

Permian Oil 'Wildcat'

LUBBOCK (AP)—Forty-one years ago almost any oil man or geologist would give you long odds that there wasn't a barrel of oil in the South Plains-West Texas Permian Basin.

In 1920, oil was believed to be associated with structures produced by movements of the earth's crust. There were no evidences of such activity in West Texas, relates Bill Kalb, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal oil editor, in telling about the first Permian Basin oil well.

So dominant was this theory that the Permian Basin's first sustained oil production passed virtually unnoticed when it was found in 1921. It took the discovery of the Big Lake Field in 1923 in Reagan County to bring attention to the area.

Actually it wasn't until 1926, says Kalb, when the Yates Field gushers began blowing out that the

oil industry was convinced of the basin's potentialities.

The Big Lake discovery which drew so much attention was a gusher and oddly is now dry. However, the Mitchell County discovery, opener of the Westbrook Field, is still pumping at 25 barrels a day from two zones.

The original wildcat was born out of financial difficulties.

Mitchell County was cattle country which had been hit by the 1917-18 drought. Earl Morrison, staggering out of the hard times heavily in debt, told his friend Sol Kelly, now of Midland, he had an 11,500-acre ranch and was in danger of losing it.

Kelly, not yet 21, was looking for a business deal. The young man already was a veteran of the Ranger, Desdemona, Burk Burnett and Eastland booms. He made a small pile at Ranger.

After listening to Morrison, Kelly offered to pay the notes and other debts against the ranch for a half interest in the property, 700 head of cattle and minerals. After he made the deal, he told Morrison to get leases on another 20,000 acres, for he was going to drill for oil.

The partners hired Sam Sloan to drill and in 1920 bailing tests showed they had hit oil in the upper Clear Fork section of the Permian at 2,440 feet. The well was unproductive because the hole was too big and there wasn't enough pressure to lift the oil.

The trio moved three-quarters of a mile east. The new well missed the Clear Fork and everybody ran out of money. Sloan lost his automobile and the drilling crew lived off the land, running rabbits into pipes closed at one end to obtain meat.

El Paso Mayor Makes Good As Ambassador

By JACK RUTLEDGE
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—The ambassador seems to be proving the point.

The point is President Kennedy's theory that U. S. relations in Latin America could be improved by naming Spanish-speaking ambassadors of Latin descent to posts south of the border.

The ambassador in Raymond L. Telles, former mayor of El Paso, Tex., America's youngest ambassador at 45, and the first one named under the Kennedy policy. He is looked on as a sort of diplomatic guinea pig.

In the few brief weeks he has been here, Telles has made himself the most popular ambassador the United States has ever sent to Costa Rica. His charm, willingness to mix, ability to speak fluent Spanish, and obvious Latin ancestry have won grudging recognition even from Communist students.

On this, the press, Costa Ricans, and American residents all agree. "He has the press of Costa Rica in his pocket," said an official of the newspaper "Prensa Libre."

And in an article, the newspaper "La Republica" said: "He has all the characteristics of our Latin American race and the virtues and admirable qualities of the North American people."

The affection for Telles is in contrast to the skepticism when he arrived in May. What has he done?

Telles wasted no time in identifying himself with all walks of life. During his first week he attended an important soccer game between Costa Rica and Honduras. He gave the "kick of honor" to start the game and received an ovation. Costa Rica won 2-1, which helped the atmosphere when he awarded a trophy to the victors.

He attended Little League baseball games, entered the social life with vim, made friends with top officials, was available to the press, mingled with the lower class.

A Catholic, he attended mass

on his first Sunday in Costa Rica, holding his rosary, standing among barefoot campesinos because the pews were crowded. The news spread like wildfire.

The most active communists in Costa Rica, which has little trouble with communists, are students of the law school of the national university. Telles visited the school, talked to professors and scholars. He was such a hit the students invited him to be guest of honor at their annual dance.

He even linked himself with national tragedy. A Laca airline plane crashed, killing two pilots. Telles attended the funeral mass.

The ambassador wasted no time touring the small republic, seeing

what makes the Ticos—as they are called—tick. His picture is in the newspapers almost daily.

And under it all is an honest sincerity which even the embassy staff reacts to. "The best boss in the world," was the way one staff member described him. "I don't know how he can find time, but he takes a real and personal interest in the staff and their problems."

"Many of your ambassadors do not mingle with the people enough," said a Costa Rican official. "It is one failure of your diplomacy. But your Ambassador Telles certainly does. He's known, too, as the gringo who can speak excellent Spanish. It helps."

Texas Florists To Gather For Short Course Sept. 3

The 14th annual Texas Florists Short Course begins Sept. 3 in the Memorial Student Center.

A wide range of subjects has been lined up for the three-day program—from state and federal laws affecting florists to the production of snapdragons.

The session is sponsored by A&M in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas State Florists Association.

Activities get under way the first day with registration at 3 p.m., followed by an inspection of research work in progress at the college.

Talks start at 9:30 a.m. the second day with Dr. Robert O. Miller, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, discussing 1961 model poinsettias. European floriculture will be outlined by John R. Culbert of the University of Illinois Department of Horticulture.

Two members of the A&M Department of Floriculture, David Pate and Bill Richardson, will talk

on new developments in propagation practices and new pot plant ideas.

Controlling growth of plants with light, temperature and chemicals will be the subject of Dr. Neil W. Stuart of the ornamentals investigations branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. A. F. DeWerth, head of the Department of Floriculture, will lead a panel discussion of "What's Ahead for the Grower."

At 7 p.m. the second day, a smorgasbord will be held featuring the widely known humorist, Cayce Moore of Hearne, as speaker. Moore will discuss "you — And That First Million."

Subjects and speakers on the final day include "State and Federal Laws Affecting Florists," Alvis Vandygriff, attorney at Austin; "Merchandising Bedding Plants," Robert E. Rough of Rough Brothers, Cincinnati, Ohio; "Modern Snapdragon Production," Dr. Miller; and "Cut-Flower Procedures for Retail Growers," R. E. Odum, Department of Horticulture.

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