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A Reconnaissance Report on the Geology of the Oil and Gas Fields of Wichita and Clay Counties, Texas.

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Wichita County Regular field is a consolidation of the oldest oilfields in Wichita County; generally the wells have reached the later stages of depletion. The most productive fields among those consolidated are Electra , old Burkburnett , Burkburnett Townsite , and Northwest Extension Much of the development of the old Wichita County fields was the effort of independent oil producers, some of whom had no prior experience. Electra field was found by random drilling after oil seeped into area water wells. Burkburnett Townsite field was brought in by local amateurs who were convinced that oil lay under their farms. Oil production in Wichita County Regular field is drawn from anticlinal traps in the Cisco sands of upper Pennsylvanian age at depths of to 1, feet. The old fields yielded little unassociated gas. Primary recovery in the fields was driven by solution gas, but extensive secondary recovery projects have been initiated. Sometime after the fields headed into decline and before , the Railroad Commission of Texas grouped them under the name of Wichita County Regular field. Waggoner, two miles north of the Electra townsite, came in at a depth of 1, feet with a potential of fifty barrels of oil a day. This was the discovery well for Electra field, and it created an active drilling campaign in the county, led by Producers Oil, Clayco, and Magnolia Petroleum Company. By September Electra field was producing 6, barrels of oil each day, and by mid-November it was yielding 12, barrels daily. In response to demand, the Texas Company later Texacoqv laid a pipeline from Electra field to its Dallas refinery, and Pierce-Fordyce Association constructed a carrier from the field to its Fort Worth refinery. At the end of Electra field reported annual production of nearly , barrels of oil. In and other fields were found in Wichita County. On June 24 the No. Its initial flow was conservatively estimated to be 80 barrels of oil a day. The well created limited interest because crude, selling for only a dollar a barrel, had little demand. Corsicana and a number of small independent companies drilled several producers in the area during the year. By the end of Wichita County fields reported annual production of more than 4. In two new shallow pools were found in Wichita County. One was located west of old Burkburnett and the second was found six miles south of Iowa Park, Texas. By the end of Wichita County fields set their annual yields above 8. In additional shallow pools were defined, although the price of Wichita County crude dropped to Operators in old Burkburnett pool extended its productive area to the north and west, and they successfully used nitroglycerin to increase production from its shallow sands. Electra, the most important field in the county, confined drilling activity to inside locations. Production at Iowa Park and Fowlkes came from shallow and spotty sands, giving little confidence to operators. At the end of the year Wichita County fields reported a slightly increased annual production of more than 8. On January 1, , Wichita County reported 1, producing wells. During the year Electra field was extended one mile to the west and old Burkburnett field was widened westward over the Thom, Schnaree, and Ramming farms. By the end of the year Wichita County fields increased the number of producing wells to 1,, but annual production declined to 5. Wichita County yields increased to over 7. Over the two-year period in 18, drilling continued in old Burkburnett and Electra fields. In old Burkburnett drilling interest centered in the northwestern and the southeastern extremes of the field. Flush production came from the Prechel, Ramming, Serrein, and Ruyle leases southwest of the Clara post office and northwest of the main field. In December the Perkins and Snyder No. Before the end of the year Sunshine Hill field, located midway between old Burkburnett and Electra fields, found flush production in the shallow Cisco sands. In the western part of Electra field successive completion of new wells with initial potentials of 1, to 2, barrels of oil a day were made at a depth of 1, feet on Magnolia leases. At the end of Wichita County fields supported seven compression plants and one vacuum-pump plant for the manufacture of gasoline. Combined annual yields dramatically increased to more than 9. By the summer of S. The investors agreed to form Fowler Farm Oil Company if the well produced. On July 28, , the well came in with a flowing potential of 2, barrels of oil a day

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from a depth of 1, feet in Cisco sands. The discovery created a town-lot leasing and drilling boom. By late August , three weeks after discovery of the No. The majority of the wells initially flowed to barrels a day, but several wells produced 1, to 3, barrels daily. To handle the demand for crude outlets, Texas Company laid a four-inch carrier to move 5, to 6, barrels of oil a day. During Wichita County reported seven compression plants that produced nearly 3. At the end of Wichita County reported an increased annual crude production of more than By April overproduction from closely set wells was prematurely depleting Burkburnett Townsite pool. Operators stepped out to drill on nearby farms northeast of the townsite and brought in more flush production to enlarge the townsite pool. On April 26, , Northwest Extension field, a highly productive shallow pool 3. The discovery well gave up an estimated initial production of 5, barrels of oil a day from a depth of 1, to 1, feet in Cisco sand. The townsite boom moved to Northwest Extension pool. The influx of boomers and promoters created a demand for housing, food, and entertainment as crowds of newcomers packed public places. From the summer of and into the s the marketing of crude claimed the attention of Wichita County operators. Farish of Humble and Underwood Nazro of Gulf recommended voluntary proration of pipeline facilities among the wells in Northwestern Extension pool. At the same time a pipeline from Burkburnett field pumped a capacity of 10, barrels of oil to American Refining Company in Wichita Falls. In October Humble completed a refinery near Burkburnett with a capacity of 1, barrels a day. The plant manufactured gasoline, kerosene, and fuel oil. But after the Humble refinery became unprofitable and was abandoned in because the fields no longer produced enough crude to supply it. By Wichita County fields had passed peak production and showed the effects of rapid overproduction. In , with the Great Depression underway, Wichita County yields declined by 15 percent as both drilling and crude demand abated. In Wichita County production further declined by 33 percent and new drilling starts plummeted. By October crude from the field sold for only sixty-eight cents a barrel as pipeline companies reduced crude purchases. In , with the worst years of the depression over, both gas injection and waterflood projects were initiated in the early fields of Wichita County. A recovery of more than 1, barrels of oil per acre was realized each year until , when the projects were abandoned under the pressures of World War II. At the end of Wichita County Regular field covered 63, acres and was managed by operators. Annual production reached more than 5. From through numerous waterflood and gas injection projects were undertaken in the field. By December 31, , Wichita County Regular field gave up annual production of more than 5 million barrels of oil from forty-three flowing and 4, pumping wells. On December 31, , Wichita County Regular field recorded annual yields of more than 2. Its cumulative production over eighty-three years approached A History of Exploration for Petroleum Tulsa: American Association for Petroleum Geologists, Deep Oil Development Company,

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