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Ardmore Remembers and Bows Its Head

For Five Minutes Today Citizens in Every Walk of Life Pause in Remembrance of the Great Explosion.

Ardmore with bowed head, from 2:27 to 2:32 today, lived over the scenes of the violent explosion of one year ago. Sorrow for the missing, gratitude that so many escaped—tears mingled with joy ruled for a five minute period. There has been many a five-minute period in the past twelve months when the thoughts of Ardmore people have gone out in tenderest sympathy to father and mother who had to give up their sons and daughters, to the widow who was separated from her husband, the shrieks, the groans, the suffering, all have been lived over time and time again. The freight house fire where husband and wife in locked arms gave their lives up to the flames that enraptured them. No wonder today there is a requiem for the dead.

It was a sacrifice that others might be saved. Why Ardmore was chosen for such a fate, no man dares to answer, but we do know that lives were snuffed out that men should know of the dangers of casing-head gasoline, that they should learn to handle this new commodity from the petroleum fields of the world, that lives and property of others may be protected for all time to come. There will never be an explosion from the same cause again.

It is appropriate today that we remember the unselfish work of physician, nurse and every man and woman who volunteered to do service for mankind. For the telephone girl who worked in the trying hours that others might know, the telegrapher who staid at his keys in a creaking building to send out messages to the outside world, and the messenger girl who retraced the steps where one had in the discharge of his duty lost his life. It is well that we remember, and honor and love the service, the heroism, and the stout spirits of those who with tear-dimmed eyes rendered help to all who suffered and who laid to rest the bodies of those who died. It was a touch that made all humanity akin. It aroused every dormant sympathy, it awoke tears that had limned eyes infrequently before, it melted hearts of a populace that became as one.

Just one year ago today, at 2:27, in the afternoon, Ardmore was devastated by the greatest calamity in the history of the petroleum industry. Forty-seven lives were snuffed out, hundreds were injured, and property totaling near the million dollar mark, was destroyed.

The cause of this calamity was attributed to a tank car of casing-head gasoline that was standing in the Santa Fe freight yard south of the union depot. The car was shipped to the Ardmore refinery, and had been standing on the siding for several hours when the explosion occurred. The extreme warm weather caused the gas to escape through the safety valve in such volume that it was noticeable to many who chanced to pass that way. A heavy was the atmosphere that the gas seemed to have accumulated over the entire section adjacent to the car and when it became ignited at its own name, the city was rocked to its foundation, and death and devastation followed in the path of the explosion, that was distinctly heard for a distance of thirty-five miles. Business was paralyzed in an instant, stores sat a moment before had been thronged with busy clerks and shoppers, were a mass of ruins, and the fact that more lives were not lost will always remain a mystery, as the

JUSTICE TO THE FOR LESS THAN 50,000

CARTER COUNTY WILL BE PRO- DUCING OIL FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTY YEARS — OTHER POOLS WILL BE DISCOVERED.

Indications are that the Fox pool will be like the Healdton pool in the fact that a series of sands will be found. The drill in the McMan-Savoy well is now on top of another lime shell just like the shell which held the first oil sand found. It is believed that when this well has been penetrated that another oil sand will be discovered. The company has moved a 2,000-barrel steel tank to the well to take care of the oil from the first sand, but the well has no pipe line connection. It neither has connection with the tank farm, and the owners are not anxious to develop a great flowing well when it has no facilities for caring for the production. Two prolific gas sands were found in section 28, another sand at an entirely different depth was found in 29 and now another sand has been found in 20. There is no other conclusion to be reached except that a series of sands will be found in the Fox district. The new pool has every earmark of being a great oil area. The oil is a live oil, it is of better gravity than Healdton, the surface indications are that these sands underlie a very wide area and the Fox pool will result in making many millions of wealth to those who own acreage there.

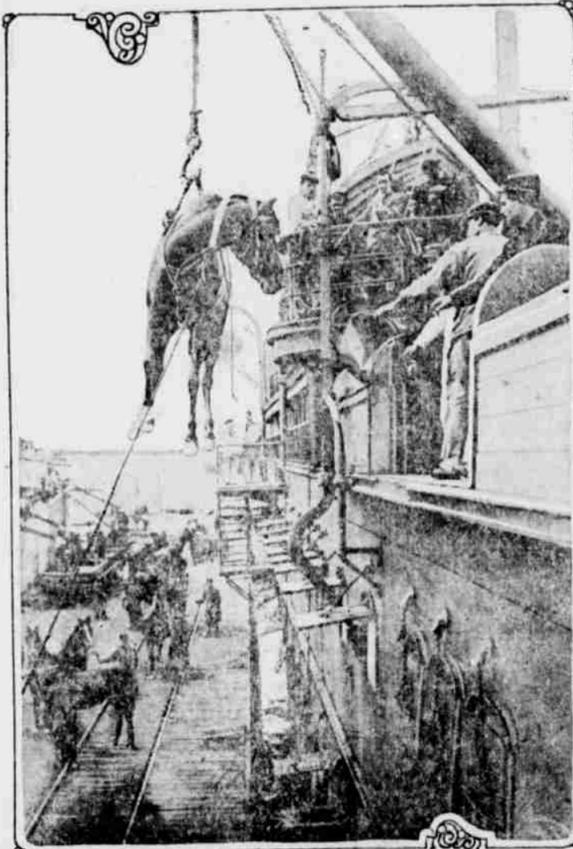
A well known oil man, in discussing Carter county, said last night that in his opinion Fox would be a great field. He had not so regarded the field until oil was found. He thought it to be a gas area, and did not make purchases. But this man has changed his opinion. He believes it will be a greater field than Healdton. He is also of the opinion that other oil fields will be found in the county. The mother pool of the Santa Fe field is yet to be found, he said, and when that area is found by the drill, Carter county will have another great field. For a period of fifty years Carter county will be producing oil. The sands here are thick, they will be producing when the upper fields have given up their wealth and have been abandoned. This oil man is of the opinion that Ardmore will be in the midst of the greatest oil activity this state has ever witnessed. Cushing has been heralded as a wonderful oil field and it deserves to be so considered, but in the end Carter county production will surpass that area and a greater wealth will result. This man of broad experience is of the opinion that Ardmore should not talk less figures for its population than fifty thousand people.

Prominent Masons Here.

W. Mark Saxon, secretary of the Masonic bodies, and John Ridpath, a prominent Mason of McAlester, will be here tomorrow to attend a masonic gathering. Lodge will convene tomorrow morning and the master mason's degree conferred upon a large class of candidates. At night a banquet will be tendered the visitors and local Masons.

Beginning at sundown tonight the first day of the Jewish month Tishri will mark the beginning of the Jewish high holidays. These holidays of deep religious significance will commence with the feast of Rosh Hashanah, or New Year. The New Year will be followed by Ten days of Penitence, which reach their climax in the Day of Atonement, October 7.

SEA POWER ENABLES THE ALLIES TO LAND SUPPLIES AT SALONIKI.



UNLOADING HORSES AT SALONIKI FOR ALLIES' ATTACK

In the possession of uninterrupted sea access to Saloniki the allies have a decided advantage over the Teuton-Bulgarian powers, since they are enabled thereby to land men and munitions at will at the Greek port occupied by them. Picture shows the unloading at Saloniki of horses to take part in the allies' attack on the forces defending Monastir.

Santa Fe Seriously Considers Fox Field

Two Ardmore Men in Chicago Office when Fox News Came Heard Talk of New Road. Interurban Talked Also.

When Bert Simpson and Denny Fitzgerald, who left here on a business trip Sunday night, arrived in Chicago, they found waiting them a telegram from T. H. Dunn of this city notifying them that a well had been drilled in at Fox and suggesting that the Santa Fe be seen at once concerning the building of a road from this town to that district.

A telegram came last night from Mr. Simpson and Mr. Fitzgerald informing Mr. Dunn that they had had a very satisfactory conference with the Santa Fe officials, in which the railroad men promised to give the matter early and serious consideration.

Dorsett Carter, the railroad wizard of Oklahoma, who is connected with the Santa Fe, has stated privately that when the Fox area became an oil producing area that his company would build a line from Ardmore to that place.

It is also known that an interurban proposition has been seriously considered for several months, and plans have been made and are now being matured for the construction of an electric line to Fox. This road plans to touch the beautiful and productive Springer valley and also to touch the asphalt deposits at Woodford and to build on to the wonderful oil area on the western side of the county.

It is hinted in some circles that the interurban now at Norman would be extended into the Carter county oil fields. Just a little common sense applied in reasoning this out will eliminate all fear of the construction of such a line. The great bulk of the travel to Fox will come from Ardmore. The workers and the scouts will live here. The brokers and the oil men will live here, they will make all the oil deals here, where the records are handy, where the banks are located and where business can be transacted.

There is a reasonable hope that either an electric line or a steam line of road will be built to Fox within twelve months or earlier from here.

If it were left to Ardmore to take choice of the kind of road it would rather have, it would select the electric line.

It is very probable that by next Sunday an important announcement will be made through The Ardmoreite concerning the building of this road.

NEW ADDITION TO CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY

ROSE LAWN SOUTH OF THE CITY WAS ADMITTED LAST NIGHT BY BOARD OF CITY COM- MISSIONERS. FINE LOCATION.

Another addition has been taken into the corporate limits of the city when last night the board of city commissioners voted to take in Rose Lawn addition in the southwest portion of the city consisting of a little more than two acres. This is a portion of the McElish place and is in a very attractive community. The addition will find ready customers for the lots as some of the best residences in the city have already been erected near this property.

"Ardmore is rapidly expanding" remarked one of the commissioners "and it is a healthy indication to see that more room is required for residences as the older sections of the city are already nearly filled to capacity." Commenting further he stated that he knew of several families who were even now awaiting for some of the bungalows under construction to be finished as they were ready to move in.

Build Refinery Here for Healdton Crude

Carter County Oil Produces Twenty-Eight Per Cent. Gasoline by Landes Process. Owner of Patent Right is Coming

WHITE WAY WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED

OFFICIALS WILL CONFER WITH COMMITTEES FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS MENS' ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the board of city commissioners last night the white way proposition was considered and the city attorney told the commissioners of the action of the business mens' association and the chamber of commerce at a recent meeting and assured the commissioners that those two bodies were a unit in wanting the white way constructed.

A committee from those two bodies was appointed to confer with the city commissioners and they will meet with them at their next regular meeting Tuesday night at which time it is expected definite plans for calling the election will be formulated.

Every citizen who has been interviewed on the subject is in favor of the new system after it has been explained to them, the added beauty to the city would be worth all it will cost and beside it will relegate all unsightly poles from the main thoroughfares of the city.

E. H. Foster of the Ardmore Ice, Light and Power company has returned from St. Louis where he went to consult with stockholders of the light plant relative to this proposition and brought a complete set of plans and specifications back with him for consideration by the city.

The following report of the committee will be submitted together with the recommendation contained therein.

To the Business Men's Credit Association and Chamber of Commerce of Ardmore.

We, your committee appointed to investigate the contract for the white way and the inadequate fire protection beg to report as follows:

The "White Way" seems on its face to be a proposition which should appeal to the people of the city. It does not appear to place any greater burden on the city than it already has and the reduction of the price to consumers seem to offset the extra cost entailed by the white way.

We recommend that a mass meeting of the citizens of Ardmore be called at once to hear the proposition in its exact status as will be presented when the vote is taken. We feel sure that said mass meeting will view the matter favorably and will request the commissioners to call the election. On the matter of the inadequacy of fire protection we feel that this matter is too important for immediate action and do not care for the responsibility on such short notice. We recommend that a special committee be appointed to get full particulars from the commissioners and make a thorough investigation of the present system and every detail necessary to make it efficient. Your committee in making this recommendation does not wish to shirk a duty but acts on the presumption that an immediate report was expected of it.

This morning when the circus arrived in the city all the younger population and many of the older ones were at the Santa Fe to welcome them. However the train was sent to the Rock Island switch in south Ardmore for unloading and the crowds had to transfer to that locality to see the work well done.

H. G. McKeever of Enid, Okla., who owns the Carter county rights for the Landes process of refining crude oil, will be here next week to take up with the Healdton field producers the proposition of building a refinery at Ardmore.

Two cars of Healdton crude have been tested by the Landes process in a refinery at Nashville, Tenn. This test showed 18 per cent of gasoline of 58 gravity and 10 per cent of gasoline of 52 gravity. The lowest grade turned out is very fine for motor spirits and this means that the new process will make 28 per cent gasoline out of Healdton crude.

A pipe line owned by Ardmore producers, a refinery owned by the same people, ought to be a paying proposition. Oil refineries make money under the old process of refining, and under the new process there ought to be no doubt about it being a paying institution. The Texas pipe line and the Guffey pipe line, both of which will in all probability be built into the southern fields, will not be of service directly to Ardmore. They will be of service to the field as a whole, and indirectly to Ardmore by aiding the local producers in providing a market for their production. But a local line owned by some people can be made to do a great service for the city.

The residuum of this refinery would be for sale. It is natural that the owners would seek out local institutions to sell that oil to. They would advertise for factories, they would seek to build up a local market for the entire production of the refinery, and that would build a bucket brigade in Ardmore that would build a much larger city than we have at this time.

T. H. Dunn of this city, who is a Healdton producer, and who is keenly looking out for those things that will build Ardmore, has sent two cars of crude to be tested by the Landes process, and the result of that test is published above. Five more cars are being sent to the same refinery for a more thorough test. The Ardmore people are anxious to know exactly what they can do before they make an investment in the refinery.

WELL KNOWN GOLFER HERE YESTERDAY

"COMMODORE" HEARD, ONE OF THE BEST GOLFGERS IN THE SOUTH, PAYS VISIT TO LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB.

"Commodore" Heard of Houston, one of the best golfers the south has produced, was a guest yesterday at the Dornick Hills Country Club, and played on the local course in a four-some composed of himself, Perry Maxwell, Innes Millar, the local professional, and W. D. Hume. Mr. Heard made a score of 51 for 18 holes, which is considered good when it is taken into consideration that it was his first game on the local links.

Mr. Heard was very enthusiastic concerning the possibilities of the local course, and stated that its natural advantages were unequalled in the south.

Mr. Heard was the runner-up at the last tournament for the championship of the south, and was defeated by Reuben Bush of New Orleans by a very narrow margin.

Here from Hartshorne.

John Savage of Hartshorne is here visiting with his old friend Chas. W. Clay. Mr. Savage has acreage holdings south of Wilson and south of Ringling, and is here to look over his chances to own property in an oil field.

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WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Sept. 27.
—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is unsettled and cooler in the western portion. Thursday generally fair and cooler.