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First Bale Of Cotton Gined At Putnam

R. L. McKinney Gets First Bale Two Places

Industry Celebrates 80 Years of Progress

The American Petroleum Industry celebrates its 80th birthday, August 27th. In 1859 Colonel Edwin Drake proved that man could drill for oil and produce it in commercial quantities. Anyone who visits the Drake Memorial Park at Titusville, Pennsylvania can see a few inches of the original well casing protruding from the ground, where crude drilling machinery made possible such discovery.

Oil is now produced in some 22 states of the United States. America supplies the world with oil, although our country itself is the largest consumer.

This came about through the success of Mr. Drake's experiment these many years ago. Oil was needed to meet the demand for kerosene as an illuminant, which is another instance where "necessity is the mother of invention."

Drake encountered difficulties in securing help, but experimented for a year. Delays and discouragements annoyed the drillers, while on lookers called the job "Drake's Folly," even before rock was encountered at 36 feet. The laugh was finally on someone else and today more than 350,000 wells produce oil.

Drake's well paid wages to a few. The industry today has an annual payroll of about \$1,500,000. The industry contributes some \$4,000,000,000 to the national economy.

Andrews County Did Not Need PWA

George M. Bull, regional director of the Public Works Administration, is quoted here as saying that Andrews is the only county in the state not sharing in PWA funds. The county is building a courthouse with its own money and the school district, which embraces the county's entire area of 1,565 square miles, has built two modern school houses without outside assistance. The county closed the last fiscal year with a surplus of \$50,000.

Ablene Jeweler Uses Nails For Fruit Trees

A. A. Cornelius, jeweler of Abilene thinks driving nails in young fruit trees and piling scrap iron around them makes the trees produce better, and gives the following statement on the subject, "A little over two years ago, a volunteer peach tree started to grow in his back yard. Following the example of his father who once grew fruit in East Texas, Cornelius hurried considerable scrap iron at its base. The shrub on the North side of his garage received very little sunshine, but grew rapidly. At intervals nails and small spikes were driven into its trunk.

This year blooms appeared early. Its owner watched with intense interest. Today he is satisfied with results. The tree, an Elberta, has approximately 50 peaches which measure on an average of 10 1/2 inches in circumference and weigh three fourths pound.

Mr. Cornelius, who doesn't claim to be an expert horticulturist, believes the scrap iron did the trick.

Cisco Group Plans For Junior College

An enthusiastic meeting of citizens at the city hall at Cisco recently heard a detailed explanation of plans for the Cisco Junior College and gave the go-ahead signal on a campaign for raising funds with which to purchase the library and laboratory facilities required for recognition of the school as a first class college.

Several pledges were made and a committee of three named to organize the campaign: L. A. Warren, W. J. Leach, and R. L. Ponsler. A minimum fund of \$4,000 is required.

The Junior College, will not only help Cisco, but will be a convenience to the surrounding territory. Cisco's trade territory is large and it will be worthwhile for the nearby communities to assist Cisco in this worthwhile enterprise.

The rodeo which will be held at Cisco Labor day will be a step toward the college fund, as proceeds go to this worthy cause. Let us help make it a success.—L.M.Y.

Misses R. L. Clinton, R. D. Williams and Wylie Clinton and Ellen Williams and Bobby Clinton spent several days on a vacation trip to Eluidosa, New Mexico and other points.

3,500 Attend 4th Annual Meeting Of Callahan Pioneers

All officers of the Callahan County Pioneers Association were reelected at the fourth annual reunion held at Cross Plains Friday. Approximately 3,500 people attended. Two new offices were created. J. S. Hart was named honorary president; B. L. Russell, Sr., vice-president; Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, second vice-president and historian and Miss Eliza Gilliland, secretary-treasurer.

Roy Kendrick was named active president of the association and W. P. Brightwell active vice-president. They will serve for the first time.

About 500 old timers—those who had resided in Callahan County 25 years or longer—registered during the day, according to report of Mrs. Gilliland.

Sit for next year's reunion has not been selected and meanwhile plans are underway to determine a permanent gathering place. The reunion for the previous three years was held at McCoy ranch, Deep Creek picnic grounds between Baird and Putnam and Denton in the order named.

J. R. Black, 42nd district court attorney, a native of Callahan County, was principal speaker, delivering his address at the morning meeting. He praised old-timers for the sacrifices they made.

Mayor C. S. Martin of Cross Plains gave the invocation, and Paul V. Hurrell, local attorney, gave the address of welcome; Jack Scott, publisher of the Cross Plains Review, served as master of ceremonies.

The following persons were recognized and honored: J. S. Hart, who came to the county in 1868, oldest cowboy; J. B. Erbark of Putnam who was born in the county in 1877, oldest native of Callahan County; Mrs. C. A. Conlee of Abilene, oldest native daughter of Callahan County, being born in 1877; Wiley Foster of Atwell, oldest man; Mrs. Mary Catherine Berry of Clyde, oldest pioneer woman; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robinson, coupled married the longest in the county, the date of their marriage being 1885.

J. F. Nicholson of El Paso was the man traveling the longest distance to attend the reunion and Mrs. J. H. Baxley, daughter of P. A. Orr of Putnam traveled farther than any other woman present. She came from Washington, D. C.

Old-timers recognized at the morning session were E. F. Bond, of Cross Plains; Bill Melton, of Coleman; Lon Martin, of Tulsa; P. H. Warren, of Atwell; Charley Neeb, Wylie Foster, only Confederate veteran in the county, W. M. Bennett of Cross Plains; Mrs. J. A. Lyeiser of Putnam, Mrs. M. C. Clark and Luke Hearn of Burnett.

CISCO'S FIRST BALE GINNED FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Cisco's first bale of the 1939 cotton crop was ginned last Friday, August 18. The cotton was grown by R. L. McKinney about three miles east of Putnam. The bale weighed 525 pounds and was bought by Norvell & Miller, bringing 9 cents per pound. The cotton classed as middling and was 7-8 staple.

Miss Tassie Jackson and Mrs. W. F. Short made a trip to Red Springs Thursday, at which time, Mrs. Short's mother, Mrs. J. Whitmire returned to her home after visiting her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cunningham and children of Jal, New Mexico are visiting their parents and relatives and friends in Putnam. The Cunningham's are former Putnam people.

Bob Martin of Ovalo visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hollis this week.

BAPTIST CALENDAR

Sunday School 10:00.
Sermon 11:00.
Annual Election of Officers.
B. T. U. 7:30.
Singing 8:30.
W. M. S. Tuesday 3:00.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8:00.
F. A. Hollis, pastor.

METHOLIST CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27:
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:15 p.m.—Young People's Epworth League.
J. Morris Bailey, pastor.

MISS VIOLA BOATWRIGHT MARRIES CHARLIE CLAY

Miss Viola Boatwright, former teacher in the Putnam public schools, and Charlie Clay of Dallas were married at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday morning, August 15, with the Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor officiating for the ring ceremony. Attendants at the wedding were the bride's sister, Mrs. Roland Nichols and Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Jack Durnell.

Mrs. Clay wore sheer blue alpaca with blue accessories, and a corsage of pink asters. She is the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright of near Putnam. She is a graduate of the Baird high school, attended college at Canyon, Texas, receiving an A. B. degree at Denton State Teachers College, and an M. A. degree from New York University. She taught one year in New York public schools.

For the past three years she has been primary teacher in the Baird public schools. Mrs. Clay taught in the Putnam schools in 1932 and 1933. She is prominent in club and civic work at Baird and is well known throughout the territory.

Mr. Clay has been associated with the T. P. Railway for a number of years and takes part in Masonic circles.

Following the ceremony the couple went to the home of the bride's parents, for a family reception, after which they left for a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Seth Morgan of Merkel was a business visitor in Putnam Tuesday.

ODORS CELEBRATES 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Odor of Abilene celebration their 50th wedding anniversary in Abilene Sunday. The Odors formerly lived in Putnam for about three years and Mr. Odor was superintendent of the Putnam school for three terms. They moved from here to Abilene a number of years ago.

Mr. Odor was superintendent of the Anson schools from 1902 to 1906; but for the last three years he has been principal of the Swan's chapel school in Jones county. He has just retired from the profession after teaching in the public schools for 53 years. Mr. Odor "said, when he passed by 53 years as school teacher, I decided to quit, I stepped out to give some younger fellow a chance."

THREE INJURED IN CAR WRECK SATURDAY

Three men injured in a wreck Saturday morning about three miles east of Putnam on the bankhead highway. They were driving at a high rate of speed and failed to make a curve, with the car going in the ditch.

The injured parties were Jimmie Lee Crawley, 21 year old hitchhiker of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Hicks Brooks 227 Fairmont street Dallas, owner of the automobile, which they were riding. They were taken to Graham's sanitarium for treatment. Ray Crawley was treated for bruises. A brother of Brooks was uninjured.

Jimmie Lee Crawley was suffering from shock and concussion and was in the most serious condition. Extent of his injuries had not been determined the last reports Saturday afternoon. Brooks suffered lacerations and a broken collar bone.

J. D. Spigle and a number of others from Dan Hearn attended the home coming of Reich and Piska at the Bethel church Sunday.

There will be singing at the Mitchell church Sunday afternoon 2:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

Mrs. Velda Dodd of Big Spring stayed Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. W. Jessup.

Rev. and Mrs. Agnew and daughter Patsy were guest in the W. H. Erwin home Sunday.

Charley Wyatt of San Angelo is here visiting friends and relatives.

OIL NEWS

The Burnam well east of the Cozart Number 1, Warren et al are drilling around 950 feet.

M. M. Little on the Ledbetter near Scranton is under-reaming around 750 feet.

Gross et al on the Rush in section 130 north of Scranton are under-reaming for new casing seat at 1720 with a showing of oil at that depth.

On section 76, northwest part, about 8 miles northwest of Putnam Fred Hart and others are trying to make a well at 870 where they cemented casing. This well is in the vicinity of some big gas wells drilled in the past.

Three rigs are drilling on Mrs. George Anthony's place, in sections 1, 2 and 56 north of Putnam.

Sleepy Harris et al are setting casing at 520, section 304, on the Isonhower lease about 2 miles west of Putnam.

Correction from last week: Sherwood, Owens and Green's lease on Mrs. George Anthony's place, No. one is making 15 barrels instead of 5 as was stated last week.

Section 12 in southeast corner, Mr. Carney is setting casing around 460 on the Boatwright land.

Prospects of another deep test in the Belle Plain area are in sight. A California group proposes drilling to 3,000 feet. Location will be the Hatchett tract, it is understood.

George A. Perry et al are cementing at 890 feet in the northeast quarter of section 77 BOH, E. L. Finley fee.

A well will be drilled by Sprawls Drilling company of Plainview in the northeast quarter of survey 29, Blind Asylum land, northwest part of Callahan County near Fimdale.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR POWER PLANT AT BAIRD

A ground breaking ceremony for Baird's new municipal light and power plant was held Wednesday afternoon. Mayor Herman Schwartz and other city officials took part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and daughter, Gladys Lucille, will leave in the near future for Iran where Mr. Farmer will be manager of a dry goods store. Mr. Farmer was employed by Clements & Norred Dry Goods of Putnam for a number of years.

ASKING DESIGNATION OF CROSS PLAINS — PUTNAM ROAD; HEARING AUG. 31

A Callahan county delegation will appear before the state highway commission in session August 31 to ask designation of the road from Cross Plains to Putnam. If the designation is granted the road would become a part of state highway 279.

A delegation from Brownwood will also appear before the commission on the same date asking paving from Lake Brownwood to the Callahan county line.

30 NYA JOBS GO TO CALLAHAN STUDENTS

Thirty NYA workers have been assigned Callahan County schools, B. C. Chrisman county superintendent, announced Wednesday. The jobs are on a basis of one job to every 100 scholastics. They will be divided as follows, according to Chrisman, Baird 7, Clyde 6, Cross Plains 6, Putnam 3, Opalin 2, Eula 2, Denton 2, Bayou 1, the remainder later to be assigned to smaller schools. NYA workers it is stipulated, must be 16 or over.

EULA SCHOOL BONDS APPROVED AND SOLD

Printed bonds of the Eula school district aggregating \$12,000 have been approved by the attorney general's department and sold to the state department of education. The bonds were voted more than a year ago.

The district had received a PWA allotment but funds of the latter have been exhausted. Eula has decided to proceed with construction regardless. The Abilene Construction company has been awarded contract for a building to be utilized as gymnasium, home economic and shop work departments. The voters authorized issuance of \$13,950 in bonds, but only \$12,000 has been sold, the amount of the construction contract.

PLAN DEEP OIL TEST FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY

Prospects for a deep oil test for Callahan county loomed bright this week as California parties sought to acquire acreage for 3,000 foot well in the vicinity of Belle Plaine. It was understood that location would be made on the Hatchett tract.

CALLAHAN BAPTISTS TO MEET AT DENTON VALLEY

Callahan county Missionary Baptist Association will meet with the Hager reunion at Eastland Sunday. Denton Valley church, near Clyde, September fifth and sixth. A full program has been arranged, according to Rev. J. S. Tierce, of Clyde, secretary.

Mrs. Joe Nally is the former Miss Winnie Rutherford.

Putnam received its first bale of the 1939 crop of cotton Monday, R. L. McKinney living about three miles east of town drove in with a bale. McKinney has ginned the first bale in Putnam for the past two years. He had 1960 pounds of seed cotton, and it ginned out 565 pounds of lint, and graded middling, and was sold to the gin for nine cents per pound. Mr. McKinney ginned the first bale in Cisco Friday. He ginned the first bale in Cisco, Moran and Putnam last year. He will make about one third of a bale to the acre.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL NOTES

Wilburn Ashley of Baird was a tonsilectomy Saturday morning, returning home Saturday afternoon. James Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashlock of Baird was a tonsilectomy Saturday morning. Mrs. Ross Brison of Baird was a surgery patient Saturday morning for appendicitis. She is doing nicely. R. E. Ivy, Jr. of Cross Plains was a tonsilectomy Monday morning.

J. L. Walker, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Walker underwent an appendicitis operation last Tuesday. He is doing fine. C. S. Jackson of Dallas was a surgery patient last Wednesday. He returned home Monday.

Jerry McDonald of Belle Plaine underwent surgery Thursday for fractured knee joint received a week ago in a car accident. He is doing nicely.

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Mrs. Oma Wagley of near Putnam underwent major surgery Monday afternoon. She is doing nicely.

DAN HORN

Rev. Mart Agnew, pastor of the Mitchell church conducted services Saturday evening and Sunday a.m., service was dismissed Sunday evening a number went to Bethel to the closing of their revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bradshaw last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Speegle and children and Lee Starr spent the week end at Big Sandy fishing, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dock Beene and daughter, Betty Joe of Cisco.

Mrs. W. M. Weed attended the Hager reunion at Eastland Sunday. Mrs. J. M. Lambright returned Thursday from a week's stay at Buffalo and other points in East Texas.

Misses Melva and Wilma Spigle of Dothan spent Saturday night with their aunt Mrs. J. G. Stuteville.

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SHUTDOWN OF OIL WELLS WILL AFFECT CONSUMERS

Secretary Ikes indicated Friday that he would take action to protect motorist from increased gasoline prices if the current shut down of oil wells in six producing states resulted in a shortage of petroleum products. In a statement he said, "that the Connally 'hot oil' act prohibiting the interstate shipment of oil produced in excess of state quotas, could be suspended if the supply of petroleum and petroleum products moving into interstate commerce became so limited 'as to cause lack of parity between supply and consumptive demand.'"

There is only a small per cent of people who have any oil for sale and the balance are buyers not of oil; but the refined products, and when this shut down is over the consuming public will be left holding the bag, with higher prices on the refined products.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Culwell and children of San Antonio are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell and other relatives and friends. The Culwell's formerly lived in Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock from Bee County visited in the Felix Rosson home last week. Mrs. Blaylock is a sister of Mr. Rossons.

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ALTMAN'S

STYLE SHOP—Cisco.

J. H. Montgomery and son, Jimmie spent Wednesday with Mrs. G. P. Gaskins and family.

Mrs. G. P. Gaskins and son, James Franklin visited in Rotan and Jayton from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and daughter, Fredalyn enjoyed a short vacation trip to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark spent Sunday at Jayton where they attended at family reunion at the J. L. Montgomery home.

Mrs. Earl Rutherford and baby, Betty Jo visited in Rotan, Jayton, and Trent this week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Morris Bailey were among those invited to attend the young people's leadership conference at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 15 to 26. This is an annual training conference of the Methodist church. There are 400 people from 16 states in attendance at the conference.

Mrs. Reuben Brooks and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Walker of Eldorado, Arkansas spent several days with relatives of the Putnam vicinity this week.

Mrs. Grace Miller of the Putnam Hotel, who recently underwent an operation at the Hendrix Memorial hospital in Abilene is improving and will be able to return home in a few days. She has been resting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vinson near Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lee and daughter of Carlton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Teague Monday.

Mrs. Lee Ingram and children of Baird visited in the home of Mrs. Ingram's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nettles Sunday.

and children spent the week in De Leon where Mr. Caraway led the song services in a revival meeting.

Miss Inez Allen of Union visited Miss Zada Williams from Wednesday to Friday. She was honored with a birthday dinner by Miss Williams Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cross and son of Nell community spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. De Shazo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and daughter Fredalyn and Mrs. John Cook spent Sunday at South Bend and Stovall Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Culwell of San Antonio have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell and other relatives in Putnam.

Miss Catherine Clampitt and Joe Boutwell of Baird visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Clampitt Thursday.

H. L. De Shazo Jr. spent from Thursday to Wednesday in the Nell community with his grandmother.

Mrs. J. W. Clark.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Caraway

J. B. BRANDON HAS BADLY AFFECTED LEG

Quite a number of people attended the old settlers reunion at Cross Plains Friday, among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon, and while in Cross Plains Mr. Brandon some way lost the use of one of his legs, and fell. He called for help, and was assisted in getting into Mrs. W. M. Isenhower's car and returned to Putnam. He has had some trouble with this leg for quite a while and has been using a stick; but it had not given away entirely before. He is still unable to walk, with a bad swollen leg.

W. W. EVERETT FOUND LOCKED INSIDE ICE VAULT

An incident that could have been serious happened last Thursday at the Everett grocery, W. W. Everett sold some ice, and went into the vault which is a small building. While he was in there his brother W. A. Everett came along and sold another piece of ice, walking out, and closing the door. A short time later, W. W. Everett was missed, and no one knew where he was and could not explain his not being around the store. After discussing the subject W. A. Everett happen to think that W. W. was in the vault, when he sold a block of ice a short time before. Going to the vault he found W. W. locked inside and knocking at the door and hollering, trying to attract attention, ever since the door had been shut. The vault had not been shut sufficient length of time for the air that was inside to be exhausted.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

Most memorable day of all in a journey through Mexico by this chronicler was a visit into the tropics.

In twenty minutes, winding around the edge of cliffs, we had made the descent into the valley and were in the midst of the tropics. It was a geography lesson come true; bananas were growing upside down; parrots were screaming from the trees; coffee was spread out to dry in the sun; the jungle of tall trees, dense veget-

ation, and long, clembering vines made the road only a hemmed-in lane.

We (a party of some 40 Lions and friends) visited a school where the little native children were being taught Spanish, their language being an Indian dialect. As we entered, they stood at attention and, at a word from the teacher, they earnestly sang a song of friendship.

Although we were in a valley, a yet deeper valley lay at our feet and in the center was a lake of purple water, two silver streams flowing over a big dam.

A little farther, and there was a near-precipice down which a cable railroad ran. The slope was so sharp that the track soon dipped out of our sight. A native boy offered to slide down the rail to the village below. When the ladies in the party realized what he was about to undertake, they pleaded for him to give up the idea. Though their words were in English, he sensed the meaning but shook his head and flashed his white teeth in a smile because he was to be paid for the exhibition—50 centavos, or 10 cents in America money.

He picked up a flat rock about six inches square, placed it on the rail, seated himself on the rock, gave a little shove, with a short, sturdy stick he held in his right hand and he was away. Raising his straw sombrero in his left hand, like a cowboy on a bucking bronc, he waded it on high as he gained momentum. When the pace became so rapid that there was danger he would slide off the rail, he dragged the stubby stick over the ties and it acted as a brake. He dipped out of sight but soon appeared far below.

This observer has seen dives from high platforms through burning hoops into small tanks of water; the pivoting of matadors to avoid, by a quarter-inch, the lunges of angry, wounded bulls; the leaping from horseback of a bulldogger in a race to seize the horns of a steer—but none of these seemed as daring as the act of that little fellow speeding down a narrow rail over the side of a mountain on a rock.

But it was explained to us, "Since the cable-car makes only one round-trip a day, that's the way the natives usually get down."

B. F. RUSSELL
 Attorney at Law
 BAIRD, — TEXAS

DUBLIN GROUNDS SITE FOR GUNN REUNION

The Gunn descendants who have lived near Putnam for many years, were honored at a family reunion held at the Dublin picnic grounds, Saturday and Sunday, August 12th and 13th. They are prominent farmers and ranchmen of West Texas.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gunn of Troy, Texas. Mr. Gunn is the oldest member of the family living. Their children present were Mrs. Allie Strange, Carlene Gunn, and Ollie Gunn of Troy. Others were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith of De Leon; Mrs. R. C. Brunham and son, Mack, of Temple; Retha Johnson and son, Billy, of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gunn and children of Troy; Marjorie Tommy, and Ramona and Mary James of Fort Worth; P. O. Gunn of Troy; Netherlands of Austin; G. G. Gunn of Troy; Mrs. C. R. Gunn and children, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Watson, Mrs. Robrt True Crawford of Dickens; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crawford and children, Crystal and Rena of Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fuller and son, La Moin of Ireddell; Mrs. Inez Murray of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Du Bois and children Travis, Jr., Bert, Troylyn and Shiria Mae of Eddy; Mrs. Guy Steen and Dorothy Steen of Moran; Mrs. Aleck Kittrell of Lorenzo; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gunn and son, Johnny of Moran; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet and children, Wilna, Arnold, Willie Grace, and John Allen of Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Jones and sons, Warlick, and Bertram of Moran; Mrs. Evelyn Dent's and daughter, Edith of Moran; Mr. and Mrs. Granville Jones, and children, Retha Betty, and Evelyn of Ranger; Mrs. H. A. Pruet and son, Benton, of Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Park of Moran; Mrs. Edd Griffin of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bub Park and daughter, Mary Ann of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Walker and daughters, Gwendolyn, Virginia and Fairy of Dallas; Mrs. Reuben Brooks and daughter, Gloria Gwen of El Dorado, Arkansas. Visitors present were Mrs. Mary Hawkins of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crow of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crawford an ddaughter of Troy.

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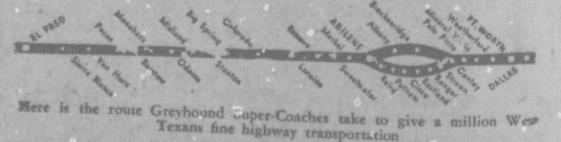


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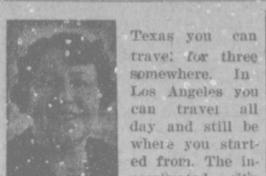
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least little spot in Texas for the beautiful, Dallas is husier, Fort Worth more hospitable, Houston has better fish dinners, Galveston has a better beach, and the bungalowville at Beeville is incomparably more lovely than anything we have seen in the celebrated Los Angeles!

At last we have seen the much-whole of it! San Antonio is more praised, the unexcelled, the glorious California, and I wouldn't give the

For one thing, the city is too big. That may seem strange from a dyed in the wool Texan, but in



comprises 400 square miles, but if you take in the adjoining suburbs it is sixty miles across in each direction and everything I wanted to see was at a different point of the compass. Fortunately the streets are at least four lane widths (I

will concede that California does itself handsomely in the way of streets and highways) and in the course of time I might learn to like it.
 We saw the homes of the movie stars who live mostly in Beverly Hills and Brentwood Heights. At Shirley Temple's home we were told that the small star comes home from work about four thirty every day and since the family is most gracious to visitors, with numerous other cars we waited hoping to see the baby movie princess. Finally a car approached the driveway; it honked three times and the great gates swung open;

we goggled, but the small Shirley was not in evidence. Her mother and father smiled and bowed graciously to the assembled waiting group, passed through the gates which closed slowly and austere behind them, and were gone.

We did see one of the famous World Premieres. On Friday night at Warner Brothers Beverly Hills Theatre they were having the first performance of Old Maid, starring Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins, and George Brent. JFR insisted we buy tickets for the performance but I wanted to be outside where all the spectacle takes place and besides all the tickets were gone except a few in the balcony three rows from the back wall at a \$1.10 each. We were warned we should come early if we wanted to see, but when I found that early meant about four in the afternoon for performance that began at eight-thirty in the evening I rebelled. When we arrived about seven-fifteen, Wilshire Boulevard had been roped off two blocks on both sides of the theatre, and great wire cables extended down the length of the space to keep the public from crowding the stars as they arrived. From doors of the theatre red carpets had been laid out to the edge of the sidewalk. More than a dozen huge searchlights were placed around the building and opposite it. These lights reached far into the sky, waving constantly about and warning everybody for miles that a great event was in progress. Huge police trucks marked the ends of the cables and perhaps a hundred policemen were in evidence. Already all available space was packed and jammed with waiting humanity. Dowagers in furs, tourists in slacks, small children, old men, rich, and the poor alike waiting breathlessly the arrival of the great. Cars began arriving, they had to have passes to drive down the marked-off lane and women in evening gowns and fur coats began to descend and walk up the red carpet accompanied by their well-dressed squires. With each new arrival the waiting throngs began to shout "It's so and so," but the better-informed explained that no, the stars would not begin to come till almost nine . . . these were people to see the show. Indeed the camera men didn't appear till nearly eight-thirty themselves. But at last a huge limousine with a foreign chauffeur drew up before the red carpet, the searchlights went into a frenzy of waving, the flashlights went into heaving action, the policemen collected with a great deal of hand-waving, and the doormen almost collided trying to open the car door. A tall woman in a white gown and a fur coat entered the building preceded by much bowing and saluting on the part of the employees and theatrical officials assembled at the entrance. Miriam Hopkins had arrived. From then

on there was a constant stream of notables arriving. The audience whooped and clapped when their favorites appeared; the spot lights lingered longer, on Ann Sheridan, Joan Crawford, and Cesar Romero than any of the others. Most of the women wore white gowns; the second most popular color was red in various shades. Only one or two had their hair on top of their head; indeed most of them wore it rather long and curling at almost shoulder length. At long last even the latest had gone inside, but the crowd did not disperse notably. Most of them planned to remain till the show was over and see them come out again. However soap and orange boxes were being offered to teen age boys who had seen all they wanted. So this Texas group left too, and wended their way for forty miles through busy streets to bed!

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Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stewart and daughter, Preble of Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. John DeVault and daughters, Mrs. Albert Reid and Mr. Reid, and son, Carvell, Mrs. Jimmie Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Carbon; Mrs. Albert Sprawls and daughter, Johnnie Bob of Abilene; Mrs. Kenneth Holt and children, Doris, James and Donald of Monahans; Mrs. Cecil Kile of Dothan, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hood and daughters, Mrs. Hugh Cockrell and Mr. Cockrell and baby Kathryn; Mrs. Truet Ball and Mr. Ball and baby, Georgia of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Will McAdoo and sons, Alvin

and Stewart of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jobe and children, Lenora and Billie of Frederick, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzpatrick and daughter Mary Beth of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stewart and daughter, Bobbie June of Scanton; Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Slatton and children Bill, Virginia, Wanza Gloria, Donald, Dale of Scranton; their aunt, Mrs. Mattie Whitley of Abilene and other guests, Rachel Hay, of Abilene; Mrs. Will Jobe, Mrs. Morris Sprawls of Putnam.

It was decided that a family reunion of the Stewart family should be made an annual affair.

Rev. John W. Price and family of Abilene were visitors in the home of I. G. Mobley this week. Rev. Price was formerly pastor of the Methodist church of Putnam.

Carl Wallace left Saturday for Tyler following a vacation trip spent in the home of Mrs. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager and points in Louisiana and Mississippi. Mrs. Wallace remained until Monday.

Bob Martin of Ovalo and Roy Lee Williams were Cisco visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers of Abilene spent Wednesday with Mr. Rogers mother, Mrs. Ida Rogers.

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On August 11 the Humble Company posted reductions in the prices at which it purchased crude oil in Texas and New Mexico by amounts ranging from 5c to 32c per barrel, and averaging 18.5c per barrel. In view of the fact that this action on our part has been severely criticized before the public, we outline below the facts and reasons on which it was based:

1. On August 1 the quantities of crude oil listed below, aggregating 218,920 barrels daily in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, were moving to market at prices substantially below the Humble's postings for similar crudes:

AREA	BBLs. DAY
Texas—	
West Central	37,000
Gulf Coast	22,600
Southwest	16,900
East Central	12,800
East Texas Field	5,850
Panhandle	1,500
Total Texas	97,650
South Louisiana	81,920
North Louisiana and Arkansas	39,350
Total	218,920

2. The amount of crude moving below Humble's postings was greatly increased when on August 10 the Sinclair-Prairie Company posted a reduction of 20c per barrel affecting the oil produced and purchased by it in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, which action was followed immediately by reductions in the price made by a number of smaller purchasers. These reductions applied to more than 150,000 barrels of oil. This, added to that mentioned in the preceding paragraph, equals 368,000 barrels. In the three States in which Humble operates, Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana, the aggregate volume of oil moving below Humble's prices approximated 17 1/2% of the total current production in those States.

3. The movement of constantly increasing quantities over the past year or more of crude produced in the new Illinois fields, reaching a total of 300,000 barrels daily on August 1, on a price basis substantially lower than Humble's postings in its territory, exerted a progressively depressing effect on the crude oil market. The effect was felt in Texas; and actually since April 1 Humble has lost 10,000 barrels per day of business absorbed by Illinois crude. This loss of business was in addition to that lost by Humble as a result of the movement of crude at low prices in the territory where we operate.

4. On August 11, therefore, the total volume of oil moving at prices below those of the Humble was approximately 668,000 barrels.

5. The crude oil market has been under pressure for more than a year. The price adjustments made last October did not remove fully the disparity between Humble's prices and those of some oil moving in its markets. Since that time the volumes of crude moving below our prices have increased steadily, with the result that when the reductions of Sinclair-Prairie and others came on August 10, affecting approximately 150,000 barrels of crude per day, conditions were so bad that we were compelled to reduce our prices to meet this competition. In no case are our new postings lower than the Sinclair-Prairie postings for similar crudes.

6. The Humble Company is primarily a producer of oil. Its crude oil properties constitute its principal asset. Its net production averages 133,000 barrels a day. We are also crude oil merchants and purchase, at our posted prices, 251,000 barrels of crude oil daily in Texas and New Mexico. These prices also govern the price at which we sell the oil which we produce. Because of our large production we are vitally interested in the maintenance of fair prices.

Our refineries consume something near the amount of oil which we produce. As a consequence, with respect to our purchases we are in the same position as a merchant dealing in any commodity. To continue in business, we can not over a long period of time pay higher prices than our competitors. We are compelled to meet competition. The price of oil, like that of other commodities, is subject to change with market conditions. These are simple and fundamental business principles. We were reluctant to cut the price of crude, not alone because of its adverse effect on our own earnings, but also because of its effect on our customers and upon the industry and the state at large. Under these circumstances, we could not continue to pay the prices we had been paying.

7. As a matter of policy the Humble Company maintains stocks of crude oil very slightly in excess of the amount required as working stocks to carry on operations. We do not believe in storage of oil above ground but in production of oil currently as required for market. We do not speculate in oil. We have no desire to buy oil at any price to accumulate for storage.

8. We think the price for oil brought about by the competitive conditions above mentioned is lower than should be realized. In our opinion the flood of oil from Illinois and Louisiana, most of which is being produced wastefully, in violation of conservation principles, is primarily responsible for the market conditions which necessitated our price reductions. It is our hope that these conditions will be corrected and that the market will improve.

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