

# Commission Approves Oil Wells Within City Limits

City commission, at a special meeting Wednesday morning, unanimously approved and enacted an ordinance, which permits the drilling of oil wells within the city limits, but restricts drilling operations to one well for each 20 acres, which means that approximately 109 wells would be the maximum that could be drilled, as the city now comprises some 2100 acres, or three and one-third square miles or 109 city drilling blocks.

The commission has had the proposed ordinance under intensive study for the past few weeks, following an offer by John Murchison, oil operator, represented lo-

cally by C. J. Duggan, to drill an exploratory well, if necessary acreage could be leased, and the city was willing to enact the spacing ordinance, which has now been passed.

This in turn opens the possibility that a well or wells will be drilled here in the immediate future.

Murchison posted a \$15,000 forfeit bond with First National Bank, guaranteeing to start the well in 120 days if the acreage can be obtained.

However, enactment of the ordinance will open the door to any other operator, who wishes to

make the test, and can secure leases.

The wording of the ordinance follows the general pattern enacted and in effect in many other Texas cities. The Littlefield City Commission also placed some additional safe-guarding provisions in the new ordinance.

Numerous surveys have been made by geologists in and around Littlefield, and many of their reports have been said to be favorable.

Murchison, if he starts drilling of a test well here, will sink it to a depth of 7700 feet, if necessary, he has stipulated.

## Moisture Sunday Puts Land In Excellent Condition For Spring

It dripped and drizzled rain over Littlefield and this area Sunday, but the best that Vic Bullman, who keeps watch over the moisture gauge at the oil mill here, could do, as the rain ceased was to report moisture totaling only one-fifth of an inch.

Bullman said however, that this

brings the total for 1953 to date as 1.61 inches, which includes .65 in March, .23 in February and .73 in January.

Land tracts throughout the county are mostly in excellent, plowed condition to take advantage of every drop of moisture that falls,

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## Six Candidates for Commission

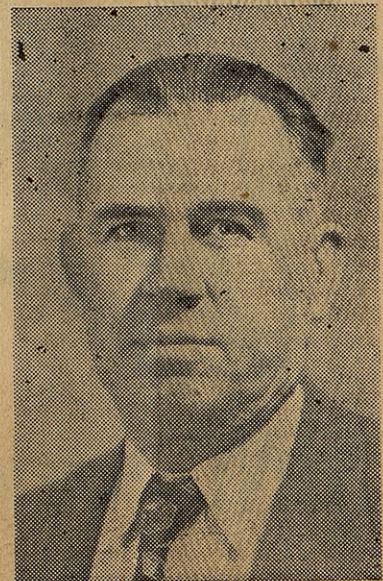
Six men have filed for places on the Littlefield city commission.

The deadline for filing was March 7, and the election will be held Tuesday, April 7.

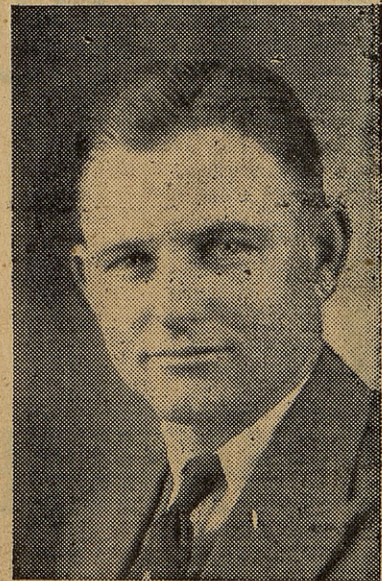
Those who filed in the last few days of the limit were A. C. Chesh-er, for re-election as mayor; Lon C. Campbell, for re-election as a commissioner, and Hamp McCary,

real estate man and farmer, for election to the commission.

Those who filed previously were L. C. Hewitt, city commissioner, for election as mayor; Pat Boone, Jr., attorney, for election as commissioner, and Nelson Naylor, hardware merchant, for election to the commission.



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