

From Our File

Kingsville Record, Jan. 5, 1992

Judge Simons roasts an ox

From the June 18,
1952 issue of the
Kingsville Record:

Last week Judge Tom
Simons almost went to
England to roast an ox.

Down in Texas it's
called barbecuing a
steer, but in Merry Old
England it's "roasting
an ox." This Saturday
the traditional roasting
of the ox will be an
important part in the
observation of the 600th
birthday anniversary of
Corpus Christi College,
Cambridge University,
in meat-short England.

When Cambridge
University officials
planned to revive the
ancient rite of roasting
the ox, they ran up
against meat rationing
at its worst. They were
told they might go
ahead with the roasting
of the ox, if the ox,
pound by pound, was
subtracted from the
school's normal but
scant ration.

Then the Corpus
Christi, Texas, Chamber
of Commerce came to
the rescue with the
nearest approach to an
ox they knew of - a
prime Texas steer. But
Bob McCracken,
"Corpus Christi Caller-
Times" editor, and other
Corpus Christians who
had survived the meat-
short days of World War
II, thanks to Kingsville
barbecues, had little
faith in the abilities of
their English cousins
when it came to slow-
cooking a Texas steer
out in the open.

So they did the
natural thing - what
everybody in South
Texas who wants to
stage a barbecue has
been doing for three
decades - called Tom
Simons. They asked
him to fly over to
England, barbecue a
beef and fly right back
again. Just like that.
Expenses would be
paid, they said, but
time's awasting.

Judge Tom told "The
Kingsville Record" later
he felt highly
complimented and
mighty glad his Corpus
Christi friends had
remembered him.

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Christmas was a time for contest

From the Dec. 26,
1951 issue of the

Kingsville Record

The Garden Gate Club

held a Christmas

Decorating Contest at

the Humble Stratton

Camp Dec. 18. Judges

were Mrs. Herbert

Andres, Mrs. W. E.

Sells, and Mrs. D. B.

Ballard. The decorations

were graded on

distinction and overall

effect.

Winners were: Mrs.

R. N. (Bobby) Dietz, who

had a front wall

decoration of Santa

Claus with his sleigh

and reindeer coming

through the stars, all in

bright glitter in the

floodlight. A second wall

had angels in silver

among musical notes

singing "Noel." The

picture had a white

background with gold

around the edges.

Green boughs formed

the base of the design.

The second winner

was Mrs. F. E. Gossett

who had a Christmas

card on the lawn. The

floodlight revealed a

sparkling red candle

with green leaves and

holly berries. The third

winner was Mrs. Robert

D. Carter who made a

door decoration of a

Christmas tree made of

Christmas card cut

outs, and also

Christmas cards in an

attractive arrangement

on the lower half of the

door.

Honorable Mention

went to Mrs. Ralph T.

Russell who had a

fluorescent blue light on

an angel on her front

door. Another

Honorable mention was

Mrs. R. H. Melat who

had a shadow-box effect

of a silver wreath on a

green background with

a red light. Third

Honorable Mention

went to Mrs. Jack D.

Anderson who had an

excellent etching of the

Wise Men on her door.

Frosty, the Snowman,

and Rudolph, the Red-

Nosed Reindeer, were in

the yard. Floodlights

were thrown on the

entire scene.



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Kleberg County tests abilities in oil production

From Feb. 25, 1931,
issue of the Kingsville
Record:

A real test of Kleberg County's possibilities as an oil producing county will be made by thoroughly reliable independent oil men at a very early date provided a 4,000 acre block of leases is secured, according to a statement made by T. A. Simons, Jr., local abstractor, who is interested with Jake S. Barbee and B. H. Hunter, of Oklahoma City, in securing the acreage.

The townsite of Ricardo will be the center of the proposed field. Within the past ten days 3,000 acres have been secured and Simons states that the additional thousand acres needed to complete the block probably will be secured by the end of the present week.

More than 30 land owners are included in the list of those who have entered into contract with Hunter, who has been in the city for the past two weeks. This list includes A. P. Williams, B. O. Sims, Jr., John D. Finnegan, W. L. Trant, L. L. Radford, J. R. Trussell, Fritz Fromine, W. D. Taylor and others.

Under the terms of the contract, drilling is to begin within 45 days from the date abstracts of title are approved by Johns and Bristow, attorneys for the Oklahoma oil men. Leases are to be for five years if drilling is continued. The location of the first well is to be determined by the geologist of the operators, and is to be drilled to a depth of 3,000 feet, unless oil is encountered at a lesser depth, according to statements made by Mr. Simons.