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View of Burkburnett Looking South From the Water Tower in 1920. There Was a Good Sprinkling of Oil Derricks in This Part of Town



### BURKBURNETT OIL FIELD NOW IS TWENTIETH CENTURY WONDER

3, 1919

**ORGANIZATION OF FOWLER FARM OIL COMPANY**

During the months of May and June, S. L. Fowler under the name of the Fowler Farm Oil Co., were trying to buy all the stock they could get and lease land in and near town. It gradually became known that an oil sand had been reached at 1,734 feet two or three days before. When an attempt was made to bail out the well it soon began to show a tremendous gas pressure and although the hole was more than a third of a mile in depth and filled to the top with mud, the gas and oil soon began to blow out at the top. The report soon went like wild fire that a flowing well had been brought in on the Fowler farm and thousands of people rushed to the well to witness the wonder with their own eyes. Among this number were hundreds of people from other towns and cities, many coming from the oil regions of Oklahoma, Kansas and elsewhere.

During the entire week of July 29 to August 3rd, speculation was rife in regard to the capacity of the well and the probable value of leases in the vicinity of the well including the lots and acreage.

In the meantime the oil was being allowed to flow through a small opening at the head of the casing, it being feared that if shut off entirely the well might be seriously or permanently damaged. There was no pipe line connection with the well and a line was hurriedly laid to connect with the Magnolia line south of town.

Land & lease values continued to climb during the week of as the well continued to flow and give further evidence of being a gusher when it was turned on full force. Everyone was anxious for awaiting results when the pipe line would reach the well and it was allowed to flow to full capacity. Those who held stock in the Fowler Farm Oil Company continued to receive tempting offers to part with their attractive holdings and some few sold as high as 20 to 1 making an investment of \$100 grow to a value of \$2,000 within a few days.

Saturday, August 3rd was election day and while a large crowd was in town, politics was relegated to the background. The topic of conversation in the stores, on the streets in the offices and everywhere was Oil, Oil, Oil. Everything was on tip-toe of expectancy in anticipation

of the outcome of the Fowler well.

**FOWLER WELL PROVES A GUSHER OF THOUSANDS**

It was late in the night of August 3rd when the pipe line was connected and the Fowler well was allowed to flow in increased force. Then, for the first time, the magnitude of the well was realized. Although the well for a time was allowed to flow only in partial force, soon verified the wildest dreams of promoters. It quickly developed that the pipe line connection, capable of handling about 1,500 barrels per day, was entirely insufficient and the flow was gradually getting stronger as the hole became clear of mud. The oil soon began to overflow and a number of iron tanks were rushed to the scene, but these proved inadequate, and a great sluice of oil was allowed to flow into the slush pit and go to waste in a ravine leading away from the location. With the well allowed to flow only a portion of its full strength, those on the ground declared that it filled a 100 barrel tank in forty minutes.

When the news became circulated early Sunday morning, the wildest excitement prevailed, for it was then evident that the most exaggerated estimates made a few days before were being verified and that Burkburnett had the honor of being the possessor of the biggest oil well in the state of Texas, north of the Texas and Pacific railway. All day Sunday great crowds of people wended their way through the suffocating heat and stifling dust to the well, where they observed the great streams of oil with wild eyed curiosity. It soon became necessary to have all automobiles stopped at points no nearer than the Fowler home about 200 yards from the well. A rope was also stretched around the well to keep the curious crowd at a safe distance.

**DEVELOPMENT BEGINS ON COLLOSSAL SCALE**

With nearly all acreage within three miles of Burkburnett taken up, investors and promoters began leasing town lots and forming companies for the drilling of wells on the townsite. The northeastern quarter of town being nearer the Fowler well and on the same antic line, naturally leased to the best advantage for a time.

Much discussion was indulged in regarding the advisability of drilling for oil inside the corporate limits of the city. Considerable talk of trying to prevent same by legal action was heard, but town lots continued to lease and leases continued to advance in value day by day. One hundred dollars bonus per residence lot was soon offered for the most favorably located town realty. As the days passed into weeks and the news of the big oil strike in Burkburnett was carried into every nook and corner of the country and the crowds gathered in town, leases mounted higher and higher and soon as much as \$1,000 was offered for 50x150 foot residence lots. Leases later went to \$4,000 per lot.

Those who were fortunate enough to own acreage adjoining the townsite in that part of town leased for handsome figures early in the game and within a few days other derricks began to appear in that part of the city and other rigs were put to work to penetrate the abdominal regions of Mother Earth. Within two weeks after the bringing in of the Fowler well, the northwest part of the townsite was thickly set with oil derricks.

**OIL BOOM ATTRACTS CROWD AND OVERRUNS CITY**

The crowds that flocked to Burkburnett during the months of August and September filled the buildings and sidewalks and at times almost blocked the streets. All hotels, cafes, boarding houses and rooming houses were soon overrun and thousands of people went to Wichita Falls and other neighbor towns to stay at night. Laborers and others who could not go to other towns for accommodations were compelled to do the best possible under the circumstances. Scores of them slept in the church buildings; many found shelter in garages and barns, while an uncounted number slept in the open.

Conditions generally reminded one of the gold strike in Alaska as reported by the writers of that period. Included among the thousands who flocked to the streets were those who had lived here in other days many of whom owned one or more lots in the townsite. They were elated to find that thousands of dollars had grown onto the value of their property almost overnight. Friends and acquaintances of other days, people who had been separated by hundreds of miles and many state lines, met on the streets almost daily.

**BURKBURNETT CROWDED WITH OIL STOCK SALESMEN**

Scores of companies were hastily

organized to drill on city blocks or fractional parts thereof. At first most of the companies leased entire blocks but later half blocks and even quarter blocks were leased, stock was rapidly sold and arrangements were made to drill a well on same.

Sellers of oil stock were in evidence everywhere with subscription list and plat of their lease. Local business and professional men forsook their accustomed vocations and went to selling oil stock. Scores of people living in other towns joined in the work and became sellers of stock in oil companies. And not all of said stock sellers were of the masculine type. Feminine charms were added to the prospects of profitable investments and a number of women elbowed their way through the crowded streets and buildings, many of them proving very successful in the game. The most intense heat prevailed during this period and the dust created by the thousands of automobiles, heavily loaded wagons and other vehicles that plowed the streets all the day and far into the night, was almost unbearable.

**BURKBURNETT BUSINESSMEN WORKED UNDER GREAT STRAIN**

During the weeks that followed the bringing in of the Fowler well the business men of Burkburnett worked under a stress and strain that was nerve-racking and trying in the extreme. The sudden increase in business to city proportions and the great troubles experienced in getting sufficient help on account of the war, increased wages and the inability to get board and lodging in Burkburnett, made the work doubly hard and created a situation that was very difficult to meet.

New faces were in evidence in banks, real estate and law offices, the post office and various other public places where the run of business jumped to big city proportions within a few days. The extreme heat and dust added greatly to the discomfort of everyone and not a few suffered physical prostration or came near doing so.

**TRAINS ENLARGED TO HANDLE TRAFFIC**

The trains running between Wichita Falls and Burkburnett were crowded every day until standing room was at premium. Every morning and every afternoon the trains arriving from Wichita Falls were loaded with

a crowd that filled the sidewalks for two or three blocks. Extra coaches were added to handle the traffic that was largely augmented by reason of the conditions of the public roads that, owing to the drought and heavy travel, had become so bad that traveling in an automobile was a "weariness to the flesh."

**PHONE OFFICE SWAMPED**

Probably no business in town was more heavily taxed than that of the telephone, telegraph companies, especially the former. In addition to the great increase in local calls, the long distance business grew to be far greater than the ability of the force to handle.

All day long the girls at the central office answered thousands of calls from impatient women, nerve racked men and the inconsiderate public in general, that would have made the average man feel like "cussing out" the people and dynamiting the plant.

**MORE WELLS ADDED TO BURKBURNETT TOWN POOL**

Regardless of the fact that the Fowler discovery well was good and proved itself one of the big wells of the state, there were not a few people who feared that it was a freak and that the Fowler pool did not extend into the townsite, where so many hundred thousand dollars had been expended for lease promotion and development purposes within three weeks after the Fowler came in. It was recalled that the big oil strike at Thrall in Williamson County only two or three years ago, promised to be one of the great oil producing fields in the country, for a time, yet the pool proved to be very limited and was a disappointment and loss to thousands of investors. This and other instances were cited to confirm the idea that investors in Burkburnett town leases stood a chance to lose money, especially in view of the fact that dry holes had been drilled within two miles in almost every direction from town. Consequently the completion of the Staley, Langford and Chenault's Hodge No. 1 and the Pink Hammond well no. 1, located in the northern edge of town about a quarter of a mile from the Fowler, was awaited with great interest. Should these wells come in dry the value of leases inside the city limits would drop to near the zero point and thousands of investors would lose in varying amounts. So intense was the interest in the outcome of these wells that trading in oil stocks

came to near a standstill for a few days just preceding the completion of them, especially the Staley well, which was the first to come in.

The Staley well was completed during the last of the week of August 17-24. It became known that the casing had been set and everything put in readiness to bring in this well Saturday night, Aug. 24th. Visitors stood anxiously about the well during most of the night, early next morning the crowd became so great that ropes were stretched to keep them at a safe distance. The early morning train brought large numbers from Wichita Falls and other places as word had reached that city during the night that oil sand had been encountered. Early in the morning the well was gasing considerably and in a short time a stream of mud and oil shot far above the top of the derrick, causing the bystanders to give a vociferous evidence of their enthusiasm.

A few days later the Hammond well came in for a good producer, like the Staley well, sending a stream of oil to the top of the derrick and incidentally administering an oil baptism (Methodist mode) to an unnumbered company of sight-seers standing in the immediate vicinity.

The bringing in of these 2 wells proved that the Fowler well was not a freak and everything indicated that the town was situated over the richest pool of oil ever discovered in the north Texas district. Lease values took on new life, more companies were launched and more rigs put to work. Within a few days after the completion of the second and third wells there were a dozen or more wells drilling below the thousand foot mark, near thirty rigs running in town and some eighty or more derricks pointing skyward like so many pins in a cushion.

A number of people who had bought leases in the vicinity of the new wells sold out three or four to one, cleaning up from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Town lots that had leased at \$1,000 were soon quoted at \$2,000 and upward and a large crop of new companies was hastily organized and stock in same sold.

The extension of the proven area added much to the prestige of the new Burkburnett town field and caused more and more prospectors to flock to this place. Men representing all the professions, including the medi-

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**October 6, 1933**  
**Dempsey-Baer**  
**Bout Scheduled**  
**For October 24**

Burkburnett sportsmen will be given an opportunity to see the one and only Jack Dempsey here Tuesday Oct. 24th. Dempsey the world's heavyweight boxing champion, and the man termed as the champion of all champions, is making a tour through the southwest with his present protege Max Baer.

Dempsey and Baer have just completed the filming of one of the greatest fight pictures ever filmed in the Hollywood movie colony and are now ready for further action.

The fights will be staged in the rodeo grounds here with a huge supporting card which should make the greatest athletic event in the colorful history of this city. One of the biggest turnouts is being predicted.

**February 13, 1936**  
**Mrs. Bookbinder to**  
**Open Dress Shoppe**  
**Here Saturday**

Mrs. Opal Bookbinder will open Opal's Dress Shoppe, Saturday, Feb. 15th in the location formerly occupied by the Elite Dress Shoppe, next to the City Shoe Shop.

She will carry a complete line of moderate priced wearing apparel for the women of Burkburnett and trade territory. Mrs. Bookbinder has recently returned from the markets and stated that she had purchased the newest styles and colors in lady's ready-to-wear.

Mrs. Bookbinder is an experienced sales lady, having been employed at the Freed's ready-to-wear store here for a number of years.

**July 6, 1934**  
**40 Cars of Wheat**  
**Shipped to Date;**  
**Market 70 Cents**

The two grain elevators of Burkburnett, Duvall elevator and the Kelley elevator have been rather busy the past two weeks handling the wheat of the farmers within this territory.

The price at this time varies from 65c to 70c.

Something like 40 cars of wheat have been shipped from Burkburnett so far this season and those in position to know state that the wheat crop yield for this season is practically over, with approximately 8 or 10 cars yet to ship. Quite a few of the farmers are storing their wheat.

Owing to the dry weather this year wheat is not as good as it has been in the past, averaging only about 8 or 10 bushels to the acre.

**January 23, 1936**  
**Huge Memorial**  
**To Be Erected to**  
**The J. G. Hardins**

The eight schools which have received the assistance of J. G. Hardin of Burkburnett have provided a large memorial for the honor of the Burkburnett citizens. The marble slab that will retain a severely simple motif, is being finished in Wichita Falls. J. R. Chatham and I. E. Harwell, agents for the memorial, let the contract for the slab in Wichita Falls Monday to the Wichita Falls Marble and Granite works.

The Memorial will be carved from two huge slabs of granite brought from Vermont and will be placed in the Hardin plot in the Burkburnett cemetery. It is expected to be completed about May 1st. It will measure 16 feet in length and 2 feet in width and stand four feet and eight inches high above the ground. The total weight of the two slabs will be 25,000 pounds.

According to the wishes of J. G. Hardin the lines of the monument will be designed simply to correspond with the life of the Burkburnett philanthropist and by his wish the contract was let to a Northwest company.

The six names of the members of the family will be plated on the stone and on the reverse side the memorial to Mr. Hardin in 600 words will be carved. This will be partitioned into 8 plaques and each of the schools will state appreciation.

**November 15, 1918**  
**Victory Day Duly**  
**Celebrated Here**

In celebration of the triumph of the allied forces over the Central powers, and the signing of the armistice with Germany Burkburnett staged a victory program, which included the discharge of firearms, the blowing of whistles and band music from the local band.

In addition to this Mayor Ross issued a proclamation ordering all derrick to suspend operation for a few hours, and for all business houses to close, in order that the entire population might celebrate the victory which means so much for the good of humanity and for our beloved grand old U. S. A.

**October 6, 1933**  
**Bulldogs Receive**  
**New Uniforms**

J. C. Hardin, philanthropist, made possible some twenty complete new football uniforms for the Burkburnett Bulldogs Thursday, Oct. 3rd. In many ways in the past years Mr. Hardin has demonstrated his generosity to the local team and his gifts have played no small part in making the athletics of the local school among those of the best. It was through the aid of Mr. Hardin that the present steel stadium was constructed in 1932.

The new suits were purchased from Cullum and Boren and Lower and Campbell in Dallas. They are the very best quality and at the presentation the boys were jubilant in their expression of gratitude. The complete squad dedicated more and better football games to their public and Mr. Hardin.

**March 5, 1936**  
**Bridge Gap Causeway**  
**Death of Two**  
**People Wednesday**

Once more the bridge over the Red River took its toll of lives when it caught the bodies of two Wichita Falls citizens early Wednesday morning as they dashed through the air to cross the ledge of the gap washed by the interstate bridge river.

Thomas Harrell and Vera Hand were killed early about five o'clock Wednesday morning as they dashed through the air to cross the ledge of the gap washed by the interstate bridge river.

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**May 15, 1925**  
**C. J. Brannon Goes**  
**To Weatherford As**  
**Special Prosecutor**

C. J. Brannon, junior member of the law firm of Ragsdale, Humphrey and Brannon, is in Weatherford this week as a special prosecutor for the state in the Porter murder trial.

Mr. Brannon is a very capable young lawyer and the fact that he should be employed on the side of the state in such a case is enough evidence in itself of his recognized ability as a lawyer.

**November 24, 1934**  
**H. A. Stanley**  
**Attends Baking**  
**School In Georgia**

H. A. Stanley, owner of the Blue Ribbon Bakery, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he graduated with honors from a short course on cake making conducted by General Mills, Inc.

Mr. Stanley was one of the limited class of 250 bakers from 25 states who were invited to attend the ten day school.

**March 2, 1934**  
**Burk Motors to**  
**Build New Home**  
**On Main Street**

Automobile history is being made in Burkburnett. Events in automobile row have been taking place at a rapid pace, in fact, too rapid. Burkburnett may yet be the automobile center of Texas, with essential elements of trade built around established automobile products and local dealers geared to competitive service. It is building day and automobile row is building with visions of a greater and more modern plant for the service of Burkburnett. Burkburnett is on wheels, forgetting the depression, will be on more wheels in the future.

The Browning boys, Paul Wiley, Blake and Bob, have just acquired the direct distributors contract for Dodge and Plymouth for the Burkburnett territory. They have heretofore operated under a dealer's agency for a Wichita County distributor. They will hereafter deal direct with the State Agency, so that they may give greater service for Burkburnett.

The Burkburnett Motors, namely the Browning boys, have just purchased the Collier lot across the street, just east of the old Ford building. Contracts will be let for a modern automobile sales agency plant that will be a credit to Burkburnett. The building will be brick of the latest design, modern in every respect, facing on Main street with shop entrance on Ave. D.

The Browning boys have been in the automobile business in Burkburnett for more than fifteen years. They have built their business on fair dealings with their customers and upon a high standard of business ethics. They hold the confidence respect and good will of Burkburnett and its territory.

**August 10, 1934**  
**Olena Cash Wins**  
**Chamber Commerce**  
**Beauty Contest**

Miss Olena Cash has been selected from a picked group of beautiful girls to represent the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants at the Southwestern Style Show and the fall opening of the Dallas wholesale market on August 14th. The selection was made from a selected number of girls who contested for the honor of representing Burkburnett in the style show at Dallas. They made their appearance at the club Tuesday and the winner was named by a committee of out of town judges.

Those competing for the honor were Misses Olena Cash, Kathryn Enloe, Ruby Chapman and Leta Evert.

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# EARLY HISTORY OF BURKBURNETT

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has been supported by ancient documents recently unearthed in Central America. The presence of Cornado is supported by the contacts that the earliest settlers of Burk Burnett had with the Indian raid in the "79's". It is said to have developed over the memory held by the Indians of cruelty and torture of explorers of previous generations.

**Settlement 1861**  
Traditions also place a small colony here in 1861, but no permanent record had been made of the fate of such a settlement. These settlers are supposed to have stopped for the winter sea-

son and to have been completely wiped out by the Indians.

In the 60's, wild cattle could be found here and it was on the reports of these that D. P. McCracken settled in 1867. However, McCracken had heard of the Indian raids, and for that reason brought 14 heavily armed men with him. They settled on Gilbert Creek, about three miles from the present town site. This colony spent most of its time hunting the cattle and taking an occasional shot at the tribes.

### Prairie Fires

Only a few weeks later, H. C. Akers, a friend of McCracken, joined the colony with several people and the small group developed a tiny village. By this time the Indians had learned to respect the guns of the invading white men, and the chief worry of the settlers had become the constant danger of prairie fire.

Ten years after the first permanent settlement two other families moved into the section and they were destined to exert a powerful influence in community affairs. E. Rexford and M. Dodson located near the same Gilbert creek or Nesterville community.

More important was the growing influence of Burk Burnett, master of the ranches of this section. As this territory spread in the 80's, he became more powerful than any other individual and later he actually decided the exact location of the railroad stop. It was for Burnett that President Theodore Roosevelt decided the name of the city when the conflict arose over the postoffice names in Texas.

In the summer of 1897, J. G. Hardin and S. P. Hawkins came through the country on an inspection visit. Since that time the history of Burk Burnett has been closely parallel to the history of these two families.

A few weeks later at Nesterville, George Darby established the first store. It became a post office and Mr. Hardin bought the store and became the first postmaster. The Indians started trading here and found the white men so friendly they made this area the center of their activity.

However, when the time came to designate the stop in the area the Gilbert or Nesterville section was so thickly settled that a townsite was selected at the present city. At that time there was nothing but a bald prairie at the site. When the first train pulled in on Sept. 1, 1906, another idea was rapidly gaining recognition, a town lot sale to be held the following year.

June 6, 1907 became the official birthday of the city. A Mr. Collins was agent for the corporation and the sale started. Before it had ended 1000 individuals or their representatives were persuaded to buy the lots. It was a day of celebration and resembled a huge picnic more than a sale.

### Church Project

After the pioneers had built their own shelter and fences, the

June 27, 1919

## Building of The W.F.-Burk Road To Begin At Once

J. P. Nelson of San Antonio, prominent road contractor, has been chosen by the Commissioners Court of Wichita County to superintend the immediate construction of 15 miles of concrete road between Wichita Falls and Burk Burnett.

Mr. Nelson is to supervise the work and to assist the county engineer in securing labor and materials. The county is to buy its own equipment and furnish all materials and pay the laborers.

first project undertaken as a community was a combined school and church building. A small frame building was erected on what is now Sixth street. A Mr. Hill taught the first classes that started with seven pupils and ended the session with 125. Each Sunday, the building was converted into a church. The same year the First Methodist church and First Baptist church were organized. The following year the Church of Christ was formed. Each of these three has held services continuously and has large buildings and congregations today.

The town grew steadily as a typical farming community in spite of the drought and panic on December 25th., Christmas Day, in 1911, the first well, the Schomoker No. 1, was staked on the farm west of the small village. There was no excitement. The people went about their routine as usual without any conception that the event would change the whole history of the community.

Six months later the Corsicana Oil Company (later Magnolia) completed the well. With a start of 45 barrels a day, the well foretold the many millions of barrels of wealth that would be taken from the earth here.

The well was drilled with the usual difficulties of pioneering and wildcat oil drilling. All of the difficulties of lost tools, cave-ins, and salt water beset the operators, and when it blew in on the dawn of July 1, with only J. R. Sullivan, local geologist present, it created a cyclone of interest.

January 2, 1936

## Burk Centenarian To Spend 104th Yr. Quietly At Home

Isaac Wilhoit who will pass his 104th birthday next Thursday, will spend the day as usual according to a statement of Geo. Wilhoit, son with whom he lives at the present. The proud pioneer of Texas, who is one of the half dozen men in the state that is older than his state, is recovering from a recent illness that handicapped him to some extent last month.

This will be the 93rd birthday that he has celebrated in Texas and has lived in the state from the days that it was an ambitious republic. He came to the state in 1843, three years before it was admitted to statehood in the United States.

During that time he has lived an adventurous life, ever moving to the newer frontiers of the rapidly developing empire of the southwest.

Wilhoit came to Texas with his mother after their home had been wiped out by a disastrous flood in Tennessee, a flood that took the lives of two of his older brothers and his father.

### First Home

Facing the dangers of a wild country, untamed by any elements of civilization, the hardy pioneer group settled in Red River county. The settlement was not successful, due to Indian raids and bad crops. The group moved into Hunt county.

It was in that county that the pioneer met Elizabeth Brady that later became his wife. Soon after their marriage the pioneer entered the Civil War for the Confederacy. Through the turbulent years of the war he was separated from his wife.

From the end of the war until the recent death of his wife, Wilhoit has lived an independent life, farming in central and east Texas.

Besides his son with whom he lives there are seven other children, 39 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

The pioneer of the state will be the guest of the Centennial celebration at Dallas. One of his ambitions has been to live until he sees the state celebrate its 100th birthday. In less than 3 months he will have that privilege.

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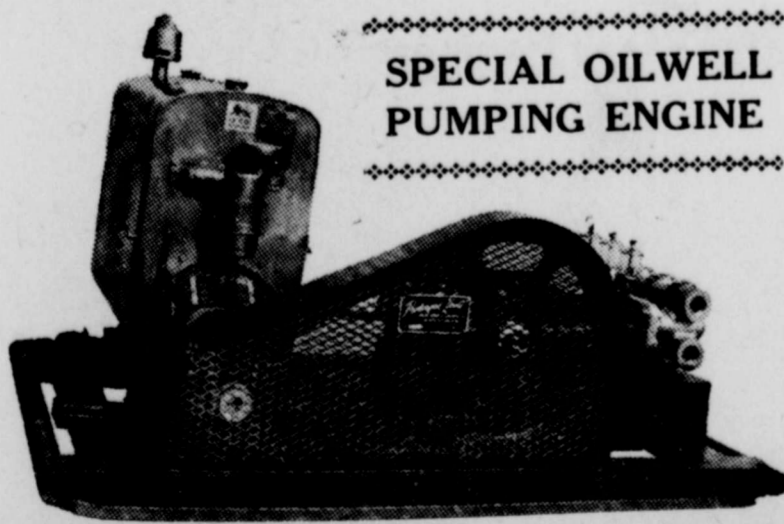
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January 31, 1919

### Burkburnett to Be Supplied With Electric Power for Oil Operating

The Wichita Falls Electric Company is contemplating the installation of high power lines to Burkburnett for the purpose of supplying electric current to be used extensively in the oil fields for pumping and other purposes.

To do this will require the installation of heavier wires from Wichita Falls to Burkburnett and extensive improvements to the power plant.

The present method of pumping oil wells at Burkburnett is extremely expensive, as steam engines are being used which require steam boiler equipment. Fuel oil for use under the boiler, has to be hauled and the attendance of two men is required for day and night service. The cost of this method runs from \$100 to \$125 per day. Another bad feature of the steam pumping is the dangerous fire risk to the city as at the present time every city block contains from two to four boilers fired with oil and often the red flames project from five to ten feet from the top of the smokestack. Electric pumping of these oil wells would eliminate the fire risk entirely and the probable expense of the electric pumping would be between \$3.00 and \$5.00 per day.

September 30, 1927

### 24 Teams Begin Work Tuesday On Bridge Approach

On Monday morning 24 teams passed through the business section of this city enroute to the Burkburnett free bridge and began work on moving the 16,000 yards of dirt to fill in the approach to the bridge on the Texas side of Red River.

Tidwell brothers of Wichita Falls have the contract and will complete the work of building the approach as early as possible. The hill on the Texas side is much higher than the bridge floor, and at least eight feet would have to be moved from the top of the hill. The approach will be connected and secured to the bridge structure proper with a rip rap abutment and gravel.

September 30, 1927

### Two Burk Plants Ginned 1528 Bales Up to Thursday

Local reports from the two cotton gins give 1528 bales ginned to date, and is bringing 21 cents. Seed is selling at \$34 per ton. The gins report a decrease in cotton brought in, because of the rains over the territory during the past few days.

October 3, 1919

### Burkburnett Is Experiencing Its Third Oil Boom

Much interest centers around the barrel-a-minute, 1200 foot well of the Texhoma Oil and Refining Company on the Daniels lease in the new field south of the townsite. Half a mile south of the Texhoma's are three wells at the same depth on the Cooper tract, which is further north toward the townsite.

This region of the field seems to be especially rich in distinct sands at various depths, as there is much activity in prospecting the 280 foot sand, numerous wells are being drilled by various interests.

There is known to exist in this locality a good producing sand at 800 feet.

April 21, 1938

### Barbara Crissey, Virginia Vaught Go to Convention

The Chamber of Commerce has pledged its support to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention 100 percent. Through the efforts of this organization, Burkburnett will be represented in all contests to be held at the convention, which opens next Monday in Wichita Falls.

Miss Barbara Crissey, talented and charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crissey has been chosen Miss Burkburnett and will compete with representatives from other communities for the title of Miss West Texas. The winner of this title will be decided Monday evening at the Municipal Auditorium.

Virginia Vaught, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neely Vaught, and well known as a public speaker, is our representative in the My Home Town Contest.

March 3, 1938

### Benefit Dance Is A Great Success

The benefit dance held last Tuesday evening at the Rotary Hall for the purpose of raising funds to buy new playground equipment for Hardin Park was considered very successful by those who sponsored it.

Individual contributions were made by various citizens to this worthy cause besides the money that was raised by ticket sales.

Local dealers are co-operating with the sponsors of the benefit in obtaining price lists on equipment and helping with orders. The equipment will be ordered just as soon as the committee has time to consider and pass on the various price lists. The park is to be improved and all equipment installed before summer.

Citizens who gave of their time and efforts to insure the success of this movement are: Mesdames Henry Porter, S. B. Crissey, W. P. Sims, J. R. Prince, H. R. Hayes and Johnnie Anderson; Messrs. J. H. Brumley, F. H. Hood and Mr and Mrs. A. R. Hill.

February 14, 1919

### Petition Presented To City Council By M. Clendenin

To the members of the City Council of Burkburnett:

We, the undersigned property owners and residents of the city of Burkburnett, understand that the city council is considering the matter of leasing the streets of the city for the purpose of drilling oil wells in said streets.

Believing that such action would be detrimental to the best interests of the property owners and would cause much injury to the appearance and efficiency of the streets, we here by express our disapproval of such action on the part of the city council and ask that they vote against any proposition that would allow oil wells to be drilled in the streets and alleys of the city of Burkburnett.

January 20, 1938

### President of Local Bank Appointed on Governor's Staff

Word was received here Tuesday that I. E. Harwell, president of the First National Bank, was one of the six new colonels appointed on the staff of Governor James V. Allred.

Others appointed on the staff are: W. M. Blair, Rhea Howard, C. P. McGaha and Jack Jeffus of Wichita Falls and C. H. Wright of Tulsa, Okla.

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November 21, 1919

### YMCA Building Formally Opened

November 13th marked a new epoch in Burkburnett life. The new building at 505 main street was the scene of one of the most impressive programs and enjoyable festivities that the town has seen for many a day.

The opening had been well advertised and when the hour struck for the ceremonies the spacious auditorium was filled with enthusiastic citizens who were hearty in their applause of every number of the program which was rendered mainly by citizens of Burkburnett with the addition of speakers from abroad.

The Young Men's Christian Association is filling a long felt need in Burkburnett life. It has in its plans, activities and features calculated to interest and help all the men of the town and adjacent oil fields. The social and game rooms will be open to the men every day

January 6, 1938

### Local Merchant Receives Invitation To Attend Meeting

J. F. Kelley of Burkburnett is one of the four hundred merchants of the southwest who have been invited to meet in Ft. Worth Jan. 12-14th to observe the sixteenth birthday of Universal Mills, according to Gaylord J. Stone, president of the company.

This is the first merchants meeting ever to be held by the company and is for the purpose of acquainting the visitors with the mills and personnel of the organization. Special stress will be laid on the subject of improved feeding formulas and scientists for the educational institutions of the southwest have been

and evening of the week and programs, consisting of moving picture shows, entertainments, lectures, athletic contests, general socials in which everybody will be invited to participate, will be put on regularly, subject to later announcement.

asked to speak before the convention. The headquarters for the meeting will be Hotel Texas where the regular business session, luncheons and banquets will be

held. The last afternoon spent in visiting the open house beginning with a barbecue at noon. Special entertainment features for the occasion have been planned.

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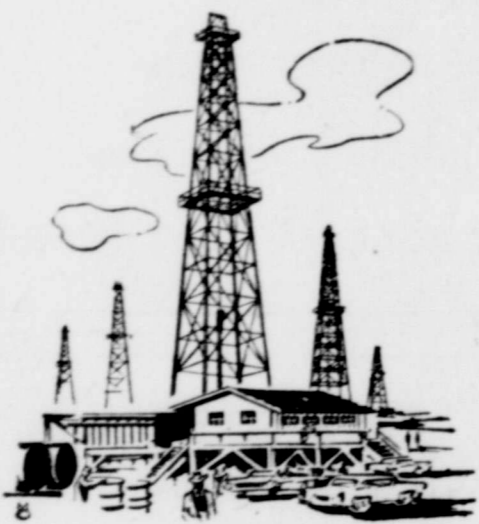
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### 1919 Post Office Building Nearing Completion in Rear of Bank Bldg.

Completion of the post office building being erected and designed by the First National Bank in the rear of the building is nearing completion and when ready the company will be adequate for Burkburnett's need.

The room is being provided for many hundreds of lock boxes are being provided for the many who are clamoring for the condition that existing at the post office since the rush August, on account of the handling of the mass of mail received distribution to several patrons and the coming relief offered received with much gratification by every one who receives mail in Burkburnett.

### January 13, 1938 News From Burk C. of C.

There were only 11 directors present at the first meeting of the new year of the Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce which was held Monday at the city hall. There were 7 visitors present, nearly as many visitors as directors.

One of the most important discussions of the meeting was the round table discussion of the shelter belt project. It was pointed out that the engineers representing the shelterbelt program were in Burkburnett last week and are ready to solicit landowners for test projects. A committee was appointed by the president to co-operate with the federal engineers in contacting the landowners in this community to make such a project possible. The following committee was appointed: A. R. Hill, D. R. Peevey, J. H. Brumley, Frank Kelley, Oscar Kemp and Paul Browning.

President Wylie Browning stated that several new members had been added to the chamber rolls this year and that this year's drive would probably be the most successful in several years.

### January 6, 1938 C. of C. Presents Five Acre Tract For Nursery

The Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce presented the State of Texas with a 5 acre lease which is to be used as a nursery. The tract of land is due west of the city pump station and the lease runs for five years, with another 5 year option.

This is quite an accomplishment for the local chamber of commerce as this will be the only nursery in this part of the state, according to Herman Engelmann. Beautifying of high ways leading into the city will start soon.

### October 17, 1919 Lone Bandit In Daring Holdup

Forced to get out of their bunks and line up in front of a wall, 20 men were relieved of their money at the hands of lone masked bandit at the Gulf Production company bunk house in Burkburnett.

The bandit had planned to make a big haul on pay-day, but due to miscarried plans the paymaster did not arrive at the field until the day after the scheduled pay day.

The bandits total haul was \$39, which would have been swelled to over \$1,000 had he robbed the men on pay day. He has not been seen since, although a search has been made for him.

### November 28, 1919 Main Street Receives Much Needed Work

The main street of Burkburnett received a good grading last week and assumed a much more passable condition, however the grading had only been completed when it was again reduced to a mud hole by a heavy down pour of rain which fell during last Friday night.

### October 3, 1919 Burk District Will Collect \$100,000 For Her Schools

The Burkburnett district will collect \$100,000 in taxes for her schools this year and while this amount is in excess of what is actually needed for the schools more buildings are badly needed and will no doubt be built.

With an enrollment of more than 700 pupils at this time, the crowded conditions are manifested by many pupils only being allowed to attend one half of the school day.

### September 26, 1919 Burkburnett Banks Show Big Deposits

Statements issued by the three banks of Burkburnett on Sept. 12th show the following individual deposits subject to check: First Nat'l Bank—\$2,053,524.50 Farmers State Bank — \$1,562,358.95 American State Bank — 700,887.32 Total — \$4,316,770.77

### April 14, 1938 Corsages for the Ladies at Palace Sunday Matinee

Each lady attending the Easter Sunday matinee at the Palace Theatre will be given a corsage.

These corsages will be given through the courtesy of the Morgan Floral Co., of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Henry Porter of Burkburnett, local agent.

### March 3, 1938 Kiesling Bros. To Open Funeral Home Here Soon

The Kiesling Bros. Hardware and Furniture Co. announced this week that they are adding a funeral establishment to their furniture and hardware enterprises.

The new home will be located at 623 East Main, the old J. M. F. Gill home.

This new enterprise will be opened and operated by Werner and Herbert Kiesling. Definite announcement as to the formal opening will depend upon the arrival of their ambulance and other equipment which will probably be the first of April.

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### Stakes Set On Famed Discovery Schmoker No. 1

Burkburnett is all agog over the announcement this week that the Magnolia Petroleum Co. will drill a 6,000 foot test 2 1/2 miles west and 300 rods south of Burkburnett.

The company staked out the test this week about three-fourths of a mile south of the spot where the famous Schmoker No. 1, Burkburnett's first producing oil well came in in 1912.

According to the officials, actual drilling will start as soon as the rig, which was shipped from Talco, Texas, arrives. The drilling of the deep test will be about three quarters of a mile from the Schmoker No. 1, which although the first producer in the Burkburnett field, is still producing its quota of one barrel per day, after 25 years production.

The first well was drilled by the Corsicana Oil Co., which later changed its name to the Magnolia Petroleum Co. The leases have been under control of the company since the initial test. The tract on the Chris Schmoker farm, about three miles west of Burkburnett, is 43 acres. The total area of the lease and adjoining properties of the company is 580 acres.

The Schmoker No. 1 was staked out by the representatives of the company on Christmas Day. Seven months later the well blew in at dawn July 4, 1912.

Other famous and spectacular wells have come and gone. The first well still produces. It never produced more than 40 barrels, and for several years has retained a one barrel average.

Many a decided blonde is a decided blonde because she decided she didn't want to remain a brunette.

January 13, 1928

### Interest Gains In Deep Drilling Activities Here

The deep test which is being drilled on the E. L. Cragg farm, located about six miles southwest of Burkburnett is down about 2500 feet, according to reports received this morning.

This location is on the O. Farish survey, near the old King-Hampton and Lewis test and on the edge of the shallow production in the Burkburnett field.

According to reports, several sands have been picked up and a sand was picked up at the 1600 foot level that had a small showing of oil. The contract calls for a 6000 foot test unless oil or gas is encountered.

A location was made on Tuesday for a test well to be drilled on the L. F. Ramming tract, or offset. The lease calls for a 4000 foot test and is to be started within 45 days from the date the contract was let. C. W. Clark, drilling contractor of Wichita Falls, has the contract to put the well down.

This well is located about 2 or 3 miles from the Pete Harman and Associates well which was drilled last year to a depth of 2500 feet.

The deep test located southwest of town is creating quite a bit of interest and is being watched very closely with cuttings being taken every few feet.



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November 21, 1925

### Part of Newtown Moves Upon Hill

After getting burned out twice by waves of burning oil which floated down over a rain-covered street from the hill to the east of town,

Waggoner City, or a large part of it, has decided to rebuild on the hill west of the old townsite—a summit that no fire waves can reach.

A large number of the old residents, however, are rebuilding on the lower area. Lots which are far back from the main street to avoid danger of fire are in big demand.

The Thrift Waggoner

February 24, 1928

### Construction of New School Bldg. To Begin In Mar.

It was announced Tuesday that construction on the new grade school building will definitely begin by the 15th of March.

Mr. Andrews, head of the PWA office in Wichita Falls, called Mr. Duncan, superintendent of the local schools, informing him that his office are in receipt of their orders to begin work.

Advantage of all modern methods of construction and architecture will be taken in completing the structure. Preliminary work has already started. Surveyors were at work on the grounds Tuesday.

bank, which was burned out in the fire, is doing business in the Empire theatre building.

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### 1924 Bridge Over River to Traffic

Burkburnett Toll Bridge  
River, connecting  
Oklahoma at a point  
east of this city, open  
Thursday at noon.  
The bridge was partially destroyed  
by an incendiary origin  
and was out of com-  
munity for five days. No ar-  
rests were made in con-  
nection with the fire.  
Only one half of the  
bridge was washed away  
last year; being  
ready for service  
the new portion of the  
bridge destroyed by the fire  
at car crossing the  
yesterday carried a  
D. C. license num-  
bered about twelve o-  
clock than three hours.  
The Burkburnett  
bridge and twenty-  
crossed the bridge.  
Maples, bridge keep-  
that the Burkburnett  
company had made  
completely overhaul  
section of the bridge  
the road on the Okla-  
along Red River in  
condition.

### March 21, 1919 2400 Barrel Well Reported N-W Of Burkburnett

According to authentic an-  
nouncement Saturday afternoon  
the McMann well on the Hardin  
tract, northwest of town, has  
been brought in with an estimat-  
ed daily production of 2400 bar-  
rels. It is stated further that  
this well actually flowed 2300  
barrels the first day.  
The McMann well on the Har-  
din tract is in the same vicinity  
as the Marine and the Humble  
and other famous wells which  
have created a sensation in the  
Burk fields.

### May 7, 1936 Garland to Box At Amateur Show

Beaner Garland will repre-  
sent Burkburnett at the annual  
amateur boxing show at Wich-  
ita Falls next Wednesday night.  
The local boxer has been match-  
ed with Pete Merchant of Wich-  
ita Falls in the main event of  
the 30 rounds of boxing. The  
headliner is a light heavy weight  
event with Garland listed at 168  
and Merchant listed 173. The  
winner of the Wichita Falls  
events will participate in the  
State finals at Ft. Worth in  
August.

### September 30, 1927 Plans Being Made Bridge Opening

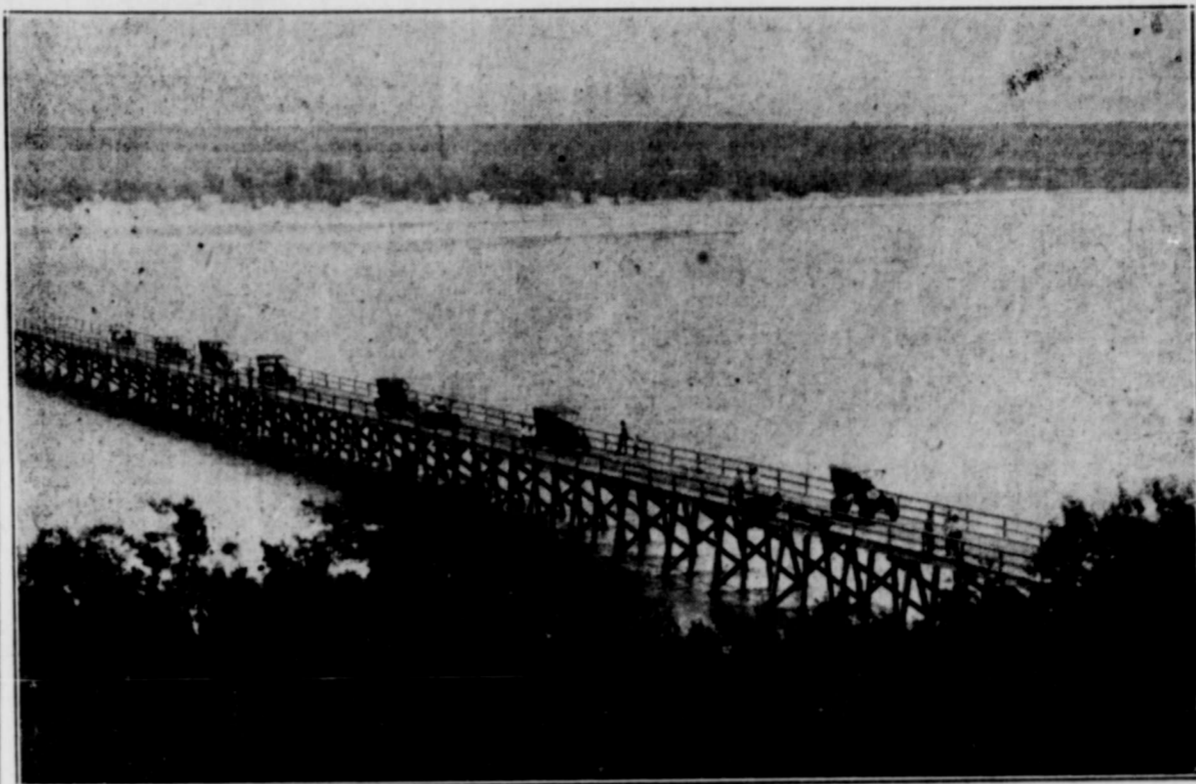
A meeting of the directors  
and other members of the Burk-  
burnett Chamber of Commerce  
and several stockmen and farm-  
ers was held Wednesday at noon  
in the basement of the Method-  
ist church for the purpose of  
considering plans for the free  
bridge celebration. The new  
free bridge between Oklahoma  
and Texas will be completed  
very soon.  
A tentative program as outlin-  
ed by the entertainment com-  
mittee was accepted by the  
board with a only few changes.  
Among the numbers on the pro-  
gram was music by a band com-  
posed of Burkburnett, Grand-  
field and Walters musicians,  
about 60 pieces; speaking by  
high state officials; home talent  
rodeo; football game; boxing  
match; poultry show; auto show;  
tug-of-war; fire works.

### June 12, 1925 Find Complete Still In Old Oil Tank

Officers McDonald and John-  
son discovered a complete still  
in an old oil tank the first of  
the week, located about one mile  
west of the Cashion school house  
on the Wichita Pavement. An ar-  
rest was made.

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Picture of the Old Wooden Bridge Across Red River, Taken 1911



In 1911 traffic between Texas and Oklahoma travelled over an old wooden bridge east of the present concrete bridge East of Burkburnett. It was a toll bridge, the fare being \$1.00 in 1920. If you came back the same day, your \$1.00 charge was good for the return trip. However, if you came back the next day or later, you dished out another \$1.00. 1911 must have been a wet year. Water is running bank to bank.

### July 20, 1934 Modern Up-to-Date Swimming Pool Open to Public

A well equipped bathhouse  
will open to the public the first  
of next week at the Old Swimm-  
ing Pool according to an announce-  
ment from G. P. Rowe, manager.  
The large attendance at the pool  
every day since its opening last  
Saturday is necessitating the ad-  
dition says the manager. It will  
be equipped with showers, pri-  
vate dressing rooms for the lad-  
ies baskets for clothings, towels  
and mirrors.

Entrance to the pool is on Park  
street. The pool, 120x60 feet is  
filled with water from wells and  
affords ample room for swim-  
ming and diving. Its varying  
depths make it ideal for the be-  
ginner, the seasoned swimmer  
and the dabbler.

Two life guards are on duty  
at the pool providing protection  
at all times. The pool is well  
lighted at nights. Swims are 10  
cents for the children and 20c  
for the adults. No charges will  
be made for the use of the bath-  
house but a nominal charge will  
be made for towels and baskets.

### March 9, 1934 Barrow-Grace Purchases Bldg.

H. S. Grace and W. D. Barrow  
have purchased the old Caro  
Motor company building on the  
corner of Ave D. and 3rd street  
from the J. A. Kemp estate and  
will move into their new loca-  
tion some time in the early fall.  
The building will be complet-  
ely remodeled and put into an  
up to date modern automobile  
sales and repair depot from ev-  
ery respect, such as body and  
fender repairing, painting  
washing and greasing and all  
kinds of major and minor re-  
pairing together with a complete  
line of Chevrolet parts and ac-  
cessories, tires and tubes. The  
show room will be remodeled  
to make a beautiful display of  
their new Chevrolet cars and  
trucks.

### February 9, 1934 Public Library for Burk Citizens Is Practically Assured

The plan for a public library  
in Burkburnett is materializing  
very rapidly these last few days  
according to Mrs. L. R. Ryan  
who started the plan. She has  
had the assistance of Mrs. A. R.  
Hill in much of the work that  
has been accomplished. They  
were adopted by the city coun-  
cil at their meeting Monday  
night and the following trustees  
were elected: Jack Chatham, O.  
L. Clark, I. E. Harwell, Oscar  
Kemp, R. P. Reagan, Herman  
Brown, W. D. Barrow, Louie  
Peyton, Jim Minter, Jack Kelly  
and Mesdames O. K. Jackson and  
Dudley Ellis.  
The city is offering a room in  
the city hall with lights, gas and  
water furnished. The center  
room is the one to be used in the  
beginning. When the library has  
outgrown this one, the north  
room will be used.

### October 17, 1924 Burk Establishment Opening Store In Wichita Falls

H. D. Smith and John L. Bos-  
tic have constructed a ware-  
house on their property in Wich-  
ita Falls and will open for busi-  
ness about the first of Novem-  
ber with a complete line of fish-  
ing, drilling and casing tools; al-  
so a line of oil well supplies.  
They will stock additional tools  
in the Burkburnett store so they  
can give the best service on all  
kinds of fishing, drilling and  
casing problems. Between the  
two stores they expect to have  
the best collection of fishing  
tools in North Central Texas.

### May 4, 1934 Alexander Station Enters Contest

Jim Alexander, manager of  
the Alexander Service Station  
and who handles Sinclair prod-  
ucts has entered a contest with  
other Sinclair dealers of this  
section to see who can sell the  
most products for one day only.  
The contest starts Saturday  
morning.

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What is known as the present Boyd Bros. Building, has been a landmark on Main Street for many, many years. Most all of the pictures taken of the downtown area include this building. It is easily identified by its round dome shaped column at the front. Old pictures from about 1918 on show this building. At present it is the home of Boyd Bros. Dept. Store. They occupied their new store home in 1930. Prior to that time they had a store on West Main Street. The brothers included Tom, Billy, Jimmy and Charlie, who went into business here in 1919 following close of World War I. The Star was housed in the rear of the building in late 20's and early 30's.

### September 15, 1953 Total of 1657 Pupils Enrolled In Burk Public Schools

An estimated total of 1657 students were enrolled for school work in the Burkburnett

public schools for the 1953-54 term, it was announced Thursday by Butler Westerfield, supt. The enrollment figures for the year show an increase of 104 over the first four days of last year and prospects for a larger enrollment during the year is anticipated. Last year the total enrollment for the year was 1494 with the maximum membership reaching about 1200.

### May 8, 1925 Postmaster Vaught Painfully Burned On Hand Thursday

Postmaster N. R. Vaught is suffering from a badly burned hand caused by the ignition of surplus gas, when he attempted to light the burner of an automatic water heater in his home early Thursday morning.

### December 5, 1918 Burk Oil Field Leads All Other County Fields

Authentic reports which were gathered by the Star place Burkburnett far in the lead in Wichita County in the production of oil.

Reliable information from the pipe-line companies gives the daily production of Burkburnett at 39,000 barrels.

The production of the Burkburnett field has already greatly surpassed all expectations and any production that may in the future be recorded will be no surprise to informed oil men as it has already far exceeded all expectations and is considered a wonder. The time of surprises has passed and each extension of the field is taken as a matter of course, no one venturing any predictions. Each month, as in the past, will find the Burkburnett field still gradually increasing her lead in barrel production, as many new wells are being brought in each month to swell the total output.

### August 1, 1954 Oil Field Workers Now On Strike

The holiday declared for the Northwest Field Wednesday morning at 8:00 a. m. was in full force at that hour this morning. The Bell Oil and Gas Co., C. J. Bohner and Interlocking companies, Tucker Oil Co., Reno Putnam and Burk Divide Oil companies were the companies affected by this morning's walk out.

The present shut-down is the result of repeated attempts on the part of employees of the above named companies to induce their companies to recognize the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery workers of America as their agency for collective bargaining in a conference Tuesday, July 13th, the operators stated they had no intentions of negotiating.

As day broke over the field, first one power and then another was silenced by the workers and by 3 o'clock the entire field was down. One was reminded of the days when cattle roamed the hills before the striking of oil in the Northwest field.

At eleven o'clock it was reported the Tucker Oil Company was ready to negotiate. Representatives of the International Association were preparing to meet with the Worker's Committees in an attempt to work out an agreement.

### February 23, 1924 Burk Streets Will Be Beautified

Plans for the planting of 140 trees, 100 sycamore and 40 hack berry, on the streets of Burkburnett were formulated last Thursday at a meeting of the City beautification committee, according to Wylie Browning, chairman.

Property owners will pay a small fee for the trees which will be placed in front of lots facing the highways through the city. All work connected with the planting of the trees will be done by CWA workers.

Members of the beautification committee are Wylie Browning, Jack Kelly, Ross Reagan, Butler Westerfield, Mesdames W. P. Sims, Ike Harwell and J. M. Thomas.

### May 8, 1925 C. P. Price Elected Principal of The Burk High School

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held Monday night, C. P. Price was elected principal of the Burkburnett High School. Mr. Price has a college degree and has had several years teaching experience during the time he has been a superintendent. He has had charge of the commercial department of the Burkburnett schools for the past two years.

Other teachers elected Monday night were Mrs. E. B. Grennell, Miss Edna Grennell and Mr. Emory January.

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### December 24, 1924 Contract Let For New 1st Baptist Church Building

The contract was let for the new building of the First Baptist church to John Reeves of Van Buren, Ark., on the cost plus basis with a maximum guarantee cost of \$59,233.10, including a clause which guarantees 30 percent of all savings on base cost to the church.

This was adopted by the First Baptist church, Inc., and approved by a unanimous vote in a business meeting Wednesday evening.

A program will be arranged for breaking dirt service to be held the first Sunday in January.

The contractor has already gone into the market to purchase materials. Our information is that as much local labor and material as possible will be used. The old building has been torn down and work on the new structure will be under way the first of next month.

Signs of the Times—in the window of a department store—"If you need it, we have it." In the window of another store across the street—"If we don't have it, you don't need it."

### Welcome Sign Out In 1923



Back in 1923 Burkburnett threw a party for all its friends and hung out the welcome sign in the middle of the street. Above is shown a part of the throng gathered for the occasion. Several of the old-timers Burkburnett still remember this party. "They were by the thousands," we are informed.

### January 30, 1956 Billijane Chatham To Dance At President's Ball

Miss Billijane Chatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chatham of Burkburnett, and Leo Herzog, director of the Knickerbocker Studios of Wichita Falls will be a special feature of the Brownwood President's Ball at Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 30th.

Thursday night. The dance team will be guested by Armstrong of Brownwood. Invited them to participate in the show.

Miss Chatham will be accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chatham and Mrs. Alfred Herzog.

Miss Chatham has been a student of the bocker school for four

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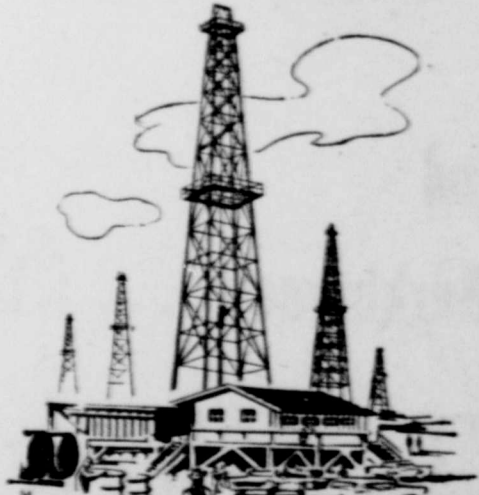
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June 6, 1924 AN EDITORIAL

# DO YOU KNOW?

The Burkburnett Sewerage System has been recently to nearly all points in the city limits, Burkburnett is well served in this convenience, seeing that the property owners who have not done so, connect with mains without being forced according to the laws of the city.

The telephone and electric light poles are being placed along the alleys from the main streets, which will be a room and safer thoroughfares for automobiles city traffic.

It is a breach of good citizenship to sweep the refuse from your store or shop on to the pavement. It has been swept and cleaned by paid service by the city government during the night because of dust pans and a wired-in trash fire in the street would be a better clean-up plan.

All the streets of Burkburnett will soon have parking places scheduled to give 8 feet for parked at an angle of 30 degrees, instead of 45 degrees, thus giving more room for backing passing traffic. The heavy, white paint has been used for the marking of these parking spaces and lines.

Burkburnett has more than forty blocks of streets.

But not least, that Burkburnett is the most little city of the northwest Texas and Oklahoma.

Invest our life where we make our living."

May 4, 1934

## Jack Brumley Heads Burkburnett Soft Ball League

Jack Brumley was elected president of the Burkburnett soft ball league at a meeting here Friday afternoon in the city hall. Four teams will make up the league with Francis Felty, Jack Kelley, B. F. Gilchrist and A. Johnson as managers. According to plans outlined at the first meeting, rules similar to those used by surrounding clubs will be adopted. A committee composed of Louie Peyton and B. F. Gilchrist was appointed to confer with managers of Wichita Falls teams to determine the rules to be adopted by the local organization.

January 6, 1938

## At Birthday Banquet

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark attended the birthday banquet in honor of Father Buckner's birthday at Buckner's Orphan Home in Dallas Sunday. This is an annual affair in honor of the founder of this home and every member is invited to attend. There were approximately 700 present.

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November 1934

## School Faculty And Guests Honor The J. G. Hardins

"Though our schools are called free schools, we as students, are not unmindful of the fact that they cost something. As a token of appreciation for what you have done for us, I present these books from students in Burkburnett's public schools," said LaVerne Rigby, president of the senior class, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hardin, honor guests at a banquet in the basement of the Methodist church Wednesday evening. The banquet was given as an expression of appreciation by the faculty of the local schools to Mr. and Mrs. Hardin, who recently donated \$142,000 to the school system.

The books presented to the honorees were composed of letters of thanks from each child in the schools. These letters were bound in two volumes, each bearing the inscription, "To Mr. and Mrs. Hardin in appreciation of Their Interest in Public Education in Burkburnett."

July 27, 1934

## New Auto Agency For Burkburnett

Burkburnett's newest automobile agency, Morgan and Jenkins Nash and LaFayette Sales Co., will be under the management of Chas. (Buster) Morgan and Stacy (Red) Jenkins. They will have their formal opening Saturday and will have on display a complete line of Nash and LaFayette cars and invite the public to visit them and inspect the new cars.

Mr. Morgan is a prominent farmer and cattleman of this community and is the promoter of Burkburnett's free rodeo which is held every month.

Mr. Jenkins is manager of the Burkburnett Milling Co., and is progressive and public spirited and always has the interest of Burkburnett at heart.

March 2, 1934

## Palm Garden to Hold Open House

This evening marks the opening of the Morse and Leath Palm Garden, one of the most exclusive cafes and beer gardens in the northwest. Both Mr. Leith and Mr. Morse are well known former business men of Burkburnett.

The Palm Garden is located in the Farmers State Bank building on Ave C. The palm idea has been carried out throughout the entire building. There will be five private booths, colorfully lighted and ample space for dancing. Music will be furnished by a popular orchestra.

Sandwiches, short orders and coffee with every variety of beer will be served.

January 2, 1936

## Manhattan Installs New Burglar Alarm

The Manhattan department store of Burkburnett installed a new burglar alarm system this week that was pronounced by experts as the most perfect of its type that is available in America. The system was installed after a recent safe breaking at the store that caused the loss of \$1,200. The robbery took place on Saturday night and after a heavy investigation campaign by the authorities no trace of the stolen money nor the burglars were found.

The system has been tested and the automatic apparatus guarantees complete protection from the most expert invaders. The service of the company was completed recently.

September 5, 1924

## City Has Forty Blocks of Paved Streets Finished

The City of Burkburnett has at the present time forty blocks of paved streets.

Fourth street is finished and work on Avenue C progressing rapidly. Curbs and gutters have been laid on Avenue C, and excavation is under way, laying base and topping will probably be completed by the end of next week.

When the present paving program is carried out, Burkburnett will have fifty blocks of paved streets.

April 4, 1919

## Headline Lists Capital Employed

Capital Employed in Burkburnett, \$158,534,000.00; number of oil companies, 356.

Hard work is just the sum total of the easy things you didn't do when you should have.

July 20, 1934

## Preston to Head Burk Farm Group

B. H. Preston of Burkburnett was elected chairman of the community committee for handling 1934-35 federal crop control matters in a gathering Monday afternoon attended by 350 farmers at the Burkburnett High School. The meeting was in charge of J. C. Myers, assistant to county agent C. C. McGown.

May 15, 1925

## Jack Garner Hurt In Auto Collision Sunday

Jack Garner of Two Brothers Barber Shop was painfully injured and his car damaged to the extent of about \$100. Sunday when another car skidded on the slippery pavement causing a collision between the two cars. The accident happened about five miles from town on the Burk-Wichita pavement. The other car was also damaged.

Mr. Garner sustained a bad cut above the left eye and was rendered unconscious for a short time.

December 5, 1924

## Elks Club Employs Acting Secretary

The services of J. B. McClain of Cleveland, Ohio, have been obtained by the local club. Mr. McClain is a member of lodge No. 18 of Cleveland and has been actively interested in the work of the Elks lodge for a number of years. Since the local lodge is one of the youngest Elks clubs in the United States, whose officers are all newly made Elks, McClain's service to them will be of untold value in the upbuilding of a great lodge in this city.

February 20, 1925

## E. H. Logan Buys Burkburnett Electric

E. H. (Casey) Logan, of the Logan Battery Station, this week completed a deal with the Burkburnett Electric whereby he becomes the owner. It is Mr. Logan's plan to consolidate the two places of business.

Mr. Logan is an expert electrician and when the two businesses are consolidated he will have one of the best equipped electrical, radio and battery stations in town.

When it's all said and done the only person easy to deceive is yourself.

March 16, 1939

## Boyd Bros. Buy Owens & Brumley Furniture Stock

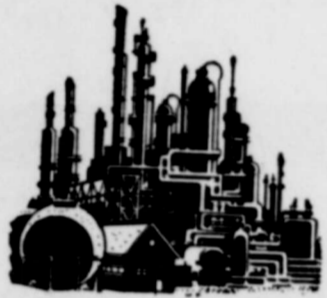
The Boyd Brothers, owners of Boyd Bros. Cash Exchange, purchased the furniture stock and good will of the Owens and Brumley Furniture Company this week. The store is located next door to their place of business. They have moved their furniture from their annex to the building. Workmen will start work in a few days cutting a hole in the building which will enable the buying public to visit their several different departments without having to go outside the buildings.

The Boyd brothers are celebrating their 20th anniversary this week and extend a cordial invitation to their many friends and customers to visit them and take advantage of their anniversary bargains.

The Boyd brothers stated that George Parker and Harrison Goble, who have been employed by Owens and Brumley for the past several years will remain with the new firm and assist Sam Davis, who has been manager of the Boyd Furniture annex.

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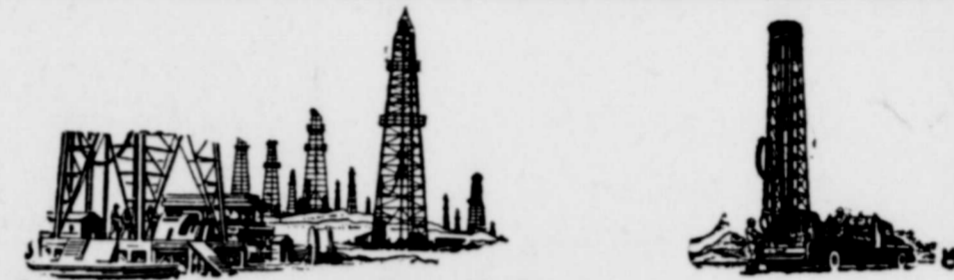
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**September 26, 1924**  
**Thompson Bros.**  
**Open New Service**  
**Station on W. Main**

The Thompson Bros., formerly of Grandfield, will open their service station to the public Saturday. This station is at the outer edge of Burkburnett on the west pavement and is one of the best equipped and most artistic stations of the city. They spared no expense in making it attractive in appearance and every convenience for the use of the motoring public will be found in their equipment.

**January 5, 1934**  
**Henry Grace**  
**Re-Elected Pres.**  
**Of Burk C. of C.**

Henry Grace was re-elected president of the Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce at a director's meeting held Monday afternoon. Other officers and committees will be named at a meeting scheduled for next Monday afternoon. Immediate plans for a membership drive will be formulated at that time, also.

Some of our politicians have discovered that they build their fences so high they can't get over them.

**March 14, 1919**  
**Burk Growing By**  
**Leaps and Bounds**

Contractors and lumber yards are swamped with orders and the building spirit in Burkburnett has only begun.

All business is still suffering from the lack of transportation facilities, which are being improved as fast as possible to meet the ever increasing demands.

Burkburnett is growing so fast it is impossible to keep tab on her progress.

Every train that arrives increases her population. Our neighbors, Devol and Grandfield are making strenuous efforts to attract strangers coming to Burk. They offer them better living conditions. It is freely admitted that they both are nice growing towns, also that their hotels are doing a nice business taking care of the overflow business from Burkburnett.

While Burkburnett is fairly bristling with rooming houses, she is yet unable to take care of the multitudes, and many persons have the alternative presented to them of sitting up all night or going to neighboring towns to secure sleeping accommodations. These conditions have led some of the surrounding towns to believe that they are enjoying substantial, permanent growth.

When Burkburnett gets her plans in working order, which is being done as rapidly as possible, she will emerge from an over-congested town, bristling with derricks, to a city of splendid hotels and business houses with paved streets, sewage and many other modern conveniences.

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**March 28, 1919**  
**Burk Oil Field**  
**Is Taking On**  
**Pleasing Look**

Citizens of Burkburnett who confine their activities to the business and residence district of town have little idea of the strides development has taken on in the outlying field. On the east to the river there is presented a forest of derricks, old and new, big pumps drawing the liquid wealth from mother earth, the hum of the rotary, the splendid draft teams drawing their heavy loads, the handsome autos with their loads of well dressed, bright faced strangers, drawn here to see the field as a whole and to get a closer view of the well or wells in which they own stock.

On the north to and for some distance beyond the Fowler Farm and on the south past the school house the same busy scene greets the eye.

Crossing the railway at the railway depot, enroute to the territory lying immediately northwest of the townsite, a congested condition is met with. This passed rising ground is encountered and a pleasing view presented. A year ago this territory was made up of wheat and cotton fields, with snug, homelike farm houses dotting the landscape. Today it is being transformed, as if by magic, into an oil city. Nifty little cottages, nicely painted, are springing into existence, to be used by the officers and workmen of oil companies. There are also constructed or under construction, commissary stores and mess halls. All this lends an air of comfort that the field has not heretofore known.

The territory lying northwest is proving up well, and the permanency of the improvements augers well for the army of men upon whom rests the duty of extracting the oil from its bed.

**September 29, 1933**  
**Burkburnett At**  
**County Fair**

Burkburnett as usual took an active part in the Fifth Annual Wichita County Fair held at Iowa Park, Sept 20 to 23rd. The Chamber of Commerce arranged a Burkburnett community agriculture exhibit and also had a chamber of commerce booth in the Exhibition building.

Friday, Sept. 22nd was Burkburnett day and a special program was put on by the Burkburnett band and chamber of commerce in the afternoon and evening. The Burkburnett program was acclaimed one of the best programs at the fair and the Burkburnett attendance was very good.

Those taking part on the program were Miss Winona Owens, Billyjane Chatham, Bryan and Hackney, Georgia Gilbert, Virginia Vaught, Viola White, Leroy Welborn, Margaret Griffin, Northcott brothers, Harold Haney, the Boden Twins and the Hickville band.

**August 10, 1934**  
**W. E. Riddle**  
**Brought In First**  
**Bale 1934 Cotton**

W. E. Riddle, a farmer living one mile north of town, brought in the first bale of 1934 cotton Saturday, August 4th. This was the first bale of 1934 cotton grown in Wichita County. Wichita Falls ginned a bale last week which was grown in Clay county.

This is the third year that Mr. Riddle has been the one to gain the first bale of cotton in Burkburnett. The Chamber of Commerce gives a \$25.00 premium for the first bales of cotton ginned each year.

**December 5, 1924**  
**Burk Tailors In**  
**The Former**  
**Toggery Bldg.**

The building formerly occupied by the Toggery, across the street from the Lyric Theatre, has been remodeled and is now occupied by the Burkburnett Tailor Shop.

This shop, owned and operated by R. D. Coats, has been doing business at 116 East Main street for the past several years. The new location offers more room to take care of his many customers and is nearer the central part of the business section which prompted the change.

**April 17, 1925**  
**Rural Telephone**  
**To Newtown and**  
**Bradley's Corner**

J. A. Messer and P. M. Lawrence of Thrift, have purchased

the Owenwood Oil Corp. telephone line running from Burkburnett to the Northwest field to be operated as a rural line for the Newtown and Bradley's corner communities.

The Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce negotiated the deal and has been co-operating with

Mr. Messer and Mr. Lawrence in every way to secure the line which has been needed long time.

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### Volunteer Fire Department Is Being Organized

Organization of the Burk Burnett Volunteer Fire Department has been organized and the required number of 20 volunteers almost completed as may be seen by the names given below and their respective business employers.

Early meeting will be held to adopt rules, regulations and by-laws, select officers and begin the training service.

As a result of this organization of twenty men, the Fire Commission will give the city a substantial reduction in key rate of insurance.

The new volunteers are as follows: R. J. Kelley, Burk Burnett Gas Co.; Joe Schmick, The Burk Burnett Dry Goods Co.; C. H. Logan, Logan Service Station; Jack Dunbar, City Shop; M. M. Lee, C. Smith Lumber Co.; W. Ross, Owens Furniture Co.; J. F. Kelley, Kelley and Feed Co.; A. R. Bell, Browning Buick Co.; M. Dunn, City Street; Henry Stewart, Textile Electric Service Co.; E. Woolley, Barrow-Grace Co.; A. H. Flemming, Unique Cafe; W. R. S. Liberty Theatre; G. Rashear, Burk Burnett Co.; C. G. Arnold, Orasoline Station; A. S. Son, the Corner Drug; W. H. Hall, Goodlett Swallen; Fred Brook Star Publishing Co.; Felty, First National

### “Star” Now In It’s New Home

The Burk Burnett Star office has been moved from the Farmers State Bank Building, where it has been conveniently located for the past six years, to a new building just constructed by the Star editors, R. D. and J. E. Laney, located directly south of the Meridian Garage and two blocks from the post office.

### Burk Chamber Of Commerce Organized Mon.

Pursuant to call made through the medium of circulars freely distributed on the streets, a mass meeting of citizens was held at the Burk Burnett Stock Exchange Monday night at 8:30 P. M. There was present a large and enthusiastic gathering of representative citizens. Temporary organization was effected by the selection of Judge W. D. Cardwell as president and Prof. E. J. Woodward as secretary.

The chair announced the object of the meeting to be the laying of plans looking to: Correct sanitary conditions, better post office service, a water system, a sewage system, paved streets, etc.

Several short talks, in support of the movement and the organization of a Chamber of Commerce, were made.

The meeting then adjourned to convene again Tuesday night at the same place and hour for the purpose of entering into a permanent organization.

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But whether or not you run a business of your own, you have a partner who each year is claiming a substantial interest in your personal income. And the law requires that you keep for him in case he ever asks for an accounting.

Perhaps you own your home or are paying it out in installments. It's likely that some day you may sell that house. When you do you'll want to be able to prove whether you realized a gain or a loss on that sale. If a gain in capital resulted, it probably will add to your income tax. If a loss was suffered, it probably will reduce your income tax.

You may have made certain capital improvements on the house while you lived in it, but unless you can show what incurred while making them, out of your pocket expense you may not get credit for them in your cost basis so as to prove that you had no capital gain or that you had a loss.

Or perhaps you received that little summer cottage on the lake as a gift from your father. If you ever sell it, you should be able to show Uncle Sam not only the cost of improvements you made on it while you owned it, but also what its fair market value was at the time Dad gave it to you.

It may be that you are receiving an annuity on an insurance policy. If so, do you know how much that policy costs you and how much of that cost you have recovered tax-free to date?

There are many kinds of transactions some day affect the computa-

tion of your personal income tax. The best proof of the cost of anything you've purchased is a receipted bill or cancelled check. If one of these pieces of evi-

dence relates to any transaction that may affect your income in later years, it's a good idea to keep it. Your "partner" may some day ask to see it.

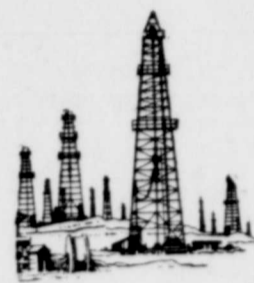
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AN EDITORIAL BY R. D. LANEY

### A Rotten Passenger Service Between Burk and Wichita

The railroad entering Burkburnett has never seen fit to improve their service above that of furnishing "nigger" cars that are a disgrace to the service, to say the least. The company has never offered to help the ladies and children on and off these cars that anyone knows of, notwithstanding the fact that the getting off place resembles a hog pen the greater part of the time.

The hundreds of patrons of the railroad company who make it possible for the railroad officials to gather into their offices on an average of three hundred thousand dollars per month, are forced to wade in mud half knee deep and are often forced to stand up the entire trip between Burkburnett and Wichita Falls. This is government control, we presume. During normal conditions one would refuse to pay his fare unless provisions were made to accommodate him with a seat. It is either pay or walk and the walking is getting good.

Nov. 3, 1938

### Gins Have Total of 2,224 Bales Cotton For Season So Far

According to reports from the two local gins, a total of 2,224 bales of cotton have been ginned here since the season opened.

This total is quite a bit under last year's total but is already more than was predicted for this area at the beginning of the season.

June 23, 1938

### Cannon's Drug to Have New Home

Remodeling has started on the building next door to the First National Bank, which will be the new home of Cannon's Drug Store.

Employees of the City Barber and Beauty shop, occupants of the building are taking a two weeks vacation while repairs are being made. When they are complete and Cannon's is moved in its new home, the barber shop and beauty shop will move into the building now occupied by Cannon's.

The new drug store will have a modern front and the interior is being done over completely.

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January 13, 1938

### Owens-Brumley Hold Open House Saturday and Sun.

The formal opening of the new Owens and Brumley Funeral Home located in 101 South Ave. D. in Burkburnett has been officially set for Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15th and 16th, according to John Rigby, funeral director.

Construction of the new home has been underway for some time and most of the final plans were completed this week in order to make it presentable to the public.

R. D. Owens and J. H. Brumley, owners of the new home, first established a funeral home in Burkburnett in 1925, in connection with their furniture store which was established along with a few other businesses in Burkburnett during the hectic days of the boom.

April 7, 1938

### Dodson's Opens in New Bldg. Mon.

Dodson's moved into their new store this week. The building has been completely renovated and is one of the most modern establishments in town. The front is particularly effective combining the newest feature in decoration and in presentation of displays. The interior is well arranged, giving an impression of space and the lighting is especially good. All merchandise is arranged so that it may be clearly seen; everything that can be done for the comfort and convenience of the customer has been done.

Mr. Dodson has been in the mercantile business for about 20 years, having started when only a boy with the Saul's store in Wichita Falls.

May 12, 1938

### Reggie Kent Buys Burk Milling Co.

R. W. (Reggie) Kent of this city this week purchased the Burkburnett Milling Co., millers of Paymaster flour, from D. M. (Buddie) Morris.

Mr. Kent assumed charge Monday morning. He stated to a Star reporter that he would continue to mill Paymaster flour and that it will be on sale this weekend in nearly every grocery store in Burkburnett.

Mr. Kent is well known in Burkburnett, having been connected with the Kenko Products Co. for a number of years.

Cecil Allen, an experienced miller, will be in charge of the milling.

Mr. Kent stated that he would continue to buy wheat from the farmers of this section and requested them to see him before disposing of their grain.

May 26, 1938

### Ben McDonald Has 1st Load of Wheat Schroeder 1st Barley

The first load of 1938 wheat for Wichita County was received Wednesday by the Burkburnett Gin Co., according to Walter Duvall, manager.

The first load of wheat was brought in by Ben McDonald who resides about four miles west of town. The grain tested 60 pounds to the bushel and was sold to Mr. Duvall for 64c with a 10c premium, making the load bring Mr. McDonald 75c a bushel.

Henry Schroeder, who lives several miles west of town, brought in the first load of barley Wednesday afternoon. This was also purchased by the Burkburnett Gin Co., for 30c per bushel with a 5c premium. The barley was good test.

May 12, 1938

### Sewing Rooms of WPA Have Exhibit Friday

Workers at the WPA Sewing rooms will hold a project exhibit on Friday from 1:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. of this week at the local sewing rooms on Ave. D. according to Mrs. George Cramer, Jr., who is supervisor of the rooms. The public is invited to inspect the work being done by this organization.

3,964 garments have been made by the 32 workers since November of last year. These include clothing for infants, boys and girls, men and women and household articles. The estimated payroll per month for operation of the sewing room is \$1,071.80.

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February 10, 1938

### Duncan and Hill Re-Elected As Supt. and Coach

At the last meeting of the school board which took place on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, C. J. Duncan was re-elected as superintendent to serve another four years. Volney Hill was re-elected as head football coach for the same period of time.

Mr. Duncan has been affiliated with the school system since 1924 when he came here to take a position as instructor of mathematics. He has served as superintendent of the schools since the resignation of Butler West-erfield in October, 1936.

Mr. Hill came to Burkburnett in 1934. He is a history instructor in the high school and is head football coach. He has had remarkable success with his teams the past two seasons.

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November 7, 1919

### Dance Halls At Waggoner City To Be Closed

Dance halls at Waggoner city came under the official ban Saturday when injunctions were asked by the State of Texas restraining L. S. Brannon, Lee Carpenter and Fred McClendon from operating such resorts.

The dance halls are alleged to be a nuisance and menace to the community says the petition.

December 5, 1919

### J. G. Hardin Gives \$75,000 to Baptists

With the announcement that J. G. Hardin of Burkburnett had given \$75,000 to the Baptist drive fund, and with later reports from churches over the county, indications were Monday night that Wichita County had tremendously oversubscribed it quota.

The \$75,000.00 gift from Mr. Hardin is for the special use of the Baptist orphanage.

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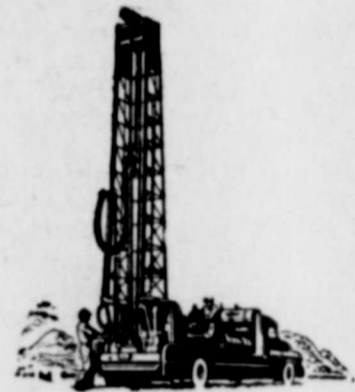
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### January 6, 1918 Pictures of Burkburnett Are In At Wichita

There were shown 1000 feet of pictures of doings in Burkburnett field, at the Wichita Falls Stock Exchange Tuesday night. The pictures were developed by Duffy and personally exhibited.

### January 6, 1938 Homes, Apartments In Great Demand

Requests for apartments, small homes and furnished rooms continue to pour in at the chamber of Commerce from the newcomers attracted to the city, chiefly by the KMA oil boom.

### May 16, 1919 Telephone Co. In New Quarters

The Southern Telegraph and Telephone company are now occupying their new quarters upstairs in the new building rear of Andersons Drug Store.

### Feb. 24, 1938 Burk Delegation Attended Highway Meeting In Wichita

Wylie Browning, Paul Browning, Herman Englemann and Fred Knauth attended the state highway meeting and luncheon held in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

### January 6, 1938 Banks to Close 1 P. M. On Saturdays

Beginning Saturday, January 8th, both banks will begin closing at 1:00 p. m. As a courtesy to Burkburnett merchants, the banks agreed to remain open until 3 p. m. on Saturdays during the harvest season and Christmas holidays.

### Sept. 15, 1938 Harvest Festival To Open Friday

The Burkburnett Harvest Festival opens officially Friday morning. Last minute preparations are being made for the biggest celebration in the towns history.

### September 22, 1938 Methodist Church To Be Dedicated Sunday Morning

Next Sunday, Sept. 25th is to be a red letter day for the Methodist church in our city. First, we are expecting 300 in church school at 9:45 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis will preach and immediately after his sermon will dedicate the church.

First, in Methodism, a church can not be dedicated until the building itself is cleared of all indebtedness. After this is done, the church, by the act of dedication, is solemnly and reverently and in the fear of God, set

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Highway needs of this division were aired in brief as delegations from some 15 precincts discussed their needs following a luncheon at the Wichita Club where they were guests of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.

### June 2, 1938 Plans Completed For 1st Community Night, June 10th

Plans are practically complete for Burkburnett's community night which will be held Friday night, June 10th on Avenue C. between Main street and 4th street.

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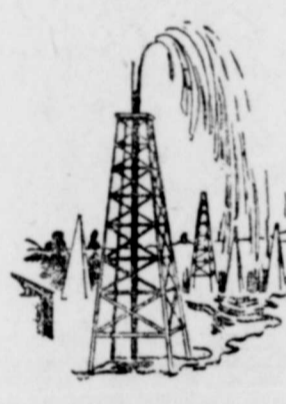
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These community night programs are an annual affair which is sponsored by the chamber of commerce and will be staged twice a month, alternating dates to be in Burkburnett and the surrounding communities.

### May 16, 1919 Burkburnett Dance Halls Discontinued

The jazz bands no longer jazz and "49" girls no longer invite the "roughnecks" to the joys of terpsichore in the dance halls of Burkburnett. The dance halls are closed and will not be reopened, it is promised.

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### June 30, 1938 Burk - Newtown Paving Project Being Approved

According to F. R. Knauth, local commissioner, the county commissioners in session Monday approved the paving of the three mile stretch from the west pavement to Newtown.





May 23, 1919

### Officers Arrest Moonshiners On Bank Red River

Federal officers, aided by Sheriff Bob McFall, raided a still on the banks of Red River, near Burkburnett, last Sunday afternoon and arrested three men and a woman and confiscated the various devices used in putting a "kick" into moonshine brew. A quantity of liquor in the process of manufacture also was seized.

The still, the officers stated, was concealed under an overhanging bluff above the river while the parties operating it lived in a small tent only a short distance away. Horace Newsou, Ed Loan, G. H. Goad and Rosa Park were arrested by the Federal officers and held for investigation in the United States District Court.

September 5, 1924

### Burk Hunters Kill Limit of Prairie Chickens

Rex Smith and Paul Browning returned Wednesday from the wilds of Gray County, Texas, where it is hard to keep within the limits of the law when it comes to killing prairie chickens. The two Burk sportsmen joined S. O. Green, Mr. Smith's brother in law, at Memphis, Tex., who carried them to his ranch in Gray county where the game was plentiful. They spent two days hunting, killing the limit of five per day each, or thirty prairie chickens.

There are only a few sections of Texas where prairie chickens can be found and there are many people in the state who have never tasted meat of this rare fowl; but through the courtesy of Mr. Smith and Mr. Browning a number of their friends will have the privilege.

October 13, 1933

### Merchants Report Business Sat. Best In Past Two Years

According to the leading merchants and tradesmen, Saturday was the best day for the business that this city has witnessed in two years. The event of the day included a parade of some 100 people of the community band directed by E. L. Nichols and the riders in the rodeo. The rodeo, a monthly affair staged by the chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Col. Wid Phillips and Capt. T. Guy Willis, began at 2:30 a'clock with a record breaking attendance of approximately 5,000. In the arena were riders from Childress, Lawton and Ft. Worth together with the local regulars. Some 40 of the cowboys were the guests of Phillips and Willis for lunch today at which time E. H. Howell of Ft. Worth spoke on the marketing of cattle.

All Burkburnett merchants stated that this was beyond any doubt the best day of the year for their businesses and many extra employees were added to care for the crowds. The next rodeo day will be in November.

July 27, 1934

### 1239 Cans of Produce Canned By Burk Cannery

Burkburnett's ERA canning plant has canned 1239 cans of produce since beginning operation according to H. D. Smith, local administrator. Produce canned includes corn, peas, peaches and grapes. The cannery has also put up 260 cans of squash which was received from the Wichita Relief gardens.

The Burkburnett cannery employs five and six people daily and is under the supervision of Mrs. E. E. McGown. The local cannery has a capacity of 150 to 200 cans per day. The canning plant is conducted on a toll basis. Mr. Smith urges everyone who has vegetables or fruit to can to get in touch with him or Mrs. McGown.

October 24, 1924

### Togger's Second Anniversary Opens With Big Sale

The Togger opens for business in their new home today, 212 East Main street, on their second anniversary. This building was formerly used by the City Cafe. It is much larger than the building formerly used by the Togger and affords them much more room to carry a more complete stock and display it properly.

April 23, 1925

### Kelley Completes New Elevator

Frank Kelley, owner of the Kelley Grain and Coal Co., announces the completion of his new office, grain elevator and feed storage warehouse and will move back into his new quarters Monday.

The elevator is modern in every respect and is practically fire proof from the outside, as no wood is exposed. The new structure will be much larger than the old building which was recently razed.

November 28, 1919

### Pays \$100,000 For Only 1 Acre In Burkburnett

What is said to be one of the highest prices ever paid for acreage in the Burkburnett oil field was reached today, when the Eastland Oil and Refining Company of Dallas, sold an acre of land in block 86 to some New York interests for more than \$100,000.00. It was guaranteed that if a well was drilled on the property it would produce 500 barrels daily.

March 28, 1919

### Ginsite Oil Co. Will Pay 300 Per Cent In Next 3 Months

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Ginsite Oil Co., it was voted to provide funds for 300 percent dividend to be paid in installments of 100 per cent monthly, during April, May and June of this year.

November 14, 1924

### Mrs. Letha Spence Wins Car In Star Subscription Race

The Burkburnett Star has just closed one of the most successful subscription campaigns ever held in northwest Texas. In putting on this contest it was the purpose of the management to place the Star in every home within the Burkburnett trade territory. This purpose has been practically accomplished. The circulation is an important asset to the paper and the Star has distinguished itself by building up the largest subscription list of any paper in a town the size of Burkburnett in this part of the state, thereby making it unequalled as an advertising medium in this section of Texas.

This campaign has been put on in a clean, open and above-board manner and all contestants are aware that they received fair and impartial treatment throughout the duration of the contest.

A large crowd was present Tuesday night when the final count was completed and the winners in the contest were announced.

Mrs. Letha Spence won the

capital prize and was awarded the Rollin Sport Model coupe. Mrs. Chas. Gokey was awarded the second prize of \$200.00 cash.

Miss Gladys Estein, Thrift won the third prize and was awarded \$100.00 in cash.

All of the active contestants were awarded a cash commission

of 15 percent of the total amount of cash received on subscriptions by them during the contest. Their standing was in the order named: Mrs. J. M. Pugh, Mrs. Bryan Cunningham, Florence Urban, Mrs. Earl Smith, Miss Gertrude Brown and Flo Smith.

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#### OILY GRITTY DUST

The visitor asks a question of some hurrying citizen. Dust, oily gritty dust lines in his mouth as he asks. He looks upward in search of the reason for the peculiar yellowish tinge cast on everything. It is the yellow of the sunshine penetrating a mile deep blanket of thick yellow dust that always blankets the Burkburnett field when it isn't falling.

Outlines of buildings across the street are blurred by dust. Faces of passersby are smudged like the faces of unclean urchins. Clouds of dust sweep down the street and swirl about the corners. Whip lashes stinging the side of horses raise little puffs of dust like carpets beaters on an old dusty rug. Every hat is dusty. Every coat is dusty and all trousers are smeared with oil.

One-story frame buildings of indiscriminate painting line the main street. A few brick build-

ings might act as fire walls if the town got afire. There are half a dozen two storied buildings on the corners.

#### NO CLEAN WINDOWS

There isn't a clean store window to be seen in Burkburnett. Some haven't been cleaned out, glass washed or display changed since the Fowler came in. Goods can be sold without window displays and the merchants have been too busy to clean windows. Butcher, baker, dry goods merchants, hamburger men, hardware men and druggist can sell everything he can ship into town just as fast as clerks can wait on customers. All that is needed is just a sign telling what may be purchased inside.

Sidewalks are jammed like the space in front of the ticket wagon on a circus lot. Men push and elbow their way along like they do to get front standing room in front of the tattooed woman. Blue denim, brown duck, blue serge, corduroy and leather and sprinkling of drab uniforms run together.

#### A FEW WOMEN

Then the visitor notices that there are few women in sight. Here and there one sees one sitting in a farm wagon with stolid face, on which the dust film thickens while her husband stands in the bacon and flour line in a grocery store. One bounces by beside her husband in a roadster. Burkburnett is a man's town as well as a hettown. There are women there but their number are overwhelmed by the crowds of men who have swarmed in to work or to get rich, or both.

Traffic is thick, slow and good natured. Banked along the rather high sidewalks are hundreds of good cars. The visitor notices immediately a rarity of Fords. The cars are Paiges, Overlands, Chandlers, Pierce-Arrows, Packards, Buicks and other of the middle priced or expensive classes. Oily dust and mud have eaten the polish off. Mud has had splashed and dried on windshields and streaks of oil fleck them.

#### FOUR HORSES TO WAGON

Four-horse teams haul long, heavy wagons through the dust, grinding up the unsurfaced street into more dust. The horses are things of beauty, not unlike the large draft animals in circus parades. Wagon after wagon groans along carrying loads of 20 foot pipe. Traffic jams at corners. A line a block long waits patiently. Everybody is going somewhere and everybody would like to get there soon, and there is no impatience shown.

If a delivery car takes up half the street turning around in the middle of the block and has trouble with his engine, those he delay just wait until he gets his car straightened out. Unless there is a breakdown and then a crowd seizes hold of all projections and lifts the obstructing car bodily out of the stream.

#### TRANSFER MEN TROUBLED

One four horse outfit of freight goes down the street trailing 200 feet of steel cable behind. A transfer man doesn't see it and turns his team across is. A loop in the cable trips a horse and there is a flurry of dust. The four-horse outfit crawls along unheeding. The transfer man straightens out his tangle of broken wagon tongue, tangled harness and frightened horses without even cursing the driver of the four horse outfit and cable trailer. Other drivers grin and give the trailing cable plenty of space to twist and drag.

Above the low skyline of store cornices is the forest of derricks rising.

The visitor can stand on the corner near the railroad station and count 98 derricks. Derricks loom through the yellow dust as far as you can see.

### February 14, 1919 All Fire Insur'nce In Burkburnett Being Canceled

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company have notified their agents, Harwell and Logan, this week to cancel all their liability in the town of Burkburnett. The Liverpool Co. was carrying practically all of the insurance in town and their withdrawal leaves the town practically without fire protection.

The company gives as reason for withdrawing the fact that there was practically no water in the city water tank the night of the recent fire in which they incurred a \$24,000 loss, which could have been prevented had there been an adequate water supply in the tank.

September 1, 1933

### Local Band Wins Legion Contest Wins \$50 In Amer.

Burkburnett Cowboy band, under the direction of E. L. Nichols won first place at a contest conducted by the American Legion, department of Texas in Wichita Falls Tuesday evening according to a decision of the judges. The prize was \$50.00 and was awarded in an effort to determine the outstanding civilian band.

The contest is only one of many which the band has won in the years of its organization. It entered the contest at the request of the American Legion.

Jan. 9, 1925

### City Considering Feasibility Erecting Municipal Building

It is understood that among the city improvements for the year 1925, the city authorities have taken under consideration the possibility of constructing a building to be occupied by the city officials and fire department.

According to estimates, a \$10,000 municipal building will pay for itself in about five years time at the present cost of rent paid by the city.

A central location can be secured for the building site at a reasonable cost. The construction of the city departments under one roof would bring about convenience and economy. Such a building will reflect credit on the city. Had this movement been carried out a few years ago, the city would now own its own home and the big expense of paying rent eliminated.

Other cities have found municipally owned buildings to be good investments, aside from the satisfaction of knowing the city's housing facilities were permanently and conveniently located to serve the citizenship to the best advantage.

Looking at it only from a financial view point, not regarding the civic improvement, it seems that this movement should meet the approval of all concerned.

May 1, 1925

### More Telephones Needed In City

Carl Cowles states that the common battery system and better service is promised the telephone patrons if the list of subscribers could be substantially increased enough to justify the necessary expense of such a change. The telephone exchange has only about 350 subscribers, can you imagine a city with 6,000 inhabitants with only 350 telephones in use? Mr. Cowles states that the cost of the service will be decreased in proportion to the increase of subscribers, provided the increase is great enough.

The slogan is "Put in a telephone." Let's build an exchange worth while to the city and enjoy first class service with a common battery exchange. And as the city grows, perhaps in the near future, we may enjoy an automatic exchange.

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### January 30, 1925 Methodists Start Movement to Build Modern Church

It was announced at the Sunday services of the First Methodist church congregation that a movement was well under way for the building of a new church edifice. The cost of the structure, according to officers of the church, will be approximately \$50,000.

At a recent meeting of the officers of the church alone \$9,000 was subscribed on the building fund. A nucleus fund has also been made, having the following personal and unique records: Mrs. M. L. Hamilton, the pastors wife, gave the first dollar; Miss Panny Mills, the first five dollars; little Miss Mildred Pilkerton, the first ten dollars; J. D. Majors, the first twenty-five; J. L. Boase, the first fifty; and J. H. Brumley, the first one hundred. These names, with others, will be placed in a metal box and inserted in the corner stone when the ceremony takes place.

The committee on general plans are the following: R. H. Henry, W. R. Hill, R. E. Fisher, J. S. Mills, P. B. Browning, M. S. Duvall, J. H. Brumley.

### October 13, 1933 Burk In Receivership With City Manager Reagan Receiver

The city of Burkburnett went into receivership in the municipality's voluntary petition of bankruptcy Saturday.

City Manager, Ross Reagan, was appointed receiver by judge Irvin J. Vogel, after hearing in the 87th district court.

The Texas law provides that where a municipality goes into receivership, the receiver must first pay the city's running expenses and then apply any surplus toward the bonded debt.

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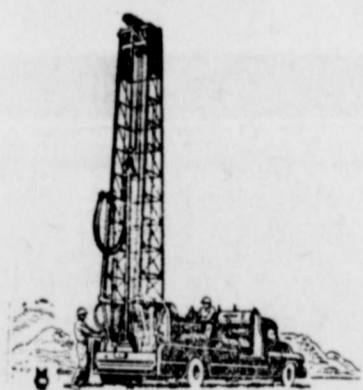
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