

Drilling Oil Well Costly Gamble, Survey Suggests

CALGARY (CP) — So you want to drill your own oil well? The Standard Oil Company of California and the National Supply Company Limited had some discouraging statistics this week for anybody contemplating going into the oil business. It's an expensive proposition.

The figures dealt with a typical oil well close to a populated area that was drilled to a depth of 10,000 feet. As a starter, the survey suggested, the following would be needed:

Seven hundred and twenty-six tons of steel, 32 trucks ranging from a tandem tractor to a light pickup, three cranes, a road grader, a few house trailers and 132 men whose occupations range from lawyer to truck driver.

ONE IN ELEVEN
Total cost could range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 and drilling could continue for two years. And the catch, the survey adds: Only one well in 11 produces.

The study gives a detailed analysis of how the material, equipment and manpower would be used.

The steel provides a 136-foot derrick or mast, including sub-structure, three engines and torque converters and three slush pumps, 10,000 feet of 4½-inch drill pipe, plus joints, collars and casings.

Should the well be a producer, another 30 tons of steel tubing must be lowered into the well to carry the oil flow.

SEVEN HAUL PIPE
About seven of the trucks are tractor-trailer units to haul in the pipe. Another seven trailer units bring in equipment for the derrick and buildings. Two tank trucks haul in cement, and about seven are needed for seismograph, electric logging and perforating services equipment.

The remaining trucks are needed to supply the well site locating crew and the road clearing crew.

The labor force includes: landmen and lawyers to acquire drilling and minerals rights for the operation, once the reconnaissance crews and geologists have recommended a site; surveyors, transit men, engineers, equipment

operators, road builders, gang pushers and their helpers.

Once the equipment for the rig arrives on location, about six riggers, four crane operators and a rig-up man and his assistant are required. With the rig up, 14 rotary helpers, six derrick men, six welders, carpenters, electricians and mechanics, five drillers and a drilling foreman must be hired.

In the course of drilling the well these materials will probably be needed: 4,850 bags of cement, 1,000 feet of manila rope, 7,500 feet of drill cable, 800 tons of drilling mud, 100 tons of bentonite, 150 tons of barytes, five reamers, five core head bits, 10 hard rock bits, 150 drums of emulsified oil, various tools for re-coring broken bits, and 48,000 barrels of water.

Should the well blow in, it would probably produce about 500 barrels of crude a day. At an average price of \$2.50 a barrel, the return would be \$1,250 a day. Few wells, therefore, pay for themselves until after a year of operation.



RUNNERS-UP IN COMPETITION

Runners-up in the Island tyro curling bonspiel at Summerside, Ken Matheson's Alberton rink is seen receiving shirt awards from A. H. Hubley on behalf of the winners of Central Creameries Ltd. Other members of his rink are Don MacKenzie, Bert Pridham, and Wes Hardy.

Copper Mine Shows Profit

TORONTO (CP) — Gaspe Copper Mines Ltd. had net profit in 1957 of \$1,183,385, or 45 cents a share, compared with a loss of \$2,327,328 in 1957. Revenue from metals produced

KENSINGTON RINK

TONIGHT (Saturday)
(First Game for Island Championship for Intermediate C).

Murray Harbour Bruins Vs. New Annan Beavers

Game Time 8:30 Sharp
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was \$17,854,613 compared with \$19,728,973. The annual report notes that the three-year exemption from

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The Alberton Dramatic Club's Annual St. Patrick's Play

A three act comedy "Come Out of Your Coma" will be presented in the ALBERTON PARISH HALL Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th at 8 p.m. Specialties, etc. Matinee Monday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets on sale at C. R. Leard's

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TYRO COMPETITION WINNERS

A. H. Hubley, Summerside manager of Perfection Dairies Ltd., present a jacket award to skip Eric Johnston whose Summerside rink won the tyro curling championship for the second consecutive year. Other members of his team, Stan Gay, Lloyd Law-

Whipper Billy Watson To Aid Rotary Club's Seal Campaign

SUMMERSIDE — "Whipper" Billy Watson, world famous grappling artist, will arrive here by plane Monday morning to lend his support to the Summerside Rotary Club's annual drive to aid crippled children.

The "Whipper" has so far made 70 public appearances on behalf of crippled children in various centres throughout Canada. He will arrive by plane from

Winds Cause Town Damage

SUMMERSIDE — Considerable damage was caused in Summerside and the surrounding area by a violent snowstorm that hit area Tuesday night.

In Sherbrooke a pump house was blown off its foundation and shingles stripped from the side of a dwelling house. Several signs were blown down in Summerside as well as a number of TV aerials.

A few smelt shacks on Summerside harbour were reported overturned by the strong winds and a large sign at the entrance of Brace McKay Ltd. was destroyed when it crashed to the ground.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

CRAPAUD Rink Saturday night 8:30 Sharp Crapaud Midgets vs. Summerside Midgets second game in finals Crapaud is now leading series by one goal. Admission 50 cts and 25 cts. Skate after.

KENSINGTON United Church, Sunday, March 15th. Church School 9:50 morning worship 11 o'clock. Admission of new elder to the session. Evening Worship 7:30. Summerfield service 2:30 p.m. Rev. Lewis M. Murray, B. A., B.D., Minister.

FUNDAMENTAL Baptist Church, Central Bedouque. Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday School 12 noon. Evening Service 7:30 Harold B. Hooper, Pastor.

LEARNS OF AUNT'S DEATH — Mrs. Elton Cairns, Freetown, received the sad news of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Albert Craig, in Vancouver, B.C., on Monday, March 9th. Mrs. Craig was the former Jennie Taylor, daughter of the late Peter Taylor, Freetown.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Robert Affleck, North Bedouque, is a patient in Prince County Hospital.

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Nyasaland Disturbance, Is Linked With Russia

KITWE, Northern Rhodesia (Reuters) — Sir Roy Welensky, prime minister of the Rhodesian Federation, Tuesday night linked Russia with the disturbances in Nyasaland through Soviet influence at last December's all-African people's conference in Ghana.

Welensky said plans for fomenting unrest in the British protectorate were laid at the Accra conference, which was attended by a "strong team" from the Soviet Union.

The prime minister was speaking at an election meeting for candidates of his United Federal party. It was his first appearance in the Northern Rhodesian campaign for the federation's general elections March 20.

"I want to go on record as saying that plans (for Nyasaland) were inspired at a recent meeting held in Accra which was attended by a number of African leaders from the Rhodesias and Nyasaland," he said.

"The public also ought to know that at the Accra conference the Russians had a strong team, and what is more, we have it from factual evidence that direct contact was made between Russian representatives and certain of the

O'LEARY

Sincere sympathy is extended the family of the late Henry Peters who passed away at the Community Hospital O'Leary early Saturday morning.

Dr. William Turner, Moncton, N.B. is spending a few days in O'Leary visiting his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Turner O'Leary. D.U.

Consumer Credit Expansion Slows

OTTAWA (CP) — A marked slowdown last year in the expansion of consumer credit by retail dealers and finance companies was reported by the Bank of Canada Thursday.

The bank's annual report said this form of credit rose by \$40,000,000 in the year to \$2,008,000,000 from \$1,968,000,000.

The increase compared with annual increases of \$56,000,000 in 1957, of \$281,000,000 in 1956 and of \$327,000,000 in 1955.

The bank indicated that most of the gain occurred in the last three months of the year. It said there was relatively little change in the first nine months of 1958, apart from usual seasonal fluctuations.

Largest form of consumer credit — loans by instalment finance companies, mostly on auto. mobiles — declined by \$43,000,000 during the year to \$757,000,000.

Small loans companies, on the other hand, had \$400,000,000 in credit outstanding at the year's end, a gain of \$38,000,000.

Department stores expanded their credit by \$20,000,000 to a total of \$282,000,000. Of this, \$224,000,000 was in instalment credit and \$58,000,000 in charge accounts.

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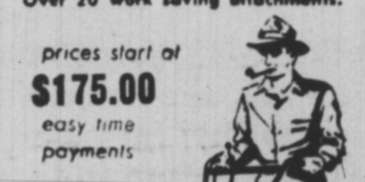
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BRITISH SONG Composer Dies

LONDON (Reuters) — Haydn Wood, the composer whose song Roses of Picardy was sung by British troops as they marched to the trenches in the First World War, died in a nursing home Wednesday night. He would have been 77 on March 25.

Wood wrote more than 200 songs, including A Brown Bird Singing, Love's Garden of Roses and It Is Only a Tiny Garden.

"AUNT ABBY ANSWERS AN AD"

A Twentieth Century laughing sensation in three acts by Henry Rowland to be presented by St. Paul's Dramatic Club at the High School Auditorium On March 17th and 18th

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- Never use coal oil, gasoline or other inflammable liquids to start or pep up a fire.
- Examine and replace chimney pipes at least once a year.
- Never place hot ashes in anything but metal containers.
- If a fire starts in your house — give the alarm promptly. Shut in the fire if you can, by closing doors, windows and transoms to prevent a draft. If the fire is small, try to smother it with a coat, rug or blanket — or use water.
- If the blaze is from gasoline or any other inflammable liquid do not use water. This fire can only be smothered.
- Don't check a stove or furnace until red flame is showing.
- Never leave rags or paper near a stove or furnace.
- Don't overload electric wiring.
- Tell children what to do in case of fire — before it happens — and repeat it every week.
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