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"Where The Old Western Spirit Lingers"

# Borden County Round-Up

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## PICKETS BACK ON JOB

The static oil field strike, which started about a month ago in Borden and Dawson Counties, spreading later again last week, strikink the

very heart of the oil-rich Permian Basin.

E. V. Swygart, Lamesa official of Local 672 International Union of Operating Engineers stated Wednes-

daynoon that pickets were placed at three rigs in Ector County, near Goldsmith, which is located north of Odessa.

Simultaneous with the move in

the Permian Basin, pickets again took up their duty posts at the southwest Borden and southeast Dawson county rigs which were the first ones hit by pickets in the five-week old strike.

Wednesday morning pickets lined up at three rigs being operated by the Cactus Drilling Corporation of Texas, the same company that has been bearing the brunt of demands from the union for improved working conditions at rigs.

Pickets had also been placed at the Midland offices of the Coctus Drilling Corporation.

Main demand of the union is for additional safety measures at rigs in West Texas.

Wednesday Swygart released figures compiled by the Texas Employers' Insurance Association over a two-year period showing a total of 6,133 accidents to workers on rigs and running the total insurance cost to \$1,088,028.50. There were 24,800 drillers and roughnecks working in the field when the survey was made.

Swygart added that this survey covers only part of the total. The figures were compiled from concerns affiliated with the Texas Employers' Insurance Association and does not show concerns doing insurance business with other firms. Nor does it show accidents that were never reported by the contractors, said Swygart.

Pickets are still patrolling the Cactus operation in Gaines County where a union representative has rented a tract of land completely surrounding the rig southwest of Seagraves.

The activity in Ector county served notice on drilling contractors, said Swygart, that the union would continue to strike at widely seperated points and without advance notice.

O. W. Clark, international representative of Local 672, stated early in the action that the union would move in on any rig in West Texas on a moment's notice and would continue to hit contractor's with these tactics until contractors were ready to sit down to a negotiating table and iron out demands.

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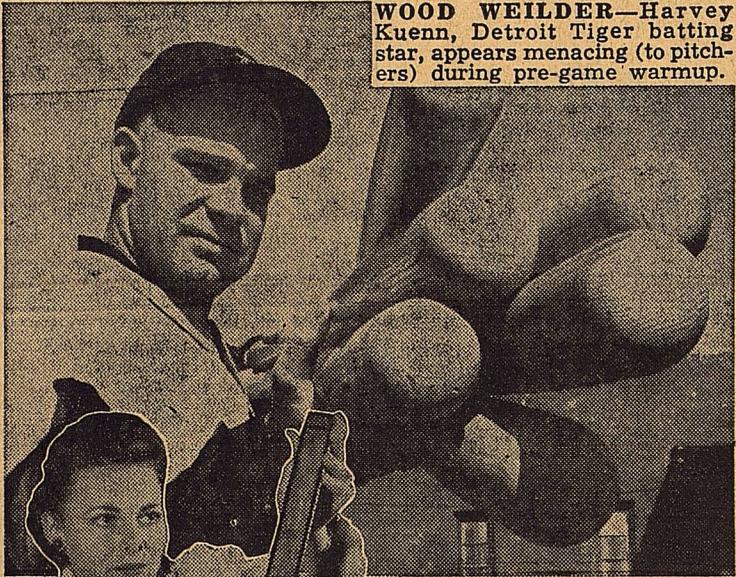
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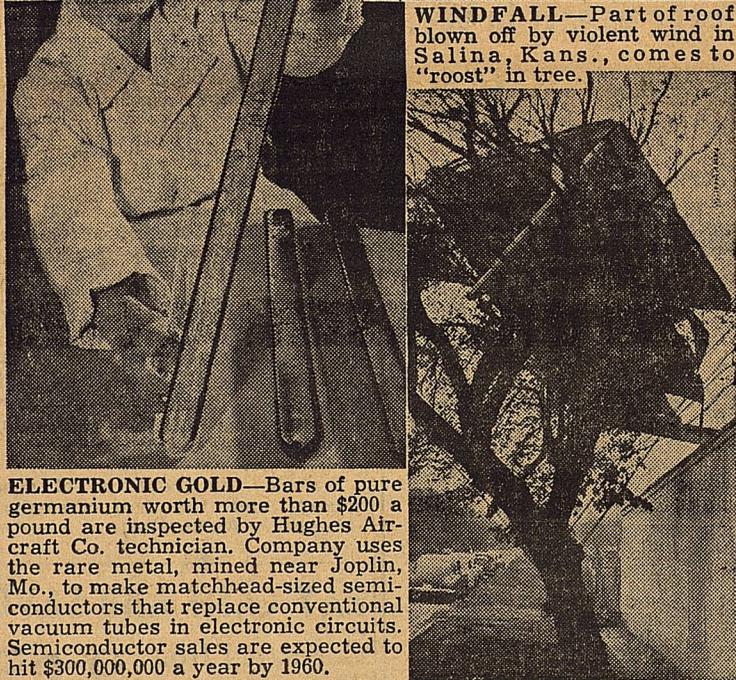
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### Central States News Views



**WOOD WELDER**—Harvey Kuenn, Detroit Tiger batting star, appears menacing (to pitchers) during pre-game warmup.



**WINDFALL**—Part of roof blown off by violent wind in Salina, Kans., comes to "roost" in tree.

**ELECTRONIC GOLD**—Bars of pure germanium worth more than \$200 a pound are inspected by Hughes Aircraft Co. technician. Company uses the rare metal, mined near Joplin, Mo., to make matchhead-sized semiconductors that replace conventional vacuum tubes in electronic circuits. Semiconductor sales are expected to hit \$300,000,000 a year by 1960.

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## British to Use Jungle Trees As Power Source

LONDON—The British have developed a new light steam engine for use in tropics which will burn low-grade fuel, including green wood. They expect it to be an important power source in undeveloped but heavily forested regions of the tropics.

The engine was developed by Sir Harry Ricardo.

Sir Edward has calculated that quick-growing Indian eucalyptus trees have a yield of nine and one-quarter tons of wood an acre a year. As the wood contains 0.8 per cent of the solar energy reaching the ground in the tropics in the form of heat, he has suggested that in theory eucalyptus forests could provide a perpetual source of fuel.

He has said that by rotational tree planting and felling, a forest of twenty kilometers square would enable a wood-consuming power station to provide 10,000 kilowatts of power.

The Ricardo engine has been designed for lighter tasks, such as pumping and machine driving. It is hoped that it will have an engine efficiency of about 10 per cent, which on a vegetable-consuming basis is twice as efficient as native bullock, the standard source of rural power in India.

## New Capital City Rising in Punjab

WASHINGTON — The National Geographic Society reports a new capital city rising on a fertile plain beneath the foothills of the snow-clad Himalayas is the pride of India's Punjab state.

Chandigarh, named for Chandi, goddess of power, is to be a symbol of new India. Where only a tiny, mud-built village stirred drowsily three years ago, a modern metropolis of concrete, steel and brick will ultimately house half a million Indians.

Punjab was split when India was partitioned in 1947. The ancient Punjab capital, Lahore, went to Pakistan. Punjab statesmen decided to erect an entirely new city for its capital.

Eastern tradition and Western innovation are being blended in Chandigarh. It is a city of super-blocks, three quarters of a mile long and half a mile wide, each housing 10,000 to 20,000 people. Each neighborhood unit has its own schools, playground, park, club, movie theater and bazaar.

### WOMAN COLLECTS 1,185 PENCILS

"Where did I put that pencil" is a question never heard in the home of Mrs. J. R. Cross, of Wewoka, Okla.

For Mrs. Cross collects pencils. And she could draw a line 41,475 miles long if she wanted. It figures out this way. The average seven-inch pencil will draw a line 35 miles long, and Mrs. Cross has 1,185 pencils available that will draw lines.

The collection hangs in handmade cases on the walls of the family breakfast room. And no two of the pencils or advertisements are alike.

The cases show pencils shaped like guns, people, and baseball bats. One with a broom on it bears the

inscription, "For a clean sweep in city hall, vote for . . ." The varied shapes and sizes on display always draw comment from visitors.

Thirty-three states, Canada, Japan, England, Scotland, Germany, and France are represented in the collection.

The old timer who never thought anything of walking 10 miles a day now has a son who never thinks of it either.

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**DIES IN CAR ACCIDENT**

Don Page, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Page of Dimmitt, was found dead Friday afternoon thrown from his car on a highway near his home. A tire was blown out. Dr. Carl Page, an uncle, was the only doctor in town at the time when the ambulance arrived with the body. Both Ira and Carl were reared here. Grandfather is F. M. Page of here —O'Donnell Index-Press

**MORE RAIN**

Borden county got real damp last week. Thursday night of last week the bottom dropped out and dumped an inch and a half of rain in Gail. In the north part of Borden county reports of nearly two inches are at hand.

Scurry county rain reports are to the effect that Snyder received a precipitation of 1.87.

Heavier rains fell in the Dunn area in South Scurry County, with measurements ranging up to 3.8 inches north of that community, and 3.5 in Dunn itself.

The brisk rains caused some danger of flooding in Snyder, and about 20 National Guardsmen stood by to watch Deep Creek until midnight. The National Guardsmen responded to a call by Roy Dunlap, civil defense director.

High water halted traffic on the road from Ira to Union. The farm road was flooded at a point about three miles north of Ira. Water was still over the road this morning.

Ira had about two inches of rain.

Only .9 of an inch fell at the Snyder pump station at Lake J. B. Thomas, while 1.1 was measured at the Big Spring-Odessa pump station on the south shore of the lake. Lake Thomas had gained only .13 of a foot this morning. The elevation at 10:30 a.m. today was 2,253.57 feet, or a little less than four and one half feet below the spillway.

Rains in the Hermleigh area ranged from .8 south of town to 1.8 in town. East of Hermleigh, 1.5 was measured.

Fluvanna had 1.1, with 1.75 three miles to the east, and about one inch three quarters of a mile west. Loyd Mountain had 1.6 and Midway 2.5.

Friday night another good rain fell in Gail and in other parts of the county, and at this writing Borden county is plenty damp.

**DRIVER'S RUN OF LUCK  
TURNS OUT MOSTLY BAD**

Luck was all bad for John Casey, of Eureka, Calif. He lost control of his car and was thrown out. He grabbed a bush and held on as the runaway car dived into a river. The brush broke and Casey also plunged into the water. He managed to get back to shore with only minor scratches and bruises. Back on the highway he was met by a traffic policeman who put him under arrest on a charge of driving at excessive speed around a dangerous curve.

**OIL NEWS**

Two Borden County oil projects were reported making oil Wednesday of last week.

Tidewater No. 1-B Clayton and Johnston flowed 45.60 barrels of oil in nine hours through a 16-34th-inch choke. Fluid was from three to five per cent water, one to three percent basic sediment.

At last report, operator was still testing from perforations at 8,312-22 feet.

The other project, Shell No. 1-A Miller, pumped 96.45 barrels of oil and 10.42 barrels of water in 23 hours from perforations at 7,704-10 and 7,742-56 feet. Operator was continuing testing.

The O'Donnell Rodeo was a great success — one of the best ever pulled off. Attendance was good, the parades were tops, and major credit must go to John Ellis, O'Donnell's leading citizen, who never shirks an opportunity for the home town and it's people.

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**THE BIBLE**

The empire of Caesar is gone; the legions of Rome are smouldering in the dust; the avalanches that Napoleon hurled upon Europe have melted away; the prince of the Pharaohs is fallen; the Pyramids they raised to be their tombs are sinking every day day in the desert sands; Tyre is a rock for bleaching fisherman's nets; Sidon has scarcely left a wreck behind the word of God still survives. All things that threatened to extinguish it have only aided it; and it proves every day how transient is the neblest monument that man can build, how enduring is the least word that God has spoken. Tradition has dug for it a grave, intolerance has lighted for it many a fagot; many a Judas has betrayed it with a kiss; many a Peter has denied it with an oath! Many a Demas has forsaken it, but the Word of God still endures.

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