

WITH CUTS UP TO 36 CENTS A BARREL—

Majors Shake Down Crude Oil Prices In Southwest, Middle West

HUMBLE STARTS MOVEMENT WITH CUTS IN MANY FIELDS

Lon Smith Goes On Record Favoring Lifting Of Oil Shutdowns In Texas

HOUSTON, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The price structure of crude oil in the Southwest and Middle West underwent a vigorous shaking-down today.

Standard Oil of Indiana, largest buyer of crude in Oklahoma and Kansas, reduced its purchase price in those states 20 cents a barrel, effective at 7 a. m. today.

The Standard Oil Purchasing company simultaneously said it was reducing its price for crude in North Texas 20 cents a barrel.

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STRESSING FIRE PREVENTION—

TAYLOR FARM CHILDREN CHECK SAFETY OF HOMES

—FROM RED CROSS LISTS

Farm homes in Taylor county, as well as the homes in Abilene, will find Fire Prevention Week a pressing issue between now and Sunday.

Hundreds of Taylor county school children have been provided the American Red Cross check lists for common hazards on the farm and their teachers have given them instructions for making their inspections.

These lists include not only fire hazards which may be present on the farm, but also the other common hazards which may be overlooked from day to day.

School children will be inspecting their homes, the barns and other buildings the farm itself. Here are the points listed for checking in the home:

Floors and stairways: Are they kept clean? In good repair? Well lighted? Secure from slipping? Are loose rugs anchored?

Porches and balconies: Have they secure railings? Are they level foundations? Have they level floors? Is screening secure?

Appliances and equipment: Are gas burners properly adjusted? Are connections free from leakage? Is electric wiring insulated? Are switches at safe locations? Are all appliances shockproof?

Sharp tools and instruments: Are they kept in safe places? Used with due care? Toys: Do toys have sharp points and edges? Are toys put away after use?

CHIMNEY CLEAN Fires: Has chimney been cleaned recently? Are pipes safely located—connected? Is fireplace properly screened? Are matches kept away from children?

Trash and rubbish: Are they properly disposed of? Are safe containers used? Is broken furniture discarded?

Firearms: Are firearms kept unloaded? Are they out of reach of children?

Foods: Are foods protected from flies and dust? Are perishable foods kept cool? Are hot containers safely placed?

Poisons: Are poisons safely stored? Are containers clearly labeled? Garage: Are garage doors kept open while motor is running? Yard: Is it a safe place for children to play?

The farm inspection goes into just as much detail:

Machinery: Have you read printed warnings attached to new machinery? Is machinery kept in good repair? Is it well oiled? Is it used only by experienced operators? Are children kept away from dangerous machinery?

Tools and equipment: Is there a place for everything, with everything in its place? Are sharp and jagged tools hung flat against the wall? Are hammering tools solidly handled? Is hay-hoisting equipment in good shape? Are pulleys securely fastened? Are ropes strong and serviceable? Are ladders safe? Yard: Is yard cleared of outdoors machinery? Are wells and cisterns covered?

Buildings: Are buildings in good repair? Are decrepit structures torn down or restored? Are doors high and wide enough? Is entrance to hay loft protected by railing? Are trapdoors kept closed? Are stairs too steep? Are steps too narrow? Are wall ladders secure? Is there ample fire protection? Are lanterns securely hung in safe places? Is gasoline stored at safe distance? Have you read farmer's bulletin on spontaneous combustion issued by the US department of agriculture?

Animals: Are dangerous animals, such as bulls and boars, secured to prevent injuring people? Are all pens, stalls, fences, safely constructed? Are animals spoken to when their stalls are entered? Are pens, such as calves and colts, handled with care by children? Are animals with young protected from annoyance? Are cross dogs tied up?

J. Ray Roe, Abilene fire chief, also is chairman of the farm and home safety committee of the Taylor county chapter, American Red Cross. The check lists were distributed to the various rural schools through the aid of Tom McGettee, county superintendent, with all teachers asked to emphasize the importance of the fire and accident prevention inspections.

"Most farms are beyond the reach of organized fire protection. The farm must have its own protection—precautions in the farm home cannot be overemphasized," said Roe.

"Fire extinguishers should be placed in the house and the barn, and fire axes should be handy. Fire buckets may be kept at hand. Figures for 1937 show that 37,500 persons met deaths in home accidents, that 140,000 were permanently injured and 4,600,000 received other injuries. Motor vehicle figures for the same period show 35,500 killed, 110,000 permanently disabled and 1,250,000 injured.

"By a small margin home accident deaths are running under the total this year as compared with last, with 16,100 deaths from home accidents.

"The year 1938 apparently has brought no reduction in home accident deaths. The National Safety council figures show 16,400 persons dead in home accidents June to January of this year; 16,100 for the first half of 1937."

KRBC Presents 'Famous Jury Trials' Series

McMurry Chapel Program On Air This Morning

"Famous Jury Trials" one of the nation's most popular features last year, comes to KRBC at 9 to 9:30 this evening in the first presentation of the thrilling new series, through the Mutual Broadcasting System.

"Famous Jury Trials" will be produced in New York before a studio audience, using scenic effects, such as judges' platform, jury box, to create the atmosphere of a real court room.

One of radio's most popular script programs, "Famous Jury Trials" owes much of its popularity with listeners to the persistence of authors Martin H. Young and Samm Baker to make each case authentic and legally correct.

Services from McMurry college's chapel assembly will be microphoned by KRBC from 10 to 10:30 this morning.

Another message concerning fire prevention, in observance of Fire Prevention week, will come from the Abilene fire department at 11:10 this morning.

From London will come one of the most unusual programs in many months when KRBC at 7:05 this evening releases through the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Mutual Broadcasting System, a 25-minute concert of His Majesty's Goldstream Guards band.

Swing music fans of KRBC will be treated to the music of Bennie Goodman, the king of swing, at 10:15 this evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 7:00—News TSN 7:15—Morning Devotional 7:30—Morning Roundup TSN 8:00—News TSN 8:05—Happy Day Thomas TSN 8:15—Bill Billy Swing TSN 8:30—Dot and Mel Songs TSN 8:45—The House of Peter MacGregor, Drama (ET) 9:00—Call North TSN 9:15—Glen West, Menu (ET) 9:30—Billy Noth, the Organ Grinder TSN 9:35—John Mackey's Choir, Let TSN 9:45—Singing Strings MBS 10:00—McMurry Chapel Services 10:15—John Mackey's Choir MBS 10:45—Beth Chandler and Orchestra MBS 11:00—Dot and Mel Songs TSN 11:15—Fire Prevention (ET) 11:30—Neighbors, with Blanchard McKee (ET) 11:45—Farm and Home Forum 11:55—Rhythm Kings Orchestra

Afternoon 12:15—Midday Swing Session (ET) 12:30—Radio On The Street 12:45—Hymns You Know and Love 1:00—Jack Pyle and His Orchestra 1:15—At The Elms MBS 1:30—Texas Hotel Orchestra TSN 1:45—Loni McIntyre and His Orchestra TSN 2:00—Marriage License Romances MBS 2:15—Rue Lewis, Baltimore MBS 2:30—Stars Over Hollywood, Drama (ET) 2:45—Reminiscing, with Gene LaVelle (ET) 3:00—News TSN 3:15—Midstream, Drama MBS 3:30—Walt and Mabel MBS 3:45—The Mad Hatter MBS 4:00—News TSN 4:05—Rhythm Boys and Orchestra MBS 4:15—Johnson Family MBS 4:30—Rosa Pierce's Orchestra MBS 4:45—WPA Music Project (ET) 5:00—Call TSN 5:05—Dinner Musicale TSN 5:15—World 1938 Man. 5:30—Dorothy Brewer, Songs 5:45—All Texas Football Roundup TSN 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Washington Commentator MBS 6:15—Dick Stibel, Orchestra MBS 6:30—Religious Journal with Paul Southern TSN 6:45—Jack Pyle and His Orchestra, 7:00—News TSN 7:05—From London: His Majesty's Colstream Guards Band MBS 7:30—Play Time, Newspaper Game MBS 8:00—News TSN 8:05—Gypsydaze TSN 8:15—Better Business Bureau Annual Banquet TSN 9:00—Famous Jury Trials MBS 9:30—The Lone Ranger MBS 10:00—News TSN 10:15—Talking Drama (ET) 10:30—Scottish Fiddlers Len Finner TSN 10:45—Bennie Goodman's Orchestra MBS 11:00—News TSN 11:05—Sammy Davis's Orchestra MBS 11:30—Sally's Girls Orchestra MBS 11:55—News TSN 12:00—Goodnight.

Heart Attack Fatal To Brady Justice

BRADY, Oct. 11.—(Sp)—An heart attack suffered early Monday morning was fatal to W. B. Douglass, city recorder and justice of the peace of precinct No. 1.

Funeral was held Monday evening at 6 o'clock at the Roy O. Wilkerson & Son funeral chapel, with the Rev. E. C. McDonald, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducting. The body was then conveyed by Santa Fe to Kaufman for burial Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

August Stocks Top '37 Total

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported today August stocks of crude and refined oils amounted to 59,250,000 barrels, a decrease of 4,173 under July but an increase of 19,732 over August stocks a year ago.

August stocks this year, officials said, represented 150 days supply, compared with 162 days for July stocks and 145 days supply for August stocks in 1937.

The Bureau said stocks of all motor fuels totaled 78,840,000 barrels, compared with 84,346,000 in July. August demand totaled 50,459,000 barrels as against 47,474,000 the previous month.

Daily average crude oil production in August was 3,424,700 barrels, or about 105,900 above the July level. Nearly half the gain occurred in Texas although most of the other states also showed increases. Louisiana was a notable exception, the gulf district recording one of its rare declines.

The yield of gasoline continued to rise and for August was 45.1 per cent compared with 44.7 per cent in July and only 43.2 per cent in August, 1937.

Exports of motor fuel increased sharply, the total of 4,329,000 barrels being the highest since May, 1931.

Finished and unfinished gasoline on August 31 amounted to 70,962,000 barrels, which was 5,770,000 less than the previous month, and only about 4,000,000 barrels more than on hand a year ago.

U. S. Crude Output Virtually Unchanged

TULSA, Oct. 11.—(UP)—Domestic oil production during the week ending Oct. 8 practically was unchanged, increasing only 2,065 barrels daily to a daily average of 3,240,025 barrels, the Oil and Gas Journal estimated today.

Texas increased 3,847 barrels to average 1,242,143; Oklahoma was down 4,000 barrels at 450,400. Kansas fell off less than 5,000 with an average of 154,700. Louisiana increased more than 10,000 barrels. Arkansas dropped 2,400 to 55,325.

Royal Neighbors Select Monahans

MIDLAND, Oct. 11.—(Sp)—Section of Monahans as the next convention city and election of officers for the coming year featured the closing session of the district convention of Royal Neighbors of America here Friday.

The Monahans meeting will be held in June of 1939.

District officers elected included: president, Katie Lou Sessions, Monahans; vice-president, Ella Ponds, Big Spring; chancellor, Rose Rutledge, Wink; secretary, Fannie Holloway, Pecos; marshal, Vera Bryant, Monahans; assistant marshal, Opal Parks, Pecos. Mrs. Sessions succeeds Mrs. Lillie Wrytek of Midland as district president.

Health Examinations

MIDLAND, Oct. 11.—(Sp)—Blanche Davis of the division of tuberculosis of the state Health department, working from Austin under the direction of Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, is in Midland to conduct a series of examinations in line with her work.

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Portrait of Homer Hailey with text: GOSPEL MEETING Preaching by Homer Hailey Church of Christ 57th and Highland Sts. Services 7:30 Each Evening

Howard Payne Holds Classes At Midland

MIDLAND, Oct. 11.—(Sp)—For the second year extension courses are being offered in Midland from Howard Payne college at Brownwood, with instructors coming here each Saturday to conduct the classes.

Regular classwork, with about 15 students already registered and others expected to enter, will begin next Saturday.

The classes will be taught by William L. McDavid and his mother, Mrs. Bessie McDavid, who are devoting their entire time to extension teaching, conducting courses at Brady, Cisco, Dublin and Big Spring, as well as in Midland. Classes are to be held in the assembly room of the Midland county courthouse.

Coleman Bridges Almost Finished

COLEMAN, Oct. 11.—(Sp)—Coleman county's newest highway bridges should be completed by the Austin Bridge company by the latter part of this week.

One of the bridges spans Jim Ned creek while the other spans a slough a short distance north of the creek. The bridges are almost the north end of Highway 191 in Coleman county.

The steel and concrete structures over Jim Ned is 350 feet long while the other bridge is 400 feet long.

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