell Bros. & Scharbauer, a private bank organized by W. E. Connell, W. F. Connell and John Scharbauer in 1889.

But, it wasn't long before that institution was to become The First National Bank, with A. W. Hilliard as its first president. The Connells and Scharbauer were among its principal stockholders.

Early records of deposits and capital stock were lost in a fire in 1908 but an early-day newspaper showed the capital stock in 1898 to be $100,000 and surplus $20,000, with undivided profits at $4,931.56.

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1975, total deposits were $344,194,852.

One of the bank's greatest growth periods was from 1948 to 1969, a period when the assets climbed from $20 million to more than $180 million.

In the middle 1920s, First National became one of the first banks anywhere to authorize and encourage oil loans, formerly suspect, as legitimate and desirable banking business. The bank once handled a single lease sale involving $15 million.

Guiding First National from its inception to the present have been a series of civic-minded leaders who not only have had the bank's interest as their goal, but the well-being of Midland and West Texas as a No. 1 priority.

After Hilliard, the first president, came W. H. Cowden, W. F. Connell, John Scharbauer, O. B. Holt, Clarence Scharbauer, M. C. Ulmer, Jno. P. Butler, C. J. Kelly and now Wilbur A. Yeager Jr.

The first cashier was W. E. Connell, a young, aggressive and experienced banker. Essentially, he was general manager and on his shoulders fell the responsibilities of getting the fledgling bank profitably off the ground.

Working with him was Cowden, who was named vice president in the original charter. Later, he served as president through the difficult years of World War I and afterward led the bank into a more prosperous era.

And, during the years of transition from ranching economy to an oil economy — after 1923 — the fortunes of First National were guided by Clarence Scharbauer Sr., a nephew of John Scharbauer, who served until 1942 when Ulmer took over.

Through World War II and ensuing years of unprecedented community growth, Ulmer guided the fortunes of the bank.

Officials of First National believe a bank's history is also the history of the community it serves. They believe its attitudes and actions are reflected in the community's growth and progress.

With that in mind, First National has worked more than 85 years to provide the best possible banking service and at the same time to be an exemplary citizen.

Only five years before the bank was organized, the Midland County Commissioners Court met for the first time, Aug. 10, 1885, after the county had been carved from Tom Green County and an election had been held to name its public officials.

E. B. Lancaster presided over the first session as county judge; A. B. Rountree was county clerk and Theo Ray was the sheriff.

The first courthouse was built in 1885 and formally opened Jan. 21, 1886. While it was being constructed, the county conducted its business in the F. M. Wardlow storehouse.

July 14, 1890, The First National Bank of Midland opened for business and within two months had become a partner in the growth and improvement of the community.

In fact, it financed the county's first public works program initiated by the commissioners when, on Sept. 19, 1890, they "ordered the judge to hire three men and a team and wagon to fill Abilene Street to grade in front of J. J. Westmoreland's saloon building."

They talked it over with W. E. Connell, and he advanced them $25 to pay for the project.

As the bank marked its 10th anniversary in 1900, county commissioners met in regular session and agreed to pay W. G. Pemberton $388.86 for compiling the county's tax rolls — $100 in cash and the remainder when the taxes started coming in.

As the bank reached it 20th birthday, Midland was watching the growth of Andrews County, an unorganized county attached to Midland County for judicial and other purposes.

On July 16, 1910, the Midland County commissioners met to canvass the returns of a special election it had ordered in Andrews County. County Judge Charley Gibbs certified the results which showed the town of Andrews had won out over Shafter Lake as the choice for the county seat.

In 1925, when First National was 35 years old, county commissioners met to hear a familiar refrain. A group of irate taxpayers showed up to complain because the county attorney had filed suits against them for nonpayment of 1923 and 1924 taxes. Commissioners listened sympathetically, called in the county attorney and told him to dismiss the suits and not file any more "without this court having first examined such matters."

By the time the bank reached its 40th birthday in 1930, Midland's population had jumped from 1,795 in a single decade to 5,484. Leon Goodman was mayor and aldermen were M. C. Ulmer, R. M. Barron, J. O. Nobles, J. M. Speed and P. J. Mims.

As the county was moving into its new courthouse that year so was the city government moving into a new City Hall financed by a $20,000 bond issue and a $10,000 warrant contractor J. O. Everett agreed to hold for one year. There was no money, however, to pay off the architect so the city went to The First National Bank and borrowed $2,000.

In 1940, when First National was 50 years old, Midland had grown to a city of 9,352 population. Sloan Field, which later was to become Midland Air Termimal, was designated as a stop on the Army Airways System.

By 1945, when FNB reached 1ts 55th birthday, Continental Airlines, operating out of Airpark, was giving Midland its first regularly-scheduled commercial airline service and was followed shortly by American Airlines.

A. N. Hendrickson was mayor, serving with Councilmen Jno. P. Butler, Robert I. Dickey, Fred Hogan, Frank Stubbeman and Paul McHargue.

First National observed its 60th birthyday in 1950. That year, Mayor William B. Neely and Councilmen W. F. Hejl, J. W. McMillen, F. N. Shriver, H. E. Chiles and Jack Wilkinson began having meetings with state and county officials over a proposal to build the Big Spring Street underpass.

First National occuppied its present building Labor Day 1959, shortly before its 70th birthday. The city's population reached 62,000 in 1960, almost triple that of the count in 1950.

Museum primary project of historical society

By MRS. JOHN P. McKINLEY
President, Midland County Historical Society

The Midland County Historical Society was organized by the Friends of the Library in 1957 and on November 6, 1957 received its Charter.

Mrs. John P. McKinley was asked to serve as temporary chairman and when the first election was held she was elected president. Other officers were Alva D. Butler, Hulda Driscoll, Elma Graves, Ada Phillips, Helen Goldsmith, Thelma Rogers Cook, Fredonya Estes Reiger, Bill Collyns, P. Bush Elkin and Glen L. Evans.

Soon after its organization, the society adopted the Midland County Historical Museum as one of its primary projects and it still is. The members spend many hours in the museum arranging special exhibits, conducting tours and otherwise assisting Director Rosemary Rankin in the care and maintenance of the museum.

The members, through dues and personal donations, have placed wall cases, display cases, a laminating machine and filing cabinets in the museum.

Many rare and valuable items have been given to the museum by the members and interested friends. In fact it is the only collection of Midland archival material and is open for research and study each day except Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

One of the most recent gifts came from John M. Speed and William H. "Bill" Carter and consisted of The Midland Examiner Newspaper dated 1908, 1909 and 1910, seven volumes in all, and The Shafter Lake Herald, seven volumes dated 1907 and 1908; The Midland Reporter for July 29, 1910, June 30, 1911 and September 13, 1912 and a Shafter Lake Town Plat; Texas Oil Map, Houston Chronicle, November 27, 1927 as well as miscellaneous advertisements, programs and brochures.

These all have been placed on microfilm through the courtesy of John J. Redfern Jr. Much research has been done for and with students and teachers needing help in writing thesis or other required papers on some phase of Midland history.

As rapidly as we can we are cross-indexing available information and we are preserving local history in a classified subject file. Several of the members respond to requests from various civic groups in and around Midland to provide programs on Midland history.

The Historical Museum was started about 1932 by Marguerite Hester, the Librarian, Ada Phillips, Ola Dublin and Nettye Romer. The county provided a room in the basement of the Courthouse. It is now in the basement of the County Library. The crying need in the museum is for more room, better facilities and more light. Even in these conditions, approximately 12,000 visitors register through the year.

The society has sponsored 24 official Texas Historical Markers in Midland and placed bronze markers on the graves of 31 Civil War veterans, the society members having done all the research to prove the records of these men. The graves were located by a grave to grave search, a program which was carried on for over three years.

A file has been prepared for each man whose grave was marked and put in a locked file in the Historical Museum. Copies were made and sent to the State Archives in Austin. Thousands of hours were spent on this project and the original 10 acres of Fairview Cemetery walked many times.

Other official markers include site markers for the first water well, the first bank, first post office, first newspaper, Pliska Blacksmith Shop, Burton Lingo Lumber Yard, Marcy's Trail, Midland & Northwestern Railroad, Greenwood Baptist Church, Scharbauer Hotel, Methodist Church, Bombadier School, the Midland Man, 3 Medallion homes, and Texas Ranger W. B. Anglin's grave marker.

We are currently working on marker applications for The Aeroplane Museum at Terminal and a site marker for Dr. John Charles Beales' colony dated about 1832.

The society bought the oldest home in Midland and restoration is currently under way. It is the Taylor Brown-Sarah Dorsey home at 213 N. Weatherford St. It is an Official Texas Historical Landmark and has been awarded a Medallion. It is also an approved Heritage Project by the Midland County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee. Many individuals and local companies, clubs and other organizations are joining in the restoration, but more help is needed.

If you or your club can make a contribution, we welcome your patronage. The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Junior Historians have been a tremendous help. On July 6, 1968, we announced we had laid the ground work for this undertaking and now on the coming July 4, 1976, we hope to be able to dedicate the completely restored house.

The front porch has been restored, as well as the brick foundation, new window screens have been made and put up, all broken window panes have been replaced, with the exception of two small panes in the art glass window in the entrance hall (this will take a specialist) however, hail-proof screening has been placed on the outside of the window to prevent further damade.

Security guards of wrought iron have been placed on all lower floor windows. All of these items have been paid for, except for the window pane replacement, which was donated by Glasco Glass Company. The yard is tended regularly through the courtesy of the county. Window shades and lace curtains have been donated, as well as a number of original pieces of furniture.

And Taylor Brown's grandson, Allen Dorsey, has restored the old cistern, and it has not yet been placed in the well.

Each year since the Midland County Historical Society joined the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, we have received the Distinguished Service Award. The Midland County Committee is composed of appointed members from the Historical Society.

The Award is the official recognition and commendation to the Survey Committee (now renamed County Historical Commission) by the State of Texas. It is awarded to those committees with a progressive and well-rounded local historical preservation program and who cooperate with other county committees and the state marking and preservation program.

Through the efforts of the Historical Society, the first Historical Preservation Award was given to Mr. and Mrs. George Abell for the Aeroplane Museum.

Each year we observe County History Appreciation Week with open house and guided tours through the museum, special observance at the public schools, recognition of Midland County Pioneers and tours of Historical Markers and Sites.

Another phase of our continuing research program is a search for all known unpublished papers on any phase of Midland history. These are copied and bound and placed in the files at the museum and a copy sent to the State Archives in Austin to be placed in the Midland County files.

We also continue our program of Oral History, that of gathering historical information in oral form, usually on tape, by interviewing others, particularly oldtimers.

While the local society has long been gathering historical data by this method, in 1972, Midland County was one of the 15 counties in Texas selected to participate in a Oral History Seminar held in Austin. Our insturctors included such immenent personalities as Dr. Joe B. Franz, Austin; Dr. Thomas Charlton at Baylor, and Dr. William R. Wyatt, Rushmore Research in South Dakota.

The society cooperated with the governor's program for establishing Texas Trails, furnishing the required information to place Midland on the Texas Pecos Trail and furnishing the funds for the six trail markers placed on highways through Midland.

The society also helped in forming a Texas Pecos Trail Association. Only two of the trails have been so organized, the purpose being the promotion and publicizing of the tourist, recreational and historical attractioms on the Pecos Trail. Maps of the nine trails may be obtained at the chamber of commerce and are prepared for ftee distribution.

Another organization in which the Midland County Historical Society participates is the Permian Basin Museum Institute. Dr. Frank Sampanero of Midland, professor of history at University of Texas Permian, is serving as liaison and historical consultant to the institute.

The purpose of the institute is to carry on joint promotional efforts on behalf of the member museums, provide training opportunities for museum staffs and volunteers, arrange for visiting consultants, assist museums in obtaining loans for exhibits, help in establishing a catalogue of objects, artifacts and documents, and to promote greater use of museums in the Permian Basin through public relations activities, promotion and other means, such as planned tours of the participating museums.

Museums are of great importance. They serve as monuments to our heritage and legacy and some of the finest are located in the Permian Basin. By banding together we can obtain assistance that might not be available individually and we might also be able to do some jobs together better than we can separately.

The primary function of the Midland County Historical Society is to collect, record, preserve, mark and exhibit for posterity the factual history of Midland County. Midland's past is a great story — a story of tough-fibered men and women and their courage, sacrifice and determination to build a better place to love and grow and worship God as each sees it.

Our membership is open — we invite anyone who is interested in helping us in our work to join.

Prohibition speech set

The following story is reprinted from the July 21, 1911, edition of The Midland Reporter.

"Judge S. J. Isaacks, who for the past two weeks has been speaking in various towns in the interest of Statewide prohibition, will address the people of Midland tonight on the subject.

"It is promised that the Judge will be prepared to give us some interesting facts of the campaign as it draws to a close, and it is hoped that a big crowd will hear him.

"As his home people all know, Judge Isaacks is a consistant prohibitionist and strong in his advocacies. His address tonight will be characterized by a judiciary point of view especially, though the common acknowledgement of both pro and anti of the evils of the liquor traffic will no doubt not be neglected.

"The occasion for tonight has taken the nature of the final pro rally of the campaign, and it will be pulled off at the corner of the First National Bank at 8:30 o'clock."

Brunson brothers pioneer Midland area ranchers

By LYNN WELLS

William H. Brunson and David W. Brunson raised cattle on the open range in what is now the Seminole-Hobbs area before moving to Midland in 1890.

The Brunson brothers, natives of Georgia, first lived in Texas in Stevens County. Later they moved to the far West Texas plains and then came to Midland.

W. H. Brunson owned a ranch in Glasscock County, but the family home was on North Main Street in Midland, Ed Weyman, grandson of W. H. Brunson, said. The ranch is still owned by the family, said Mrs. Alma Weyman, Brunson's daughter.

W. H. Brunson married Annie Cook, and they had four children. All the children attended school in Midland, and Mrs. Weyman and her brother, Glenn Brunson, still reside in Midland.

The Brunson brothers, in addition to being ranchers, organized Midland National Bank. Ed Weyman, W. H. Brunson's grandson, is a banker today at the First National Bank of Midland.

D. W. Brunson, younger brother of W. H. Brunson, built a home for his wife and seven children on North Lamesa Road, which was over a mile from town when it was located in 1892.

Lenton Brunson, son of D. W. Brunson, owned Brunson Village, a grocery store, cleaners, variety and drug store, barber shop and paint store. The shopping center was built in 1952.

D. W. Brunson at one time owned the land where the Northgate Shopping Center on East Nobles Street stands today.

Mrs. Weyman, who lives at 1403 Ventura St., remembers a favorite watering spot for cattle was a water well at the present-day site of Austin Freshman School.

W. H. Brunson cultivated a four-acre vineyard at his house, which he irrigated with the excellent well water on his property, Mrs. Weyman recalled.

Harry S. Truman, extreme right, then a U.S. senator, was an overnight visitor, with other members of a joint House-Senate investigating committee, in Midland, Nov. 26, 1939. The former President was chairman of the Senate panel investigating defense construction projects. The late Federal Judge R. Ewing Thomason, then a member of Congress, also was in the party. Among Midlanders present at the dinner given for the visitors by the Midland Chamber of Commerce were Ed M. Whitaker, Dr. W. E. Ryan, John House, M. C. Ulmer, Bill Collyns, R. M. Barron, Clarence Scharbauer Sr., and John P. Butler.

Midland's sparkle impressed Dunagan

By DEBBIE PIERCE

An early-day county and district clerk for Midland County wrote that Midland was the cleanest little town he had ever seen and so decided to settle here.

Charles Benton Dunagan, first elected clerk in 1918 and re-elected four times, had come to the Tall City on a prospector's ticket for a trip on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. The excursion had permitted him to stop off and inspect various towns as far west as Pecos, but, after inspecting Colorado City and Big Spring, he decided Midland was what he was looking for and saw no reason to go farther west.

According to Dunagan's personal narrative, he was born six miles north of Crockett, in Houston County, on June 4, 1859. His mother and sisters made the family's clothing by using a spinning wheel. The house was a one-room split pine log residence with a porch and side room and a kitchen about 20 feet away.

Tallow candles and pine knots were used for lighting. Food consisted of sweet potatoes, corn, pumpkins, sorghum syrup, meat from wild game and wild berries. Dunagan wrote that flour and sugar were almost unknown back then, as flour cost $25 a barrel. The family had two water wells on the farm, and the children made chewing gum from sweetgum and berries.

Charles Benton Dunagan

In the summer of 1866, the Dunagans moved to La Vaca County and from there, to Freestone County. Dunagan worked one year for his brother-in-law in a country store, then cultivated a small tract of land containing cotton and later worked another year for his brother-in-law at $200 per year.

Dunagan wrote that his schooling was "very limited." He attended school one to two months each year from the time he was 8 years old. In 1872, Dunagan attended the "first free school ever taught in the community, and was taught by an old maid who was the best teacher I ever had."

The school room's upper level was used as a church for all denominations. The school itself was a log house with logs split open, smoothed off and containing pegs for seats.

Dunagan met his future wife in May 1880. He wrote, "I thought she was the prettiest and sweetest looking girl I had ever seen and think so to this time, although she has gone on." He and Annie Nora Evans were married March 7, 1882, lived with his parents two years, and later moved to a log house near his parents' home.

In December 1890, Dunagan, his wife and their four sons moved to Wortham, and in 1892, he was appointed to the Post Office Department by President Grover Cleveland. Four years later, Dunagan was elected county clerk of Freestone County and moved his family to Fairfield.

He was re-elected to a second term and, though he received much urging to run a third time, decided against it and moved the family back to Wortham, "so the children could enter the fall term of school."

In January 1901, Dunagan opened a hardware store in Wortham with C. C. Stubbs. Dunagan sold out after about five months and farmed two miles out of the town.

That fall, he was elected assistant cashier and bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Wortham and worked there until 1904.

He spent the next two years farming before he and his wife "finally decided to go west and let the children grow up with the country."

In the late summer of 1906, Dunagan rode the T&P Railroad west and upon landing in Midland, he sat in front of the Midland National Bank (in the old Llano Hotel building), "took in all that was in sight and thought it was the cleanest little town I had ever seen."

After returning home, Dunagan and his wife sold their farm and all their property and loaded a railroad car with household goods, three cows, two horses, feed, chickens and other belongings and headed to Midland.

Dunagan worked in the grocery business for awhile and then set about acquiring land. He went into the real estate and abstract business until 1918, when he was elected county and district clerk of Midland County. He held that post until 1926 and also served as clerk of the First Baptist Church in Midland.

He retired about 1936 and has been dead a number of years.

Midland, Atlantic Richfield reached maturity together

Midland and Atlantic Richfield Co. have grown up together in several ways.

When Atlantic Richfield opened its Permian District headquarters here in 1937 with a handful of employes, the city's population was about 9,000. Now, 39 years later, the company has 800 people employed in the area and the city has grown to more than 60,000.

The Permian Basin is vitally important to Atlantic Richfield's oil and gas production. And Midland is the cornerstone of the petroleum industry in this vast area which covers the western part of Texas and much of New Mexico.

Atlantic Richfield first came to the Permian Basin in 1919 when some minor geological surveying was begun. By 1926, the company had drilled good oil producers in the Fields and Church fields in Crane County. Greater success occurred in February 1928 when a 50,000-barrel a day well was completed in the Hendricks field in Winkler County.

Major field in West Texas in which the company has considerable interest are the Wasson in Yoakum, Hendricks in Winkler, North Cowden and Goldsmith-Cummings in Ector, Fields-McElroy and Block 31 in Crane, Seminole in Gaines, Block 9 in Andrews, TXL in Ector and the Jordan field in Crane and Ector counties.

Today, Atlantic Richfield operates 4,600 oil and gas wells in the Permian Basin, producing 127,000 barrels of oil and 500 million cubic feet of gas a day.

The Midland office is headquarters for the administrative staff of the Permian District, with field offices in Odessa, Crane, Denver City, Andrews, Coahoma, Eldorado, Monahans and Hobbs, N.M.

Also headquartered here are the company's sulphur operations for West Texas. Mining of sulphur has been carried out by the company near Fort Stockton since 1968.

In October 1975, the company began construction to enlarge its district offices here to accommodate the expanding staff needed for exploration, production and mineral operations.

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Air age arrived here in November of 1911

In November 1911 Robert G. Fowler became the first man to land an airplane in Midland — an incident which kicked off the beginning of aviation in the city.

Fowler's historic flight also marked the first flight across the nation from west to east.

When Fowler set his plane down at the site of the old Midland Christian College, John V. Pliska, a Midland blacksmith, was spurred to continue with plans for building his own airplane. That plane took to the air for the first time in the spring of the following year.

Fifty-three years after the first flight of Pliska's plane, the Aeroplane Museum at Midland Air Terminal was dedicated, but Pliska did not live to see the new structure — he'd died in 1956.

A number of aviation old-timers were at the ceremonies Oct. 16, 1965, though, to view the glass and stone museum building and its contents.

Included in the facility is the story of aviation in Midland, beginning with Fowler's history-making flight here and continuing through the establishment of Sloan Field, the wartime operation of Midland Army Air Field and to the present modern Midland Air Terminal, called the "aviation hub of the Permian Basin."

Of special note in the aviation museum are Pliska's airplane with its Roberts engine, and the famed Norden bombsight of World War II, practice bomb at Midland Army Air Field during that war, plus dozens of panels depicting the history of Midland County, its industry and aviation.

The museum was made possible by Midland oilman and businessman George Abell and members of the Pliska family. The City of Midland was offered the Pliska airplane in 1962, and the museum structure had been financed by Abell, his wife Mrs. Gladys Hanger Abell and the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Among the persons attending the dedication ceremonies and contributing much to Midland's aviation history were: Harvey Sloan, who took over the operation of Midland's first airport after his brother Sam was killed in a plane crash in Colorado City; Hall De Garmo, the first manager at Sloan Field; Toney Bauer, who commanded the first Army Airways Station here and who later served at Midland Army Air Field; Harold Becherer, the first flight instructor at Sloan Field; Reinhardt N. Ausmus, who worked at Roberts Motor Co., which produced the power plant for Pliska's airplane, and Russ Anderson, from whose collection came the exact replica for the original engine used by Pliska.

The following story concerning the Pliska airplane is reprinted from the June 28, 1912, edition of The Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner.

"Unknown to the general public, for some weeks past Midland has been enabled to boast a flying machine that in all respects is equal to the best and handsomest of those that are built on the Curtis bi-plane pattern, and during these weeks Aviator Gray Coggin has been practicing and making ready for exhibition purpose to which use the machine will be put, commencing with the celebration at Odessa July 3rd and 4th.

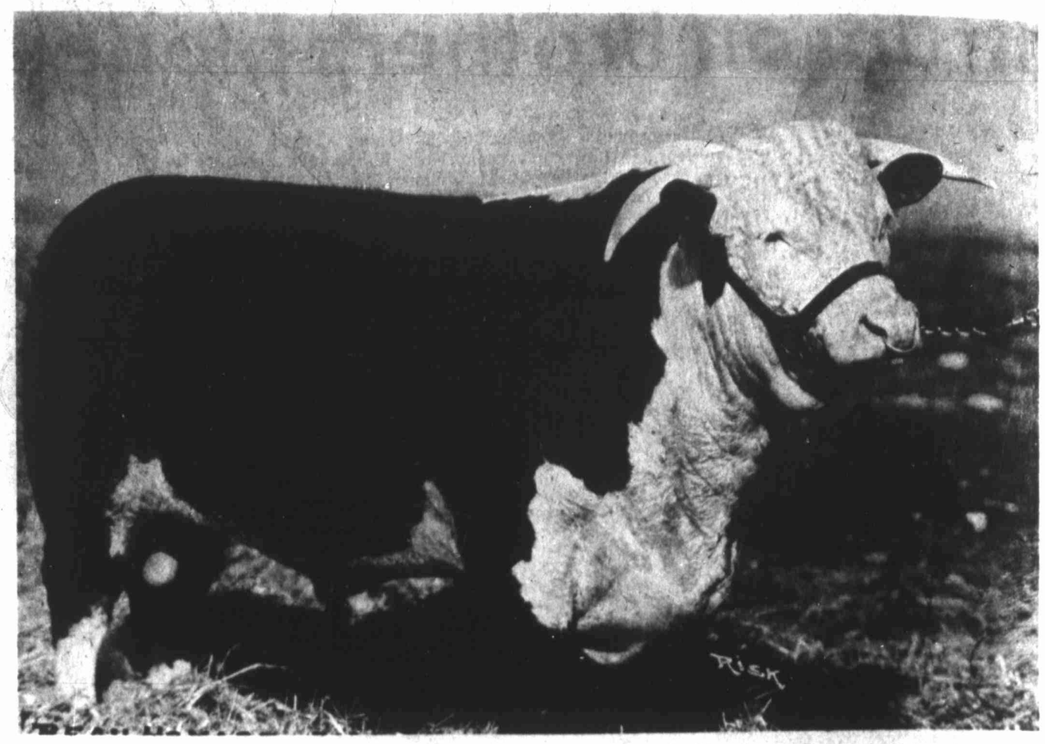
"The history of Midland's may be briefly told. When aviator Fowler stopped here last fall in his cross continent flight, Pliska Bros., blacksmiths of our city, and chauffeur Coggin at once became interested in flying, and began at once plans for the construction of a machine.

"Fancying most the Curtis plans they secured Curtis blue prints, and set to work. At odd times during these months their attention was undivided in the work of construction. They secured from the north such materials as they required. From a St. Louise concern, it being one of the best authorized and widely known aeroplane motor manufacturing establishments, they secured their motor, at a cost of $1,200, and this power is sufficient to drive their propeller at 1,200 revolutions per minute.

"After various and sundry delays, the machine was at last assembled and ready for a try-out about three weeks ago, and since that time the experiments of the owners have proven every point of view. Mr. Coggin, being most familiar with motor powers of this kind has taken the lead in aviation. He went to St. Louis for instructions, and he used the knowledge he has acquired in a careful and conservative way. As yet he has attempted no sensational flight, but has kept close to the gourd, familiarizing himself with the various workings of the machine and accustoming himself to its action and control.

"However he flies all right. To date most of his flights have been straightaway and not distant from the ground, which has been sensible and to be commended. At the same time he has proven that he can go as high as he wishes, and where. To this date he has mastered most of the troubles of the beginner, and his plans for exhibition flights are rapidly materializing, and success seems not distant to the three who are first in West Texas to attempt aerial navigation.

"This will help very largely in drawing a crowd to the two days of festivity at Odessa July 3rd and 4th as well as the big barbecue and well celebration which is to be pulled off at Mustang Ranch July 17th and 18th, to each of which big events the general public is cordially invited."



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MIDLAND COUNTY'S FIRST livestock were sheep, and it was not long after 1900 that the area became famous for its fine cattle. Beau Homage, a champion out of the **Henry M. Halff herd, took** grand champion honors at the **Texas,** Louisiana and Oklahoma state fairs.

Warfield Terminal 7 years old

Warfield Truck Terminal was organized in 1968 and opened for business in April 1969.

Situated on 12 acres southwest of Midland Air Terminal, Warfield offers complete truck service, showers and laundry, a restaurant with a seating capacity of 150 persons and a store featuring everthing from mud flaps to tooth brushes.

The truck stop is operated by Ed Roets who came to the Midland-Odessa area with 12 years experience running similar operations in Wisconsin.

The restaurant is managed by Lee Prescott and Robert Prescott who, with support from their family, have built a reputation for fine food that is known from coast to coast.

Warfield Truck Terminal contributes $250,000 a year to the area payroll and has become a landmark to travelers on Interstate 20.

The company that operates the Warfield Terminal was formed in 1968.

The original partnership was between H. W. and Richard Hinkle.

Richard Hinkle began his career in the oil business in 1929, pumping gasoline by hand at the old Bell Garage at Pecos.

He had moved there after being graduated from Moore County High School at Lynchburg, Tenn., joining his uncle, H. W. Hingle who then lived in Pecos.

The Bell Garage served as a parking and service facility for the Brandon Hotel. One of the regular patrons was a salesman for Standard Oil Co. of Texas, Bill Knox. Richard and Bill became friends, and shortly thereafter, Knox became U distributor for Standard in Pecos and hired Richard as bookkeeper.

Knox, a fellow Tennesseean, later opened a bulk plant at Monahans which Hinkle managed. The Standard distributorship became available in Midland in 1940.

H. W Hinkle and Richard Hinkle formed a partnership and bought the business. During the war years, the company furnished petroleum products for the construction of Midland Air Base and for the booming oil business in the area.

In 1952, a second bulk plant was opened at Odessa. In 1961, a son, Harry Hinkle, joined the firm and in 1965 the two bulk plants were merged at a location near Midland Air Terminal.

Then, the company was formed in 1968 to operate Warfield Truck Terminal.

New service stations and commercial facilities have been added and, most recently, the company has become the first in the area to offer computer-operated fueling to commercial and fleet customers.

The Hinkle property near Terminal has provided locations for new and expanding companies, including the DKT Co. (Coors distributors), Tretolite, Frito-Lay, Lone Star Steel and Morton Foods.

Richard Hinkle has been active in the Texas Oil Marketers Association, the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang, area chambers of commerce and is on the boards of directors of the Permian Basin Oil Show and the Texas Tourist Council.

Course offered

WATERLOO, Ont. (AP) — The University of Waterloo will introduce a new co-operative program in honors geography this fall, the university has announced.

Co-op geography students will alternate every four months between campus and jobs in government, public agencies and private locations to work in the area of geography.

PBPA organized in 1961

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association, an organization of independent oil and gas operators and merchants, was organized in Midland Aug. 26, 1961.

The association sponsors forums, symposiums and seminars and informs industry and the public about petroleum problems and advancements, and fights for the well-being of independent oil operators.

The current president is Robert A. Dean.

Ed Thompson is the executive vice president and manages office affairs.

Thompson is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a B.S. degree in journalism. He has been with the association 13 years.

Prior to that he published Drill Bit Magazine two years and for 12 years before that he was in public relations and advertising work.

Thompson serves on the National Natural Gas Supply Committee, the Oil and Gas Committee of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, the Legislative Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and on the Energy Committee of the West Texas Chamber.

He and his wife Billie Louise are the parents of three children.

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T. D. Jones stands by a 4-foot windmill he built.

—Staff Photo by Charles McCain

Midlander keeps alive old art of harnessing power of winds

By LYNN WELLS

Windmills provided power for farmers in the Midwest and West to pump water and grind grain, until they were replaced by more efficient methods in the 1930s.

According to T. D. Jones of Midland, the earliest windmills were made entirely of wood and were designed to last a long time. He said the wheels are now made of tin, and soon the towers will also be constructed of metal. He explained this is because flexible tree branches of uniform length and width are difficult to find, and metal lasts even longer than wood.

Jones, who lives at 1000 W. Kansas St., has built more than two dozen windmills of various sizes since learning the craft a few years ago at a senior citizens' center.

A windmill consists of a rotating, wind-driven wheel, which turns a gear shaft connected to the working parts of the machine.

The wind wheel has a number of evenly balanced sails, or vanes, which are mounted on a horizontal shaft. The wheel turns when the sails are struck by wind.

While windmills were believed to have originated in the Near East, an American — Daniel Halladay — introduced a wind pump in the United States in 1854. The pump was fabricated in steel by Stewart Perry in 1883. It was quickly adapted for world-wide use because it was inexpensive and reliable, although relatively inefficient.

American windmills, usually consisting of an eight-foot diameter wheel and a foot high tower, were smaller than the European versions. Their popularity was at a peak in the 1890s, when they vere used mainly to pump water on farms and ranches.

Within limits, the power of a windmill increases with the wind wheel's diameter. However, the power derived fron a windmill is small — about 5 h.p. in a 20 m.p.h. wind. They are most useful for performing tasks where intermittent power is required.

Most of these picturesque machines were eliminated with the introduction of internal combustion engines and electricity to rural areas in the 1930s.

Jones said it was several hours to build a windmill, the exact time depending on its size. The tree limbs he uses for the tower are awkward to work with because of their flexibility and the water pumping mechanishm is complex. All the parts must be fastened securely. "Many people don't realize they are so complicated," add Jones.

His windmills are in California, New Jersey, Alabama and North Carolina. They are also in Fort Worth and Fort Stockton and several other locations in East and West Texas. Jones usually gives his windmills to friends, but has sold them for up to $30, depending on the size.

Jones was born in Bell County in 1897, and moved to Roscoe in 1900. In 1907, his family bought an 80-acre farm in the vicinity of what is now North A Street. He recalled two lakes in the area that have since dried up.

He worked in the grocery business for many years, and as a youngster, he delivered 25- and 50-pound blocks of ice to homes for use in iceboxes. He and his son also operated their own butane business for 15 years.

He recalled a time in 1918 when he was on a bus, and began talking to a fellow passenger. Jones mentioned he was from Midland, and the passenger immediately replied, "You're from the Windmill City." Jones said there were so many windmills in Midland during the World War I era that Midland was known throughout Texas by that name..

Jones married his wife, Mamie, in 1918, after a four-year courtship. They have a son, A. W. Jones, who lives in Midland' and a married daughter, Jewella Hiett, who lives in California. Jones and his wife have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Midland has sure changed," reminisces Jones. "Things that happened then couldn't happen now."

Midland 'drys' up

By a majority of 11 votes Jan. 18, 1900, Commissioners Precinct 1 of Midland County went "dry," thus closing its colorful saloons.

Results of the election were canvassed Feb. 3, 1900, by the county commissioners as follows: For prohibition, 122 votes; against prohibition, 111.

The court proceeded that day to order the sale of intoxicating liquors be stopped in the precinct, "except wines for sacramental purposes and alcoholic stimulants in cases of actual sickness."

County Judge E. R. Bryan signed a certificate on the minutes to the effect that the election results had been published four successive weeks in the Midland Gazette.

Chamber in thick of things for 53 years

Talk about heing in the thick of things — that is exactly where the Midland Chamber of Commerce has been during its 53-year history.

It has planned the course and provided the leadership for community growth, development and betterment from its beginning, serving all the while as the city's nerve center for civic affairs.

The chamber has been involved in one way or another in most every noteworthy community project for more than half a century ... and it is doing the same thing today.

The chamber also has kept pace with the fantastic growth of the city, which it helped generate to a marked degree. The Midland Chamber of Commerce today is one of the largest, strongest and most influential organizations of its kind in the great Southwest.

Many of the growth, development and betterment factors which have made Midland the fine, progressive and important city it is today must be credited to its chamber of commerce.

The idea for Midland Memorial Hospital, for instance, came into being at a chamber committee meeting, with the chamber of commerce later contributing $1,000 to get the project off the ground.

Improved roads long have been in the forefront of chamber of commerce objectives, and many of the paved roads enjoyed today came about as a result of long and diligent effort of the Highway Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

The Midland chamber also took the lead in bringing commercial airline service to Midland. The now liquidated Midland Industrial Plan and the existing Industrial Foundation of Midland are offshoots of the chamber of commerce.

The chamber's Midland Area Sales Team stays hot on the trail of new and expanding industry, and allied interests.

Midland Fair, Inc., sponsor of the far-famed World Championship Midland Rodeos of other years, was created by the chamber of commerce, as was the Midland Jaycee chapter.

On more than one occasion, the chamber has taken the lead in organizing housing companies to erect houses to meet critical shortages.

In earlier years, it sponsored farm, ranch and petroleum exhibits at the State Fair of Texas and the Tulsa Oil Show, among others.

It took the lead more than 40 years ago in interesting oil companies in locating district, division, regional and headquarter offices here, and in providing office space and housing for the firms and their personnel.

For many years, the chamber prepared, produced and distributed up-to-date maps, on letter-size sheets of paper, showing all the oil fields within a 100-mile radius of Midland.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers Reunion is a creation of the chamber of commerce, which yet sponsore the biennial celebrations.

One of the early citywide paving programs was sponsored by the organization, which also sponsored a move calling for the consolidation of school districts within the county.

During the World War II years, the chamber served as the coordinating center for innumerable wartime efforts and projects. The chamber also was instrumental in the locating of Midland Army Air Field, the world's largest bombardier training school.

Stock shows, fairs, celebrations of various kinds and many other special events have been staged by this ever-alert, active and enthusiastic association, which is made up of and supported by individuals, firms and organizations on a voluntary basis.

The YMCA, the Salvation Army, various youth groups, the Youth Centers, sports and recreation units, clubs and groups of various kinds, all have been aided in one way or another by the chamber in their organizational stages here.

Midland College is one of the more recent institutions in which the chamber of commerce had a hand in launching.

The Goodfellows Christmas program for years was a special project of the chamber of commerce.

It also is recalled that the chamber played an important role in the organization of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

The list could go on and on, but this shows the many and varied activities in which the chamber has engaged.

Its day by day services to the public are too numerous to mention, but, needless to say, they keep a busy staff even busier.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce came into being as such in the spring of 1924, replacing the former Commercial Club which had served the community for a number of years.

Directors of the new chamber of commerce soon employed Paul T. Vickers, an Amarillo newspaperman, as its first full-time manager. He gained considerable fame for Midland throughout the state and nation through the conduct of a well-planned, far-reaching publicity-promotion effort.

Vickers resigned his post here in 1934 to become manager of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, where he served until his retirement more than 15 years ago. He died at McAllen about five years ago.

Mrs. Sallye Orson Covington served as secretary-manager from the time Vickers left until 1936, when she resigned to become business manager of the Ryan Hospital here.

W.H. "Bill" Collyns, now editor of The Midland Reporter-Telegram, became manager of the chamber of commerce in the fall of 1936, serving in that capacity until Nov. 1, 1946, with the exception of two years out for military service during World War II. It was during this 10-year period that numerous oil companies located their offices here.

James N. Allison, publisher of The Reporter-Telegram, and O.C. Harper, oilman, served as volunteer executive vice presidents during Collyns' absence in the military forces.

Collyns was succeeded in the office by Delbert D. Downing, now of Snyder, who served 15 years, until 1961. It was during this period that the big expansion in oil companies and allied interests occurred.

The late James Oxford, who came here from Paris, Tex., succeeded Downing as manager. He served about three years before resigning to enter private business in Oklahoma. He died two years ago while serving as executive vice president of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Tyler, the present executive vice president, followed Oxford, coming to Midland from Ohio 11 years ago. Increased oil activity and industrial development have highlighted his administration.

Howard "Rocky" Ford heads the chamber as president for 1976. Other officers are Harrell Feldt, Ray Moudy and Eugene Abbott, vice presidents, and R.L. Pendleton, treasurer.

Mayor Leon Goodman served the chamber as president for several terms during its infancy. His reign carried through 1930.

Other presidents through the years have been: Malcolm Meek (1931), M.C. Ulmer (1932-33), Dr. W.E. Ryan (1934-35), Clarence Scharbauer Sr. (1936), Marion Flynt (1937-38), Ed M. Whitaker (1939), John W. House (1940), James N. Allison (1941), R.M. Barron (1942).

Paul McHargue (1943-44), George Glass (1945), O.C. Harper (1946), John P. Butler (1947), Tom Sealy (1948), R.D. Scruggs (1949), Robert L. Wood (1950), S.M. Erskine (1951), Jack Wicker (1952), Joe T. Dickerson (1953), Bill Collyns (1954), Gerome Grayum (1955), R.W. Lewis (1956), C.K. Lowe (1957), James P. Simmons (1958).

Roy A. Minear (1959), Stanley C. Moore (1960), Murray Fasken (1961), Jim Allison Jr., (1962), John Younger (1963), Walter Beardsley (1964), C.M. Carothers (1965), William B. Blakemore II (1966), Thornton Hardie Jr. (1967).

Martin Allday (1968), L. Decker Dawson (1969), John M. Grimland Jr. (1970), C. Winston Barclay (1971), C.J. Kelly (1972), Charles Friddy (1973), K.M. Jastrow (1974), and William J. Mewhorter (1975).

The chamber was chartered as a corporation with the State of Texas on July 20, 1931. Members of the board of directors at the time included: Meek, George D. McCormick, Kenneth E. Ambrose, Ulmer, Elliott F. Cowden, M.R. Hill, Clarence Scharbauer Sr., W.I. Pratt, Jack Hazeltine, M.F. Peters, James S. Noland, J.O. Nobles, J.M. Speed, L.A. Arrington, John Bonner, B. Frank Haag, W.A. Yeager, Goodman, Harvey Sloan, R.M. Barron and Aubrey S. Legg.

Social event enjoyable day

From The Midland Reporter, Jan. 10, 1910.

"The doors of the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowden swung wide open Saturday afternoon when Mesdames W. H. Cowden and Jax M. Cowden entertained a large number of friends.

"To name the hostess is equivalent to saying everybody spent the time in a most enjoyable manner. To the strains of sweet music the guests mingled in social enjoyments. Misses Bernice and Kittie Cowden and Effie Hicks presided at the punch bowl.

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WTCC more active than ever after 58 years

ABILENE — The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which soon will celebrate its 58th anniversary, is more active than ever in serving its sprawling 132-county region.

It is the world's largest regional chamber of commerce, serving a region representing 54 per cent of the land area of Texas.

The chamber was launched in 1918 to coordinate action in behalf of the vast territory from Fort Worth to El Paso and from the top of the Panhandle to Del Rio.

Its program of work is well-balanced and far-reaching, representative of the region and its major resources.

WTCC's work program for 1975-76 is one of the most comprehensive ever — covering agriculture and ranching, cultural affairs, industrial development, information, local action, mineral resources, national affairs, state affairs, tourist and travel development and water development.

Committee reports submitted recently at a meeting of the executive committee at Fort Stockton revealed more activities under way than ever before.

Frank Junnell, San Angelo banker, presently is serving as president of the organization, which maintains headquarters at Abilene.

Other 1975-76 officers include W. H. "Bill" Collyns, Midland, president-elect; Jack Pilon, Brownwood, vice president-finance and membership; O. R. Clements, Odessa, vice president-program of work; Bob Corkins, Alpine, vice president-special events; Garnet Gracy, Abilene, treasurer; Burl B. Hulsey Jr., Fort Worth, chairman of the board, and J. Fike Godfrey, Abilene, executive vice president.

District vice president are E. W. Williams Jr., Amarillo; Douglas Boren, Lubbock; L. D. Jones Sr., Seymour; C. L. Cooke, Fort Worth; Cox, Abilene; H. D. Sutterlin, Midland; L. H. Koogle, El Paso; Richard E. Morrow, Fort Stockton; W. K. Ramsey, San Angelo, Bill Jamar, Brownwood, and Ben R. Low, Kerrville.

Executive committee members-at-large include R. E. Kennedy and Leroy Langston, both of Abilene; J. R. Beadel and W. Lee Watson, both of Brownwood; Mrs. Charles D. Tandy, Fort Worth, and Joe Collyns, San Angelo.

Its living past presidents include J. Carter King Jr., Albany; R. C. Jordan, Amarillo; F. V. Wallace, Amarillo; Hamlin Y. Overstreet, Farwell; Beeman Fisher, Fort Worth; B. E. Godfrey, Fort Worth; A. L. Scott, Fort Worth; Beverly King, Albany; C. W. Brown, McCamey; Emil C. Rassman, Midland; John Ben Shepperd, Odessa; E. H. Danner, San Angelo; Don Wooten, Abilene, and R. H. Nichols, Vernon.

Chairmen of standing committees are Dick Yeager, Vernon, Agriculture and Ranching; Thomas H. Barnett Jr., Fort Worth, Cultural Affairs; John A. Wright, Abilene, Industrial Development; Robert A. Nash, Lubbock, Information; Harry W. Clark, Midland, Local Action; L.H. Byrd, Midland, Mineral Resources; W.A. Griffis Jr., San Angelo, National Affairs; E. Bruce Street, Graham, State Affairs; Burvin Mines, Arlington, Tourist and Travel Development, and Bob F. Scott, Fort Worth, Water Development.

The organization also has more than 150 directors representing cities throughout West Texas.

Staff members, in addition to Godfrey, include: Edward H. Coltharp, Development; John Barnes, Membership; Stephen F. Smith, assistant Development; J.L. Martin Jr., Information; Mrs. Joyce Newman, office manager; Mrs. Joan Newberry, bookkeeper; Mrs. Thelma Scott, stenographer; Mrs. B.P. Kolano, stenographer.

The West Texas Chamber's 1976 annual convention is scheduled April 22-24 at Del Rio.

PLAYERS AND COACHES of the 1908 Midland baseball team pose with their bat boy on the steps of the Midland County Courthouse. The team took on all comers and, according to one oldtimer, had great success against teams from neighboring cities

Tom Brown operating revenues show increase

Tom Brown, Inc., a company engaged in contract drilling for oil and gas, reported total operating revenues of $22,345,901 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

The total represents a 40 per cent increase above the $16,000,856 recorded by the Midland-based company in the prior year.

Three of the company's four divisions recorded strong gains: contract drilling — up 33 per cent; oil and gas sales — up 60 per cent, and chemical division sales — up 63 per cent. Leased equipment rentals, the smallest segment of the business, declined by 10 per cent.

Improvement in earnings was even greater. Total operating income rose 73 per cent to $6,330,388. Net income after taxes increased 90 per cent to $6,395,916, or $2.15 a share.

The company's contract drilling revenues of $14,383,072 for fiscal 1975 reflects a $3,593,299 increase over the previous year. The drilling division's net operating profit before tax rose to a record $2,601,064 — up 94 per cent over fiscal 1974.

During 1975, the company expanded its number of rigs in the field from 16 to 20. Rig utilization was 93 per cent during the year, compared with 90.1 per cent in 1974. Rigs operated at maximum capacity during the fourth quarter of fiscal 1975.

During 1975, Tom Brown rigs drilled 414 wells. Of these, 169 were for two major oil companies, Gulf and Amoco, 221 for 20 independents and 24 in which the company had an interest.

Tom Brown, Inc., directors include Thomas C. Brown, president; Joe G. Roper, executive vice president; Tom W. Enochs, vice president; William A. Anderson Jr., Houston; D. Douglas Dudley, Norfolk, Neb.; A. G. Hamilton, Carlsbad, N. M.; Edward W. LeBaron Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Ivan J. Meyer, Basehor, Kan., and L. F. Peterson, Fort Worth.

R. J. DePaul is vice president-Exploration; John L. Oliver is vice president-Production, James M. Alsup is secretary, Regina I. Neill is assistant secretary, James B. Williams is the treasurer and George B. Christy is the assistant treasurer.

Tom Brown's headquarters are 315 Midland Tower Building.

Ford commends class

President Gerald Ford has sent a letter commending the first grade class of Mrs. Imogene Butler at Bowie Elementary School for its participation in the Bicentennial observance.

The class had sent a birthday card to the president in honor of the nation's birthday. The card, signed by each student of the class, was part of a social studies program. Copies of the president's letter were presented to each student.

VFW post serves area

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4149 has served the Midland area since 1946, while its auxiliary has served since its reorganization in 1973.

The post, located on Air Park Road, was the first post in District 25 to build its own home. This was done in 1956.

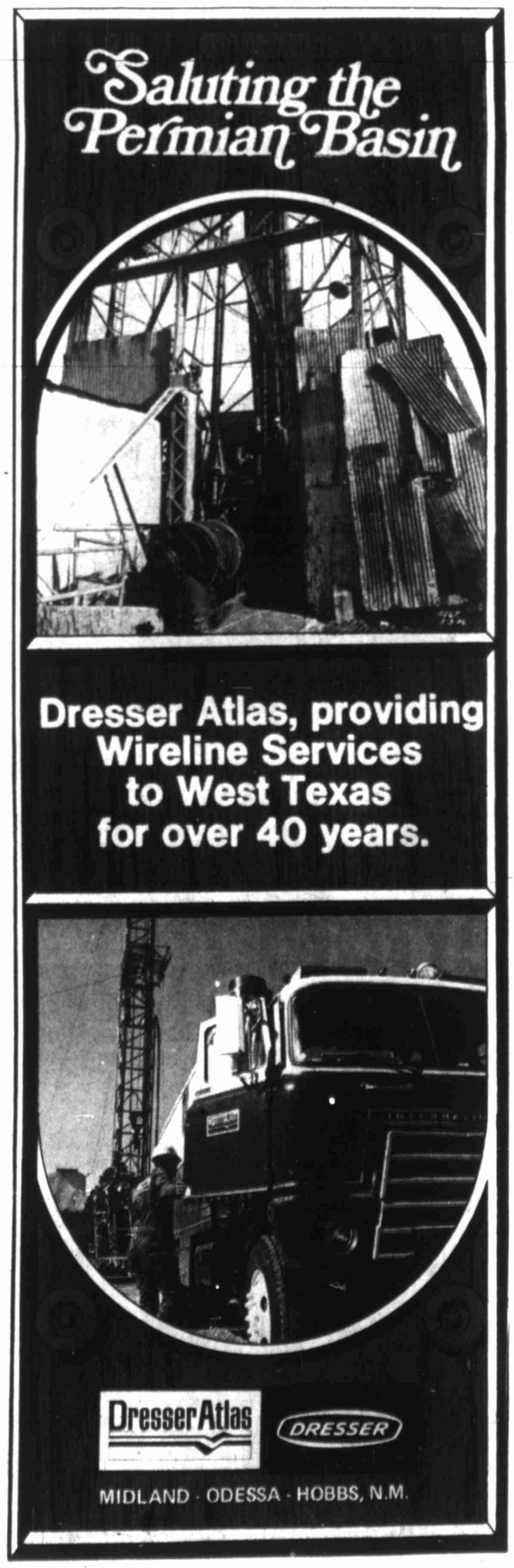
The VFW is a patriotic organization that fosters patriotism and allegiance to the Government, constitution and laws. The post extends the institutions of American freedom and equal rights to all persons.

Officers of the post are Pete Briggs, commander; Minter King, vice commander; Bill Ricky, junior vice commander; H. E. Hogfoss, quartermaster, and Dale Bolinger, chaplain.

Auxiliary officers include Mrs. Bill Ricky, president; Mrs. Pete Briggs, senior vice president; Mrs. A. Faulkenberry, junior vice president; Matilda Downs, secretary; Mrs. John Carter, treasurer, and Mrs. Jack Teston, chaplain.

The auxiliary is made up of mothers, wives, widows, sisters, half-sisters, daughters, foster daughters, granddaughters and grandmothers of VFW members who are United States citizens less than 16 years old.

The post sponsors ball teams, scout troops, bowling teams, helps in community activities and contributes time and money to other worthy organizations. It also helps veterans and their families when in need. Members go to the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring on the fourth Monday of each month to hold bingo for patients



City of Rankin founded on railroad route

By ANN CLARK
Rankin Historical Society

RANKIN — In 1901, the Orient Land Co. was formed for the purpose of building a railroad from Kansas City, Mo., to Topolobampo, Mexico, through San Angelo, following the Middle Concho River, Butterfield Trail and through Castle Gap and on to Horsehead Crossing.

When a rancher at Stiles refused to grant a right-of-way to the railroad, the route was changed.

This meant the death of the young town of Upland in Central Upton County, and ultimately, the birth of Rankin.

Upland was the dream town of rancher Henry Half. It had not developed to expectations, the reasons being poor soil, excessive summer heat, drought and inability to obtain water for irrigation. The final blow was the rerouting of the proposed railroad.

When the railroad was built, it came through the ranch of F. E. Rankin who called Midland his home — 11 miles south of Upland.

Rankin donated a half section of land to the raiload for a section house site and the expected future town.

The half section was dedicated Sept. 11, 1911, as the city of Rankin. The area became a tent city until houses could be erected.

The first house was in 1912, built for J. O. Love, a batchlor by contract Henry Ernest, an early day resident who also operated a freight line.

After the railroad depot was built, it became the center for railroad activities and a social and religious center as well.

Church and Sunday School were held in the waiting room until 1914, when the Orient Land Co. donated two lots to three men, each of a different domination.

A church was built on the land and dedicated as Rankin Union Church, but later was called Community Church. Ira G. Yates, a local merchant, made the first donation to the building fund and also was the first person to unite with the church when the dedication service was held.

The building was sold to the Methodist Church in 1929, torn down and a rock church erected on the old site.

The first post office was erected on the site of the present bank building.

The land agent in charge of getting people to come to Rankin offered the job of postmistress to Mrs. Will Nix, and she and her husband borrowed a wagon and made two trips to town from their ranch to bring all their worldy possessions.

The post office was in one side of the building. Will's Barber Shop in the other side, and they lived in the back.

Mail came from Midland to Upland and Rankin about three times a week by wagon.

The post office then served about 50 people in this area, and was the place, not only to pick up mail, but to greet friends and discuss current events.

John R. Johnson of Upland, bought out the Henry Halff store and hotel there, had the buildings skidded to Rankin and set up shot here.

Another early day merchant was Ben S. Taylor who settled in Sheffield in 1907 and operatoed a freight line between that settlement and San Angelo until May 1914 when he moved to Rankin and went into partnership with J. H. Felps in the mercantile business.

He later became sole owner and in 1920 erected a new building which was one of the first permanent business buildings in Rankin.

Cal Childres, who was married to Polly Hickox, a sister of Mrs. Nix, operated a blacksmith shop.

Other early day Rankinites were the Garners, O'Bryans, John F. Lanes, Schnauberts, Goerge Blanton, Pattersons, Massingills, Harlans and many others.

The first school in Rankin was a two-story building south of the railroad track, and nine pupils were in the first classes. They were taught by a Mrs. Hicks.

The first brick school building, a two-story edifice, was built in 1915, with ouside restrooms and drinking fountains.

It als served other purposes, including a storage place for court records that were moved from Upland. Court sessions also were held in the Rankin schoolhouse's auditorium.

An election was held in 1915 to move the county seat to Rankin and all records were then kept in the second story. There were 115 pupils enrolled in Rankin schools in 1916. The first dentist in Rankin was Dr. H. A. McDonald of Buena Vista, who set up office in 1913. Dr. Homer Powers came to Rankin from Fort Stockton in 1916 and lived first in what is known as the Duke Hill house until the Mosely house from Upland was noved down for him. He was the first County Health officer.

He was the first County Health officer, served on the school board and later was Tax Assessor. His home is one of the few Upland houses left in Rankin. Nineteen seventeen, '18 and '19 were very hard years; World War I, flu epidemic and extreme drought took its toll.

Many men took their stock to more favorable feeding grounds, many went broke, and many went into the sheep business. It was during this period that the first adults were buried in Rankin; Steve Schnaubert, 26 years old son of A. F. Schnaubert, first Sheriff of Upton County, and his wife Ella May died within a week of each other of flu complications.

The business district in 1918 was comprised of three general stores, a hotel and a building housing the post office, barbershop, tailor shop and confectionary.

The population in Upton County in 1920 was 253 as compared to 501 in 1910 and 48 in 1900. Before 1922, each family had their own windmills to furnish water, but in 1922, Ira G. Yates drilled two wells and put in a water system in the south part of town, and later that year R. C. Harlan drilled three water wells and put in a water system in the north part of town.

In 1923, Santa Rita No. 1 blew in and the Rankin and Big Lake area started coming to life; a chamber of commerce was organized with J. F. Collins as secretary.

In September, 1925 the George McCamey well came in and in October, 1926, Yates No. 1-A blew in. By this time, the population had doubled. Rankin was now a boom town. It was the unloading point of oil equipment to the Yates Field. Supplies came in from all points by rail and were loaded direct from the cars to trucks and throughout the day and night, one big truck after another made its way to the Yates field. Bonds had been voted in 1923 for a new courthouse and the climax of the boom came in 1927.

Saturday, June 4, 1927, was indeed a big day; The First State Bank opened its doors for business with deposits of $160,000 and by the following Wednesday, had jumped to $200,000.

The Yates improvement to the city, which consisted of a 60 x 175 foot swimming pool and a 3,600 square foot dancing pavillion, opened that day and more than 300 people went swimming and the dance hall was very crowded.

A celebration of progress was held June 15. The immediate reasons were: tripling of the population in the last six months; completion and occupancy of the $40,000 two story courthouse, constructed of white face brick, with jail on east end of second floor; other buildings completed or nearing completion were two story concrete office building by J. P. Rankin, housing the First State Bank; a large concrete building to house Rankin Motor Co. by J. R. Johnson and the Lone Star service Station of concrete, also a waterworks system by J. P. Rankin and R. C. Harlan and the expansion of electrical service. Under construction were two modern hotels; the Yates, a three story fireproof building of concrete and tile with 46 gueat rooms on the upper floors, half with baths and half with connecting bath, with space on the bottom floor for a cafe, drug store and offices; the Harlan, also a three story hotel of brick and hollow tile with 43 rooms, cafe, spacious lobby and room for three offices on the ground floor. Forty to 50 new businesses have been established, and not a failure.

Visitors started arriving by auto the morning of the celebration, but the program did not start until the special train from San Angelo with Mayor Holcomb aboard arrived. The delegation marched north on Main Street to the Rankin building, welcoming addresses were given by Dr. D. B. Smith and others. The crowd marched back to the Yates Addition and were served a feast of barbeque, prepared by Zack Monroe. The crowd then went to the ball park, where Allen Holder easily won both calf and goat roping. Other contestants were Frank Lane, John Yates, Hiram Harris, J. C. Webb, Ed Schnaubert and Bill Nix. After the contests, Odessa beat Rankin 8-7 in a ball game.

The 1915 school was not adequate, so in March 1928, an $80'000 bond election was held for a new school building, and only 105 votes were cast out of an estimated population of 4,000. A block of land was bought just north of the old building from J. W. Garner for $2,400, another block still further north for $2,500 and another block, less two lots for $1,900.

There were more than 300 students in school that year, but only two graduates, Mabel Lane and Clay Taylor, both from pioneer families.

Rankin was incorporated in 1928. The first mayor was R. C. Harlan, pioneer of Upton County, city secretary was Ray Willingham, and commissioners were David Elder and Grimm Taylor.

A Lions Club was organized with Dr. J. D. Singleton as first president. Things were looking very good for Rankin during those few years.

In a Nov. 1, 1928, Rankin development edition of the Upton County Journal, the question is asked, "Why shouldn't Rankin become a city?" When no oil was found close to Rankin, but closer to neighboring towns and a new oil field discovered in East Texas, people moved. The boom was over.

When school started in 1931, there were less than 250 pupils enrolled. There were 21 graduates in 1932, but the figure dropped to nine in 1933.

The depression years were hard years for Rankin, with the economy based on ranching again, and only a small amount

To round out the sports events, there was a wrestling match between Pal Fairbanks of Houston and Bill Smith of Lincoln, Neb., held in the big tent where the barbecue was held at noon. Speaking was scheduled for later, but the crowd dispersed, and this part of the program was cancelled.

The rest of the evening was spent dining, dancing and swimming. Bands that entertained at Skidmore's Plantation were Lawrence Welk, Louis Armstron and Jack Teagarden.

Upton County Journal, now Rankin News, was established by B. W. Barnes on Nov. 17, 1927. Harris-Luckett established a hardware and furniture store on South Main with L. Porter Johnson as manager. For a short time, until business leveled off and houses could be built, Rankin was again a tent city.

This increase in population was a real challenge to the school system. In 1925, the entire county was Ranking Independent School District, and when the new town, McCamey, had students that needed caring for, there was much confusion as to the division of tax money.

During the summer of 1927, both Rankin and McCamey school boards looked for men to untangle this situation. Rankin hired H. G. Secrest. His job was to clear up the trouble and to get the Rankin School classified and affiliated of drilling in the area. Banks all over the country were going broke — some in this immediate area — and deposits went down, but the First State Bank weathered the storm. The depression had no effect on the solvency.

The population in 1935 was estimated at 935, and in 1940 had dropped to 546. The World War II years took their toll of Rankin business men. Capt. H. G. Secrest went into the service, and John G. Prude, principal, became superintendent.

Lt. C. C. L. Burres, publisher and editor of the Upton County Journal, left the paper in the hands of his wife; Lt. John L. Clark closed his cleaning business, Major Roy R. Priest, attorney, closed his office.

Grady Boyd was the first Rankinite to make the supreme sacrifice, and in 1944, Willard Cope was killed in action.

Home Demonstration Clubs were organized and the women learned again to knit, preserve and make over and make do with much less.

When the war was over, many of the soldiers, sailors and Marines looked for greener pastures and Rankin's population declined. In 1946-47, school enrollment dropped to 150, with 11 teachers. Prude resigned and Hamilton Still became superintendent.

In December 1947, Mike Benedum drilled the No. 1-A A. L. Alford 12 miles northeast of Rankin to open the Benedum field, and Rankin's population began to increase. from two to 14 full time employes; Santa Fe and Western Union operated on a 24-hour bases, for the first time.

Now businesses were springing up overnight. Two lumber yards, William Cameron and Wallace Lumber Co. of Fort Stockton opened; other bew business enterprises in early 1948 included electrical appliances, furniture store, new Ford Theatre, and new City Cafe. The bank reported an average of 150 new accounts monthly.

The Lions Club reorganized and Business and Professional Women'a Club organized and ended its first year with 48 members.

Bonds were voted for a $125,000 Community Building, completed in the spring of 1949; other bonds were for a sewer system and water improvements.

Two large refineries, Slick-Urschel and Plymouth Oil with camps for workers, started construction in March, 1949.

Rankin Study Club was organized in 1949, and one of their first projects was the establishment of a library, which opened in June 1950. Fifth-three new homes, six duplexes and fifty-two apartments were completed and occupied.

The census in 1950 had jumped in 1,132.

A sour note in 1950 was when permission was granted by the Railroad Commission to discontinue passenger service west of San Angelo. Rankin again reverted back to the back or truck for mail delivery.

A hot day in August, 1951 was a very sad day; the body of Sgt. Stanley Holder, the son of a Rankin pioneer who was killed in the Korean Conflict was brought home and buried with full military honors by the Grady Boyd American Legion Post.

The economy was still on the incline; a new post office was built. L. Porter Johnson erected a modern 75-foot front department store, an elementary school with a cafeteria and a gymnasium was built, and in 1952, 550,000 in bonds were voted for a new two-story high school.

Up until 1952, Rankin depended on coal, oil and later butane for heat, but Joe W. Powell and Charles A Brown organized Rankin Gas Co. and Mrs. Jack Marshall was the first Rankinite to start "cookin' on gas."

In 1951, Halliburton Oil Well Servicing and in 1955 Western Acidizing set up shop. These two major companies brought to Rankin a different type of employe than the old-time oilfield roughneck. They were young and well educated, most with degrees.

Ladies Auxiliary faces challenge

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Tall City Post 7208 faces the challenge of tomorrow with only five years of experience and service.

Membership reflects the rising barometer of unswearing national patriotism. One hundred and thirty-nine members serve the multi-needs of veterans, non-veterans, community, state and country through effective national and state programs.

Tomorrow's leaders receive a helping hand along the way. Auxiliary and post members work with and for retarded and handicapped children, as well as all other children in the community.

During this past year, members gave more than 3,000 hours of volunteer service and contributed $18,000. Donations to Cancer Aid and Research Fund reached $2,500 in Midland, the largest response of any year and a 27.6 percent increase over last year. Approximately 2,000 persons, victims of cancer, shared grants from a $435,000 budget to ease financial burdens. Seventy thousand dollars was presented to further work of three cancer research centers.

Youth activities chairperson of the auxiliary always is on the go, spending up to 1,000 hours in planning activities and special programs for the youth.

The VFW's Voice of Democracy scholarship competition is outstanding in the state of Texas. Jeffery Sapyta, a student at Lee High School, was a Midland winner. soc/tuesday

Auxiliary members care by helping veterans and non-veterans The rehabilitation chairperson, Ann Harper, has served many hours in contributing gifts of fruit and other needed items to Midland's three nursing homes. Christmas and Thanksgiving contributions of food were given to 18 needy families.

Lives saved through Lite-a-Bike, Drive-to-Survive drug abuse education are immeasurable. Sponsored by the auxiliary, these programs are available to everyone.

Current auxiliary officers are Betty Smith, president; Jean Rankin, senior vice president, and Hattie Griffith, junior vice president.

Post officers are Walter Rankin, commander. Phil Bustamonte, senior vice commander, and Tommy Melton, junior vice commander.

Admirers excited

Andrew Jackson's admirers mobbed the White House after his inauguration and nearly wrecked its furnishings.

And, he was the first President to ride on a railroad train.

E. B. Bryan led school

E. R. Bryan was president of the first Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

That board had its first meeting April 15, 1907, and its first school opened that fall in a building that housed all grades.

Other members of that first board were B. N. Aycock, J. H. Earron, Bryan, J. A. Haley, Burl Holloway, C. B. McGonagill and T. S. Paterson.

July 20, 1907, Midland voters decided 59 to 6 in favor of $15,000 in school house bonds for "purchasing or constructing public fee school buildings of stone material and sites therefor."

Polo man in Midland

From the Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner Jan. 19, 1912:

Godfrey Preece, of New York, accompanied by his wife, has been in Midland for some time buying polo ponies.

He is making arrangements to ship out a car of choice ponies that he has lately purchased in and around Midland.

Foundation fulfills purpose

The Industrial Foundation of Midland, Inc., was organized nine years ago by the Midland Chamber of Commerce for the specific purpose of furthering industrial development in the Tall City and vicinity.

It has met with tremendous success in bringing new industry to Midland and in working with existing industry in expansion programs.

Organized in 1967, the Foundation soon thereafter purchased a 200-acre industrial site at the intersection of Holiday Hill Road and U.S. 80 on the western outskirts of the city.

The tract of land — Midland Industrial Park — has been developed into one of the finest and most attractive facilities of its kind in the Southwest.

The purchase and development of the park was financed through the sale of debentures to individuals, business firms and organizations of the community.

There have been two debenture issues, one for $400,000 and the second for $200,000.

Midland Industrial Park now is 98 per cent developed, with the necessary utilities, paved streets and a rail siding having been installed to serve the needs of the business firms located there.

The following firms have installations in the park at this time:

Levi Strauss & Co., Applied Mechanics, Engineered Concrete Placer, Inc., Byron Jackson, Texas Department of Public Safety, Scottish Inns Motel, Chaparral Pipeline, End Devices, Teraco, Inc., Worthington Corporation.

Dyna Drill, Inc., Western Pollution Control, The Ortloff Corporation, Village II Corporation, Tidwell Mobile Homes, United Parcel Service, Byron Jackson and Tri-Cities Bottling Co.

These firms provide approximately 900 jobs.

The Foundation works closely with the Midland Area Sales Team of the Chamber of Commerce in seeking out and contacting firms over the state and nation which might be interested in moving existing industrial plants to Texas or in erecting new plants.

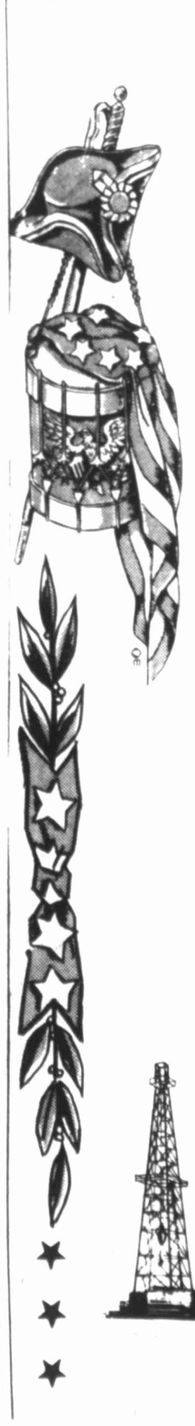
Negotiations presently are being conducted with several large firms with the idea of interesting them in locating plants here.

Al Hamilton served as the first president of the Foundation.

Martin Allday, attorney, presently is serving his second term as president.

C. Winston Barclay and John Grimland Jr. served as presidents between the Hamilton and Allday administrations.

Other presently serving officers include Howard "Rocky" Ford, Ed E. Runyan and Tony A. Martin, vice presidents; C.J. Kelly, treasurer; W.H. "Bill" Collyns, secretary, and Fred Tyler, assistant secretary.



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THIS AMBULANCE MADE emergency run Sept. 6, 1901, with President McKinley when he was shot by assassin. Hilton Clark of Midland is the owner of the picture. McKinley was shot while welcoming visitors at the Pan-American Explosition at Buffalo, N. Y., by Leon Czolgosz, an anarchist terrorist. McKinley died Sept. 14.

Box car used to house first Midland post office

The first post office was established in Midland, when the area was a part of Tom Green County. Date of the appointment of Charles H. Welch as postmaster was Jan. 4, 1884.

A week later, Henry A. Rathbun was appointed as postmaster of Warfield. In April of 1884, Gustav Barnhart was appointed postmaster at Germania, which was located 12 miles east of Midland.

Warfield's post office was open until March 1887, when it was moved to Midland. It reopened in 1909 and was discontinued Oct. 30, 1915. The Germania post office remained in operation three years and was moved to Midland in May 1887.

Midland County was organized in August 1885, and Bryan K. Brant was appointed postmaster Nov. 25, 1885, and served until January 1887, when Lizzie Davis received the appointment.

In 1904, a post office was established at Midkiff and remained open until March 15, 1911. In 1907, John N. Carson was appointed postmaster at Slaughter, which was east of Germania and three miles north of present Greenwood Community. The Slaughter facility was discontinued in 1912.

The first housing for the Midland post office was a box car, before the office was moved into a small frame building at 108 E. Missouri St. The first businesses in Midland were on Baird St. and remained there until a flood caused a move to Abilene Street (now Main Street). This placed the post office outside the center of operation, so H. N. Garrett built a post office building at the location occupied today by The Treasure Shop on Main Street. There were three employes, a postmaster, assistant postmaster and a clerk.

As Midland grew, the post office had to be expanded, and a building at 112 S. Main St. was leased. The office was relocated on the lower floor of the Thomas building, which was completed in 1926-27. It remained there until moving to the building at 114 N. Loraine St. in 1937. Branches were formed at Midland Air Terminal, Annex at 401 S. Main St. and at 2309 W. Louisiana St. The Graves Station on Wadley Street opened, and the 301 S. Main St. station closed. Mail delivery service to south Midland began in 1947, serving some 400 families on a route of 15 miles.

The Midland office was sectionalized in 1964 and additional space was required. The answer is the present Federal Building, the seventh location of the Midland postal services.

Of the 13 postmasters Midland has had, two have been women. Davis, who served six months in 1887, and Mary S. Ray, who served 10 years. The longest holder of the office has been Noel G. Oates, who was postmaster 17 years.

David Holster was appointed assistant postmaster May 31, 1959, and postmaster July 31, 1961.

Midland postmasters and the date of their appointments are as follows: Charles H. Welch, Jan. 4, 1884 (Tom Green County); Bryan K. Brant, Nov. 25, 1885; Lizzie Davis, Jan. 4, 1887; John W. Hollingsworth, July 19, 1887; C. P. Fuller, June 10, 1889; Henderson M. Morton, Aug. 26, 1893, and July 10, 1894; Theodore Ray, Oct. 1, 1897, Feb. 10, 1902 and May 22, 1906; J. Wiley Taylor, July 1, 1913; Mary S. Ray, May 5, 1922; John P. Howe, August 1932; Allen Tolbert, Dec. 2, 1936; Noel G. Oates, June 11, 1944, and Holster, assistant postmaster appointment, July 31, 1961.

Major scandal

BOSTON, Mass. — A major political scandal took place during the pre-Revolutionary period in the American Colonies that had repercussions in far-off London.

Samuel Adams, in order to discredit the Tory Governor of Massachusetts, released letters which Benjamin Franklin had sent him in confidence, containing opposition to British tax policies.

His letters caused the removal of Franklin as Royal Postmaster in the Colonies. Later, it was Adams who directed the Boston Tea Party.

We've got at least 40 Revolutionary soldiers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was written by Madeleine Dey Martin of Midland, a member of the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.)

The Institute of Texas Cultures in 1975 published a booklet entitled Texas and The American Revolution.

In the booklet are listed the names of 46 men, all of them reputed to have rendered some service in that conflict. The writer, however, does not agree with the entire list, but concedes that at least 40 are bona fide Revolutionary soldiers. To the list has been added one name, Charles D. Blalock.

Of the 40 or so accepted, most of them are of British colonial extraction — Irish, Scotch-Irish, Scotch, Welsh and English. Three are Frenchmen and two are Spaniards.

Burial sites have been located in 23 counties, the farthest west being Bexar, Collin and Dallas Counties. All of these men were very old at the time of their deaths. Twenty-two were past 80, four past 90, and three were more than 100 years old.

One of them, Jean Baptiste (Jonas) Chaison, was 109 when he died. John Abston, buried in Collin County, was 106, and Joseph de la Baume, buried in Bexar County, was 103.

Several Midland residents are descended from these American soldiers. Five are Mrs. R. D. (Lillian Hunt) Hanley, Mrs. Robert K. (Sadie Tillman) Hudson, Mrs. Solon P. (Marguerite Starr) Crain, Mrs. John F. (Charlene Smith) Younger and her son, Dr. Charles M. Younger.

The ancestors are, respectively, Charles D. Blalock, Benjamin Clark, Alexander Hodge and Stephen Williams.

Blalock, who was born about 1758 in Wake County, N. C., served 18 months in Captain Rains' company, Colonel Moore's regiment.

He was an old man when he moved to Texas to live with his son in what is now Harrison County. He died there and was buried in the family cemetery, Grange Hall, five miles south of Marshall. The date of his death is uncertain because the marker at his grave has no incription and the family Bible is not available.

Clark was born in Dobbs County, N. C., in 1758. He served 10 enlistments, probalby three months each, as a quartermaster sergeant and fought in the battle of Cape Fear.

A Methodist minister, he came to Texas for the first time in 1819. In 1833, he settled permanently in what is now Red River County and lived with his son, James Clark, for whom Clarksville is named.

Clark continued to travel and preach until his death in February 1838. He was buried in Red River Cemetery near Clarksville.

Alexander Hodge, one of Austin's Old Three Hundred, was born in Pennsylvania in 1760, but the family went to Edgefield, N. C., before 1776.

Enlisting as a youth, he saw action in the Carolinas under generals Francis Marion and Thomas Sumter. After the war, he went West. It was while he was living in Arkansas that he met Stephen F. Austin and decided to go to Texas.

With his wife, his sons and daughters and their families, he reached Austin's Colony in December 1825 and settled on the Brazos river in what is now Fort Bend County.

A planter, his property was known as Hodge's Bend Plantation and became a well-known stopping center between San Felipe and Brazoria. It is tradition that it was he who led the exodus of women and children from his part of Texas in what is known as the Runaway Scrape.

The party was encamped near the San Jacinto River April 21, 1836, and was within hearing distance of that battle.

Hodge died shortly after the exodus on Aug. 17, 1836. Burial was in what is now Hodges's Bend Cemetery near Sugarland.

The Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter, Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has erected a memorial gate at the cemetery entrance as a Bicentennial project.

The State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, are to place an official marker at the gravesite, and the Fort Bend County Historical Society, as its Bicentennial project, is renovating and restoring the cemetery. Dedication of these memorials will be May 12, and a group from Midland will attend.

As late as 1952, Stephen Williams was the only soldier of the American Revolution known to have been buried in Texas.

A blacksmith by trade, Williams was born May 9, 1760, in Robeson County, N. C. He served three enlistments during the Revolutionary War — one in Captain Allen's company in Gen. John Ashe's army; one in Captain Alford's company under Gen. Horatio Gates, and one in Capt. Edward Yarborough's company under Gen. Nathaniel Greene.

He fought in three battles, all of them major defeats. Briar Creek, in Georgia, is known as Ashe's defeat; Camden, in South Carolina, is known as Gates' defeat, and so disatrous was it that it ended Gates' military career. The last battle, Eutaw Springs, while not quite so disastrous, was still a defeat.

After the war, he lived a number of years in Georgia but about 1800 went to what is now St. Helena Parish, La.

During the war of 1812, Williams guarded naval installations on Lake Pontchartrain. After the death of his wife in 1824, Williams lived with his daughter, Mrs. Michael (Elizabeth) Dailey.

When they came to Texas in 1830, he was with them.

They stopped at Devil's Settlement in what is now Jasper County.

When trouble with Mexico seemed imminent, Williams went with Martin B. Lewis' company as an ordinance sergeant to San Antonio where he participated in the Siege of Bexar, Dec. 4-9, 1835.

The siege marked the third war in which he had taken part.

With him were four grandsons — Stephen Williams Jr., Richard Williams, Jackson Youngblood and Lt. William Allen. The last man listed is the great-grandfather of Mrs. John F. Younger.

Williams died at his home three miles southeast of Jasper in 1840 and was buried in the family cemetery.

In 1928, the Colonel George Moffett Chapter, DAR, of Beaumont placed a marker, furnished by the State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, on the courthouse lawn at Jasper in his memory. In 1936, the State of Texas erected a Centennial marker at his homesite.

Tall City has managed to keep 'racy' secret

For an outfit that makes worldwide headlines, it's one of the Tall City's best kept secrets.

It isn't until Brian Redman pilots one of its products to a victory in a Formula 5000 series race that folks become aware of just what they are doing at Jim Hall's Chaparral auto works and Rattlesnake Raceway.

Hall first burst upon the American racing public like a matinee idol when his famed Chaparral, with its revolutionary automatic shift, won at Sebring and just about everywhere else that was any place on the auto racing circuit in the mid-1960's.

Hall was the subject of cover stories in Newsweek and Sports Illustrated as well as foreign publications.

IN THOSE days Hall was in partnership with his brother, Chuck, and Hap Sharp and rumors were that the Chaparral venture was secretly backed by General Motors, which caused one cynic to observe, "If GM were involved would they really turn over such valuable machinery to a Doberman-Pincer named Mark to guard it.

Hap and Jim were the drivers of the Chaparral at the big races in the U.S. and turned it over to Phil Hill or Joakim Bonnier for the races at Nurburgring or LeMans on the European circuit.

"It took me three days to do 30 laps at Nurburgring just learning the turns while Hill and Bonnier probably done 1,000 laps at Nurburgring.," Hall once explained.

NOW, 10 years later, Sharp is out of racing completly and Hall's driving days ended with a crackup at Riverside resulting in a long hospital convalesence, time, which incidentally, didn't go to waste.

During that time, Hall drew plans for the controversial ground effects car which used an auxiliary motor to suck the car tighter to the road, giving it superior traction. However, after the "Vaccum Cleaner," as it was dubbed, was outlawed in 1971, Hall dropped out of the limelight until the last couple of years.

DURING 1974, Research Fuels cosponsored the Redman Hall team, but since then Boraxo sponsors the Carlton Beal owned car driven by Redmam and prepared by Hall, the man behind the man behind the wheel.

Hall believes the Formula 5000 type competition is the coming thing in auto racing. "It's so much less expensive than the USAC (United States Auto Club)."

The Formula 5000 gets its title from the fact that the are limited to 5000 cc. It is a production engine, pushrod operated with valves. There must be a maximum of two valves per cylinder.

The 305 Chevies used by the Midland-based team can attain speeds of 180 mph, compared to 250 to 200 mph by USAC supercharged engines.

THE USAC costs, however, are prohibitive.

The automatic shift, which was successfully developed by Hall and made his Chaparral the talk of the sports world, is missing, since the conventional English five-speed shift enables acceleration from a standstill to 100 mph in six seconds.

"Another reason," points out Hall, "It isn't permitted in Formula 5000 racing. It's very restrictive and rather than innovations, in detail development. What you do is outprepare the opposition and then turn it over to a driver like Brian to carry it out."

It's the trend toward Formula 5000 racing that Hall hopes will one day bring the Indy 500 "Brickyard" within financial reach.

IN THEIR first two years in business, the Hall-Redman combination compiled an enviable track record. "We completed 28 races and failed to finish just one race in a class where the ratio of non-finishers is high," pointed out Redman. During that period the team racked up 20 firsts and six seconds.

Dissatisfaction with the foreign cars he borrowed to race prompted Hall to start designing his own and he did a good job. He discovered "accidentally" just how good a job he was doing in a race at Mosport, Ontario, in 1964.

Hall hit an oil slick and the Chaparral sailed through a guard rail, attained cruising altitude for a few seconds and then crashed with a roar...on top of Hall.

FELLOW DRIVER Dave McDonald, who went on to win the race and later in a crash at the Indianapolis 500, did notice that Hall's hands never left the wheel, even coming out of the slowest turn.

Before he died, he repeated what he saw and soon disbelieving rival drivers were snooping around. "Are you using an automatic gearbox?" asked Dan Gurney.

"I'm not going to tell you," said Hall, "but you ought to be able to tell by listening."

However, the skeptics didn't think it could stand up to the ordeal or the tough grind. Then a year later at the 12 hours of Sebring, Hall, the Chaparral and the automatic trasnmission became the biggest thing in racing by breaking the long-time stranglehold the Ferrari had had on the Florida race.

WHILE HALL cars continue to make news all over the world, it's a result of what transpires at the track looped over mesquite covered hills south of Midland, a track many Midlanders aren't even aware of.

It's called the only privately owned race track in the world and it isn't just any old practice track. Hall and Sharp designed it to incorporate many of the twists and turns the Midlanders encountered in driving some of the most famous tracks in the United States and Canada.

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Upton County history varied, interesting

RANKIN — Upton County, important in the early development of the sheep and cattle industry in West Texas and later one of the most important counties in the area during the early development of the oil industry, was named after two brothers, John Cunningham Upton and William Felton Upton.

John Cunningham served as a colonel in the Fifth Texas Regiment of Hoods's Brigade during the Civil War and was killed in the Second Battle of Manassas in Virginia in August 1862.

William Felton served as a lieutenant colonel in the Confederate Army in Texas and later served in the 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th legislatures of Texas.

A large granite marker on the lawn in front of the courthouse at Rankin commemorates the two Civil War veterans. It was dedicated in 1963.

Upton County was one of six created out of Tom Green County in 1887 and it was officially organized in May 1910.

The first county seat was established at Upland in 1910, and the first courthouse was built in 1911.

When the railroad was routed south of Upland instead of through it, as the citizens had expected, the town "folded up."

Rankin was made county seat in 1921 and was named for F. E. Rankin of Midland who gave the site for the railway station. Several generations of his descendants have resided in Rankin.

As early as 1870, open range cattlemen had penetrated what is now Upton County, but until 1925 not more than 500 people had ever lived in the area at one time. After oil was discovered in the southwestern part of the county in 1925, the population soared upward, then as the oil boom died, the popupulation just as quickly dropped. Today there are about 5,500 people in the county.

There are only two cities in the county's 1,312 square miles — McCamey, where oil was first discovered, and Rankin.

Rankin had its beginning as a settlement in the ranching country. This semi-arid land was overrun by wild horses and cattle, and it lay open for range purposes. Horse and cattle ranching, then sheep, dominated the economic growth and development of Rankin and the surrounding area until the discovery of oil. Today, the ranching industry still comprises a large part of the county's economy, as well as the oil, natural gas plants and oil well service industries.

The oil industry in Upton County is not limited to the exploration and production work. Plants have been built to produce butane, propane, butadiene, gasoline and ethane.

The county is 31.8 miles wide and 36 miles long, forming a rectangle. The northern two-thirds of the county is flat.

Several mesas are prominent in the south half — King Mountain, the largest, Castle Mountain, Bobcat Hills, Rattlesnake Butte, Square Top Mesa, Flat Top Mesa, Table Top Mesa and many others.

The elevation of Upton County ranges from 2,400 to 3,140 feet.

The soils of the county are mostly sandy, with limestone formations. The native vegetation consists mainly of mesquite, greasewood, catclaw, wild china, mountain redbud, various species of cactus, agave, Yucca, blue sage and a variety of grasses.

Forty-two of the 96 kinds of cactus grow in Upton County.

Many fossils have been found in the limey formations atop the mesas, in dry creek beds and gullys. Several fossil collections are displayed in the Mendoza Trail Museum at McCamey.

Many relics of the forerunners of the county, the Indians, have been found in the area. The remains of numerous Indian campsites are prominent.

There are many places of historical interest in the county and 26 of them are recognized by official Texas historical markers.

One place in particular is interesting — the famed Castle Gap, partly in Upton and partly in Crane County. This was a landmark and famous pass for the Indians, Spaniards, stage and trail herd drivers, settlers and '49ers.

And, for many years, West Texans and others from many areas of the United States have searched for Maximilian's treasure which legend holds is buried in the Castle Gap area.

Long before Upton County had its first permanent settlers, history regards that the area was crossed many times by explorers, monks, cattlemen, and many Indian tribes.

It is believed, and there are scattered records to back up the belief, that Franciscan monks used Upton County as part of their trail between San Antonio and Santa Fe, N. M., settlements in which they had major missions.

Ther trail through Upton County is beleived to have passed through Horsehead Crossing, Castle Gap, Wild China Flat and Flat Rock, all within the county's boundary.

Maps published as early as 1856 show such a trail.

That same year, court records show that salt was hauled from Lake Cordona in Crane County across Upton to San Antonio.

With the discovery of gold in California, there was a great need for beef from Texas and Mexico. The trails across Upton were links between eastern states and the West Coast. By the 1860s and 1870s, wagon trains with their families were moving cattle west along old Indian trails through the county.

Records show burials were made at Castle Gap during that period and that a few years later settlements were made between the gap and Horsehead Crossing.

During the time from 1874 to 1889 when Upton was part of Tom Green County, Charles Goodnight opened up the Goodnight-Loving Trail, extending from the San Angelo County through Upton County and on to Colorado.

In 1874, M. Halff and Brothers from San Antonio drifted Longhorns northward from Marathon toward the Pecos River and thence eastward along Howard Draw and the J. M. Draw and Live Oak Creek. In the 1880s, the Halffs leased 800,000 acres north of the Pecos in what is now parts of Midland, Upton, Reagan and Glassock counties from the state.

Air Terminal opened in '28

Midland Regional Air Terminal dates back to 1928, when a small airport near Terminal's present site first opened for business.

World War I pilot Sam Sloan is credited with establishing that initial airport facility. The airport became operative after Sloan had asked for a public subscription to grub and clean a suitable landing field and build a small steel hangar. That hangar is still in use on the southeast corner of the present airport.

The City of Midland got involved in the airport business July 1, 1939, when it acquired from Midland Airport, Inc., 222.97 acres of land, a 1938 two-door Chevrolet sedan, several stucco and frame structures, a metal hangar, a 17,500-gallon underground storage tank and several minor pieces of personal equipment, formerly belonging to pilot Sloan, sold for $14,000.

As the airport business grew, the city was deeded 1,328 acres of land near the airport by Clarence Scharbauer Nov. 27, 1940, and July 1, 1941. The city immediately began a $125,000 project which included construction of two 4,500-foot runways, a new tower on the terminal building and lighting on the runways.

An all-out effort by city officials and civic leaders led to the establishment of a bombardier training school in June 1941. The largest bombardier school in the world, the Midland Army Air Force Base was built at a cost of $5 million and operated until late 1946. At the same time, a new civilian airport was constructed north of Midland — currently the site of Midland Airpark.

Sloan field was a popular landing spot for the world's greatest flyers.

Files of The Reporter-Telegram show that such illustrious personalities as Charles A. Lindberg, Amelia Earhart, Wiley Post and Will Rogers, Gen. John J. Pershing and almost all of the flyers attempting transcontinental flights used the field.

The facilities at Sloan also were used by the Army Air Corps and the Navy Air Corps as a fueling base.

The modern Air Terminal got a big boost in 1949 when the Midland City Council under mayor R. H. Gifford approved a resolution to accept the terms of a contract furnished by the U.S. government under which the city could retake Midland Army Airfield.

Work was started on a $700,000 terminal building in August 1958 and all tenants moved into the facility the next January. Runways 10 and 16 were reconstructed and extended in 1962-63 and a new airport lighting system was installed, all at a cost of $1,635,000.

In July 1966 a contract was let for the reconstruction of 115,000 square feet of ramp area immediately in front of the terminal building for further speed of ground operations. A high-speed taxiway and new taxiway complex were built for $360,000 to feed Air Carrier planes in the reconstructed area.

Wilson Banks, City of Midland aviation director, said a comparison of control tower operations from 1960 to the pre. sent would best illustrate the growth of Air Terminal.

In 1960, Continental airlines recorded a total of 77,808 boardings at Midland Air Terminal, while Trans-Texas Airways, now Texas International, had 2,062. By 1965, the figures had jumped to 111,368 for Continental and 19,410 for TI.

Control tower operations were 74,201 in 1960 and had increased to 105,609 five years later.

For the fiscal year of 1970-71, Continental registered a total of 133,882 boardings, and Texas International listed 26,569. For 1974-75, the last fiscal year recorded, Continental had 207,255 boardings, while TI had 22,149. (For three months of that year, TI employes were on strike and no planes were flying.)

Control tower operations registered 123,462 in 1970; 130,830 in 1971; 113,090 in 1972; 112,607 in 1973; 119,558 in 1974, and 100,314 for the first nine months of 1975.

Sears here in '59

Sears Roebuck & Co., one of the largest retail merchandise sales organizations in the world, has had a store in Midland since 1959.

Located at Cutbert and Midkiff streets, the Midland operation serves this city and many others in the Permian Basin region.

This year, Sears Roebuck is celebrating its 90th anniversary. The first store was opened by Richard Sears and Alva Roebuck in 1886.

Z. D. Hill is the manager of the Midland store. A native of Shreveport, La., he attended High School at Marshall and was graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.B.A. degree.

Hill has been with Sears Roebuck 27 years. He and his wife Alvina have four children, Sharon, Linda, Zachery Jr., and Cynthia.

Hill is a member of the Rotary Club, is past co-chairman of the Retail Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, currently serves as the Rotary attendance Committee and is a member of the Lutheran Church Council.

Rawlins once Gazette owner

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter from John C. Harlowe, a printer for the Midland Gazette in the early 1900s, to Ann England, a former employe in the Reporter-Telegram's society department.)

Albert Rawlins was originally from England and came to Texas in the 1880s. His home was out from Midland about one mile from the main part of town. I do not remember the direction, but it ran straight out from the Rail Road through Main Street. He had 20 acres of land. I think he owned the Gazette about 1890, and about 1900 it was completely burned out. I do not know for sure, but believe he started the paper from the beginning as I never heard anyone else mentioned. It was located about four blocks from the main part of town straight out from the Railroad station. He published the paper about 15 years and when I left, a man who had started a paper at Stanton, Tex., and was not successful came to work for Mr. Rawlins. I do not know how the paper was disposed of. Whether it was sold or suspended publication, but think it was suspended.

The plant consisted of a Washington Hand Press and four news cases of ten point type with some display type — some of which was made of wood. The only other personnel was when a tramp printer would drop by on his way to the far West, which was quite often in those days. It was all hand set and published weekly. It was not the only paper in Midland at the time as the Midland Reporter was being published weekly.

Charles Watson was the editor of the Reporter. It was hand set also. Both papers had and did job printing, but the Reporter had a Babcock Cylinder Newspaper Press and two Job Presses run, I think, at the time, by gasoline engines; which I envied very much as the Gazette's Job Presses had a foot treadle. I have nothing in the way of clippings. If I remember both papers were five column pages and I think eight pages. However, the Gazette used patent inside printed by the Western Newspaper Union sent each week from Dallas.

There was not much display advertising except when the merchants put on sales. I do not remember the advertising rates, but subscription price was $1 a year. I think we had between five and six hundred circulation. There were no classified ads. Rawlins was not a trained newspaper man, but thought West Texas a potential fruit and farming section.

Stanley S. Beard

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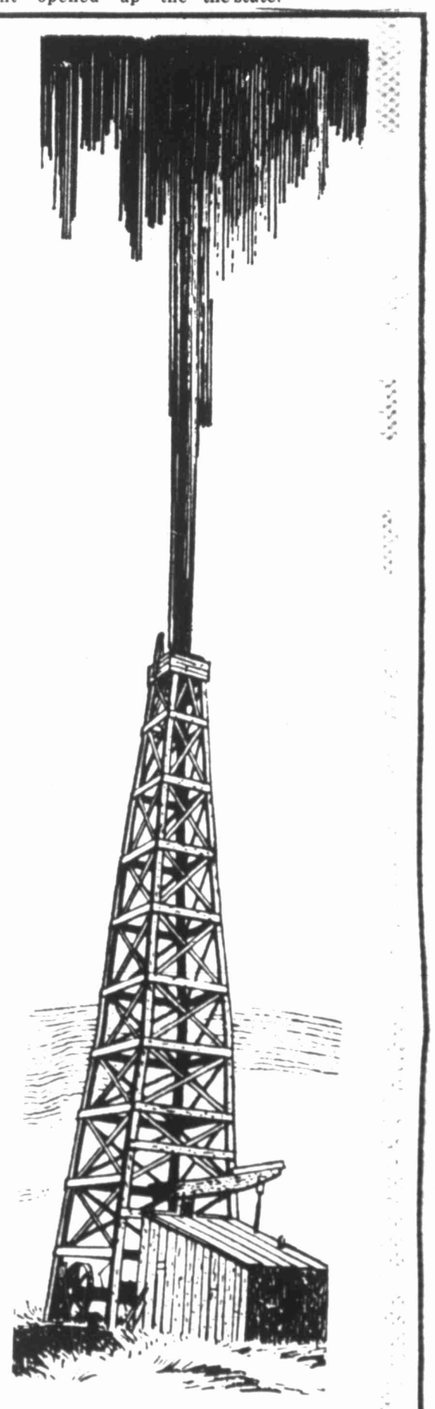

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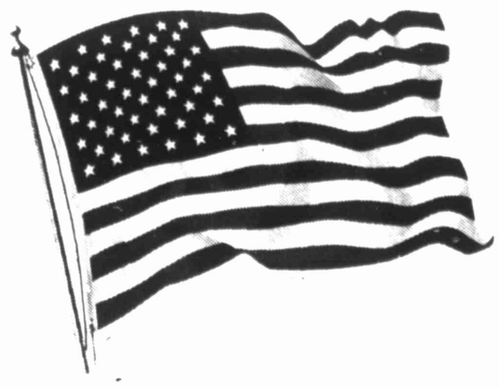

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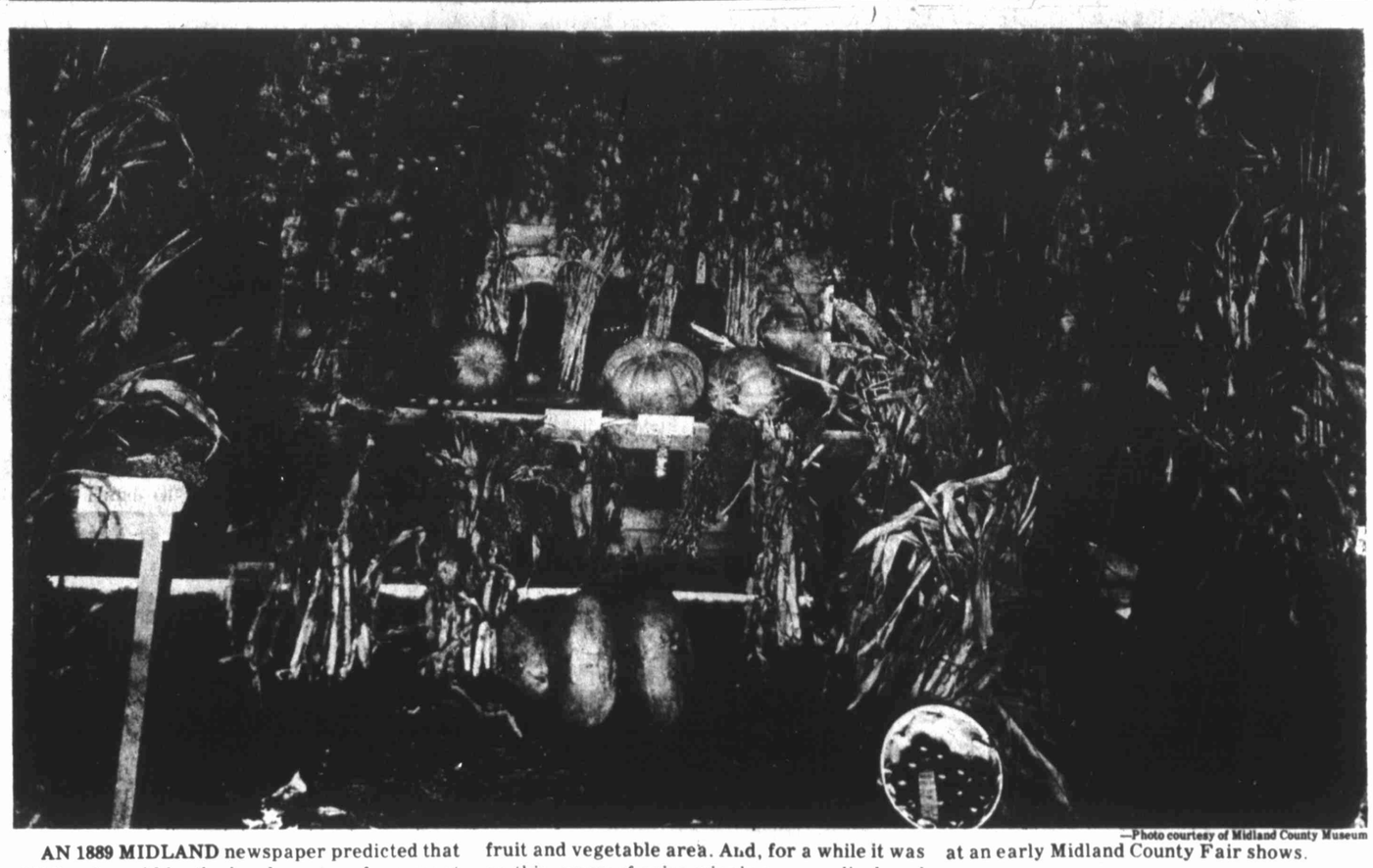

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AN 1889 MIDLAND newspaper predicted that Midland would be the headquarters for a great fruit and vegetable area. And, for a while it was as this array of prize-winning crops displayed at an early Midland County Fair shows.

Dr. Bailey first to practice medicine in Midland County

Feb. 28, 1885, a special act of the Texas Legislature permitted the organization of Midland County from the Sprawling Tom Green County.

The county was officially organized June 15, the same year, and less than five months later, in October, Dr. W. E. Bailey took out license to practice medicine, thereby becoming the first real doctor to set up practice in Midland.

And, he remained the counties only doctor for 14 months. A graduate of the School of Medicine at Philadelphia, he bought property here in 1887, and records show that he sold it in 1906.

Records show that the second doctor here was Dr. M. S. Posey who came Dec. 27, 1886. He was followed July 9, 1887 by Dr. R. E. Houghton. Not much is known about Dr. Posey, but it has been learned that Dr. Houghton came here from Odessa.

It is Dr. Houghton that errected a 20-room sanitarium at Odessa. He had been in Odessa only a year before coming to Midland. Before his move to Odessa he had practiced 37 years in Indianapolis, Ind.

He lived at 800 E. Indiana St. a number of years and operated a small hospital in his home. T. R. Voliva bought Dr. Houghton's house in 1894.

The fourth doctor to arrive in Midland was Dr. J. B. Stone, a graduate of Rector College. He came here from Mitchell County Aug. 8, 1887. For a short time he served as county health officer, resigning the post Nov. 27, 1887.

The next physician to register was Dr. George W. Elliott, who remained a Midlander 20 years. He participated in the organization of The First National Bank of Midland in 1890. He is credited with designing and patenting a well-used physician's saddle bag. He died in 1910.

Dr. Wickliff K. Curtis obtained his Midland County license Dec. 31, 1891 and had a long and distinguished career here which ended with his death in 1926. Dr. Curtis had his home and office where the Midland Hilton is being built.

Dr. Curtis served as the Texas and Pacific Railroad doctor and also as the county health office in 1898. In that same year, Dr. Curtis was a director of the Midland Enaar Institute which offered treatment for liquor, morphine, cocaine and tobacco habits.

He was active in civic and church affairs 35 years here and was elected a trustee of Midland Christian College in 1910.

In 1893, Dr. Luke Pryor Allison and Dr. Ezra E. Bickaron were granted licenses to practice here. While serving as county physician in 1897, Dr. Allison ordered a rigid quarrantine against the home of a Mrs. Dillard.

Dr. Jesse W. Woolridge was the only doctor to move to Midland in 1894 where he set up practice at 510 W. Iowa St. (now Wall Street.) He practiced here 31 years and died in 1925.

Richard E. Flower, a graduate of the University of Ohio Medical School, and Dr. George Harwood, moved to Midland in 1896. He was a graduate of the Edinburgh, Scotland, and served in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

Dr. Ruben D. Burrow and Dr. Edwin Calloway continued the migration of doctors to Midland, both arriving here in 1888.

Dr. Calloway practiced here until his death, Nov. 13, 1934. His office was at 214 N. Abilene St. (now Main Street.)

A case handled by Dr. Calloway in 1902 may not be typical of the medical practice in those days, but it does show that doctors, as well as the ranchers and sheepmen had to have a lot of fortitude and an glowing pioneer spirit.

He was called to see Mrs. B. A. Oden at the Bar 2 Ranch. It was necessary to bring the patient to Midland for treatment. Dr. Calloway had the ranch hands to cut mesquite brush and fill a wagon bed. On top of the brush were placed bed springs and a mattress. The patient, with the doctor at her side, was driven to Midland in that improvised ambulance.

There were no nurses here in those days, so Dr. Calloway used Bob Baverly, the sheriff, to administer choloroform when he had to perform emergency surgery.

For the first time in the history of the county, four doctors registered in the same year. That was in 1899, and the doctors were William Tanner, William D. Littler, Newnie H. Ellis and Charlotte Bergman.

The records do not show whether Dr. Bergman was a man or woman, but it is believed that she was the county's first woman doctor.

Dr. Ellis was first granted a temporary license which was made permanent when the State Medical Board met in February 1900.

July 21, 1903, Dr. Ellis was issued an embalmer's license and in 1907 he received his pharmacist's license. Dr. Ellis died, along with his wife, of meningitis during an epedimic of that disease when he was 52 years-old.

Dr. Felix P. Miller came here in 1900. He was a graduate of The University of Texas Medical School and here he became associated with Dr. Curtis. After three years he moved to El Paso and once served as the president of the Texas Medical Association.

The following is quoted from a letter written by Dr. Miller to Judge William L. Kerr of Midland in 1954 about the experiences of the pioneer doctor:

"Before the day of the automobiles, doctors used horses and buggies. For long trips we usually hired teams from the livery stables. In places on the T&P Railway we could use the freight trains and by special permission from the superintendent we could ride in the caboose.

"Typhoid fever, smallpox and diptheria and other infections were the prevailing medical diseases. All physicians were obstetricians and surgeons. There were no hospitals, laboratories, or X-rays available. The kitchen table, the folding top of a sewing machine, were ideal for operating tables. Electric lights were not available. Ether was not available or safe to use near a flame, so chloroform was more suitable and safe. Any cowboy, housewife or the patient could use it under directions from the doctor.

"Placed in a large globular ice tea glass, with a ball of cotton in same, the patient held the glass and several drops of chloroform were placed on the cotton. As the patient felt the pain leaving, the hands relaxed and the ice tea glass rolled away. When the patient moved his body an attendant again dropped in the choloroform and the patient quickly placed the glass before the nose and mouth. He did not require any urging to 'breath deep' or blow the vapor out as the physician knew a deep breath and sleep would soon come — at that early date a wood stove and a wash boiler served as a sterlizer. ONT spool thread, boiled and handled, would tie the bleeders and sew up the wound."

In 1902, Charles E. Hartsell was issued a license to practice, however three others registered in Midland County. They were Joseph Doley, A. B. Staten and D. R. Robinson.

Research has learned very little of these four, but records do show that Dr. State married Lillie Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edgar Cowden, a pioneer Midland ranching family.

Dr. Robinson was from Lamesa and it is possible he registered in Midland because Dawson County was not organized until later.

Dr. Woods W. Lynch came to Midland in 1904, and six months later Dr. John B. Thomas arrived in 1905. Dr. Lynch opened his office in the building that Dr. Curtis had formerly used, and he was joined by Dr. Thomas.

They bought a static X-ray machine, probably the first in this area. The purchase came only 10 years after the invisible ray was discovered.

Dr. Lynch enlisted for service in World War I and while training in Alabama he died. The American Legion Post here was named for him.

Dr. Thomas was born Jan. 31, 1878, at Dudley, Tex. He attended Simmons College at Abilene before entering The University of Texas Medical School in 1902.

He married Read Hurt of Big Spring in 1908. Their home was a spacious house on the corner of Colorado and Iowa (Wall) streets. There were three children, Lucille, who married H. M. Bayer; John B. Jr., who was killed in action in World War II, and Read, who married Henry Meadows.

Dr. Thomas, more than any other early day physician, was interested in having hospital service for the ill. In the fall of 1922, a small hospital was opened on North Marienfeld and Kansas streets under his direction.

Mrs. R. McAnnally had charge and Josephine Guly, the first registered nurse in Midland, took care of Dr. Thomas' patients. The hospital was not a financial success so did not remain open many years.

Dr. Thomas' early practice extended to ranches in West Texas and East New Mexico. As was the case, the ranch houses were few and far between and it was necessary for him to drive a team of horses — making stops for changing horses at some of the ranches en route.

In 1919, Dr. Thomas, with Clarence and John Scharbauer, bought the Llano Hotel. A wing of the second floor was turned into a hospital complete with operating room. Oil had been discovered in this area and landmen were coming to Midland in 1926 to obtain leases. The Thomas-Scharbauer interests in the Llano were sold and the space was converted to hotel facilities.

Dr. Thomas began at once to make plans for the erection of a six-story office building, reserving the two top floors for a hospital. It was opened for patients Jan. 1, 1928.

Dr. Thomas, active in civic affairs, was one of the organizers of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Lions Club. He devoted much of his time to promoting a community hospital. One wing of Midland Memorial Hospital bears a bronze plaque in appreciation of the man who gave so much so Midland could have adequate hospital service.

Dr. W. W. Cobb and Dr. James F. Haley moved to Midland in 1906, the latter being a brother of Midland rancher John Haley. He remained here a number of years.

Dr. A. J. Cooper was licensed here in 1907. He was followed here by R. B. Walford, J. H. Johnson, C. P. Williamson, C. G. McCall, Ch. H. Hamblin, Tip M. Collins, John W. Leonard, J. V. Guyton and Jf. Roberson, all between 1908 and 1909.

Since Andrews and Upton Counties were not organized until 1910, both were attached to Midland County for judicial purposes. Several doctors got their licenses in Midland for practice in those counties. J. H. Johnson practiced in Upton County, and Dr. Williams and Dr. Collins practiced in Andrews.

Dr. McCall practiced here until his death in 1946.

Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan was possibly the first specialist to open an office here, however the date has not been established. He limited his practice to diseases of the eye, ears, nose and throat.

From 1910 to the present, the number of doctors to serve Midlanders have totaled into the hundreds, and Midland now has some of the finest medical facilities in the state.

Midkiff family stakes claim here in 1897

When Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Midkiff moved to Midland from Oklahoma in 1897, his father, a widower, refused to make the long covered wagon trip with a woman — even such an energetic woman as Mrs. Midkiff, who loved to hunt antelope and rattlesnakes from a buggy.

Therefore, she was forced to remain in Oklahoma and later traveled to Midland by train.

T. O. Midkiff, born Oct. 27, 1872, in Grayson County, was the son of John Rufus and Maria Cole Midkiff, both Tennessee natives. His mother died when he was three and he and his father ranched in Clay and Hale counties before moving to Indian Territory.

In 1895, T. O. and another young man — Scott McCaskill — came to Texas to try their hand at cowpunching. They took a train from Fort Worth to Midland, where both men hoped to become cowboys.

Midkiff bought the goods he needed for his first cattle drive on credit from Pemberton, Youngblood and Co.

The first stop on the drive was Sulphur Draw, where the city of Plains now stands. Cowpunching was hard work, and a man made only $25 a month — $30 if he were a top hand. When the four-month drive ended at Muleshoe in August 1895, McCaskill decided he had enough and returned to Oklahoma.

T. O. Midkiff and Lillian Davenport were married in Oklahoma in November 1896. She was born March 8, 1877, in Georgia but was reared in Oklahoma.

The Midkiffs' first home in Midland was a dug-out near Peck Springs, part of which still remains on the Floyd Ranch in southeast Midland County.

Midkiff was away from home for long periods, working to pay expenses and stock his place. Mrs. Midkiff managed the house and reared her children while her husband was away. Since there was no mail, the only word the family would hear of him was from cowboys or travelers passing through the area. His hard work and perserverance paid off, because he owned about 24 sections of land and five farms at the time of his death in 1940, said his son, Hunter Midkiff.

The Midkiffs had seven sons and five daughters. Mrs. Nell Benedict, Mrs. Dee Hanks, Mrs. Gladys McDonald, Mrs. Jewell King and Hunter Midkiff all live in Midland. Tyson Midkiff lives in Rankin, T. O. Midkiff Jr. in Kerrville and Frank Midkiff in Midkiff. Mrs. Ann Jones resides in Lubbock and Lige Midkiff lives in Amarillo. Sam Midkiff is a resident of Lamar, Colo. Herd Midkiff died in April 1971.

Hunter Midkiff remembers his father as a family man. He enjoyed most being with his family and helping other people when he wasn't working on his ranch. T. O. Midkiff spent many a free hour at Tom Wilson's dry goods store, recalls Hunter, simply because he enjoyed the company of his friends.

Tyson Midkiff said there were plenty of opportunities to pull pranks on the ranch. He once made some jackrabbit stew and served it to some ranchers, telling them it was beef stew. The ranchers were so impressed with his "beef" stew, they gave Tyson a cooking prize.

John Rufus Midkiff operated the Post Office in Midkiff from 1902 to 1906. He also ran a general merchandise store. He died Jan. 23, 1909.

The school in the southeast section of the county was moved several times to suit the whims of various ranchers, who wanted it close to their property. It was located for a short time in Dameron City, which itself lasted only a short time — two years.

In the evenings, Midkiff would entertain his family by playing the piano, fiddle or French horn.

In 1926, the family bought a large red sandstone house at 1002 S. Marienfeld St., which was then quite a distance from town. The house was built in 1902 by Ed Crowley and had 11 rooms, a pantry and two bathrooms. Hunter Midkiff jokes that the children had to start taking baths when they moved into the house. The family sold the home in 1973.

Mrs. Midkiff, described by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Melba Midkiff, as "an independent woman," enjoyed quilting, gardening and cooking. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her birthday was a special occassion for the family to gather and celebrate. As she grew older, an open house for friends and acquaintances was also held.

Mrs. Midkiff had 33 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Midkiff died in January 1972 of complications from a broken hip.

The Post Office started in 1902 by John Rufus Midkiff was reopened in 1912 when oil was discovered in the area. The town of Midkiff, in Upton County, is on the south end of Midkiff's original property, where Frank Midkiff still lives.

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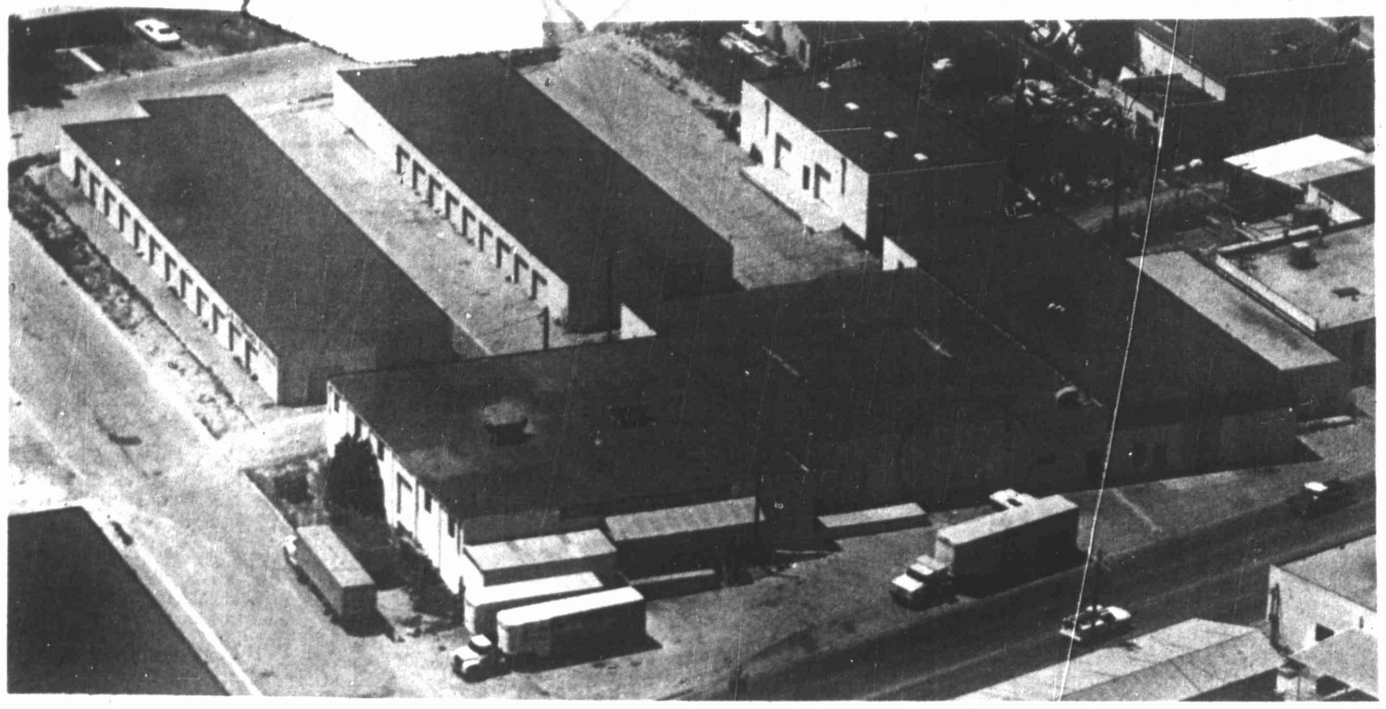


CITY TRANSFER AND Storage is located on West Florida Street in Midland. The company conducts local and long-distance moving and is staffed by 12 employes, with Gene Shelburne Jr. the owner and operator.

Moving firm has come long way since '47

City Transfer and Storage, operated and owned by Gene Shelburne Jr., is a Midland-based moving and storage company.

The company's primary area of operation is Midland, but considers anywhere to or from Midland within the scope of its operation.

Located at 2107 W. Florida St., City Transfer and Storage was organized here in 1947 by Gene Shelbure Sr. who still is active in the business.

The company started out unloading box cars and gradually developed into local and long-distance moving. It became agent for North American Van Lines here in 1958.

Gene Shelburne Jr. is a native of Midland and a graduate of Midland High School. He earned a B.A. degree at Hardin-Simmons University.

His work experience before joining City Transfer and Storage included stints with Midland Theaters, Inc., and the Texas and Pacific Railroad Co. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Elaine West, have three sons, Paul, who is in medical school; Richard, who is associated with City Transfer and Storage, and Kevin, a senior at Midland High School.

Shelburne is a deacon in the Crestview Baptist Church, and currently is chaplain of the Midland Gideon Camp.

Early Midland life remembered

By LYNNE WELLS

Mrs. Elizabeth Dublin, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lige Davis, remembers more than most early settler about her life in Midland. She was 15 years old when her family moved to Midland from Anson in 1916.

She said the family "struggled along on unpaved roads in an old Model T Ford." Although the distance between Anson and Midland is about 150 miles, Mrs. Dublin said the trip took about 12 hours.

Lige Davis rented a freight car for the family's belongings. Mrs. Dublin recalls half of the freight car was used for livestock, "some Shetland ponies and Jersey milk cows," and the remainder was used for household goods.

Lige and Martha Paxton Davis were natives of Anson. They had four children—Mrs. Dublin and her brother, Don Davis both live in Midland now. Mrs. Dublin's younger sister, Mrs. N. T. Hutchison lives in New Mexico and her older sister, Mrs. R. T. Bucy, lives in Lubbock.

The Davis' first home was the old Estes house said Mrs. Dublin. The rented it for one year, and then bought the old Doc Wooldrigde house on the corner of Wall Avenue and Marienfeld Street. They lived there until Mrs. Davis sold it several years after her husband's death in February 1924. She died in 1934.

Lige Davis was in the livestock commissioning business. He bought livestock to sell to packing houses. This was "strictly cattle country" in those days, and Davis sold cattle to packing houses all over the country. Davis also owned a ranch northeast of town near the Andrews County line.

Mrs. Dublin graduated from Midland High School, which was located downtown, the year after the Davis family moved to Midland. She only had to attend school through the 11th grade to receive her diploma.

Don Davis attended Tyler Conmercial School and studied business administration. He took over his father's business after Lige Davis died in 1924, and later went into the oil business, where he was "quite successful," said Mrs. Dublin.

Both her sisters attended North Texas State University in Denton. Her older sister, Mrs. R. T. Bucy, taught elementary school in Midland, and Mrs. N. T. Hutchison, her younger sister, taught English at Big Spring High School for four years.

Mrs. Dublin graduated in May 1920 from Midland Christian College with an Associate Arts degree. One month later, she married Ben Dublin, a Midland native. He worked for the J. M. Morgan Construction Company of Big Spring, and helped build the Schaurbauer Hotel and the old Courthouse.

Mrs. Dublin said her family visited relatives in Anson several times, but didn't go to Odessa very often. Rivalry between Midland and Odessa has always existed, she said, and remembered there was always a fight when the two high schools played a football game.

Mrs. Dublin estimated the population of Midland was about 2,000 people while she was in college. "We had the best time in the world," she remembers fondly, "and everybody enjoyed each other's company." She said of her favorite was dancing at the old Llano Hotel, when young people would push the tables next to the walls to make a large enough dance floor.

Charles Goldsmith 'real old timer'

One of the real old timers of Midland and West Texas is Charles M. Goldsmith, 811 W. Texas St., who has witnessed, more than 81 years of Midland history.

He is a grandson of the late W. J. Mosley, who was among the first inhabitants of the village that was Midland more than three-fourths of a century ago.

Grandfather Mosley was county surveyor and county attorney, the second person ever to hold the latter position here.

His paternal grandfather lived in Alabama.

Colonel Mosley, the maternal granddad, came to Texas as an Indian fighter and stayed on to help carve out a sturdy foundation for what was to become many years later Midland County.

Charles A. Goldsmith, father of Charles M., worked for a time on the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railway through this area. He drove a team of mules hauling dirt to build the embankment.

After saving up a little money, the elder Goldsmith went to work as wagon boss for Slaughter Cattle Company, and still later became a highly successful rancher on his own.

He was one of the founders of The First National Bank in 1890 and was a director at the time of his death.

The 18,840-acre Goldsmith Ranch in Ector County, which includes the site of the present town by the same name, became the Goldsmith Oil field after it ceased to be a family property.

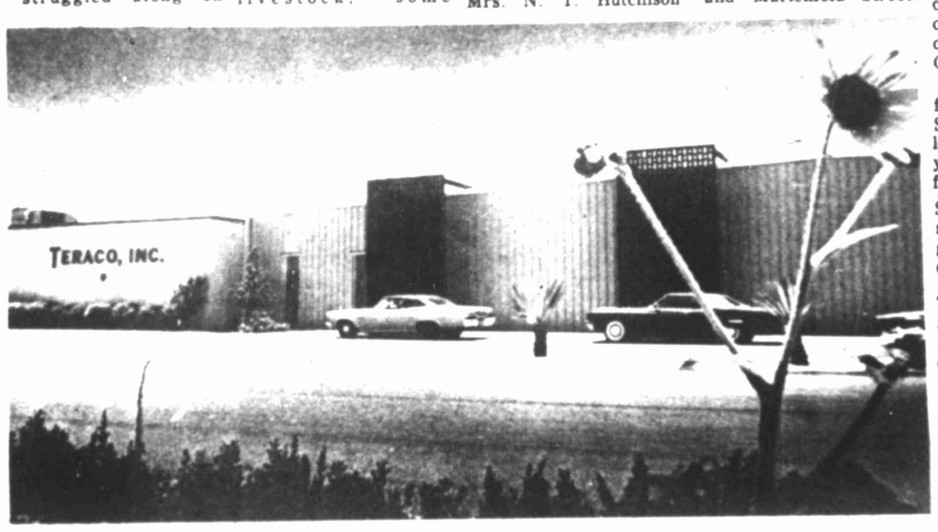
In the first roping contest held in Midland, the senior Goldsmith won a saddle, which today is in the Midland County Museum.

Charles M. Goldsmith was born here Nov. 4, 1894. He watched the city grow from a pioneer settlement with board sidewalks, dirt streets and a handful of people to the magnificent Midland of today.

He himself engaged in the cattle business, but retired from it almost two decades ago when he developed a heart ailment.

Formelry active in civic organizations, he is a charter member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club, charter member and an original board member of the Midland County Club, and belongs to the First Baptist Church. He served five years as a Midland school trustee.

His late wife was the former Helen Francis who also was a descendant of pioneer Midland County parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Francis.



Teraco, Inc., is one of eight subsidiaries of Magnatex Industries, Inc. Its headquarters and plant are located at Midland Industrial Park. Teraco, which manufactures and markets advertising specialty and premium type products, has been part of the Magnatex family since 1971.

Magnatex Industries diversified company

Magnatex Industries, Inc., a diversified Midland-based holding company, was founded here in 1970 as Magnatex Corp. by Charles H. Priddy, Stanley Moore, Fred Scott, James Allen Clark, Lynn S. Hunt and Sidney S. Lindley.

The closely held public corporation has approximately 90 stockholders, including 45 Midlanders, and operates eight subsdiaries.

They are: Dotty Dan, Inc., headquartered at Lamesa; Texas Plastic Industries, Inc.; Teraco, Inc.; Starr Gas Co., Fidelity Oil Co., the Oil Division, the Real Estate Division, and the Tetra Division.

Officers of the concern include Priddy, president; Clark, executive vice president, W. Cecil Bybee, vice president; Hunt, vice president; James W. Richards, vice president-Oil; C. Ronald Schwisow, vice president-Marketing; Billy Don Green, treasurer, and Mrs. Shirley Yvonne Scarborough, secretary.

The directors are Priddy, Bybee, Clark, Hunt, James N. Allison Jr., William B. Blakemore II, Cullen J. Kelly, Lindley, George R. Locker and James L. Pardue.

Overall, the company has 510 employes, with the largest subsidiary from that standpoint Dotty Dan, Inc., with 250.

Dotty Dan, headed president Richard W. Griffin, manufactures and markets children and teen clothing. The headquarters plant is at Lamesa, with branch plants at Seminole and Brownfield.

Dotty Dan was acquired by Magnatex in 1970.

Texas Plastic Industries, Inc., became a part of Magnetex the same year and is headed by president Jack P. Hauke.

With a staff of 85 persons, TPI manufactures and sells plastic injection molded products.

Teraco, Inc., with its 80 employes, joined Magnatex in 1971. This division of the corporation is headed by C. Ronald Schwisow, president, and manufactures and markets advertising specialty and premium type products.

Starr Gas Co., with Frank Rasure as chairman of the board and C. Wallace Craig serving as president, employes 35 persons.

Another subsidiary is Fidelity Oil Co. with its 15 employes. Rasure also is chairman of the board, and Craig is the president.

Starr and Fidelity joined the Magnatex family in 1972 and are engaged in the distribution and sale of industrial fuels — butane, diesel, L-P G and light oils to industrial customers and oil and gas drilling companies.

The Oil Division, managed by Richards, was organized by Magnatex in 1973. The division conducts exploration and production activities in West Texas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Canada. It employes 10 persons.

The Real Estate Division, organized in 1974, is managed by John V. Kelly. The division currently is developing the Saddle Club Addition, a 285-acre tract of land in North Midland. This division has 10 employes.

The eighth division is Tetra, Inc., which joined Magnatex in 1973. Staffed by 25 employes, Tetra manufactures and sells furniture. The division is headed by Schwisow, president.

Dotty Dan is the only division that has headquarters outside Midland.

Webb observes Bicentennial

BIG SPRING — Webb Air Force Base celebrated its Bicentennial recognition with a formal ceremony at the base of the flagpole, where the official Bicentennial flag and certificate were presented.

The Bicentennial flag was officially raised below the American flag, while "Call to the Colors" was played by a trumpeteer of the Big Spring High School band. The band, featuring the Golden Horns, played the National Anthem.

The ceremony included a choir from the high school dressed in red, white and blue costumes with stars and stripes, who sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Webb's Honor Guard formed for the platform party.

The Air Force base is on of 256 military installations recognized by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA). There are 12 foreign countries and 608 colleges and universities with the ARBA designation.

Guest speaker for the event was Rudy Juedeman, of Odessa, who represented John Warner, ARBA administrator, and Dr. S. L. Abbott, ARBA Region VI director. He spoke on the nation's history of individual freedom and the part the military plays in protecting that.

Other guests included Polly Mays, mayor pro tem of Big Spring, who extended the city's congratulations. Johnnie Lou Avery and Janelle Davis, co-chairmen of the Big SpringHoward County Bicentennial Commission, presented an additional certificate of recognition.

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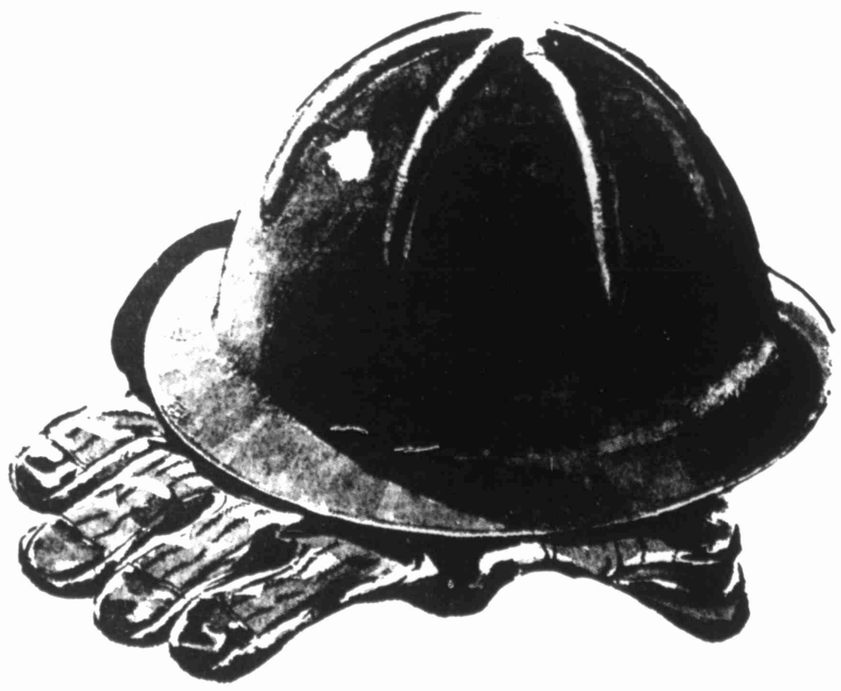

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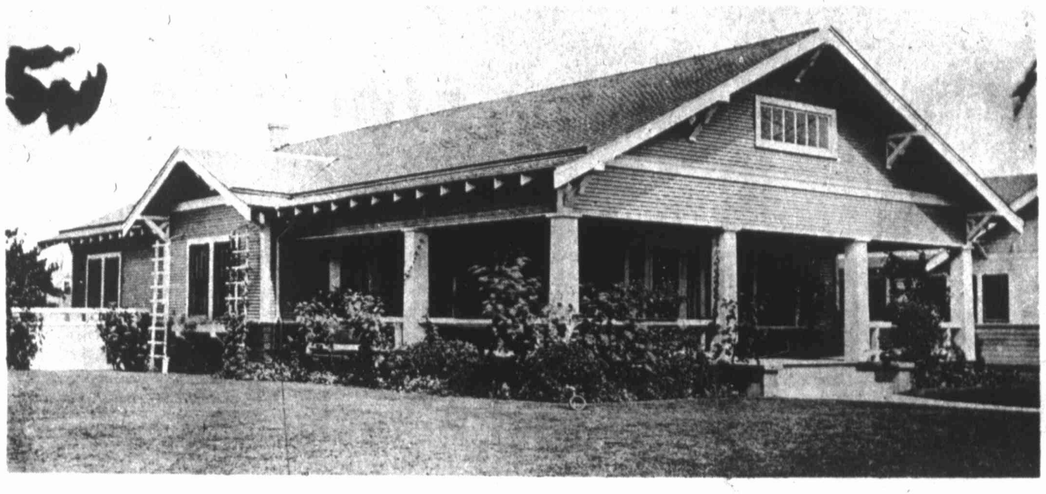


THE BUNGALOW TYPE home proved popular in Midland in the years between 1910 and 1925. This is the way the home of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wadley looked in 1923. Wadley was an early day Midland businessman.

MIDLANDERS MAY RECOGNIZE this home as the present Petroleum Club of Midland. But in the early years, it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wolcott. One of the finest homes in Midland, it "contained every comfort and convenience known to modern architecture."

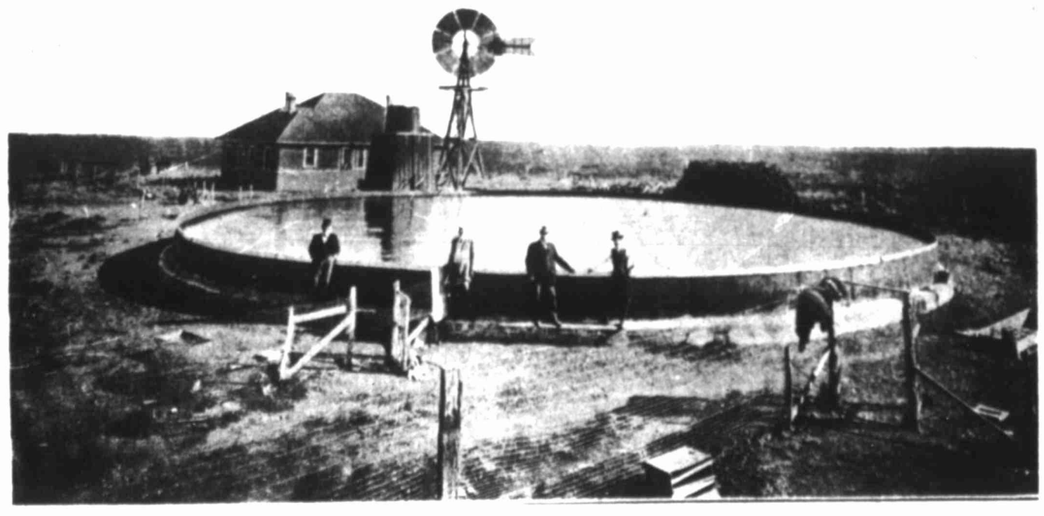
THE COMMODIOUS HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer can still be seen on South Main Street. Scharbauer was an early Midland rancher, starting here in 1887 with a flock of sheep he had purchased at Abilene. He had moved to that city in 1880 from New York, his birthplace.

STILL STANDING JUST off the Rankin Highway a few blocks south of the underpass is this home built shortly after 1900 by Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall. It later became the residence of one of the Midkiff families.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF early-day home architecture in Midland is the old D. W. Brunson home on North Lamesa Road. It now houses the Thomas Funeral Home. When built, it was more than a mile north of Midland.

Pictures courtesy of Midland County Museum

THE HOME OF Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt, early-day Midland ranchers, contained 18 rooms, all electrically and steam heated. The appointments in the spacious residence were elaborate in every detail and made it one of the showplaces of the Southwest.



A FINE TANK on the S. R. McKinney Ranch 10 miles west of Midland insured unlimited water for cattle for many years. Built before 1915, the tank also was a popular swimming hole for youngsters of the day. The ranch house was a landmark for many years. It was moved in 1960.

THE YEAKEL HOTEL, one of Midland's earliest, boasted it was "a fire-proof hotel, modern in every respect." It later became the Haley Hotel. Its cuisine was famous throughout the state. It was located near the railroad depot.

TRAIN TRAVELERS WERE greeted at this depot on the Texas & Pacific Railroad in Midland for many years. This is the way it looked in 1923.

MIDLAND BOASTED A well-stocked library in 1923. The public facility was equipped and maintained by the women of Midland. Many of its old volumes are in the present Midland County Library.