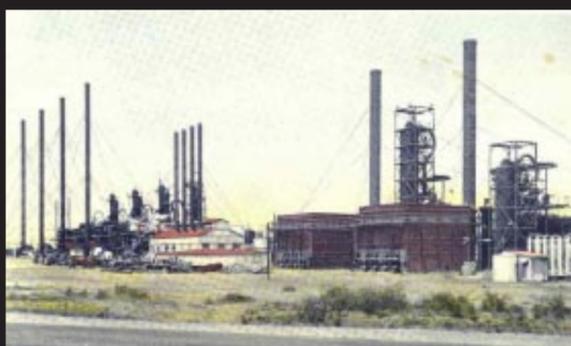




Bascom Reagan photo probably on Uncle Bud Roberts property (since the automobile has been identified as Roberts'). Oil derricks were probably built by Reagan.

1929 and 1931 pictures of the Big Spring Refinery (later Cosden).



1926 **DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT** **1936**
IMPARTIAL BIG SPRING PROGRESS THROUGH THE WORD OF OIL PRODUCTION

THE BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD
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Oil Interests' Tax Bills Approach A Million
OIL HELPED BUILD THESE FINE HOTELS **County Receipts Exceed \$383,000 In 8-Year Period** TOWNSHIP IS STRIKING OVER AN OIL SPRING

Whipping Depression Part Of City's Achievement Of Decade

B' Spring Field 21 Miles Long, Produces From Five Horizons

WELL	DEPTH	DATE	PROD.	WELL	DEPTH	DATE	PROD.
101	1,000	1-1-26	100	102	1,200	2-1-26	150
103	1,100	1-15-26	120	104	1,300	3-1-26	180
105	1,200	2-1-26	140	106	1,400	4-1-26	200
107	1,300	3-1-26	160	108	1,500	5-1-26	220
109	1,400	4-1-26	180	110	1,600	6-1-26	240
111	1,500	5-1-26	200	112	1,700	7-1-26	260
113	1,600	6-1-26	220	114	1,800	8-1-26	280
115	1,700	7-1-26	240	116	1,900	9-1-26	300
117	1,800	8-1-26	260	118	2,000	10-1-26	320
119	1,900	9-1-26	280	120	2,100	11-1-26	340
121	2,000	10-1-26	300	122	2,200	12-1-26	360
123	2,100	11-1-26	320	124	2,300	1-1-27	380
125	2,200	12-1-26	340	126	2,400	2-1-27	400
127	2,300	1-1-27	360	128	2,500	3-1-27	420
129	2,400	2-1-27	380	130	2,600	4-1-27	440
131	2,500	3-1-27	400	132	2,700	5-1-27	460
133	2,600	4-1-27	420	134	2,800	6-1-27	480
135	2,700	5-1-27	440	136	2,900	7-1-27	500
137	2,800	6-1-27	460	138	3,000	8-1-27	520
139	2,900	7-1-27	480	140	3,100	9-1-27	540
141	3,000	8-1-27	500	142	3,200	10-1-27	560
143	3,100	9-1-27	520	144	3,300	11-1-27	580
145	3,200	10-1-27	540	146	3,400	12-1-27	600
147	3,300	11-1-27	560	148	3,500	1-1-28	620
149	3,400	12-1-27	580	150	3,600	2-1-28	640
151	3,500	1-1-28	600	152	3,700	3-1-28	660
153	3,600	2-1-28	620	154	3,800	4-1-28	680
155	3,700	3-1-28	640	156	3,900	5-1-28	700
157	3,800	4-1-28	660	158	4,000	6-1-28	720
159	3,900	5-1-28	680	160	4,100	7-1-28	740
161	4,000	6-1-28	700	162	4,200	8-1-28	760
163	4,100	7-1-28	720	164	4,300	9-1-28	780
165	4,200	8-1-28	740	166	4,400	10-1-28	800
167	4,300	9-1-28	760	168	4,500	11-1-28	820
169	4,400	10-1-28	780	170	4,600	12-1-28	840
171	4,500	11-1-28	800	172	4,700	1-1-29	860
173	4,600	12-1-28	820	174	4,800	2-1-29	880
175	4,700	1-1-29	840	176	4,900	3-1-29	900
177	4,800	2-1-29	860	178	5,000	4-1-29	920
179	4,900	3-1-29	880	180	5,100	5-1-29	940
181	5,000	4-1-29	900	182	5,200	6-1-29	960
183	5,100	5-1-29	920	184	5,300	7-1-29	980
185	5,200	6-1-29	940	186	5,400	8-1-29	1,000
187	5,300	7-1-29	960	188	5,500	9-1-29	1,020
189	5,400	8-1-29	980	190	5,600	10-1-29	1,040
191	5,500	9-1-29	1,000	192	5,700	11-1-29	1,060
193	5,600	10-1-29	1,020	194	5,800	12-1-29	1,080
195	5,700	11-1-29	1,040	196	5,900	1-1-30	1,100
197	5,800	12-1-29	1,060	198	6,000	2-1-30	1,120
199	5,900	1-1-30	1,080	200	6,100	3-1-30	1,140
201	6,000	2-1-30	1,100	202	6,200	4-1-30	1,160
203	6,100	3-1-30	1,120	204	6,300	5-1-30	1,180
205	6,200	4-1-30	1,140	206	6,400	6-1-30	1,200
207	6,300	5-1-30	1,160	208	6,500	7-1-30	1,220
209	6,400	6-1-30	1,180	210	6,600	8-1-30	1,240
211	6,500	7-1-30	1,200	212	6,700	9-1-30	1,260
213	6,600	8-1-30	1,220	214	6,800	10-1-30	1,280
215	6,700	9-1-30	1,240	216	6,900	11-1-30	1,300
217	6,800	10-1-30	1,260	218	7,000	12-1-30	1,320
219	6,900	11-1-30	1,280	220	7,100	1-1-31	1,340
221	7,000	12-1-30	1,300	222	7,200	2-1-31	1,360
223	7,100	1-1-31	1,320	224	7,300	3-1-31	1,380
225	7,200	2-1-31	1,340	226	7,400	4-1-31	1,400
227	7,300	3-1-31	1,360	228	7,500	5-1-31	1,420
229	7,400	4-1-31	1,380	230	7,600	6-1-31	1,440
231	7,500	5-1-31	1,400	232	7,700	7-1-31	1,460
233	7,600	6-1-31	1,420	234	7,800	8-1-31	1,480
235	7,700	7-1-31	1,440	236	7,900	9-1-31	1,500
237	7,800	8-1-31	1,460	238	8,000	10-1-31	1,520
239	7,900	9-1-31	1,480	240	8,100	11-1-31	1,540
241	8,000	10-1-31	1,500	242	8,200	12-1-31	1,560
243	8,100	11-1-31	1,520	244	8,300	1-1-32	1,580
245	8,200	12-1-31	1,540	246	8,400	2-1-32	1,600
247	8,300	1-1-32	1,560	248	8,500	3-1-32	1,620
249	8,400	2-1-32	1,580	250	8,600	4-1-32	1,640
251	8,500	3-1-32	1,600	252	8,700	5-1-32	1,660
253	8,600	4-1-32	1,620	254	8,800	6-1-32	1,680
255	8,700	5-1-32	1,640	256	8,900	7-1-32	1,700
257	8,800	6-1-32	1,660	258	9,000	8-1-32	1,720
259	8,900	7-1-32	1,680	260	9,100	9-1-32	1,740
261	9,000	8-1-32	1,700	262	9,200	10-1-32	1,760
263	9,100	9-1-32	1,720	264	9,300	11-1-32	1,780
265	9,200	10-1-32	1,740	266	9,400	12-1-32	1,800
267	9,300	11-1-32	1,760	268	9,500	1-1-33	1,820
269	9,400	12-1-32	1,780	270	9,600	2-1-33	1,840
271	9,500	1-1-33	1,800	272	9,700	3-1-33	1,860
273	9,600	2-1-33	1,820	274	9,800	4-1-33	1,880
275	9,700	3-1-33	1,840	276	9,900	5-1-33	1,900
277	9,800	4-1-33	1,860	278	10,000	6-1-33	1,920
279	9,900	5-1-33	1,880	280	10,100	7-1-33	1,940
281	10,000	6-1-33	1,900	282	10,200	8-1-33	1,960
283	10,100	7-1-33	1,920	284	10,300	9-1-33	1,980
285	10,200	8-1-33	1,940	286	10,400	10-1-33	2,000
287	10,300	9-1-33	1,960	288	10,500	11-1-33	2,020
289	10,400	10-1-33	1,980	290	10,600	12-1-33	2,040
291	10,500	11-1-33	2,000	292	10,700	1-1-34	2,060
293	10,600	12-1-33	2,020	294	10,800	2-1-34	2,080
295	10,700	1-1-34	2,040	296	10,900	3-1-34	2,100
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299	10,900	3-1-34	2,080	300	11,100	5-1-34	2,140
301	11,000	4-1-34	2,100	302	11,200	6-1-34	2,160
303	11,100	5-1-34	2,120	304	11,300	7-1-34	2,180
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307	11,300	7-1-34	2,160	308	11,500	9-1-34	2,220
309	11,400	8-1-34	2,180	310	11,600	10-1-34	2,240
311	11,500	9-1-34	2,200	312	11,700	11-1-34	2,260
313	11,600	10-1-34	2,220	314	11,800	12-1-34	2,280
315	11,700	11-1-34	2,240	316	11,900	1-1-35	2,300
317	11,800	12-1-34	2,260	318	12,000	2-1-35	2,320
319	11,900	1-1-35	2,280	320	12,100	3-1-35	2,340
321	12,000	2-1-35	2,300	322	12,200	4-1-35	2,360
323	12,100	3-1-35	2,320	324	12,300	5-1-35	2,380
325	12,200	4-1-35	2,340	326	12,400	6-1-35	2,400
327	12,300	5-1-35	2,360	328	12,500	7-1-35	2,420
329	12,400	6-1-35	2,380	330	12,600	8-1-35	2,440
331	12,500	7-1-35	2,400	332	12,700	9-1-35	2,460
333	12,600	8-1-35	2,420	334	12,800	10-1-35	2,480
335	12,700	9-1-35	2,440	336	12,900	11-1-35	2,500
337	12,800	10-1-35	2,460	338	13,000	12-1-35	2,520
339	12,900	11-1-35	2,480	340	13,100	1-1-36	2,540
341	13,000	12-1-35	2,500	342	13,200	2-1-36	2,560
343	13,100	1-1-36	2,520	344	13,300	3-1-36	2,580
345	13,200	2-1-36	2,540	346	13,400	4-1-36	2,600
347	13,300	3-1-36	2,560	348			



The Petroleum Building

Red building shown on postcard once was the post office.



OIL DISCOVERIES AND WEST TEXAS MUSIC

In the early 1900's Americans were moving west in wagons in search of land and opportunity that goes with free ownership. Sometime before the 19th century the Texas Legislature appropriated 2 million of acres of land covering parts of 20 West Texas counties for The University Of Texas. Many of these ranches were enormous in size but most were insignificant in value. After traveling 400 miles by wagon from Corsicana W. A. Ricker would be the first to lease land in Reagan County for oil exploration. In 1921 Frank Pickrell obtained the leasing rights from Ricker and The University Of Texas to drill a wildcat a stone's throw of the Orient Railroad on the far Southwest corner of the county. On the very last day before the drilling permit was about to expire a well was spudded in. Since water is needed for drilling the very first well was actually a water well. A group of Catholic women had invested in the venture and had asked that the well be named Santa Rita ("Patron of the impossible) plus giving Frank Pickrell a small package containing dried rose petals, that had been blessed in the Saint's name, asking him to christen the well. The location was surveyed by state licensed surveyor J. J. Goodfellow of San Angelo, the geologist was Hugh H. Tucker, the wooden rig was built by R. S. McDonald of Big Spring, Carl Cromwell from Cisco was the driller with the water drilling machine coming by rail from San Angelo on the Orient Express. After 22 months of drilling with a cable tool rig averaging 5 feet per day the crew noticed gas bubbles and oil on the bailer from the 3,050 feet depth. The rig was then shut down and Frank Pickrell was notified in New York by telegram as the workers took off trying to lease some of the surrounding land for themselves. <http://www.westtexmusic.hof.com/>