

Case 6973: PLUGGING CASE - OCD
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, SAN JUAN COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

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Case No.

6973

Application

Transcripts

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Statement of Mr. Clifford C. Collins about abandoned well in E-16-30N-11W
taken July 18, 1980

Chavez: State your full name and address

Collins: Clifford C. Collins, 821 La Plata, Aztec, New Mexico

Chavez: Mr. Collins, how long have you lived at this address?

Collins: Since 1958.

Chavez: How long have you been a resident of this area?

Collins: Since 1928

Chavez: What background and experience have you had?

Collins: 30 years with Southern Union Gas Company as plant manager

Chavez: So you are familiar with characteristics of gas wells?

Collins: Generally familiar.

Chavez: Could you briefly give us your recollections of the well located
across the street from your house in Aztec?

Collins: It has been abandoned ever since I can remember. The way I
understand it, the well was drilled by West Coast or California
gas company to supply gas for the small refinery above the ditch.
Of course, it went kaput about three years before I came here.
It had gone bankrupt or something, and the well, of course, went
with it. I think the refinery was just carried off by different
individuals. It was still there in 1929-30--parts of it anyway.

Chavez: When did you first notice this well?

Collins: I really couldn't say but I think it must have been around 1935-36.

Chavez: Was it still capable of producing gas?

Collins: I doubt it. This is my knowledge of the formation of this sand.
They tell me it was a Farmington Sand well and if they are not
cleaned out often they are logged off. I suppose it was water
logged off before I even had any dealings with it. Nearly all
of those abandoned holes will build up some gas. Sometimes, it
will bleed off, sometimes it won't. I remember a small fire
used to be there every so often. That was a long time ago.

Chavez: The gas that was coming from that well could be lighted from the
surface?

Collins: This has been almost 45 years ago. It could have. In any large
amount. That was a long time back. As far as I know, and I
am almost positive, it was never plugged. I think it was just
water logged off.

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Submitted by *Chavez*

Hearing Date

Chavez: What type of evidence at the surface was there of this well?

Collins: There was a crown pipe, about a 6" surface pipe. There was also a 4 1/2" casing sticking up through this and it was bent over. Presumably, it was hit by a tractor.

Chavez: How high did the pipe stick up from the ground?

Collins: About 6-8" from the ground where it was bent over. As I recall, it was about 1" long. It was heavy pipe--casing.

Chavez: Did you ever talk to any of the developers about this well?

Collins: I told the guy that was levelling that it should be either plugged or ascertained that it had been plugged. That was the guy that was running the bulldozer. I thought I had told the fellow that was building, but he said I didn't.

Collins: Two years ago, about the time that they started filling the land in, Joe Rhodes thought it should be plugged and he went to the city about it. Didn't you talk to Joe?

Chavez: He did say he knew that it was there and that he went to the city about it.

Collins: I am not out to get anybody in trouble. Joe says he put it--one of us put a 2x4 sticking out of the well and they levelled around it for a long time. I looked out there one day and it was gone. I don't think it's got more than 2-3 feet of dirt on it.

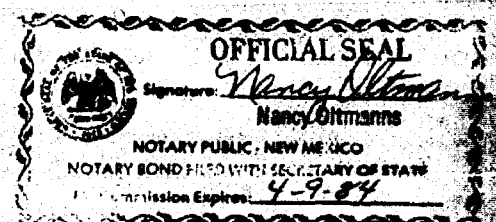
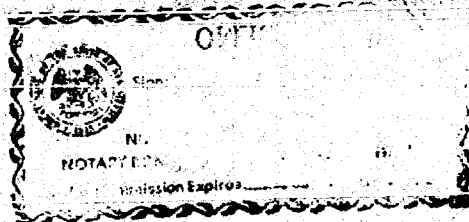
Chavez: Do you have anything else to add?

Collins: No, I don't have any description of it. They moved all of my land marks. The railroad field is gone and I was just lost when we went out there to look. Putting in that other street really threw me. That street got me all fouled up. But I do know that there is an old well there and I know that there was a casing left in the ground sticking up.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of my statement taken July 18, 1980.

Clifford C. Collins
 Clifford C. Collins

Signed and sealed before me this 21 day of July, 1980



MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBDIVISION — REPLAT

AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
A Tract of land in the West 1/2 of Section 16, T 30 N, R 17 W, N.M.P.M., CITY of AZTEC, COUNTY of SAN JUAN, NEW MEXICO, including as a part thereof, Lot 3 of the L & RG WESTERN SUBDIVISION, filed for record on the 4th day of March, 1975, at 2:50 p.m. Said tract is more particularly described as follows:
beginning at a point which is 450.32 feet N 77°55'00" E from the West 1/2 corner of said Section 16;
Thence, S 30°45' E, 217.60 feet;
Thence, S 25°04' E, 254.08 feet;
Thence, N 54°44' E, 410.34 feet;
Thence, N 60°40' E, 567.80 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 3;
Thence, N 00°40' E, 122.72 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 3;
Thence, S 53°27'57" W, 140.90 feet to a curve to the right with a central angle of 6°04'14" and a radius of 5679.7 feet;
Thence, along said curve 601.79 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3;
Thence, S 28°36' E, 100.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3 and the place of beginning.
Said tract contains 7.4 acres, more or less.

DEDICATION:
Know all men by these presents that Mesa Land and Cattle Company, a partnership, being the sole owners of the above described land, has made a subdivision of said land and it is known as:
MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBDIVISION — REPLAT
The streets and easements shown hereon are dedicated to the public for use as such.

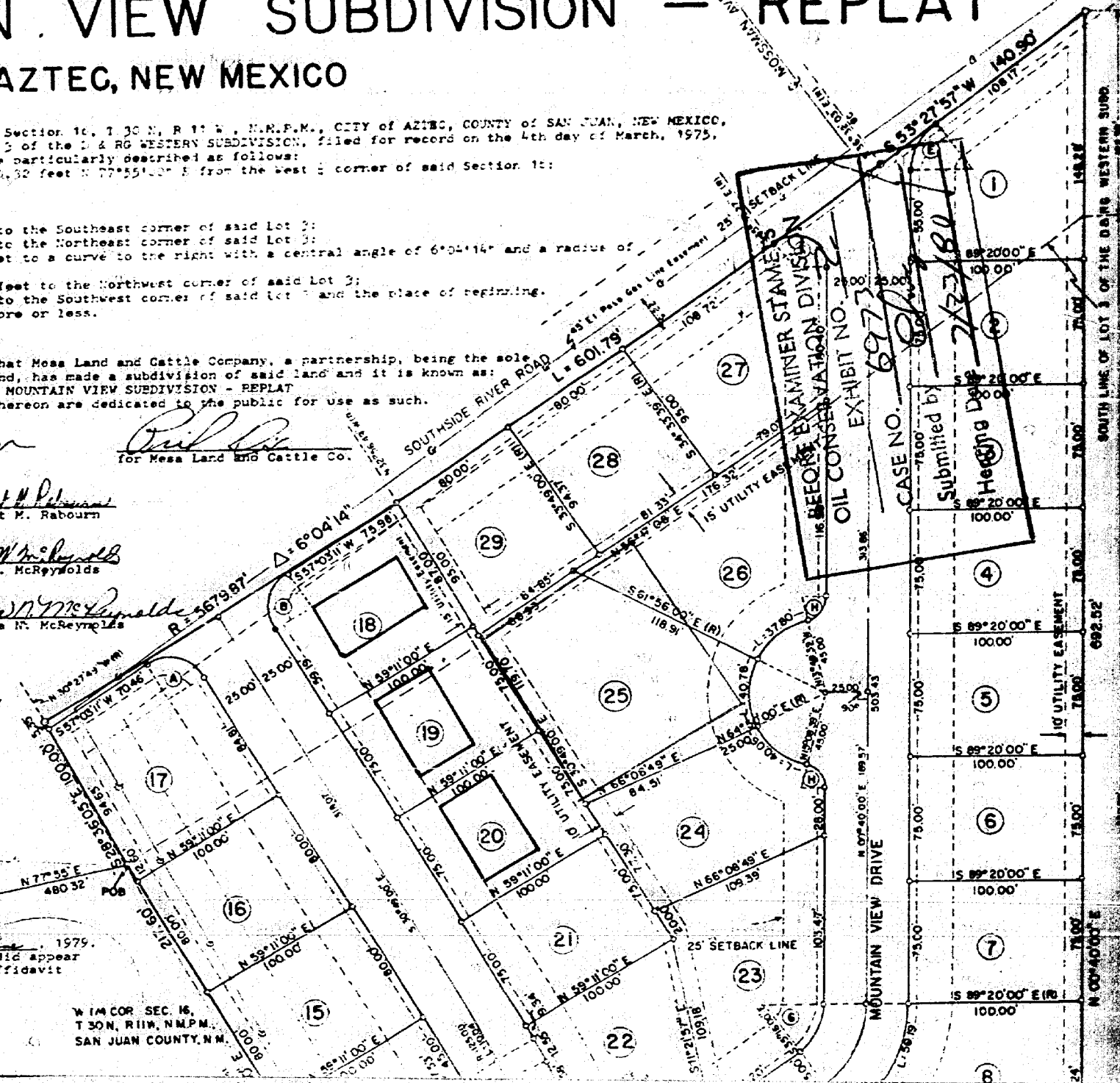
Thomas M. Rabourn
for Mesa Land and Cattle Co.
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Stephen D. Rabourn
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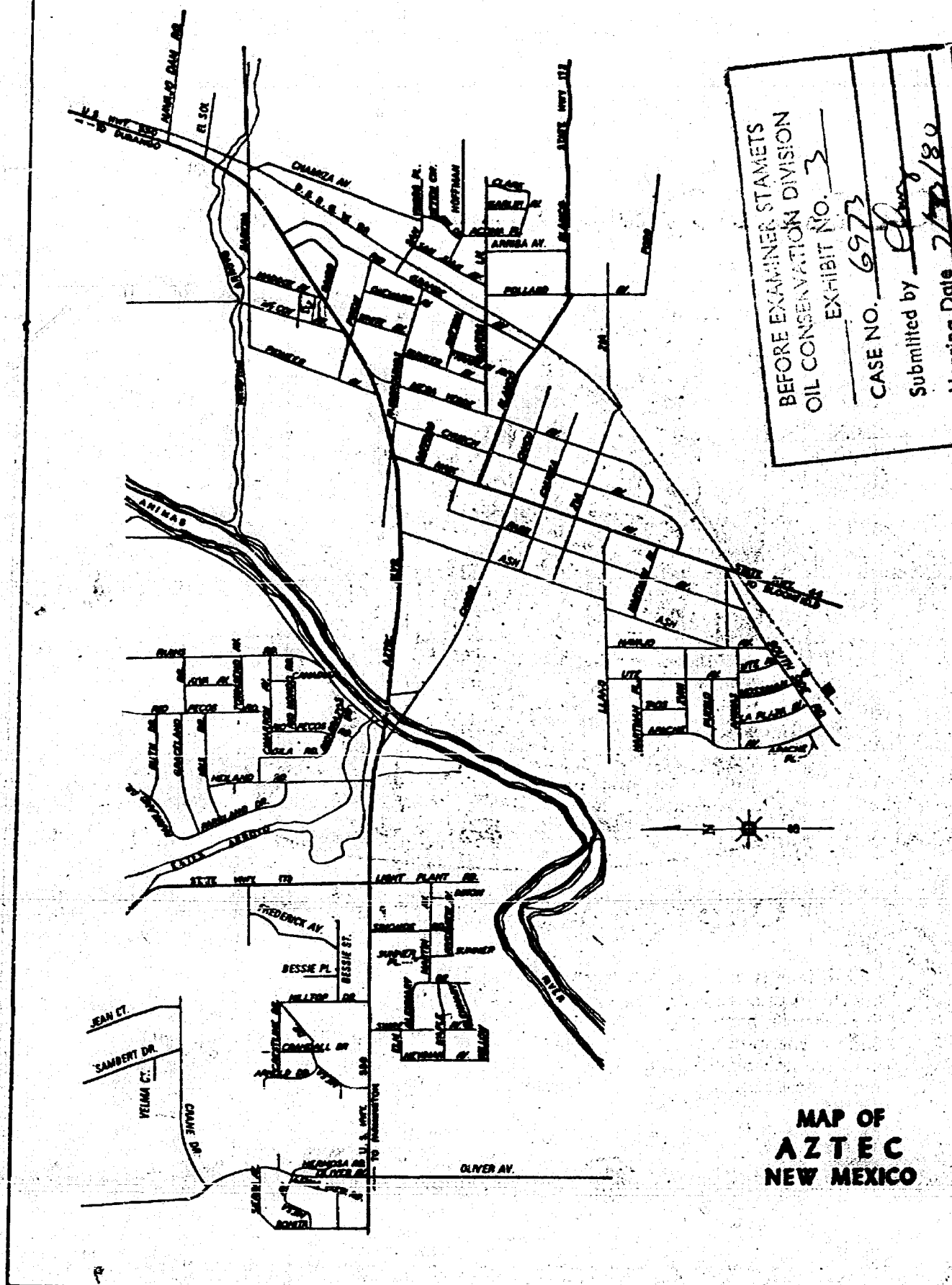
AFFIDAVIT:
Comes now THOMAS M. RABOURN being first duly sworn upon his oath, and states that the subdivision shown hereon, is within the exclusive planning and platting jurisdiction of the City of Aztec, New Mexico.

Thomas M. Rabourn
Thomas M. Rabourn

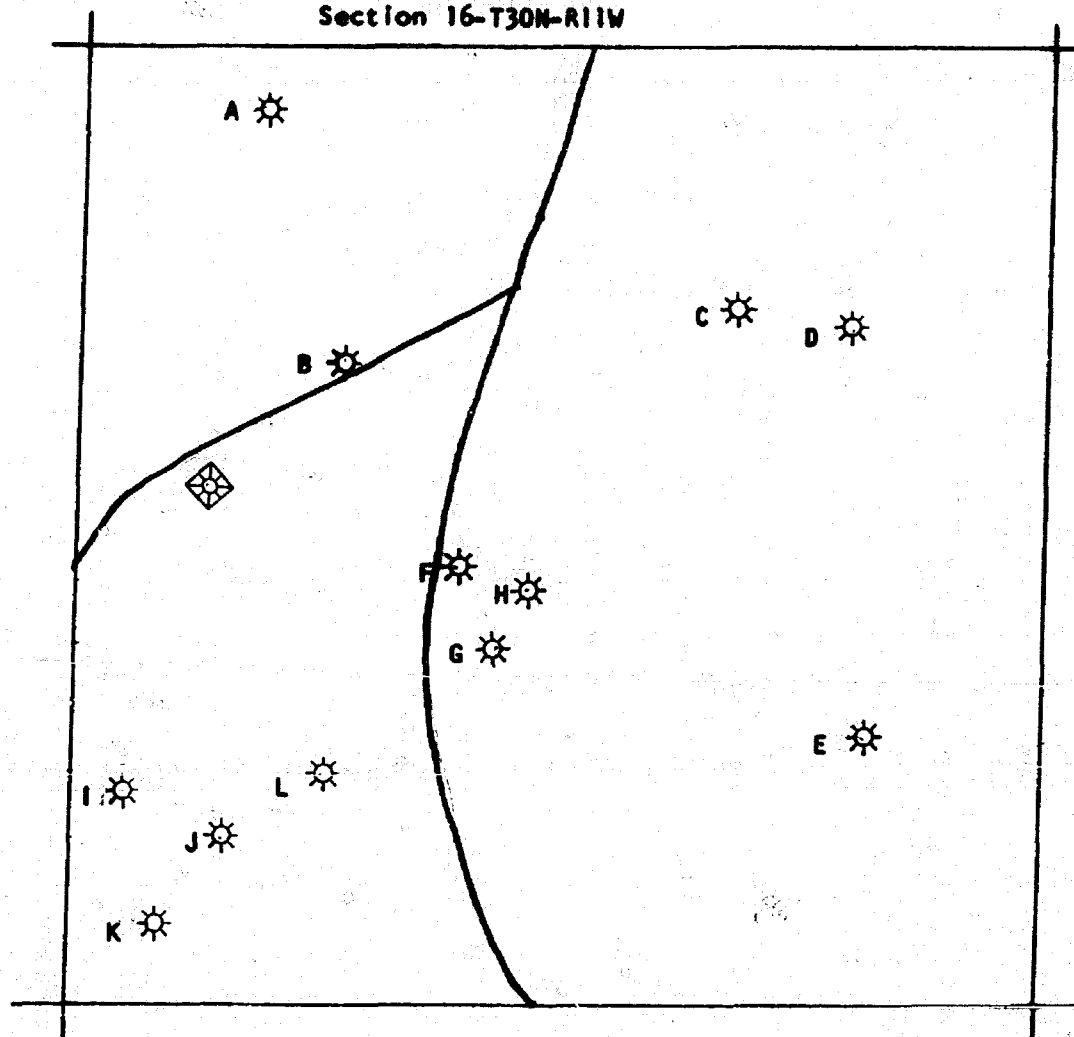
On this 28th day of June, 1979, the above signed persons did appear personally and sign the Affidavit and Dedication.

WIM COR SEC. 16,
T 30 N, R 17 W, N.M.P.M.,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, N.M.





Section 16-T30N-R11W



OPERATOR

WELL

COMPLETION DATE

A. George Goodrum
B. Tenneco Oil Co.
C. Beta Development
D. Tenneco Oil Co.
E. Mesa Petroleum Co.
F. Aztec Oil Co.
G. West Coast Gasoline
H. Aztec Oil Syndicate
I. Aztec Oil Syndicate
J. Mesa Petroleum Co.
K. West Coast Gasoline
L. Aztec Oil Syndicate

State #1
Aztec Com 2 #1
Gonzales State Com #1
Aztec Com 3 #1
State Com U #17
? #3
Aztec #4
State #2
State #4
State Com T #16
Aztec #3
State #1

7-7-39
3-26-54
4-13-63
2-7-56
1-26-56
? (P&A)
9-24-25
8-32 (P&A)
8-9-27 (P&A)
10-29-59
11-9-25 (P&A)
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BEFORE EXAMINER STAMETS
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Submitted by *Cherry*

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Submitted by Chas
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DEVELOPING AZTEC FIELD

Coolidge Seems A Sure Winner

**Analysis and Apportionment of Electoral
Vote Awards 253 to Republican Nominee,
155 to Davis and 35 to LaFollette, 79
Votes Being the Total of Ten Doubtful
States--Requires 266 Votes to Elect.**

The adult citizens of the United States are quite properly taking an interest in the presidential campaign—apparently a far greater interest than was manifested during any similar campaign since the first election of Bryan in 1896 on the silver issue. The reason for this concern is largely born of the relative feature attaching to the result of the ballot count, the support of Senator LaFollette, representative of the independent voters, and the major element of doubt and contention and Democratic party leaders had giving the mass of citizens little anxiety.

The vote in all other states, particularly in Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New York and Washington, with but slightly less support in Oklahoma and New Mexico. This vote will be largely cast by organized labor, with railway employees taking a conspicuous part in the campaign. The same ticket will also receive generous support from many agricultural districts. The defeated votes will represent about equal withdrawals from the Republican and Democratic parties, excepting in several southern states, where the bulk of the independent vote will be drawn from the latter party.

With the women enfranchised it is estimated that the women will be drawn from the latter party.

Gasoline Plant Ready to Operate

**Two New Tests Assured For Aztec Field and Other Drilling
Contracts Pending; Cleaning Out and Cementing Off Water
From Gas Wells; Several Wells Will Be Drilled to the Gas
Stratum at Early Date and Placed on Production.**

The flurry which naturally followed the discovery of high grade production on the Hogback and Rattlesnake structures has somewhat subsided, and independent operators are now viewing the Aztec field with considerable favor. Merely history repeating. There is a natural tendency to secure close-in acreage to newly discovered wells, but such acreage is not available in the Hogback and Rattlesnake discovery fields. It took some time for this fact to soak in, but finally the smaller independent operators reached the conclusion that it was a waste of time, energy and money to attempt to break the strong barrier of the "big interests" and the Indian department which tends toward the elimination of "small operators" insofar as Indian leases are concerned. As a result independents have obtained acreage on the east side of the great Hogback, and Aztec is now getting the pay.

The West Coast Gasoline company has completed the erection of their gasoline plant below Aztec, have a carload of kerosene distillate enroute which will be used in connection with the absorption

**Bloomfield Oil and Gas Company
Will Drill to the Gas Stratum**

The federal constitution specifies that the electoral college, made up of electors from the states, shall select the president. It requires a majority vote to elect—not a plurality, as some may have believed. Should the next electoral college of 531 members fail to elect a president by reason of neither Coolidge, Davis or La Follette receiving a majority vote the electoral college will be transferred to the house of representatives, where one of the vice presidential candidates will be chosen to succeed. Should the 435 house members fail to elect, the senate will make the selection. However, either of these contingencies may be considered a remote possibility if a rational analysis of the next electoral vote by states be made. The Review feels safe in awarding the electoral vote of the following states to

Assured Coolidge Vote

California	13
Colorado	6
Connecticut	7
Delaware	3
Florida	4
Illinois	20
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	18
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	14
New York	45
New Mexico	3
Ohio	24
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	5
Vermont	4
Washington	4
Wisconsin	3

Doubtful States

Alabama	4
Arizona	15
Arkansas	15
Idaho	15
Indiana	15
Mississippi	15
Minnesota	15
Montana	15
Nebraska	15
Nevada	15
North Carolina	15
North Dakota	15
South Carolina	15
South Dakota	15
Texas	15
Utah	15
Virginia	15
West Virginia	15
Wyoming	15

estimated that the presidential vote will total close to 30,000,000, the La Follette-Wheeler ticket receiving between four and five million—a direct vote of protest against the legislative record and management of the federal government by the two old parties—a ballot demonstration that will, in all probability, have beneficial effect, and mayhap lay the foundation of a political-economic organization that will at some future date control congress by majority vote and select our presidents. At least, the future envisions such a possibility.

A retrospective glimpse recalls the fact that the really important legislation enacted by the late session of congress was largely dictated by insurgent Democrats and progressive Republicans, whose ranks are expected to be increased by this fall's election, this being the chief and dominating purpose of the La Follette-Wheeler campaign.

While the third party ticket will remain the principal feature of the presidential campaign, a strictly safe forecast is that President Coolidge will win the election by reason of his anti-league stand, demand that Europe pay her war debts and policy of tax reduction and decrease of governmental expenses. The division of appointment of the electoral vote, as given above, represents this paper's decisions and conclusion. Review readers should clin and retain this article for after-election-reference.

MUTUAL CONTEMPT

Carl Magee, the reform and distinctly combative editor of the Daily State Tribune, has resumed giving wide publicity to his ingrained, deep-seated contempt for District Judge Leamy and that jurist's court—the same court which a year ago imposed several fines and pronounced imprisonment sentences upon the said and some Magee, calling for Governor Hinkle to exercise the pardoning power, which reduced the punishment of fines totaling more than four thousand dollars. Last

plan of gasome extraction and they expect to have one plant in operation in the near future. They are cleaning out Aztec gas well No. 1 and cementing-off the water from the gas sand, and when the work at No. 1 is completed they will drill several wells to the gas sand and, it is said, add additional units to the plant as production is increased. The present plant is what is known as a two million foot unit.

Bob Carter and associates, California operators, moved a Star rig to a location about two and one-half miles south of Aztec the first of the week and are preparing to spud a test.

The Metropole Oil company has a standard rig and equipment on the sidetrack at Aztec and will use same to drill a deep test about two miles southeast of Aztec.

There are other drilling contracts pending in connection with proposed additional development operations in the Aztec field and indications are most favorable for an active drilling campaign in the local field with chances better than 2 to 1 that commercial production will be discovered.

WINNING THE RACE

Ulysses G. Colton, one of the directors of the Bloomfield Oil Gas company, left Detroit, Mich., via the auto route, the first of the week and upon arrival here will consult with Chas. J. Hubbell and George W. Terrell, local directors of the company, concerning its development in the Bloomfield district. We understand it is the present plan to deepen their No. 1 test; to the same relative sand which is producing gas in the Aztec field, and should pick up the sand at around 820 feet with every indication a commercial flow of oil will be developed.

They encountered a sand at 726 in their No. 1 test which is making about 3 barrels daily, and Geo. Terrell, veteran Oklahoma driller who is head driller at the works, is confident that a 1 1/2 inch slot would bring in good production. The sand encountered is 3 1/2 feet thick and is what is termed a "tight" formation, requiring a shot to open the way for production.

AN INDEPENDENT REFINERY IS NOW ASSURED

Comptroller's Office And Governor Hinkle Auditing The Books.

Santa Fe, July 29.—(Special to Review.)—Governor Hinkle has ordered an audit of the state comptroller's office. Shortages ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$2000 have been reported to him at frequent intervals for several months, finally forcing reluctant action taken today. The comptroller handles nearly a million dollars annually, including automobile and gasoline taxes. The office of comptroller was created on recommendation of Governor Hinkle to supervise and set honest and efficient example for all other state and county officials.

While it has been rumored that the Rattlesnake production would be piped to the main pumping station on the Hogback structure and marketing arrangements made with the Midwest Refining company, it now develops that the Santa Fe company has closed a deal with an independent refinery to market the Rattlesnake production.

According to present plans a 2-inch pipe line with a daily carrying capacity of 1,000 barrels will be constructed from the Rattlesnake structure to Farmington, a distance of 31 miles, and a refinery, the first unit of which will be of 500 barrel capacity, will be erected at the latter point.

It is said that freight rates for handling the refined product have been agreed upon which will enable the company to enter the leading markets of the west and compete with other marketing agencies. It is also said that the company will establish filling stations at all of the principal points in the San Juan basin, as far east as Alamogosa and as far south as Santa Fe, and the Standard together with its co-operating Texas Company will face keen competition in narrow gauge territory.

This announcement is one of vast importance to the basin, and will be greeted with amity by the small operators who are assisting in basin oil development.

TWO RAILROADS INTO SAN JUAN FROM SOUTH

The hearing on the application of the New Mexico Central Railroad company for permit to construct a 100-mile line from other information that convinced Commissioner Hall that posed extension of the Santa Fe & Northwestern into San

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DEVELOPING THE RATTLESNAKE

the Fe Oil Company is Pushing Development Operations on the Rattlesnake Structure and Will Drill-In Sufficient Production to Supply An Independent Refinery Which Means Strong Competition For the Big Combine.

According to late reports from Shiprock the Santa Fe Oil company has spudded forth well on the Rattlesnake structure and making rapid progress. This is the first of a series of wells which were spotted recently by their geologist and these wells will be drilled in the shallow producing sands. The production area on this structure has been accurately defined, so it is said, and it is predicted the ten wells which have been spotted will be producers.

A report not far removed from headquarters is to the effect that an independent company will handle the output of the Santa Fe company and the refining will be erected when sufficient production for continuous operation is assured. It is probable that the refinery will be located at Farmington, and that filling stations will be established at all points throughout the Basin, reaching Alamogordo to the east and to the south, in order that demands of the retail trade be supplied at low prices.

The strong financial interests behind the Rattlesnake development and they will meet competition and enter the "battle royal" if it becomes necessary. The gravity oil at our door it is an imposition to assess a retail price of 10¢ per gallon for gasoline is the Basin and the retail trade will show their opposition to the independents when service is established.

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PREPARING TO SPUD WELL

The West Coast Gasoline company is erecting a rig on the southwest quarter of section 16-30-11 and about 400 yards north of Aztec Oil Syndicate's well No. 1. They will be ready to spud within the next few days.

DIGEST OF OIL DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS IN THE SAN JUAN

(This Week)

Roy T. Clapp, section 20-23-12. Drilling. Depth, 200 feet.

Four States Oil Co., No. 1, sec. 31-32-13. Struck small showing oil at 800 feet.

New Mexico Eagle Oil Co., northeast section 22-48-11. Drilling. No report regarding depth.

H. L. Williams, No. 4, section 39-30-15. Struck showing oil at 1170 feet. Drilling temporarily suspended.

Mutual Oil Co., SEC. section 3-29-16. Closed down at 1210 feet. Crew now in mountains angling for trout.

J. A. Leidecker, No. 1, NE 3 34-33-12. Five inch casing set at 3150 feet. Report from scouts is to effect that they found lower sands dry at 3700 feet. Rumored they will abandon hole and drill at another location.

Carter No. 1, sec. 34-30-11. Drilling at 225 feet.

Poole-Stacey No. 1, corrected location: Northeast quarter section 6-29-9. Spent week remodeling and repainting. No headway since last report.

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The Aztec-Bloomfield District

Reserve Bank System Proven Disappointing

The annual meeting of New Mexico bankers was held at Albuquerque, the closing session last Saturday being featured by a lively discussion on the merits and demerits of the federal reserve banking system. A. B. McMillen of Albuquerque addressed the convention, charging that the reserve system was cleverly designed to concentrate the money of the nation and place the banking and credit power of the entire country in very few hands.

He charged that the reserve system had operated to take money out of the southwest and had caused many bank failures. He charged further that the federal reserve was created out of capital the national banks were enforced to subscribe, and that while it earned 100 per cent annually, the subscribing banks were permitted only 6 per cent of the earnings. In other ways, he charged, the government was operating as a competitor of national banks and that the federal reserve banks called to hand in the southwest at a time when the money was needed here and took this money and transferred it to the east. He contended that the reserve system in no wise served to protect the money in the southwest to the

Independent Operators Are Flocking to Aztec-Bloomfield District Where Commercial Production Has Been Discovered at a Shallow Depth; Three Rigs Are Now Operating; Another Rig Is Being Moved to Drilling Site and Several Drilling Contracts Are Pending; Extensive Operations the Plan

MOST PROMISING SHALLOW FIELD IN THE WEST

A general revival of field activity in the Aztec-Bloomfield district has been the distinguishing feature in San Juan development during the past two weeks. Three rigs are now operating, another rig is being moved to the drilling site and several contracts are pending, which, if consummated, will mean a widely distributed drilling campaign with chances most favorable for opening the largest and most extensive shallow field in the west.

The Aztec field first sprang into prominence during the fall of 1921 when the Aztec Oil Syndicate, a local organization, drilled in a gas well on the southwest quarter of section 16-30-11. The local company drilled another well one-fourth mile northeast of their No. 1 and developed another producer. The company then piped the gas and are now supplying the residents of the

During the year 1922 the Mexa-Colo Oil and Gas company, another local organization, drilled a well one mile west of Aztec Oil Syndicate's No. 1 and opened a heavy flow of gas.

All three drillings in the Aztec field made good showings of oil at around 800 feet and gas was developed in each well at 390 feet.

Inspired and encouraged by the above developments some local men drilled a test on the southwest quarter of section 24-29-11, in the Bloomfield district, and opened a small flow of oil at 726 feet and shooting of the sand developed what is said to be better than a 50 barrel well.

The oil sand in the Aztec field made an equal showing with that at Bloomfield and it is contended that equal results can be obtained by shooting the sand.

3-Cent Tax On Gasoline Being Advocated Now

The Inter-Tribal Council held at Gallup last week was attended by Governor Hinkle of New Mexico and Governor Hunt of Arizona, who presided at a meeting of prominent residents of both states, who discussed legislative questions of special interest to the two states. Among the topics discussed were community building, road extension and relative improvements regarding the delta.

Governor Hunt stated that Arizona's 3-cent gasoline tax was working satisfactorily and had provided a great deal of money for road building. He stated that the federal government was now considering the passage of a law which would place a tax on gasoline in Arizona, which is said to have more and better auto roads than New Mexico.

The present New Mexico law levies a one-cent tax per gallon on gasoline, which it is estimated will bring in \$2,000,000 for 1924 for road extension. It is proposed to increase this revenue from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 annually by a 3-cent tax on gasoline. Members of the Inter-Tribal Council are struggling in favor of the proposed legislation, which will feature the next session of our legislature. All residents of the state favor extensions and general betterment of public roads, but realize that the money raised for such purposes

fruent to convince him that each of the fields hastily inspected evidenced productive possibilities amply warranting both shallow and deep exploration on a comparatively extensive scale. He had previously inspected a number of San Juan structures and has concluded, that with further and adequate development, some of the fields here will furnish records of tremendous production. Mr. Page is interested in various branches of the oil industry, and remarked to the Review editor that he expected to make a return trip at some later date. Mr. Rebstein specializes in the refining branch of the oil game and while here inspected a site suitable for erection of a plant. Mr. Kemp also is connected with a refining company.

DOWN 300 FEET—The Lexi company's test No. 1, on a 2560-acre government tract five miles east of Aztec, is down 300 feet.

DRILLING—A crew has resumed drilling test No. 1 in the Bloomfield district for the Coal Creek Oil Co. The bit is reported to have reached 500 feet depth.

RESUMED—Drilling was resumed the first of the week at Carter No. 1. The drill is down nearly 1100 feet, and tapping of either an oil or gas sand may be expected any day. Much local interest is manifest in this test well.

A "DUSTER"—Using the vernacular of veteran drillers, the West Coast company's No. 3 came in a "duster," after 986 feet having disclosed nothing more valuable than water, according to street report. It had been slated for a gasser, but failed to meet expectations. The Review understands the company will drill No. 4 on a tract about half mile distant from the abandoned well.

TEAGUE MAKING GOOD RECORD—Driller Teague, who is interested with and drilling a test well for local people on the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 21-29-11, has sent the bit down 875 feet, set the 6-inch casing and will probably tap the gas sand this afternoon or tomorrow, when a big flow of the invisible fluid is confidently expected—just what Aztec needs at the present time. Since spudding in Mr. Teague has made an excellent drilling record.

OIL AND WATER—There was a flurry of excitement in Aztec Monday by reason of report that the Bloomfield Oil & Gas company's No. 2 well was "seeding oil over the top." There was an element of truth in the report, for oil first and water second, according to some investigators, did flow from the well, the volume of water predominating to the ultimate exclusion of oil. However, in drilling 950 feet three producing sands were penetrated, the oil being in two feet each of the sand strata, giving a combined total thickness of six feet of productive sand. No. 1 well also developed oil, but what the daily output of both wells will be is purely a matter of conjecture at this time. A pump is to be installed at each well, and after a week's

re-estimated a daily flow of from 750 to 1000 barrels. It is recalled that the test well was 2400 barrels and later on a test run of one hour registered 2400 barrels. From eleven drillings on its Hogback tract the Midwest company has brought in ten producers, the total daily production approximating 12,000 barrels. More wells are to be drilled, and the resultant increased production will necessitate laying the proposed 8-inch pipe line from the Hogback field south to the Santa Fe railroad.

The initial test on the Beautiful Mountain structure is down 2,100 feet, the crew having resumed drilling after completing a tool fishing job.

Test No. 1 on the Table Mesa, at depth of 3,010 feet, has been plugged and abandoned, neither oil or gas having been found.

R. D. Compton has completed a 2000-foot bore on a Hogback tract leased from the Midwest Co., plugged the hole and will move his National rig to acreage in the Aztec field, where he plans to drill several wells.

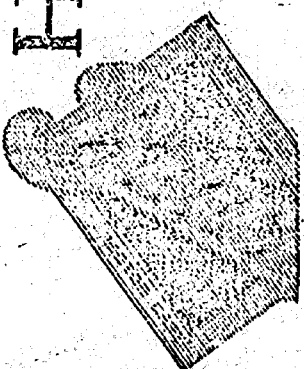
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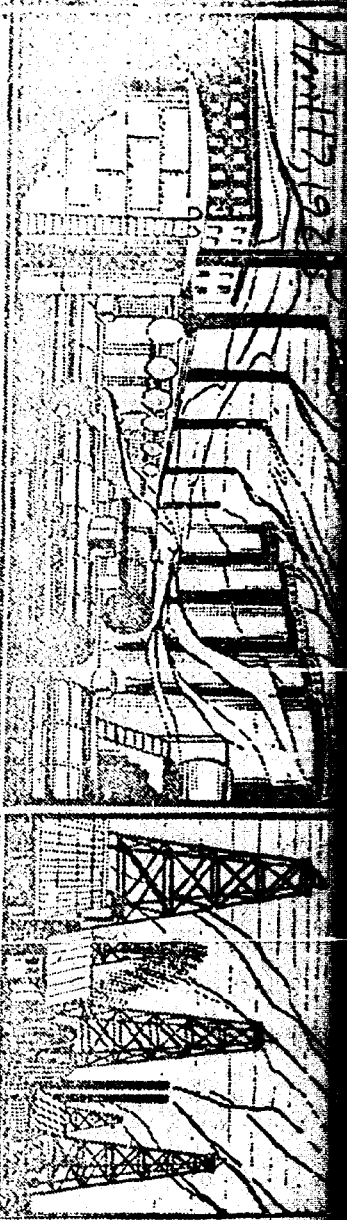
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West Coast Company Will Enlarge its Operations in the Aztec Gas Field

**Combination Rotary Rig Will Drill Several
Wells--Sidetrack Being Laid to Absorp-
tion Plant and 1000-Barrel Gasoline Tank
to be Erected Immediately--D. E. McHugh
Wires Review he Will be Here May 1st.**

The West Coast Gasoline company recently decided to drill
more wells and otherwise enlarge its operations in the Aztec oil
gas field. President C. H. Ahlburg and Field Supt. A. F. Douce
arrived in Aztec Monday from Los Angeles, Ahlburg departing
for the southern California metropolis this morning. Mr. Douce
remaining to assist Local Supt. C. W. Gilmore in supervising en-
larged operations here, plans for which had been previously ap-
proved. The program includes shipping in a combination rotary
rig and drilling of several wells on the proven gas area, which it
is expected will furnish a sufficient supply of wet gas to keep the
company's absorption plant operating at full capacity and in-
creasing the earnings of the plant.

A sidetrack is now being laid to the plant and a 1000-barrel gaso-
line storage tank will be erected at once. If the additional drillings
of the company result in a considerable production of oil, the present
necessity of purchasing crude to operate the absorption plant to best
advantage and greatest profit would be obviated.

The people of Aztec are fortunate in being the recipients of the
benefits of the program of expansion of the
company, which has established a new incentive for the

CHILDERS ORGANIZES \$1,000,000 COMPANY TO OPERATE IN BASIN

W. R. Childers of Gallup, R. W. Jackson and D. N. Childers of
Los Angeles and their associates in California and New Mexico, have
organized a million-dollar company, representing 1,000,000 shares of
one dollar par value each, for the purpose of developing oil acreage in
San Juan fields. W. R. Childers, head of the corporation, is an ex-
perienced operator thoroughly familiar with structural conditions in
all parts of the San Juan region and has selected choice tracts for
drilling operations and early production. The company is acquiring
more acreage in the Bloomfield, Aztec, Blanco and La Plata fields
and will equip for a campaign of rapid development. Operating in
several of the proven and partly proven fields assures the company
production results that will, undoubtedly, enrich stockholders within
a comparatively short space of time.

W. R. Childers and some other members of the company have
also organized to develop three government tracts on the Ute reserva-
tion, having already purchased a rig and other equipment for drilling
several test wells. It is understood that the first test will be drilled
on the Childers 960-acre tract and the second test on the Burke tract
of 4,800, the latter lying just north of the New Mexico state line and
14 miles east of the four-states corner. On the Childers tract the
Dakota sand will be tapped at about 1600 feet and on the Burke

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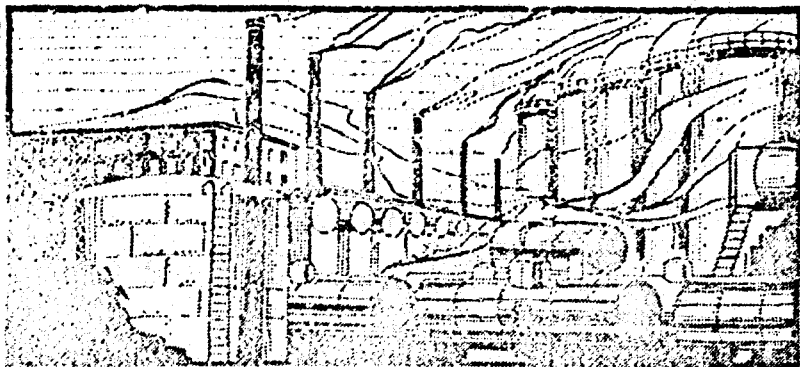
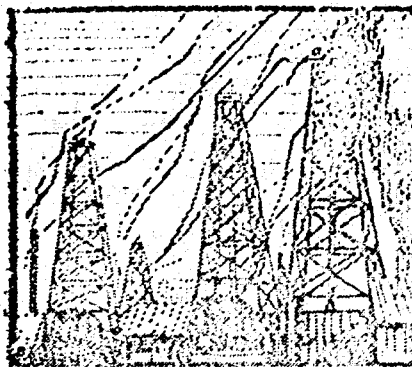
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MORE OPERATORS ENTER A FIELD--WILL DRILL MANY W

**Colomex Oil & Gas Company Take Over the
Robbins Permit Lease, Adjacent Tracts
and Acquire Land in Gobernador Field--
Judge McHugh, West Coast Co. and the
Blanco-Bloomfield Pool Active.**

WEST COAST BRINGS IN NO. 2

As per prediction of the Review, the Aztec anticline is to be test drilled over a large area--east, west, north and south of the town of Aztec. The several gas-oil shallow wells adjacent to town, representing preliminary and pioneer development, warrants the campaign of more extensive exploration now launched by a number of companies, including deep tests. The anticline has been geologized during recent months by eminent experts, whose reports have been uniformly favorable.

The Colomex Oil & Gas company, recently organized by B. B. Robbins, Thomas and Pat Kane and their associates, has acquired the government lease tract of 2560 acres, northeast of Aztec, from Mr. Robbins, also much deeded land adjoining and several government tracts on the mammoth anticlinorium in the Gobernador district thirty miles northeast of Aztec, where extensive drilling is assured from now on. The Kanes are experienced drillers and will have charge of operations in both the Aztec area and the Gobernador district. They are securing a rig from a local operator today which will be moved to the Robbins lease immediately. The company has a deep test rig in Oklahoma that will be shipped within the next six weeks. The Review wishes to emphasize the fact that Mr. Robbins is a man of high character and dependable integrity and has had 10 years experience as a practical operator in Oklahoma and Texas, while the same compliment can be paid the Kanes, which assures efficiency in every department of the company's operations--a factor that means a successful career.

Judge C. F. McHugh and associates two weeks ago purchased control of the Coal Creek company's holdings in the Bloomfield district and in the Coal Creek field 30 miles south of Aztec. The tracts adjacent to Aztec secured by the judge months ago, it is understood, have been transferred to the company, which placed a Star rig on the Miller tract a mile south of town, yesterday afternoon. The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held Sept. 23, when contracts will be let for drilling six wells on the Aztec anticline. Tentative plans of the company include the erection of a refinery at Aztec of the gasolene absorption type. The company's approved plan is for extensive operations in the three fields in which it has large acreage.

Yesterday Contractor Joe Murphy brought in a gas-oil well for the company on acreage at the southeast edge of town,

ACTIVITIES IN BLANCO ATTRACTS MANY O

Many incoming operators and oil investors are entering the Blanco virgin field and ascertaining which have been geologized by highly reputable experts reported most favorably. Much acreage is being secured for test drillings on several tracts.

The Huntington Park Oil company's test well on government lease tract of 2500 acres three miles northwest of Blanco, is down 1310 feet, the 10-inch casing is set 8 feet and 8-inch the remaining distance. The well is to 1900 feet, which will be within 500 feet of the objective. Superintendent Whipple has been going 3,000 feet and topnotch operating crew has set an excellent record for efficiency and economy.

O. A. Dunn, who has the Bunce tract adjacent to the choice acreage has rig on location and will start No. 1 during the coming week. His rig is a 27-inch of 2500 feet.

The Michigan Oil corporation which completed a hole of 500 feet on the Pine permit six weeks ago, is ranging to extend the hole to the Picture Creek 2400 feet. In addition to the 2500-acre Pine tract has several hundred acres of deeded land and

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The Lexi company, drilling a test well on five miles northeast of Aztec, the first of the 1923 feet and resumed drilling. The bit has been in the Huntington formation for 65 feet, which has estimated 100 feet, consisting of alternating layers of shale and sand. The opinion of geologists is that strata of producing sand will be found below the approximate center of the formation. The company is sending the drill the bottom of the series many times by break downs and caving ground. Lexi didn't phase his admirable optimism.

NOTICE.

Owing to unexpected delay in the progress of our well here and matters in Texas and Oklahoma requiring our personal attention we have shut down our well until about October 1st.

So far as we know we have

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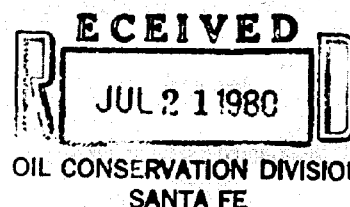
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Mr. Ernest Padilla
Oil Conservation Division
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Santa Fe, N.M. 87501



Re: Unknown well in Aztec area

Dear Ernie:

I've attached a plat of the subdivision where the well which we discussed is located. After talking to officials of the railroad, I'm pretty sure the well is located just off of the old right-of-way, in the area where the orange hachured and red shaded area over-lays. There is a large pile of rubble in this area which could not be effectively checked with a metal detector.

We propose to scrape off the 3'-4' of fill from a 100' X 100' area as indicated by the orange hachured area on the plat. We would start at the northwest side of the area and scrape in a northeasterly direction parallel to the easement. Hopefully we could locate the well sooner and not have to excavate the entire proposed area.

The one estimate I've received over the telephone was of approximately \$1200-\$3500, depending on several factors.

If you have any questions, please call.

Yours truly,

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

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Mr. Tom Rabourn, 3000 Bloomfield Hwy, Farmington

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6973
Order No. R-6435

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY A WELL DRILLED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES
AND LOCATED IN UNIT E OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE
11 WEST, SAN JUAN COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 23, 1980,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 13th day of August, 1980, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the
premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required
by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That an unknown operator is the owner and operator
of a well located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North,
Range 11 West, NMPH, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correla-
tive rights said well should be plugged and abandoned in
accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office
of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before August
15, 1980, or the well should be returned to active drilling
status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the owner and operator of an unnamed well located

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Case No. 6973

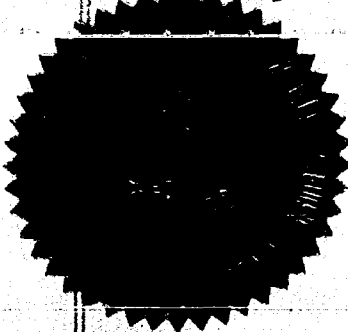
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in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, is hereby ordered to plug and abandon said well or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before August 15, 1980.

(2) That any party, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Joe D. Ramey
JOE D. RAMEY
Director

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Dockets No. 24-80 and 25-80 are tentatively set for August 6 and 20, 1980. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - MONDAY - JULY 21, 1980

**OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 9 A.M. - MORGAN HALL
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

CASE 6967: Application of Amoco Production Company for a carbon dioxide gas unit agreement, Union, Harding, and Quay Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit Area, comprising 1,174,225 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and fee lands situate in all or portions of the following townships: in Union County: Township 18 North, Ranges 34 thru 37 East; Township 19 North, Ranges 34, 35, and 36 East; Townships 20 and 21 North, Ranges 34 and 35 East; Townships 22 and 23 North, Ranges 30 thru 35 East; Township 24 North, Ranges 31 thru 34 East; in Harding County: Townships 17 thru 21 North, Ranges 29 thru 33 East; and in Quay County: Township 16 North, Ranges 34, 35, and 36 East; and Township 17 North, Ranges 34 thru 37 East.

The lands proposed to be included in said Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Gas Unit Area are more specifically described in documents on file with, and available for public inspection in, the offices of the Oil Conservation Division, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Docket No. 23-80

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 23, 1980

**9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 6968: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Bloomfield Oil and Gas Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Sheets Well No. 1 located in Unit M of Section 14, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6969: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Associated Oil & Gas Company of New Mexico, Inc., Houston Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Vigil Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, Sandoval County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6970: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Union Oil and Mining and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Carl Lanier Well No. 1 located in Unit B of Section 6, Township 29 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6971: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Artec Development Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Finch Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6972: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit Coal Creek Oil Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the W. E. Duggen Well No. 2 located in Unit H of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6973: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit all interested parties to appear and show cause why a well drilled by unknown parties and located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 6974: Application of C & K Petroleum, Inc. for a unit agreement, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the White Draw Unit Area, comprising 13,404 acres, more or less, of State, Federal, and fee lands in Township 3 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East.



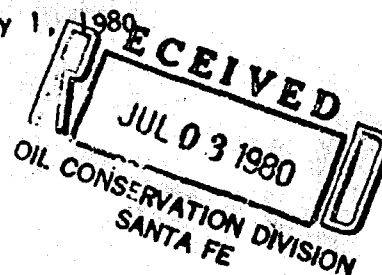
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Case 6973

Mr. Ernie Padilla
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Santa Fe, N.M. 87501

Re: Forced plugging cases

Dear Ernie:

Please docket the following cases:

- 1) A hearing to permit Associated Oil and Gas Co. of New Mexico, Inc., Houston Fire and Casualty Insurance Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why its Vigil #1 located in Unit J of Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, Sandoval County, should not be plugged in accordance with a division approved plugging program.
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July 1, 1980

Mr. Ernie Padilla

- ✓ 6) A hearing to permit all interested parties to appear and show cause why a well drilled by unknown parties and located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 11 West, San Juan County, should not be plugged in accordance with a division approved plugging program.

If you have any questions, please call.

Yours truly,

Frank T. Chavez

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

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Called in by Frank Chavez
July 2, 1980

Bloomfield Oil Company
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San Juan County

Coal Creek Oil Company
W. E. Huggen # 2-H
20-29N-11W
San Juan County

✓ all interested parties

A well drilled by unknown
parties in Unit E
16-30N-11W
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operator of ~~the~~ a well
located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North,
Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That _____ is the
surety on the Oil Conservation Division plugging bond on which
_____ is principal.

(4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state
that the subject well(s) will be properly plugged and abandoned
when not capable of commercial production.

(5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative
rights said well should
be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by

the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before August 15, 19 80, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That The owner and operator of
is ~~are~~ hereby ordered to plug and abandon
~~the~~ well an unnamed well
located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 30 North
Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, is
hereby ordered to plug said well and abandon said well
or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling
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, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-
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