

# Auction of oil pipeline equipment set

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — Every major auction company in the nation wanted the job won by Bill Miller's firm — dispersal of the construction equipment used to build the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline.

"This was a fairly long, drawn-out process," Miller said. "We started negotiating on this thing a year and half before we got it."

But when the details had been worked out, Miller & Miller Auctioneers, Inc., in a joint venture with Morrison-Knudson Co., of Boise, Idaho, had the contract to offer thousands of tons of heavy equipment used in history's largest construction project.

Later this month, 700 pieces of rehabilitated, tuned and freshly painted machinery will be auctioned by Miller in one of five sales estimated to bring \$70 million.

The equipment, owned by the eight oil pipeline companies which

participated in the largest building project in world history, was described as in good to fair condition and will be sold to the highest bidder, regardless of price.

Morrison-Knudson is responsible for rehabilitating and handling the equipment, which includes bulldozers, graders, cranes, buses, loaders, water and dump trucks, mobile welding units and air compressors.

Two of the auctions are being conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska, and three more are being held in Moses Lake, Wash. The first of the Alaskan auctions was held in June, the second is scheduled Sept. 20-22 and the first of the Lake Moses auctions will be Aug. 25-29.

Miller said the Moses Lake sales are expected to bring about 50 cents for every dollar of original cost.

"We're selling it as it comes out of the shops where it has been rehabilitated," Miller said. "When we

accumulate enough to attract a crowd of buyers, then we have a sale."

He expects the August auction to attract a crowd of as many as 3,000 persons from around the world. The first sale in Fairbanks brought customers from Japan, Mexico and Venezuela, even though most of the equipment sold in the first batch was best-suited to stay in Alaska.

"Some of the equipment that we felt like could be used in Alaska, that had a good market up there, was sold up there," Miller said. "And, some equipment was damaged beyond repair, damaged or wrecked. Primarily that was the equipment that we felt was more suited and would have a better market in Alaska than down here."

"I think it brought as much or more money than it would have brought down here. They're buying it up there with the freight already

paid, where a buyer here has to pay freight."

The equipment, mostly 1974-76 models bought new and used a few years, was shipped to Moses Lake by barge train. The auction site is Grant County Airport, which formerly was Larson Air Force Base.

## Pistol used to kill Oswald goes to Washington for tests

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — The .38-caliber pistol used by Jack Ruby to kill Lee Harvey Oswald has been taken to Washington for ballistics tests ordered by the House Assassinations Committee.

The committee, which has been trying to obtain the weapon since June 1, also wants to learn where Ruby received the revolver.

The Cobra Colt pistol was taken to Washington Sunday by Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Tex., a friend of Dallas

attorney Jules F. Mayer, the independent executor of Ruby's estate.

Mayer said he gave the gun to Mattox because he was "the only man I would trust with it."

Mattox said he would turn the gun over to the committee sometime Tuesday.

Ruby died Jan. 3, 1967, leaving behind little more than the revolver and other personal belongings — and \$48,000 in federal and state taxes.

**GET ACQUAINTED OFFER**

**BRASS BELT BUCKLES**

**\$6.98** WITH PURCHASE OF ANY PAIR OF BOOTS OR SHOES.

**\$8.98** WITHOUT BOOT PURCHASE

ONLY AT THE

**HOUSE OF BOOTS**

112 NAGLE • IN THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION • NORTHGATE

**LOWEST BOOT PRICES IN TEXAS**

NOCONA BOOTS/CASUAL SHOES  
ASTRO TENNIS SHOES

# Auto insurance rates based on sex unfair, official says

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — A Massachusetts insurance official says automobile insurance rates should not be set according to age and sex, but a lobbyist for the insurance industry says removing such standards would increase prices for most Texas drivers.

James N. Stone, insurance commissioner of Massachusetts, Monday urged a House subcommittee on auto insurance to scrap the current classification system for auto drivers and prohibit price discrimination on the basis of age, sex or marital status.

"Chromosome count and your year of birth should not determine what you pay for insurance," he said.

Insurance company spokesmen argued that there is statistical evidence that young, single drivers have more accidents and that males under 21 years old have a loss ratio three times that of older drivers.

"You've got some irresponsible young drivers, there's no doubt about that. The question is whether the responsible young driver is any more to blame for that than you and I are," Stone said.

Stone said that insurance companies should be forced to sell policies on the basis of each individual's driving record, not the average accident losses for his age, occupation or marital status.

But William H. Huff III of Dallas, spokesman for the Texas Association

of Fire and Casualty Companies, told legislators abolishing sex, age and marital status classifications would raise auto insurance premiums for 85.7 percent of Texas drivers.

Huff urged the subcommittee, headed by Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, to drop its plan to recommend combining Texas' current 40 driver classifications into five groups.

Two spokesmen for senior citizen groups praised the proposal. Ernest Cabe, representing the Texas Association of Retired School Teachers, and Lyle Hammer, representing the Texas Senior Citizens Association, said many insurance companies now refuse to sell auto insurance to drivers 65 or older.

# Firemen secure butane-spewing tank truck, save 12 rural families

**United Press International**  
QUITMAN — Firemen Tuesday night righted an overturned tank truck leaking potentially explosive butane gas and said 12 rural families could probably return to their homes by late afternoon.

"The situation out there seems well in hand this morning," a police dispatcher said.

The truck is upright, the gas has been pumped into another vehicle and the firemen plan to burn off the butane residue within the hour. The evacuated families can then go home.

Officials said the truck was one of two bound for Houston when it overturned on Highway 37 about 3

miles west of Quitman. The driver of the wrecked vehicle, Willie Carl Carter of Orange, Texas, was hospitalized for observation.

The driver of the other truck, who was not identified, was booked on a charge of driving while intoxicated, officials said.

The truck was lying on its side in a concrete culvert, spewing butane during the early morning hours. But officials raised the truck with a crane, and then pumped the contents of the tank into another vessel.

The spokesman said there was a serious chance of fire, and as many as 30 people from 10-12 houses had been evacuated as a precaution.

"Any little thing could set it off,"

the spokesman said. "We've shut off all the pilot lights in the area, and cut off electricity. With it (the weather) damp like it is, the gas is lying pretty low on the ground."

The truck was one of two operated by Enterprise Products of Houston, according to a spokesman for the Wood County Sheriff's office. Sheriff's deputies also arrested a man for DWI after he crashed through a barricade at the scene.

"He busted one of the roadblocks out there," the spokesman said. "After they got to him, they found he was pretty well lit."



**Let's put a stop to home burglaries in Bryan-College Station.**

Every homeowner in Bryan-College Station is alarmed about our community's recent wave of home burglaries. ANCO is doing something about it.

In cooperation with the District Attorney and the Police Departments of Bryan and College Station, ANCO is offering a \$250.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the burglary of a home in Bryan or College Station.

You can help protect your property by installing dead bolt locks on all exterior doors, providing security lights in garages and doorways and by stopping newspaper deliveries when out of town. You can help protect your neighbors by calling the police to investigate strangers in the neighborhood or unusual activity around homes when families are out of town or on vacation.

Let's put a stop to home burglaries. This is too nice a place to live to let thugs spoil it.

\*This reward is a public service and is available to every homeowner — not just families with Homeowners Insurance provided by ANCO. If you are not sure that your Homeowners Insurance is adequate — contact your own insurance agent — or ANCO.

**\$250.00 REWARD**

Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of Home Burglars

Call the **BURGLARY HOTLINE**

**822-9411**  
Bryan/Lt. Riggs  
**846-8864**  
College Station/Det. Miller

**LAKEVIEW CLUB**

3 Miles N. on Tabor Road

**Saturday Night: Bill Green & The Texas Greats**

From 9-1 p.m.

---

**STAMPEDE DANCE**

Every Thursday Night

Ladies \$1.00 Men \$2.00

All Brands, Cold Beer 45 Cents 8-12

**CHANELLO'S**

PIZZA & SUBS

**WE DELIVER FREE, FAST & HOT**

**846-3768**

**French's Schools**

QUALITY PRE-SCHOOL AND FIRST GRADE

SERVING BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

INFANTS THRU 1ST GRADE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**4 LOCATIONS TO SERVE**

COLLEGE STATION

WEE AGGIELAND 693-9900

CARE' A' LOT 846-1987

BRYAN

ROYAL KIDDO 846-4503

TOT CAMPUS 846-1037

**Enroll Now For Fall. Inspection Welcome!**

**Aggies! Get It All:**

- ★ Local & National News
- ★ Exclusive TV Listings
- ★ Aggie News & Sports
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Shopping Bargains

**SAVE UP TO 50% WITH OUR AGGIE SPECIAL**

**The Eagle** CALL **693-6847 OR 693-6848**

OLD SARGE