

Lucas Oil Gusher of 40 Years Ago Has Monument to Its Memory Texas Was at Bottom in Oil Production Then; Now Leads World

IN 1902 PRICE OF OIL FELL TO 3 CTS. BARREL

By EDMUND TRAVIS.
A monument to an oil well was dedicated near Beaumont last week. It is a solid granite shaft sixty feet high and marks the exact spot on which Spindletop No. 1, internationally known as the Lucas gusher, was drilled. Mrs. Anthony F. G. Lucas of Washington, D. C., daughter-in-law of Capt. A. F. Lucas, the discoverer of Spindletop, unveiled the monument.

Preceding the unveiling, a replica of the Lucas drilling rig was erected on a vacant lot in Beaumont and the "spudding in" of the famous well was re-enacted by a crew including some of the outstanding figures in the oil world. Great companies which had their inauguration at Spindletop were represented: Humble by Harry C. Weiss, its president; Gulf by Geo.

S. Davidson, retired vice president; the Texas company by T. H. Donoghue, retired vice president; Magnolia by E. R. Brown, chairman of its board of directors; Sun by J. Edgar Pew, vice president. With them was Al W. Hamill of Tulsa, driller on the discovery well at Spindletop.

The Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association was holding its annual convention and this seemed a fitting occasion to commemorate an event which, as was said by E. De Golyer, director of conservation for the petroleum coordinator, "marked the beginning of the modern petroleum industry."

There was plenty of excitement, not only in Texas, but throughout the oil world, when the Lucas well blew in on Jan. 10, 1901. Nothing like it had ever been seen—anywhere. An immense column of oil shot up more than 200 feet above the derrick, carrying tons of pipe with it, wrecking the derrick and spattering the countryside with mud, sand and rocks. Escaping gas made a roar like that of an erupting volcano. The well ran wild for ten days, wasting one million barrels of oil—more than the entire production of the state in the preceding year.

Meantime, America became "oil conscious." An unprecedented rush of producers and speculators took place. Beaumont grew from a town to a boom city. Excursions were run there from all the large eastern cities. Soon there were 500 oil derricks on 140 acres at Spindletop. In 1902, this field alone produced 96 per cent of the Texas output. In fact, it produced too much oil. Oil went down to THREE CENTS A BARREL—a level never since reached.

Later, the field apparently played out. It took on an appearance comparable to that of a deserted mining camp, cluttered up with relics of former grandeur. Twenty years ago, famous Spindletop was little more than a memory. Since then it has done a comeback. Steel derricks now neighbor the old wooden ones. But the old-timers



RODEO TIME—Mason Romans of Houston, Tex., puts plenty of expression into his work as he engages in steer wrestling contest at World Series Rodeo just opened at Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

who launched the movement for the Spindletop monument had difficulty in locating the exact site of the Lucas gusher.

It would be hard to exaggerate the significance to Texas of old Spindletop No. 1. The development touched off by that well's discovery has made the state over in little more than a generation.

Before the Lucas gusher came in, Ohio was the leading oil state of the nation, with West Virginia second and Pennsylvania third. Even New York produced more oil than Texas. This state's production for the entire year 1900 was far below its present daily production. It is also true that Texas had only one seaport worthy of the name and but one city of more than 50,000 population when the Spindletop field was opened. Texas industries were few and Texas capital for industrial development was almost nonexistent.

The Lucas gusher itself did not pay off, and the first Spindletop boom proved anew the old saying that more money is put into oil wells than is taken out of them. But the discovery well proved such in a double sense. With its bringing in, the oil well world discovered Texas as a region of really great promise. Operators who started at Spindletop went on to other fields. Partnerships grew into great oil companies.

Exploration expanded rapidly in the gulf coast area and soon spread to other parts of the state. Sour Lake followed Spindletop and was followed by Batson, Saratoga, Matagorda, Humble and Dayton. Production from these older fields dropped for a time, but the wave of exploration and discovery swept on until all sections of the state had their oil fields. Behind it came a wave of general industrial development and urban growth.

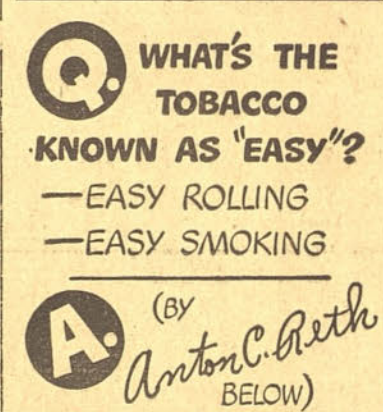
Today, Texas leads the world in both production and refining of petroleum. Its drillers are recog-

nized as the world's best, and executives who began their careers in Texas are key figures in the world's oil industry.

It isn't strange that there should be a monument to Spindletop No. 1. It is only strange that the monument was not erected long ago and as a statewide project, instead of one carried out by oil men alone.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coats visited Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Coats Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Harwell entertained a few friends Thursday night with an ice cream supper. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith and children of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Edwards and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Curry and children visited Mr. and Mrs. John Curry at Cisco Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Yeager spent Thursday with Mrs. Clyde Coats.

Mr. J. M. Pence called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Edwards Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tennyson of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pippen visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coats Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yeager had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pence of Cottonwood and Mrs. J. A. Yeager. Those calling in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Booth and sons, Don and Joy, and Buddy Richardson of Pueblo, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burnham, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ivie and Miss Dunn of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yeager and daughter of Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Edwards and sons, and Dewey and Vernon Sage.

Mrs. Clifton McClelland of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coats Saturday.

Miss Joy Pence of Cottonwood spent Friday night with Miss Bertie Mae Donham.

Claude Yeager attended the Dallas fair Saturday.

Mrs. Ernest McClelland spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Yeager.

Mrs. J. M. Pence visited her daughter, Mrs. Henry Parmer and family, Friday.

Bennie Johnston spent Monday night with L. C. and Grandvill Agnew.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Edwards and sons called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jones at Eastland Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parmer visited briefly with Mr. and Mrs. William Donham Tuesday.

Clifton McClelland called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeager Monday afternoon.

Miss Eunice Pence of Cottonwood was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Donham. Johnnie Nelms spent Sunday night with Aubrey Coats.

J. H. and W. A. Pence visited briefly with their sister, Mrs. W. T. Donham Friday.

Mrs. Walter Yeager spent Tues-

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day with Mrs. Luke Edwards, Audrey Coats visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coats Sunday morning.

Alfred Agnew of Moran was in our community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Edwards and sons were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Donham Monday.

Walter Yeager of Brown's Drug-less Sanatorium spent Sunday and Sunday night with his family. We are glad to report Mr. Yeager is improving.

Henry Parmer visited briefly

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BRIEFLY TOLD

A letter to the Daily Press from Mrs. Dorothy M. Buchanan, former Ciscoan, but now a resident of Bryan, says: "I have certainly been enjoying the Cisco Daily Press during recent months. It is very interesting and pleasing to read about friends and acquaintances of those earlier and more exciting days of Cisco." Mrs. Buchanan's address is 201 S. Haswell, Bryan, Texas.

Mrs. G. R. Whitney of Breckenridge was in Cisco today, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Robinson.

J. D. Speegle is seriously ill at his home seven miles southwest of Cisco, in the Dan Horn community.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell G. Foy have returned to their home in Dallas after a few days' visit in the home of Mrs. Foy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Moriarty.

Mrs. C. S. Turner and son, Leslie Glenn Turner, are spending a few days in Dallas.

Mrs. Minnie Bracewell of Ft. Worth arrived Tuesday for a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shepard.

Mrs. Bill Austin of Segno is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Latson, Sr., and other relatives in the city. Mrs. Austin is the former Miss Fay Latson.

Mrs. G. H. York of DeLeon is a guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Nabors.

Little Johnny Henderson of Wichita Falls is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moriarty.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Latch and baby of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Latch over the week-end.

Eastland county had ginned 126 bales of cotton October 1, 1941, as compared with 285 bales ginned October 1, 1940, according to

ROBERT M. ARLEDGE, JR. News received today stated that a son, Robert Murphy, Jr., was born to Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Arledge early this morning in the Shannon hospital, San Angelo. Mrs. Arledge will be remembered as the former Miss Jean Alexander, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Watson, with whom she made her home in Cisco. Report stated that Mrs. Arledge and son are doing well.

the report of Mrs. R. W. Mancill, special census agent for this area.

J. S. Yeager of Putnam was a business visitor in Cisco Tuesday.

Rankin Blackburn, who is in the army, is home on a fifteen-day furlough, visiting his father, R. F. Blackburn and family.

Mrs. Jones Hostess To Auxiliary Circle

Mrs. W. L. Jones was hostess to members of Presbyterian Auxiliary Circle Three which met in the church parlor Tuesday afternoon. The meeting opened with prayer led by Mrs. H. E. Hittson, following which a hymn was sung by the group.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCracken presided during the transaction of business and read an article on the Pres-Mex school at Taft, Texas. Plans were made for a "Book Review" luncheon to be held in the church next Tuesday. Mrs. S. E. Hittson gave an interesting Bible lesson from Peter's writings. The meeting was closed by repeating the Auxiliary prayer.

Those present were Meses. Joe Clements, John Garrett, S. E. Hittson, Elizabeth McCracken, J. E. Walker, Dan Dillingham, a visitor, Mrs. Homer Slicker, Auxiliary president, and the hostess, Mrs. Jones.

Baptist Circle 4 Meets in Church

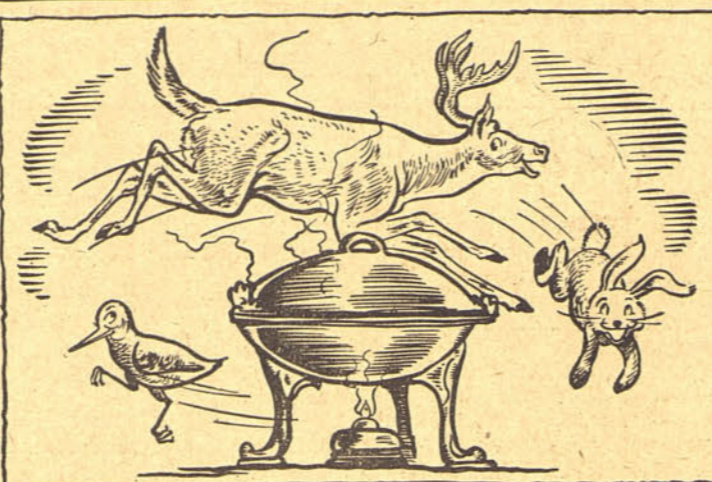
Mrs. W. D. Hazel led the opening prayer when circle four of the First Baptist Missionary society met in the church Tuesday afternoon. After the reading of the minutes the money was collected which had been pledged for state missions. Routine business followed.

The Bible lesson from the Book of Isaiah was made quite interesting by the teacher, Mrs. Virgil Rauch.

Attending were society president, Mrs. M. F. Underwood, Mrs. W. D. Hazel, Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Fred Grist, Mrs. Virgil Rauch and Mrs. L. A. White.

ALL-DAY MEET. An all-day session, beginning at 9:30 a. m., of the executive board of the Women's Missionary union of the Baptist association will be held in the local First Baptist church Thursday. A covered-dish luncheon will be served at noon. All local chairmen are requested to attend. Mrs. Pat Crawford, associational president, will be in charge.

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When weather tends to dull the appetite and challenges the home maker to tempt the male's palate that cries for a change from meats and fish, an occasional rabbit helps.

Place the butter and ale in chafing dish or double boiler. When hot, put in the grated cheese and melt slowly, stirring steadily. When smooth, add egg yolks mixed with seasonings and milk and stir for a few moments until thickened. Serve on the soft side of half-toast with the crust removed. Garnish with a dash of paprika. Accompaniments—olives, celery and salted nuts. Serves 6.

A Golden Buck is a Welsh Rabbit served with a poached egg on top. A Scotch Woodcock is also a Welsh Rabbit, but the toast is spread with anchovy paste or covered with anchovy fillets. The hot rabbit is then poured over the anchovy toast and served with two anchovy fillets placed crosswise on top.

It is important to serve these dishes piping hot on hot plates. An ideal beverage accompaniment is beer or ale.

SOCIETY and CLUBS

By MRS. KATE RICHARDSON

Mrs. Pearl L. Ward Entertains Circle

Mrs. Pearl Lyle Ward was hostess at her home in the Mobley hotel Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Circle One of the First Presbyterian auxiliary met in regular session. Mrs. W. W. Wallace, chairman, opened the meeting and gave a splendid devotional. Miss Willie Word gave a synopsis of the new mission study book, "Why Stand Ye Idle?" Mrs. J. J. Tableman discussed "Reaching the Un-reached Through Chapels."

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served at the close of the social hour to Mrs. Frank Bond, Mrs. Guy Brogdon, Mrs. C. H. Fee, Mrs. B. S. Huey, Mrs. J. G. Rupe, Mrs. J. J. Tableman, Mrs. W. W. Wallace, Mrs. W. F.

which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were a visitor, Mrs. G. H. York of DeLeon, sister of the hostess; Mrs. Lonnie Shockley, Mrs. C. B. Powell, Mrs. V. E. McCharan, Mrs. Claire Swartz, Mrs. J. S. Mobley, Misses Marie Tune and Ethel Mae Wilson; Bobby Ed McCharan, Lonnie Gene and Fred David Shockley, Neva Swartz and the hostess, Mrs. Nabors.

"Where Lies Freedom?" Mrs. James Latimer spoke on "Women of the Church."

During the business session plans were made for serving a banquet for the Masons next Thursday night. Mrs. Alex Ward dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Attending were Meses. James Latimer, H. H. Davis, Alex Ward, Randolph Lee Clark, J. T. Scott, Ida Painter Fred Steffey, A. L. Clark, George Swartz, Roy Fonville, Misses Alice Bacon and Joe Gray.

THE NOTEBOOK

Wednesday. The Alpha-Delphin Study club will meet at the club house at 9:30 a. m.

Thursday. The Needle and Thread club will meet in the home of Mrs. A. L. Clark at 3 o'clock. Birthdays of Mrs. I. W. Robinson and Mrs. Barton Abbott will be honored.

The Cicilian Singers will meet in the Methodist church at 7:30 for weekly rehearsal and business conference.

Friday. The Lake Cisco Home Demonstration club will meet at the Red Cross work room and sned a day in work. All members are urged to be present and bring a prepared lunch.

Council Group One Meets in Church

First Christian council group one met in the church Tuesday afternoon with Miss Alice Bacon presiding. Following the opening hymn, "Jesus Loves Even Me," Mrs. Randolph Lee Clark gave a splendid devotional on the "Politics of Jesus" in keeping with the subject, Democracy. Mrs. H. H. Davis discussed the topic,

Jacobs. The concluding number was an address on "Education for Democracy Defense," by Mrs. Philip Pettit.

Those present were Meses. Eugene Lankford, A. J. Olson, Philip Pettit, Randolph Lee Clark, E. Hooks, H. A. Bible, Wm. Reagan, Yancey McCrea, W. D. Hazel, W. W. Lamar, Asa Skiles, Pearl Lyle Ward, Misses Alice Bacon, Marian Jacobs and Mrs. Clayton.

Young People's Meet in Gorman Well Attended

Miss Lela Latch, district leader of Young People of Cisco District Methodist Church association, attended a meeting of the association in Gorman Monday night. A banquet was served at 6 p. m. at which the following were honor guests: Rev. B. F. Jackson of Fort Worth, executive-secretary of Central Texas conference; Billy Greenwaldt of Southern Methodist university, president Youth Fellowship of Central Texas conference; and Franklin Perry of S. M. U., director of the conference commission on worship.

An interesting program was given after the banquet with Rev.

Leslie W. Seymour of Cisco as the principal speaker. Rev. Roy A. Langston and Miss Dorothy Huestis of Cisco also appeared on the program.

JIMMY FULTON WARFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Warfield are the parents of a son, Jimmy Fulton, who was born last Friday, October 10; weight 6 1/2 pounds. Mrs. Warfield and son are reported doing well.

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