

Sidelights on The Flood

A disaster brings out the best in many people and Ballinger folks were made to realize this Sunday and Monday as many organizations rushed aid here to take care of the hundreds evacuated from their homes. Volunteers came from so many sources that it will be impossible to list all who helped, some in outstanding performances.

With communications down, the short-wave radios came into their own and police and highway cars, the set used by the county and city and several private operators in Ballinger spent the entire day getting messages out and into Ballinger. All local operators worked around the clock to give information on the flood, check up on relatives and friends and to ask nearby towns for assistance. E. C. Tinsley made hundreds of out of town contacts during a 24 hour period.

Station KRUN stayed on the air all night Sunday as a public service and kept local people informed as to the condition of the river, the progress of evacuation, and often asked for local people to report to specific work. Their roving cars were on the scene to give first hand reports of what was going on in areas under guard.

At 4 a. m. Monday local merchants were informed that there was danger of water getting into store buildings and many called their help so that merchandise on the floor could be moved to tables and made safe from the creeping water.

When the order came to evacuate certain sections of the "flat" approximately 150 trucks and pickups reported to assist in this undertaking. As more territory was added they were ready to go back and stayed on duty most of the night.

Price Middleton, disaster chairman for the American Red Cross, held a school here some three years ago when a complete organization was set up and given some training. Nothing has been done since that time but each committee was ready to start to work Monday morning and within a matter of two hours had their committees at work. The small amount of training given at that time has certainly paid off as each group knew exactly how to handle their jobs. This included evacuation, transportation, communications, public information, registration, feeding, billeting, guard duty and numerous other jobs.

Ballinger schools were in session Monday and at the same time were using part of their facilities for taking care of the homeless. Supt. Caskey stated that school would be held although many could not get here. He stated that it would keep students out of the streets and out of the way of the workers.

All hats must be off to the officers and men of Company I, 142 Infantry of the national guard. The men were alerted as soon as the danger was learned and their entire personnel and facilities have worked in a way that could have not been better. They provided heavy trucks for evacuation, their cooking equipment and kitchen specialists provided the first meals for the men, women and children taken from their homes and housed in the high school gymnasium. They furnished traffic officers, guards and performed many other worthwhile duties all during the crisis. It is in times such as these that the true worth of such an organization is learned by the public. They are trained, under competent leaders, and are always ready to serve when they are needed.

Monday morning 75 men from Goodfellow Field arrived here to assist in guard duty and other jobs.

Capt. and Mrs. Orval Salmon of the Salvation Army, arrived from San Angelo early Sunday evening and brought with them a portable canteen. They at once provided refreshments for the families who were chased

Flood Hits Ballinger Sunday

50 Million Barrels of Oil Since 1927 In This County

Oil came to Runnels County in 1927 and since that time operators have been busy in this section trying to bring in new wells. It is true that prior to 1927 many holes were drilled in the county and some showings of oil and gas were found but not enough to bring about a big effort.

In the early days with small derricks and cable tools, the depth of tests was not enough to reach the main pays of this county and many holes were abandoned only a short distance from oil.

Production at first was light in the county but enough to keep oil men looking for the liquid gold until some of the best fields of West Texas were opened.

During 1957 the county is observing 30 years of oil progress as the nation observes Oil Progress Week from October 13 through 19. Also during this year the county should pass its 50th million barrel of oil. For several years now the county has produced some ten million barrels annually from its 1200 producing wells and more than 150 fields.

West Texas has long been known for its oil production and last year produced about 400 per cent of the amount reported in Texas.

1957 Oil Production In Texas Will Top Billion Mark Again

Crude oil production in Texas probably will top the billion-barrel mark in 1957 despite a demand slump that accompanied the end of the European oil crisis, according to the Texas Mid-Century Oil & Gas Association.

If it does hit the billion mark, it will be the third straight year this production peak has been reached and the sixth time since 1951, the Association said in a special Oil Progress Week report.

Texas produces went into high gear during the first half of 1957 when oil supplies in Europe were dwindling dangerously because of the Suez Canal closing.

Operators in the first six months produced 577,616,000 barrels of crude oil, a 22,910,000 gain over the same period in 1956.

During the 18-day producing schedule in March, Texas oil output reached 103,500,000 barrels, an all-time high for crude oil production in a single month.

Outback in demand which began with the suspension of the European oil lift in April, plus an existing domestic demand slump, was felt by Texas producers before mid-year. By July, Texas wells were on a 13-day production schedule and by mid-September were continuing to produce under this formula.

Domestic demand for crude oil during the first half of this year was only 1 per cent above the previous year, some 3 per cent below expected demand. In addition, imports of foreign oil were on the rise, averaging about 1,200,000 barrels per day just prior to the issuance of the voluntary imports control plan in late July.

Even if Texas wells should continue to produce on a light schedule, production from the first half of the year should boost the average to a billion barrels by year's end, the Association said.

Another billion-barrel year for Texas will mean a sustained boost to the Texas economy, the Association said. Wellhead value alone of this much oil amounts to about \$3 billion. Texas total oil output for 1956 was 1,111,172,000 barrels.

7-C of the Texas Railroad Commission and 7-C and district 8 in 1956 produced a total of 437,988,356 barrels of oil.

During the same year gas production was 930 million cubic feet.

For the first seven months of 1957 West Texas brought in 3,649 wells which was up 233 over the same period in 1956.

West Texas leads all areas in the processing of natural gas liquids. The 52 natural gas plants in the district have a capacity of 7,362,064 gallons daily. There are also four carbon black plants and six refineries which have a capacity of 97,600 barrels per day.

Runnels County with its 50 million barrels of oil is just a babe as compared with other counties in the oil producing areas of West Texas. Ector County to January 1 this year had produced 793,614,776 barrels of oil and several others were approaching their 500,000,000 mark. The West Texas area in all has produced more than 5 billion barrels of oil.

The actual sale of the oil has given Runnels County land owners some spending money which has come in handy, especially during the last seven dry years. On top of that, they have received huge amounts in land leases and royalty sales.

American Legion Gives Equipment To Guard Company

The Pat Williams Post American Legion in regular meeting Tuesday voted to give their furniture and equipment located at Bruce Field to the Enlisted Men's Club of Company I, 142 Infantry. This will include two pool tables, cues, balls and other equipment; several suits of upholstered furniture, folding chairs, air-conditioners, reading table and several other pieces of equipment.

This equipment will be made available to the national guard group at once and will be moved to the armory to complete the furnishings of the day room for enlisted men.

The Legion accepted a bid from Joe Forman and D. G. Posey on 12 banquet tables.

The Legionnaires recently sold the building at Bruce Field and after a general discussion decided not to try and open a downtown club at this time. A committee was named to arrange for a meeting place for the post and auxiliary and have it ready for the next regular meeting in November.

A committee was also named to make investigation in regard to a place for the serving of the annual breakfast on November 11. This program has been an annual affair for more than 30 years and if a suitable place can be secured, will be held again this year from 6 a. m. until 12 noon.

A delegation headed by Bob McGarvey, commander, and Dick Holstead, adjutant, will be in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday to attend the district convention of the 21st district.

An effort will be made to get all 1958 dues paid by November 11 and a special drive will be put forth to have a larger post this year.

COLEMAN FOOTBALL TICKETS HERE TUESDAY

Joe Forester announced that reserve seat tickets for the Coleman-Ballinger football game would go on sale at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Pearce-Bailey Drug Store. A large block of tickets has been sent here for local fans and all who intend to attend the Bearcat-Biscuit game are urged to buy them here.

Mrs. A. L. Spann returned home Sunday from a two months visit in Gonzales and Kerrville. While in Gonzales she visited the Warm Springs Foundation where many polio cases are handled.

Committees Plan Christmas Events Starting Nov. 22

A joint meeting of the retail and special activities committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday morning for a further discussion of the annual Christmas events for Ballinger.

After a discussion the committee members voted to open the Christmas windows and turn on street lights on Friday, November 22. This will be the time for all stores to have their gift merchandise on display for the Christmas buying season.

The annual parade and visit from Santa Claus will be held at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, December 3. Committees are working on the parade and special work will be started at once to seek the cooperation of firms in decorating their stores and show windows by November 22.

The early start of the Christmas shopping season is in line with announcements of other towns in this section of the state.

The special activities committee will seek other Christmas features which will be announced as they are arranged.

Flood Waters Roll Over City



The aerial picture taken of the southwest part of Ballinger shows flood waters Monday. Many homes in this section had water several feet deep, others only a few inches, but after water receded it left a coat of mud and slime that had caused a heavy loss. The picture was made by Barney from a plane flown by Bob Dickinson.

Flood Victims Fed at High School Cafeteria



Chow lines were set up as soon as evacuation started and continued until Wednesday. At one time practically 400 persons were receiving three meals per day through these lines in the Ballinger High School Cafeteria.

Red Cross Office Set-Up For Flood Victims Mon.

Local Officers Report Numerous Cases Past Week

Law enforcement officers handed a number of cases the past week-end in addition to their work with the local flood.

T. G. Holliday was fined for felony checking after giving a \$350 check for the purchase of a pickup.

A fugitive warrant was issued for the arrest of Leo Paula Perales who will be returned from Mexico to face a burglary charge.

A. L. Harris is in jail at San Angelo for local officers and will be brought here to face a charge of removing mortgaged property.

George M. Speed was arrested at San Angelo and will be brought here on a checking charge.

Arthur Hugh Martin was charged with no drivers license and fined \$20.50.

Jerry Travis Davidson was tried in district court Saturday on a burglary charge and given two years in the state prison.

Claude W. Wallace was tried in district court Saturday and given four years in the state prison on theft of a car.

Estelle Dominguez was charged with no driver's license and fined \$20.50.

Stanley Gail Warlick was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and released on \$1,000 bond.

Quincy Ray Traylor was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and released on \$1,000 bond.

Fernin Escobar was charged with no driver's license and fined \$20.50.

A tire and wheel were reported stolen from the C. A. Bissett Station on Broadway but no arrests have been made.

tion. They expected to receive these for a few more days but are anxious to complete the job as soon as possible. Some families have already received direct aid, such as mattresses, bedding and articles for immediate use.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas—the flood on the Colorado River at Ballinger, October 13 and 14 has damaged many homes and caused many people to be evacuated, and

Whereas—these people have been taken care of by the disaster local organization during the time of emergency, and

Whereas—the American Red Cross is now on the job with a complete disaster set-up and all people are directed to register with them for rehabilitation and other benefits,

Therefore, I, J. W. Moore, mayor of the city of Ballinger, do declare and designate the American Red Cross as the organization to carry on with relief work through their local organization and I further appeal to all those who wish to make emergency contributions to leave them at a local bank to the credit of the American Red Cross.

J. W. MOORE, Mayor

Runnels County Delegation Meet With State Council Tuesday

A delegation from Runnels County was in Austin Tuesday to appear before the State Anti-Pollution Advisory Council in regard to salt water in this area.

C. T. Parker, county agent, presented the facts in regard to this county. His information was based on actual visits to farms during the past year and also on questionnaires recently mailed to all farmers and ranchmen in this county.

W. O. Leach, consulting engineer, was also a speaker in behalf of the county and made suggestions on what he thought would be necessary to give any relief locally. Others in the party were R. E. Bruce, W. M. Hays and Steve Ashton. Parker, referring to the questionnaires sent out, stated that returns on the first to be

Rains of from 6 to 13 inches on the watershed of the Colorado River and Elm Creek brought Ballinger one of the biggest floods in the history of the town Sunday. With only a light rain falling at Ballinger, many people did not know of the threat of a flood until late Sunday after the high waters were already here.

Elm Creek was first to reach a danger stage with the crest coming Sunday afternoon which started evacuation work among those living in the southwest part of town. Reports of heavy rains along the Colorado River and reports on the fast rise of the stream above Ballinger caused disaster workers to be mobilized quickly Sunday afternoon. They started work at once and remained on the job for more than 24 hours before the emergency was over.

As the river rose all Sunday night, additional blocks were added to the evacuation area until finally business men were notified that stores on Hutchings Avenue were in danger. Water started receding soon after this announcement was made.

Information on damages to livestock, crops and other property along the streams of the county has not been determined. Many fields were overflowed, reports of sheep washing away have been heard and county commissioners expect heavy damages to bridges on county and farm-to-market roads.

The nearest thing to a tragedy was Sunday afternoon when a wall of water caught Bob Dickinson and Gary Atkins, son of Sheriff Don Atkins, on Elm Creek. The pair was watching the rise of the river when the onrushing water trapped them and caused them to swim a long distance to higher ground. A pickup belonging to Dickinson was caught in the water and abandoned.

It was fortunate for the business district of Ballinger that the creek and river did not crest at the same time. Many old timers argue as to whether or not the flood was as high as in 1936 or 1906. All three were similar and threatened the business area but with no damage.

The City Park suffered heavy damage and will require a lot of work to get it back in condition. All wooden tables and seats are gone, some hanging in trees along Elm Creek and some smashed as they collided with trees. All trees in the park are hanging full of weeds, grass and other parts of the drift, and the park has a thick coating of silt. Damage to the bath house and pool is limited mostly to mud.

The Abilene and Southern bridge on Elm Creek has the west embankment washed out from under the tracks and the ties and rail are just hanging. It will require considerable work there before the company can operate a train into Ballinger.

Eighth Street had an upheaval along a trunk sewer line and is already being repaired by the city.

Heaviest loss will be along the farms that were overflowed. Several farmers have reported near total loss to cotton fields along the streams and some of these were irrigated cotton due to make a bale or better to the acre.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

This week we join in the observance of Oil Progress Week. While no big oil show could be staged here, the people of Ballinger and Runnels County feel a deep and sincere respect for the men and women of the oil industry and are thankful that they came this way. The economy of the county for a number of years has largely depended on the development of oil and the many other activities that accompany the finding and producing of oil. The lease money, the royalty sales and the actual sale of oil has meant much to the people of this immediate area and in addition transportation, processing and numerous other important phases of oil development have come this way. We are too small to stage a giant oil show but the people extend a genuine friendship to the oil people who came our way to make investments and develop fields. Many have made their homes in the towns of the county and have been a big asset in a civic way. They have accepted the responsibilities of work projects for the youth of the area and have also become members of our churches to carry their part of religious activities and costs. Oil Progress Week and Thanksgiving might well be combined for then we could express our appreciation to men and the companies who find and produce the oil and also our

The Ministerial Alliance at Colorado City made plans for three major projects at a meeting held last week. A committee was named to make plans for the annual union Thanksgiving service which will be held at one of the churches in that city. The ministers voted to make a countywide religious census in January and a committee is making plans and

thanks to the Almighty who places the oil reserves under this land of ours.

The petroleum industry's Tenth Annual Oil Progress Week began this year on October 13th. This is a time when, according to the Oil Information Committee, "the 1,650,000 men and women of the oil business report to the nation on accomplishments to date; on plans for the future."

It is doubtful that the whole story of the oil industry's accomplishments could be told in anything less than volumes. Contributions made by petroleum—to our nation's economic health, our daily lives, our national defense—are astounding to those unfamiliar with the business. For examples, we have only to look around us.

Perhaps the most noteworthy, at the moment, is to be found in the vast highway construction program throughout the 48 states. Asphalt, an important form of petroleum, will provide many thousands of miles of these new roadways with smooth, durable, and low-cost surfacing.

But asphalt is only one petroleum product. Petroleum fuels furnish our country with 87 per cent of its energy requirements. There are fuel oils, lubricants and gasolines. One reason for this widespread utilization of oil is its low price. A striking example is the cost of driving your automobile—an average of only two cents per mile for fuel. In addition there are products containing petroleum derivatives such as the fertilizers and herbicides which help our farmers grow more per acre every year; antibiotics and other drugs, which help America maintain the highest health standards in the world; clothing containing dacron, orlon, and other synthetic fibers, rapidly increasing in popularity; and some thousands of products containing petroleum derivatives ranging from toothbrushes to trans-Atlantic telephone cables.

These are only a few of the facts being told proudly by America's oil business as it marks completion of its 90th year of existence. Its annual celebration—Oil Progress Week—is aptly named. For it is in large measure due to the contribution of oil that our nation has progressed from a third-rate power to a position of world leadership.

We are proud to join the rest of the nation in saluting the petroleum industry of America, truly an industry of people, products, and progress.

getting material ready for that campaign. They also voted to sponsor a Christmas basket campaign for needy families and a committee named to handle the details of this project.

The Miles Mill Inc., owned and operated by Royal Hart, is proving to be a community asset to the town of Miles. The plant was opened about two years ago making cotton sacks and a number of other items. At present they are limiting their efforts to sacks alone and these are sold and shipped to a four-state area. Sales are made through wholesale grocery companies and chain stores. The eight employees at the mill provide a payroll of \$1,000 monthly and are doing a quarter of a million dollars in business each year.

The marching contests for bands in region 2 will be held in Winters on December 7. At a meeting held in Abilene last week, Winters was selected for the second straight year as the site of the contests. Robert Gans of Winters was named marching contest chairman.

Judges for the contest were selected. A total of 49 bands are expected to take part and a separate contest for twirlers of the same day. Marching will take place on Blizzard Field. The membership of the bands in the region numbers 2,850 with 285 additional twirlers.

Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, urged action from the Bronte Parent-Teacher Association at a special program held last week. He informed his audience that groups such as the P-TA should lend every assistance possible to the teachers to give the children the best education possible. At a business session following the speaking, new officers were elected for the ensuing year with Mrs. Conda Richards, the president, to lead the Bronte organization during the school year. Second grade students presented a play for entertainment.

The Eden High School was host to the annual meeting of Future Homemakers of America Saturday when chapters in district 2 of area 7 gathered. The Melvin chapter was in charge of registrations and business and program sessions were held in the high school auditorium. Features included workshops, sing-songs, talent programs, officers clinics and projects. Two general sessions were also held during the day. The Eden Bulldog Band provided the musical numbers and dinner

was served at the park at the noon hour.

The First Christian Church at Brady observed their 75th birthday anniversary in a special service last Sunday morning. Flowers were placed in the church in honor of pioneer members to make a beautiful setting for the 10:45 community service. A short history of the church was prepared and read to the congregation and special music was rendered by the choir. The pastor brought the special sermon for the occasion using for his subject, "Standing On Holy Ground." Invitations to former members of the congregation were mailed out and a number attended the homecoming.

The Rowena Lions Club met last week for their luncheon and program with good attendance. They voted to hold a clean-up at the labor center and to get that place in condition for migrant labor during the cotton picking season. They also voted to sponsor the boy scout troop for another year and Ralph Kettler announced that the annual finance drive for scouts was underway and that workers would call on all lions for a contribution. The Rowena Lions meet twice each month at the City Cafe.

Dudley Bros. of Comanche will be one of the top exhibitors all next week at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show in Kansas City. They will enter twelve steers

in the Hereford division. The show is one of the largest held in the nation and offers \$75,000 in prize money and, in addition, has a \$50,000 horse show. Expected were 4,000 head of top quality cattle, swine and sheep. Exhibitors from 44 states were expected to have livestock at the annual show.

The city council met at Stephenville last week to approve the budget and set the new tax rate. They approved the budget for \$307,098 and placed the tax rate at \$1.60 on the \$100 to secure the needed money for the budget. The tax rate is the same as the year before even though some new services were placed in the budget. This was made possible because some indebtedness has been paid off by the city. The city council voted to advertise for bids and to sell the old city hall.

The Coleman school board in session last week met with an architect and discussed possible building and improvement programs for schools of that city. No action was taken but the board will meet later this month at which time they will decide if a bond issue will be submitted to the voters to provide money to take care of needed buildings and improvements. Supt. Terrell Graves was in Austin last week getting information on bond sales and other details in regard to a bond election in the district.

Hottentots are natives of South Africa.



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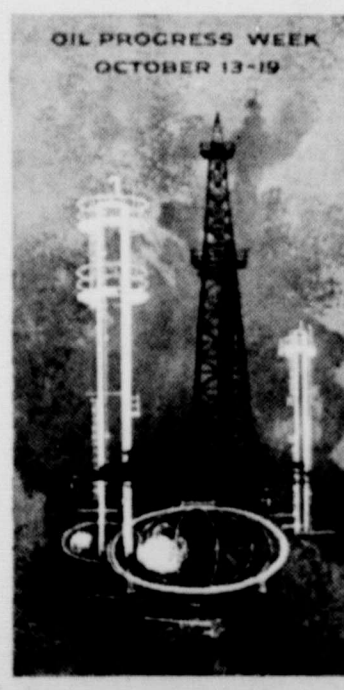
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Bacon Squares, Sliced	Lb.	45c
Picnic Hams	Lb.	39c
Bologna	Lb.	39c

County Council Meeting Friday To Hear Reports

The Rancuda County Home Demonstration Club council met Friday, October 11, at 2:00 p. m. in the district court room. Mrs. Clyde Simmons presided and read the thought for the day. Mrs. Harold Routh read the club women's creed. Mrs. Robert Conner gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Tom Egan read a letter of resignation to Mrs. Simmons from Mrs. J. C. Jarrell of Winters, vice-chairman of council. Council voted to accept the resignation.

Council officers gave their annual reports. Eight council members had perfect attendance records.

Mrs. Neuman Smith read the 1958 recommendations of the yearbook committee, and announced that the new yearbooks are about ready to go to press.

Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen gave the education committee report and Mrs. Harold Routh gave the report of the health and safety committee.

All club presidents gave a



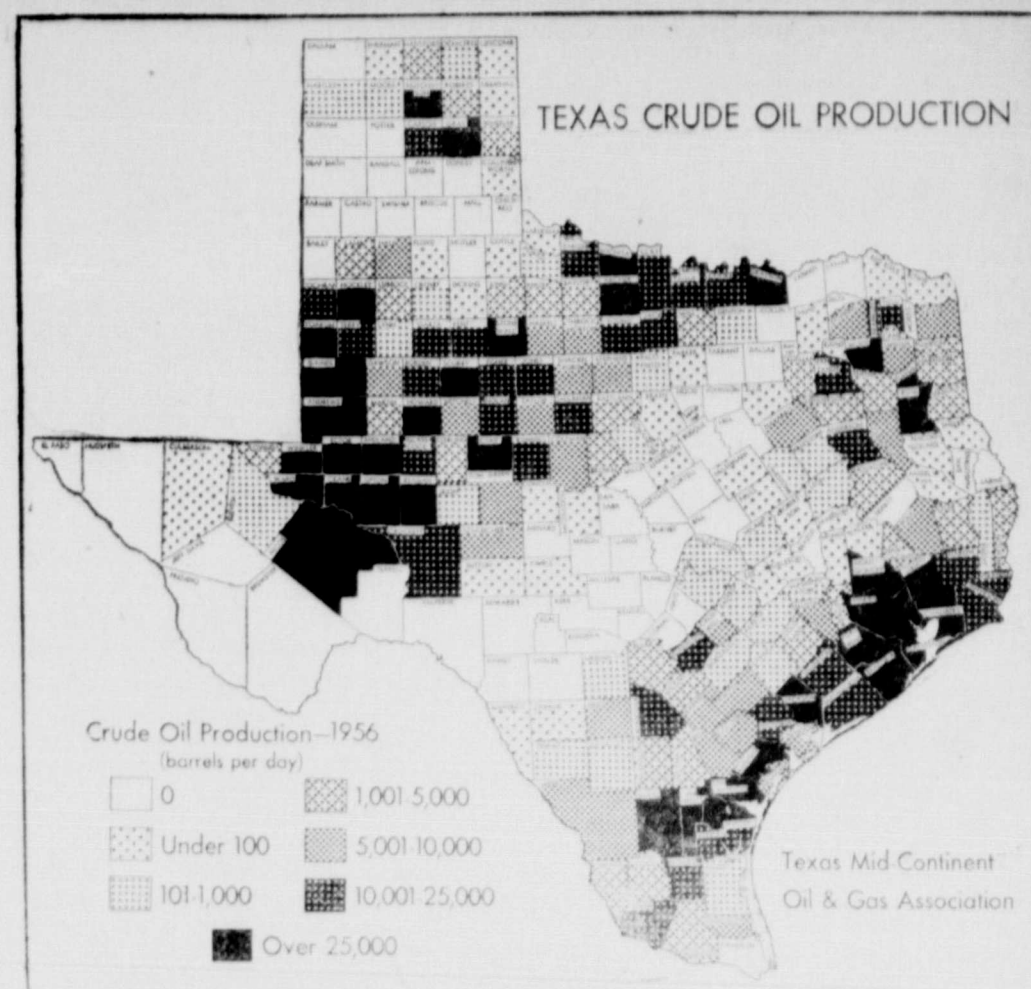
REFLECTING—The light that reflects a Los Angeles building in this man's mirrored sun glasses is something to reflect on. This man seems to be doing just that as an atomic blast in distant Nevada before dawn provides light for picture.

summary of their club's work for the past year. All clubs helped the children at the State Hospital at Abilene, have had the demonstrations given by the agent, Miss Ollie Chenoweth, and the foods and home improvement leaders. Family parties and community programs have been held. Clubs donated to the March of Dimes, Red Cross and Cancer drive. They made cancer bandages and Johnnie shirts. All clubs had part in the education exhibit on display in Ballinger and surrounding towns. Non-club members have been helped with upholstering and other phases of extension work.

Mrs. Ohlhausen gave the THDA report and gave the highlights of the lecture given by Mrs. Beth Rothman of Dallas on grooming, make-up and accessories.

Mrs. Egan, chairman of the recreation committee, gave the report of the recreation work shop given at the state meet.

Mrs. Ohlhausen gave the nominating committee report and the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Clyde Simmons; vice-president, Mrs. E. S. Morgan; secretary, Mrs.



TEXAS CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION came from 194 counties during the 1956 fiscal year, according to this map by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. Four counties produced gas only: Lipscomb County, northeastern Panhandle, broke into the production column for the first time, while Edwards County, southwest Texas, dropped out. Culberson County, far West Texas, resumed production during the fiscal year after a year's absence.

Tom Egan, treasurer, Mrs. Alvin Spreen, reporter, Miss Pauline Shiller.

Plans for the Christmas program were discussed.

Council voted to send a card of sympathy to Mrs. Owen Bragg of the C-ews community because of the death of her brother, Major Ira Bragg.

Miss Chenoweth gave an informative talk last Friday at the Lions Club luncheon on the club work. The council quartet, composed of Mrs. Dick Hilstead, Mrs. Harold Routh, Mrs. Ralph Russell and Mrs. Elliott Kemp, sang the national club song, "Ever Onward."

For the recreation, Mrs. Robert Fowler showed slides of

pictures taken by the Fowlers during their stay overseas in the army. The pictures were from France, Italy, Venice, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Morocco, Austria and North

Africa. Mrs. Fowler gave an interesting and educational talk with each picture and council was fortunate to have an opportunity to see them.

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across from campus, for all your cotton marketing problems. They say, "Your interest is their interest."



NO CUP?—It may be autumn, but the weather is still a little warm and muggy for Jiggs, a one-year-old boxer who lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Here the pup cools his snout and gets a drink at the same time. Some kind soul turned on the faucet.



TRADITIONAL—A procedure used by early Arctic explorers to plow through heavy ice is utilized by crewmen of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Spar as the ship steams along the route of the famed "Northwest Passage" across the top of North America. The men are lowered with axes on concrete blocks which serve a double purpose: weights to warp the ship free from ice and crushers to pound the ice to powder.



CHINING BAR—Captivity isn't really hard to bear for this inhabitant of the Chesington, (England) Zoo. This lazy sloth bear rests his chin on a cross member of his cage while soliciting tidbits from visitors.

LADIES' COATS

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Unretouched photograph of one of Moscow's 5 "service" stations

HERE'S ONE "INVENTION" THE RUSSIANS CAN KEEP!



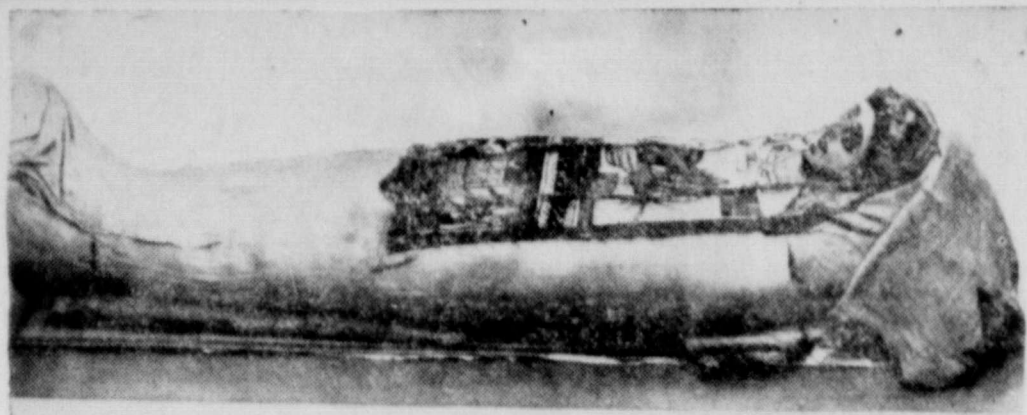
No doubt the Russians claim to have invented the "service" station, like everything else. But if this photo is an example of their ingenuity—let them keep it!

Who wants it? A "service" station with no service. No clean restrooms. No friendly attendant to wipe the windshield. And there are only five of these stations in all Moscow! That's the result of an oil industry run by the State—not by the wishes of its customers.

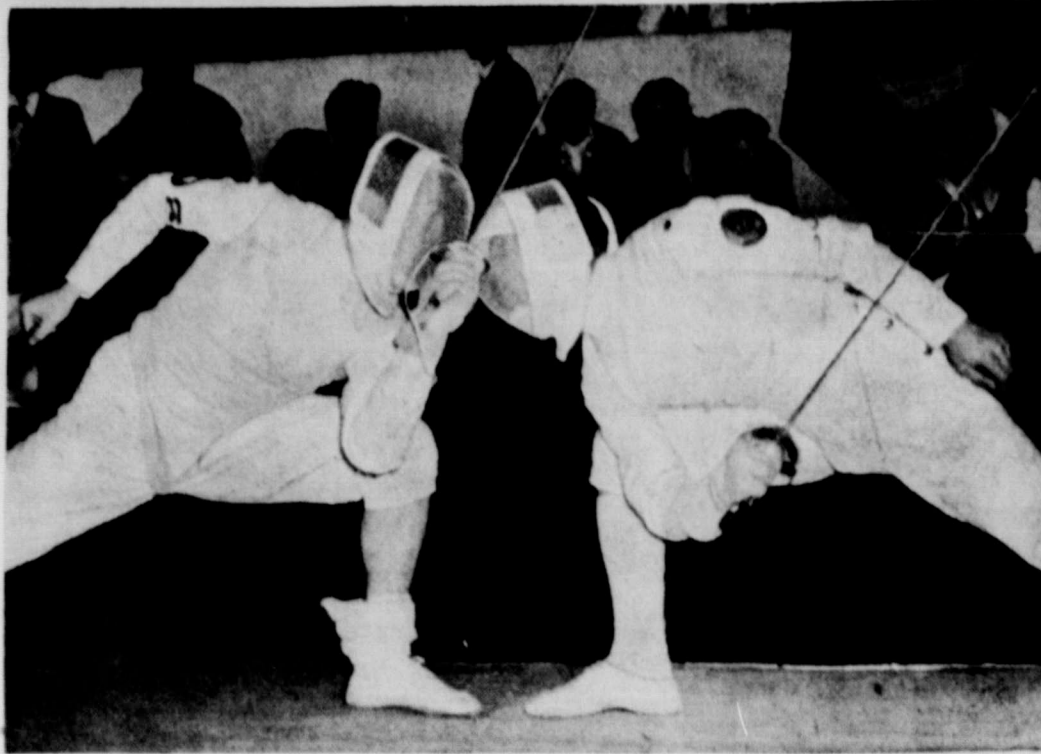
Compare that situation to ours in America. Here we can choose our favorite station from literally thousands. And wherever we go we find friendly, courteous attendants anxious to give us the very best service.

American oil companies constantly strive to satisfy you—to bring you the very finest petroleum products in all the world—and at competitive prices! That's why with today's gasoline you're driving a bargain!

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EGYPTIAN PROBLEM—This mummy of a man born in Egypt about 235 A.D. raised a touchy problem for the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Museum. Legal and moral obstacles arose when the museum wanted to get rid of the mummy, which it acquired for its beautiful wrappings. However, a Health Department spokesman said only a certificate saying, "Anatomical specimen—mummy," is needed to send him on his way to some other museum. A burial permit would have been difficult to obtain—a physician would have had to describe the cause of a death that took place more than 1,650 years ago.



"YOU THERE?"—These fencers in Paris, France, seem to be trying to make sure each is there. Or maybe it's a staring match. If so, man on left should have switched his gaze to his sticking, which apparently got tired of it all.

DEATHS

Pattie Robertson

Pattie Marcellie Robertson, 17, a senior in Ballinger High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robertson, died at 5:50 a. m. Tuesday. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage which she suffered

late Monday afternoon.

Decedent was born August 29, 1940 in Ballinger. Monday she attended classes at high school and was her usual self. She talked with her mother after school was out and went home to engage in her usual late afternoon activities. When her parents arrived home from work they found her in bed very ill. She was taken to the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital at

about 7:30 Monday evening and grew worse until her death.

Pattie was an outstanding student in the Ballinger schools with excellent grades. She was a member of the Homemaking Club, Science Club, Choral Club, reporter for the Spanish Club and would have been a candidate for the National Honor Society this spring. The senior class attended the funeral in a body and many

other high school students were present.

Funeral services were held

at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with

Dr. Leftay Fowler officiating.

Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors are the parents,



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- Fruit Cocktail** True House No. 361 Can **26¢**
- Tea Bags** Canterbury Orange 16-Ct. Box **23¢**
- Tea Bags** Canterbury Orange 48-Ct. Box **64¢**
- Gold Medal Flour** 5 Lb. Bag **49¢**
- Pillsbury Best Flour** 5 Lb. Bag **49¢**
- Button Mushrooms** Royal Treat 2-Oz. Can **26¢**
- Roast Beef Hash** Mary Kitchen 18-Oz. Can **41¢**
- Angel Food** Cake Mix—Betty Crocker 17-Oz. Box **51¢**
- Angel Food** Cake Mix—Custard Betty Crocker 17-Oz. Box **53¢**

- Skylark Bread** 1-Lb. **19¢**
- Cloverleaf Rolls** 12-Oz. **23¢**
- Curtsy Coffee Cake** 12-Oz. **35¢**

- Poultry Seasoning** 1-Oz. **17¢**
- Rubbed Sage** 1-Oz. **17¢**
- Chicken Breasts** 1-Lb. **79¢**

- Cocoa Grahams** 1-Lb. **37¢**
- Cheez-It Crackers** 1-Lb. **19¢**
- Pancake Mix** 1-Lb. **21¢**

- Salad Dressing** No. Made 32-Oz. Jar **39¢**
- Blackeye Peas** Libby Fresh 8 No. 300 Cans **\$1.00**
- Swift Prem** Delicious for Sandwiches 12-Oz. Can **37¢**
- Orange Juice** Bel-Air Frozen 4 12-Oz. Cans **\$1.00**
- Bayer Aspirin** Tablets, For Quick Relief of a Headache 100 Ct. Bottle **45¢**
- Cottage Cheese** Lucerne, Reg. Farm, Chive or Low Calorie 16-Oz. Ctn. **21¢**

- Milk** CHERUB 3 14-Oz. Cans **40¢**
- Sliced Apples** Comstock 2 No. 2 Cans **37¢**
- Spiced Peaches** Hemet Whole Yellow Cling, 8 to 11 Count 4 No. 2 1/2 Cans **\$1.00**
- Cranberry Sauce** Ocean Spray, Jellied or Whole No. 300 Can **23¢**
- Gardenside Corn** Cream Style, White or Golden 8 No. 303 Cans **\$1.00**
- Breakfast Gem Eggs** Grade A Quality, Large Doz. **66¢**
- Bread** MRS. WRIGHT'S 1 1/2-Lb. Loaf **26¢**



POTATOES
Economy, Red, Just Right for Winter Meals 10 Lb. Bag **45¢**

- Pascal Celery** Crunchy Sweet Lb. **7¢**
- Jonathan Apples** Washington Lb. **12¢**
- Airway Coffee** Rich Flavored 1-Lb. **73¢**
- Nob Hill Coffee** Full Flavored 1-Lb. **79¢**
- Edwards Coffee** Regular, Drip or Pot. 1-Lb. **83¢**
- Instant Coffee** Edwards 3-Oz. **51¢**
- Pink Grapefruit** Breakfast Treat Lb. **7¢**
- Lucerne Milk** Homogenized 1/2-Gal. **44¢**
- Lucerne Buttermilk** 1/2-Gal. **39¢**
- Coffee Cream** Lucerne 1/2-Gal. **23¢**
- Grape Juice** Tea Garden, Concord 24-Oz. Bottle **37¢**

- Frozen-Rite Rolls** 22-Oz. **39¢**
- Aluminum Foil** 24" x 12" **29¢**
- Zest Beauty Bar** 2 1/2 Oz. **29¢**
- Ivory Snow** Soap Powder Large Box **33¢**
- Dreft Detergent** Ideal for Dishes Large Box **32¢**
- Dog Food** Chapp. W. Homestead 15 1/2-Oz. Can **18¢**
- Barbecue Beef** Sliced, Chopped No. 300 Can **63¢**
- Chicken Noodle** Soup Mix 3 1/2 Oz. **42¢**
- Tomato Vegetable** Soup Mix 3 1/2 Oz. **42¢**
- Beef Vegetable** Soup Mix 1 1/2 Oz. **19¢**
- Onion Soup** Mix—Light 1 1/2 Oz. **17¢**
- Green Pea** Soup Mix—Light 2 1/2 Oz. **29¢**



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TEACHERS MEETING SET HERE OCT. 22
The first meeting for the school year of the Runnels County unit of the State Teachers' Association will be held in Ballinger at 7:30 p. m.



TALENTED ARCHER—Despite the loss of his left hand and part of his right during World War II, Jacques Cadet of Dinard, France, qualifies as one of the leading cross-bow and archery experts in the world. Here Jacques prepares to loose an arrow. He has been hired as a consultant on the ancient weapons for the American movie, "The Vikings."

BIBLE WEEK

FOR ALL FAITHS

There is no better guide to life's understanding than the Bible. It is only through reading and study of the Great Book that man can hope for everlasting peace and bring about the understanding that should exist among fellow-men throughout the world.

OCTOBER 21-27 IS NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

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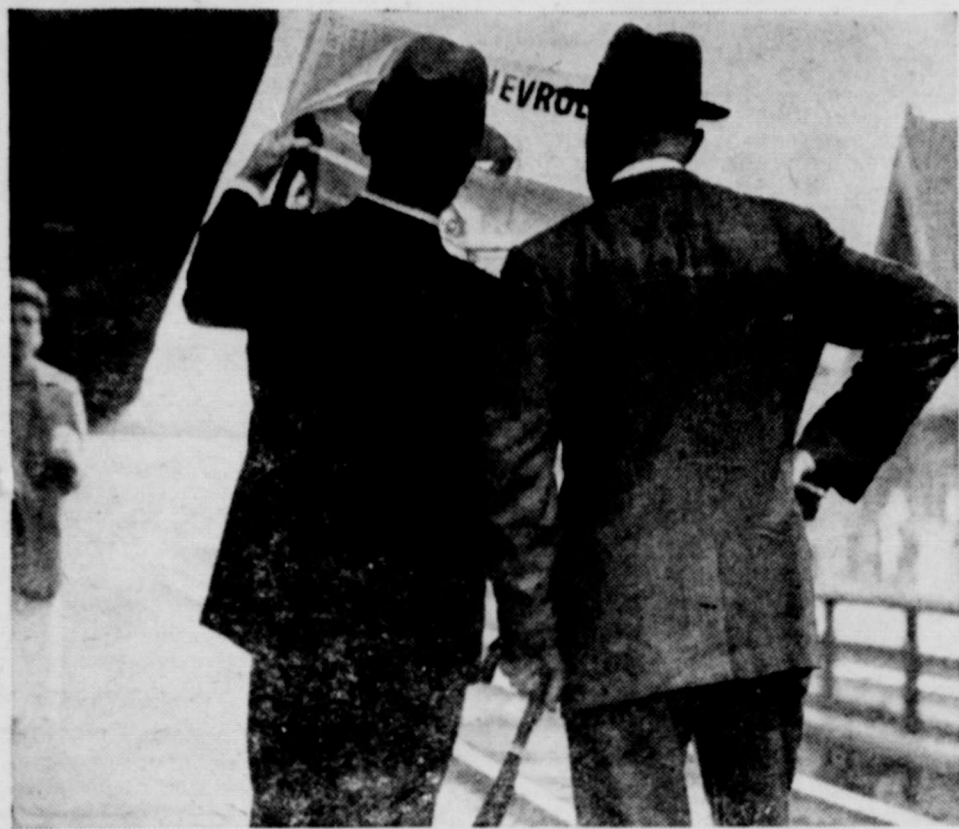
in '58's, so radically changed this engine will even look different.

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'58 Chevrolet, Thursday, October 31



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SOCIETY

Miss Clauden Lange Becomes Bride of Lt. Charles Finch

Miss Clauden Lange and Lt. Charles L. Finch of Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, exchanged wedding vows at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church, U. S.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lange and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Finch of Boise City, Oklahoma.

The Rev. Felix Keys officiated in the double ring ceremony before an altar of greenery centered with a sunburst arrangement of pink mums. Spiral candelabra holding pink candles completed the altar setting.

Mrs. Ida Guion, organist, played traditional wedding selections, and accompanied Mrs. John Miller, who sang "Whither Thou Goest," "Bless This House" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white chantilly lace over pale pink taffeta. The bodice was fashioned with a decollete neckline, outlined with scallops extending to long slim sleeves which tapered to petal points over her hands. Tiny covered buttons extended down the back of the molded bodice into the deep waistline. The bouffant skirt fell to a scalloped hemline which was floor length. She wore a strand of pearls.

Her waist length veil of silk illusion was attached to a tiara of seed pearls, with tear-drop pearls accenting the tiara points. She carried a cascade arrangement of pink rosebuds interspersed with stephanotis showered with satin loveknots.

Maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Lange, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were

Miss Julia Lee Spreen, Cousin of the Bride, Mrs. Ken Steele and Miss Janet Cummings, both of San Angelo.

Miss Lange wore a gown of deep rose velveteen with a matching bandeau accented with ostrich plumes, and matching pumps. She carried a bouquet of light pink feathered carnations. The bridesmaids were identically attired in light pink velveteen gowns and carried deep rose cascade bouquets of feathered carnations.

Debbie Lange was flower girl and David Lange was ring bearer. Both are cousins of the bride.

Lt. Marvin Evans of Greencastle, Indiana, served as best man. Groomsmen were Lt. John Cooksey of Ponca City, Oklahoma, Lt. John Paton of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Lt. Russ Ferguson of Bakersfield, California.

A reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spreen, 203 Sargent. The bride's table was laid in blush pink satin, overlaid with lace. Centering the table were the bridal attendants bouquets. Crystal candelabra held burning pink tapers on either side of the centerpiece. The crystal punch bowl and the tiered white wedding confection completed the bridal table. Mrs. Estes Firestone of Oklahoma, sister of the bridegroom, served the cake, and Mrs. Roy Winburne of Odessa presided at the punch service. Miss Joyce Spreen registered guests.

Others in the houseparty were Mrs. Ralph Spreen, Mrs. Henry Stokes, Mrs. George Hunt of Austin, Misses Bobbie Sue Stultz, Virginia Lange and Doris Stokes.

For the wedding trip, Mrs. Finch wore a royal blue wool jersey suit with matching hat. Her accessories were black and she wore a pink rosebud corsage.

The bride is a graduate of Ballinger High School, where she was valedictorian. A graduate of San Angelo College, she was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Chi, Phi Theta Kappa, Rammettes and was Ram-bouillet queen. She has been employed by Snodgrass and Smith, attorneys in San Angelo. Lt. Finch is a graduate of Boise High School and Oklahoma State University, where he was a member of Farm House social fraternity, Alpha Zeta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Blue Key and Agronomy Club. He will graduate at Goodfellow AFB October 15 and will be assigned to duty.

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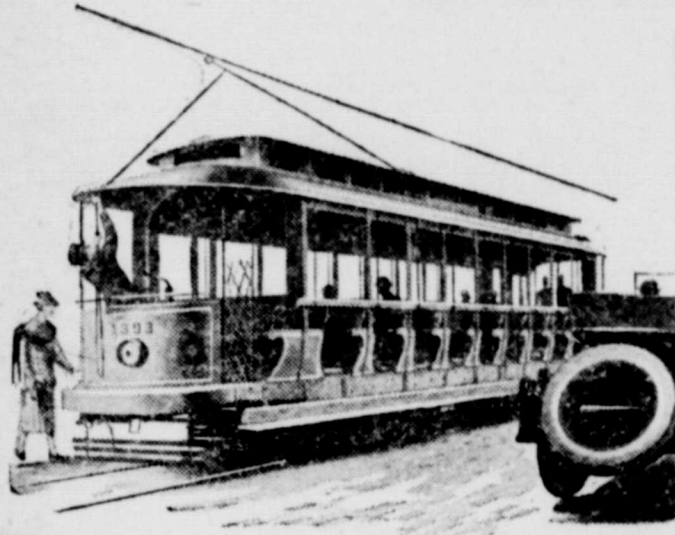
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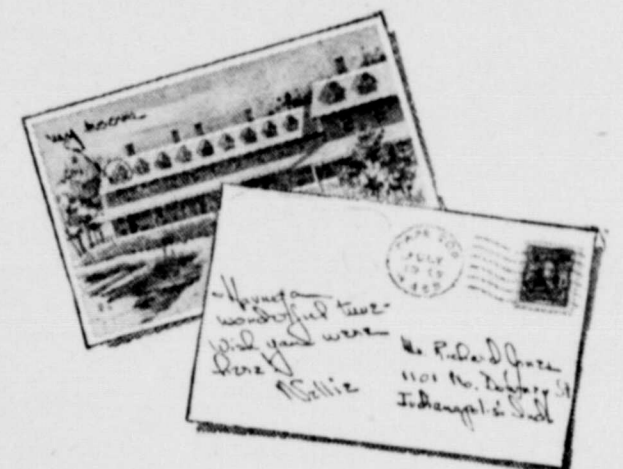
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port by Mrs. E. S. Morgan, plans were completed for the cake decorating school which will be conducted by Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen on October 23 in the Valley View Baptist Church basement. Anyone interested in this phase of work is invited to attend the school.

Members planned to send candy and chewing gum to the children at the State Hospital in Abilene for their annual Halloween party. Mrs. Morgan was appointed president to complete the details of this project.

For the program, the following members gave 5-minute demonstrations: Mrs. W. J. Curtis on making Calico Fudge; Mrs. Morgan on making 5-minute cookies; Mrs. Ralph Russell, belt making; Mrs. Roy Tyree, arranging fall centerpieces of dried foliage and the making of flower holders using dried prickly pear roots; Mrs. H. O. Vogelvang, rug and lace making and Mrs. J. J. Wessels, weaving.

At the social hour a sandwich plate was served with ice cream and cake.

The next regular meeting will be at 1:30 p. m. on October 23 preceding the decorating school.

Be wise—Advertise.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT District Wingate L. S. D. 1956-57

	State and Local Main Co. Avail- able Fund	tenance Fund
1. Received From State Funds:		
a. State Available Fund	\$ 7,926.05	\$ 1,019.71
b. School Lunch		
2. Received From County Funds:		
a. County Available Fund	15.45	
3. Received From District Funds:		
a. Local taxes		91,025.23
b. Athletic Admission & Miscellaneous		484.33
c. Sale of Property		700.00
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,941.50	\$ 93,229.24
Balance, September 1, 1956		12,208.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCE	\$ 7,941.50	\$ 105,437.61
DISBURSEMENTS		
1. Disbursements—For Year Ending August 31, 1957	\$ 7,941.50	\$ 88,131.00
Balance Per Books on August 31, 1957	—	\$ 17,306.61

Financial Statement Ballinger Independent School District 1956-57

	State and Co. Avail- able Fund	Local Main-tenance Fund	Salary & Operational Fund	Transporta- tion Aid	Interest & Sinking Fund	Building Fund	TOTAL
STATE FUNDS							
State Available Fund	114,144.35						114,144.35
Vocational Aid Reimbursement		1,167.88					1,167.88
School Lunch		8,643.73					8,643.73
Salary & Operation (Foundation)			94,566.00				94,566.00
Transportation Aid (Foundation)				16,359.00			16,359.00
COUNTY FUNDS							
County Available Fund	468.25						468.25
DISTRICT FUNDS							
Local taxes		87,007.91			30,570.34		117,578.25
Donations, fees, rentals, refunds						435.46	435.46
Tuition, local		202.50					202.50
Transfer from Local Maintenance						539.35	539.35
Sale of property, equipment, supplies		1,443.45					1,443.45
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	114,612.60	88,465.47	94,566.00	16,359.00	30,570.34	974.81	355,548.22
Balance, August 31, 1956	4,460.42	64,020.98	7,036.81	7,113.40	16,739.06	53,519.10	152,899.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCES, September 1, 1957	119,073.02	152,486.45	101,602.81	23,472.40	47,309.40	54,494.00	508,438.06
DISBURSEMENTS							
TOTAL EXPENDED	112,062.85	134,365.76	100,388.72	16,022.71	35,250.07	54,494.00	452,584.14
Balance Cash, August 31, 1957	7,010.14	28,120.69	1,214.09	7,449.69	12,059.33		55,853.94
Outstanding Vouchers, August 31, 1957	474.70	544.65		75.00			1,094.35

Financial Statement Ballinger Independent School District 1956-57

	State and Co. Avail- able Fund	Local Main-tenance Fund	Salary & Operational Fund	Transporta- tion Aid	Interest & Sinking Fund	Building Fund	TOTAL
Administration	1,547.70	14,708.22	2,209.41				18,465.33
Instruction	109,265.03	36,912.91	97,112.41				243,290.35
Other School Services	73.00	10,152.22	76.00	11,723.71			22,025.93
Operation of Plant	660.45	27,160.21	612.30				28,432.96
Maintenance of Plant	211.35	5,426.35					5,637.70
Fixed Charges		5,125.16			300.00		5,425.16
Capital Outlay	305.35	34,880.69	378.60	3,999.00		54,494.00	94,057.64
Debt Service					35,250.07		35,250.07
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	112,062.85	134,365.76	100,388.72	16,022.71	35,250.07	54,494.00	452,584.14

Horseshoe

DRIVE-IN THEATRE
THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY
FIRST RUN

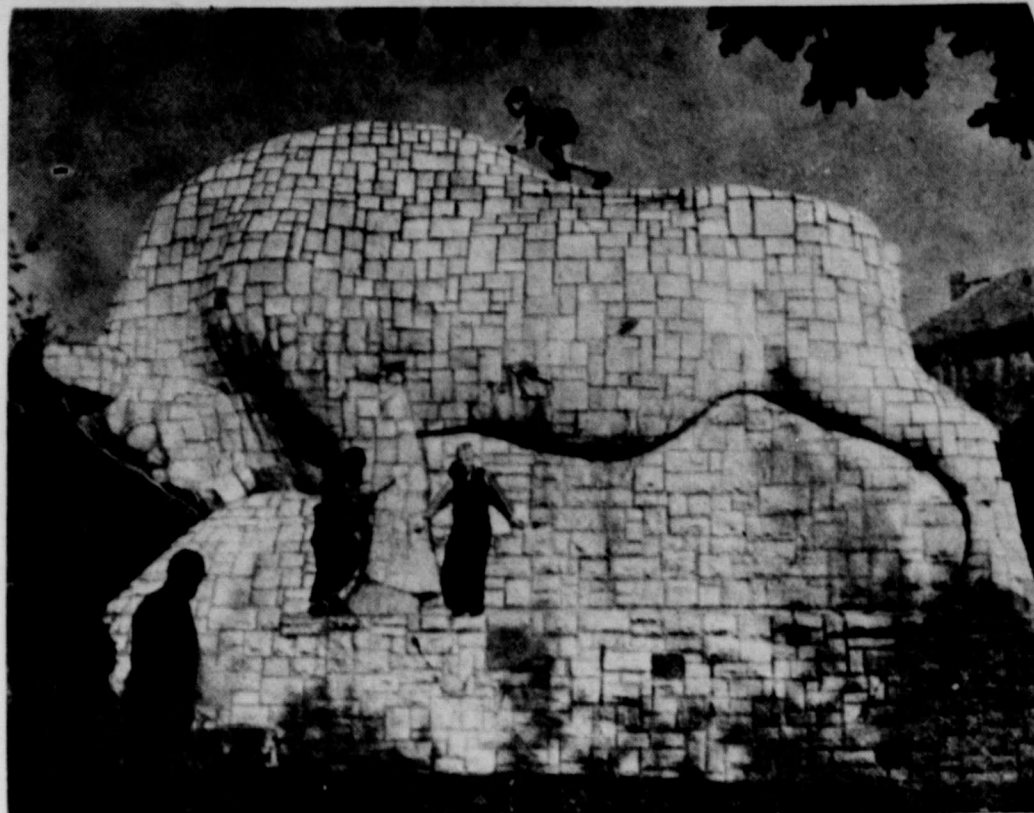


SUNDAY-MONDAY
2 FIRST RUN FEATURES



TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY—60c PER CAR

MARLON BRANDO
GLENN FORD
MACHIKO KYO.
THE TEAHOUSE
OF THE
AUGUST MOON



NO BUM STEER—A setting of high adventure for youngsters in Berlin, Germany, is this sculpture created by an unemployed artist about 20 years ago. He used some 2,000 cubic yards of rubble for the inside of the monster which has a "skin" of Ruedesdorf limestone.

At the Horseshoe

Audie Murphy is a photographer in Japan for an army magazine in Universal-Internationals "Joe Butterfly," which stars him and George Nader and co-stars Keenan Wynn, Burgess Meredith, Keiko Shima, John Agar, Charles McGraw and Fred Clark.

"Apache Warrior" will be an added attraction tonight, Friday and Saturday at the Horseshoe Drive In Theatre, with William Hopper and Joan Taylor starred.

Another science-fiction thriller, "The 27th Day," starring Gene Barry and Valerie French, opens Sunday and Monday at the Horseshoe Drive In Theatre. The new story tells the fantastic story of five persons who were given the power to destroy all human life on earth by a spaceman from another planet.

One of the year's most eagerly awaited attractions, M-G-M's "The Teahouse of the August Moon," starring Marlon Brando, Glenn Ford and the noted Japanese actress, Machiko Kyo, opens at the Horseshoe Drive In Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wedding announcements and invitations. Beautiful stock with latest type faces. Ballinger Printing Co.

Members Secured For Farm Bureau In This County

Agriculture is vital to Runnels County. For that reason it is important that every farmer and rancher in this county join an organization that is seeking to promote, protect and preserve agriculture.

The Runnels County Farm Bureau staged its annual membership drive October 7 through October 12. During the drive all persons in Runnels County who make a living from the soil were given an opportunity to join with their neighbors in Farm Bureau.

Since its inception in 1919, the Farm Bureau has been striving to obtain and maintain a higher standard of living on the farm and ranch. It has made notable successes on both state and national levels. Altogether, the American Farm Bureau has been responsible for passage of more than 200 pieces of national legislation beneficial to agriculture. It has defeated many bills that would have been harmful to agriculture.

On the state level, the Texas Farm Bureau has also helped Texas agriculture through its legislative program. The state farm organization was responsible for the passage of the present rural road program. It has also been able to obtain and retain the tractor gas refund and many other benefits.

As an individual, a farmer or rancher has no voice in helping run his industry. Joined together with his neighbors in a strong organization, his "voice" is magnified many times. The Farm Bureau offers the farmers and ranchers of Runnels County the opportunity to solve many complex problems beyond the fence rows.

County Members Of Local Court Meeting Monday

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court was in session Monday to transact a small amount of business and commissioners rushed back to their homes to start checking up on road and bridge damage from floods in their territory.

Several approaches to bridges were reported washed out and one bridge northwest of Ballinger lost a strand of the structure.

Members of the court decided the land on which the state highway warehouse is located to the state. This land has been under a long-time lease but the highway department wanted a better title before starting some new improvements and expansion at their location.

Among items planned will be a new office for the resident engineer. Details of this construction will be announced shortly along with other improvements.

BANQUET TO HONOR JOE PERRY TONIGHT

Sgt. Joe Perry of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and formerly with the highway patrol stationed at Ballinger, will be honored with a banquet

Paul Gordon of Miles was unable to be at the meeting Monday because of the flood.

tonight at San Angelo. The "Congratulation Sergeant" dinner will be served at Zetter's State House and a number from Ballinger will attend.

APPOINTMENT TO HAYS TO ATTEND WEST POINT

James Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays, has been advised of his appointment to West Point. He took his entrance examination through the national guard last summer and last week was advised of the results.

He will report to some army base for his physical and is due to report to West Point July 1, 1958.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hale are parents of a daughter born October 11 in a San Angelo Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds 8 ounces at birth and has been named Jeffrey Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Manning of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hale of Bradshaw.

Miss Elizabeth Wear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wear, returned home Wednesday from Waco where she has been a member of Baylor University drama department for the past several years.

Miss Wear and Robert Donald Stecker Jr. of Tulsa, Okla.

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Vital Reasons Why Your Country Needs You as a "Skywatcher"

You know this... in the event of war we will be struck first and hard, despite all our efforts for peace. U. S. Intelligence knows that the Red Air Force has the capability for long-range bombing. Our military forces know why they have to be on guard 24 hours a day. Our radar system scans the skies constantly. But, Human eyes and ears are vitally necessary to furnish additional alertness to complete our air defense organization. So YOU... and thousands like you are needed a few hours each week to spot planes and forward the information to the nearest U. S. Air Force Filter Center. Volunteer today for the Ground Observer Corps.

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homa will be married December 9 in the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

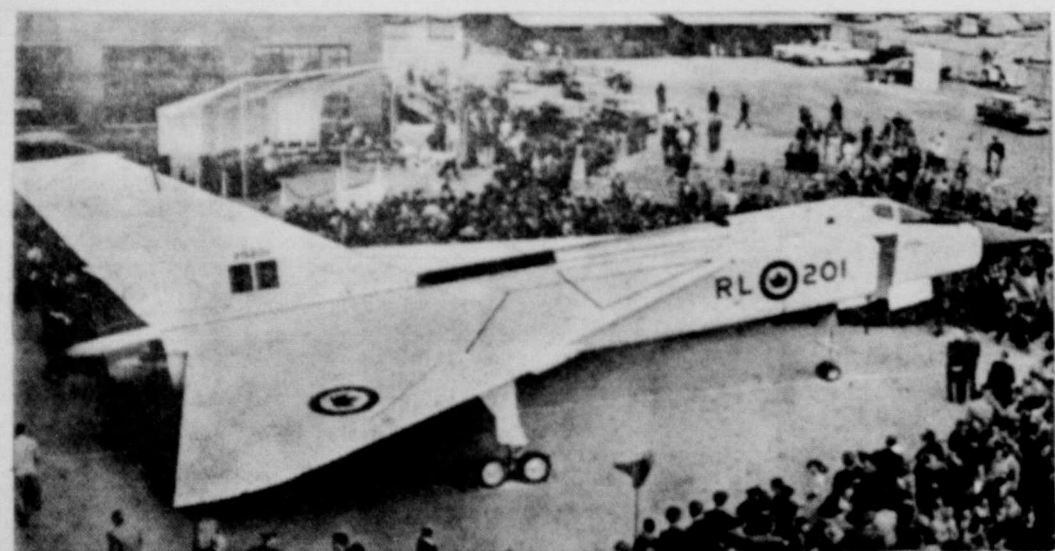
E. C. Pape and Mrs. Luella Rumpy spent the past week-

end in Mason where the Saturday night with a old aunt, Mrs. Conrad Liefeste.

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"DOG TIRED"—If a pony can get "dog tired," this one is The Shetland, owned by Carl McBride of Afton, Okla., prefers to take his rest on this camp cot. McBride says "Charley" also has a liking for shoe polish. He'll lick shoes to get it.



CANADA'S SLIM TERROR—The CF105, a 30-ton fighter plane called the AVRO Arrow, is shown in Toronto, Canada, where it was unveiled before a large crowd. The plane, capable of twice the speed of sound, can carry an atom bomb or a full load of air-to-air missiles while racing across the sky at 1,600 miles an hour. The Arrow is larger than the DC4 transport plane.



RUMPER CROPS have been harvested this year in the Brazos River bottoms. Cotton and maize have done especially well. Spring floods left a layer of fine rich topsoil on the bottoms, and summer irrigation helped to finish off one of the farmers' best crop years in history. Completion of more dams on the Brazos River and its tributaries, according to the Brazos River Authority's master plan, can make this valley one of the nation's most productive garden spots year after year—with water supply in dry periods and flood protection when needed. The picture shows a worker irrigating tall cotton near Navasota.

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Tomato Juice	DEL MONTE	46-Oz. Can	29c	Green Beans	DEL MONTE CUT	2 No. 303 Cans	45c
Fruit Cocktail	DEL MONTE	3 No. 303 Cans	69c	Fruit Cocktail	DEL MONTE	3 No. 303 Cans	69c
Peaches	DEL MONTE CLING	3 No. 2 1/2 Cans	89c	Peaches	DEL MONTE CLING	3 No. 2 1/2 Cans	89c
Pineapple	DEL MONTE	2 No. 1 Flat	29c	Pineapple	DEL MONTE	2 No. 1 Flat	29c
Spinach	DEL MONTE	2 No. 303 Cans	29c	Spinach	DEL MONTE	2 No. 303 Cans	29c
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SOCIETY

Attend Alpha Beta Chapter in San Angelo Saturday. Ballinger members of Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, attended a meeting held last Saturday afternoon in the Green Room of St. Angelus Hotel in San Angelo. Miss Laverne Dierschke spoke.

to the group about her recent trip to Germany. Miss Dierschke, 1957 representative of Community Ambassador program, told of her experiences living in the home of a German family and related that the German people have a friendly attitude toward Americans.

During the meeting, Mrs. Frances Wagner, a teacher in Ballinger Schools, was elected to membership in the chapter and will be initiated at the regional meeting on November 2 in Sweetwater.

Runnels County members of Delta Kappa Gamma are: Miss Marryatt Smith, Miss Curtiss Gregory, Miss Mary Jane Kiechle, Mrs. Ernest Caskey, Mrs. Ruth Ramsey and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, all of Ballinger; Miss Mattie Cooke, Mrs. Claude Tatum, Mrs. Eva Kelly, Mrs. Earl Dorsett, Mrs. Charles Kruse and Mrs. Corinne Buckner, all of Winters.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed from the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week were:

Mrs. B. C. Kirk, medical, Tuesday
Homer Price, medical, Tuesday
Mrs. Roy Costello and daughter, Friday
Sun A. Brookshier, medical, Monday
Mrs. Hancy Atyia and son, Monday
Jim Jennings, medical, Monday
Gary Jawb, medical, Sunday
Ann Wilbanks, medical, Tuesday

Mrs. Laddie Marecek, Rowena, medical, Sunday

Mrs. W. R. Beaver, surgical, Monday

Births reported at the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week were:

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jaques, a daughter, born October 13

Mr. and Mrs. John Elder Jr., a son, born October 16

Patients in the hospital at this time are:

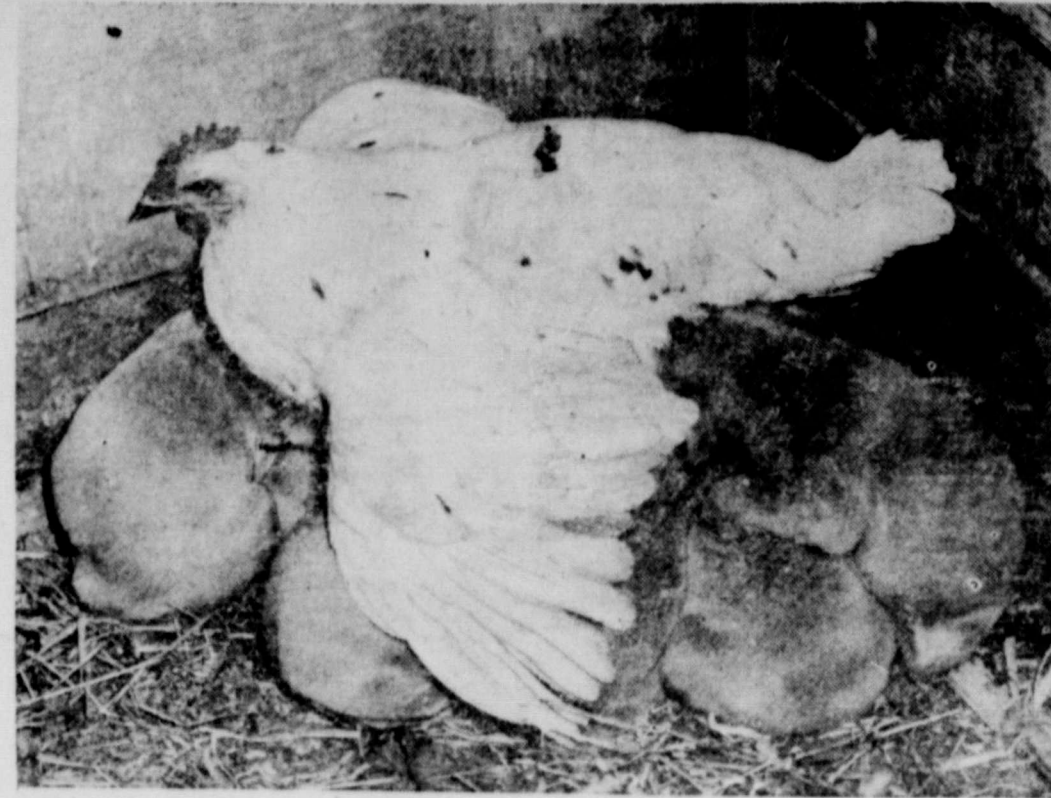
Dorsey Read, medical
Carl Lee Hoffman, medical
Mrs. J. M. Jones, medical
Romulo Moreno, medical
Miss Arice Dry, Winters, medical

Felix Cortez, surgical
Wendell Tipton, medical
W. H. Barnett, surgical
Daniel Lynn Hallmark, medical

Guy Owens, surgical
Kenneth Puqua, medical
Mrs. Calvin Howell, surgical
E. H. Dean, medical.

HERMAN BROWN BURIED AT MIDLAND WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Herman L. Brown, 44, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in the Grace Lutheran Church in Midland with the Rev. R. B. Fauerber, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Midland Cemetery.



ALL SET—These puppies had a perfect "mutter." The hen had been laying her daily egg in a corner of a shed at the home of H. A. Minnerly, Godding, Idaho. Then "Misty," a Weimaraner owned by Minnerly, chose the same corner to have her family. The hen merely moved over and in a few days, adopted the pups. All went well until the pups began to act like bird dogs. The roughed up their foster mother.

Mr. Brown was a native of Tyler and had lived in Midland since 1953. He died Monday at 11 a. m. as a result of

burns suffered last week when he fell into a vat of caustic soda in the Midland Radiator Service Shop which he operated.

Most of his early life was spent in Lubbock. He moved to Ballinger in 1947, from whence he moved to Midland. He was an elder in the Grace Lutheran Church in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Herman Dwayne Brown and Freddie Brown, both of Midland; a daughter, Loretta Brown, sophomore student at Lutheran Concordia College in Austin; three sisters and four brothers.

Ballinger friends attending funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witter and Mrs. Ramon Berryhill.

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LOUISE JONES MAINTAINS PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Louise Jones, 16 years of age, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, in South Ballinger across the Colorado River, has had a perfect attendance in Ballinger High School the past three years.

Monday morning, with the river out of banks and the roads all closed except by San Angelo and Bronte, Louise waded to the Santa Fe Railroad and walked across the railroad bridge in order to avoid missing a day of school. She is a junior in high school and active in school affairs.

High water from the river backed up to the Jones residence and under the house. Louise had to wade through the water more than a hundred yards to reach the railroad track.

DENTISTS

Viola Kellebrew

Funeral services for Viola Kellebrew, negro woman who suffered a stroke during the excitement of evacuation Sunday night, were held at 2 p. m. today at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Rev. A. L. Mangrum officiated at the services and burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Decedent had been a longtime resident of Ballinger, coming here from Monroe, Louisiana. She was employed at the Central Hotel. She died at 11 a. m. Monday at the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Kellebrew.

Captain William H. Penn called his mother, Mrs. Ona Penn, at 11 p. m. Tuesday to inquire about the flood in Ballinger. Capt. Penn, who is stationed at Elmendorf Air Field Base at Anchorage, Alaska, had just heard over the radio about the rise of the Colorado River and Elm Creek, and from the radio reports, he thought the damage in the downtown section was much worse.

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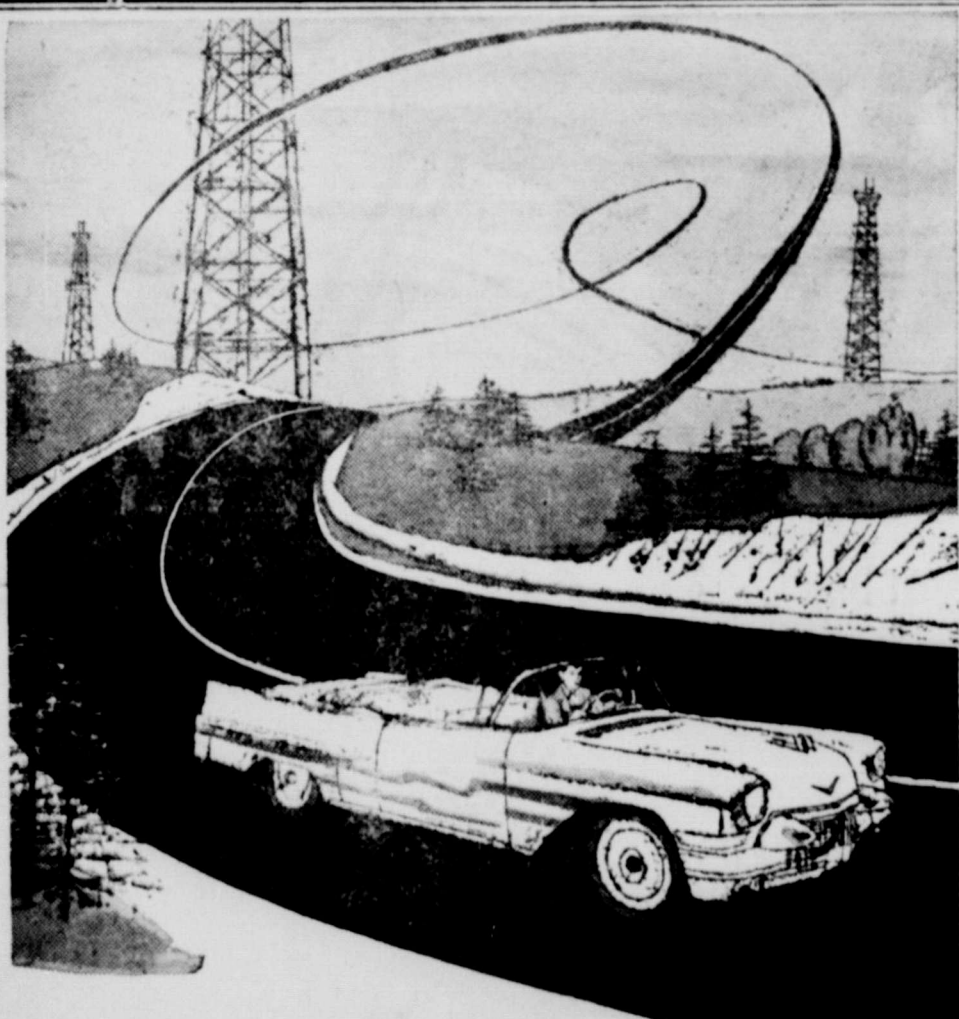
SERVING UNCLE SAM

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Paul L. Kobel Jr. and family, presently stationed at Tripoli, Libya, North Africa, are returning to the United States by plane in the

latter part of February. His new assignment will be at Riverside, California. The Kobels plan to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Hoelscher of Oiler and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kobel Sr. of Worcester, Massachusetts.



QUIET MOMENT—Two Little Rock, Ark., high school students take time out to sketch National Guard Pvt. John W. Grant, who was on duty at Central High School during the integration flare-up. The students are Sue Ellen Parrott and Larry Larriss, both 17.



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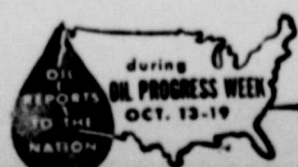
DURING OIL PROGRESS WEEK

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1957 Football Schedule

BALLINGER BEARCAT	B TEAM SCHEDULE	JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE
Sept. 6, Ballinger 0—Brady 6	Sept. 7, Ballinger 32—Coleman 0	Sept. 12, Ballinger 2 Colorado City 0
Sept. 13, Ballinger 0—Stamford 8	Sept. 14, Ballinger 6 Abilene 19	Sept. 19, Ballinger 13—Winters 0
Sept. 20, Ballinger 19 Colorado City 6	Sept. 21, No Game—Rain	Sept. 26, Ballinger 26 Lake V. 0
Sept. 27, Ballinger 20 Laneri 0	Sept. 28, Game Cancelled	Oct. 3, Ballinger 27 Coleman 0
Oct. 4, Ballinger 34 Lake View 0	Oct. 5, Ballinger 0 Abilene 13	Oct. 10, Ballinger 13 Winters 25
Oct. 11, Ballinger 54 Rotan 6	Oct. 12, Game Cancelled	October 17—Open
*October 18—Cisco, here	October 19—Open	October 24—Lake View, here
*October 25—Coleman, there	October 26—Lake View, here	October 31—Colorado City, there
*November 1—Ranger, there	November 2—Winters, here	November 7—Coleman, there
*November 8—Winters, here	November 9—Coleman, there	
*Conference games		7th grade games will be played on above dates starting at 6:30 p. m.

BEARCAT FIELD

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SPORTS

The Bearcats have completed their non-district schedule and from now on each game will be a must. The Cisco Lobos move in Friday night and while the Bearcats are favorites, they will be no push over.

The Bearcats looked better last Friday night against Rotan. Their downfield blocking, especially on return of kicks and intercepted passes, was good and they rolled up yardage so fast that the second string was sent in a lot of the time on offense during the last half.

Coleman looms as one of the best football teams in West Texas and will be the one to beat in this district. Last week Coleman was rated the No. 1 Class AA team in West Texas and Ballinger was No. 4. This is making the meeting of these two teams an important contest and one which could decide the championship and the right to enter state competition.

The Bearcats go to Coleman next week, October 25, and a mighty crowd is expected to move along with them. Tickets for the game at Coleman will go on sale here Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at Pearce-Bailey Drug and they are expected to sell fast. Of course both teams have to win this week to make the game a natural but that is expected and each should meet undefeated in district play.

The Ballinger Juniors, after four scoreless games, got slipped up on last Thursday by the Junior Blizzards from Winters. It was too much speed and power and the heretofore perfect defense weakened for four touchdowns. The juniors have an open date this week.

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY
FIRST RUN — DOUBLE FEATURE



Fans are seeing some good halftime entertainment this year and last Friday night the Rotan band brought something different as they presented "doodles," a musical game where freak designs were made on the field with musical cues.

The Bearcat band was seen in some excellent marching maneuvers.

SMALL CROWD ATTENDS LIVESTOCK SALE HERE

The crowd at the weekly livestock sale Monday after-



ATOMIC PIGGY BANK — Non-radioactive reproductions of small cobalt "coins" are shown at the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) plant of the Atomic Energy Commission. The nickel-plated discs will be sealed in holders like the one shown here by a special welding process for shipment to the Esso Research and Engineering Co. in New York. They are the most powerful radiation source ever shipped by the AEC for private industrial use.

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BOY ON A DOLPHIN

noon was cut because of the flooded condition in Ballinger. There was a large run of cattle in the pens and the market during the afternoon was active and steady. Operators were well pleased with the sale.

Cows and calves brought from \$130 to \$190 per pair and commercial beef sold at from 15 to 19¢ cents. There were no hogs or sheep in the sale Monday.

star in "Action of the Tiger," showing Sunday and Monday at the Texas Theatre, telling the story of an American adventurer who smuggled a human cargo into Greece from Communist-held Albania. Released by M-G-M, the picture was filmed in Cinemascope and color in Spain, whose terrain is similar to that of Albania.

At the Hillcrest . . .

When a man achieves a reputation as a gun fighter, gambler and drifter who abandons his family, it requires an extraordinary act for him to regain the respect of his community and of the son he left behind.

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At the Texas . . .

A fresh and new approach will be taken to "The True Story of Jesse James" when that film opens tonight, Friday and Saturday at the Texas Theatre. Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter and Hope Lange are starred in this Twentieth Century-Fox cinemascope dramatization of the great Missouri outlaw.

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SOCIETY

G. G. Club Discusses "Good Will" Projects
 Members of the G. G. Club met Monday evening in the R. A. Bagwell home with Mary Bagwell and Gracie Drake as hostesses.

Brown, Shirley Cook, Dolores Proffitt, Betty Jane Dixon, Lynn Herring, Linda Wright and Patsy Ashton.

"Mama McHaffey-Tex. Dynamo" Reviewed For Book Club

Mrs. O. R. O'Neill reviewed the book, "Mama McHaffey-Texas Dynamo," at the regular meeting of the Current Book Club which met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sam Behringer.

Mrs. Horace Murphy, president, conducted the business routine and appointed the nominating committee which included Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mrs. E. P. Talbott and Mrs. E. A. Saunders.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods reported the secretary's notes and Mrs. Chester Cherry, program chairman, introduced

Lynn Herring, president, was in charge of the business when club members discussed various Christmas projects which will include the making of toys for children. It was reported that the next meeting would be a book review to be held next Monday evening at 7 p. m. in the home of Patsy Ashton. Yearbooks were planned and will be ready for distribution soon.

Hostesses served a snack plate with cookies and punch to: Marilyn Mason, Jimbeth Flynt, Glenda Cook, Judy

the speaker, Mrs. O'Neill. Arrangements of pink roses gave added beauty to entertaining rooms where the hostess served mince pie and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. O. R. Lasater, James A. Wear, J. W. Barr, Jack Nixon, A. B. Stobaugh, O. C. Sykes, A. O. Bartlett and Tom Caudle.

CIVIC GARDEN CLUB TO OBSERVE GOLDEN AGE MONTH

Members of the Ballinger Civic Garden Club will sponsor an informal tea next Tuesday, October 22, a 3:30 p. m. in the library club rooms, observing Golden Age month and honoring senior citizens of Ballinger.

Each club member is requested to invite a senior guest, including their mother or neighbor.

Mrs. Walter Mueller is program chairman for the afternoon tea.

CREWS

Good rains have fallen in this area since our last news letter. The amount varies from 1 1/2 to 5 inches.

The group who attended the school reunion here Sunday was smaller than in previous years, but all who were present enjoyed meeting their former friends. Noble Faubion was elected president for another year.

Those present from out of the county were: Mr. and Mrs. Reed Rowe and Jimmy, Sunday; Mrs. Norma Wood, Seminole; Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Edwards, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Brown, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McDaniel, Spur; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Berry, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Stephenville; R. J. Fortson, Tampa, Florida; Avis

Rainwater, Mrs. Buster Reed and Mrs. M. L. Fortson, San Angelo; Mrs. E. N. Phipps, Mrs. John Couch and daughters, Big Spring; Leslie Allison, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mathis and son, Lamesa.

Mrs. Ellie Phipps spent the week-end in Dallas visiting in the home of Irvin Phipps.

Mrs. Effie Dietz had as her house guests last week-end, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fleeta Phipps and her niece, Mrs. John Couch and daughters of Big Spring. Her son, Gerald Dietz, student at S. M. U., Dallas, was at home for the week-end and had as his guest, Masasaki Kamabayashi.

A speaker from the Texas Alcohol-Narcotics Education, Inc., spoke at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mrs. King's

brother, Ellis Madison, and other relatives in San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Petrie and daughter, Neysa, attended the State Fair at Dallas the past week-end.

Mrs. W. H. Pape and Mrs. Owen Bragg, with their families, went to San Antonio Sunday to attend the funeral services for their son and brother, Ira Grounds, which was held there Monday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vancil spent the past week-end in Kingsville visiting relatives. Returning home Sunday night they were stopped at Eden and told of the flooded conditions at Ballinger. Monday they arrived home by way of Bronte.

Be wise—Advertise.



NOTHING SACRED—Seems even the world of pipe smoking isn't limited to men any more. These ladies joined the puffing at the World Champion Pipe Smoking Contest at Lake Placid, N.Y. However, a man—Harold R. Soden of Lake Placid—won the contest by keeping his pipe going 70 minutes and 15 seconds.



Here's to a **Farm Breakfast**

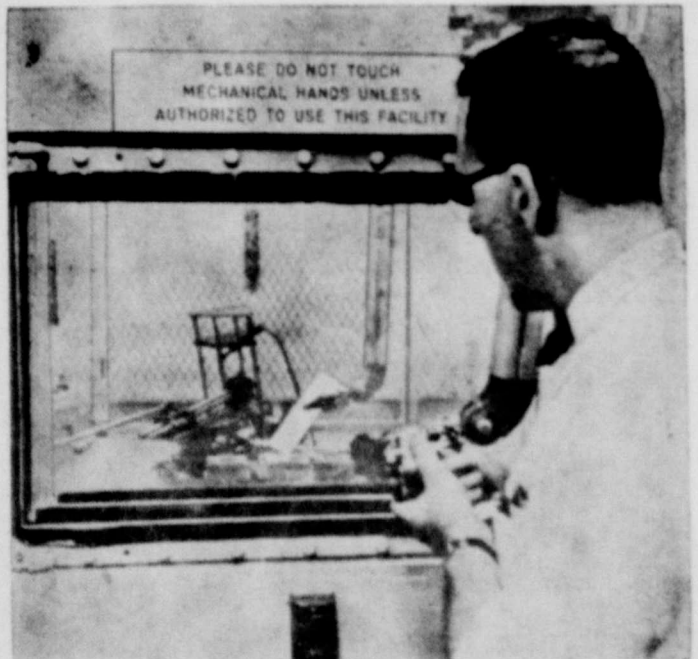
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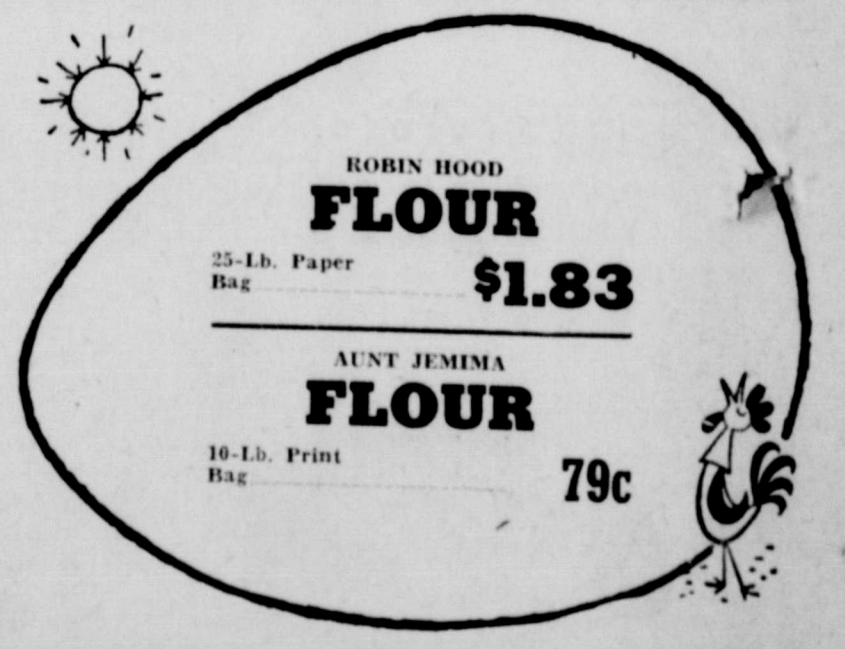
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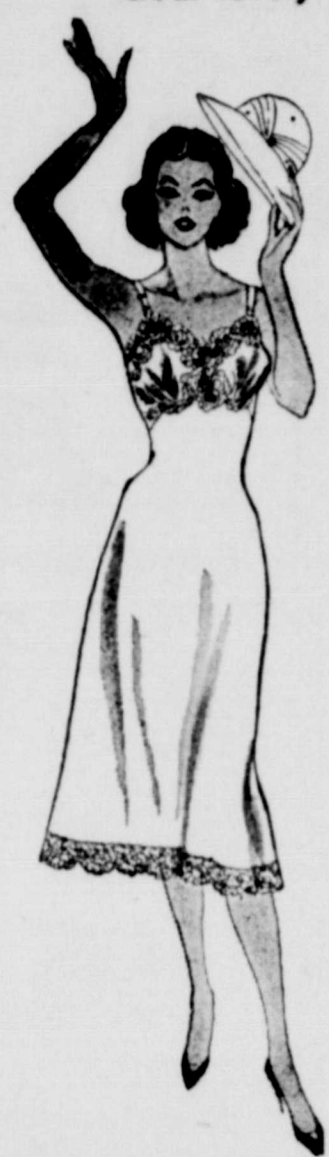
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Bearcats Overrun Rotan In 54-6 Stampede Friday

The Ballinger Bearcats completely over-powered the Rotan Yellowhammers Friday night in a game which featured long runs, especially in returned punts and intercepted passes. A peculiar part of the game was that the Bearcats did most of their scoring on defense and had a score of 21 to 0 before making a first down.

The Bearcats were a determined group of blockers and fans were pleased with the improvement shown in this department. Hard body blocks paved the way for ball carriers on the first three punts of the ball game.

With the game barely started, Rotan punted with Jerry Candler taking the ball and swinging wide to the left to pick up the entire Bearcat team. Blockers paved the first part of the 62 yard trip with Candler turning on speed to go the distance. Lyle Young added the extra point with a place kick.

On one of the first offensive

plays of the game Ronald Everett swung wide and was in a broken field and never caught until he traveled 79 yards for the touchdown. Young again put the ball through the uprights for the extra point.

Later in the first quarter, Rotan was held and punted to Candler again with Candler going wide to the right and picking up ten blockers who cleared him for 59 yards and a score. Young added the extra point.

Operating on a single wing, the Bearcats handed off to Kenneth Wiginton on a reverse through the left side of the line and he chalked up 69 yards for a score. Young kicked. Wiginton intercepted a Yellowhammer pass and turned in

a neat run of 61 yards for the counter. Young missed his extra point try.

Everett took the ball on a wide sweep at left end and went the remaining 39 yards to score. Young kicked.

Candler intercepted a Rotan pass and ran some 40 yards to be pulled down on the seven yard line. Buzzy Underwood went the final five yards for the touchdown and Everett missed the extra point try.

The final Bearcat score came in the 4th quarter when Candler intercepted a pass and raced 64 yards for the score. Candler kicked the extra point.

The visitors scored in the final minutes of the last half after making four first downs that carried them to the 4 yard line. L. Hale carried over and a pass for the extra point was incomplete. This left the final score Ballinger 54, Rotan 6.

The Bearcats made 274 yards rushing however they had 286 yards in return of punts and intercepted passes. Rotan gained 133 yards on the ground and completed 6 of 14 passes for a total of 75 yards. The Bearcats continued to lose heavy yardage with penalties, getting the red flag 9 times for a total of 115 yards. Each club lost the ball three times on fumbles. First downs were 8 for Ballinger and 15 for Rotan.

Government run by women is called gynarchy.

James Madison agreed to declare war on Great Britain in 1812, if elected president.

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- Tuesday**
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- Wednesday**
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Peach cobbler
- Thursday**
Beef stew with vegetables
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- Friday**
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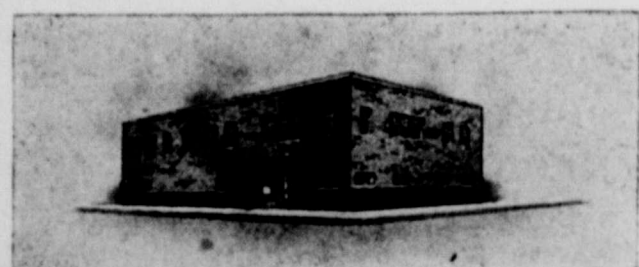
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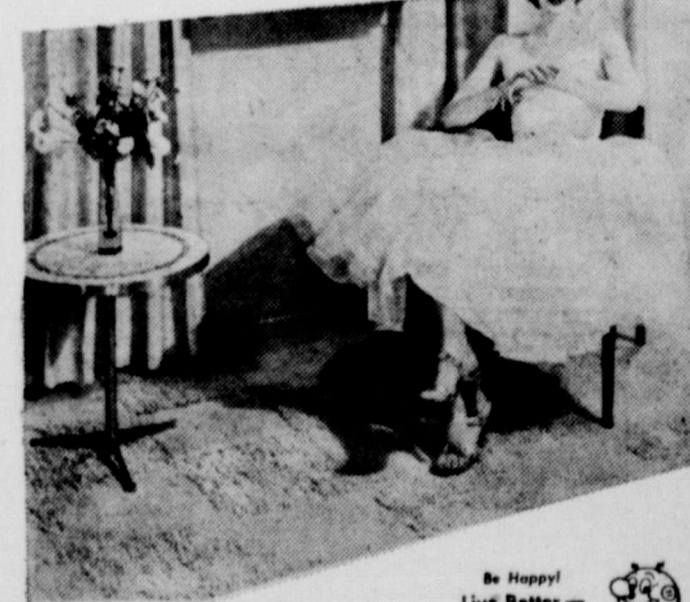
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Flood Sidelights
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from their homes and they assisted the national guard by hauling the meals from the armory kitchen to the high school cafeteria and also in serving. They provided hot chocolate and coffee at the gymnasium and the canteen was used to serve coffee and doughnuts to workers in the downtown and flooded areas.

Viola Killedrew, 48, wife of Dave Killedrew, suffered a stroke as she was being taken from her home Sunday night. She was rushed to the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital but died a short time later.

The San Angelo Emergency Corps with 25 men and several pieces of equipment including motor boats, power plant and lights and various other items arrived here early Sunday night and worked until the families were all out of the danger areas.

The Brown County Emergency Corps from Brownwood also arrived Sunday night with 12 men and four pieces of equipment to assist with the work. This group was headed by Jack Broad, city manager of Brownwood.

The Texas Highway Patrol was on the job with units reporting here from a wide section of Texas. They reported to Sheriff Don Atkins on arrival and worked at whatever work they were most needed. Local highway patrolmen worked around the clock to make the rescue job successful.

Five members of the police force at Brownwood and two city police from Coleman were early arrivals Sunday to help local officers in any way they were needed.

Three trucks and nine men arrived late Monday morning from Fort Hood bringing cots and blankets to be used in housing the homeless. They brought their own military police who also assisted in local guard duty.

Members of the Runnels County Commissioners Court met here Monday and started counting the damages they will experience in the flood. Several bridges were out on roads in the county and others were damaged. It will take a survey of each precinct to determine the exact extent of the damage.

One of the busiest men in town was Sheriff Don Atkins who was watching the rising streams, ordering guards on duty at various places and making numerous decisions as to the next move. Monday morning he kept the people out of town until the river started receding, except those who were needed on their jobs.

Compliments must go to Price Middleton, disaster chairman. He took command as soon as there was a disaster in sight and remained on the job for about 30 hours before taking a short rest. He received wonderful cooperation from all who were called upon to help and every phase of the work was well in hand before outside help arrived. In making decisions and giving orders, someone said "I see why he was a good army major." One reason for his success was the fact that he has studied the disaster job and knew how to take hold. As a result not a life was lost and no injuries reported from the big job.

Someone remarked: "If all that water had been stored, it would have irrigated a lot of acres."

The City Lake on Valley Creek was filled in just a short

time after that creek hit flood stage Sunday.

The Ballinger City Park got a good soaking—in fact some ten to twenty feet deep. The municipal pool was again under water with the bath houses and concession stand overflowed almost to the top of the windows.

J. M. Hicks of Tyler, arrived here Monday with a truck load of vegetables and stopped at the high school cafeteria and left five one-half bushel baskets of tomatoes as his part towards relief.

Ballinger churches sent in sandwiches Monday afternoon and, in Ballinger style, there were plenty and to spare.

Ballinger firemen is another organization that did their share and more in helping with flood jobs. They started with the evacuation of people from their homes Sunday and filled in on all other jobs until the emergency was over.

State Highway maintenance workers in Ballinger were also on the job and men and equipment were used around the clock to help the stranded.

Red Cross local officials stated that it would be impossible to properly thank all who helped during the period of emergency. Every effort will be made but a blanket thanks will have to be accepted for all local people.

Gandy's and Foremost Creameries contributed large quantities of milk to the Red Cross kitchen, which was served to those being handled in the high school gym.

Bakeries serving Ballinger also brought in large quantities of bread which was contributed. One Red Cross representative stated that no bread was bought during the entire time. Local firms also sent in bread and coffee to help out.

Used clothing sent to the center in the Moss building has been a great help and was sufficient to supply most families with immediate needs.

Rev. Felix Keys was hauling coffee to workers in his car early Sunday night. Gilbert Armendariz was also serving coffee and doughnuts to workers and those moved from their homes. Practically all churches of the city provided food which was used during the afternoon at the gymnasium.

Picnic table No. 6 from the city park was found Monday parked in the gin lot at the Ballinger Co-op Gin.

All Ballinger is proud of the way in which the disaster was handled. Maybe there were mistakes made. Those in charge were working around the clock and were only interested in the best possible protection for the entire town. If you were one to offer some criticism, just remember that the disaster work came quick and there was no time for a dress rehearsal. If you were caused some inconvenience, remember those giving the orders had been working all night in the water and were giving everything they had for the protection of life and property.

The George Washington Carver School located at the south end of Eighth Street had two inches of water in the main building and about 14 inches in the shops and other buildings. Tuesday a crew of workers were on the job getting the mud off of the floors and making them ready for use as soon as possible.

Rescue workers here Monday morning watched a little dog, sitting on a railroad cross tie, float down the Colorado River. Some kids pet was riding out the flood waters very nonchalantly and soon disappeared out of sight down the river.

One high school student who lives in South Ballinger was so anxious about her perfect attendance record that she walked across the Santa Fe bridge on the Colorado River Monday and on to school.

Clean up work was completed at the George Washington Carver School Wednesday but Supt. Caskey stated he would wait until Monday to resume classes. The silt on the school grounds and the drainage ditches in that area made it hard for students to get to school.

Legion-Auxiliary District Meeting To Open Saturday
Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of the 21st Congressional district will meet in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday for the annual fall convention of the two organizations. The convention is expected to draw one of the largest crowds in several years.

Registration will start Saturday afternoon and will be followed by an open house and social hour. The annual convention dance will start at 9 p. m. Saturday.

Delegates who arrive Sunday morning may register before the joint session at 10 a. m. This will be followed by a memorial service. At noon a luncheon will be served to all registered guests.

Sunday afternoon starting at 1:30 the Legion and Auxiliary will hold separate sessions at which the main topic will be the securing of 1958 members. Ballinger will send a strong delegation to the convention this year.

COTTON GINNING SLOW IN COUNTY
Cotton ginning in Runnels County through the end of last week amounted to 2,043 bales. Ginners reported cotton still slow in opening with recent rains retarding the progress of cotton picking.

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The "textbook" they will use at troop meetings, and on hikes devoted to map making, the collection of rock or fossil specimens, and similar activities is a special kit prepared for them by the American Geological Institute, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. The kit includes:

1. An illustrated booklet outlining the rudiments of geology, and listing projects that Scouts may undertake during the month.

2. Several inserts, including plans for making a clinometer and crystal patterns, a folder dealing with topographic maps and a folder entitled "Careers in Petroleum Geology."

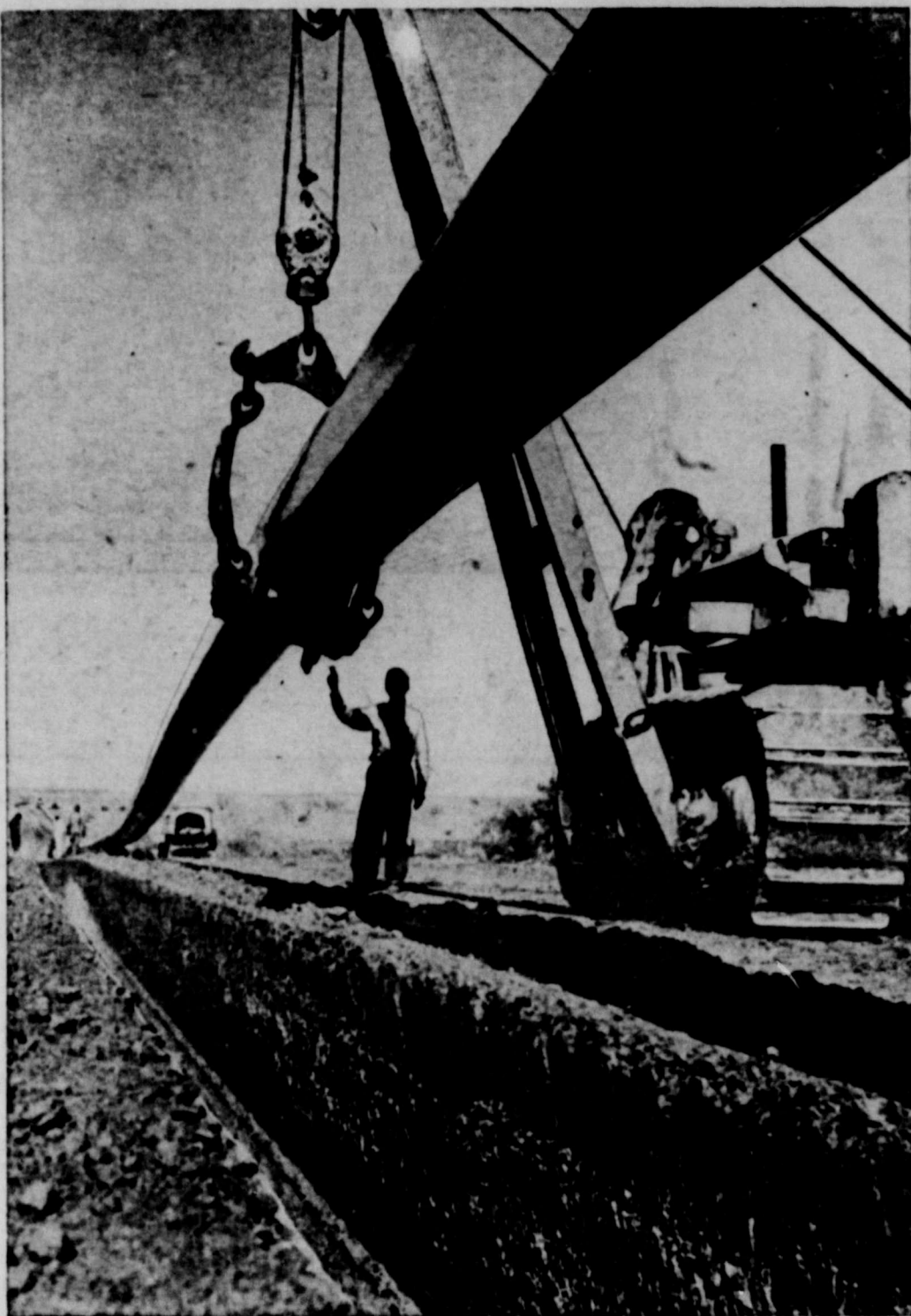
These materials plus others that include films, speeches, and manuals are available to every oil man interested in working with Boy Scouts. For complete details on the entire program, contact your local Oil Information Committee District Office, or Boy Scout Troop.

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Beef production in the Southwest may be upped from 40 per cent to several hundred per cent due to a new method of using petroleum to control mesquite and other undesirable grazing and shrubs. Woody plants like mesquite, sagebrush and oak have made their invasion within the last 100 years. They use more water and provide less in the way of soil erosion protection than grass. Encouraging results in wiping them out have been obtained with a mixture of diesel oil and plant hormone which is sprayed on the foliage or the lower trunk. New uses such as this for petroleum and petroleum products are constantly helping America's farmers and ranchers solve their problems.

With Oil Cinerama Starts

The motion-picture industry relies on such versatile performers as petroleum-based polyesters, resins, and solvents to play an important "behind-the-scenes" role in bringing the American public such spectacular innovations in film-making as Cinerama, the wide screen, sound-motion-picture process, and Cinemascope. These oil products are used as the base materials and coatings in the manufacture of magnetic films and magnetic recording tapes used for motion picture sound systems. Discovering the magical properties of oil and new ways of putting them to use is a constant challenge to the progressive people of the oil industry.



SWIFTLY, SILENTLY PIPE LINES MOVE OIL

America's oil industry moves its crude petroleum in tankers and railroad tank cars, by barges and by pipe lines. The picture here shows how pipe lengths, welded end to end, are held suspended by a side-boom caterpillar for protective coating and wrapping before being lowered into the ditch.

Oil pipe lines form a vast network criss-crossing the United States. There are some 190,000 miles of oil pipe line today and, in point of tonnage handled, they are our third largest freight carrier.

The "Big Inch" built during World War II is 24 inches in diameter. It would have required a train of tank cars ten miles long to carry the oil that "Big Inch" delivered in one day.

As capacity requirements grow, year by year, America's petroleum industry is laying new and bigger pipe lines, so that oil for machines of the future will not be lacking.

THE UNSUNG HERO OF AUTOMOTIVE PROGRESS

By Charles F. Kettering

In this nation on wheels, I think everyone is well aware of the amazing progress made by the automobile industry in the last quarter-century. You only have to get behind the wheel of one of today's powerful and efficient cars to see how far we've come.

But there is an important fact you may not realize—but one which we in the automobile industry never forget: In all of these years of great progress we've had a vital working partner. I'm talking about the constantly improved gasolines developed by America's oil companies.

To the eye, today's gasoline looks much like the gasoline of the 1920's. But inside—chemically—there has been a world of change, all of it for the better! For the truth is

measure of performance and economy, is 50% better than the gasoline of the twenties. Yes, 2 gallons of today's gasoline actually do the work 3 did then.

And equally important in these days of high prices, the price of this superior gasoline is just about the same as it was in 1925—only the taxes are higher.

To the automotive industry, constantly increasing gasoline quality has been all important, because it has allowed us to build more powerful and more efficient engines just as fast as we were able. The oil men have never failed us—when we come with an advanced engine design, they are ready with the proper fuel to power this engine efficiently and economically.

To me, this proves once again

Stay High

Crude stocks in the United States remained disappointingly steady during the week ended July 31, when the decrease was only 141,000 barrels.

The Bureau of Mines figured the total above ground stocks in this country at 279,744 million. Most industry leaders would prefer the stocks were somewhere near 265 million barrels and some believe they should be even lower.

Texas stocks showed an increase of 1,361 million barrels in the last week of July to a total of 132,266 million. Kansas stocks also were up, by 265,000 barrels to 9,372 million. California's stocks, which do not affect the rest of the states, were up 612,000 to 32,767 million.

Declines were registered for Oklahoma, down 819,000 to 26,463 million, and Louisiana, off 817,000 to 16,829 million.

Portrait of A Molecule

Selected and tailored hydrocarbons are used to make good gasoline

Gasoline is a contradiction. It is composed almost entirely of two of the most common elements in nature—hydrogen and carbon. Yet it is one of the most complicated chemical substances. It would take years to explore fully the many different molecules in a gallon of gasoline.

Although scientists do not know exactly the numbers and kinds of all the molecules in gasoline, they do understand their nature. They know that the carbon and hydrogen atoms of gasoline molecules are arranged in many different but definite patterns.

The marriage of carbon to hydrogen to make hydrocarbons is a remarkable mating. Hydrogen is a great source of heat. Each pound can produce about 60,000 British thermal units (BTU's). Carbon, too, is a good heat producer, with 14,500 BTU's per pound. Combined, as in gasoline, these two elements produce hydrocarbons averaging about 20,000 BTU's per pound.

TNT contains less than one-third as much heat energy per pound; nitroglycerine only one-sixth as much. Obviously, in the explosives, the destructive energy comes from combustion characteristics rather than from heat content alone.

Without the great hydrocarbon deposits that are crude petroleum, man would have to manufacture gasoline and other liquid fuels from other sources of hydrogen and carbon. As it is, he fashions gasoline by selecting and tailoring the hydrocarbon molecules provided by nature in crude oil.

As Charles F. Kettering has

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Industry Grows Like Beanstalk

The modern petrochemical industry has become a virtual Aladdin's Lamp for the American people—particularly the homemakers.

Most women, for example, think of petroleum in terms of oil, gasoline and grease for the family car, or fuel for the home oil burner. In actuality, petroleum is a near-fabulous servant in today's scheme of effortless, streamlined living.

Petrochemicals include synthetic rubber, fibers and resins, plastics, carbon black, detergents, dyes, medicines, solvents and agricultural chemicals—to name a few.

The miracle fabrics—nylon, acrilan, dacron—are a result of petroleum research. They show up in clothing of all sorts. Plastics can be found in slip covers, kitchen canisters, tabletops, dishes, telephones, toys, ornamental gadgets and in many other things. Detergents are the sudsy soapless soaps. In fact, no matter what you name—be it shoes, tennis racket, golf bag, clothes or anything else—there's a good chance that it will have a petrochemical background.

America: Nation On Wheels

The United States, with about six per cent of the world's population, has 78 per cent of the world's automobiles and 51.6 per cent of its trucks and buses. Plentiful and economical supplies of oil which America's privately managed oil industry makes available to fuel these motor vehicles, helps make this possible.

Back In The "Gold Old Days"

Seems like a favorite topic for conversation whenever friends gather together is the cost of living. The general impression is that everything costs at least twice as much as it did in the "good old days." And sooner or later, a complaining voice is raised about the cost of operating the family car, what with gasoline prices the way they are. Makes it impossible to take the family for a ride and enjoy oneself while the gas gauge goes steadily down.

Except for those of us in the oil business who should have a pretty fair idea of how much of the gasoline dollar goes for taxes, most people look at the posted pump price in the neighborhood service station and figure that someone is making a barrel full of money out of gasoline. Either the station operator is rolling in it, or those shadowy figures that run the big oil companies are packing it away by the sock full. What else could it be, with gasoline prices the way they are?

Believe it or not, there are some other answers. One of them is the bill reproduced here. Note the date: May 4 through 28, 1914. And the first item on the bill—five gallons of gasoline, \$1.00. That makes it 20c per gallon by simple arithmetic, and that was 43 long years ago. In those days, the federal government was not taxing gasoline at the rate of 3c a gallon, nor were any states taxing gasoline up to 7c a gallon. Subtract those taxes from present pump prices and how much does gasoline cost the motorist? About 22c per gallon, or a 10 per cent increase over what the motorist paid, 43 years ago.

Remember now, the gasoline that ran autos in 1914 was not 95 or 100-plus octane, nor was it dispensed through modern computing pumps placed in front of a gleaming white service station that cost thousands of dollars to build. It didn't come from huge plants able to refine top-quality products around the clock, seven days a week, where a unit built one year must be replaced in a very few

years with newer, more modern equipment costing millions of dollars. In today's automobiles that 1914 gasoline would do little more than emit a cloud of black smoke and a loud bang.

So today's automobiles are much more expensive than they were in 1914, and the labor charges reflected on the 1914 bills are approximately 500 per cent greater today than they were 43 years ago . . . but the gasoline that powers the new cars so efficiently is only up about 1 per cent in cost. How come?

Through ingenuity, and technical ability, and just plain guts—that's how come. Through wildcatting new wells at cost of more than two and one-half billion dollars of the oil industry in 1956, with only one in 44 being commercially successful. Through leasing more than 20 million acres of land for present production, and having 300 million acres under lease for future exploration. Through building modern refining units at a cost of many millions of dollars. Through finding more diversified uses for petroleum products, with more than 2,400 products or derivatives now on the market. By using every available bit of knowledge to hold production costs down and quality up. And by employing 1,650,000 people in the oil industry . . . one out of every 38 workers in the country.

Sure, the price of gasoline has gone up. But remember that the actual cost increase is only about 10 per cent, and taxes have raised the rest of the way. So, you're buying more than power for transportation when you buy gasoline; you're buying newer and better roads with the taxes, and are still getting the best product for your car and money that is available today. It's a bargain now . . . just like it was in the "good old days."

During the Revolutionary War, British strength against the Colonies never exceeded 42,000 in any given year.

Clinic Makes Skull Parts From Oil

Parts of the human skull may be replaced by molded-in-place plates made of an acrylic plastic called pentocryl, if methods used recently at the Mayo Clinic prove successful.

Early trials with the substance, which is petroleum-derived, brought good results. The plastic, also used for making dental plates, is mixed as a paste, poured into place and molded with the fingers to the desired size and shape. Petroleum and its derivatives form a versatile array of ingredients for medical and surgical uses.

"FAG" ORDINANCE

Each dealer in cigarettes owes the city \$2.50 a year as provided by an ordinance signed by Mayor W. L. Davis, May 16, 1916.

NO-HOG LAW

Ordinance No. 8, signed by Mayor W. L. Davis in 1916, prohibits the keeping of hogs in the corporate limits of the City of Post.

Bars are something which, if you go into many of, you are apt to come out singing a few of, and maybe land behind some.

Some 77 per cent of the country's freight is transported over the streets and roads of our nation by gasoline-powered motor vehicles.

Petroleum provides nearly 1,650,000 jobs. A prime factor in the nation's economic growth, the oil industry has created about 60,000 jobs in the city of New Orleans.

Most synthetic rubber for tires is manufactured from materials derived from crude oil and natural gas.

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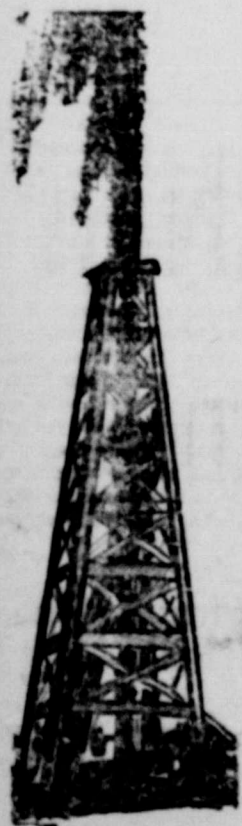
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Your Chances Slim Of Catching On Fire At A Service Station Says Fire Marshall

If you can't get refuge from a holocaust in a hospital or convalescent home try a service station, is the advice offered by State Fire Marshall Aubrey G. Robinson of New Hampshire.

"That way there's little chance of being caught in a fire," he explained. Gasoline service stations rank second only to hospitals and convalescent homes in fire prevention in New Hampshire, according to the fire marshal.

He noted he has singled out gasoline service stations for special commendation "because they have demonstrated the effectiveness of a continuing, industry-wide campaign of fire prevention."

Pointing out that New Hampshire fire statistics reflect the national fire safety record of gasoline service stations, Marshal Robinson cited the following figures completed by the National Fire Protection Association which give the comparative fire incidence in gasoline service stations and other types of buildings:

- Hotels, boarding and rooming houses — 37.61
- Amusement halls — 7.63
- Restaurants, taverns — 7.20
- Schools and colleges — 3.34
- Gasoline service stations — 2.04
- Churches — 1.46

"The lesson to be drawn from

these statistics is clear," the fire marshal pointed out. "Combustible materials in themselves do not cause fires. Too often human carelessness is the spark that sets them off."

Your service station has helped earn reputation because of continuing efforts to follow these "common sense" fire-prevention rules and principles.

Air, fuel, and heat make up the triangle of fire. Oxygen is found in the air that is around you all the time. Fuel can be trash, paper, wood, flammable vapors from gasolines, and liquids. Otcg

Source of ignition can be matches, heat from a pipe or stove, spontaneous combustion, lighting, or chemical reaction.

Your fire-prevention program is well under way if these three sides of the fire triangle are kept apart.

Another basic principle of fire-prevention is, good housekeeping. It is important to the success of your service station and your fire-prevention program. A neat, clean station is the best inducement you can offer a customer. It shows that you are interested in doing business and are willing to extend yourself to offer every possible convenience to everyone who drives into your service sta-

tion. Of course, one of the biggest causes of fire in your service station is gasoline. It is well to remember that gasoline vapors are heavier than air. When the vapor content in air is between the approximate limits of 1.00 per cent and 7.00 per cent serious explosions, or fire, or both, can result if the vapors contact some source of ignition, such as an open flame or electric spark.

Fire-Prevention In Action

Observe the following precautions when working around motor fuels:

1. Fire extinguisher location, operation, and type should be familiar to everyone in your service station.
2. Caution customers and personnel about smoking when they are near motor fuels. Try posting "No Smoking" signs in particularly dangerous areas. Observe the "No Smoking" rule at all times.
3. It may sound foolish, but many people still get injured ex-

amining gasoline tanks with lighted matches. Even a radiator can contain a mixture just as explosive.

4. Keep anti-freeze, brake fluid, and other flammable liquids away from heaters and furnaces. They too give off flammable vapors that are easily ignited.

5. Don't store cardboard boxes, advertising material, and paper in the furnace area or on top of heater ducts.

6. Allow only electrically operated lanterns or flashlights on construction or repair work being done at your station; not old time open-flame lanterns.

7. Be sure you post fire, police, and other emergency telephone numbers in a conspicuous location, preferably next to the telephone.

8. Keep oil and gas-soaked rags in metal containers.

9. Report leaks in motor-fuel pumps, hose pipes, and other station equipment.

10. Fire Drills aren't kid stuff. Everyone should have a job to do if a fire does break out.

11. Dilute oil and gasoline spills with water and wipe at once. If gasoline is spilled on a customer's fender, rinse and wipe off.

12. Use soap and water for cleaning. NOT GASOLINE. Advise your customers to do the same.

Your fire-prevention program is as good as you make it. Follow the common sense rules of caution and good housekeeping, and you can be sure that your service station will meet all fire-prevention requirements.

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TV To Help Solve Drilling Problems

Television cameras someday may be routine oil field equipment. Engineering studies are underway to determine if TV cameras can be designed in such a way that drillers can see what's going on at the bottom of wells.

It is believed that such an apparatus would save the industry considerable time and money. This is particularly true when drillers have to "fish" for a fallen bit, or a tool, or some other obstacle that is blocking the well.

The TV cameras also would enable drillers to inspect the walls of a well constantly, and would enable them to keep a close check on the different strata which the drill bits pass through.

Because oil wells seldom are more than six inches in diameter, the proposed TV cameras would have to be long and slender. A special still camera of this type already has been designed and is in use in some oil fields.

Oil Progress Briefs

Plastic Truck Tanks

Trucks used in the desert now may have cargo tanks made of a new glass-fiber polyester plastic which contains petroleum. Weighing less than a third as much as steel, the plastic tanks resist corrosion and fungus.

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Texas: Thompson Tells Why U. S. Needs More Pipe Line

By Ernest O. Thompson
Texas Railroad Commissioner

Today, oil of the Middle East has world attention. The stoppage of Suez Canal emphasizes this point. Europe's oil supply was interrupted. Since Nov. 1, 1956, to Feb. 1957, 46,000,000 barrels of crude and products have gone to Europe from the United States. Persian Gulf oil has had to be diverted around Africa to Europe. But the job has been done. The lesson learned was the necessity for more pipe lines. This applies here at home and in the Middle East.

Petroleum has become increasingly important in the life of everyone in America and throughout the world. Our ever-expanding peacetime economy and our national security in time of war depend upon petroleum. In the United States, the oil consumption is increasing five per cent per

year. In Europe and Asia the rate of increase is 12 per cent annually. By 1975, the United States will need 14,000,000 barrels of oil per day. That is almost double our present oil production in the United States. We can find the oil, but we must have adequate pipe lines to move it safely and cheaply. Without gasoline and lubricating oil, even the atomic bomb could not be delivered by ship, plane, truck, or tank. Therefore, even with the atomic weapons, we must have gasoline and oil to carry them to the point most effectively to preserve the peace of the Free World.

Perilous Times

We are in perilous times, and conservation of our oil and gas becomes increasingly important each day. When World War II came, it was found that by careful conservation of oil and gas by the Railroad Commission of Texas for 10

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Special Lubes and Greases Keep Cars, Industry Ticking

Friction, a barrier to progress since the beginning of man, is being overcome time and again by oil industry development of special lubricants and greases which enable spinning wheels and mighty machines to operate efficiently under all kinds of conditions.

In an automobile engine, for example, there is a layer of oil so thin that it makes tissue paper look big and cumbersome, by comparison; yet this film of oil lubricants piston rod bearings and protects them against a pressure of two-tons every time the engine fires. In an average mile the film of oil absorbs this two-ton blow 1,500 times.

In recent years, petroleum chemists and engineers have improved the quality of lubricants with the use of "additives." These are chemical agents, which are added to lubricating oils in small quantities and enable them to do specialized jobs. One type resists heat, another cold, still others corrosion, wear and so on. Airplanes, for example, require lubricants that will work effectively on the ground in 100 degree temperature, and in the stratosphere in sub-freezing weather minutes later.

In factories and workshops all over the country, countless billions of drops of oil lubricate every type of machine from huge drop forges to tiny precision instruments. They ease the strain at every point where metal meets metal because research and progress made it possible.

There are more than 800 varieties of greases, of which several hundred million pounds are used in the United States every year.

Into these greases go any of 400 materials including such unlikely items as rubber, wool, horsehair, asbestos, mica, talc and gypsum—each one to meet particular lubrication requirements. There are greases for fast and slow machines, for indoor and outdoor use, for all kinds of temperature conditions.

Texas's first manufacturing business was the dressing of buckskins for clothes for the frontiersmen of Colonial Texas.

Some are green, yellow, blue, black and brown. Many contain oils of camphor, pine, birch-bark, wintergreen and citronella. They may be liquid, stringy, or brick-hard—in sticks, cakes, tubes or drums.

Without the development of these special petroleum lubricants, it is questionable whether the high speed machine, or modern America would whirl so efficiently, who use millions of tractors, trucks, cars and other kinds of machines, produce the record quantities of food and fibre needed to feed and clothe this nation's 155 million people.

100 Hours of Service

According to a recent survey, the average service station is open and at your service 100 hours every week and seven days a week. When customers were asked their reasons for patronizing a particular station, the replies were: good service location, friendship with the dealer, and the brand of gasoline sold. Two-thirds of the operators said that they did most of their business with neighborhood people. Over 200,000 service stations in the United States compete for your business, and 95 per cent of them are owned or operated by independent local dealers.

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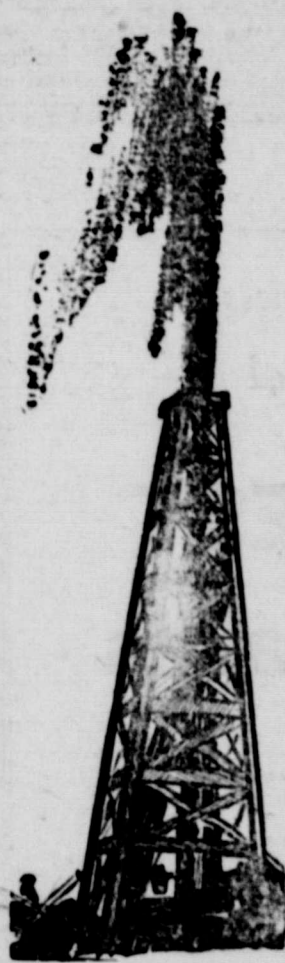
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Texan Thompson Tells Why . . .

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 long years prior to Pearl Harbor we had been able to build up in Texas a daily reserve oil-producing ability of 1,000,000 barrels per day. Never at any time did Texas fail to supply every barrel of oil that was needed. Sixty per cent of the overseas tonnage during World War II was composed of petroleum and its products, and 80 per cent of this petroleum and the products thereof came from Texas oil fields.

I opened my statement by saying I was glad to learn that our government was requesting that refinery runs of crude oil be reduced and that the cut of the throughput be changed to make less gasoline be changed to make they don't want gasoline. They want crude.

I stated also that I was glad to learn that the Office of Defense Mobilization, which is an executive arm of the President, had directed that a study be made to divert Venezuelan crude imports from this country directly to Europe, instead of bringing this crude to the United States and then loading

up these ships with American crude to be sent to Europe.

I am encouraged to believe that both of these objectives will be achieved.

I told the committee that we had in Texas 8,344 unconnected oil wells, and I brought out with all the emphasis that I could that the most important thing that could be done for our national security at this time would be to immediately construct a crude oil pipe line from Texas to the East Coast and by the east Coast I mean Philadelphia or that neighborhood — so that, come war, if war should come, we would not be faced with the same difficulty that we faced in World War II, of having to build oil pipe-lines after the war started. You will remember we had to build the Big and Little Big Inch both from Texas to the East after the war started by reason of ever-mounting sinkings of tankers by German submarines, even right off the coast of Florida, within plain sight of people on land. The pipe lines did the job.

Reliable information is that Russia has constructed more than 400

new submarines aimed at the destruction and sinking of oil tankers with the view of leaving our Army, Navy and Air Force short of fuel and immobilizing them.

I told the committee that I thought the inquiry they were making was timely, and that if the construction of a big new crude pipe line from Texas to the East Coast could come out of their proceedings, that it would be worth all the effort. A new pipe line to the West Coast has been announced already.

Serious-Minded Men

The committees of Congress are composed of serious-minded men. These assignments with all the care that is possible to be put into critical, careful, constructive study. The Congress follows their committee recommendations.

Our Texas delegation is keenly attentive to the interests of Texas and to the security of our nation; and as such, naturally they are keenly interested in seeing that Texas oil production property is protected.

I told the committee that I took a good deal of pride and happiness and satisfaction in the fact that the judgment of the Texas Railroad

Commission had been vindicated in that we did not jump suddenly and raise Texas allowables to a point where we could not move the oil in November, December, and January, and that excessive stocks in gasoline should be worked off.

The reason that we have large stocks of gasoline on hand at this time, to my mind, is as follows: After World War II, the government of the United States encouraged refiners to add an additional 1,000,000 barrels' refining capacity to their plants in the United States, giving them, in most instances, appreciated depreciation, on the theory that they were national security wartime facilities, and would not be needed for peacetime. But these refiners, once they get a plant built, cannot resist the temptation to run the refinery at full capacity, once the stills are fired up.

This is the reason I have been pushing the idea of trying to get our government to urge European buyers to buy more gasoline and less crude. But Europe as usual, wants to run their refineries full tilt — even at the expense of our

refiners having to run at less than capacity.

I told the congressional committee I was not alarmed at the situation at all, that our Railroad Commission had proceeded with caution about increasing allowables. Texas has contributed as we saw the need, in view of the testimony presented before our commission. We carried out our statutes clearly and fully, because we believe that our government is one of laws.

We have proceeded in our hearings in an orderly fashion. Notice is given of the hearing at which the allowable will be considered.

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The Unsung Hero of . . .

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the wonders that come from keen competition in our free enterprise system. You see, the increase in gasoline quality is a direct result of the intensive competition for your business among America's oil companies. Every company knows that the only way to win or keep business is to continually offer you new, improved products at the lowest possible price.

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The story behind the story of gasoline is included in the oil industry report to the nation during Oil Progress Week, October 13-19. Oil has a proud story to tell and we in the oil industry can be proud to tell it . . . because this year's OPW theme is certainly true, "With today's gasoline . . . YOU'RE DRIVING A BARGAIN." Through research the oil industry works constantly to develop high quality fuels, and more of them. Gasolines are improving so fast that today's premium gasolines approach in quality the aviation fuels used during World War II. Regular gasoline you buy today is almost as good as premium gasoline was only five years ago.

And that's only part of the quality story. Fuels for today's rockets were developed through research by the oil industry . . . the same research that will produce the fuel to power tomorrow's rocket ships, carrying man far out

into the cosmos. Just as important as the quality of gasoline, is its price. The family budget means a lot to all of us, and it takes quite a beating these days. What with increased taxes and the high cost of living, two cents will not take you far — ordinarily. But two pennies spent on gasoline will take you a mile in your car, and the whole family can travel on the same two-cent "fare."

Taxes play a big part in the price of gasoline. Gasoline costs you a little over two and one-half cents more per gallon (exclusive of taxes) than it did five years ago. At the same time taxes have increased the price of gasoline one and one-half cents per gallon. This means that today, when the gas pump at your neighborhood service station registers \$1.40 you have spent \$1.00 for gasoline and 40 cents for direct taxes.*

One of the really big reasons why your gasoline dollar stretches further is healthy competition within the oil industry. There are 42,000 independent oil companies competing with one another to produce some 2,500 oil-derived products . . . and to find new ones.

Texan Thompson

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Witnesses are required to testify under oath and are cross-examined thoroughly. A record is made; and we make a finding of fact and conclusions of law, and on that we base our order.

I told the committee that I further believe that most of the so-called crisis was a newspaper crisis, because it made good scare headlines; and I felt that the government had not given out full and complete information on the oil-lift movements to Europe.

And with that, I closed my statement. That took me about 15 minutes. And for two hours and a half I was quizzed and questioned by every member of the committee. I must say that they were very courteous. They anxiously and earnestly were seeking to get all the information they could on this oil situation.

I think these hearings are good. They furnish a forum for oil facts.

We are not running out of oil. We have great oil reserves in this country — a total of 32,000,000,000 barrels, 15,000,000,000 barrels of which are located in Texas. In 1956, the United States produced 2,500,000,000 barrels, of which Texas produced 1,100,000,000 barrels.

For many years after oil was discovered in Pennsylvania in 1869, people were interested only in obtaining coal oil or kerosene to light their lamps. These gasoline went down the creeks of Pennsylvania. Then, when the inventive genius of man brought forth the internal combustion engine, gasoline was required to motivate and power these internal combustion engines in automobiles and other installations.

Accordingly, the Maker of all good and perfect gifts permitted man to discover the great Spindletop field in 1901, which furnished the oil to make the gasoline for the beginning of the Gasoline Age. Then later on came in the Panhandle

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oil field; the great Permian Basin oil field. About the time we thought oil was getting scarce, Canada came in with great discoveries. Then Venezuela had brought in great discoveries prior thereto. And then, to cap it all off, there have been discovered around the shores of the Persian Gulf more than 200,000,000,000 barrels of oil reserves, where they are producing today — or were producing just before Suez — approximately 3,000,000 barrels per day which is a little less than the State of Texas produces.

With good conservation methods that we practice and require to be practiced in Texas, an which are being followed in many other states of the union and parts of the world, we are able to get out of the reservoir three or four times as much of the oil in place as formerly was recovered under old open-flow conditions. This is because of better methods of maintaining reservoir energy, which is the pressure at the bottom of the hole in the producing formation.

This is the story of conservation and the present oil situation.

The pressing need for our ever-expanding peacetime economy and the imperative need and requisites essential for our national security and that of the Free World, is more and bigger oil pipe lines. We were at our pipe line capacity when Texas' March allowable production started to flow. Come war, tankers will be sunk by enemy submarines. We must construct at once a big pipe line from Texas to the Eastern Coast.

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Such old expressions as "Be Careful," "Watch Your Step," "Use Your Head," and "Do It Right" are completely worn out and are **VERY** monotonous. But they are still good.

Camera "Stops" Jet Fuel Spray

A whirling mirror and a one-shot camera enable scientists to study the atomization of fuels in jet engines by permitting the observation of the path, shape, and size of fuel particles in motion.

The technique, only recently made public, produces picture records of fuel sprays that with movie techniques would require taking one billion frames a second. The results can be used to increase the efficiency of fuel in supersonic flight. The oil industry is constantly on the lookout for modern techniques like this one to help improve products and processes for the benefit of American consumers.

It's a fact that:

your gasoline dollar stretches further!



• Yes, your dollar goes further when you buy today's gasoline. In 1920 your dollar bought 2 pounds of coffee and about 4 gallons of gasoline. Today's dollar buys less than one pound of coffee but your gasoline dollar buys almost 5 gallons of top quality fuel. True, direct taxes* add 30% to your gasoline bill... yet gasoline itself still costs less than most items on your shopping list. Yes, with today's gasoline you're driving a real bargain.

*National average

Average Family Can Swim In Oil

Private swimming in their own back yards may be enjoyed by average U. S. families, thanks to a new full-size pool made of vinyl plastic, which is petroleum derived. Costing as little as \$450 installed, it holds 10,000 gallons of water and with proper care, is supposed to last for some 20 years.

The pool's plastic liner costs \$275 and installation charges vary with conditions. Maintenance is easy, since it can be cleaned with soap, water and a soft rag and requires no expensive yearly painting. The use of petroleum in products for America's comfort and pleasure is on the up-swing, and new or improved items are entering the list every day.

E. C. Buffam, in 1876, offered to buy hogs at \$4.00 and \$4.50 cash per 100 gross.

Petroleum Lifeline

Medical researchers, with oil's help, have discovered a way to deliver a bigger radioactive blast at cancer of the pancreas. The method is to thread a fine polyethylene tubing around and through the cancer. The ends of the tubing are allowed to project outside the body after the surgical wound has been closed. Radioactive iodine in liquid form is then inserted in the tubing and the two ends filled with air or mercury and sealed. The radioactive iodine can be left in the patient until it loses its radioactivity, or it can be withdrawn if further surgery is needed. After treatment, the plastic tubing can be left in the body, since it causes no difficulty. This is another instance of the way oil helps medical science.

Oil Fields Weigh Halos -Of Radioactivity

Using a radiation detector called a scintillation counter, scientists have discovered atomic "halos" of radioactivity that pinpoint oil pools deep in the earth and can be spotted from a helicopter. If an interesting change in nuclear count pops up on dials of the scintillation counter, the helicopter may go down for closer study. If the scintillometer still verifies an unusual pattern, geophysicists may tramp over the fields for special reading, even digging a trench and sticking the instruments right into the soil. Thousands of readings must be made before oil men feel they know the device's possibilities, but many are experimenting with it to better their chances of oil discovery. It's another progressive example of a progressive industry.

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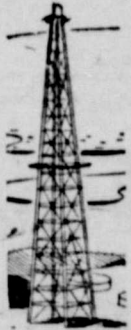
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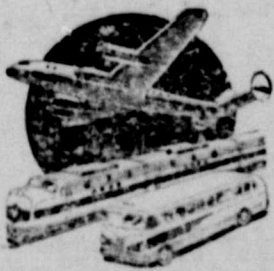


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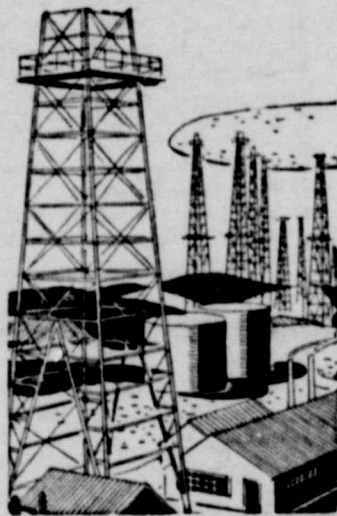
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According to the American Automobile Association, the average family of four will travel some 1,200 miles in a little more than 10 days and spend about \$560 en route on their vacations this year. Americans on the move will enjoy the freedom which their oil-powered vehicles give them, and probably set new records of enjoyment at America's vacation spots.

Standard of Living Shown By Country's Use of Oil

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

Although women dress to please men, they usually miss it about 30 minutes.

Portrait Of

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pointed out, "We don't go to a mine and expect to find iron in the form of Cadillac crankshafts. Why should we go to crude petroleum and expect to find molecules of the size and shape best adapted to the internal combustion Engine?"

The answer, of course, is that today's refiner doesn't expect to find crude petroleum in a form he can market. But he has learned to make a highly marketable product from it.

Petroleum chemists have seen few, if any, hydrocarbon molecules, look like. The simplest is methane, or marsh gas (CH₄)—in which four atoms of hydrogen are bonded to one atom of carbon.

In general hydrocarbons containing the lowest number of carbon atoms are gases, such as methane, ethane and propane. In the middle ranges, with more atoms in the molecule, hydrocarbons usually occur in liquid form at room temperature. Those containing the largest number of atoms are solids—like waxes, or asphalt.

What's in Gasoline

Gasoline is largely composed of hydrocarbon molecules containing from four to nine carbon atoms, with traces of both lighter and heavier hydrocarbons dissolved in them. If there are fewer than five atoms of carbon, the substance is ordinarily a gas at room temperature. However, gases such as butane (four carbon atoms) will remain dissolved for reasonably long period and are used for improving the quick-starting characteristics of gasoline.

So far, several hundred gasoline hydrocarbons have been isolated or manufactured in a pure state. Thus, it would appear relatively simple for a refiner to manufacture only those he wants. In actual practice the oil industry has to segregate or manufacture from crude oil the most desirable kinds of gasoline hydrocarbons in the greatest quantity, but without regard to their precise molecular composition or arrangement. Millions of dollars already have been spent in developing amazingly successful processes and equipment. Even so, the effort continues unabated to find still better ways of manufacturing gasoline hydrocarbons.

In the early days of refining, simple distillation separated the gasoline hydrocarbons that existed naturally in petroleum. The portions of crude oil which boil between 90° and 400° F became straightrun gasoline. The octane number (antiknock quality) of straightrun gasolines varied widely. Moreover, the supply of

these light hydrocarbons suitable for gasoline was quite limited.

In 1900, for example, simple distillation was converting about 10 percent of a barrel of crude oil into gasoline. This was enough to meet the demands of the times. By the time World War I came along, however, there were not enough gasoline hydrocarbons in most crude oils to meet the growing demand. Research on the problem led first to the development of thermal cracking.

Thermal cracking subjects the heavier portions of the crude oil, such as kerosene and heavy fuel oils, to pressures approaching 1,000 pounds per square inch and temperatures in the neighborhood of 1,000° F. Under these conditions the large hydrocarbon molecules were "cracked" into smaller ones suitable for gasoline, and the yield of gasoline from crude oil was increased considerably.

Since then, a succession of new refining methods has brought countless new hydrocarbon molecules within reach of refiners—and in volume. It was by intensive study of the antiknock characteristics of these manufactured hydrocarbons that refiners came to use the proper types for gasoline.

Quick, Watson, The Blots!

Oil company engineers have perfected a motor oil test that can be performed by the driver, and which tells in minutes whether the oil in an engine needs changing. The test is based on the behavior of oil blots on filter paper, and a chemical color change that indicates the degree of acidity or alkalinity. The test not only shows when the oil needs changing, but also warns of cracked pistons, antifreeze leakage, and similar troubles. Oil companies study and test continuously to find new ways of increasing the safety and efficiency of the nation's transportation.

Atomic Watchdogs

Radioactive "tracer" materials are used by the oil industry to follow the flow of oil underground, divide batches of different products in pipe lines, locate difficulties in refinery units, and for well logging. Oil men are quick to use these and other gigantic tasks of bringing oil and its products to American consumers.



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AS BIT BITES DEEPER WELL COST GOES UP

In this modern era of skyrocketing prices, it's easy to guess that drilling an oil well costs a great deal of money. Average daily operating expense of a deep-drilling rig on land amounts to about \$1,200. Equipment, wages, fuel, and supplies account for the major expenditures.

Deeper drilling is another of today's trends, for advanced technologies and increased demands for oil make it possible and necessary to go farther into the earth in the search.

The combination of high prices plus deeper drilling has become quite a problem for the oil industry. The biggest single factor affecting drilling cost is time. Total maintain a fairly constant rate of cost and total time on a well increase until a depth of 7,000 is reached—and then rates increase sharply.

The following are reasons for the higher cost of drilling wells below the 7,000 mark:

1. The earth's formations grow harder as depth increases, because they are generally more compact and because their lime content increases. Sand is especially suscepti-

ble to both of these factors. In an extra hard formation, a drilling bit may be worn down after making only 6". It is then necessary to make a time-consuming "round trip" to change the bit. The round trip costs money in wages and rental time, and the new bit is expensive.

2. The rate of circulation of drilling fluid—special mud added to make drilling easier—is reduced as the horsepower requirements for circulation increase with depth. When the drilling mud circulates more slowly, drilling must also slow down.

3. The driller must be more cautious at increased depths. Because of increased danger of failure of the drill string as it grows longer, less weight is likely to be put on the drilling bit, and the speed of its rotation may be slowed down.

4. It's hard to maintain a straight hole at great depths, so weight on the drilling bit may be decreased for this reason, too.

5. Moving time for the extra heavy rigs used in deep drilling is greater than for light-weight

rigs—and moving time is money spent.

6. The rig needs more repairs because it must be operated longer and bear heavier loads. The greater the stress on equipment, the more likely it is to need repair work.

7. On deep wells, there is frequent use of conductor and protection casing strings for the drill string. Hence, more casing and cement must be set in the hole. Setting the casing and cement take valuable hours of the crew's time.

8. If the well is completed, more time is required to make the right setting and to set the tubing through which oil will be produced.

9. The deeper the hole, the longer it takes to log and analyze the deep formations. Not only does logging the formations take more time because of their actual depth, but analyzing them is harder because they are not as well known as formations closer to the surface.

10. Abnormal pressure conditions exist in deeper wells, and time is lost in taking precautions to combat them. In addition, expensive drilling mud pumped into a deep hole may be "lost" because of its tendency in some area to flow into low-pressure formations and not return to the top.

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

Theories of the origin of oil are many and conflicting, but

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

GARZA'S FIRST COTTON
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**Miniature Stills Used
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Research**

Miniature stills are used by an oil company to study liquids produced in research on aviation gasoline, synthetic lubricants, detergents and many other products which Americans use every day. The stills are so exact that oil researchers, working with them 24 hours a day, may spend more than a week distilling five ounces of liquid. Researchers often work with only an ounce of liquid, but that ounce may be made up of hundreds of different chemical compounds. Keeping Americans supplied with new and improved products for their needs and conveniences is a "found the clock job" for busy oil industry people.

Men Who Live Tomorrow

Everyday, nearly 15,000 oil industry employees throughout the nation walk through ordinary looking doors into tomorrow. They are the men and women of the oil research laboratories, whose job is to help build to the mighty blueprint of America's future.

Oil research reflects oil industry thinking. You'll find in the laboratories the imagination, the competitive spirit, the constant striving for improvement that are the hallmarks of oil men everywhere.

Some people still believe that your industry is wasteful, that it's a "monopoly," that the government could run it better, and that every brand of gasoline is the same. This is disproved by the fact that everyday researchers in competitive oil companies are looking for ways to improve their oil products and to find new ones. Last year, America's oil businesses put over 160 million competitive dollars into research.

Along with its job of discovering products and processes for tomorrow, research is the oil industry's most powerful weapon against waste.

In the early days of the spectacular "gushers," oil men were lucky if they recovered 25 per cent of the oil they found. Crude equipment and lack of know-how forced them to abandon a field with 75 per cent of the oil still in the ground. Today, research has boosted the rate of recovery as high as 80 or 90 per cent, and it's still climbing. What's more, new equipment and techniques developed in research laboratories are bringing yesterday's "dead" fields to life.

But producing oil efficiently is only part of the researchers' fight against waste. Real conservation means using every drop of oil in the barrel.

Less than 60 years ago, people considered kerosene and lubricants the only valuable oil products. Gasoline was tossed out as a "white elephant," and everything else was labeled outright waste. Today, everything in the modern oil barrel is put to good use. The four early oil products — gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils, and wax have grown to about 2,500 aids for everyday living.

Another part of competitive oil research concentrates on making good products better. Take gaso-

line, for instance.

In just a little over 30 years, gasoline power has jumped more than 50 per cent. Two gallons of today's gasoline do the work that three did in 1925, yet except for taxes, it doesn't cost you much more than it did then. There are scores of gasolines on the market, each tailor-made for a special purpose. Every one is of top-notch quality. Still, each manufacturer continues to research and experiment to give his product a special quality that will set it off from his competitors.

The reason for this is clear. Like every other businessman in America, the oil man knows that to win customers, he must keep his standards of quality as high as the other fellow's — and his price as low, or lower.

Active research is a product of a free industry. In countries where the oil industry is run for the government's convenience, rather than the public's, there is no choice of brand or quality. And no voice of public favor or disfavor to spur creativeness or improvement.

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**"A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT
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The optimist promise of "two cars in every garage and a chicken in every pot" is a quarter-century old, but America now approaches fulfillment of that 1932 political campaign slogan. Today, with plenty of white meat in home freezers, there are 4.5 million two-car families in the United States and another 500,000 join this motor-conscious legion each year.

Two reasons for the boom are a continuing population increase and the mushrooming of outlying communities as a result of industrial decentralization. Even now, in such expanding cities as Miami and Los Angeles, there are more cars than families.

A by-product of this extra-car enthusiasm among larger families has been an upheaval in the real estate market, since a two-bedroom dream house (no matter how attractive) does not change owners too readily in a populous suburb where three — and four — bedroom homes are in peak demand. Big families also appreciate the comfort and convenience of two cars for shuttling their members to work, school, church, shopping center and drive-in bank, so the average Mother Dad quickly aspire to a house offering a garage assuring shelter for both of their automobiles. As a result of the trend, some realtors now describe today's saleable ideal as a dwelling with a minimum of three bedrooms . . . as well as a handily located double garage.

Consumer desire for homes and automobiles tops every item on the 1957 buying list, according to the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan. If the two-car family tendency continues — as economists' charts forecast it will — the country will have 10 million Dads buying or building twin garages by 1965. One quipster overwhelmed by the possibility predicts the chicken of 1932 slogan fame may yet be forced to flee his coop to make room for his owner's extra station wagon or second sedan.

Cabeza de Vaca, Esteban Dorantes, and Alonso del Castillo, together with a Moorish Negro named Estevanico, were the first Europeans to set foot on Presidio soil in 1535. Their feet hurt, and they wished they didn't.

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Most people have heard at least one story about some Texas oil man who made millions of dollars overnight. But how about the thousands of men who have risked everything on a "duster"? Oil men play long odds in their search for oil. Take the case of one Texas operator. In the past 15 years, he has drilled 188 dry holes at a loss of nearly \$2.5 million—and he's still searching. The average wild-catter gets a duster eight out of nine times. It takes plucky operators to provide the new fields that increase the nation's oil reserves.

Rainbow Hues Give Gasoline Identities

You've heard of the woman who drove in to her neighborhood service station and bought red gasoline because it matched her car better than amber-colored gasoline. She may have been right, at that, for she bought premium gasoline, colored for identification purposes, a requirement by law in many states. Regular grade gasolines are usually colored amber, for the same quick identification reasons. Many aviation gasolines also can be identified by their rainbow colorings. Grade 115 gasoline usually is purple, 100 is green, and 91 is blue.

Fire-Fighting With Foam

A permanent fire-fighting system involving the use of chemical foam was recently installed by one oil company to safeguard storage tanks. The equipment delivers up to 44 gallons of foam per minute, completely blanketing any tank in an amazingly short time. The system consists of a tank to hold the chemical foam, a centrifugal pump, and an engine. Safety techniques like this help conservation-minded oil men save every drop of oil to meet the tremendous demand for petroleum products.

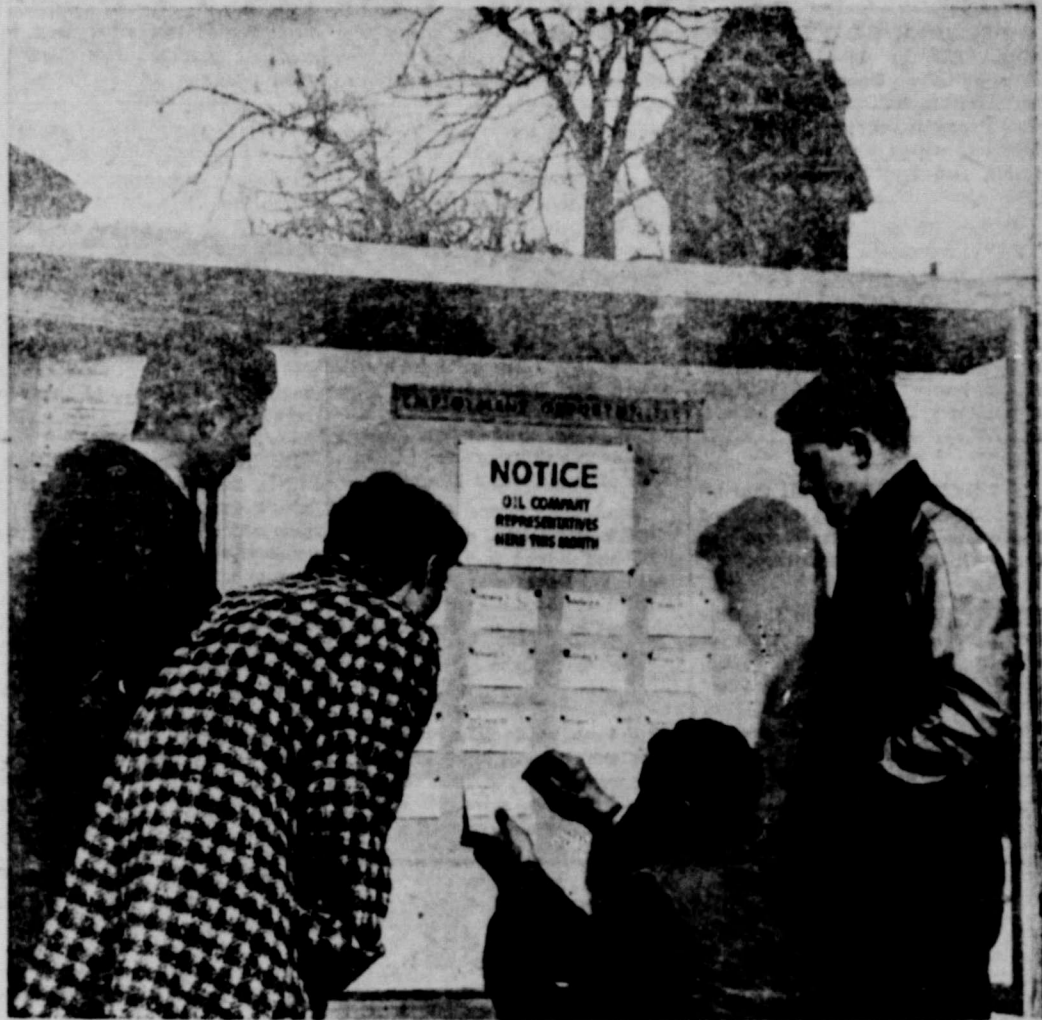
Plastic Carboys

Carboys — large bottles used principally to ship acids — have been made from petroleum derivatives. Unlike their glass counterparts, they can be run over by a bulldozer without damage. Made of polyethylene plastic, the bottles are resilient and blow-molded in one piece. Petroleum is being used by many industries to improve products of the American public.

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Presidio Gold Rush

All the wilderness that glittered was not gold, but the searching fever rose high and the thirst for yellow nuggets increased daily, as the prospectors rushed over Presidio's vast area.

The gold-seekers penetrated the Big Bend in 1850 after the California gold rush had reached its peak. Many travelers, disappointed by Lady Luck in the gold fields, settled in Presidio County because they liked the Southwest.

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A DRASTIC DROUGHT that hit West Texas in 1918 jeopardized the cattle industry. It was one of the severest in Texas history.

THE OPEN WINDOW in the Chisos Mountains frames a view of the great wilderness of The Big Bend National Park, established in Brewster County. Typical of the great volcanic uplift, this western is impassible.

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DON MILTON FAVER became the first American cattle monarch in the Big Bend in 1849. With headquarters at Fort Cibolo, Milton controlled three large ranches — Morita, Cienega and Cibolo, south of the Chinati Mountains.

FORT MUSQUIZ, constructed of stone and adobe and located between Ft. Davis and Alpine, was established to protect the western colonization and the mail routes between San Antonio and California.

The Jumanos Indians, who lived along the Rio Grande, made up what was known as the cow nation — but not a cow was ever in sight. They always held a pow-

wow, armed themselves and went on their buffalo hunts many leagues away.

FORT DAVIS, garrisoned in 1854 by Lt. Col. W. Sewell, was established to protect travel to California. It was abandoned in 1861, partly destroyed by Indians during the Civil War, regarrisoned in 1867 and permanently abandoned in 1891.

If every square rod were placed side by side, the county's land would wind up around the equator 393 times.

INDIAN TRIBES IN THE BIG BEND, before the Franciscan fathers began to establish their missions along the Rio Grande, consisted of the Comanches, the Apaches and Lipans, whose villages were situated near the best watering places.

The Jumanos, who lived along the Rio Grande, were more civilized than any other group for they were a pueblo-like race.

A cave-dwelling stock, the Mesquero, made their homes in the mountain ranges of the Big Bend and in the canyons of the Rio Grande.

THE SPANISH FLAG dominated all of the Texas borders in 1519. The Spanish Crown claimed all the lands of the Texas because of the many explorer who traversed the territory. Among them were: Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, 1519; Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, 1528; Captain Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, 1541; Luis Moscoso de Alvarado, 1542; and Antonio de Espejo, 1528.

ALVAR NUNEZ CABEZA DE VACA (1490-1557) was the first white man to traverse the Big Bend Country. This Spanish explorer had joined the Narvaez expedition to colonize Florida, was shipwrecked in Texas at Matagorda Bay, 1528, and became a slave of the Indians for six years.

Of the industries that were well established prior to 1900 in Texas, cotton manufacturing has made relatively the least progress.



OIL WELLS COMPLEX AND COSTLY

In its continuing effort to supply the country's oil needs, America's petroleum industry will drill a total of 58,000 new wells this year, of which only about 34,000 will produce oil — the rest will be "dry holes." To drill a typical 10,000-foot well, you would need a rig such as the one shown here, weighing around \$300,000; 12,000 feet of steel casing; from 10,000 to 12,000 feet of steel pipe; 25 to 100 drilling bits; five reamers; from 2,000 to 5,000 sacks of cement; 48,000 barrels of water; and 3,000 barrels of fuel oil. You also would need about 125 men to help you, 20 to 30 working full time, the rest part time.

'Pill' Yields 'Innards' Look

Doctors have devised a new method of studying stomach activity without the use of X-ray examinations or the swallowing of tubes and balloons.

The new technique calls for a tiny magnet, coated with oil-based plastic for protection against corrosive gastric juices.

When the magnetic "pill" is swallowed, its movements in re-

Longhorns Go North

Longhorns plodding across the wilderness in 1869 had to be brave, strong and desert animals. Mexican bandits had to be hit with the right hind foot, Indians with the left drives of buffaloes with the right front, and cactus with the left.

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Upon securing their freedom a party, consisting of De Vaca, two companions, Esteban Dorantes and Alonso del Castillo, and a Moorish Negro servant, Estevanico, crossed the Pecos Canyon in July, 1534. Friendly Indians guided the group through the Big Bend until they crossed the Rio Grande at the Chicos Mountains in January. Traveling in Mexico along the Old Santa Rosa Trail, De Vaca reached the Rio Conchos and followed it northward until he arrived at Presidio del Norte.

At the junction of the Rio Grande and Rio Conchos, the white men came upon their first signs of civilization, for they found the natives living in adobe dwellings and tilling their small fields.

The Spaniards traveled through Presidio County as they followed the Rio Grande Valley to El Paso and six months later reached Mexico City, where they were received by the Spanish Viceroy.

FRANCISCO VASQUEZ CORONADO (1510-1549), who was exploring for the Spanish Crown

the famed "Cities of Cibola," whose streets were said to be paved with gold, skirted the Big Bend country in places.

Coronado found the cities, but no gold, so he pushed northeastward into New Mexico. He broke his army up into several groups, and his parties searched the country east of the Rio Grande from their headquarters established near Bernalillo, New Mexico. These groups traversed the Big Bend on the western tip, but their expedition parties were of no importance.

During a march to Quivira, located somewhere in Kansas, Coronado went through a large portion of Texas and brought to the Indians their first introduction of the horse and cow. Convinced that the country contained nothing of value for him, the explorer returned to Mexico.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS were introduced to the Indians by the Spaniards in the early part of the sixteenth century. Chief among these animals was the milk cow, which, like the horse and mule,

multiplied rapidly and was used extensively by the one hundred thousand natives who lived along the Rio Grande from El Paso down to La Jitas.

FRAY AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ began an expedition, which passed through the Big Bend, on June 5, 1581 in search for adventure, riches and religious zeal. The Jumanos at Presidio del Norte received the white men peacefully and assisted the party.

Through the Rodriguez expedition proved fatal in the end, for the frays lost their lives to the Puaray Indians in New Mexico, it stimulated other adventurers and God's ambassadors into the wilderness.

ANTONIO DE ESPEJO, assisted by Fray Bernardino Beltran of Santa Barbara, Mexico, began a rescue party for the three friars of the Rodriguez party, and to explore, conquer and Christianize New Mexico.

Espejo's party left San Bartolome, Mexico, on November 10, 1582, with arms, ammunition, provisions, one hundred fifteen mares, horses

and mules, fifteen soldiers, numerous religious workers, servants, and interpreters . . .

GASPAR CASTANO DE SOSA, who dreamed of securing riches and seizing new territory for the Spanish Crown, began an expedition in 1590, which eventually took him into the Big Bend area. Leading a party of over 170 men, Sosa was conquering the West Texas wilderness until he was arrested as a leader of an unauthorized expedition.

THE SPANISH MISSIONS on the Rio Concho and Rio Grande, under the jurisdiction of the Franciscan and Jesuit fathers, were not peaceful in 1644. That year, the Salindero, Conchos and Tobosos Indians revolted and drove back the Spanish outposts to Durango.

THE GREAT UPRISING, that started in New Mexico in 1681, spread to the Presidio Valley. Destruction occurred from Presidio del Norte to what is known today as the Chisos Mountains.

The Indian tribes distrusted the white men, for the Spanish authorities succeeded in sowing seeds of distrust in the savages' minds, and the Catholic padres interfered with the Indian's medicine men.

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Oil came of age in agriculture between the two World Wars. Gasoline taxes provided funds for rapid construction of transcontinental highways and farm-to-market roads, many of them surfaced with asphalt, a petroleum product. Mechanized farm equipment replaced the horse and the mule, making farm work easier. Modern kitchen equipment and other household tools also removed much of the drudgery from the tasks of the farm wife.

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- a. \$1.00 b. 60c c. \$1.40
d. \$2.00 e. \$1.20 f. \$1.32

2 The average motorist will pay _____ in direct gasoline taxes this year:

- a. \$11.22 b. \$22.36 c. \$28.48
d. \$41.50 e. \$56.76 f. \$76.42

3 Since 1925, the cost of food has increased 71 percent and clothing has gone up some 66 percent. Gasoline has gone up:

- a. \$11.22 b. \$22.36 c. \$28.48
d. 26% e. 12% f. 5%

4 The average worker earned enough in an hour to buy seven gallons of gasoline in 1948. How much could he buy with an hour's wages today?

- a. 3 gallons b. 5 gallons
c. 7 gallons d. 9 gallons
e. 11 gallons f. 13 gallons

5 Drilling and construction costs have gone up 60 percent since 1948. How much has the price of crude oil increased?

- a. 60% b. 50% c. 40%
d. 30% e. 20% f. 10%

6 How many gallons of gasoline can you buy for \$1.00, excluding taxes?

- a. 2½ gallons b. over 6 gallons
c. 5 gallons d. over 4 gallons
e. about 3 gallons

ANSWERS:
1, c; 2, e; 3, e; 4, d; 5, e; 6, d.

Oil moves through the "biggest inch" pipe line at a speed of three and a half miles per hour, or as fast as a man can walk.

Landowners Reap \$ \$ Harvest

Last year thousands of landowners cashed in on royalties totaling more than 900 million dollars. Thousands more throughout 38 states received lease bonuses and rental payments on 249 million acres not yet proved productive, and they'll keep on getting checks every year until their leases terminate. The income generated by petroleum exploration and production is an important factor in the nation's prosperity.

Oil Research Aids Synthetic Field

The value of research is evidenced by the swift way in which the oil industry discovered it could supply raw materials for chemical synthetics. The perfection and adoption of synthetics moved too rapidly for normal supplies from the coal-tar and agricultural industries. Research quickly proved that petroleum could supply the needed raw material. Thus, the new and ever-growing petrochemical industry was born.

A single barge may carry eight different petroleum products on one trip and is capable of delivering more than half a million gallons of refined products in an average operating day.

First Paper From Oil-Based Fibers

Nylon, "Dacron," and "Orlon," glamor queens of the oil industry, have been making the paper lately—synthetic papers. Petroleum-based fibers are being used for the first time in paper manufacturing. The new product is three to ten times stronger than ordinary paper made of rags or pulp, and withstands folding 200 times better. The paper is also highly resistant to chemicals, molds, bacteria, and the effects of light. Every day, industry finds new uses for versatile petroleum products like synthetic fibers.

Running Into Crown

A driller running into the crown can cause a bad accident to all hands and very costly. A driller should never run a rig faster than he can think or faster than his slowest hand. A driller should count his tool joints as they come through the rotary table and also watch his blocks. A driller should know the condition of his clutches as to how fast they will release and to run his rig accordingly. Floor hands can help a driller lots by putting tongs on pipe after second tool joint has passed through rotary; also be counting the breaks on the drill collars. Driller and hands should never get over-confident and stay alert at all times.

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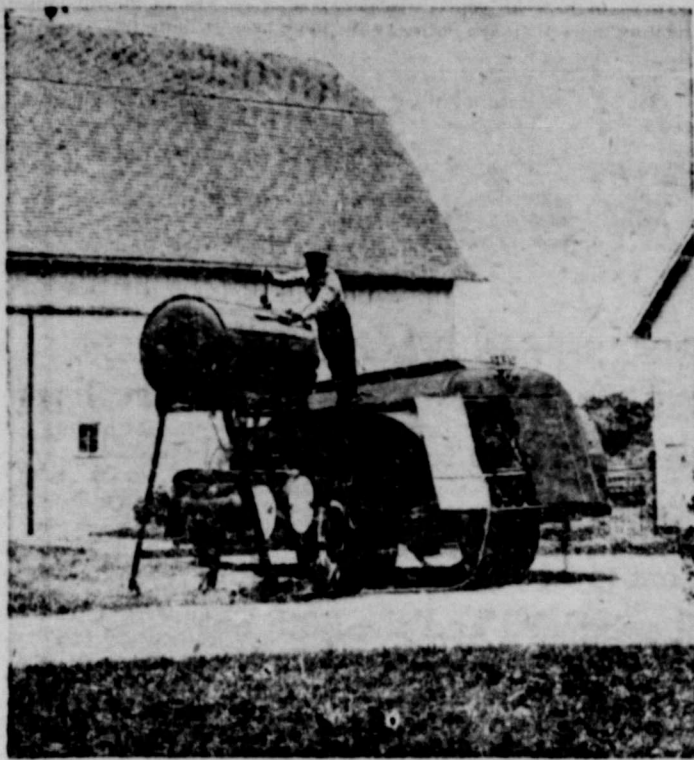
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Oil Makes Farm Work Easier



There are still a few oldtimers around who can remember the ox-pulled plow, the horse-drawn harrow, or the hand pump between the kitchen door and the barn. It's these senior citizens who know best, perhaps, the miracle that oil has worked on the farm.

New Tricks For Old Tool

A new technique of using an old tool has converted many condemned dry holes into producers. The tool, electric logging, has come under new analysis and evaluation. An electric log is not what its literal name implies. It is a record, giving correlation, depth, and other information as the well is drilled. Electrical instruments are lowered into the hole, and the data they record is called an electric log. The reinterpretation of these records may find oil that otherwise might have been missed. Oil men leave no stone unturned and no method untried as they tackle the huge task of keeping the nation supplied with an abundance of oil.

Weather Is What You Make It

Cold, damp, or foggy weather need no longer make out-of-door jobs uncomfortable. A portable, oil-fired, high-speed, hot-air heater has been developed to make efficient, economical heating possible in exposed areas. The heater supplies quick, abundant heat for loading platforms, docks, storage yards, or open and semienclosed storage areas, and can also be used to preheat trucks and other powered equipment for quick starting in cold weather. This is only one of countless ways in which oil and its products are used for the benefit of both worker and management.

ONE OF THE BEST

Post's water supply in the early days was considered of the best and unlimited — water was pumped by some 20 into a reservoir. Wells were some three miles west of Post. A tour of the sights of Post for visitors always included a visit to the waterworks.

No Pool Like An Oil Pool

A "pool" of oil in deposits under the ground is not like a lake on which you could boat. An oil "pool" is oil packed under terrific pressure in porous sandstones, limestones or other types of rocks. Sometimes gas is packed in with the crude oil by the same pressures, and must be separated when brought to the surface. To oil people, there is a continual challenge to find oil and produce it in the abundant quantities needed for the enormous oil ap-

Sign Language Tells A New Story

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

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