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GEOLOGIST MAKES FAVORABLE REPORT ON WEST TEXAS

Probably the most significant geological document of the year related to west-central Texas oil bearing structures is Bulletin No 1847, issued by the Bureau of Economic Geology, Texas State University, Austin, under the direction of Dr. J. A. Udden. The report and map have created a greater interest and intensified activity in the area covered have served to confirm the conclusions of geologists in private employ.

The bulletin was prepared from examinations made by Dr. J. A. Beede and R. A. Liddle, members of the staff of Dr. Udden. By the authority of these eminent men there has been placed upon the map of Texas the outlines of what they called the Marathon fold.

In bold course this great fold is shown to swing in a northerly direction out of the Marathon mountain into a majestic path that leads to Red river in the region of what has been called Red river uplift.

The document is of special moment in that region of west-central Texas with the Marathon fold, and indicates no line of demarcation between the influence of the Marathon mountains and the Wichita mountains in southern Oklahoma, which seems to be primary to what Messrs. Beede and Liddle have mentioned as the Red River uplift.

The fold throws an irregular, roof-like structure of great extent across some 25 counties of that part of the state, and it is delineated as a zone of varying width, embraces the choicest areas of probable oil producing territory between the Bend Arch, which springs out of the Llano-Burnett uplift and extends through the Eastland, Stephens and Young counties' area and what is known as the Llano Estacado syncline, which has regional replacement upon the Staked Plains.

The immediate importance of this structural picture is apparent to the entire oil fraternity of the mid-continent district, which has been diligently seeking the regional alignment of the oil-bearing formations along the great transcontinental series between the Oklahoma and Red river production and the Tampoco district of Mexico. Its area as demarcated recalls Dana's text book statement of a defined high-fold some extending northly from Mexico across the United States into Canada.

With respect to the part of the fold from Coke to Ford county, the report adds confirmation to the results of a regional report made last year by Edward A. Hill, consulting geologist of Tulsa, Okla., which was the most nearly complete contribution of the geological literature of the territories made previous to the university bulletin.

Selecting Fisher county as the seat of original investigation, Hill explored virtually the entire trend of surface evidences of disturbance from Ford county on the north to Coke on the south. The Hill report has been the subject of wide study and discussion by independent geologists and in large measure it has been verified and confirmed. The present drilling of some 30 wells in Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall, Haskell, King, Knox and Ford counties in testimony to the confidence felt by the fraternity in that report.

In nearly all of these counties, oil or gas is found in upper sands. That these formations lie upon higher relative sub-surface levels than would be possible if no folded zone were present, all geologists and the drillers exploiting the region agree. A majority of these tests in the same have been favorable, though none have yet reached the deeper strata. It is significant that nearly all of them are being drilled with cable tools and by operators that have ample finances to carry the holes to any practical depth.

If the correlation theory of these staff geologists is correct the strike of the outcrop extends "from the northern Salt Fork through the Diablo plateau to the Glass mountains and from there northward to Coke county, and to Red river. Indeed, the section of the Woodward and Greer formations of western Oklahoma and the eastern panhandle of Texas is startlingly similar to the Cooke county section, and there is a strong probability that the white horse sandstone is unconformable with the underlying shales. The length of the outcrop of this unconformity in the main part of the state would be about 700 miles, not counting the sinuities."

The Marathon fold is geologically more complicated than the Bend, the report says, but it is very similar. On the latter there are "noses," while on the former there are terraces. The Sheffield terrace is the largest in the extreme Southwest region, extending 15 miles into Crockett county and is approximately 12 miles wide. "From the standpoint of the oil operator it is worthy of note that the rather complicated conditions of this structure are likely to be repeated and other different structures are likely to occur beneath any given structure or area of land. The dip throughout the whole of west and northwest Texas, where the Marathon mountain beds of the Permian are found."

"Ford County," says the report, "is an area known to be 500 feet above in normal undisturbed position. This again directs attention to the fact that the latter says: 'It is not unusual that the known presence of these structures above and below the normal level should have been observed in the Marathon fold of the Permian in Ford County.'"

JURY DISMISSED IN THE KENNAMER CASE THIS WEEK

The Kennamer murder case was called in the District Court Monday morning and the selection of a trial jury began. The following gentlemen were selected and sworn in as jurors as follows: Len B. Hammer, N. S. Cole, I. S. Grindstaff, J. W. Coleman, J. W. Hutto, J. R. Edwards, J. C. Perrin, Will Mabry, J. W. Adcock, Clarence Lewellen, G. A. Turnbow and Will Chastain. The State began the examination of witnesses about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. After all the testimony was in the court gave the charge to the jury and Judge J. C. Randall, District Attorney, began the argument for the state Tuesday about 4 p. m., followed by Judge W. H. Murchison for the defense. A night session was called and B. B. Sturgeon of Paris continued the argument for the defense, after which Judge H. G. McConnell closed the argument for the state, and the case was turned over to the jury about 10:30 Tuesday evening, and after several hours deliberation failed to arrive at a verdict and were released Thursday morning.

Luther Kennamer is charged with the killing of C. F. (Speck) Davis at his home early in September 1917 by shooting him with a pistol. The trouble that led up to the shooting is alleged to have been over a cow of Kennamer's getting into the field of Davis. No one saw the shooting except the little daughter of Mr. Davis, who was at that time about 5 years old.

This case has been tried several times in Haskell county with the same results.

FARMER INJURED IN KNIFE FIGHT WITH MEXICAN SUNDAY

J. E. Patterson, a farmer living a few miles southwest of town, surrendered to the officers here Sunday. He is alleged to have stabbed a Mexican sheep herder by the name of Jo Gonzalez, who came to his home early Sunday morning and attacked him with a knife. Patterson was slashed several times about the neck and face before he could get his knife out with which he stabbed the Mexican several times. It was reported that the Mexican died from the effects of the wounds, but this proved to be a mistake. He is now on the road to recovery.

MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER VISIT OLD HOME IN KAUFMAN

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander returned Tuesday from a visit to their old home in Kaufman county, where they were born, reared, educated, and married. Mr. Alexander says the country has undergone many changes since his departure, cities springing up, farms broken out, and the once lonely prairies are now a surging mass of humanity. Near where the city of Terrell now stands Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were born, but at that time the city had not made its appearance and was not known for many years afterwards. The lands that were selling at that time for \$10 to \$16 per acre, today are valued at from \$150 to \$300, and very little can be purchased at any price. Mr. Alexander says that he and Mrs. Alexander had the time of their lives on the visit. But few of their old acquaintances were to be found, they too, had gone from the old home to other parts. But Mrs. Alexander met five of her sisters and a family reunion was enjoyed.

MERCHANT'S CAFE INSTALLING NEW FIXTURES THIS WEEK

The Merchant's Cafe on the north side of the square is now installing new fixtures which will make it one of the most up-to-date restaurants between Wichita Falls and Abilene. The proprietor, T. P. Brooks, is one of the oldest restaurant men in the city and always takes a great pride in his place. He recently purchased the building in which his business is located, and hopes to soon install every modern convenience that his trade will demand.

CONDITIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FORMATION THROUGHOUT THE GREAT REGION MENTIONED WERE IDENTICAL AS TO AGE, WATER ENCROACHMENT, LAND AND MARINE ORGANISMS, AND SHORELINE DEMARKATION. HEREIN MAY BE POINTED OUT THE STRIKING ANALOGIES OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION IN KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, AND TEXAS AS RELATED TO THE AERIAL DISTRIBUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA COAL MEASURES.

"Much detailed work, both surface and sub-surface, is needed to study more in detail the nature of the Marathon fold," concludes the university bulletin. "Especially in such needed between the Sheffield terrace and the probable position of the fold between Coke and Ford counties. There is no known reason why commercial deposits of petroleum should not be found along the Marathon fold under conditions similar to those existing along the Bend Arch, if reservoirs are present."

The late Sigger well in Wilbarger county, the continued flow of 44 gravity oil from the 2,400 foot level between the night and ten inch casing in the Searr test on the Fisher-Jones county line, the good gas pressure in the Kouri No. 1 in Haskell county, and the numerous observations of oil in many of the wells in west-central Texas, are all in harmony with the conclusions of the geologists.

Ah, Those Were the Days



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WILL BE HELD MAY 21st

The Senior Class of the Haskell High School has been busy for some time on the programs for their final exercises. The Baccalaureate will be delivered by Rev. Walhall at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist Church. The school public is cordially invited.

CARAVAN OF TRUCKS FROM WICHITA FALLS COMING

A caravan of heavily-laden motor trucks will arrive in Haskell about 2 o'clock the evening of May 19, from Throckmorton and will make an all night stop here. This truck parade will make a tour of a number of Northwest Texas towns during the week beginning May 17, and Haskell is one of the points chosen for an all night stay.

VERNON CASE IS CONTINUED UNTIL FALL TERM OF COURT

The case in which Walter Vernon is charged with the killing of Will Hills at Rule was continued Thursday until the fall term of District Court because of absent witnesses.

COTTON WEIGHER REPORTS 11,670 BALES OF COTTON

The total number of bales of cotton from the 1919 crop weighed by Jess Edwards, public weigher for Haskell, in the local yards up to last Monday was 11,670 bales. Mr. Edwards thinks that 100 or more bales will come into the yard before the crop is wound up, which will make the grand total around 13,000 bales.

SACRED HARP SINGING WILL BE HELD AT RED TOP SUNDAY

The annual Sacred Harp singing will be held at Red Top, five miles west of Rule on the Jud. rd. next Sunday, May 16th. The singing will be an all day affair and dinner will be served on the ground, which is the usual custom every year. All lovers of music should attend this singing and hear the old songs sung by the older people.

THREE HASKELL CITIZENS ON FEDERAL JURY AT ABILENE THIS WEEK

Marvin H. Post, Henry Alexander, and Hardy Grison were summoned for Peitl Jury Service in the Federal Court at Abilene for this week, and each one responded promptly and left for Abilene Sunday night.

FIRST STATE BANK OF BOMARTON ROBBED MONDAY

The First State Bank of Bomarton, in Baylor county, was entered last Monday night, May 10th by burglars. The vault was blown open and several thousand dollars were taken. The loss is not believed to be heavy, as no attempt was made on the time-locked safe. No arrests have been reported.

Mrs. N. Stephens Accepts Position at Grand

Mrs. N. Stephens, who has been with Hancock & Company of this city for the past six months, has accepted a position with J. L. Jones and Company of Grand and began work with the new firm last Monday. Mr. Stephens is leaving for Grand today.

Z. B. POUNDS GIVEN TEN YEARS ON MURDER CHARGE

Z. B. Pounds who was tried in the District Court here last week charged with the killing of his wife with a hammer, in the city of Rochester in March 1919, was given sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary. The case was turned over to the jury Saturday morning and after several hours deliberation they arrived at the foregoing verdict about 10:30 Saturday night. The council for the defense introduced a motion for a new trial which was overruled by the court. He then gave notice of appeal and the defendant was released on bond to await the action of the Appellate Court.

MATERIAL ARRIVING FOR KINNISSON-RIKE BUILDING

Material is being placed on the ground north of the Farmers State Bank for the double one-story brick building that is to be jointly built by A. P. Kinnison and Bud Rike. The building has been delayed because of the contractor not being able to get supplies on account of bad shipping conditions of the railroads.

HEAVY RAIN REPORTED AT STAMFORD TUESDAY MORNING

A heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by high wind, fell in Stamford Tuesday morning, flooding streets, roads, and creeks.

TEXAS PARK THEATRE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Texas Park Theatre at Parks, Texas, one of a string of houses owned by the Nolen Amusement Company, was completely destroyed by fire early Monday evening. At this time it is not known the exact origin of the fire but such major details as are known point to the fact that the building caught from a gas stove. The loss was about \$11,000.00 and was not covered by insurance. A new theatre will be started on the old site immediately. A garage adjoining was also a total loss.

SINGING CONVENTION WILL MEET WITH MITCHELL CLASS

The Haskell County Singing Convention will meet jointly with the Mitchell class on their annual singing day, Sunday May 23rd, which is the Fourth Sunday in this month. The singing will be all day and dinner will be served on the ground at noon. This promises to be a good day for all lovers of music and it is to be hoped that a pretty day can be had on this occasion. Mitchell is three miles west of O'Brien on the new pipe road between O'Brien and Rochester. There is no sand and you can go from either Rochester or O'Brien in a car without any trouble. Remember the date.

YEMOEN LODGE BUYS NEW REGALIA FOR DRILL TEAM

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen of this city have purchased and received a new set of regalia for the Drill Team of the local homestead. This has been a long felt need of the homestead and now they are in possession of splendid equipments to make the order what it should be. The homestead here has about 300 members and is steadily growing. District Deputy A. P. Greene is now putting in a new homestead at Knox City and reports having splendid success.

METHODIST REVIVAL IS STILL IN PROGRESS

The Methodist Revival is still in progress and the interest in the meeting is growing. Rev. Neal is preaching good sermons and his singer, Pat Sims of Waxahachie, is presenting the gospel in song.

WOMAN'S SCHOOL CLOSED TERM TUESDAY MAY 4th

The school at Womans closed its term Tuesday May 4th and expects to have a play in the near future. The weather was so bad that the closing exercise was postponed, and it is to be hoped that in the near future that they will be able to have ideal weather and a good attendance will be present. Miss Irene Roberts has taught a good school at Womans and her efforts are appreciated by her patrons and pupils.

FORMER JUDGE OF HASKELL COUNTY DIES AT HONEY GROVE

James M. Baldwin, a former judge of Haskell county and a brother of our fellow-townsmen, J. L. Baldwin, died at his home in Honey Grove, Texas, Saturday night at 10 o'clock of May the 1st.

SCOTT W. GREEN OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY WAS IN THE CITY WEDNESDAY REPORTS PLenty OF RAIN IN HIS AREA

This was the last section of the report to receive rain. But it came at last and Mr. Green says that the rain has done what he had hoped for.

MR. AND MRS. FRED GROVE SIGNED CONTRACT FOR NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grove signed a contract for a new home with the J. L. Jones and Company of Grand and began work with the new firm last Monday. Mr. Grove is leaving for Grand today.

CONTRACT LET FOR ANOTHER DEEP TEST

Interest in the oil situation in Haskell county continues to increase as the drill goes deeper. A number of people are here every day from Wichita Falls, Ranger and other centers looking after their interest and hoping they will be on the ground floor when the news breaks that Haskell county has a sure enough honest to goodness oil field.

The Texas Cushing Co. has let a contract for another deep test on their block of acreage located in the corner of Haskell, Jones, and Shackelford counties according to a reliable report which has been received here. The location has been made in Section 7 of the H. & T. C. R. Survey. The well will be drilled by the same people who recently drilled the famous Sigger well on the Wharton Ranch in Wilbarger county.

The Texas Cushing Company's No. 4 on the Colbert Ranch south of town has shut down waiting on 10-inch casing which is being hauled out from Stamford today. The 12 1-2 inch casing was set in this well at about 1250 feet several days ago.

Kouri No. 1 on the Ballard Ranch 10 miles east of town is under-reaming and will lower their six-inch casing in an effort to shut off the salt water above. The prospects for a good well is very flattering and Mr. Kouri believes they will be found in the next hundred feet.

Kouri No. 2 on the Couch ranch northeast of town has been shut down for several days on account of water—but will begin operations again about the last of this week.

Mr. Cooke, contractor on the Talking well near Sugarton is in Admore, Oklahoma, this week in the interest of this well and they plan to begin drilling again at an early date.

The Texas-Central well on the Guinn farm south of Sugarton has all the machinery on the ground with the exception of the engine and will speed in as soon as it arrives and is placed on the ground.

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