



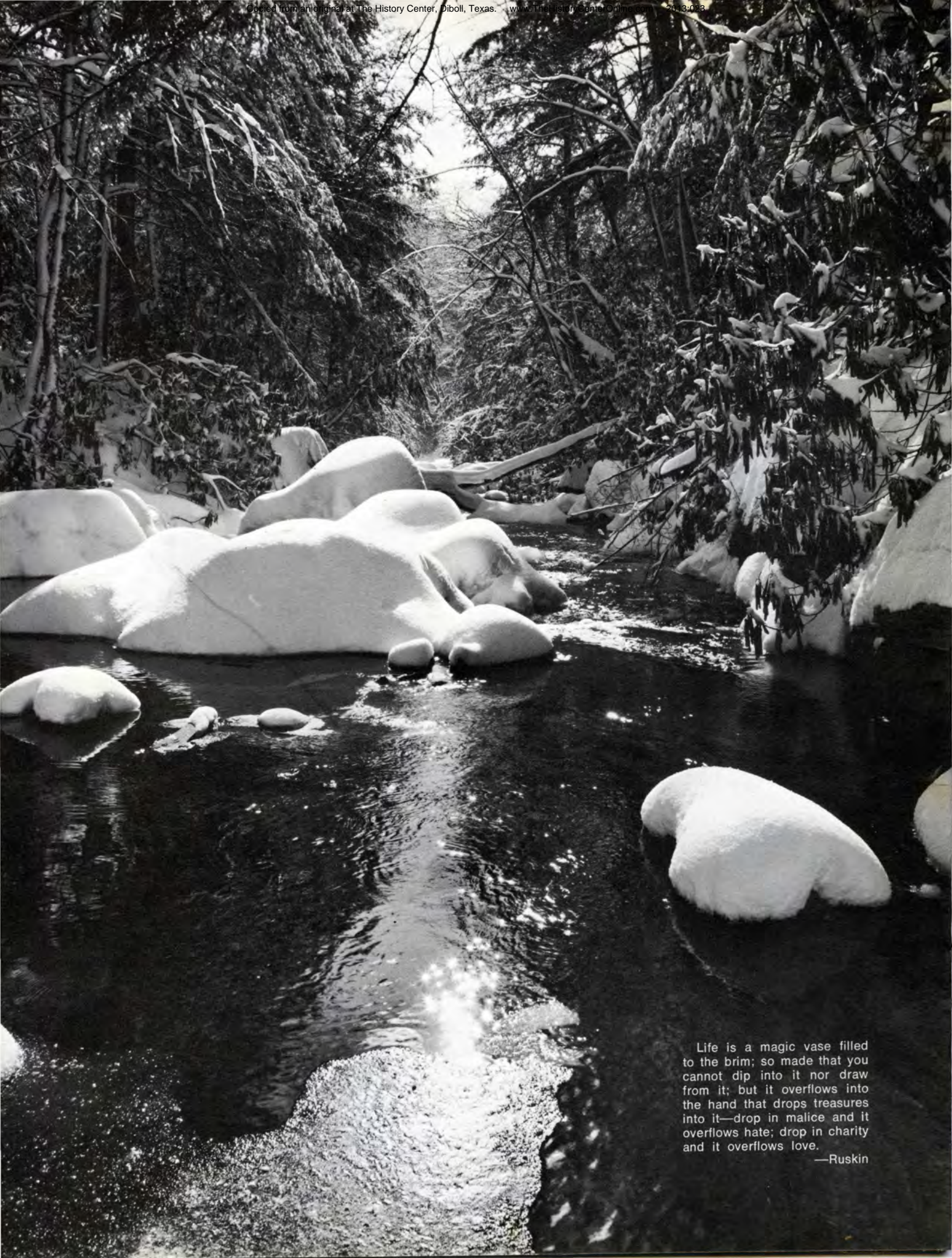
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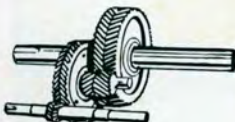
Life is a magic vase filled to the brim; so made that you cannot dip into it nor draw from it; but it overflows into the hand that drops treasures into it—drop in malice and it overflows hate; drop in charity and it overflows love.

—Ruskin





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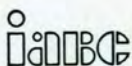
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EXCLUSIVE TURTLE CREEK residential area provides an impressive south view of the Dallas, Texas, metropolitan skyline

# DALLAS “Big D” they call it --

by Charles Wettach

**W**HEN John Neely Bryan, a frontiersman from Arkansas, built a simple log cabin and trading post on the banks of the Trinity River in what is now North Central Texas, he had no idea what he was starting. His restored 1841 cabin still stands in the heart of the city.

But those who visit the observation terrace on the 50th floor of the First National Bank Building (or the 42nd-story Southland Life Tower) in 1972 Dallas, and survey the great city which unfolds at their feet, will be amazed with what has happened since then.

Dallas is now the second largest city in the

entire State of Texas and the eighth largest city in the nation. It is an enviable leader in such fields as trade, industry, transportation, insurance, finance and culture. The striking Dallas Theater Center was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; it is this famous architect's only direct contribution to the dramatic stage. Dallas is also a leading convention city.

After getting down to earth once more, visitors to the city probably will want to see State Fair Park and “Big Tex,” the 45-foot-tall cowboy statue which welcomes the world to 250 acres of pleasure and fascination. Of course the most ap-





AQUARIUM building operates year-around at Fair Park



AMERICA'S largest state fair includes a colorful midway



SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS is the famous family entertainment park at Arlington midway between Dallas and Fort Worth



# "Big D"

proprate time to visit State Park is in October when Texas State Fair gets underway for sixteen thrilling days (October 7-22 this year). Millions come, each year, to enjoy the largest annual state exposition in the United States.

But if one can't make it when the Fair is in progress, there's still no excuse for not going anyway; the Park has many permanent features—more than enough to satisfy the average cultural, recreational or sports appetite.

In the four great halls of the Dallas Museum of Natural History, for example, one may enjoy an extensive collection with the emphasis on the Lone Star State. There are numerous displays and life-like exhibits featuring animals native to this part of the country, birds, plant life and minerals. Especially intriguing is the museum's fossil collection. State Fair Park's Museum of Fine Arts is proud of its permanent exhibits of ancient, pre-Columbian, American, European and African art. Many additional exhibits are featured here each year.

One finds additional rock and mineral displays in the Park's fascinating Health and Science Museum, one of the country's outstanding museums of this type. Especially awe-inspiring is the giant five-foot-tall plaster model of the human ear and

the talking transparent man and woman!

Would you like to visit an aquarium that's deep in the heart of Texas and many many miles from the ocean? More than a million people do each year, for the Dallas Aquarium (also in State Fair Park) offers a collection of more than 4,000 individual specimens and more than 300 different varieties of marine life. And a lot of it comes from Texas rivers, lakes and streams.

Many sports fans come to Dallas at Christmastime for the Cotton Bowl Festival. A week of entertainment reaches its peak of pleasure on New Year's Day with the colorful parade and then the celebrated football classic in the Park's Cotton Bowl, before more than 75,000 cheering fans.

Of all the buildings in Dallas' State Fair Park, the one which is probably best remembered is the magnificent \$1,200,000 Texas Hall of State. The story of Texas history is artistically told by means of great wall murals. Four regional rooms are designated as the Halls of North Texas, South Texas, East Texas, and West Texas. The curved Hall of Heroes contains life-size bronze statues of six soldiers and statesmen who helped to make Texas great: Stephen F. Austin, David Crockett, Col. J. W. Fannin Jr. Gen. Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar and Thomas J. Rusk.

The Southwestern Historical Wax Museum, once in State Fair Park, but just moved to Grand Prairie (midway between Dallas and Fort Worth), contains more than 30 authentic wax scenes featuring 90 life-like characters whose names are familiar to



COTTON BOWL at the Texas State Fair Grounds in Dallas accommodates crowds of more than 75,000 cheering fans





TEXAS HALL OF STATE is a magnificent memorial to the heroes of Texas history as a territory, republic and state

just about everyone.

Scenes at the Wax Museum recreate the thrilling 1881 Gun Fight at the O. K. Corral in old-time Tombstone between the "Earps" and the "Clantons" . . . the so-called court-room where Judge Roy Bean is "The Law West of the Pecos" . . . the emotional surrender of Mexican General Santa Anna to Sam Houston after the battle for Texan independence at San Jacinto . . . and the inspiring scene showing Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and Col. Travis at the Alamo.

Experienced shoppers are also well aware of the city's reputation. Such names as Neiman-Marcus, Titcher-Goettinger and Sanger-Harris stand for outstanding merchandising and lure shoppers to Dallas from all over the world.

The world-famous Neiman-Marcus store, for example, carries such normal items as wines, toys, hats, ties and wedding gowns. But I think you will agree that such items as polar bear rugs, "his" and "her" matching airplanes, martini-flavored tooth paste, \$50,000 quail-shaped teapots, ermine bathrobes, and \$25 shoehorns, are a bit unusual!

Just west of Dallas, in nearby Arlington, one discovers a brand-new animal sanctuary called Lion Country Safari. In the comforts of the family car, one is transported to far-away Africa by means of such inhabitants as elephants, lions, antelope, ostriches, and rhinos. Perhaps, while you are at

Lion Country Safari, you also would like to take the children for a ride on an African riverboat—or a raft. These are things from which memories are made.

The suburb of Arlington is also famous for a spectacular multi-million-dollar amusement center called Six Flags Over Texas. (From Labor Day until late November it is open on Saturdays and Sundays only; it is then closed for the winter.)

There are almost 90 rides, shows and other kinds of fun—the thrilling ride on the Log Flume (the most popular in the park), the Run-Away Mine Train, Spindletop, The Jet, or on the Mexican Fiesta Train or in the self-propelled cars. For just plain viewing Six Flags Over Texas, one may ride the narrow-gauge train around the park, or the Sky Hook over the park. You'll probably end up with a better knowledge of Texas history too.

Those who come to Dallas will find a sprawling metropolis with many different faces . . . art, natural history, science and wax museums . . . magnificent buildings, one reaching almost 1,000 feet into the sky . . . shopping at its best . . . outstanding sports events and unlimited sports participation opportunities . . . an outstanding aquarium and a gigantic animal preserve transplanted from Africa . . . and hundreds of acres of fun and entertainment.

You'll like Dallas!



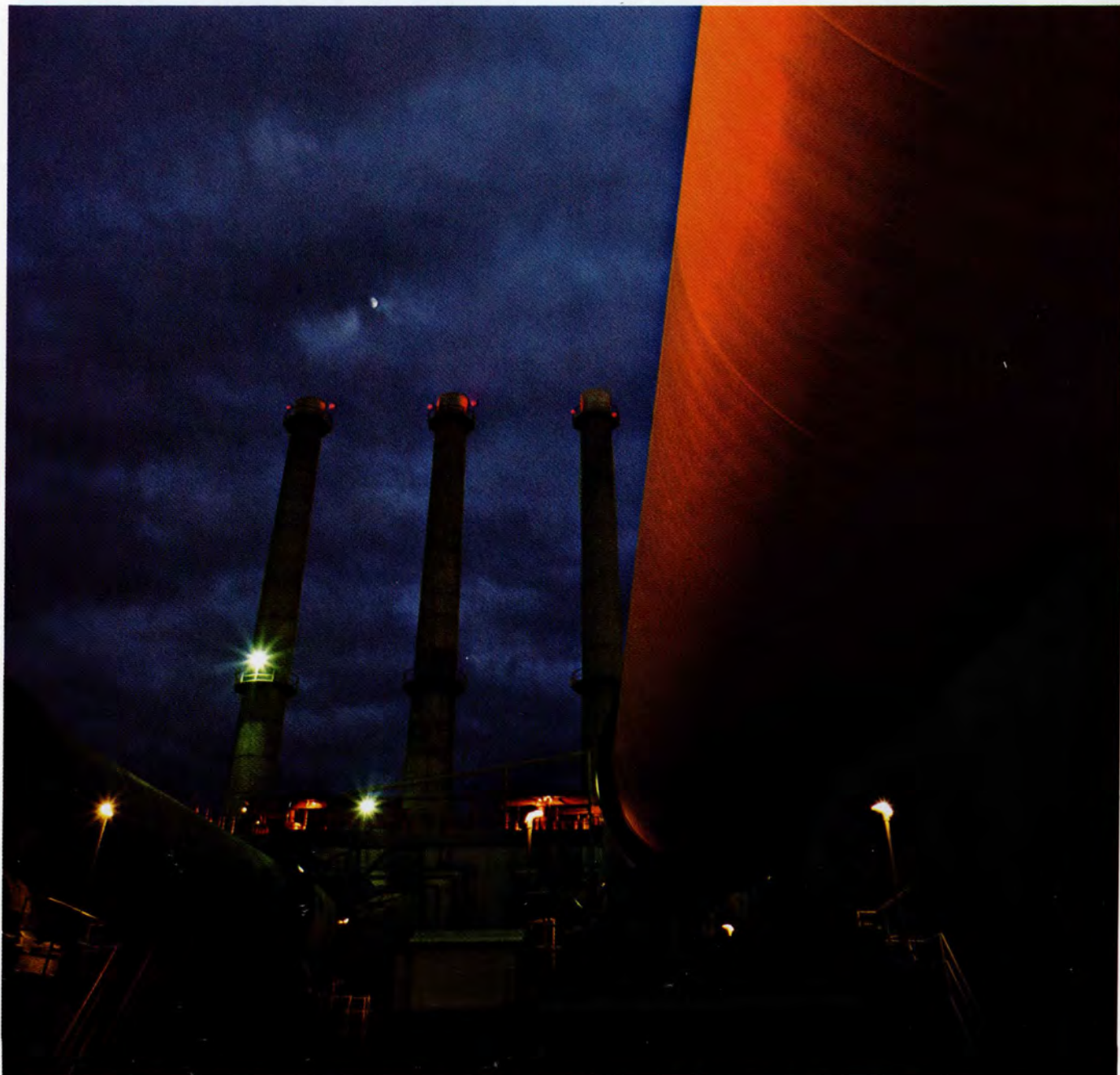
# TXI Using Total Capabilities to Develop Growing Markets

**A**T 3:43 a.m. on the morning of March 30, 1972, cement clinker was produced from the new fourth kiln at Texas Industries' Midlothian, Texas, plant.

Power to drive this new kiln is supplied through two LUFKIN TF-500C reducers. This installation was completed by TXI's own forces two months

in advance of the original schedule. The addition increased the plant's rated capacity to 1.2 million tons annually—the largest in the Southwest.

With terminals as far west as Denver and as far east as Tupelo, Mississippi, the Midlothian plant ships cement farther on a regular basis than any other landlocked plant in the United States.



TXI's Midlothian plant, photographed at dusk, is largest cement plant in Texas and one of two largest in Southwest



From total assets of \$356,000 at the time Texas Industries commenced business in 1950, consolidated assets had grown to \$98,003,000 as of May 31, 1972.

TXI and its subsidiaries manufacture a wide variety of concrete products, including ready-mix concrete, block and other masonry units, precast and prestressed structural members such as channels, girders and single and double tees, and precast concrete pipe. Clay brick and metal pipe are also included in the company's product mix.

At its plant in Midlothian, Texas, the company produces Portland cement, masonry cement and chemically compensated expansive cement for crack-resistant concrete.

Manufactured under licensing agreement and marketed under the registered trademark "4-C," TXI expansive cement has been widely accepted by architects and engineers. TXI also manufactures and sells a number of other specific products under trade names such as Mo-Sai (architectural panels), Span-Deck (hollow core precast concrete roof, floor and wall systems), Sakrete (packaged dry concrete mix).

Aggregates produced and sold by TXI and its subsidiaries include sand, gravel and crushed stone. TXI owns or has the right to mine deposits of these materials in various parts of Texas and Louisiana.

In addition, TXI is one of the nation's leading producers of lightweight aggregate. The company owns and operates lightweight aggregate plants, in Houston, Dallas, Eastland, Texas and Alexandria, Louisiana.

The Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, reportedly the largest construction project underway in the world today, is a good example of use of the full range

of TXI's concrete products. The newly-developed TXI buff cement is being used extensively for above-ground concrete other than highways and runways on the airport site. From sand, gravel, cement and stone through ready-mix concrete, architectural and structural concrete products, TXI is the largest single supplier to this facility, which is scheduled to open in the latter half of '73.

TXI leadership as an innovator in the concrete industry is typified by One Brookhollow Plaza, the unique 16-story office building in Dallas which was constructed entirely of precast and prestressed exposed aggregate concrete. The building is a showplace for TXI structural products, incorporating more than 2500 precast columns, girders, spandrels, corewalls and Span-Deck units. Components were manufactured at the company's Chalk Hill plant in Dallas and trucked to the site where they were assembled.

A word about environment and pollution control. Aggregate and cement plants are frequent offenders, especially when it comes to air pollution. For some installations, upwards of 30 percent of capital investment must be spent to control pollution within acceptable levels.

Texas Industries intends to continue its policy of being a responsible corporate citizen. The health, safety, and well-being of its employees as well as the general public are best served by minimizing the harmful effects of pollution to the fullest extent economically feasible.

The company installed electrostatic precipitators at its Midlothian cement plant in 1960, many years before public attention was focused on the environmental field.

Lufkin Industries, Inc. is proud to recognize Texas Industries, Inc. among its valued customers.



TWO LUFKIN TF-500C reducers drive kiln #4 at Midlothian. Kiln was built by Fuller Company Division of GATX

THREE of five LUFKIN S-127C reducers drive slurry pumps. TXI and subsidiaries make a variety of concrete products



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LUFKIN M-912D-305-192 Unit, Gulf Oil Corporation, Goldsmith, Texas.



LUFKIN C-912-D-305-168 Unit, Gulf Oil Company, Goldsmith, Texas.





LUFKIN M-650D-305-168 Unit, Sundown, Texas.



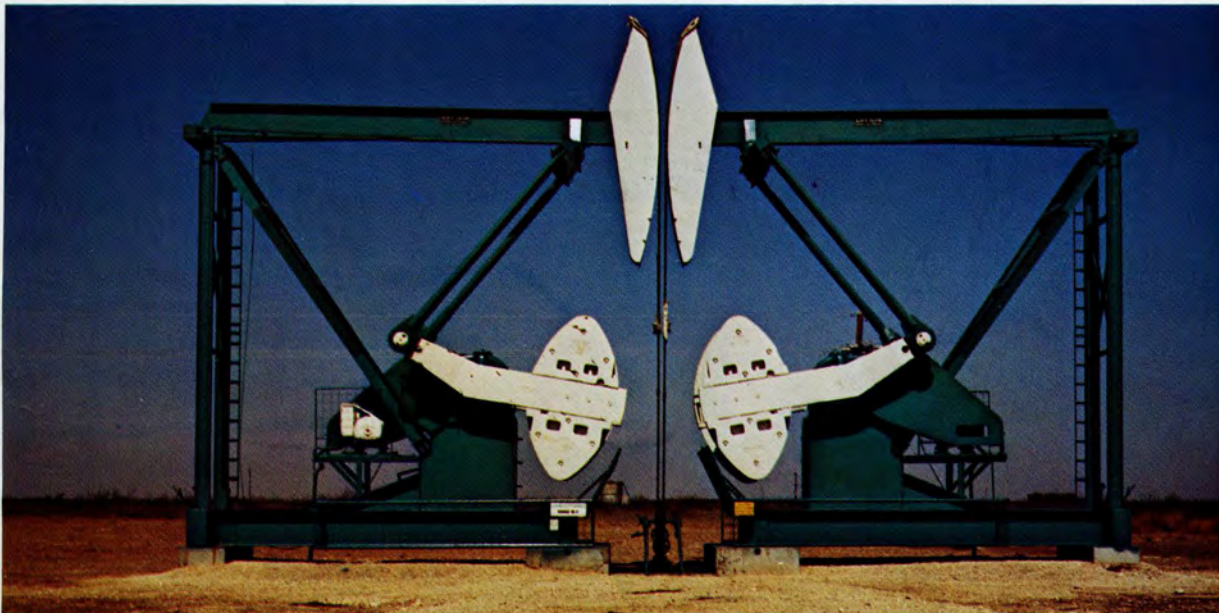
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LUFKIN M-640D-305-168 Unit with a LUFKIN 795 CCW Engine, Penwell, Texas.



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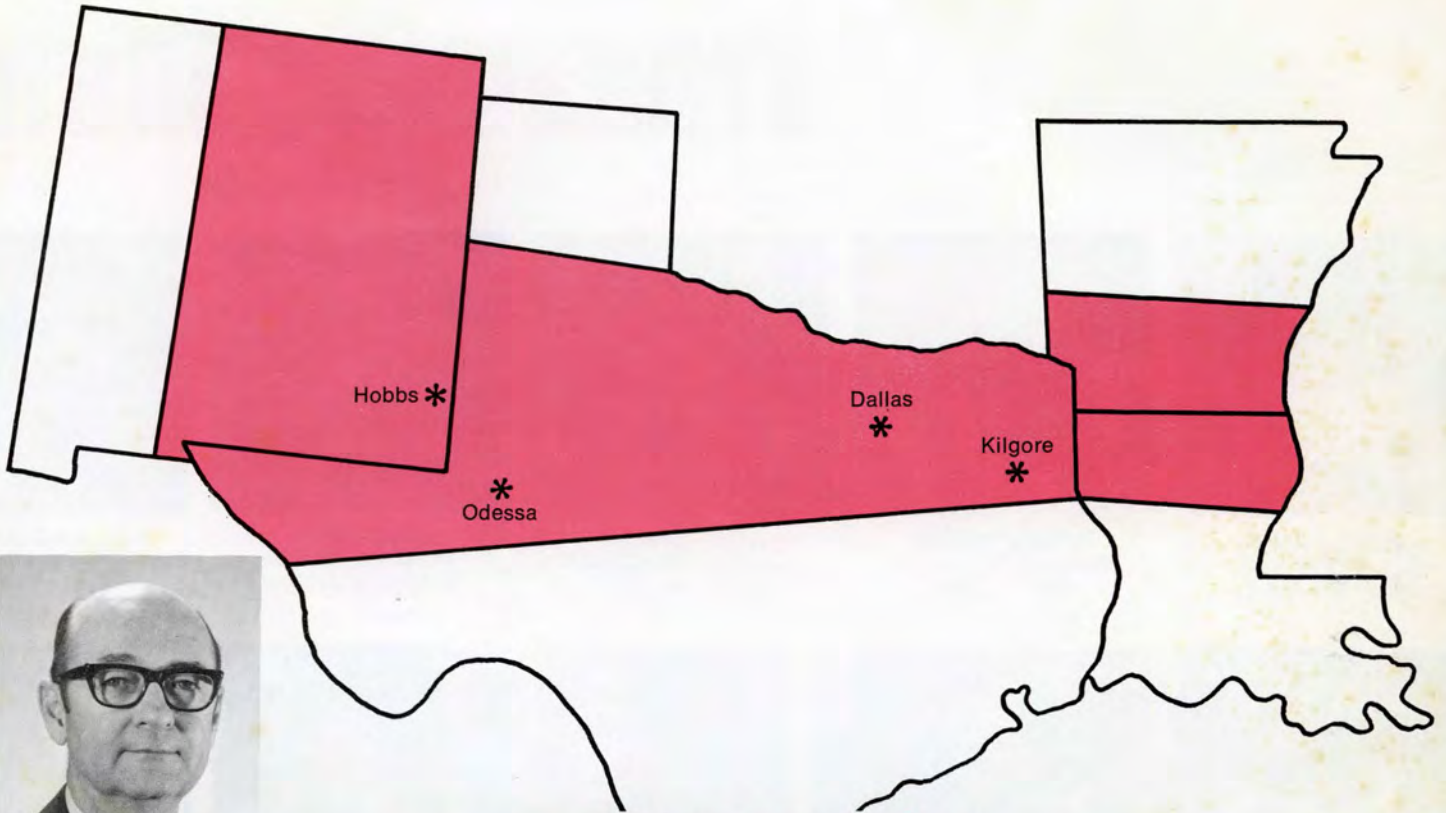
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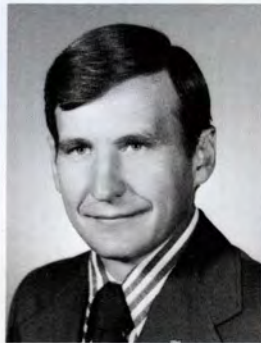
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# Lufkin Laffs

Mrs. Jones: "You know I suspect my husband is having an affair with his stenographer."

Her maid: "I don't believe it. You're just trying to make me jealous."

We've heard that a popular TV singer and comedian, noted for his drinking, has put in a bid to buy Alcatraz. He wants a house on the rocks with water on the side.

It's easy to grin when your ship comes in

And you've got the stock market beat . . .

But the man worthwhile is the one who can smile

When his shorts are too tight in the seat!

Two janitors were cleaning a business office when one of them leaned over a typewriter in which there was a sheet of paper.

"Look here," he said to his helper. "Bad spelling, erasures, poor spacing—brother!! She must really be built!!"

Airline pilots have to have a yearly physical checkup to determine their fitness to continue as pilots.

One pilot went for his annual physical. The doctor examined him and then asked, "When did you have your last love affair?"

The pilot replied, "1956."

The doctor was amazed and stated, "Why, that seems to be quite a long time to go without for a man as young as you."

The pilot looked at the doctor then looked at his watch and said, "Oh, I don't know, Doc, the time right now is just 20:16!!"

An old-timer was standing on a street corner in Alabama watching ominous black clouds gathering overhead.

"I don't like to say it," said a man standing nearby, "but those clouds look exactly like some we had in Texas just before the tornado struck."

"Was it a bad 'un?"

"Bad?" the man exclaimed. "How do you figger I came to be in Alabama?"

As a technological advance the mini-skirt ranks with the steamboat. As Fulton put it: "We no longer need wait for the wind to blow."

A football coach accompanied a prospective tackle to the Dean's office, where he attempted to get the boy admitted to school without a written examination. The boy, however, could not answer the simplest question.

In desperation, the Dean asked, "How much is seven and seven?"

"Thirteen," the boy answered.

"Aw, let him in anyway, Dean," pleaded the coach, "he only missed it by two."

The trouble with being a parent is that by the time you're experienced, you're unemployable.

The original mistake was inventing the calendar. This led, in due course, to having Mondays.

Then there was the husband who was struggling with the budget who said to his wife, "We should have saved during the depression so we could live through this prosperity."

A graduate student working on juvenile delinquency reported in a University sociology seminar that he was

having difficulty in collecting data. His project was to telephone a dozen homes around 9 p.m. and ask the parents if they knew where their children were at this hour.

"My first five calls," he lamented, "were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were!!"

A young father reached the ultimate the other night when he overheard himself yelling up the stairs, "O.K. This is the last time I'm going to tell you kids 'for the last time!'"

A woman who runs a nursery school was delivering a station-wagon load of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting on the front seat was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep the crowds back," said one five-year-old.

"No," said another, "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to an end. "They use the dog," he said firmly, "to find the fire plug!"

A customer told a hardware-store clerk that she wanted a three-quarter-inch pipe plug. The man asked, "Do you want a male plug, a female plug or both?"

"I just want to stop a leak," the woman replied. "I don't plan to raise them!"

The boy from the foothills had started a delivery service to the village. He was told that he could not collect his money until he had submitted a statement. The next day the customer received the following bill: "3 comes and 3 goes at 4 bits a went, \$3.00."



