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With its completion, Rankin will have one of the most modern swimming pools to be found in West Texas. The structure includes the latest equipment in bath house fixtures, much of it being especially ordered and made for this particular job. The pool has been open for some time on a temporary basis and has proven to be very popular as the hot weather begins to feel.

West Texas Utilities Company completed work on the new \$5,000 Little League ball park early this week. Officials of the Little League have stated that play will begin on the new field as soon as the backstop and bases can be moved from their present locations. Indications were that they would probably be playing on the new field next week. With the addition of bleachers donated by the school, the park will be able to accommodate more than twice as many fans as the previously used location at the Rodeo Ground.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Fred Prentice, major surgery on June 24, dismissed July 1st.

Mr. Albert Paladino, medical, admitted June 25th, dismissed June 30th.

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Mrs. James Welch, admitted June 29th, dismissed June 30th.

Mrs. O. C. Penn, Iraan, medical, admitted July 1st, still confined. Mrs. Penn is a registered nurse and one of the staff at the Rankin Hospital.

Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Midkiff, admitted July 2nd, dismissed July 5th, was re-admitted July 6th. A baby boy arrived at 7:50 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. Named Robert Lynn.

Mrs. D. O. Clark, medical, admitted July 5th, still confined.

Mr. Dominguez Fuentes died upon arrival at the hospital on July 5th.

Freddie Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, was treated for scalp wound on July 1st.

Mr. J. K. Cleary, Midkiff, had cast applied to right arm after fracture on July 4th.

Felix Garcia had a piece of steel removed from area of left chin on July 5th.

Mrs. Johnnie Gary, Nancy Gary, Betty DeForrest and Sam Christy went to Ruidosa to visit the John Christys over the 4th.

Others going to Ruidosa from Rankin were Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Yocham.

Some other statistics on arrests include: burglary, 441; holdup, 19; damage to mail receptacles, 469; theft of government property, 52; possession of stolen goods, 186; fraud and lottery, 227; mailing of obscene, scurrilous or defamatory material, 166; impersonating postal personnel, 7; extortion, 19.

Some other unusual cases included that of a dangerous armed criminal who went on a four-day crime spree with five burglaries, two auto thefts and attempted murder. He made his mistake when he robbed the Farmersville, Texas, post office. Postal inspectors took him at gunpoint.

A woman mail box thief averaged \$100 daily for five months stealing checks from apartment house boxes before inspectors caught her. Another hallbox thief stole electric bills from mail boxes. He confronted the housewives and told them their light bills were overdue and threatened to turn off the electricity unless they paid up. He collected \$1,500 before he was caught.

PEACE FOR PARENTS follows when Junior is connected to the TV set with these Spacephones. Up to four children can be plugged in at one time, with sound turned off on loudspeaker so the room is quiet even when the kids listen to wars between planets. Headset was developed by Hoffman Radio Corporation of Los Angeles and Kansas City.



BRUCE MCCAIN

Bruce McCain, 19 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McCain of Rankin, has recently completed a course in chemical, biological and radiological defense at Eta Jima Specialist School at APO 354. Since completion of the course, McCain has been assigned to the 785h AAA Gun Bn. in Korea. His present address is APO 60, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. McCain entered the armed services on October 19, 1953.

### LITTLE LEAGUE PLAY TOUGH TUGGLE AFFAIR

Little league ball play took on all the aspects of a free for all this week with some hard fought games being unrolled.

Wednesday night, June 30, the Giants edged out the Dodgers 11 to 11 in a very close game. The league-leading Giants had to pull out all the stops to head off the third place Dodgers.

Thursday night a make-up game was played between the Cardinals and the Yankees. The Yanks took the tilt 17 to 1.

Friday night, double header night, the Giants downed the Yankees 14 to 3 and the Cardinals hopped on the Dodgers 21 to 19 in another close game.

On Monday night, July 5, the first place Giants downed the Cardinal red birds 13 to 4.

Standings for the Little League are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Giants	11	0
Yankees	7	3
Dodgers	2	8
Cardinals	2	9

### CONG. KEN REGAN STATES POLITICAL VIEWS

MIDLAND.—Congressman Ken Regan, back from a tour of 15 of the 19 counties in the 16th Congressional District, cited the need for continued vigilance in Washington against the present "give-away" program.

"The present policy of importing oil is definitely damaging the economy of West Texas," he said. "Over 114 million barrels of oil a day are being shipped into the U. S. and as a direct result, Texas now has 15 shutdown days a month."

Congressman Regan said that this policy is throwing men out of work. He said that it not only affected crews in drilling and development but also pipeliners, derrick builders, water well drillers, dirt movers, sources of supply, oil field trucking and tank builders.

"All of these groups have seen a lessening of demand for their services," he said. "This results in unemployment and in turn affects retail stores and the general economic status of the entire state."

He said it was important for the district "to have a representative in Washington who has a comprehensive and thorough background on the oil industry and who has contacts and good relations in the extremely intricate and complicated Washington scene."

"There is more to the job of Congressman than sitting on the floor of the House and trying to look pretty," he said. "Nevertheless I have an excellent record on voting in the House, particularly on measures affecting West Texas. In the first half of the 83rd Congress my record shows that I didn't miss a single vote of the total of 70 yes and no votes."

Regan interrupted his itinerary on Tuesday to drive to Ozone where 265 families were made homeless a week ago Monday by a violent flash flood. Fol-

## Business Men's Calf Roping Planned For July 10, 8 PM

### STRIKE PAY IN TWO MORE UPTON COUNTY WELLS

Oil was hit in two more Upton County wells yesterday.

At Phillips Pet. Co. No. 1-B Dodson, approximately 10 miles south of Rankin, drillers were deepening the project after recovering 270 feet of oil and 360 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud on a 1 1/2 hour drillstem test.

In the Adams multipay pool approximately 12 miles west of Rankin Gulf Oil Corp. No. 5-E McElroy Ranch Co.-State made 56.54 barrels of 53.9 gravity oil on the fourth hour of a drillstem test. Gas volume was 1,300,000 cu. ft. daily.

### SINCLAIR OIL CAMP NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Black and son, Charles, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Black, in Houston.

Mrs. Bob Craig has been called to the bedside of her brother, Aron Herd, in Pampa. He is suffering from a heart attack.

Mrs. Johnnie Burns and children of Big Spring have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curley Barton.

Jack Abernathy, who has been a medical patient in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo for twenty-nine days, was able to return home Friday.

Bill Perry was able to return to his home Sunday, after spending a week in the Rankin Hospital.

Mrs. Alvin Bushong and children spent last week in Coleman with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saverance. Mr. Saverance has been ill for some time.

Ray and Robert Cawis are spending the week with their grandmother, Mrs. Tribble, in Snyder.

Mrs. Cordelia Forbes is spending the week in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Foster and daughter, Pam, of Fort Stockton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abernathy.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Jo Windham and daughter to our camp. The Windhams formerly lived at Andrews.

Mrs. Bill Perry entertained for Mrs. Jo Hodges with a going-away party. Cold drinks and cakes were served to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bushong, Bobbie and Barbara; Mrs. Vernon Black and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Currey Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Craig and Frank, Mrs. Cordelia Forbes and Connie, the honoree, Sam Hodges and sons, Buddie and Corkie. Mrs. Hodges was presented with a pair of pastel sheets and pillow cases.

### ABSENTEE VOTING NOW IN PROGRESS

Absentee voting for the July 24 primary elections got under way this week.

Scheduled to run through July 20, those who wish to vote by this method may do so at the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

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## Business Cowpokes Ready For "Throwing The Bull"

Things will really be hopping in Rankin comes Saturday night, July 10, when the Rankin Business Men's Champion Calf Roping gets off to a bang up start. The main question will be who gets banged up the worse.

Billed as one of the best attractions of its type, the show will feature some of Rankin's top calf tying specialists. A professional, or at least someone who can catch a calf, will do the roping for the business boys who will be on foot. When the calf has been properly collared by the roper, said business man will

### SCHOOL TO DONATE BLEACHERS TO PARK

Arrangements have been worked out whereby the old bleachers on the south side of the Rankin High School football field will be moved to the newly constructed Little League ball park.

The old bleachers, which had become somewhat weakened will be moved in the near future to their new location where present plans call for making two separate sections out of them. After their removal, the school plans to enlarge the amount of ground at the football stadium by moving the south fence back from the playing field by several feet. New bleachers will be constructed on that side of the field which is the "visitors side."

A new turf has been worked up on the playing field at the stadium and should be in fine shape by this fall. A considerable amount of sand and dirt was spread over the old grass and has been receiving heavy watering all summer.

Football workouts will begin around the middle of August, according to Coach D. E. Jones.

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The winner, or champion, will receive a large engraved belt buckle with the lettering "Champion Business Man Calf Roper." Last year's champion, Joe Powell, has been barred from this year's activities. He has been ruled as a professional.

Those who have entered to date are E. F. Proyor, Gene Hogan, E. B. Bloodworth, J. E. Hutchens, Jim Hughes, Louis Mauldin, Angus Preddy, Cliff Jones, O. N. Justice, Joe Schrivner, Ted Hogan, A. E. Ivy, Ray Boggs, W. J. Moore, Ed Yocham, Troy Wilson, Donald Setzler, Charley Hale, Fred Prentice, Henry Scarborough, Charlie Green, and O. R. Adams. Entries are still being received by Glenn Hill at Rankin Drug. Entry fees are \$1.00.

From all accounts, this show is one that is well worth the time and admission price. Last year's event proved to be a big success and this year's shindig promises to be even better.

The roping will be held at the Rodeo Ground west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes attended a Holmes family reunion at Pearsall over the Fourth of July week-end.

Mrs. Dave Gentry visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs, of Big Lake over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Warren were in Goldthwaite visiting friends and relatives over the week-end. They were also met there by their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Waco.

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This week saw the completion of two new improvement projects in Rankin. The new \$12,000 bath house at the county swimming pool lacked only minor installations before being put into service.

With its completion, Rankin will have one of the most modern swimming pools to be found in West Texas. The structure includes the latest equipment in bath house fixtures, much of it being especially ordered and made for this particular job. The pool has been open for some time on a temporary basis and has proven to be very popular as the hot weather begins to be felt.

West Texas Utilities Company completed work on the new \$5,000 Little League ball park early this week. Officials of the Little League have stated that play will begin on the new field as soon as the backstop and bases can be moved from their present locations. Indications were that they would probably be playing on the new field next week. With the addition of bleachers donated by the school, the park will be able to accommodate more than twice as many fans as the previously used location at the Rodeo Ground.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Fred Prentice, major surgery on June 24, dismissed July 1st.

Mr. Albert Paladino, medical, admitted June 25th, dismissed July 30th.

Mrs. J. D. Gossett, medical, admitted June 27th, dismissed July 5th.

Mr. W. R. Perry, medical, admitted June 28th, dismissed July 4th.

Mrs. James Welch, admitted June 29th, dismissed June 30th.

Mrs. O. C. Penn, Iraan, medical, admitted July 1st, still confined. Mrs. Penn is a registered nurse and one of the staff at the Rankin Hospital.

Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Midkiff, admitted July 2nd, dismissed July 5th, was re-admitted July 6th. A baby boy arrived at 7:50 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. Named Robert Lynn.

Mrs. D. O. Clark, medical, admitted July 5th, still confined.

Mr. Dominguez Fuentes died upon arrival at the hospital on July 5th.

Freddie Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, was treated for scalp wound on July 1st.

Mr. J. K. Cleary, Midkiff, had cast applied to right arm after fracture on July 4th.

Felix Garcia had a piece of steel removed from area of left chin on July 5th.

Mrs. Johnnie Gary, Nancy Gary, Betty DeForrest and Sam Christy went to Ruidosa to visit the John Christys over the 4th. Others going to Ruidosa from Rankin were Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Yocham.



PEACE FOR PARENTS follows when Junior is connected to the TV set with these Spacephones. Up to four children can be plugged in at one time, with sound turned off on loudspeaker so the room is quiet even when the kids listen to wars between planets. Headset was developed by Hoffman Radio Corporation of Los Angeles and Kansas City.



BRUCE MCCAIN

Bruce McCain, 19 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McCain of Rankin, has recently completed a course in chemical, biological and radiological defense at Eta Jima Specialist School at APO 354. Since completion of the course, McCain has been assigned to the 785th AAA Gun Bn. in Korea. His present address is APO 60, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. McCain entered the armed services on October 19, 1953.

### LITTLE LEAGUE PLAY TOUGH TUSSELE AFFAIR

Little league ball play took on all the aspects of a free for all this week with some hard fought games being unrolled.

Wednesday night, June 30, the Giants edged out the Dodgers 14 to 11 in a very close game. The league-leading Giants had to pull out all the stops to head off the third place Dodgers.

Thursday night a make-up game was played between the Cardinals and the Yankees. The Yanks took the tilt 17 to 1.

Friday night, double header night, the Giants downed the Yankees 14 to 3 and the Cardinals hopped on the Dodgers 21 to 19 in another close game.

On Monday night, July 5, the first place Giants downed the Cardinal red birds 13 to 4.

Standings for the Little League are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Giants	11	0
Yankees	7	3
Dodgers	2	8
Cardinals	2	9

### CONG. KEN REGAN STATES POLITICAL VIEWS

MIDLAND.—Congressman Ken Regan, back from a tour of 15 of the 19 counties in the 16th Congressional District, cited the need for continued vigilance in Washington against the present "give-away" program.

"The present policy of importing oil is definitely damaging the economy of West Texas," he said. "Over 14 million barrels of oil a day are being shipped into the U. S. and as a direct result, Texas now has 15 shutdown days a month."

Congressman Regan said that this policy is throwing men out of work. He said that it not only affected crews in drilling and development but also pipeliners, derrick builders, water well drillers, dirt movers, sources of supply, oil field trucking and tank builders.

"All of these groups have seen a lessening of demand for their services," he said. "This results in unemployment and in turn affects retail stores and the general economic status of the entire state."

He said it was important for the district "to have a representative in Washington who has a comprehensive and thorough background on the oil industry and who has contacts and good relations in the extremely intricate and complicated Washington scene."

"There is more to the job of Congressman than sitting on the floor of the House and trying to look pretty," he said. "Nevertheless I have an excellent record on voting in the House, particularly on measures affecting West Texas. In the first half of the 83rd Congress my record shows that I didn't miss a single vote of the total of 70 yes and no votes."

Regan interrupted his itinerary on Tuesday to drive to Ozone where 265 families were made homeless a week ago Monday by a violent flash flood. Fol-

## Business Men's Calf Roping Planned For July 10, 8 PM

### STRIKE PAY IN TWO MORE UPTON COUNTY WELLS

Oil was hit in two more Upton County wells yesterday.

At Phillips Pet. Co. No. 1-B Dodson, approximately 10 miles south of Rankin, drillers were deepening the project after recovering 270 feet of oil and 360 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud on a 1 1/2 hour drillstem test.

In the Adams multipay pool approximately 12 miles west of Rankin Gulf Oil Corp. No. 5-E McElroy Ranch Co.-State made 56.54 barrels of 53.9 gravity oil on the fourth hour of a drillstem test. Gas volume was 1,300,000 cu. ft. daily.

### SINCLAIR OIL CAMP NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Black and son, Charles, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Black, in Houston.

Mrs. Bob Craig has been called to the bedside of her brother, Aron Herd, in Tampa. He is suffering from a heart attack.

Mrs. Johnnie Burns and children of Big Spring have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curley Barton.

Jack Abernathy, who has been a medical patient in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo for twenty-nine days, was able to return home Friday.

Bill Perry was able to return to his home Sunday, after spending a week in the Rankin Hospital.

Mrs. Alvin Bushong and children spent last week in Coleman with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saverance. Mr. Saverance has been ill for some time.

Ray and Robert Cawis are spending the week with their grandmother, Mrs. Tribble, in Snyder.

Mrs. Cordelia Forbus is spending the week in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Foster and daughter, Pam, of Fort Stockton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abernathy.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Jo Windham and daughter to our camp. The Windhams formerly lived at Andrews.

Mrs. Bill Perry entertained for Mrs. Jo Hodges with a going-away party. Cold drinks and cakes were served to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bushong, Bobbie and Barbara; Mrs. Vernon Black and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Currey Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Craig and Frank, Mrs. Cordelia Forbus and Connie, the honoree, Sam Hodges and sons, Buddie and Corkie. Mrs. Hodges was presented with a pair of pastel sheets and pillow cases.

### ABSENTEE VOTING NOW IN PROGRESS

Absentee voting for the July 24 primary elections got under way this week.

Scheduled to run through July 20, those who wish to vote by this method may do so at the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Patton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ivy and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lane spent the week-end at Mr. Lane's fishing cabin on the Llano River. They reported fair fishing and a lot of fun.

Following an inspection on which he was conducted by the Ozone Stockman editor, W. E. White, he applied for aid from the presidential disaster relief fund and within 36 hours that assistance had been approved by the White House.

As he campaigns, Regan is in constant touch with his office in Washington and other members of the Texas delegation in the House. He gave instructions for his vote to be cast through a live pair for the compromise agricultural price support bill and against the 3-1-3 billion dollar foreign aid bill.

## Business Cowpokes Ready For "Throwing The Bull"

Things will really be hopping in Rankin comes Saturday night, July 10, when the Rankin Business Men's Champion Calf Roping gets off to a bang up start. The main question will be who gets banged up the worse.

Billed as one of the best attractions of its type, the show will feature some of Rankin's top calf tying specialists. A professional, or at least someone who can catch a calf, will do the roping for the business boys who will be on foot. When the calf has been properly collared by the roper, said business man will

### SCHOOL TO DONATE BLEACHERS TO PARK

Arrangements have been worked out whereby the old bleachers on the south side of the Rankin High School football field will be moved to the newly constructed Little League ball park.

The old bleachers, which had become somewhat weakened, will be moved in the near future to their new location where present plans call for making two separate sections out of them. After their removal, the school plans to enlarge the amount of ground at the football stadium by moving the south fence back from the playing field by several feet. New bleachers will be constructed on that side of the field which is the "visitors side."

A new turf has been worked up on the playing field at the stadium and should be in fine shape by this fall. A considerable amount of sand and dirt was spread over the old grass and has been receiving heavy watering all summer.

Football workouts will begin around the middle of August, according to Coach D. E. Jones.

Among those attending the Pecos Rodeo from Rankin were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hurst who reported a very good show.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham the past week end were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham and children of Brownwood.

### FLOYD C. REED GETS PHONE SUPT. POST



Floyd C. Reed of Huntsville has been named district commercial superintendent for the Midland District of Southwest Bell Telephone Company, which includes the local exchange.

Reed will replace Marshall Kemp, recently named district manager.

Reed's appointment was announced today by E. J. Ernest, Northwest Texas division manager.

Reed comes to Midland from Huntsville where he was district commercial superintendent for the company's Huntsville district.

In his new position, Reed will have charge of telephone company commercial operations for the 20 towns in the Midland district. These towns are Midland, Odessa, Crane, Big Spring, Seminole, Stanton, Alpine, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Grandfalls,

dash out and tie the critter up. Object of the deal is to see who can tie up what quicker than anyone else.

The winner, or champion, will receive a large engraved belt buckle with the lettering "Champion Business Man Calf Roper." Last year's champion, Joe Powell, has been barred from this year's activities. He has been ruled as a professional.

Those who have entered to date are E. F. Proyor, Gene Hogan, E. B. Bloodworth, J. B. Hutchens, Jim Hughes, Louis Mauldin, Angus Preddy, Cliff Jones, O. N. Justice, Joe Schriver, Ted Hogan, A. E. Ivy, Ray Boggs, W. J. Moore, Ed Yocham, Troy Wilson, Donald Setzler, Charley Hale, Fred Prentice, Henry Scarborough, Charlie Green, and O. R. Adams. Entries are still being received by Glenn Hill at Rankin Drug. Entry fees are \$1.00.

From all accounts, this show is one that is well worth the time and admission price. Last year's event proved to be a big success and this year's shining promises to be even better.

The roping will be held at the Rodeo Ground west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes attended a Holmes family reunion at Pearsall over the Fourth of July week-end.

Mrs. Dave Gentry visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs, of Big Lake over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Warren were in Goldthwaite visiting friends and relatives over the week-end. They were also met there by their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Bell and son, Tommy, and Mrs. Roy Bell's mother, Mrs. Bill Beihler of Kerrville, stopped by the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell over the week-end. The party was returning from a vacation in California. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Bell live in Austin.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baldwin over the week-end were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Crouch and Darla Sue, of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schriver and family have been visiting relatives at Lorraine. They reported some good fishing near that location.

### NOTICE

Anyone having a bill against either the Ford Theatre or Marvin Bell is requested to present same to Marvin Bell at once.

Iraan, Kermit, Marathon, Marfa, McCamey, Monahans, Presidio, Rankin, Sanderson and Windo.

A native of Oklahoma, Reed joined the telephone company in 1939 at Port Arthur when that exchange was being converted to dial operation. He was transferred to Houston in 1941.

During 1942 and 1943 he served as a radio code and communications instructor for Air Force pilots at Randolph Field. He was a chief radio officer with the Merchant Marines from 1943 to 1945.

He returned to Houston following his tour of duty with the Merchant Marines and in 1949 was promoted to relief manager. He was later promoted to manager for the company's operations at Brenham. He became district commercial superintendent for the Huntsville district in September, 1953.

An active church member, Reed's hobbies are radio and golf.

He and his wife plan to move to Midland in the near future.



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#### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF UPTON TO EULAH VOELKEL, HER HUSBAND IF SHE HAS ONE, AND HER HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of August, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., and at Rankin in Upton County, Texas, the undersigned, special commissioners appointed by the judge of the county court of said county to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation of the following described property, to-wit:

Being a tract of land out of Sec. 13, Blk. R, Burleson & Johns Survey, Upton County, Texas, to be used for highway right-of-way purposes and being more particularly described by

metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the present S. right-of-way line of U. S. Highway No. 67 said point being N 40 degrees 12' E. a distance of 2508.3 ft. from the W. corner of said Sec. 13.

THENCE N. 77 degrees 59'30" E. along the present S. right-of-way line of U. S. Highway No. 67 a distance of 117.3 ft.

THENCE N. 75 degrees 07'30" E. along the present right-of-way line a distance of 67.0 ft.

THENCE S. 50 degrees 00' E. a distance of 29.7 ft.

THENCE S. 77 degrees 59' 30" W. a distance of 227.7 ft. to a point on the N.W. line of said Sec. 13;

THENCE N. 40 degrees 12' E. along the N. line of said Sec. 13 a distance of 32.6 ft. to the point of beginning.

Said tract containing 0.098 acres of land more or less.

for the purpose of State Highway improvement, all of which more fully appears in a certain written statement filed by the said Upton County for and in behalf of Texas Highway Department with said judge on the 30th day of June, A.D. 1954, to which reference is here made, having heretofore duly selected such time and place for hearing as required by law, will proceed to hear said parties and said written statement and to act thereon in the manner directed by law.

Witness our hands this the 6th day of July, 1954.  
 G. C. Pauley  
 C. G. Forester  
 Glenn Hill  
 Special Commissioners

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness Nancy K. Daugherty, Clerk of the County Court of Upton County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Rankin, this 6th day of July, 1954.

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### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Hon. U. S. Representative, 16 Congressional District: J. T. Rutherford

For State Representative 102nd District: Audie Belcher  
 Louis H. "Andy" Anderson

For District Judge, 112th Judicial District: Alvis Johnson  
 Jim C. Langdon  
 Roy R. Priest

For District Attorney, 112th Judicial District: Marvin Blackburn  
 Connell Ashley

For District Judge, 83rd Judicial District: John C. Epperson

For District Attorney, 83rd Judicial District: Bruce C. Sutton  
 Lucius D. Bunton

For County Judge: Earl C. Bone  
 G. H. "Bud" Fisher (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector: H. E. "Gene" Eckols (Re-Election)  
 C. H. "Cliff" Jones

For County and District Clerk: Mrs. Nancy K. Daugherty (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: John A. Menefee (Re-Election)  
 Steve Proslar

For County Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rains (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 1: Sam Holmes (Re-Election)  
 Preston Patton  
 J. W. Hearon

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. D. "Tommy" Workman, Jr. (Re-Election)  
 W. J. Price

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 1: Omar Warren (Re-Election)  
 O. C. Scarborough

For Justice of Peace, Precinct 2: O. N. Justice  
 Mrs. Murray McCain (Re-Election)  
 W. J. "Curley" Cowen

For Constable, Precinct 1: W. F. Moore (Re-Election)  
 L. N. Collins

For Constable, Precinct 2: S. O. (Sid) Langford (Re-Election)

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**ASSETS**

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$902,523.08
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed Obligations of States and political subdivisions	972,265.50
Corporate stocks (including \$5,400.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	5,400.00
Loans and discounts (including \$8,203.18 overdrafts)	985,696.69
Bank premises owned \$3,800.00, furniture and fixtures \$10,000.00	13,800.00
Other assets	802.24
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,365,996.95</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,062,534.99
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	227,895.58
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	68,727.21
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	720,604.43
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>3,079,762.21</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)</b>	<b>3,079,762.21</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Capital*	\$ 55,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided profits	90,484.56
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	15,750.18
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>286,234.74</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS** 3,365,996.95

\*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of \$55,000.00

**MEMORANDA**

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes 971,800.00  
I. D. S. Anderson, cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
D. S. ANDERSON,

CORRECT—ATTEST:  
H. F. Neal, Clay Taylor, Dunn Lowery, Directors.  
State of Texas, County of Upton, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1954.

RUTH HOLCOMB,  
Notary Public  
Upton County, Texas.

**FUQUA-EDWARDS VOWS READ IN RANKIN MONDAY**

Miss Jackie West Fuqua of Iraan and Johnny Lee Edwards of El Paso were married at the Baptist parsonage at 11:45 a.m. on July 5th.

Rev. R. L. Shannon officiated at the quiet ceremony with the bride's parents and a brother as only attendants.

The bride, a graduate of Iraan High School this year, returned with her husband to El Paso where he is stationed. The couple will make their home there.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY JULY 9 AND 10**

**"THE LONE GUN"**  
George Montgomery and Dorothy Malone  
— PLUS SECOND FEATURE —  
**"DUFFY OF SAN QUENTIN"**  
Louis Hayward and Joanne Dru

**SUNDAY AND MONDAY JULY 11 AND 12**

**"MISS SADIE THOMPSON"**  
RITA HAYWORTH  
ALDO RAY  
JOSE FERRES

**TUESDAY, JULY 13**

Cleo Moore, Hugo Haas and John Agar  
— IN —  
**"BAIT"**

**JULY 14 AND 15**

**"A YANK IN THE R. A. F."**  
TYRONE POWER  
BETTY GRABLE

**FORD Theatre**  
RANKIN, TEXAS

**PAISANO ENCAMPMENT TO BE JULY 26 TO AUG. 1**

The 34th consecutive session of the Paisano General Encampment will be July 26th to August 1st.

There will be a daily program except on Sundays. Training Union classes, Bible classes and preaching will be held in the mornings. Following the noon hour there will be a quiet hour, recreation and training, W.M.U. and men's prayer service and during the evening a brotherhood meeting, evening worship and friendship circle.

The program personnel will be the following preachers: Dr. Perry F. Webb, San Antonio; Dr. F. B. Thorn, Wichita, Kansas Bible teacher; Dr. Kyle M. Yates, Houston, training union director; Dr. T. C. Gardner, brotherhood director; L. H. Tapscott, Dallas. The W. M. U. leader is to be announced. Youth service and recreation leader, Sam Allen; men's prayer service leader, Sam Means, Dallas; music director, Troy V. Campbell, Houston; organist will be Ray G. Collins, Jr., and pianists, Mrs. Yates Brown of Midland and Mrs. Troy V. Campbell of Houston.

ALPINE—Buddy Calcote of Midkiff was on the honor roll at Sul Ross State College of the spring semester. The list was recently released with Buddy's name appearing in the upper ten percent, with the score of 5.33.

Buddy is a junior majoring in social science and also enrolled for the summer session at Sul Ross. He is a former student of Texas Tech and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Calcote.

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Dr. Q. Z. Martin  
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Hours 9-5, Closed Monday  
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**PROTECT YOUR HOME WHILE ON VACATION**

Home safe home is not just a take-off on a well known cliché, but a good common sense motto for vacationers.

Vacations require a great deal of planning but your home deserves preparation for your absence as well—much more than putting the cat out. Remember a vacant house is a constant temptation to fire and theft!

A thorough job of housecleaning is number one on the list of safety preparations. A clean house, garage and yard can greatly reduce the possibility of fire. Such dangers as using water heater closets as storage places should be checked and corrected.

Outside doors as well as cabinet and closet doors on the inside should be locked. Then if a fire should start, it may be confined to one room until it is discovered and extinguished.

Leave window shades up and blinds open so that a fire may

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be quickly observed by neighbors or passersby.

All appliances such as radios, television sets, toasters, lamps, etc., should be unplugged and refrigerators and home freezers turned down to vacation level.

Burglaries are almost as common as fires. According to national statistics, a burglary occurs somewhere, about once a minute, so make your home burglar-proof as well as fire-safe.

Accumulated newspapers are sure-fire tip-offs that the house is vacant. Notify your newsboy by letter or telephone and not by note.

Tell your neighbors when you leave so that they can keep an eye on your place and report immediately any trouble. The appearance of any strangers or suspicious person should be reported to the police.

Don't tell strangers that you are leaving town. Ask your neighbors not to advertise your

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alford Williams in Abilene June 24th. Mrs. Williams is the former Thelma Tate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tate, 3102 South 11th St., in Abilene. Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Williams of Anson and is employed at Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co.

The baby was named Amanda Aline.

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Never allow strangers without proper credentials to enter your home. Many times thieves pose as salesmen, or repairmen in order to "case" your house for future operations.

Follow these simple rules and your home will be less likely to fall prey to one of these vacation day hazards.

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**JULY CLEARANCE**  
Starts Fri. 9-16-- One Week Real Savings

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**1 1/4**

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1 GROUP OF SKIRTS FOR 1/2  
YOUR BOUFRANT SLIPS, IN 1/2  
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**BLOUSES**  
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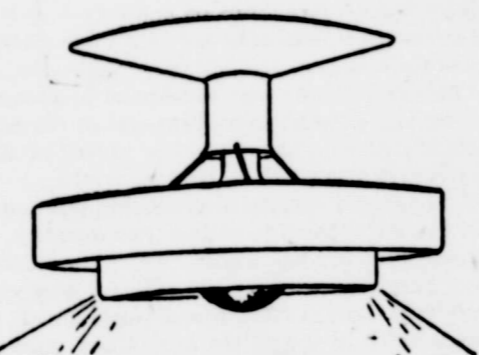
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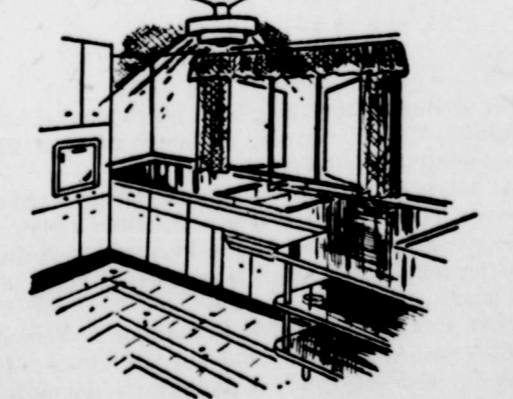


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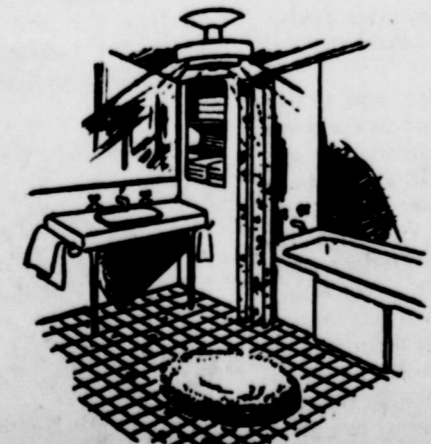
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### Shivers Cites Growth Of Texas Road System In His Administration

AUSTIN, Tex., July 9.—During the last five years, 48.57 miles of roads have been built in Upton County. It was Texas' greatest period of road construction history, Highway Department files show.

The breakdown by counties as well as state totals prepared by the 542-41 was spent in the county for maintenance of present roads and for the gigantic construction program.

Meanwhile in Austin Gov. Shivers cited the impressive figures "as evidence that the state's construction program is giving Texas motorists the best roads that engineering can provide."

The report showed that 14,926.10 miles of roads added to the state highway system over the period covered cost \$575,158.32, more money spent for construction than in any other comparable period.

Figures also showed that Farm-to-Market roads came in for a lion's share of the total. The roads were named a priority because they give farmers needed routes to market and access to towns surrounding rural areas, a highway official said.

Shivers, who said he was very proud of the excellent way Texas roads have improved in the last half-decade, listed dollars and time saved as two prime benefits to Texas motorists.

"State drivers have been able to save countless hours and money through good roads that provide the ultimate in safety and design," he remarked.

He also pledged that he "would do everything in my power" to continue the present rapid pace of road-building and maintenance.

"A road system worthy of its name must provide its motorists with swift, safe routes," he said.

Mrs. Roxie Hutchens and Barbara Kay are spending the summer in Houston with Mrs. O. A. Tomlinson and family. They will return home when school starts.

### HIGHLIGHTS & SIDELIGHTS By VERN SANFORD TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas' campaign trails are sizzling as figures in the quest for the state's top political job enter the speech-making home stretch.

Governor Allan Shivers' bid for re-election was boosted by the announcement of State Senator A. M. Aikin that he would support the governor.

Aikin, champion of public education and co-author of the Gilmer-Aikin laws, said he has never doubted the sincerity, integrity, or ability of the governor.

In a string of champion speeches broken by a brief personal visit to the Rio Grande flood area and a request to President Eisenhower to designate 5 hard-hit counties as disaster areas, Shivers:

1. Charged that opponent Ralph Yarborough does not have the interest of the state's old people at heart. The governor said that his opponent has "never lifted a finger to help increase old-age assistance," but has worked to boost pensions for retired judges.

2. Received support from an Austin union barber who said that charges made against the governor in a Corpus Christi labor convention were "unjust." G. O. Eddleman said that the governor had always been helpful to the laboring people and that the "anti-labor" accusation brought against Shivers was the work of labor's "would-be bosses."

3. Reiterated his stand against changes in segregation laws and hit out at Yarborough for "mud slinging."

4. Cited industrial gains and the fact that more people are working and making more money in Texas than ever before. "Is this what Yarborough wants to change?" Shivers inquired.

**Yarborough Busy**  
Candidate Yarborough continued his campaign, aided by a chartered airplane that shuttled him to more than 30 towns for brief speeches.

He promised to "clean out" the Texas Insurance Commission if elected.

He also demanded an audit of the books of John Van Cronkhite, a former Shivers campaign manager whose name came up in the bankruptcy case of Lloyd's of North America.

Yarborough declared against third terms, saying that "when politicians become fixtures their cronies become fixers."

The candidate promised an administration dedicated to quick aid for farmers and ranchers, better roads and highways, veterans land, health and state welfare programs.

**Holmes is Active**  
Covering the crossroads is J. J. Holmes of Austin. He is making a grassroots search for votes, spending little time in the big cities. It is his first race for Governor.

**State Courts**  
One state court has wound up business for a summer vacation and two more will soon follow suit.

The Court of Criminal Appeals finished its nine-month term and recessed until October 1. Expected to shut up shop soon were the Supreme Court and the Third Court of Criminal Appeals.

A new associate justice for the Supreme Court is to be appointed by the governor before the court resumes business in the Fall. The new justice will replace the late Judge Graham B. Smedley.

**Lyerly Leaves**  
Hugh Lyerly, executive assistant attorney general, resigned July 1 to enter the private practice of law in Dallas.

He joined the firm of Coke and Coke.

"Mr. Lyerly set an outstanding record as a trial and appellate attorney during his three years of service with our office," said Attorney General John Ben Shepperd in announcing Lyerly's resignation.

**Insurance Business**  
Texas insurance companies' charter amendment applications are receiving close examination before being approved, says Attorney General John Ben Shepperd.

He announced that his office has returned 10 to 27 applications in the last two months because of failure to meet insurance law requirements.

**Toll Road**  
Moving ahead are plans for the state's first toll road.

After a month of consultation, the Texas Turnpike Authority voted to employ Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff, consulting engineers, to work out plans for the Fort Worth-Dallas thoroughfare, cost of which will be an estimated \$31 million.

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### Dogs by the Million!

This summer, as always, huge armies of Americans of all ages are flocking to baseball games, to beaches and lakes for picnics and sport, to amusement parks and carnivals, and are enjoying all manner of other diversions. A very high proportion of them will have what might be termed an "expedient companion" in the form of that delicacy known as the hot dog.

During the 14-week period that began with Decoration Day and will end with Labor Day, says the American Meat Institute, the incredible total of 2,624,640,000 hot dogs, a string that would girdle the earth about 8 times, will be consumed in this country! That works out to 21 of the dogs for every man, woman and child between the ages of five and 60.

The hot dog, obviously, is a true and lasting American institution. It's as indigenous as apple pie. To millions of us, there would be a sad lack in the best of ball games without a "red hot" or two and something cold to wash it down with. The hot dog stands are as much a part of carnivals as the rides and the sideshows and the barkers. And the hot dog is a key element in the home barbecue trend which has developed enormously in late years.

This season's consumption, incidentally, will be eight per cent over last's. The good old hot dog gets more popular all the time.

### A Healthy Situation

As any merchant in this country will tell you, the buyer's market is back. That means competition is more intense now than at any time since the last great war.

This is a perfectly normal development in a country which is dedicated to the ideal of the maximum amount of freedom for all—including economic freedom. It is also healthy, and works to the long-range advantage of all concerned. There are some, of course, who don't like it—who feel that competition is in danger of reaching the cut-throat stage. But for the most part this comes from people who had forgotten or had not experienced real competition, and had benefited from the artificial conditions produced by the wars.

In any event, we get our best picture of how competition works at the retail level. It is a very favorable picture to the consumer. The prices of many commodities have declined. The prices of relatively few have risen. There are no shortages. There is abundance all along the line.

Big stores and little stores, chain stores and independent stores—all are competing with each other. We see the results in every community in the land.

### \$12,000 Per Worker

How much do you think it costs to give the average worker in American industry a job—that is, to provide the machinery, materials, working space and other needed facilities?

An authoritative survey places the figure at about \$12,000 per worker—and in some industries it is many times that.

The money that provides the jobs comes mainly from two sources—industry's profits, and the savings of individuals and institutions in the forms of stocks and bonds. These buy the tools that make high employment and high wages possible.

We rightfully hear much of the importance of labor. But we should hear much more than we do of the importance of the investor.

### Adapting to Change

One of the distinguishing characteristics of American industry is its ability to adjust itself to changes of great magnitude.

As an example, some 50 years ago kerosine was the oil industry's principal product. Gasoline was nothing but a nuisance, and the main problem was to find ways of getting rid of it as cheaply as possible. Then came the automobile. By 1910 there were about 500,000 motor vehicles in the country—by 1920 there were more than 9,000,000. Today over 45,000,000 cars ply our streets and highways, all drinking gas. That once-useless product now flows out of the refineries at the rate of 100,000,000 gallons a day, and close to half of all the crude oil produced is converted into gasoline and lubricants.

The oil industry's success in producing this enormous flood of gas doesn't end the story. Quality, no less than quantity, is a big factor. The gasoline used 30 years ago would "knock" a modern engine into the repairman's hands in a hurry. Thanks to research, modern gas makes cars run with near-perfect smoothness—and it delivers about 50 per cent more miles to the gallon in addition. And the cost of the gas, taxes excluded, is about the same.

Under free enterprise, we get the best and the most for the money.

### Rivers of Grain

Rivers of golden grain are flowing again from the southern end of the Great Plains—the nation's lavish "bread basket." By the end of this summer's harvest, the flow will have totaled 930,000,000 bushels of wheat, enough to fill a train of box cars 4,000 miles long.

Wheat is one of the basic essentials of life. Moving it constitutes the world's biggest single transportation job. That job is done by the all-important railroad system that connects country grain elevators with flour mills and city markets. The rails handle it with such organized precision that mountains are made to appear as molehills.

Obviously, this calls for an enormous amount of careful preparation. Long before the harvesting season the railroads laid out a plan to expedite the grain movement. The task has been made more urgent by modern harvesting methods which have reduced the over-all harvesting time from months to weeks. Yet railroad officials are confident that, given sufficient storage space, the industry will be able to handle smoothly all the wheat offered for movement. Ample numbers of box cars are available and headquarters have been established from which, in command-post fashion, the flow of wheat is directed and coordinated.

This is one more example of why the railroads are recognized as the basic transportation medium.

### Horse Sense

Oil producers have long been given what is known as a depletion allowance. This allowance, presently fixed at 27½ per cent, amounts to a credit against taxes.

At intervals efforts have been made to reduce or eliminate the allowance. That happened this year, when a plan was proposed to cut it to 15 per cent. But the Senate Finance Committee, after analyzing the matter and considering the arguments, voted to retain the 27½ per cent figure.

That Committee, which is making a strenuous and praiseworthy effort to produce a general tax bill which is fair to everyone, didn't take this action because it wants to do the oil industry any special favors. It took it because the allowance is a must if we are to be assured of the incredible volume of oil products we need for military and civilian purposes. Searching for oil is one of the riskiest of activities. The great majority of wildcat wells turn out dry and useless. Staggering sums are sunk in holes in the ground that don't produce anything of value. Men take such risks and play the long-shot bets because of the profit incentive. They wouldn't and couldn't take them if, after finding one successful well out of 8 or 10 tries, practically all of the profit was taken in taxes—there would be nothing left with which to try again. And that's the reason why Congress after Congress has maintained the depletion allowance, and President after President has signed the bills authorizing it. The Senate Finance Committee's recent action is fully supported by precedent, by justice, and by plain horse sense.

### Draft Call

Letters calling for 2,416 Texans to be examined in August for military duty have gone out to state draft boards, according to Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state selective service director.

Texas boards will induct 1,092 men during the month who have received previous examinations. Wakefield said that draft calls for both July and August are running above previous months. The August call asked for men 20 or older, but authorized boards to call men below 20 if necessary to fill quotas.

**Texas Navy**  
Now non-existent, the Texas Navy will be honored September 1-7, designated as "Texas Navy Week."

Governor Allan Shivers credited the one-time Republic's small fleet as playing a big part in winning independence from Mexico.

"It was their fighting spirit that made the difference," stated the governor in his proclamation.

Some motorists think they are sportsmen because they flush the pedestrians with a blast of the horn before hitting him on the rise.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT—3 room apartment, private bath. One apartment newly redecorated. Part of bills paid. Call 218 or 229-J.

FOR SALE—33 ft. Spartan Royal Mansion trailer house. Phone 38. After 5 p.m., 55-J. 1tc

LOST—6 buck sheep. If found call W. J. Cowen, 162-R. 1tp

MALE HELP WANTED—Clerk with some stenographic ability. Good salary, an opportunity for advancement. Call Rankin 226 for appointment. 1tc

FOR RENT—Small furnished house and two furnished apartments. Call 96-W or see Mrs. W. M. Hill 1tc

HIRE STEVE PRESLAR for your new county attorney.

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### Bootleggers In Wet Areas

Last month's report of the Texas Liquor Control Board covering the month of May showed that there were 56 cases of liquor violation in only three categories in wet areas of Texas for that month. Of a total of 218 different types of violation there were 218 separate cases. Only one was convicted for a total amount of \$12,094.60.

In the dry areas of Texas there were 192 cases from 9 different types of violations convicted were 137. This indicates that there is almost twice as much liquor violation in wet counties as in dry while convictions for the wet areas lag behind those of the dry.

Sam A. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes, has recently completed a six-week workshop at the University of Texas on cerebral palsy. Mr. Holmes reported that much was accomplished at the meeting and that he enjoyed it very much.

David and Nancy Mims, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell and children of Mr. and Mrs. James Mims of Midland, spent the 4th of July week-end in the Bell home. During their stay here the group visited at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens. The Owens have just completed and moved into a new ranch home.

Esther Clark and Carol Waggoner of Sul Ross visited Esters' parents, the J. L. Clarks, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Manry were to return home Tuesday after a trip to Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barbee spent the 4th of July at Chillicothe visiting with Mrs. Barbee's parents.

Newcomers to Rankin this week include Sam Horton and J. L. Murdock, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKelvey spent the holidays in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Johnny Rankin and children of Coleman spent the first of the week here. They were accompanied by Rankin by Miss Andra June Mitchell who had been visiting in their home.

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## Re-Elect Congressman KEN REGAN For His Fourth Full Term In Congress

A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN CONGRESS THIS YEAR WILL MAKE CONGRESSMAN REGAN THE RANKING MEMBER OF TWO MAJOR COMMITTEES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND GIVE HIM A CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE OF RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION.



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"Seniority In Washington Is Priceless"

## MORE MONEY FOR ROADS



During Allan Shivers' Administration more money has been spent for roads than in any other comparable period in Texas history.


For that money Texas added 14,926.10 miles of smooth roads to the state highway system and maintained all roads to keep them safe and sound for you. Allan Shivers knows the importance of goods roads to you. Whether trade-routes that speed goods to market or modern super-highways that make your driving a pleasure, goods roads save you time and money.

### IN UPTON COUNTY

\$950,542.41 has been spent on roads for you during Allan Shivers' Administration.

You have 48.75 more miles of roads today than when he became your governor. This means better Farm-to-Market roads, so important to farmers and citizens of small towns. It means modern, safe highways that make your trips enjoyable and inexpensive.

Texas comes first with Allan Shivers.



**Allan Shivers for GOVERNOR**



# The Rankin News

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR

## How McCamey Got Its Name MIKE BENEDUM - THE GREAT WILDCATTER

Reprinted below is a letter received by the McCamey Chamber of Commerce in September of 1948 from Geo. B. McCamey, the man for whom the City of McCamey was named for.

Geo. B. McCamey  
Sinclair Building  
Fort Worth, Tex.

Sept. 3, 1948.

McCamey Chamber of Commerce  
McCamey, Texas

ATTENTION OF  
MISS PAT KEFFER

Dear Miss Keffer:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 20th, 1948, in which you request information as to the discovery well in Upton County and other data pertaining to the discovery well, and I will endeavor to give you this information in the order requested, namely:

1st—Location of Discovery Well was on the Baker lands, in the E. C. Groom Survey, Block "R", Upton County, Section No. 8. Well was drilled in the SE corner of the NE 4 of this Section.

2nd—The approximate date of commencement of this test would be about August 20th, 1925, first oil encountered in the well on September 27th, 1925, and was completed a few days later at a depth of 2,271 ft. The Well was then shut down for about thirty days—then put on production and at the end of ten days was making about 40 barrels of oil per day. The Producing Formation, is

the regular Lime Formation producing in this field.

3rd—Insofar as I know the land upon which the discovery well was drilled as above described, is still owned by the Baker Heirs. As to the number of producing wells in the field, this information I am unable to furnish, but can be obtained, no doubt, from the Railroad Commission, at Austin, Texas.

4th—As to myself, there is not much to add, other than the fact that I am 23 years older at this time. I would like to add that as I compile this data for you, my son Robert L. McCamey is sitting across the table from me, and he was born on Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1925, the day the Baker well came in as a producer. In addition to our son, Mrs. McCamey and I have three daughters—Virginia, Jacquely and Georgia. All of our children are married, and we now have three grandchildren.

5th—The town of McCamey obtained its name in the following manner. Mr. Clary, of the Orient Railroad, agreed at the time we planned the drilling of the discovery, to install a switch for our convenience, at the present town-site of McCamey, providing we would pay the cost of installation, which we did, and the switch was later named McCamey.

I believe that the above information will pretty well fill your requirements for information, and I trust is the information you desired.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

/s/ Geo. B. McCamey.

Michael Late Benedum was born July 16, 1869, at Bridgeport, West Virginia. He had very little schooling and as a boy helped in the general store which his father ran. At 16 he went to work in a flour mill for \$4.00 a week. At 21 he was making \$6.00 a week and decided to try his fortune in another town. On the train to Clarksburg, by chance he met a superintendent of the South Pen Oil Company and was offered a job; so, by accident he got into the oil business. He worked for South Penn until 1896.

In 1895, he met Joseph Clifton Trees and let him have \$1,955.00 to take up an option on a royalty contract on land next to a well being drilled. Benedum got 1/2 interest in the royalty. In a week the well came in; in 3 days Benedum had his money back; and, he received big royalties from this land for over 30 years. This gave him the money to begin his operations, and thus began his association with Trees as Benedu-Trees company, which is still a huge corporation in the oil business.

Mike Benedum is known as the greatest of wildcatters. He had dis-

covered oil in West Virginia, Illinois, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Mexico, Rumania, Colombia, Venezuela, and Canada.

His first discovery in Texas was a wildcat in Comanche county in 1918 and brought in The Desdemona.



He drilled a wildcat well in Reagan County in 1923, after all the big oil companies had turned down the acreage, and brought in the Big Lake and Texon Fields. He organized the Plymouth Oil Company to take care of his oil business in these fields.

It was the common opinion among oil men in those days that there was no oil West of the Pecos; but, Mike Benedum decided to cross the Pecos and do the impossible. So, he drilled on the Yates Ranch; and even to his amazement on October 28, 1926, he brought in a good well at 1,004 feet. And, his No. 30-A, brought in on September 23, 1929, flowed at the rate of 20,682 barrels per day—up to that time the largest producing oil well ever drilled anywhere in the world.

Mike Benedum had many setbacks and drilled many a "million dollar dry hole," and particularly in 1921-22 did he lose money; but, he always staged a come-back, bigger than any before.

Of the two million acres of land belonging to the University of Texas, Mike Benedum has prospected and found oil at so many locations on these University Lands that it has been said that Mike Benedum built the University of Texas. After millions have been spent at the University, there is still a permanent fund of more than \$74,000,000.00 and more coming in every day.

At the age of 83 Mike Benedum was still working in his office; taking an interest in politics; deeply religious; honored by Universities and all men in high office for his integrity and enthusiasm. He is more than ever the persistent and creative searcher,—the great wildcatter.

## Area One Of Richest Oil Producers

McCamey, center of one of the richest producing areas in oil-rich West Texas, enjoys a colorful past and sound future as it is a fairly young town as the age of towns is figured. McCamey was started on its way to being a town in the year 1926.

Many of the scars, left from the days of the great boom period when the great fields in the surrounding area blew in. These scars take the form of houses, many of them sheathed in sheet-iron, hastily thrown up to house the many drillers, roughnecks, and other oil field personnel who came with the first indication of what has proved to be gigantic producing wells.

As time has passed methods of handling the oil that flows in such great quantities from the ground, have changed and this little West Texas city has been in the midst of the modernization trend that has seen the utmost in perfection as far as pipeline construction and operation are concerned.

Rancho Pipeline, one of the major lines with its source at McCamey, has one of the most beautiful and up-to-date plants in the State in its Mesa Station.

Here gigantic pumping devices suck the oil stored in the huge 125,000 barrel storage tanks out and inject it into the big inch and other lines that will carry it to refineries in Houston and other cities all over the nation.

Not only crude oil goes through the lines but gasoline and natural gas are transported through this most modern of conveyances to whatever point in the U. S. it has been ordered from.

Humble and Shell also operate modern pipeline stations in McCamey and the three lines move a large percentage of the production from the fields to refineries where it becomes gasoline, motor oil or any of the thousands of other oil derivatives already discovered and will in the future go into the countless hundreds that are still in the planning stages in this remarkable age of plastics and synthetic materials.

Thus, with the huge pipelines and constant improvements in methods of using them, the old tanker trucks are rapidly becoming a thing of the past along with the railroad cars carrying the long cylindrical tanks that in the past carried such a vast amount of the petroleum produced in this and other oil-bearing sections of fabulous Texas.

A "dry-hole" is an uncommon thing in this section of West Texas. It just seems that if a company wishes to drill a well, they just drill and get ready for a producer.

Naturally in such an area, there are many firms who make a business of drilling. These firms make McCamey their headquarters and send their rigs and crews to all parts of Texas. Jesse Russell, one of the leaders in this enterprise, recently told a McCamey News staff member that he had had a rig working in the Pearsall area of southwest Texas. Allredge and Stroud, Inc. has drilled in the state of New Mexico.

Mrs. W. H. Stroud, of Allredge and Stroud, Inc., told The McCamey News that in the nearly eight years that they have been conducting drilling operations in this area they have lost only one string of tools in an oil well. Loosing tools, along with blow-outs and collapsing masts, are the things that quickly take the profit out of drilling operations for the operators. Mrs. Stroud said that their company had also had one occasion to experience the expensive and dangerous mast-collapsing ordeal on a well in Crockett County.

So from an humble beginning as an open place nestled among the surrounding mesas, McCamey has grown to be the center of operation for many of the huge companies who deal in oil and oil products.

Rapidly disappearing are the scars of the boom days and in their stead are being erected modern homes and business houses.

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### Oil Storage Tank Resembles Planetarium

A new type of oil storage tank, which looks like a planetarium, is being used by an oil company. The round dome topping the tank serves to collect and conserve vapors which otherwise would escape into the atmosphere through vents in conventional type roofs. Such innovations are being constantly developed by America's hundreds of oil businesses, because they work without the hampering strings of government restrictions which slow progress in other countries.

### "Good Deed" Department

Oil men, who pride themselves on being good neighbors, again proved their right to the title during the recent dry spell. The drought-stricken town of El Dorado, Kansas, received water through an 8-inch oil products pipe line after its neighboring city, Wichita, agreed to sell 1,500,000 gallons of the vital fluid.

### The High and Low of It!

The world's altitude record and the world's deep drilling record both were set recently in the same county in California. In Kern County, an oil drilling crew bored more than 21,400 feet into the earth to set a world's record. In the same county, above Edwards Air Force Base, a Marine Corps pilot climbed to 83,235 feet to smash another world's record.

### Benedum Field

Benedum Field was discovered about 1949 by Mike Benedum and Slick-Urshel. It is known as a multi-pay field because of the many different pay-dirts found in the field. The principal Pay-dirts are the Silurian, Ellenberger, Pennsylvanian and, of course, the Sprayberry. However, Benedum Field covers only a small part of the Sprayberry pay in this area. And, there are several pay-dirts which aren't as productive as those mentioned. The deep pay is found at about 12,000 feet. Some of the more shallow wells are around 7,000 feet. A very high grade gas is found in the Silurian pay, from which gasoline can be made, as well as a great many other products. From the highway going to Big Lake, you can see the Gasoline Plant, owned by Plymouth Oil Company, although it is in the process of being sold to the El Paso Gasoline Plant at this time. Plymouth Oil Company and Shell Oil are the principle lease owners in this field and Mike Benedum is one of the principle stock-holders of the Plymouth Oil Company. The pipe line that is being laid at this time between Fort Stockton and McCamey will be laid on to the Benedum Field and the gasoline plant there. Practically every oil well will have a ratio of gas; some very low; some very high; and, the Sprayberry has about the highest gas content of all. The reason for the Railroad Commission shutting off the Sprayberry was the waste of gas that could be used in commercial quantities. Because of the multi-paydirts found in this field and because of the high grade of oil and gas found, this is one of the best fields in West Texas and the best in Upton County.

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**Running Into Crown**

A driller running into the crown can cause a bad accident to all hands and very costly. A driller should never run a rig faster than he can think or faster than his slowest hand. A driller should count his tool joints as they come through the rotary table and also watch his blocks. A driller should know the condition of his clutches

as to how fast they will release and to run his rig accordingly. Floor hands can help a driller lots by putting tongs on pipe after second tool joint has passed through rotary; also be counting the breaks on the drill collars. Driller and hands should never get over-confident and stay alert at all times.

Oil industry production of motor fuel for the millions of cars, buses and other vehicles which Americans take more or less for granted rose in 1953 to one billion 289 million barrels, enough to fill the world's largest reservoir (Lake Mead in Arizona-Nevada) over five and a third times.

**WHY DO IT THE HARD WAY?  
 IN OIL WELL DRILLING**

Workers see posters and hear admonitions to "bend the knees—not the back" when lifting, but how many of them understand how important this can be?

Those who have suffered the pain of a strained or sprained back or a hernia caused by improper lifting, realize that they are foolishly exposing themselves to serious injury when they lift the wrong way. Such injuries are not only costly in time and money to both the worker and industry but impose hardship and distress on the victim and his family during the many weeks of convalescing.

When you realize that almost everyone of us is called upon to lift one thing or another during the day, you can readily see how important it is to know and practice the safe method of lifting.

Imagine you have a fifty pound load to lift. Before exerting any physical effort take time to think—make a mental plan of how you will handle the job. In other words, **USE YOUR HEAD AND SAVE YOUR BACK.** By wearing suitable hard-toed safety shoes you guard against the danger of a crushing injury to your toes if the load should slip. If the material you're to handle has rough or sharp edges, protect your hands with good, tough gloves or hand leathers.

Slide the load to an open space if necessary to ensure sufficient clearance around the load to permit safe lifting without awkward twisting of the body.

Size up the load. Face the load squarely with the feet placed firm-

ly on either side of the load. This provides better balance and brings the shoulders directly over the load when lifting.

Remember when lifting to keep the back reasonably straight. You place yourself in an awkward off-balance position when you bend at the waist and lean over with the back horizontal. In this position the load is too far from the center of balance and all the strain is on the lower back muscles which are not built to take it.

Bend your knees at about right angles and lean forward just enough to grasp the load, but do not curve the back more than necessary. Assume a crouching position at the start of the lift as the powerful leg muscles can be used to raise the load.

Get a firm grip on the load and lift steadily, straightening the legs and raising with a smooth, even motion. As you reach standing position, your back straightens to normal posture and the load is brought close to the body in a normal and comfortable carrying position.

Lifting is one of the jobs which are seldom done correctly without training and practice. Use boxes, castings, bags or the like from your rig as "props" and practice the steps to safe lifting as outlined above. You will find that in lifting (as in most things) the **SAFE** way is not only the **BEST** way but the **EASIEST** way.

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Do you know where little boys go who don't put their Sunday School money in the plate? Yes, maam, to the movies.

And it's well to remember that the best form of social security is that provided by the fellow you see in the mirror.

A Washington war is one in which everybody starts shooting from lip to lip.

Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing.

Late hours aren't good for one. You'll find that this is true; And, too, you'll learn, my son, They're wonderful for two.

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**Oil Aids Dam-Building**

Petroleum is very important in dam-building operations, as illustrated by the amount needed to complete Boysen Dam, near Thermopolis, Wyoming. The equivalent of one train load of more than 200 cars of fuel (cars of 8,000 gallons capacity each) was used, as well as another train load of 50 box cars of lubricating oil and grease.

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**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST TORNADES**

1. There is no universal protection against tornadoes except caves or underground excavations. When time permits, go to a storm cellar or cave. The cellar should have an air outlet, should be kept free of water, gas, or debris, and preferably equipped with pick and shovel.
2. In open country: move at a right angle to the tornado's path. Tornadoes usually move from 15 to 40 miles per hour. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.
3. In a city: seek inside shelter, preferably a steel reinforced building. Stand against inside wall on a lower floor. Stay away from windows.
4. In schools: in city areas, especially if school building is of good steel reinforced construction, stay inside away from windows;

remain near and inside \* all on lower floor; avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums. In schools in rural areas, seek shelter in a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

5. Keep calm. It will not help to become excited. People have been critically injured by running into streets or by turning back to the path of a tornado. Even though a warning is issued, chance of a tornado's striking one's home or location is very slight. Tornadoes cover such a small zone, as a rule, that relatively few places in the warned area are directly affected.

6. Keep tuned to your radio station for latest tornado advisory information. Do not call the Weather Bureau as your individual reports may tie up telephone lines urgently needed for receiving special reports and relaying advisories to radio stations and other agencies for dissemination to thousands within the critical area.

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# THE BURNING RIVERS

Oil was discovered in North America by drilling years before the Drake well in Titusville, but it was allowed to flow into streams and rivers as waste. The early settlers were in search of a more highly prized commodity — salt, and drilled wells in quest of it. Salt water, which flowed to the surface in Artesian fashion, was allowed to evaporate in order to get the needed salt crystals.

The oil, which was sometimes encountered in the course of drilling, was allowed to flow to the nearest stream. For more than half a century after 1800, one of the most spectacular features of the history of oil was provided by this floating oil, which often caught fire while flowing downstream. These "burning rivers" gave the pioneer countryside a topic of conversation for years to come.

The settlers used a drilling method similar to that which the Chinese had employed 2,000 years before. This consisted of a limber pole, anchored at one end, and passed over a post. Men pulled at the rope at the far end, causing the pole to spring and the drilling tools to fall to the bottom of the

The biggest river fire occurred in 1829 when Lemuel Stockton drilled a salt well on his Kentucky farm, about a quarter of a mile from the banks of the Cumberland River. Steam power was employed — its first recorded use in drilling operations.

At a depth of 180 feet the bit bit oil sand and crude poured out of the well and into the Cumberland River. It caught fire and traces of it were found as far as 100 miles downstream.

It wasn't until 25 years later that man discovered oil could be distilled and used for illumination, and the stage was set for the drilling of the first oil well in 1859.

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**Sign Language Tells  
 A New Story**

There are said to be more than 100,000 plastic outdoor signs in the United States, all built since 1946. The plastics in many of these signs are made with the help of petrochemicals, chemicals derived from petroleum. One of the newest signs, belonging to an oil company, is believed to be the largest plastic sign ever built. It is 13 feet in diameter, made of molded plastic, and internally lighted. Plastics and other oil-derived products light the way to innovations and improvements all across America.

In New England, single-unit, diesel-electric rail buses, costing less to operate than trains, are being tried out on branches where passenger service had virtually or entirely disappeared and where regular passenger train service had been abandoned.

**Area One Of . . .**

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Evidence of this is the recently erected new offices of Oil Well Supply Division of U. S. Steel Corp., one of the big supply houses with branches in McCamey.

Gone is the rush and jumble of the boom period. Now is the orderly conducted business of the oil companies as their employees go about their daily duties of maintaining the vast investments their companies have placed here to further the progress of the mammoth petroleum business.

McCamey was at one time the site of an Humble Oil refinery. However, about the year 1927 several of the big tanks burned and the company, deciding that a refinery here was not feasible, dismantled the remainder of the plant. Since that time there has been no refinery here, the crude moving from McCamey to the distant refineries through the aforementioned pipelines.

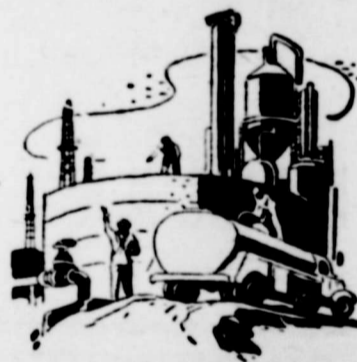
Texas Almanac lists Upton County production in 1952 at 23,352,334 barrels with the daily production listed as 63,979 barrels. Both of these figures show the magnitude of the production in this West Texas county.

Further evidence of the wealth of the county are the fine schools at both McCamey and the county seat town of Rankin. Both towns have the most modern educational plants to be found anywhere.

Yes, the oil industry has progressed in Upton County and the continued progress is evidenced daily.

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## OPERATIONS OF THE MAGNET COVE BARIUM CORPORATION

Oil well drilling fluids have become a vital part of the drilling industry during the past 25 years. The chance usage of drilling mud in the fabulous Spindletop field in 1901, drilling fluid control has become an extremely technical and exacting science.

Drilling for oil today involves exploration at depths ranging to 10,000 feet, nearly four miles. Geological formations encountered at these depths offer a tremendous challenge to the production, research and service facilities of any drilling mud company.

Drilling mud has several important roles in the continuing search for oil. Some of them are:

Carrying the bit cuttings to the surface.

Allowing the cuttings to settle out of the circulation system upon their arrival at the surface.

Its circulation lubricates and cools the drilling bit.

Forming a cake or mud sheath on the walls of the hole, thereby preventing the escape of the fluid into neighboring formations.

Offering sufficient hydrostatic pressure to offset subsurface formation pressures.

The Magnet Cove Barium Corporation of Houston, Texas, furnishes the oil industry with a complete drilling mud service. The company operates three mines and plants in the production of drilling fluid products. In addition to an outstanding research branch, the company has over 150 qualified field service engineers over North America who aid drillers with their mud problems.

The basic drilling mud component, barium sulphate (BaSO<sub>4</sub>) barite, is found in the world's largest known deposit at Magnet Cove, Arkansas, about 50 miles southwest of Little Rock. Magcobar's barite refining facilities, including plants at New Orleans and Brownsville, Texas, have an annual production capacity in excess of 325,000 tons.

The principle use of barite is to increase the density of the drilling fluid, thereby increasing the hydrostatic pressure above subsurface formation pressures. This prevents intrusion of formation fluids, such as gas, oil and salt water, into the bore hole during the drilling operation.

Magcobar's mine at Magnet Cove is of the shaft variety, obtaining very high grade of barite ore from the 160 and 290 foot above ground level. The barite was originally mined at Magnet Cove by the open pit method. This necessitated the hauling of too much waste so the company began underground operations.

The ore body at Magnet Cove lies in a syncline in the shape of a watermelon cut in half; the flat surface would represent the ground level, the rind would be the barite ore and the melon would represent the overburden.

Magcobar uses the skip method to remove the ore from the pocket. The mined ore passes through chutes above the mine cars into which it is dumped. Then it is hoisted to the ore pocket for storage. From the ore pocket, by use of gates, the ore is lowered to the measuring cartridge, which holds just enough to fill the skip.

The skip is hoisted to the surface by a steel cable wound on a large drum which is located in the hoist house above ground. At the surface, the ore is dumped into open-type hopper cars for shipment by rail to the Malvern mill, 12 miles away.

At the plant, a giant "jaw" crushes the 50-ton cars and shakes the ore from the cars onto a conveyor belt. This conveyor carries the rough grey ore to the crusher.

From the crusher, the ores move successively through jigs, ball mills, classifiers and other processes into Magcobar's special flotation cells. These cells, operating like perpetual motion but with churning, separate barite from unusable minerals. (The Magnet Cove area has more different

minerals in one place than any other spot on earth.) This flotation process, pioneered by Magcobar, is the reason behind the high quality of the weight material produced at the Arkansas plant.

The barite recovered through flotation is thickened and filtered, dried, and roasted in a giant Nichols-Herreshoff furnace, which stands 70 feet high and measures about the same around the mid-section. Built primarily of brick, the huge barrel oven has 14 separate hearths which literally roast the mud into a uniform, high quality product.

In operation, this furnace receives the barite in a putty-like form at the top of the unit. Giant rakes move through the mud to carry it close to the center of the furnace on one level; then to the outside as it drips to the next lower level. There are 14 separate levels in the huge furnace.

The weight material then goes to a Fuller-Kinyon water cooler and thence to a large capacity elevated storage bin. From this, the barite is packed in 100-pound sacks and moved to railroad cars for shipment to nearly 400 dealers all over North America. The mud is also shipped in bulk for use along the Gulf Coast, where bulk handling facilities are in widespread use.

As a result of an accelerated exploration program instituted several years ago, Magcobar now has the largest bentonite holdings in the world. These deposits are principally in Northern Wyoming, near Greybull, where the company operates a bentonite processing plant, with a product capacity in excess of 250,000 tons annually.

Bentonite is a very important (Continued on page 16)

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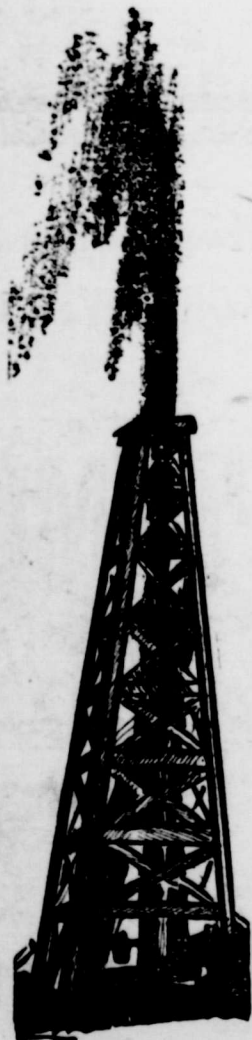
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this week included the final arrangements for the cake walk, voting of Glenn Mathews as an honorary member of the club.

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**"Some" Safety Suggestions**

During a recent trip to the Gulf Coast, one of the boys pointed out a new safety device, which has been adopted by all of the Gulf Coast Rigs. It is easily installed and provides a real safety, as well as a cleanly service. It is: Nailing an old single pipe wiper over the mousehole. As the pipe comes out of the mousehole it wipes it dry and makes it easier and safer to spin-up. Also, when making mousehole connections, the pipe wiper prevents the chain from falling down into the mousehole.

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**Huge Tanker Launched**

A new "heavyweight champion" tanker with a capacity of 16,500,000 gallons was launched recently. The vessel can transport enough oil to fill a caravan of oil trucks more than 30 miles long. Its hull is divided into 33 cargo tanks, each twice as large as the average six-room house. Entering service under charter to an oil company, the tanker is exceeded in size by only five merchant ships now in service: the passenger liners United States, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Liberte and Ile de France.

**Railroads Switch To Oil Fuel**

Railroads, which form the backbone of the nation's transportation system, must operate from a fuel which is economical to burn, abundant, and reasonable in price. Oil, which meets these requirements because of the great strides made by oil industry progress, is becoming the primary fuel for railroad operations. Despite the amounts of oil needed to move rail traffic, the nation's oil resources will not be materially affected; partly because of the increasingly efficient use of oil by diesel locomotives.

**Oil Industry Will Spend Billions In '53**

During this single year, the American Petroleum Institute says the oil industry will spend more than \$4,600,000,000 to expand and develop its resources and facilities. About \$600,000,000 will be spent abroad, and all the rest within the United States. It will constitute a new high record for spending by this vast industry.

Those billions will be used for leases, wells and equipment, for pipelines and tankers and barges, for chemical and fertilizer plants, for new refining facilities, for distribution outlets and other types of marketing operations. The healthy impact of such spending on the whole economy will be very great. Enormous quantities of materials and supplies of a thousand and one descriptions will be needed — and that, in turn, means employment in the many industries affected.

Oil will spend this money because it has faith in the future of this country, and is confident that the public demand for oil products will continue to grow. And individuals and companies and institutions are willing to invest the

money and take the risks involved because they see the chance of making a fair profit. More than half of the total sum will go to production and development of wells, for instance, turn out to be and worthless. If the chance of profit didn't exist, the game could never be taken.

Remember that next time you hear uninformed criticism of depletion allowance or any other legal encouragement given the industry. Such encouragement isn't based on doing oil any favors. It is based on the fact, recognized by Congress, that it is necessary if oil is to go ahead and our insatiable demands be met.

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The gradual development of higher octane gasolines and higher compression ratio automobiles eventually will save American motorists about \$750,000,000 a year and probably will result in the conservation of about 400,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

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## You Say Mud Truck, You Really Aren't Doing Those Labs Justice

(Reprint from S. A. Express) — The day has passed when nearly anybody could get into the mud logging business, just by throwing a few fancy gadgets into a trailer and tearing out to the nearest drilling rig. Loggers developed about 15 years ago, and loggers came into general vogue shortly after the war. At that time, plenty of people got into the act. Today, only the most experienced of these firms survive. Although oilfield lingo still refers to the mud truck, these companies actually utilize mobile analysis laboratories. In the early days, mud logging is the technique of analyzing the returning mud after it has been pumped down through the drill pipe and squashed out through the bit. It has picked up whatever the bit is chewing out as new hole is made. Specifically, it gets what more complicated. Mud logging hasn't solved the problem of how to find oil without spending money, but it has solved some of the question marks of the process, and it has eliminated much unnecessary, expensive, time-consuming coring and logging.

Caran Brothers, San Antonio, operating one of the finest fleets of mobile mud logging in the industry. Some of this company's problems have required months to solve. One of the newer innovations in their mud labs cost \$8,000 in the experimental stage, and then had to be discarded, and even now, it cost \$1,800 to the cost of equipping a trailer.

The increasing speed of drill rotation, particularly high when pressure jet drilling bits and emulsion mud is used in South Texas has created some of the most difficult problems for mud logging. Previously, with the bit cutting one foot or more an hour, the logging engineer had to spend considerable time running in and out of the trailer-lab, picking up mud samples of every couple of feet and circulating out of the drill pipe. There also was the little problem of how the engineer could check depths, check analysis and dash in and out for the samples.

The trip to the mud line was eliminated by a system which deposited the mud to a fancy steel tray in the trailer. The mud for analysis is pumped through a line which picks up the sample before it reaches the shale surface, thus avoiding possible contamination there. Formerly, baffles were used in the return line from the rig to prevent mud gas for the loggers.

These long lines tended to plug and allowed moisture accumulation which nullified the gas readings.

Now, on the Caran labs, the mud pumped into the logging unit is agitated in a stainless steel trap, and measured amounts of gas are pulled off the trap through transparent tubing. The operator can quickly see any line plugging, and this system has reduced the length of the mud gas lines from 50 feet of rubber hose to 18 inches of clear plastic tubing.

As the measured volumes of mud gas are removed from the plastic tubing, they are passed through gas analyzers and gas concentrations are electrically recorded.

Faster drilling also complicated the problem of accurately keeping up with current depth as well as the rate of penetration. These measurements are necessary for establishment of sand tops and so that sand breaks—evidenced by drilling breaks—the crew can circulate out mud before the bit penetrates far into the sand.

Previously, most mud logging labs used depth recorders which sounded a bell, flashed a red light or punched a hole in a roll of paper. For Caran Brothers, this seemed inadequate, and it now uses a specially designed recorder which can meet drilling rate requirements up to 900 feet an hour.

The Gulf Coast Geograph Company, Inc., designed this unit which is a modification of some previously used and which not only plots the drilling record but includes a time system. This not only eliminates the manual chores of checking the depth recorder, but gives additional information for the operator.

Lag measurement also had become an increasingly more difficult problem, particularly on the deep wells drilled along the Gulf Coast. Lag is the time required to pump the mud and cuttings from the bottom of the hole to the surface. Among other things, corn, maize and oats have been used as lag materials—to establish the point of return—but these materials often are lost through cooking and disintegration in the high-temperature encountered down the hole.

The use of hydrocarbon lag materials also were tried, but these could only be detected by gas analyzers and besides that, it isn't always smart to hunt gas coming from the formation with gas. Caran Brothers solved this problem with plain old ammonia, which smells so bad the logging engineer can't help but notice it, the minute the mud and ammonia

is pumped into the gas trap. Another problem brought on by fast drilling is that the rapid penetration into a pay sand liber-

ates large amounts of gas into the mud stream in a very short interval. This makes it difficult for the logging engineers to ana-

lyze this mud, since most commercial analyzers will either go off scale or blank out and give (Continued on page 16)

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## Averill Starts Semi-Wildcat East of Taft, San Patricio

W. M. Averill, Jr., of Victoria, was starting a new 6,100-foot semi-wildcat in San Patricio County recently at the No. 1 Fay Critex, five miles east of Taft.

A San Jose Drilling Company rig was being moved in for this test, which will be 330 feet from the southwest line (State Road 16) and 990 feet from the southeast line of the 135.44-acre lease and of Lot 24, Block F, Gregory Farm Lots.

**THIS LOCATION SCALES** 1,750 feet southeast of the Texas Conservative No. 1 Critex, 5,350-foot dry hole, and 2,950 feet southeast of the James Doughty No. 1 Critex, oil well in the main Midway Field sand, topped at 5,330 feet.

It scales about a mile northeast of the Southwestern Oil and Re-

fining Company No. 1 Max Floerke, nearest of the three wells in the Patrick Sand, on the southeast edge of the Midway Field. This new test is aimed at that Patrick Sand, perforated in the Floerke at 6,038-39 feet.

**THE AVERILL TEST** also is about a mile northwest of Humble Oil and Refining Company No. 1 T. A. McKamey, gas discovery at 9,945-65 feet.

H. R. Smith No. 1 Tennie Lillian Douglas, to be a 7,000-foot semi-wildcat between the Plymouth and East Plymouth Fields, was being rigged up. It is in Lot 3, Section 36, Fourth Addition, Taft Farm Lands.

In 1953, the United States produced more than 54 billion gallons of motor fuel.

## \$20 A Barrel Price Of First Penn. Oil

When the first oil boom began in Pennsylvania, buyers bid the price of this new-found product up to \$20 a barrel.

Men rushed into the industry as fast as they could to raise the money and buy a "string of tools."

The uses of oil were many even then. Whale oil and other animal and vegetable oils did not meet the demand. "Natural" oil opened a great new source of lubricants, fuels and illuminating oil.

In less than four years oil was being produced at a rate of 3,000,000 barrels yearly.

Oil companies supply the American people with thousands of different kinds of petroleum products.

## It Gets Hot Down There; But Don't Believe the Wild Tales

Oilfield workers are noted for a certain amount of good-natured ribbing but if one ever tells you he is going to take the temperature of an oilwell, chances are he's not pulling your leg.

Petroleum scientists do take an outsized thermometer for a variety of purposes. The information they gain is valuable in drilling and production practices.

Unlike the 98.6 degrees for human beings, oilwells register higher and show greater variety in temperatures. The thermometer which is lowered into the well on the end of a line, looks something like a javelin or spear. It uses the same principle of its smaller counterpart carried by your physician, a mercury column which is forced up-

ward in a tube by heat. The and fall of the quicksilver creates a recording device. This a tiny stylus having a point similar to a fountain pen. It records the temperature by marking a thin metal sheet carried on a driven drum.

Just how does it get in the bottom of an oilwell? Generally speaking, the deeper a well, hotter it is on the bottom.

Wells have been known to register as high as 192 degrees the Devonian pay which reached between 12,100 and 12,200 feet.

One of the lowest temperatures recorded was in a well which registered 88 degrees in the 2,500-foot section.

Much balderdash on well temperature has been served up persons outside the drilling industry. Some of these stories of tremendous underground temperatures that turn drilling into white-hot, dripping masses of steel. Such infernos may be deep within the earth, but no well drilling bit ever has dug into it.

Probably the highest temperatures recorded have been in extremely deep holes punched in the earth along the Gulf of Mexico. These have been found to raise the mercury up to 300 and 400 degrees. When you consider 100 degrees in the sun is uncomfortable, water boils at 212 degrees and lead melts at 621 degrees, all Fahrenheit, these well temperatures begin to be appreciated.

Unlike in human beings, oilwell temperatures do not mean the well is sick. However, 200 degrees of heat indicates something important is going on in the hole.

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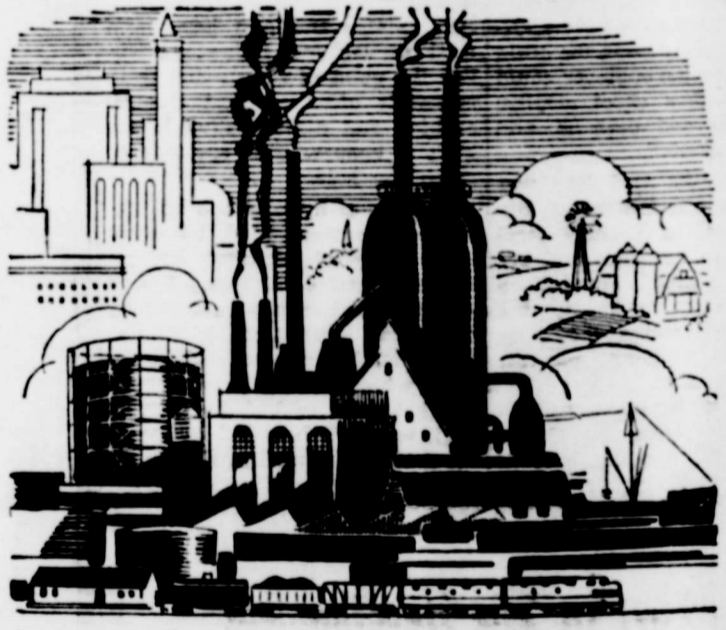
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## No Pool Like An Oil Pool

A "pool" of oil in deposits under the ground is not like a lake on which you could boat. An oil "pool" is oil packed under terrific pressure in porous sandstones, limestones or other types of rocks. Sometimes gas is packed

in with the crude oil by the same pressures, and must be separated when brought to the surface. To oil people, there is a continual challenge to find oil and produce it in the abundant quantities needed for the enormous oil appetite of America. This challenge not only is accepted but accomplished by the privately managed oil industry in this country.

The investment of the oil and gas industry in tools and facilities is estimated at \$43 billion, enough money to buy the Pentagon (world's largest office building) more than 518 times.

The oil industry spends more than \$100 million a year on research, to create new products and improve old ones.

## PROGRESS BRIEFS

Barges account for the transportation of about one-fifth of all petroleum in this country. The remainder goes by pipe line, ocean-going tanker, over-the-road trucks and truck transports, and railroad tank cars.

Horsepower necessary to drive the pumps in three principal stations of the "biggest inch" pipe line in North America, located in Texas, is equal to the power generated by five of the locomotives that pull the "Twentieth Century Limited" from New York to Chicago.

Today a gallon of oil, weighing seven pounds, can be moved from well to consumer for less than it costs to mail a one-ounce letter.

Seismograph crews, part of the oil industry team that keeps up a vast and constant search for oil, used more than 344 million feet of wireleads, thousands of detonating caps, and 57 million pounds of explosives in 1952.

Since the creation of the Petroleum Radio Service by the Federal Communications System in 1949, more than 600 users have been authorized to operate more than 22,000 transmitters. The oil industry uses radio facilities in a variety of ways to speed its operations and improve its services to the American people.

The tonnage that crude oil and natural gas produced in the nation last year was greater than that of any other single commodity, eclipsing the total for iron ore and steel by about 250 per cent.

The petroleum industry, in five western states (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming) has contributed nearly \$200 million to the Federal Government since 1920 in the form of leases, bonuses, rentals and production on federal land.

The quality of modern gasoline has been improved so much in recent years that two gallons of 1953's motor fuel will provide the same work energy that required three gallons in 1925.

Proved reserves of crude oil and natural gas liquids are at an all-time high in this country, despite record-breaking production and consumption of petroleum products.

Drilling for oil entails financial risks. Eight out of every nine wildcat wells, for example, turn out to be dry holes, in which almost the entire investment is lost.

One towboat, operating on the inland waterways of America, delivered 123 million gallons of petroleum products in a year, in addition to automobiles, trucks, and military vehicles. It traveled 53,512 miles.

Until 25 years ago, few wells exceeded 3,000 feet in depth. Today, many wells exceed 10,000 feet. The deepest completed well to date is 20,521 feet—and it was abandoned as a dry hole.

Over the past two years, oil operators have laid more than 100 miles of crude oil and production pipe lines. Pipe lines cost roughly \$30,000 a mile to lay—one indication why the oil industry needs large sums of money to operate and expand.

The largest tanker in the world will carry 15.7 million gallons of oil; that's enough to fill about 1,570 railroad tank cars.

Fuel oil is consumed in home oil burners without having been seen or touched by human beings on its long journey from the depths of the earth to the user's storage tank.

Louisiana produces enough oil every 10 days to pay for the Louisiana Purchase.

A gallon of diesel fuel oil in a diesel-electric locomotive will perform almost six times the work of a gallon of fuel oil consumed in a steam locomotive.

Shortly after the turn of the century, petroleum supplied less than eight per cent of the nation's energy requirements. Today, it supplies 62 per cent, and the end is not in sight.

A new 26-inch pipe line in Texas will move 440,000 barrels of oil per day; this much would require 18 trains of 100 tank cars each to do the same job.

Oil production in the Soviet Union, even with gains claimed by the Russian government, is less than nine per cent of the total output of the Free World. For the first half of 1953, Free World production totaled nearly 11,700,000 barrels daily, of which 6,468,000 barrels came from the United States.

The American people, per capita, consume 21 times more petroleum than all the rest of the free world combined, even though the nation's population is only eight per cent of the free world total.

The petroleum industry pioneered the development of microwave facilities for transcontinental pipe lines. As a result, the petroleum industry now owns and operates more miles of microwave systems than all other industries combined. Radio enables oil men to speed their work and improve their services to the American people.

The U. S. oil industry spends more than \$300 million a year on seismographic studies. These special surveys are necessary before drilling locations can be chosen. They are part and parcel of the industry's 24-hour-a-day job.

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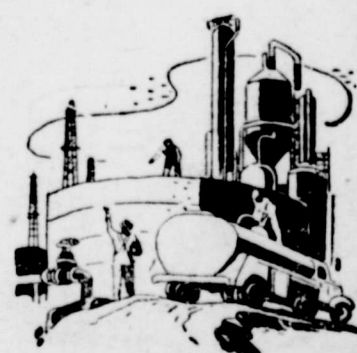
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### FOLLOWING THE FURROWS

Even the Wright brothers may not have foreseen it, but this fiftieth anniversary year of the world's first powered flight finds aircraft firmly established as a multi-purpose implement of agriculture. Some 5,500 planes and nearly 2,000 commercial operators now engage in fast-flying activities of weed and pest control, seeding, fertilizing, and leaf-stripping treatment. This important arm of chemical farming racks up almost 700,000 flying hours annually.

Today famine-gripped Pakistan faces the added menace of a mounting plague of locusts. Hopes to avert complete catastrophe are pinned on four airplanes and a recently-developed petrochemical. Men, planes and chemicals exported from America subdued ravaging locusts in Iran and much of the Near East during the last two years.

In the United States aerial spraying has freed almost 3 million acres of range land from grasshopper threats. Aerial operations to control weeds and brush in millions of acres of pastures have aided the advance of grass-land farming.

Chemical control of forest insects recently became feasible for the first time through aerial spraying and dusting. Several million acres of forest in the Northwest were successfully flown to nip outbreaks of the dangerous spruce budworm and tussock moth. In New England planes brought the gypsy moth under control.

Aircraft find many other farm and ranch uses. Among them are the checking of crops and fallow lands, the chasing of birds from rice fields, and frost protection of fruit. Farmers and ranchers fly more than 12,000 of their privately-owned planes for these and related purposes.

Aerial farming has several deep roots in petroleum. By developing high quality aviation fuels in large supply, oil companies have helped the solution of many problems of aircraft performance. Oil industry research has made petroleum a source of many deadly poisons needed for aerial spraying and dusting. Oil also serves as the carrier in many aerial sprays.

This claim may sound like another tall fishing yarn, but it isn't: Petrochemical, weed controls and fertilizers can be made to promote bumper fish crops in farm ponds as effectively as they boost the production of ordinary farm crops on dry land.

In Alabama, unfertilized ponds support 40 to 200 pounds of fish per surface acre, but fertilized ones give cane-pole harvests of 400 to 600 pounds. Up North, too, fertilized ponds yield four to five times more fish, and the fish grow much faster than in natural streams and lakes.

Ordinary fertilizing with nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash starts a sort of Isaac Walton chain reaction. It steps up the growth of microscopic plant life upon which fish feed. In ponds stocked with the popular bass-blue gill combination, it works out like this: On a rich, fertilized diet, blue gill fingerlings reach four ounces in a year or less. Having plenty of little blue gills to feed on, the bass grow to a nice one-pound pan-frying size in the same short time.

The harder a well-managed, fertilized pond is fished, the better. The more big ones caught, the faster the babies grow. A pleasing by-product is that fertilized algae or fish food discourage weeds in the bottom of the pond by cutting off their sunlight.

In small ponds without heavy water currents, fertilizer can be scattered from the banks; in larger ones, from boats. One-hundred-pound doses, of something around 8-8-9, once a month, is one typical but variable prescription. Professional advice from the State Conservation Service should always be sought on specific fertilizing requirements or petrochemical applications. Pioneer

work in this field was done by H. S. Swingle, fish culturist of the Alabama Experiment Station.

Demands for nitrogen to feed fish and petrochemicals to control pond weeds probably will never tax oil resources, but oil men are pleased with the success of this figurative pouring of oil on troubled fishing waters.

### "Eating 'Em Out"

Just to remind yourself of how good a supervisor you are, just read this piece. It discusses a bad habit you're not guilty of. Of course.

Operating on the philosophy that to demand humility is good for the other fellow's soul, a certain type of supervisor makes it a practice to "eat out" his underlings, either periodically or when the mood strikes him.

I could go into detail on this—the foreman who does it in the good old top-of-the-voice fashion (when he can get away with it); the smooth, soft-spoken boss who does his hide-peeling with acid; and the other technicians of the art of making the other fellow feel small.

But I'll just mention three things these gentlemen usually overlook:

1. If humility is good for the soul, it looks best when worn by the man with power.
2. The man who chops down other men may not know it, but what he is really afraid of is the comparison with himself.
3. There's always the chance that the big mouth will talk itself right into a dish of nice black crow, which tastes like the very devil, they say, when it's eaten in public.

Could be.

A "mud smeller" in the oil industry is a trained engineer who interprets information brought up by the drill as it probes deep into the earth.

In many instances, oil-powered diesel locomotives have produced annual savings of 20 to 30 per cent on their initial cost, making them one of the best possible capital investments.

A rotary rig, used to drill an oil and gas well some 4,000 feet deep requires about 800 feet of wire rope in a derrick 100 feet high.

The oil industry celebrated its 94th "birthday" last August. That's the month in which Col. E. L. Drake brought in the United States' first commercial oil well in Titusville, Pa., in 1859.

There has been a steady growth in the efficiency of petroleum exploration in the United States in recent years. In 1939, less than 3,000 exploratory holes were drilled. More than 8 and one-half holes were drilled for every one that became a producer. By 1951, exploration had increased to 11,756 holes a year, with one producer for about every 4.2 holes drilled.

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Approximately one fourth of the gasoline used in the United States is consumed on farms. Some 92 per cent of all farm products go to their first markets in oil-powered trucks. A fully-equipped drilling rig weighs about 200 tons, and costs at least \$300,000.

**AGGIELAND RESEARCHERS SEEKING BURIED TREASURE**

The proved primary oil reserves of Texas are estimated at 15,700,000,000 barrels. There is a similar amount in the same formation that is not recoverable under present methods.

When you figure that 300,000 persons work in the Texas oil industry, that 195 of the state's 254 counties now produce oil, that state gasoline taxes in 1949, for instance, totaled \$77,194,344 you can readily figure how important it is to get this oil out of the earth.

Not only is that vast amount of oil of paramount importance to Texans from a tax and education stand point, it can be a very real factor in the security of the United States, for the armed forces move and fight on oil.

And that is why the research going on at Texas A&M and also at Texas University by the Texas Petroleum Research Committee is one of the most vital projects on the research program.

The committee, which is working with the Texas Railroad Commission, is composed of W. J. Murray, railroad commissioner; Professors A. B. Stevens and R. L. Whiting of A. and M. and Doctors H. H. Power and E. W. Hugh of the University of Texas. Dr. George Fanche heads the work and Dr. Paul B. Crawford of A&M is assistant director of the Aggie division.

The committee was created with these major aims: To develop a program of research in petroleum engineering with the primary emphasis on secondary recovery of oil, to improve primary recovery methods and any other means of

seeking to increase the total quantity of oil recovered from Texas oil fields.

The problem is being approached through: (1) Experimental and applied research providing useful data, new techniques and processes; (2) Improved graduate instruction in petroleum engineering; (3) Training of highly skilled scientists and technologists in Texas for work in the Texas oil industry; (4) Prompt publication of the results of research; (5) Periodic public conferences with oil operators, petroleum engineers, geologists, and others interested in the oil industry; (6) Promoting the conservation of oil and gas; (7) Co-operative research with oil and gas companies both in the laboratory and in the field.

A start has been made on an oil reserves survey in cooperation with the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. This is a tremendous task, for there are 3,200 oil fields in Texas and many more areas with reserve supplies, in other words, oil reservoirs.

The survey will estimate the original oil in place, the primary and secondary recovery of oil for all Texas fields. This final report will include this information for the state as a whole, by railroad commission districts and counties and also oil-producing acreage production in 1931 and cumulative production for each of the divisions. Maps will be included with the information presented according to oil formations.

Many novel methods have been proposed for recovering crude oil, including injections of steam into holes, injection of liquified petroleum gases, use of active surface chemicals and soaps in flood water.

An economic appraisal of the various methods is being made so that the committee may use them in the future when proper research studies are undertaken.

A steering committee has been named, including Gen. E. O. Thompson, chairman of the railroad commission and known as the "Father of Oil Conservation"; Dr. Logan Wilson, acting chancellor of Texas University and Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor of Texas A&M.

Of particular interest to many Texans is the stake that education has in the recovery of these 15,500,000,000 barrels of oil.

There are 2,000,000 acres of "university lands" in West Texas in the endowment of Texas A&M and the University of Texas. There were 377,000 acres under lease in 1950, of which 159,900 acres were producing oil and gas from 55 oil and gas pools.

From the time of the original discovery of oil in university lands until 1950, a total of 299,324,000 barrels of oil have been recovered.

In 1949 there were 22,600,000 barrels of oil recovered and 24,400,000,000 cubic feet of gas taken out of 2,100 wells (46 are gas wells.)

Texas A&M and the University  
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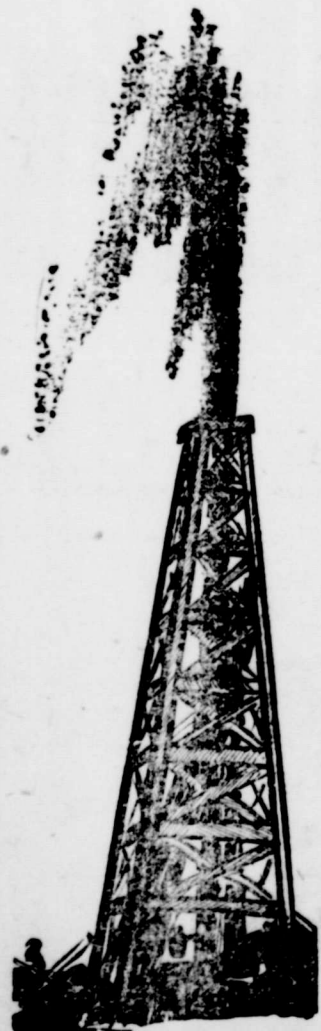
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Oil company research men and petroleum engineers are hard at work finding ways to streamline equipment and lower drilling costs; even so, it's a sure thing that when a well is reported drilling at twelve or fifteen thousand feet, it's costing the company or oil operator a pretty penny.

Theories of the origin of oil are many and conflicting, but oil is generally believed to be of organic origin, derived from marine organic matter. Some day, it may be proved that oil was formed at normal, sea-bottom temperatures in warm waters which are about 68 degrees Fahrenheit. The youngest known accumulation of oil is found in rocks of Pliocene age, one million years old.

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 of Texas received royalties from this vast production in addition to funds from lease rentals and large bonus payments when the land was put up for action.

It is estimated that at least 6,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000 barrels of oil can be recovered by new methods that may be unearthed by the petroleum research committee if they are adapted to Texas conditions.

This "buried treasure" can have a tremendous impact on the development of Texas and the nation.

While the task also is tremendous, a start has been made which also may bring about a revolution in drilling practices of the oil industry.

**Oil Rigs and Oil Men Winterize In Williston Basin**

Winter outfits for oil derricks are the style this season in the Williston Basin area. Rigs are enclosed and provided with steam boilers which give heat to the crew as well as keep pipes from freezing. The threat of being snowbound makes extra precautions necessary for rig operators, who equip their bunkhouse with sleeping quarters for 10 men, a stove and food for at least a week. The job of finding and supplying oil for the demands of America is perpetual, and oil men never shirk their responsibility, regardless of the obstacles.

**Monster Time-Saver**

Time, an important factor in oil prospecting, may have a worthy opponent in an electronic computer which turns hours into minutes by plotting structures where oil might be found. Field geophysical crews send information on technical points like velocity or gravity measurements. The machine translates answers 150 times faster than a man could with an ordinary calculating machine. Geophysical tests involve hundreds of mathematical computations. Finding oil to supply the increasing demands of America requires the combined efforts of men and machines, and the challenge always is met, abundantly, by the privately managed oil companies in this country.

**OPERATIONS OF - -**

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mud component for oil well drilling. It has good viscosity building properties and its ability to expand and absorb water allows it to form a gel-like substance and align itself against the walls of the hole. This cuts down on water loss to outside formations.

In addition, bentonite has exceptional lubricating properties for forming a slick coating on the drill pipe and the hole, which reduces friction and equipment wear. This colloidal coating also prevents corrosion.

Magcobar's deposits in Wyoming's Big Horn Basin lie in the form of beds of pure bentonite averaging about eight feet in thickness. The 15-25 foot overburden is easily removed by tractor, the ore is taken up by the drag-lines and trucks are loaded by steam-shovel.

The company overcame quite a transportation problem at Greybull, which is about nine miles from the present ore deposits. The ore supply and the plant are separated by the Big Horn River. The answer was a 1,600 foot tramway across the stream. The trucks deposit the ore at one terminal and the 500 cubic foot capacity trap buckets dump the ore on a huge stockpile at the rear of the plant proper across the river.

A slusher hoist brings the ore from the stockpile to the slicer. Then an 18-inch troughing conveyor belt moves the bentonite nearly 60 feet to the dryer. This barrel dryer, manufactured by Standard Steel of Los Angeles, measures eight feet by six feet and is rated at 18 tons per hour. It turns at three and one-third revolutions per minute. Natural gas heats the ore at temperatures ranging from 150 to 1200 degrees. The material is in the dryer less than 20 minutes.

From the dryer, elevators move the product to a 500-ton crude storage bin and it is gravity-fed to the 66-inch, 6-roll Raymond mill. An air stream then forces the mud to a large gel storage tank which furnishes material for the four-tube St. Regis bagging machine, with a capacity of 600 sacks per hour. The sacks are dropped to a Flexoveyor which moves the product through a sack flattener and on to railroad cars.

Magcobar has been conducting extensive exploratory drilling operations on its holdings in Wyoming. A 12-B Joy core drill, with a 600-foot capacity, is used in this operation. The average hole is 50-60 feet deep.

Other Magnet Cove Barium plants furnish many different products for the company's line. Zavalla, Texas is the location of the clay processing plant. In Houston, a plant produces many of the chemicals and lost circulation materials that the company offers

**IF YOU SAY MUD - - -**

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nil readings when large volume of methane gas is present. The gas gathers around the detector filament, causing it to go dead.

This problem gave logging companies particular difficulty in high pressure gas reservoirs in Hidalgo and Starr Counties, where the instrument sensitivity either had to be reduced or the gas diluted before the gas concentrations could be measured.

Caran now uses a revised commercial analyzer, with a new design detector filament, and has accurately measured methane, ethane and butane in percentages ranging from one to approximately 30 per cent by volume in air.

This and other improvements in mud logging have removed much of the guesswork in drilling, and coupled with core analysis, offered in each of the Caran mobile labs, cut out a lot of sand eating, extra equipment which had to be carried to each location by the geologist or the operator, and also have eliminated many a long trip back to town for special analysis.

North Dakota communities continue to grow with the expanding oil industry. More than 11,200 persons now depend on oil for their livelihood, with 3,000 directly in the industry.

and oil mud plants are situated in various oil drilling areas.

The barite refining plants in New Orleans and Brownsville, Texas are located on or near deep water facilities and receive much of their raw ore from foreign deposits. These mills also ship a large percentage of their production to overseas drilling areas.

In addition to the over 400 dealers, Magcobar's over 150 fully trained and experienced service engineers in the field aid drilling operators with their mud problems. These men, commonly called mud engineers, are on call 24 hours a day from their customers in the event of difficulties encountered in the drilling operation that concerns the drilling fluid.

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**Earnings Set Mark**

Net oil company earnings set a new record in 1953, according to reports in at this time. The 30 companies on which a statistical record is kept by Chase National Bank, are expected to have a total income of \$2,155,000,000, about 6 per cent above 1952, and 3 per cent more than the previous record of 1951. Increased sales and slightly higher prices contributed to this higher earning record. Eugene Holman, chairman, Standard Jersey, and K. S. Adams, chairman, Phillips, have expressed their belief that 1954 will remain at the same high level.

**Oil Men Convert "Waste" Co-2 To Dry Ice**

Freezer to cone, ice cream often is chilled by dry ice from oil wells. The dry ice is converted from carbon dioxide sometimes contained in gas from oil fields. The carbon dioxide won't burn as a gas, and rather than waste it, oil companies may purify it for use in refrigerator cars and other chilling purposes. Oil men are alert to all possibilities to make the best and wisest use of products from our oil wells.

**Food Wrapped In Oil**

Today's pre-packaged food must be wrapped so that their coverings will not stretch, wear, puncture, tear or allow vapors to seep in or out. An oil-derived plastic may help to solve some of these problems. Made into loose-fitting bags, the plastic can be immersed in water at about 200 degrees Fahrenheit and will shrink 30 per cent to form a skin-tight package, just fitting the contents as they are sealed. Solving problems for business and industry is an everyday occurrence for oil-derived plastics.

**Even In Sports Oil Makes A Hit**

The 1953 world series is long since over, but baseball fans, who never lose their fascination for the sport, will be interested in a new baseball cap which will protect their favorite sandlot and professional players from injury by fast-pitched, batted or thrown balls. Made of oil-derived polyester resins, the baseball cap shields the wearer's temples and the areas over the ears, and has a sweatband and sponge dome liner to help absorb the shock of a possible hit. Oil plays on the first team in many fields of American endeavor, in sports and entertainment, as well as countless business and industrial enterprises.

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Two million men and women are engaged in the oil business.

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For the first time in history, the capacity of U. S. refineries exceeds eight million barrels a day, and is expected to exceed even this impressive record by September of this year.

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To obtain fuel for their fires, the islanders had to sail many miles in tiny dinghies to neighboring island beaches for driftwood. When a girl married, she was expected to bring a driftwood dowry to her husband; or she might provide a slab of homemade soap, compounded from caustic soda and sheep-fat. Work clothes were made of skins and canvas. Sunday best was a curious mixture of all varieties of dress and fashions that had come into—and gone from—vogue over a half-century ago—clothes that were patched and guarded as zealously as medieval Brussels lace, so rarely did even a new scarf or shawl find its way inland.

The place was the sixteen-square-mile island of Tristan Da Cunha, isolated in the blustery South Atlantic, more than 1,500 sea miles from the nearest mainland port of Capetown. Battered by incredibly ferocious gales each winter, the island ceased to be a port-of-call when the old sailing whalers vanished from that part of the ocean 50 or more years ago. Since then, the islanders have been virtually living in a world of their own.

The houses are built of lava blocks, and the diet—until recently—consisted mostly of potatoes, fish, and occasional seabirds' eggs. Candle stubs and matches had to be hoarded with miserly care, so as to insure minutes of light in the dark months. No community could have lived a more starkly Spartan existence. Yet, despite

periodic offers from the "outside" to move them en bloc and resettle them in a more livable place, the islanders remained staunchly loyal to their rocky home. Today, their loyalty has at last been rewarded.

A lobster canning factory at Capetown has begun catching the rock lobsters that abound off the island's coast. This has revolutionized Tristan Da Cunha's entire life. A doctor, a nurse and a school teacher have joined the local population. The company's motor fishing vessel also serves as a supply ship, bringing in stores of a kind that the island has never before known. Modern clothes, ample firewood, food of all varieties, household utensils, soap and similar goods can be bought at the store which has just opened. Employment for the men is available from the canning company. The inhabitants of Tristan Da Cunha cannot believe their good fortune. Only the regular sailings of the supply ship assure them that it is all not some incredible dream.

It is a dramatic example of how oil-power can transform a community's way of life overnight. In the sturdy engines of the supply ship, in the refrigeration which preserves the lobster haul, in the new lamps blazing cheerfully from the cottages, oil has enabled the island to span the chasm which so long divided it from civilization. Next, probably, will come oil-power to that portion of the island suitable for cultivation.

The genie that lies latent in a barrel of petroleum has been summoned to this lonely little settlement, and the transformation is now taking place.

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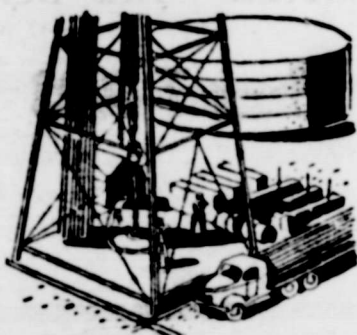
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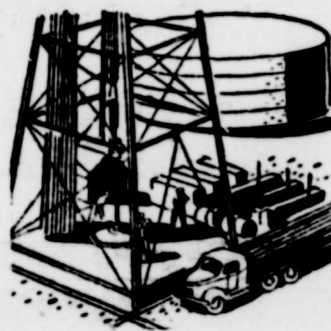
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### Natural Gas Goes Underground

Natural gas is being put back into the ground where it is needed instead of where it happened to be found. About one-third of the supply of natural gas comes from oil wells. It is a seasonal commodity, needed mainly for residential heating and at peak demand in winter. Storage of natural gas near consuming areas is made underground in the type of reservoir that nature used. Although storage like this has required an investment of some \$250,000,000 by the industry, it

### Standard of Living Shown By Country's Use of Oil

A good barometer of a country's standard of living is its use of oil per capita. In the United States, oil consumption per capita ran over 735 gallons last year. In France, the per capita use was 104 gallons. Income figures run a close parallel, for the average American's income is three times that of a Frenchman.

will result in a bigger share of the nation's gas supply for householders.

### Steam Locomotives Last Puff

Transportation history was made when the last steam locomotive serving Washington, D. C., puffed its way into oblivion on November 2, 1953. Washingtonians weren't left without train service, however. Newer, more economical diesel locomotives, which are oil-powered, already had taken over the runs.



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When demand for his medicine fell, Kier got the idea that he could obtain an excellent illuminant by distilling the oil and in 1850 built a crude one-barrel still.

Shortly thereafter he used the still shown here. The demand for Kier's "carbon oil" grew rapidly.

After petroleum was discovered in Pennsylvania and California, men sought ways to unlock the

treasure chest of products which it contained. One of the early refineries was built in 1876 at Newhall, California, to handle crude oil from the Pico Canyon. Heated crude passed through the series of stills above. Each unit removed a different product.

By the early part of the Twentieth century, the cracking process had been discovered for extracting larger quantities of gasoline from crude—enough to meet the demand for motor fuel posed by the mushrooming automobile industry.

Today, oil is processed in giant multi-million dollar refineries where catalytic cracking units such as the one shown turn out high octane gasoline by the thousands of barrels. Utilizing skills and experience developed over the 91-year history of America's oil industry, refiners extract hundreds of products and raw materials for hundreds more.

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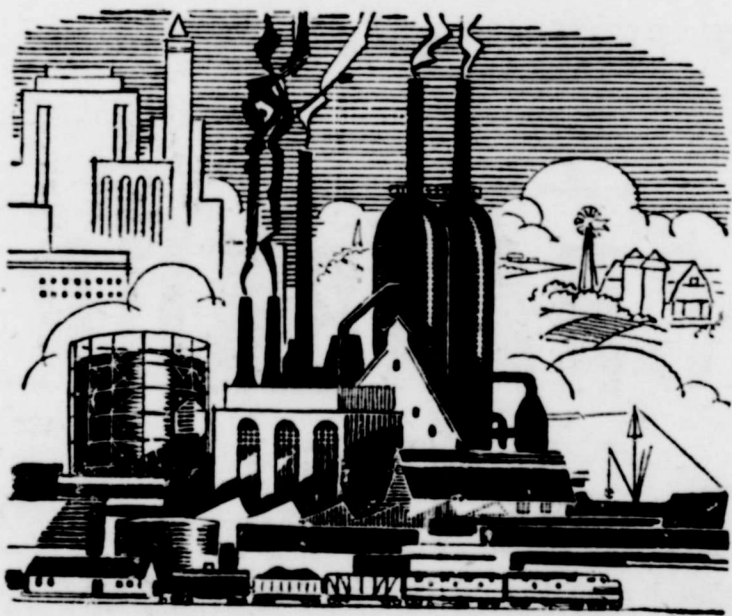
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