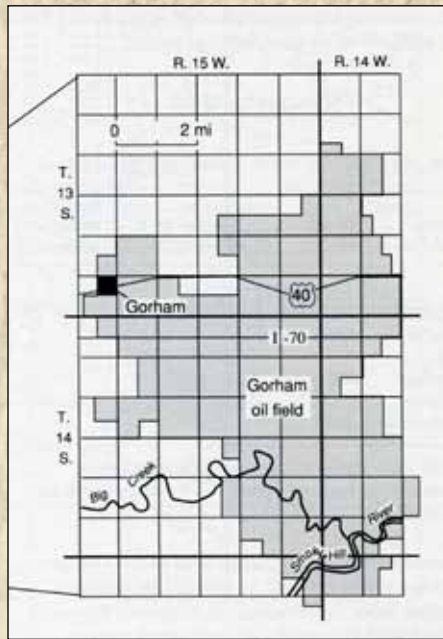


# SCRAPBOOK... EARLY DAYS IN THE GORHAM AND FAIRPORT FIELDS, RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

The Gorham field was the second oldest oilfield in the west ranges of Kansas. There were 1,329 wells drilled in the Gorham field from 1926 to 1986, and these wells produced about 100 million barrels of oil. A few wells in this field are still producing today.



(Map from the 1991 bulletin "Gorham Oil Field" by Robert Walters, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS.

Regional Index Map showing the location of the Gorham oilfield in Russell County. Interstate Highway 70 (I-70) and the town of Gorham are reference points shown on succeeding maps.



1950 photograph of Joe Scheck pulling rods in the Roback field south of the town of Gorham.



Tim and his family visit the oilfield in the 1980s. That's Tim and his sisters Joan, Myrna and Melba. With their dad Joe and mom Eleanor.



Tim Scheck and his dad in the oilfield.



SOHIO employees attending a safety meeting, which was probably held at the Tower Restaurant in Russell in the early 1950s. Note the suits and ties! Joe is fourth from the left in the fourth row on the left side of the photo. (Photos loaned to the Territorial by the Scheck family.)



Roustabout A. J. Yost and gang pusher A. I. Abercrombie tighten up jack post on vertical band wheel at Sutton A-5 well, Fairpoint, Kansas. This giant old-style wooden wheel, reminiscent of earlier days in the oil fields, is no longer common, more modern pumping equipment have superceded it in most of the newer production areas. (Photo from the July, 1945 SOHIOAN magazine.)



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