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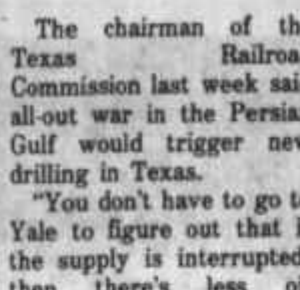
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War would trigger new drilling in Texas



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission last week said all-out war in the Persian Gulf would trigger new drilling in Texas.

"You don't have to go to Yale to figure out that if the supply is interrupted, then there's less oil available, the price will go up, and as the price goes up, there's more domestic production."

Those simple words of wisdom from Mack Wallace put the finger on a situation being watched by Texas for several reasons, particularly officials in state government.

One thing Wallace could have tacked onto the end of his truism would have linked the Iran-Iraq conflict to Texas government: as domestic production increases, so do revenues for state coffers.

For months now, the dwindling state revenues have been blamed on the slump in oil production. In Texas, it has contributed to state losses from the severance taxes, and from sales taxes from petroleum industry related products. In cities dependent on that industry, such as Houston, Midland, Odessa, and several coastal towns, the slump contributed to unemployment and more loss of sales and tax monies.

Along the border, the devaluation of Mexico's peso due to the declining oil production also contributed to the economic slump.

For years Texas has taken the petroleum industry for granted, and

now that it's missing do we really feel it? That's why legislators are expected to convene in Austin for a special session to raise taxes next month.

The non-retail decline included a whopping 31.4 percent drop in the mining industry, which has a very large oil and gas component.

Add to that an 18.1 percent drop in manufacturing, and a one percent decrease in construction.

Link to oil
Bullock researched what

wise Texas solons have known instinctively, but he linked revenues to oil in specific terms.

In 1982 about 11 percent of the sales tax collections came from some phase of the oil and gas industry. An additional 19 percent of the sales tax was linked indirectly to petroleum.

Totaled up, that comes to 30 percent, or almost one-third of the sales tax has some link to the performance of the oil and gas industry.

In dollars, the state lost about \$300 million in potential growth in sales taxes last year due to the oil price slump, according to Bullock, and the peso devaluations cost border sales an estimated \$100 million in the potential growth and the

national economic recession took another \$170 million.

Consumption taxes
Some taxes aren't based on the price of the product, but on the amount of the product sold. These consumption taxes include motor fuels, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and last year made up 13.1 percent, or about \$1.1 billion in tax collections.

Price inflation does not increase these revenues, but in fact, cuts down their real growth. In addition, health concerns have slowed growth of the alcohol and tobacco revenues, Bullock says.

They have averaged a growth rate of 5.1 percent, but Bullock predicts that any increase in tax rates, such as Gov. Mark White is planning, will further discourage consumption

and modify the extra income that White and others are anticipating.

Election issue?
By now, every conscientious citizen in Texas is aware that Bullock intends to run against White for governor two years from now. And careful news readers know that White wants to raise taxes to hike teacher's salaries, thereby keeping a campaign promise.

Ironically, it's been White who has raised the tax issue, but looks like Bullock to keep it alive.

Rather than let the issue die after a special session to raise taxes, Bullock may well press what could be a most legitimate issue of coming state campaigns: the need for fundamental changes in the tax system to offset the loss of oil and gas-related tax revenues.

Perfect attendance



Conrad Betancourt is pictured with H. M. Bengo as he displays his four years' perfect attendance certificate.

Conrad has attended school 700 straight days without an absence at Eagle Lake Primary School. Other perfect attendance students for the 1983-84 school year are Tina delaRosa, Jodi Heard, Ana Esparza, T. J. Lueddecke, Coral Payton Royce Ashton, Jimmy Aubrey, Paula Barrow, Christian Cordova, Peyton Powers, Christal Lockett, Annette McTeer, Jill Stephens, Kristie Vargas, Adrian Carroll, Kelly Chamberlain, Alma Puga, Monica Vargas, Darian Barrow, Joe delaRosa, Kay Moss, Ricardo Aguilar, Christopher Almanza, Marcus Dogins, Lupe Hernandez, Rebecca Griffin, Claudia Martinez, Amy Moore, Thomas Pavlicek, Amy Flores, Erica Grace, Yesenia Rodriguez, Juan Roque, Mary Elaine Gasca, Sandra Hopper, Jennifer Torrez, Brad Mullins, Martha Castillo, Joy Johnson, Dora Cardenas and Ricky Hemphill. KLFPS Photo

'Community Thank You'

With a huge crowd Monday at the newly-opened Eagle Lake Community Pool, there are many in the community who deserve your thanks, and you should tell them so personally. The pool committee, those who worked on the structure, the many, many people who gave money...and others. The photo above is of Headlight co-publisher John Fearring, and his daughter Amy. Please accept this as our thank you!

Saturday's election features county race

The Colorado County Republican Committee announces voting polls for the runoff election set for Saturday, June 2. There will be three voting locations for Eagle Lake and Columbus areas, according to Mark Anderson, county chairman.

Voting places are the same as in the May 5 primary elections.

Registered voters of the Eagle Lake area will vote in the American Rice Growers Office at 124 West Main, Garwood in the Veterans Memorial Library, and Sheridan in the Walker Building next to the Post Office.

Columbus registered voters can cast their ballots at either of the above locations.

Voting times have been scheduled between the hours of 7 a.m.-7 p.m. The only position on the ballot will be for the 14th Congressional District between Max Sweeney of Wharton and Chris Mealy of Georgetown. The candidates received 92 and 50 votes, respectively in the primary election.

Democratic voters
On the Democratic runoff ticket the following candidates and positions will be decided upon: Eagle Lake will cast their ballots at the fire station.

In local running voters can choose between Mary Ann Janacka and Evelyn Thomas for the position of Associate Justice Court of Appeals, 14th Judicial District, Ed Lindsay and Warren E. Hancock, receiving 403 and 686 votes, respectively.

The Columbus area is divided into 18 precincts and are scheduled to vote in the same place the May 5 primary elections were held. The precincts are as follows:

Precinct 1 Columbus, 2-Giddens, 3-Ashair, 4-Garwood, 5-Nada, 6-Brown Island, 7-Sheridan, 8-Oakland, 9-Weimar, 10-Bishop, 11-Shawabed, 12-Brushy, 13-Freiburg, 14-Menta, 15-Berrado, 16-Albeyton, 17-Eagle Lake, and 18-Columbus.

Sweeney
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someone else make an election decision for you.

Sweeney, who was the guest of honor earlier this spring at the home of Frank and Anna Lee Higgins, did some door knocking in several counties of the 14th congressional district on Friday. He received 49 percent of the vote in the first Republican primary, and he or his June 2 opponent, Chris Mealy, will face Democratic incumbent Bill Patman in November.

When Mealy was in town a week earlier, he knocked what he called Sweeney's "attack" campaign, but last week Sweeney said he did not employ such campaign tactics. Mealy is just looking for votes he is seriously needs, since he is the underdog in the election, Sweeney rebutted.

Sweeney was born and raised in Wharton County,

Colorado County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED
Angeline Wade vs. Joe Louis Wade, divorce; 5-21-84.
Forest J. Vlasak vs. Peter Schutte, damages; 5-22-84.
Action Reddi Mix Co. vs. Domy Sand & Gravel, Inc., breach of contract; 5-22-84.
Gift deed, 13.615 acres, John Hadden Survey, 5-8-84.
Deed, Marguerite Kelly to Roy H. Hefley et ux, 84.708 acres, O.B. Crenshaw Survey, 4-30-84.
Quit claim deed, Myron M. Sheinfeld, Trustee to Case A. Holub et ux, lots 1 & 2 block 5, Highland Park Addition, 5-14-84.
Deed, Case A. Holub et ux to Daniel J. Hernandez et ux, lots 1 & 2 block 5, Highland Park Addition, 5-14-84.
Deed, Ruth Miller to Silvio Lopez et ux, 12.134 acres, James Cummins Survey, 4-21-84.
Deed, Edna E. Mascheck to Manuel Plata III et ux, 0.272 acres, R.B. Dobbins Subdivision, 5-14-84.
Deed, Esperanza Flores et ux to Mary Ortega Gonzalez, lot 4 block 2, Mexican School Addition, 4-28-84.
Deed, Burgess Haines to Alvia D. Baggett, undivided interest to parcel of land in North Harvey Morley Survey, 5-11-84.
Deed, Sue Wengenhot Briscoe to Heloise Canter et ux, 24.28 acres, James Nelson Survey, 5-16-84.
Deed, Harold J. Newbold et ux to Anton Becka et ux, 4 acres, A.C. Hunt Survey, 5-16-84.
Gift deed, Ivory Hubbard to Auston Bouldwin, et ux parcel of land in City of Weimar, 4-24-84.
Deed, The First Baptist Church of Sheridan, Texas to Joe W. Stapleton et ux, lots 9 & 10 block 13, Town of Sheridan, Texas, 5-14-84.
Deed, Daniel Hernandez et ux to Eagle Lake Partnership No. 2, lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 block 18, Highland Park Addition, 5-14-84.

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George J. Polk et ux to

Joseph G. Daly, 30 acres, Peyton Neal Survey, 4-11-84.
Henri T. Muth et ux to Joseph G. Daly, 10 acres, Peyton Neal Survey, 4-12-84.
Texas Commerce Bank et al to Arthur W. Langeloh III, 56 acres, Peter Piper League, 2-8-84.
The Reserve Petroleum Co. to Arthur W. Langeloh III, tract of land in Robert H. Tovin Survey et al, 3-6-84.
Lochbuie Inc. to Arthur W. Langeloh III, tract of land in F.A. Zimmerscheidt Survey et al, 3-6-84.
Gloria Griggs Hodge to Roy R. Gardner, 40 acres, John Moyer Survey, 4-6-84.
James D. Seymour Jr. et ux to Roy R. Gardner, 10 acres to Roy Moyer Survey, 3-29-84.
Glenda Ruth Bounds et al to Panterra Petroleum Co., 62 acres, George Singleton Survey, 3-30-84.
Mrd. Ethel Hollan et al to Corbin J. Robertson, 147 acres, Peyton R. Splane Survey, 4-2-84.
Dr. Betty Lee Hampill to Corbin J. Robertson, 147 acres, Peyton R. Splane Survey, 3-27-84.

Obituaries

Alois Pustejovsky
Alois Pustejovsky, 68, passed away suddenly last Sunday, May 20, 1984 in Houston. Last rites were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Frydek. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Frydek. The funeral was under the direction of the Ellinger Funeral Home in Seely.

Pustejovsky was born in Wallis on June 20, 1916; was raised in Seely and spent the past 35 years living in Houston.

Survivors are: his widow, Bertha Pustejovsky, of Houston; daughters, Lois Kent and Judy Lambert, of Houston; grandchildren, Rick Kent and Holly Luether; great grandchildren, Tiffani Kent and Alisha Kent; brothers, Bonnie, Gilbert and Leonard Pustejovsky; sisters, Lillie Repka, Emma Yanero and Anne Parks; and various nephews, nieces and cousins.

Alois was preceded in death by his brother Joe Pustejovsky and sister, Julia Krenn.

Mrs. Mary Cloat
Mrs. Mary Cloat, age 87, of Eagle Lake passed away suddenly Thursday, May 24 at 11:10 p.m., at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Mrs. Cloat was born August 12, 1946 in Bonus and has been a resident of this area all her life. She was a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Julius Cloat; her parents, Esquiel Hernandez and Louis Flores Hernandez; and her son, Johnny Hernandez, all of Eagle Lake.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel and was led by Eusebio Salazar. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Reverend Ray Widacki officiating. Interment was held at Lakeside Cemetery.

Sunshine class meets

The Sunshine Class met in the home of Tommie Neiswander on Thursday, May 25. Seven members were present. After the devotional, Ophelia Raabe presided at the business meeting.

Nellie Larson was unable to attend. A get well card was sent to Mr. Harry who is home after a short hospital stay.

Our study continued with the 23rd Psalm, "He Restoreth my Soul." Elsie explained how this psalm was picked up by the good Shepherd and how he comes to us when we are in trouble and in need of restoration of our soul.

The hostess served tuna salad sandwiches, pickles, cheddar, cookies, ice cream and punch.

Nellie will be hostess in June and Mrs. Ruth Wines will lead the study.

Funeral services for Leo Drlik, Sr., 77, of Garwood, were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 13 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with Bishop Hugo Gerbermann officiating.

Interment was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Triska Funeral Home. A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Triska Chapel.

Mr. Drlik, a native of Garwood, died Friday, May 11, 1984 in El Campo Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born on December 9, 1906, the son of the late John and Mary Mateck Drlik. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the KJF Society, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his widow, Rosie Drlik of Garwood; two daughters, Henrietta Herzik of El Campo and Mary Ann Peters of Garwood; four sons, James Drlik, Raymond Drlik, and Leo Drlik, Jr., all of Garwood; and Stanley Drlik of El Campo; three sisters, Adeli Farr of Garwood, Justina Cranek of Needville and Mary Hoelscher of Garden City; two brothers, Rudolph Drlik and Jimmie Drlik of Garwood; 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Drlik.

Palbearers were Charles Drlik, Anthony Drlik, Ervin Herzik, Jr., Michael Herzik, Glenn Peters, Gary Peters, David Herzik and Stephen Drlik. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Farm pond safety

Farm ponds are often a favorite site for swimming during Texas' hot summer weather, but they can be dangerous due to junk, rocks, stumps and snakes, and a lack of rescue equipment, such as ropes, poles or buoys. Also, many times children play in farm ponds without proper supervision.

Safety precautions include removing trash, fencing the pond, providing rescue equipment and using signs to mark swimming and diving areas, according to a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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