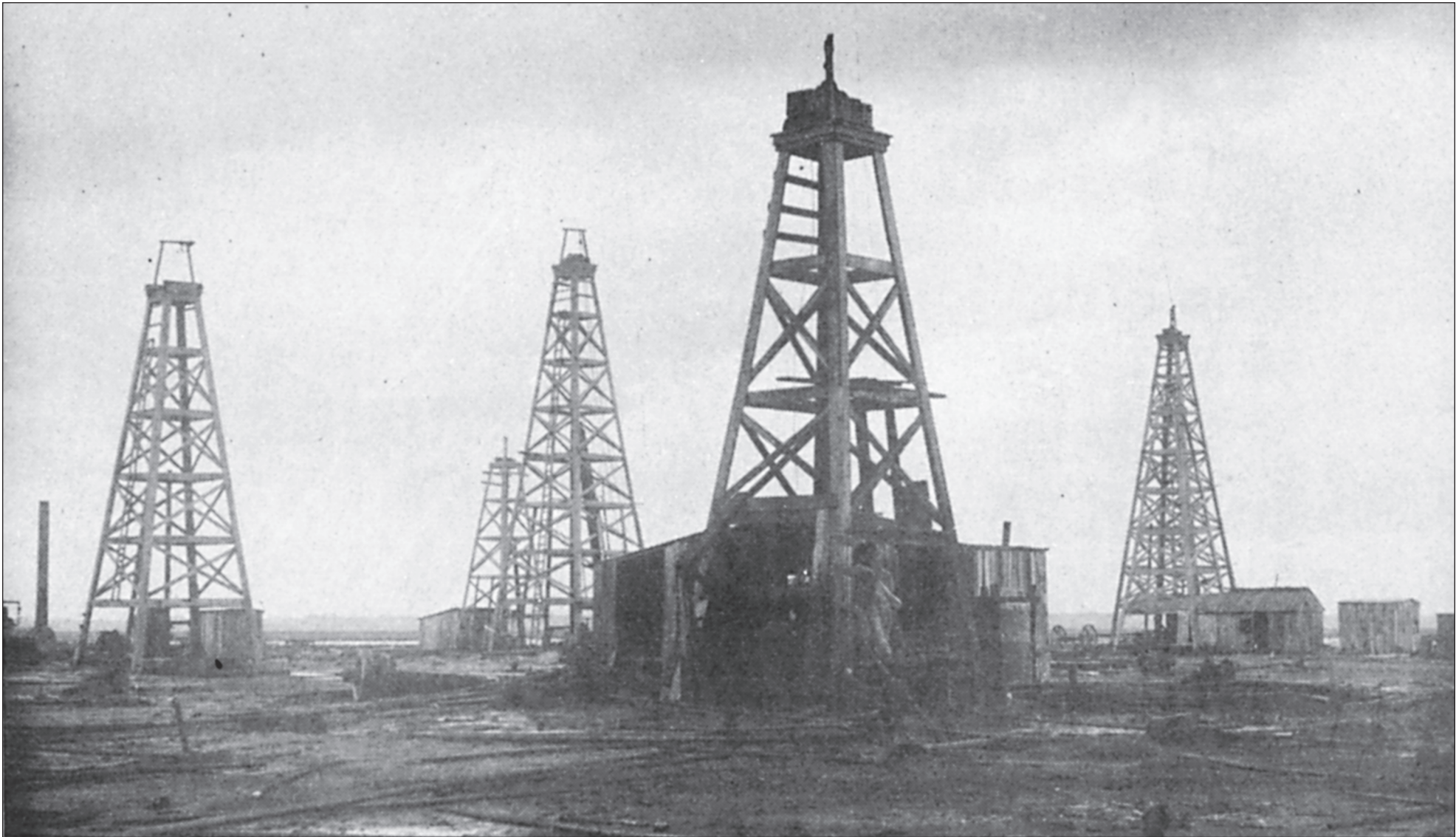
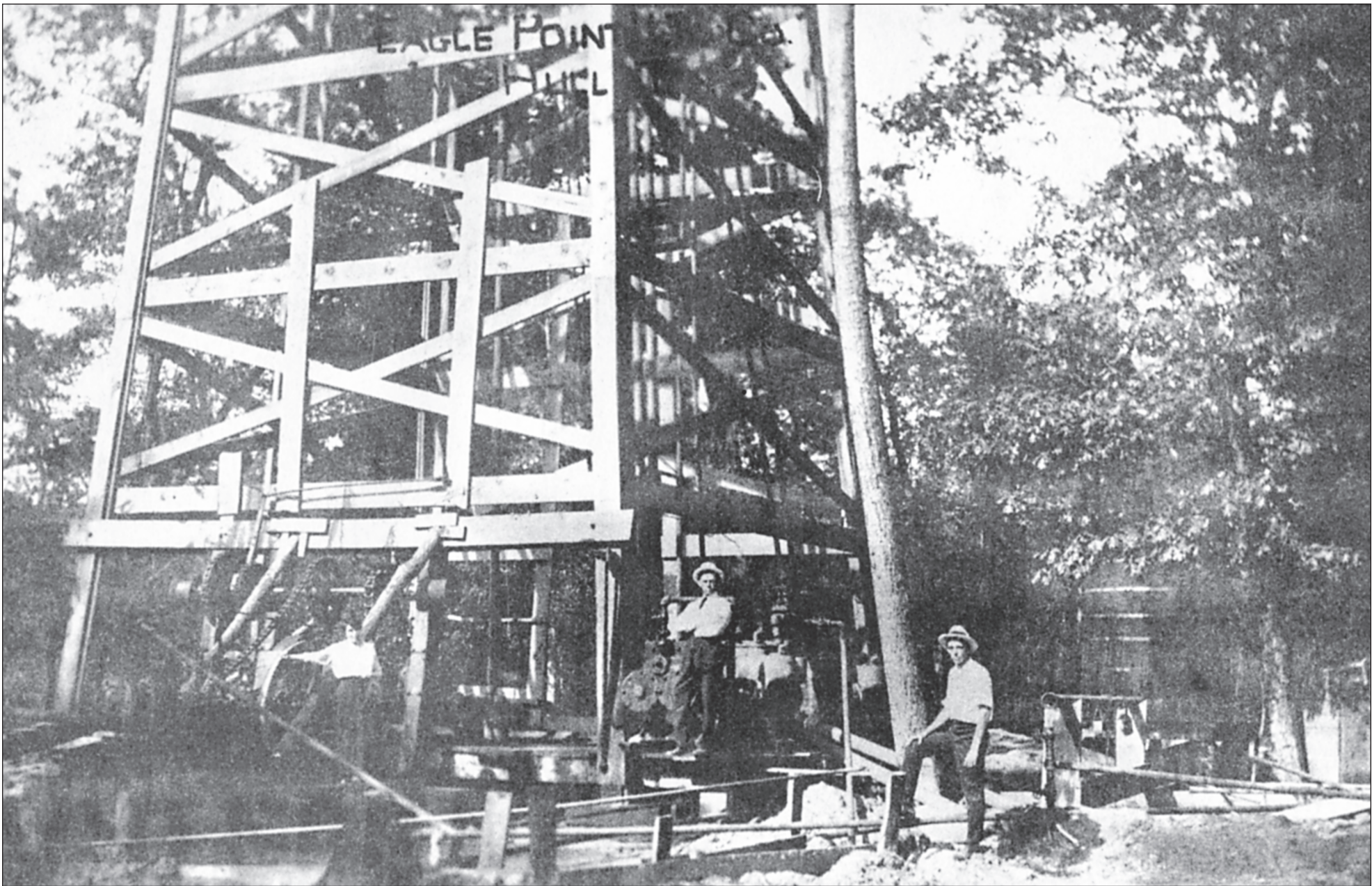


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From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, December 16, 1965 –
Early oil well in the Dayton area, photographed nearly a half-century ago. It is the “Jamison Well,” and is further marked on our picture, “D.J. Harrison.” Note the simple low wooden derricks.



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, December 15, 1965 –
Eagle Point Oil Company photograph, made in Hull a half-century ago.

From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, April 2, 1970 –

Trinity River Historical Marker To Be Erected

The Official Texas Historical Marker for the Trinity River will be erected this spring, announced Charles Woodburn of Amarillo, president of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee. This is a “State Matching Fund” marker.

Mrs. Ben E. Pickett of Liberty, chairman of the Liberty County Historical Survey Committee, said the marker will be placed on the Trinity River, U.S. Highway 90, Liberty, Texas. The inscription of this 27- by 42-inch marker reads:

THE TRINITY RIVER
Longest river lying entirely within Texas. The watershed of the Trinity covers 17,969 square miles, an area larger than any one of

the nine smallest states in the union. More than 20 percent of the people in Texas reside in this area – more people than in any one of the 24 least populous states.

The first recorded exclusive navigation rights to the Trinity were given by Mexico in 1833 to District Commissioner J. Francisco Madero but before he could exercise his rights, the Texas Revolution intervened.

As early as 1838, during the Republic of Texas, steamboat navigation had begun on the Trinity. The famous steamer “Ellen Frankland” plied it regularly. In 1852 a survey authorized by the U.S. Congress reported that, “the Trinity River is the deepest and least obstructed river in Texas.”

The river played a vital role in the Civil War, when a company of Alabama Coushatta Indians transported key military supplies and boats from Anderson County to waiting Confederate officials in Liberty. Until 1874 steamers chugged from Galveston to as far north as Porter’s Bluff in Ellis County. Under the River and Harbor Act of 1965, Congress authorized the comprehensive development of the Trinity Basin’s water resources.

This is the eighth Official Texas Historical Marker to be erected in Liberty County. Dedication plans will be announced by Mrs. Pickett.

The marking of local historic sites and landmarks

is part of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee’s five-year RAMPS Program to record, appreciate, mark, preserve, and survey Texas history.

More than 3,300 Official Texas Historical Markers have been awarded throughout Texas since the RAMPS program was begun in 1964. The markers are of cast aluminum with Swedish-style effect.

This marker and its location will appear in the next edition of the “Guide to Official Texas Historical Markers,” in tourist guides and on maps to stimulate tourist interest in this area, to provide interest on historical tours and to acquaint the people of Liberty County with their own unique historical past.



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