

SAN ANTONIO SECTION EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The eighth annual mid-year meeting and field trip of the San Antonio Geological Society were held on October 16-18 in Laredo, Texas. On Friday, October 16, a field trip started at Pleasanton, in Atascosa County, 35 miles south of San Antonio, and terminated at Loma Vista, in Zavala County. On Saturday, a technical program was presented at Laredo and on Sunday, October 18, a second field conference started at Laredo and finished at Eagle Pass.

On Friday, 125 geologists in 51 cars met at 7 A.M. in front of the City Hall (old stone courthouse) in Pleasanton, Texas, well equipped with filled thermos jugs and lunches for a long day's session. Starting at Pleasanton, and in the vicinity thereof, contacts of the Queen City, Weches, Sparta, Stone City, and Crockett formations of the Claiborne were visited. From there the caravan journeyed westward through Jourdan, Charlotte, and Hindes to Pearsall where a brief stop was made. Discussions during the early part of the trip were conducted by H. B. Stenzel of the Bureau of Economic Geology at Austin, George Clark of The Texas Company, Stuart Mossom of the Magnolia, and Willis Clark of the Amerada. A number of new recruits joined the party at the town of Pearsall and then proceeded westward to the Pearsall field in Frio County. A very enlightening view of the structural conditions of the Pearsall field was pointed out by Willis Clark and Oscar Champion from a high elevation to which the party was conducted. Various wells were visited in this field and many interesting side-lights regarding the structure and physical operations of the field were pointed out. The San Antonio Society feels deeply grateful to the Amerada Petroleum Corporation for its kindness and courtesy in doing this. At Loma Vista, in Zavala County, the trip ended at about 5:30 P.M. and the party proceeded to the main highway for a 125-mile drive to Laredo for the night.

Headquarters at Laredo were located at the Hamilton Hotel. About 200 geologists attended the technical session in the auditorium of the San Agustin School on Saturday. The program was well balanced and the papers were received with enthusiasm. Although the auditorium was some distance from the hotels, a fleet of taxicabs was available for members and guests.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS

1. Eocene Paleogeography of Southern California, by Ralph D. Reed, Los Angeles, California, president of the Association.

2. Correlation of the Claiborne of Southwest Texas with the East Texas Section. A Discussion by the Field Trip Committee, led by H. B. Stenzel, Austin, Texas.

A brief résumé of the East Texas Claiborne section is given, followed by a comparison of Claiborne formations encountered in wells through Bastrop, Gonzales, Wilson, Atascosa, and Frio counties. The East Texas section serves as a basis for a tentative correlation of the Claiborne section studied during the Friday field trip. Considerable detailed information is presented during the discussion of this problem to substantiate the correlation tentatively offered.

3. The Geology of the Chittim Anticline, Maverick County, Texas, by F. M. Plummer, Austin, Texas.

This paper discusses briefly the history of the geological work and oil developments in Maverick County. It describes briefly the stratigraphy and main features of structure of the Chittim anticline, refers briefly to the results of geophysical work, and points out some of the favorable features of the Maverick district which lead one to believe that a major oil pool may some day be developed.