

## Kennedy's Policies

### East Texas Beat

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A former Winona resident received his high school diploma Thursday night 25 years late. Douglas Haybrook Jr., 42, received the sheepskin along with more than 200 youngsters from Anna Mhna, High School. And according to a note to a sister, Mrs. Roy McClelleny of Tyler, he "crawled through a mudhole to get it."

Douglas quit school 25 years ago to enter service. After discharge he couldn't find time, because of family obligations, to return to his studies. And it wasn't until a couple of years ago that he decided he needed the diploma—and he started to school "with kids young enough to be his children."

And Douglas doesn't plan to stop his schooling with the high school scroll—he says he hopes to enter college this fall to study for "either the ministry or medicine."

Although his local family, including Mrs. McClelleny and brothers, Sam Haybrook of Winona and Bud Haybrook of Tyler, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Haybrook of 227 S. Bonner, were not present for the event, they were thinking of him.

He did have support, during the graduation exercises, however.

His wife, Irene, and son Steve, were proud members of the audience.

Afterthought: Douglas Haybrook also celebrated another unusual event this week.

A chinchilla he has raised gave birth to a litter of five.

According to chinchilla raisers, a litter of that size comes along "once in a blue moon."

Sandra Essel, the 11-year-old Tylerite who underwent open heart surgery this week in Dallas, came through with flying colors, according to her dad, Charles Essel, who returned home Thursday.

But according to Ezell, Sandra misses being around her home town friends, "even though she has and is making many" in the hospital.

Ezell quoted Sandra as saying "I sure enjoy" getting cards from Tyler. Here's her address: Children's Medical Center, 2306 Welborn St., Dallas 19, Texas.

Got a note here from R. M. Etheridge and James B. Dudley, members of the Alpha Lions Club, saying that Alpha also will have a rodeo next week. The event will be held June 14 and 15 at the Alpha Rodeo Grounds.

It seems that the rodeo season is really here—Grand Salts this week and Gladewater, Jacksonville and Alpha next week.

Margie Dale up Winona way informs us Memorial Day services will be held Sunday at Harris Creek Cemetery.

The worship services will be held in Harris Creek Church with Rev. Dick Orbin officiating the night.

Lunch will be served on the outdoor picnic tables. Families are asked to bring basket lunches. If your basket has a variety of goodies, maybe some other family will agree to some exchanging.

Stanley Farmer is president of the Cemetery Association.

Complaints  
Few Against  
New Tax Plan

Few complaints have been received on the Tyler Independent School District's tax equalization plan. City Assessor-Collector Tom Crook said Thursday.

Most property owners appear to be accepting the plan Crook said. The school district has announced it will eliminate this year the 30 percent discount given to property outside the city limits but within the school district. The differential has been in effect since the independent school district was formed.

### Engineer Says Well Slanted 34 Degrees

By JACK ADRIAN  
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A Texas Railroad Commission engineer testified that his survey showed a well in the Rusk County Givens Lease was inclined a maximum of 34 degrees from vertical. The testimony was given in U. S. District Court here Thursday afternoon by James Smith of Corpus Christi.

The trial went into its third day with indications of lasting well over one week. Daryl Gummer, E. B. Hearn Sr., and E. B. Hearn Jr., along with Associates Drilling Company and charged with violating the Connally Hot Oil Act in a 29-count federal indictment.

Smith was called to the stand by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Leighton Cornett.

Prosecution attempted to introduce as evidence a typed report of the complete inclination survey at different levels. Judge Joe Sheehy sustained defense objections to the report as evidence on the grounds that original notes and instrument graphs exist and are better evidence.

Smith produced field notes and said Well 2.3 in the Givens Lease reached 3,940 feet total depth. He said the maximum inclination of the survey was 34 degrees from vertical. Smith was ordered to produce original notes and charts of the inclination survey.

The government charged that defendants produced oil illegally by slanting oil wells until they butted under a lease owned by Shell Oil Company. Prosecutors indicated they will attempt to prove the allegedly slanted well was connected by buried plastic pipe to a non-producing well on the lease.

A. J. Logan, a Railroad Commission inspector testified he conducted a flow test on the lease July 19 to July 30, 1962. He said his survey indicated a production of 41 barrels of oil and no salt water during that period.

Also in Thursday's testimony, the government attempted to prove that no oil exists under leases owned by the defendants.

J. W. Balon of Kilgore testified for the prosecution that a well drilled on the Givens Lease in 1956 proved to be a non-commercial producer. He owned part interest in the lease at the time Balon said he assigned his interest in the lease to Gummer in 1961.

Balon said while many wells in the area produced for years, others had gone to salt water.

Another government witness, former drilling company supervisor A. P. O'Connor of Kilgore, said three tracts near the Givens lease held no producing wells as late as 1954, when he retired.

Two witnesses testified earlier they believed wells on the Givens Lease had been deviated. Judge Sheehy ordered their testimony stricken from the record since they could not say that equipment which slants wells was attached to drilling rigs.

The two witnesses, under cross examination by defense attorney John Glass Sr., said the equipment merely have been used to drill around an obstruction.

The trial is the first federal criminal hearing after Texas authorities reported numerous wells slanted in recent investigations. Proceedings are being watched closely by the oil industry.

Four witnesses heard Thursday and three Wednesday. Prosecuting attorneys have indicated they may call as many as 30 witnesses.

The trial is to resume at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Funeral services for Willis will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church here with Rev. Lee Ramsour and William Rogan officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Memorial Park under direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home.

Mr. Willis was a native of Van Zandt County. He had worked for several years as a supervisor for a major oil company in South America.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eloia Willis; one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Gollin Jr. of Athens; his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Willis of Athens; two brothers, V. E. Willis of Martin's Mill and C. W. Willis of Sun Valley, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. J. E. Paris of Alice, Mrs. M. L. Boyd of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. A. Pierce of Denison, and Mrs. Merlie Hood of Athens; and one grandson, Herbert Gatlin, III.

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### President Continues On Tour

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—President Kennedy called upon the nation Thursday to support his education program and the goal of giving every American child a fair chance, regardless of race.

Kennedy said that American children today do not yet enjoy equal educational opportunities, for two primary reasons—one economic, the other racial.

Applauding listeners heard him add that "we must move ahead quickly in both areas" in order to meet the goal of "giving every American child a fair chance."

The President's forum was an academic one, at San Diego State College.

Kennedy delivered the commencement address after setting something of a history-making honorary degree.

California's 17 state colleges combined to give him the first honorary doctor of law degree any of them ever has awarded.

"To be an instant graduate of college is greatly appreciated," the President said with a chuckle.

After his address, whose passages on racial issues were toned down considerably from the advance version, Kennedy climbed into a helicopter and flew to the San Diego Marine Corps recruit depot for a short course in how a recruit is converted in a few weeks into a tough, fit, fighting man.

This was a prelude to a trip to sea on an aircraft carrier to watch what the Navy can do in amphibious and anti-submarine warfare and in repelling of launching aerial attacks.

By the President's side all the way was Gov. Edmond G. (Pat) Brown.

The governor says he is going to run next year's election campaign in a state Brown won in 1962 and Kennedy lost in 1960. Both ran against the same man—former vice president Richard M. Nixon.

San Diego was the pivotal point in Kennedy's swing to Nixon in 1960. Kennedy lost the state by only 35,000 but dropped San Diego County by 52,000 votes.

A police-estimated crowd of 300,000 lined a six-mile parade route through the city and gave Kennedy a warm reception despite the chilly weather. Children let out of school swelled the turnout.

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### Train-Truck Wreck

ATHENS (Sp.)—A. D. Willis, 35, of 401 Royal St., was burned to death about 1:30 p.m. Thursday here at his pickup truck and an eastbound Cotton Belt freight train collided four miles south of here at Farm Road 753.

Willis, a heavy equipment contractor and operator, was hauling gasoline to some of his equipment when the accident occurred. Highway Patrolman Paul Clanton said the body was burned beyond recognition.

T. J. Croley of Tyler, burned about the arms when flaming fuel splashed on the engine cab. He was treated at Athens Memorial Hospital.

A. K. Bunty, the engineer, also of Tyler, escaped injury.

Bunty was quoted by Clanton as saying the pickup was in front of the train before he knew it.

The vehicle was traveling south. Clanton said the flaming truck was carried a long distance by the train. Weeds and grass along the railroad right-of-way were set afire. The Athens fire department extinguished the flames.

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### Defeat Of Plan To Reduce Oil Depletion Is Hailed

DALLAS (AP)—Texas oilmen hailed with delight the action of the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington Thursday, killing President Kennedy's proposal to reduce oil and gas depletion tax allowances.

Typical of comment was that from Clyde Tomblinson of Longview, president of the Texas Mid-continent Oil and Gas Association: "This will remove some of the uncertainties which have been hanging over operators and investors in the Texas petroleum enterprise. All members of the industry are grateful for this action."

Kennedy's proposal was estimated to cost the oil and gas industry in Texas \$92 million a year.

The committee, which writes the nation's tax laws, rejected all of Kennedy's scheme for tax changes that in effect would reduce the depletion allowances for oil, gas and other minerals.

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SIX-SHOOTERS FOR JFK — President John F. Kennedy examining a portrait of a young man, surrounded by other officials. Kennedy, left, and Gov. John Connally, right, during the president's visit to the West Texas city. Looking on are Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Texas, and Gov. John Connally, D-Texas. (AP Wirephoto).

### Fight Looms Over Gas Rate Increase

By EARLE WALKER  
Morning Telegraph Staff Writer

A battle looms as the City Commission Friday morning takes up the second of three readings of an ordinance increasing local gas rates.

Discussion also will be held concerning the sanitary landfill garbage disposal site leased recently by the city. The area is north of the Kilgore Highway. Residents who have protested location of the facility there have been given time to find alternate site.

D. K. Caldwell, city leader and former city commissioner, charged Thursday that commission's action in granting Tyler Gas Service Company an increase in consumer rates, is premature and unjustified.

Caldwell pointed out that the gas company sought the local rate hike to take care of an increase in the wholesale price of gas filed with the Federal Power Commission by United Gas Pipeline as being effective Jan. 1, 1963. Caldwell said the wholesale price increase awaits final approval by the Federal Power Commission.

Wiggs countered by saying that Tyler Gas Service Company has been paying to United Gas the higher wholesale rate since January 1, 1963, pending final decision by the Commission. If the FPC denies the wholesale price hike, United Gas would refund to Tyler Gas Service the excess amount collected since Jan. 1, 1963, with 7 percent interest.

Caldwell said there is no provision in the rate increase ordinance now before the City Commission that would require Tyler Gas Service to relate to its customers any excess amount charged, if the local increase is granted and FPC eventually turns down the higher wholesale rate.

Wiggs said Thursday that his company plans to have a provision incorporated into the ordinance restricting Tyler Gas Service to make the refunds should this happen.

It was charged Thursday by Caldwell that if the proposed new local rates are granted, the monthly bill of the average residential customer (using 7,500 cubic feet) would jump from \$4.52 to \$4.77, an increase of 11.9 percent. He said commercial, industrial, and municipal rates also would go up.

Gas company manager Wiggs said the use of residential customer's bill would go approximately 9 percent under the proposed new rates.

It has been said that the request for a consumer rate increase based on our supplier's rate increase is premature. Actually, this is in reverse, since the Federal Power Commission issued an order Jan. 17, 1963, making our pipeline's rate increase effective Jan. 1, 1963, subject to final determination and refunds, if required.

"In the past it has taken as long as six years for an FPC rate filing to be finally determined," Tyler Gas has been billed and has paid to the pipeline in United Gas — the increased rates since Jan. 1, 1963.

"Back in June, 1962, the pipeline filed its rate increase with the FPC, and the effective date was Jan. 1, 1963," Caldwell said.

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Mitchell stated the boycott would continue indefinitely, and the residents of Arp would be encouraged not to buy any sugar products with raised prices except in cases of necessity.

Arp, a community of 1,000, recently made headlines when the Chamber declared a sugar boycott as a protest against soaring sugar prices. Thursday night's action extends the boycott to all sugar products.

Present at the Chamber board meeting were Mills Parker, president of Arp State Bank; Guise Honeycutt, owner of Honeycutt Grocery; Ray Hill, working man; Ray Cade, real estate; Wilbur Prodes, Arp postmaster; Harold Nelson, owner of Nelson's Cafe; Charles Bane, high school teacher; Vaughn Lowery, Arp physician; and Mitchell.

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### Bible Thought

Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well unto you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall inherit.