

## A LOOK BACK IN HUTCHINSON COUNTY HISTORY



*Moving a large oil tank across the river in the early 1940's.*

### **The First Bridge Across the Canadian River in Hutchinson County**

The Plemons Bridge was built in 1926 by the Austin Bridge Company at a cost of \$135,000.00. It was a steel pony-truss bridge and originally had a pine timber road surface. The road surface was later converted to steel and concrete. It was a toll bridge until Hutchinson County purchased it in 1927 for \$120,000.00. Before the bridge was built, traffic between Borger and points north crossed the Canadian River at Dixon point, near where the bridge was built. Henry Reese operated a toll crossing service that used mule teams to pull vehicles and loads across the wide, often-flooded river. The 5/8 mile long historic bridge was open to one way traffic from 1926 until 2011, when it was closed to public use and a new bridge was built just east of its path across the river. To see the old bridge, turn east on FM Road 2277 from Hwy 207 north about two miles south of Stinnett and follow the paved road about 10 miles to the bridge. ■

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