Gascapades

By Shila Moore

• The drillers at the McKenna–McKnab Ham test have been having some trouble this week. They are down 280 feet and in quicksand which is the most disagreeable formation in the Hugoton field. While driving the casing, the bit broke loose from the stem and buried itself in the quicksand in the bottom of the well and much trouble has been experienced in getting hold of it. Tuesday morning, they shut down while waiting for a truck to make a trip to Borger to get a fishing tool. Work was resumed Wednesday.

• The Kelly well was not spudded in until Monday, on account of engine trouble. They are now ready to go.

• Down at Grandy No. 1, in the south part of the county, the rig is completed and the machinery is being installed and the test will be spudded in on schedule time.

• Many visitors were at all of the tests last Sunday. It is both interesting and instructive to watch the men working, and a great fascination for everyone. *(The Hugoton Hermes, June 29, 1928)*

• The McKenna – McKnab Ham test, as referenced in this article and others, was conducted on land owned by William Scott Ham. Mr. Ham was born in Indiana in 1878. He married Minnie Sappenfield in Bucklin in 1900, and by 1918 they were living and farming in Stevens County. William and Minnie had four sons and four daughters. By 1930 they were living back in Bucklin where William worked on a farm. He passed away in Bucklin in 1940. *(information from familysearch.org)*

• At the Pile test, 25 miles east of Hugoton, underreaming has been completed, the six-inch casing has been set at 4,220 feet and the drill is going deeper. The drill stopped in favorable formation and the owners are expecting to find pay any time.

• Work is progressing nicely at the McKenna–McKnab Ham No.1. The drill is running below 400 feet. Quick sand has been bothering some, making drilling slow. A bed of clay was encountered, which helped and another bed of quicksand has shown up. As soon as the drill passes the quicksand, they look for good drilling.

• At Kelly No.1 there has been some difficulty in getting the water well properly rigged up, but it is thought that this trouble has been overcome. The drill is down about to the quicksand bed.

• At Grandy No.1, the bailer was stuck Wednesday. In loosening it, the bail was broken. They are having some trouble in releasing it. Mr. Sidwell said Wednesday evening, 'It's mean, but we will get it loose before long and be going again.' This test is down about to the quicksand.

• Four Elkhart business men, E. H. Fisher, W.C. Washburn, V. B. Sallee and Mr. Mayberry came up last Monday evening to attend a businessmen's banquet in Hugoton. … Incidentally, they dropped the word that they would like to burn Hugoton gas in their town. *(Hugoton Hermes, July 20, 1928)*

• A franchise to supply natural gas to Dodge City was granted by the city commissioners Wednesday night to W. M. McKnab, veteran oil and gas promoter of Winfield. Mr. McKnab has one producing well in the Hugoton field and another which he hopes to bring in within the next few weeks.

• The rate specified in the franchise, while it varies for different quantities of gas used by the individual consumer, is 65 cents a thousand cubic feet for the amount said to be used by the average household.

• Ninety days are allowed for Mr. McKnab to accept the franchise. He told the commissioners that if the well he is now digging or either of the other two being dug in the Hugoton field strike gas in paying quantities, he will accept. Unless they do, he says, he is unwilling to undertake the laying of the pipe line with only the one well that is now producing there.

• If he accepts the franchise he will agree to have the gas piped here and to have a distributing plant installed and operating in Dodge City by November 1, of next year. He is to post a $5000 bond with the city when the contract is signed.

• Mr. McKnab plans to supply gas to other towns between Dodge City and the Hugoton field from the same line that will bring gas here.

• A gas franchise was granted by Dodge City a year ago to the Southwestern Gas Company, owned by Mr. McKnab, W. L. Sidwell of Winfield, and George S. Howell and Otto Theis of Dodge City. They did not accept the contract in the specified time because developments in the Hugoton field had not at that time reached the point where they were ready to supply gas here. *(Dodge City Daily Globe/The Hugoton Hermes, Nov. 16, 1928)*

• Just now indications are very favorable for increased activity in Stevens County in the way of oil and gas development.

• The granting of the Dodge City franchise to W. M. McKnab, who is a big operator in this field will give added impetus to the development. It means a start towards an outlet for the product.

• The lease money is being paid on the south block as fast as money is due and we are assured the same thing will take place in the other blocks. This means that approximately $30,000 will be paid to property owners right away, in this vicinity.

• We are informed that work will start on all three of the wells next week and will be pushed.

• Several new blocks are in progress of formation and promoters expect to have them ready for the drilling contracts by early spring. The Paden-Carpenter block is now awaiting the consummation of a drilling contract.

• Quoting Col. Barrington, 'We are going right ahead with development, and are expecting something worthwhile in the near future. *(The Hugoton Hermes, Nov. 16, 1928)*

• Crawford No. 1, Hugoton's big gas well is living up to its past record. When the gas is allowed to blow, pure gas line comes from the well. This happens every time the well is blown. So far no effort has been made to save the gas line.

• Those who claim to know something about gas and oil claim that the presence of gasoline in the natural gas is a direct indication that the gas passes through oil somewhere and gathers the gas line as air gathers moisture in damp weather.

• It is a favorable indication that there is oil close in the Hugoton field and very likely will be found as drilling progresses." *(The Hugoton Hermes, Nov. 16, 1928)*

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Matthew 16:26; Acts 2: 38 - 47
Romans 6: 4-5; Colossians 2: 11-12
Lin Goode

History from the Hermes

compiled by Brian Gooch

Thursday, November 14, 1996

The expansion of the Stevens County Hospital patient services continues with the implementation of teleradiology in partnership with St. Catherine Hospital bringing the total of eight southwest Kansas healthcare facilities utilizing this state of the art technology.

X=Rays are taken at Stevens County Hospital and are transmitted over regular phone lines to be read by a St. Catherine Hospital's Imaging Services department radiologist. What then appears on the St.Catherine monitor is a replica of the original x-ray taken in Hugoton. Turnaround time for the entire process, including the reading, is less than a half hour.

Thursday, November 14, 1991

The results of the pheasant season so far has been a mixed bag of reactions, according to reports collected by the Hermes. Jim Kellenberger, Regional Supervisor of Law Enforcement at the Dodge City Office of the Kansas Wildlife Office, guesses that the Saturday hunting probably averaged out to about 1/2 bird a man. He adds that the take "dropped off even more on Sunday"

The extreme drought and where there is very little cover has resulted in very few birds in some places.

The quail season opened in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas last weekend and will also open in the western third of the state this Saturday. Pheasants are the most frequently hunted game in Kansas followed by quail and deer,

Thursday, November 13, 1986

The First Church of God in Hugoton will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary with a Special Celebration Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, 1986.

Saturday's activities will include a time for visiting and viewing exhibits of the church history, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday's program will include Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship at 10:30a.m. with Rev. Paul M. Ninemire, the church pastor from 1969 to 1975, speaking.

The services will recall the history of the church and present, correspondence from former ministers and former members of congregation. The church began with services and revivals which took place in several country schools in Stevens County. Revivals were also conducted in the W. J. Davis General Merchandise Store.

In 1926 the first Sunday School was organized with Ivan Horner as its first Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. Zora Lautoret was the first pastor. The church began regularly in the upstairs of the W.J. Davis building. Lots were purchased and the church was built-with an addition being added to the building in 1951.

Thursday, November 12, 1981

A drilling agreement and gas purchase contract between the city of Hugoton and Northern Natural Gas Company, division Internorth Inc., was signed by the city council Monday evening. The action brings the new Panoma Council Grove city gas well one step closer to reality.

Stipulations of the agreement determine that Northern will cover the expense of drilling the well even if it proves to be unproductive. Once the well is producing gas, Northern will retain enough of the gas to recoop the original drilling costs. At that time the city will own the well outright and may exercise its option to reserve up to 50 percent of the production of the well for use in the city power plant.

The price of the gas purchased by Northern has been fixed at the maximum lawful price as provided for by the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. A method of determining the price of gas be enacted in the future was also provided.

If any readers have pictures or memories for the history page of the Hermes, please bring them in to the staff at The Hugoton Hermes newspaper.

Senior Lifestyles

624 S. Main, Hugoton • 620-544-2283

Hello everyone. We hope to see you this Wednesday for IdeaTek's buyout meal! IdeaTek is having their ribbon cutting followed by lunch at the Senior Center and an information presentation at 12:30. They will also be having a drawing for prizes. It's time to dance! This Saturday, Bob Walters will be at the Center from 6:30-9:30 p.m. He performs all the good, two stepping country music he can fit in. Admission for the dance is $7. Bingo Night is a week early this month. The doors will open at 6 p.m. November 19 and the games will begin at 6:30. Concessions will also be available, serving beef hotdogs, nachos, pop, tea, water, popcorn and sweets. We hope to see you soon!

Menu

November 10 .....Fish
November 11 .....Turkey
November 12 .....Pork
.....Fritter
November 13 ..Flatbread
.....Taco
November 16 .....Pork
.....Loin
November 17 ....Country
.....Fried Steak
November 18 .....Swiss
.....Steak
November 19 ....Chicken
.....and Noodles
November 20 .....Chili

Activities

Tuesday, November 10
Dominoes .....12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11
Cards .....12:30 p.m.
Friday, November 13
Bingo .....12:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 14
Cards .....6:00 p.m.
Dance - Bob Walters 6:30p.m.
Tuesday, November 17
Dominoes .....12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18
Cards .....12:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 19
Bingo Night.....6:30 p.m.
Friday, November 20
Bingo .....12:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 21
Cards .....6:00 p.m.
Community Concert .....
.....7:30p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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STATE OF KANSAS FUND	ENDING OCTOBER, 2026 BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	7,728,052.65
ARPA/AMERICAN RESC PLAN A	44,114.85
JUDICIAL DISTRICT	9,523.16-
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	554,115.75
FAIR FUND	2,114.45
AIRPORT FUND	128,672.42
SERVICES FOR ELDERLY	5,863.98
COUNTY BUILDING FUND	3,574,104.06
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	96,530.04
LIBRARY	9,832.02
AMBULANCE/EMERG MGMT FUND	164,518.91
FIRE DEPT	262,516.36
HOSPITAL MAINT FUND	34,537.21
KFAA/SMART ADDICTION ACT	29,395.28
ROAD MACHINERY FUND	439,778.54
NOXIOUS WEED EQUIP FUND	192,310.04
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,108,751.07
INSURANCE AGENCY	5,800.99
ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT FUND	142,233.85
DIVERSION	6,844.26
INSURANCE AGENCY-DAMAGES	102,646.29
WELLNESS CENTER BEQUEST	553.42
AMBULANCE BEQUEST FUND	14,239.34
SV CO COMMUNITY HEALTH	92,224.31
FIRE BEQUEST	45,526.12
AIRPORT GRANTS	1,127.74-
911 LAND LINE-DO NOT USE	12,741.59
911 E WIRELESS	469,458.83
SPEC LAW ENFORCEMENT	61,094.20
O&G VALUATION DEP TR FUND	3,453,633.70
EMPLOYEES BENEFIT-LIBRARY	1,506.32
SHERIFF FUND	478,927.94
LANDFILL CLOSURE	237,503.15
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	384,643.99
EMS EQUIPMENT FUND	192,329.09
SOLID WASTE EQUIP FUND	79.99
GIS EQUIPMENT FUND	40,465.83
ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUND	33,394.29
NON SPECIFIC EQUIP FUND	2,038,487.29
TREASURERS TECH FUND	14,292.49
COUNTY CLERKS TECH FUND	10,605.01
REG OF DEEDS TECH FUND	37,137.79
TREASURER SPEC AUTO FUND	6,276.50
PROSECUTOR TRAINING FUND	4,062.13
KCOVRS	1,166.22
FED W/H TAX FUND	2,985.50-
STATE W/H TAX FUND	7,400.81-
EMPLOYEE'S P/R MISC W/H	15,521.74-
MASA	42.00
AUTO FRINGE	345.09
KPERS	249,061.98
SUPERIOR VISION	2,145.82-
AFLAC	2,569.50-
UNUM-LONG TERM CARE (EMP)	4,839.89-
SURENCY-FLEX SPEND ACCT	1.41-
PARTIAL PAY DEL TAX	76.30
DELINQ PERSONAL TAX FUND	91,737.36
DELINQ REAL EST TAX FUND	107,409.35
VEHICLE REG TAX	101,240.57
RV TAX	1,669.86
EXCISE TAX	153.97
DELINQ PERS TX WATERCRAFT	248.86
DELINQ PERS TAX FD-16&20M	3,991.96
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	1,934.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	22,774,878.29

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Jayme Zich
COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 2 DAY OF November, 2026

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