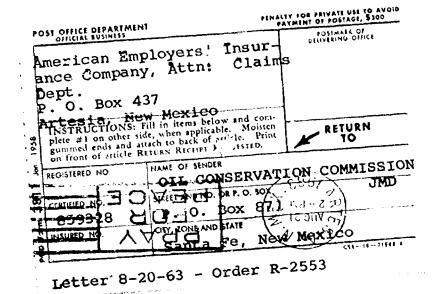
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From

JAMES M. DURRETT JR. GENERAL COUNSEL

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIC N P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 20, 1963

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

American Employers' Insurance Company P. O. Box 437 Artesia, New Mexico

Attention: Claims Department

Re: Case No. 2815 Order No. R-3553

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a certified copy of Order No. R-2553 entered by the Commission in Case No. 2815.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr. Secretary-Director

ALP/DSN/esr Enclosure

CC: Mrs. Corine Foster Corine Foster Oi? Company 4517 20th Street Lubbock, Texas

> Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE. NEW MEXICO

August 20, 1963

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Mrs. Corine Foster Corine Foster Oil Company 4517 20th Street Lubbock, Texas

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE - NEW MEXICO

CASE No. 2815

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Corine Foster dba Corine Foster Oil Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Corine Foster Oil Company Ohio Farris Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Corine Foster Corine Foster Oil Company 4517-20th Street Imbbook, Texas

American Employers' Insurance Company Attention: Claims Department P. O. Box 437 Artesia, New Mexico

Corine Poster Oil Company c/o Stanley L. Jones P. O. Box 464 Artesia, New Mexico

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE MOTICE THAT THE ABOVE ENTITLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE WILL COME BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT THE MAY 22, 1963, EXAMINER HEARING, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M., OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION COMPERENCE ROOM, STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA PE, HEW MEXICO.

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Secretary-Director

I hereby certify that I have mailed a copy of this Notice to the above-named parties on this 7th day of May, 1963.

General Counsel

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Movember 7, 1963

Mr. Lake J. Frazier Attorney at Law 123 Nest Fourth Roswell, New Mexico

Re: Oil Conservation Commission Plugging Cases

Doar Mr. Frazier:

In accordance with our recent conversation, I am enclosing herewith copies of the orders entered in the plugging cases to complete your files concerning the same.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

JMD/ear Enclosures





ARTESIA CLAIM DEPARTMENT WARD BUILDING, ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

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State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

September 24, 1963

RE: BOND SY 272773 CORINE FOSTER GIL COMPANY - OBLIGEE: STATE

OF NEW MEXICO

YOUR CASE NUMBER: 2815 ORDER NUMBER: R-2553

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of August 20, 1963, whereby you enclosed certified copy of Order No. R-2553, and at this time I would like to inform you that we are in the process of obtaining bids from two well plugging contractors in this area, and will commence plugging this Well in the very near future.

Reason for this delay is that we were anticipating Mrs. Corine Foster plugging this Well, and on this date we were informed that she was not going to assume her obligation.

We should have a contractor proceeding with plugging within the next ten to fifteen days, and will have him contact Mr. M. L. Armstrong of your local office.

Sincerely,

Doyle/Cole Superintendent Artesia Claim Dept.

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cc: El Paso Claim

cc: Mr. L. M. Armstrong, Supervisor

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

November 7, 1963

Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District 2 Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Plugging Cases

Dear Mose:

Mr. Lake J. Frazier, Attorney at Law, 123 West Fourth, Roswell, New Mexico, is going to assist me with some of the Commission's legal work. I have turned the following cases over to Mr. Frazier:

Corine Foster Fred M. Allison Dwight L. Smith

Will you please check with Doyle Cole concerning the Corine Foster well and forward a copy of the plugging report to Mr. Frazier if plugging is completed. If the well is not yet plugged, please advise Mr. Frazier.

If the Fred Allison Magnolia State Well No. 1 is not plugged by Movember 15, 1963, please advise Mr. Frazier and he will take appropriate action.

I am enclosing herewith two Affidavits of Responsibility concerning conversion to a water well. Will you please contact the landowner in the Dwight L. Smith case and if he desires the well have him execute both copies of the affidavit, keep one for your file and forward one to Mr. Frazier. If the landowner does not desire to assume responsibility concerning the well, please advise Mr. Frazier and he will write a demand letter to the bonding company.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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cc: Mr. Lake J. Frazier Attorney at Law

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Attorney Oil Conservation Commission Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Durrett:

I am advised by M. L. Armstrong of the Artesia office that the Corine Foster well plugging will begin this week; that that the Corine Poster well plugging will begin this week, that the Fred M. Allison well has been plugged satisfactorily but he has not received Form C-103 so far, presumably because they have not cleaned up the location and that he will contact the land owner on the Dwight I smith well this week. The insurant land owner on the Dwight I smith well this week. land owner on the Dwight L. Smith well this week. The insurance agent advised that the land owner wants the well as a water well but doesn't want to sign the Affidavit of Responsibility.

sincerely yours,

FRAZIER & CUSACK

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 16, 1963

Mr. Lake J. Frazier Attorney at Law 123 West Fourth Street P. O. Box 250 Roswell, New Mexico

> Re: Corine Foster Company Ohio Farris Well No. 1, Unit P, Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico - Case No. 2815, Order No. R-2553

Dear Mr. Frazier:

As we have now received an approved plugging report concerning the above well, we can close the Corine Foster dba Corine Foster Oil Company plugging case.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the plugging report for your files.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

JMD/esr Enclosure

CC: Mr. M. L. Armstrong
Supervisor, District 2
Oil Conservation Commission
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December 16, 1963

Mr. James M. Durrett, Jr. Oil Conservation Commission Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Durrett:

Since my temporary employment by the Oil Conservation Commission terminated December 15th I am returning herewith your Files in Case No. 2815 re Corine Foster Well and Case regarding plugging wells, Dwight L. Smith, Otero County, N.M.

I made every effort to get these matters concluded but it was impossible to do so in the six week period. Apparently some drastic action will have to be taken to wind up these matters.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 27, 1963

Corine Foster Oil Company 4517 20th Street Labbook, Texas

American Employers' Insurance Company Attention: Mr. Doyle Cole Ward Building Artesia, New Mexico

> Re: Case No. 2815 Order No. R-2553

Gentlemen:

As we have now received and approved a plugging report concerning the Corine Foster Ohio Farris Well No. 1, the requirements of Order No. R-2553 have been met.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

JMD/esr

cc: Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artosia, New Moxico

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 871 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 26, 1963

Mr. Lake J. Frazier Attorney at Law 123 West Fourth Street P. O. Box 250 Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Frazier:

We have your letter of December 16 and the Corine Foster and Dwight L. Smith files.

It has been a pleasure to work with you on these cases. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Best wishes for the new year.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr. Attorney

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CASE No. 2815

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT CORINE FOSTER DBA CORINE FOSTER OIL COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE CORINE FOSTER OIL COMPANY OHIO FARRIS WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT P OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on May 22 , 1963, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this <u>day of August</u>, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, <u>Daniel S. Nutter</u>, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That Corine Foster, dba Corine Foster Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Corine Foster Oil Company Farris Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the subject well has been abandoned and should be placed our production or should be plugged in a manner which will confine permanently all oil, gas, and water in the separate strata originally containing them in order to prevent waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Chrime Foster, dba Corine Foster Oil Company, is hereby ordered to plug the Corine Foster Oil Company Farris

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Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South,
Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in accordance with
the following minimum plugging requirements:

- (1) Set a 25-sack cement plug at total depth.
- (2) Set a 20-sack cement plug from approximately 833 to 893 feet.
- (3) Set a 20-sack cement plug from approximately 580 to 640 feet.
- (4) Set a 5-sack cement surface plug.
- (5) Fill all intervals between cement plugs with mud weighing not less than 10 pounds per gallon.
- (6) Set in the surface plug a regulation steel
 marker not less than 4 inches in diameter
 and extending at least 4 feet above mean
 ground level
- (2) That the plugging officere of the shall be completed on or before September 1, 1963, and that Corine Foster, dba Corine Foster Oil Company, shall notify the District Supervisor, District 2, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact time and date plugging operations are to commence.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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NOW, on this 16th day of August, 1963, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced, and the recommendations of the Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
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- (3) That the subject well has been abandoned and should be placed on production or should be plugged in a manner which will confine permanently all oil, gas, and water in the separate strata originally containing them in order to prevent waste.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That if the Corine Foster Oil Company Ohio Farris Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, is not producing by

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- (6) Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than four inches in diameter and extending at least four feet above mean ground level.
- (2) That if the subject well is not producing by September 15, 1963, the plugging thereof shall be completed on or before September 25, 1963, and that Corine Foster, dba Corine Foster 011 Company, shall notify the District Supervisor, District 2, 011 Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, of the exact time and date plugging operations are to commence.
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> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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DEARNLEY-MEIER REPORTING SERVICE, Inc.

BEFORE THE OH, CONCERVATION COMMISSION Santo Fe, New Mexico May 22, 1963

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

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BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

MR. NUTTER: We will call Case 2815.

MR. DURRETT: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Corine Foster dba Corine Foster Oil Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Corine Poster Oil Company Farris Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, should not be plugged in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

If the Examiner please, J. M. Durrett, Jr., appearing on behalf of the Commission and its Staff. I believe Mr. Jones is here and has stated that he is here and will appear in his own

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You are the party of interest

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behalf, is that correct, Mr. Jones? in this case? MR. JONES: Yes, sir. MR. DURRETT: ! will have one witness. Did you want to make a statement before I put my witness on?

MR. JONES: I just cam here to state the only reason I saw for it not plugging the well was it was a small well and Mrs. Foster, when the rods came in she -- I wanted to explain why the well was taken off production, and wish to continue this, and we want permission to go into the well and drill it deeper.

MR. DURRETT: Mr. Jones, right at this point I'm trying to straighten the record out here. Our files reflect that the Corine Foster Gil Company is the owner of the well or the operator of the well.

MR. JCNES: She's the operator.

MR. DURRETT: Am I correct that you are representing

MR. JCNES: No, I'm representing myself because I own her? Are you her agent? half the well.

ME. DURRETT: You have a one-half interest?

MR. JONES: I own a half interest in the well.

NR. NUTTER: If you are going to interrogate Mr. Jones,

Mr. Durrett, I would like to put him under oath.

MR. DURRETT: All right, I don't have any further questions at this time.



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MR. MUTTER: I have a few questions.

(har. Jones sworn.)

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Jones, the well file in this case indicates that the well is owned by the Corine Foster Oil Company, or owned by Corine Foster, doing business as the Corine Foster Oil Company; and that the last document in the well file, being a form was filed by you as the agent of the Corine Poster Oil Company. This indicated that the well had been formerly owned by Ralph Nix and Jerry Curtis and had been transferred to the Corine Foster! Oil Company.

MR. JONES: It was transferred to me and then I transferred it to her. There's a transfer from the Ohio Oil Company to me direct. It was not made direct to Curtis and Nix. It was originally a farmout to them and they drilled the well on the farmout.

MR. NUTTER: Curtis and Nix?

MR. JONES: Yes, I drilled the well. I took the farmout from them and drilled the well myself. After it was drilled, some months later, why, Ohio Oil Company gave me an assignment direct by permission of Jerry Curtis and Ralph Nix, in which they relinquished all their right, title and interest in the well, with the exception of a royalty interest.

MR, NUTTER: Then is the Form C-110 in error that states that this is the Corine Foster Oil Company Ohio Farris No. 1 and that the operator is the Corine Foster Cil Company?

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well?

MR. JOMES: I gave her operation of the well when I made a deal with her. I drilled the well first. She came in and bought a half-interest in the well with me, and was to drill the well deeper, but she and not carry it any deeper. She went in and perforated the well and acidized and it made a small well, but she completed it, put it on production; and I'm living in Dallas now, and the next thing I knew, I came back, she had taken the pumping equipment of the well out and moved it to another well.

MR. NUTTER: What's the total depth of the well?

MR. JONES: I believe it's 2475, I don't recall exactly with the rights to go deeper, 100 feet deeper if I want to.

 $\mathtt{MR}.$ NUTTER: Has the well actually produced oil?

MR. JONES: Yes, sir. We sold some oil out of it.

MR. NUTTER: How much oil has this well produced?

MR. JONES: It hasn't produced very much. I sold oil out of it individually before I made a deal with her, and it produced only about four or five barrels a day. It came in making more oil than that and we had some troubles in there with the acid and then she went in and re-acidized again and it came back making about 10 or 15 barrels a day, and then it dropped off again to two or three barrels a day, I was informed by her.

Now how much oil she has sold out of it, I don't know.

MR. NUTTER: This is when she was the operator of the

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IN. JCNES: Yes, when she took over the operations for a half-interest in it.

MB. MUTTER: When did she cease to produce the well, do you know?

MR. JONES: It's been about, almost two years ago. didn't know until about eight months ago that she had moved the equipment off of it.

MR. NUTTER: So it hasn't produced for a couple of years at least?

MR. JONES: It's about a year, year and a half, something like that. We had some title difficulties in there. This land is owned in fee by some people in California, and the last I knew, we was trying to get it straightened out for a division order. Then I found out she had moved the equipment off of it and I asked her to replace the equipment to keep the lease in good standing so I could go ahead and produce the well if she wasn't going to produce it, or else I wanted to deepen the well. She never did give me any answer on that. I would like some time to make a deal with her and get the thing straightened out and either put it on production or deepen it. Over there where we drilled that, your Honor, we have to cement our casing. It's in the Artesian District. We put new pipe in and we have to cement all the way to the surface and circulate. There's no salvage in the pipe whatsoever. When we plug it, we have to leave all the pipe in the ground.



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MR. NUTTER: Well, Mr. Jones, I note here in this case file a letter written by Mr. Armstrona, the supervisor of the Conservation Commission, District No. 2.

MR. JCNES: Yes, sir.

MR. NUTTER: He wrote the letter on March 25 to Corine Foster Oil Company. "We have not received any C-110 from Stanley Jones transferring the above-mentioned well to him." It is the Ohio Farris No. 1 they are talking about. "In order for him to do so, we will need to get a bond covering this well. We are holding you responsible for the plugging of the well. If we do not hear from you in the near future we will notify your bonding company to plug this well." Is it in fact your well or is it Corine Foster's well?

MR. JONES: It's half mine and half hers. I haven't received any assignment from her.

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, I can straighten the record out. As far as the well, on the C-110 it belongs to Corine Foster Oil Company. The Commission is not interested in who owns the stock. We are proceeding against Corine Foster Oil Company here today to plug the well, as they are the record owners, as far as the Commission, as far as being the operator of this well. That's who we're proceeding against.

MR. NUTTER: Corine Foster Oil Company. Do you care to go ahead with your case?

MR. DURRETT: I would like to put my case on.



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have any objection to Mr. Jones making a statement. I have no objections to that. After I conclude my case, I would have no objections to him making a statement that he would desire to the Examiner, as he states that he is a party in interest. However, he will not be able to cross examine my witness. I would request. in view of the Attorney General's ruling, that you have to be represented by counsel unless you are representing yourself, and we are proceeding against Corine Foster Oil Company, who is not an entity and must be represented by counsel only. I would have no objection to any statement he would like to make after I conclude the case.

MR. NUTTER: Do you have any questions of Mr. Jones? MR. DURRETT: No, I have no further questions at this time.

MR. NUTTER: Mr. Jones, you may be excused.

(Mr. Jones excused.)

MR. DURRETT: I have one witness, Mr. Dick Stamets. Please take the stand.

(Witness sworn.)

RICHARD STAMETS

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn on oath, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURRETT:

Will you please state your full name and position for



the record?

Richard Lee Stamets, Geologist for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Artesia, New Mexico.

Mr. Stamets, as part of your position and part of your official duties with the Commission, do you supervise the plugging of wells in that district in conjunction with the District Supervisor and do you make recommendations to the Commission concerning the plugging of the wells?

I do.

Are you familiar with the subject well in this case. which is the Corina Foster Oil Company Ohio Farris Well No. 1?

A Yes, sir.

And is that well located as describe on the docket in this Hearing, which is Unit P of Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico?

Yes, sir.

Will you please refer to the Commission's file, your file that you have in your possession, and state for the record the status of this well at present as far as reflected in the files?

The last C-110 we have in the file, which is the last Â Commission form filed, is a C-110 transferring ownership of this well from Ralph Nix and Jerry Curtis to Corine Foster Dil Company. That was approved March 25, 1960, by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Stamets, are you also familiar with approximately



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when this well produced last, as far as our files are concerned?

A This well is in the Lakewood-San Andres Lool, and I referred to our statistical reports, annual statistical reports, and I found the last production in June of 1957. Er. Jones indicated there was some production after that, but I did not find it. It's possible that I might have missed it due to the change in name here, but like I say, I looked under the pool and found no production listed.

Q As far as your records show, it was June of 1957?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you have the amount or approximate amount of production about that time?

A I don't have it shown, but it was in the neighborhood of three to five barrels a day.

Q Do you have an opinion concerning this well, specifically as to whether or not it should be plugged in a manner that will confine all the oil and gas in the strata they were originally contained in?

A Yes, sir. I made an inspection of this well day before yesterday and at the present time it is flowing a small quantity of salt water, only salt water onto the surface, and as such, it constitutes a hazard and should be plugged.

You feel if it is not plugged it will cause waste?

A Yes, sir.

MR. DURRETT: Thank you, Mr. Stamets. I believe that's

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all I have from the witness.

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FY MR. MUTTER:

What is the actual condition of the surface there, Mr. is there a wellhead on the wall, or is the casing open or what? A

There is a pumping head on the well, Mr. Hutter, but the pump has been removed from the location.

No pumping unit at the moment?

No, there is a flow line which extends to two small tanks; however, the flow line is broken from the tanks and the small amount of water and oil is coming from this flow line. There's no physical shut-off at the wellhead.

- This is a pumping "T" that's installed on the well? Yes, sir. Α
- Q And it has a flow line?
- â Yes, sir.
- How far from the well is the flow line broken? Ą
- Fifteen, twenty feet.
- Where is the water going that's flowing out? Λ On the surface.
- Is there a pond there?
- There's a small accumulation of water and an area covered by oil, about twice as large as this table, maybe twenty feet square.



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FARMINGTON, N. M. PHONE 325.1182 And this is an oily water thatte clawing out.

A Yes, sir, a very small quantity of all and it drips a little water, enough to keep the surface damp.

MR. DURRETT: If the Examiner please, I have one or two other questions I would like to ask the witness.

MR. NUTTER: Go ahead.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DURHETT:

Q Mr. Stamets, I neglected to ask you on direct examination, I would like to do so at this time; do you have a specific program that you would recommend that this well be plugged in accordance with?

A Yes, sir, I do.

Q Would you please give us that for the record?

A The recorded total depth of this well is 2,477 eet. The plugging program would consist of 25 sacks of cement set at total depth. 20 sacks of cement at 833 to 893, 20 sacks of cement at 580 to 640, 5 sacks of cement at the surface with 10-pound mud between plugs.

And in your opinion, Mr. Stamets, do you feel that this is the minimum plugging program that should be approved in order to prevent waste in this area from this well?

A Yes, sir, this plugging program corresponds to similar plugging programs in the Water Basin.

MR. DURRETT: Thank you. I believe that's all I have.



RECROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. BUTTER:

Is this well in the Artesia Water Basin?

Yes. I believe I didn't get to finish explaining the physical appearance of the location. I had gotten as far as the flow line. There appear to be two small tanks, probably 100 barrels on the location. There are two or three pits which are open and there is some junk on the location.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Stamets.

MR. DURRETT: Is this a State lease, Mr. Stamets? or do you have that information?

A It's patented lease.

MR. DURRETT: It is a patented lease?

A Yes, under the name of Edith A. Farris.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Stamets? He may be excused.

(Witness excused.)

MR. DURRETT: That will conclude my case, Mr. Examiner.

MR. NUTLER: Does anyone have anything they wish to offer in Case 2815?

MR. DURRETT: Do you want to make an additional statement, Mr. Jones? You can do so at this time if you like.

MR. JONES: The only thing I wish to state is that actually being gone, I didn't know that the flow line was broke. I was out there eight months ago and it was intact. I noticed

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that the pumping equipment and the rods had been removed and, of course, the well is making oil and water from this particular zone which was my intention to run a squeeze job and shut this off. Mrs. Foster was supposed to have done so, but she didn't, and perforate another place in the well.

However, at this point I don't know if it's possible that it could be done. I would like to save the well if I possibly could by buying her out or working out something. The thing of it is, on the plugging program here, with that much cement and that much casing, I would like to state this, with the new 5-inch, with cement circulated clear to the surface, it is my opinion that the plugging program is all right except they are asking for too much cement, particularly in plugging it, due to the fact we have only two water stratas in there to contend with.

When we were drilling, we noticed them. One is the Artesian and one is the surface. If we circulated mud in both of those formations and shut the water off while drilling and then circulated cement to the surface of the new pipe that's set in the well -- on all the wells that we have drilled down there, and I drilled the discovery well in that field there and wells to the north in which the Oil Conservation Commission established the program years ago, and which they made me cement all my pipe and circulate mud into the formations until the water was shut off and then circulate cement all the way to the surface, and the engineer was out there to witness it, which sometimes it took a lot



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of cement. It was done there to protect all the water horizons in there.

The oldest well I have in there is drilled way back there in 1940, in which I circulated the cement to surface on it the first time, set new pipe in it, and it still hasn't developed any leaks whatsoever in it. The water can't contaminate.

MR. NUTTER: What in your opinion is an adequate plugging deal in this area?

MR. JONES: The adequate plugging deal in this area would be where his plug says 25 sacks, 25 sacks of cement in the five-inch casing fills up an awful lot of pipe; 15 sacks would be adequate in there, due to the Artesia Water zone, because you are going to fill up at least 215 feet or more with the sacks of cement. It's your surface water there that's very weak. I'll say 10 sacks along in there would be adequate. The bottom of your well, where you have no fluid at all with the exception of pipe is set all the way to the bottom and cemented, and no fluid at all in the bottom of the well; the only one, there's only one perforation open. It was perforated another place but squeezed off with several sacks of cement, about 20, 25 sacks.

MR. STAMETS: If the Examiner please, the fill-up in 5-1/2 inch casing would be 6.3 feet per sack of cement.

MR. NUTTER: You recommended 29 sacks from 833 to 893. You'd have more coverage than that, then, wouldn't you? would be a 60-foot interval with 20 sacks?



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MI. STAMBIE: Yes, it would exceed that. The 833 to 893 is the interval which is intended to be covered.

MR. NUTTER: That's the interval?

Yes, sir. The people who do the cement MR. STAMETS: work have told us a representatives of the Commission, when you are pumping mud and cement down the same tubing to plug a well, that a ten-sack plug will not necessarily be ten sacks when you are finished. You may have no solid cement at all, because in mixing --

MR. NUTTER: The area of contamination between the plugs?

MR. STAMETS: Yes, sir. They consider a 20-sack plug to be a minimum pluq.

Does anyone have anything further they MR. NUTTER: wish to offer in this case? If the witness hasn't been excused, he's excused. We'll take the case under advisement.



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I, ADA DEARNLEY, Notary Public in and for the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and that the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability.

WITNESS my Hand and Seat this 3rd day of June, 1963.

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My Commission Expires:

June 19, 1963.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No.

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April 15, 1963

Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District No. II Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mose:

I am tentatively planning to docket the following plugging cases for the last examiner bearing in May:

- (1) Jones & Watkins La Esperanza State Well No. 1, Section 10, Township 19 South, Range 29 East.
- (2) A. H. Brininstool Magruder State Well No. 2, Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 27 East.
- (3) A. M. Brininetool State Well Mo. 1, Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 27 East.
- (4) Corine Poster Chio Farris Well Mo. 1, Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 Bast.

The last examiner hearing in May will probably be held on May 22, 1963. Add for the hearing will be prepared on May 10, 1963. Please advise me prior to May 10, 1963, if there are any new developments concerning any of the above wells.

Very truly yours,

J. M. DURRETT, Jr., Attorney

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March 25, 1963

Corine Foster Oil Company 4517-20th Street Lubbeck, Texas

> Re: Ohio Farris #1--SE SE Section 4-19S-26E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Sir!

We have not received any C-110 from Stanley Jones transferring the above mentioned well to him, in order for him to do so he will need to get a bond covering this well. We are holding you responsible for the plugging of this well and if we do not hear from you in the near future we will notify your bonding company to plug the well.

Very truly yours,
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March 6, 1963

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Corine Foster dba Corine Foster Oil Company 403 Lubbock National Bank Building Lubbock, Texas

American Employers' Insurance Company Attention: Claims Department P. O. Box 437 Artesia, New Mexico

> Re: Well Plugging - Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to information furnished us by Mr. M. L. Armstrong, Supervisor, District No. II, Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, New Mexico, we hereby make demand that you plug the Cornie Foster Oil Company Ohio Farris Well No. 1, located in Unit P, 330 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the East line, Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program. This well must be plugged on or before April 15, 1963.

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cc: Mr. M. L. Armstrong Supervisor, District No. II Oil Conservation Commission Drawer DD - Artesia, New Mexico

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