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Press Meet

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There is an old saying in oil
business that no matter how deep
you are drilling, you are not deep
enough until you encounter gran-
ite, which is "30" or the end in
newspaper parlance.

Humble pulled a couple of cores
the past week but both showed
only sand and shale with no en-
couraging signs of either oil or
gas.

The Humble hole is said to be
straightening out and is now off
only about two degrees, since
whipstock was set at 8842 feet.

Denton Well Given Rating 515 Bbls. Day

Magnolia Petroleum Co.'s No. 3
Maxwell has been completed in the
Denton pool of East-Central Lea
County for 515 barrels of 45-grav-
ity oil per day.

Production is coming through
16/64ths-inch choke from perfor-
ations at 12,603-12,641 feet, after
this section was treated with 14,-
000 gallons. Total depth is 12,647,
plugged back depth 12,645, and top
of pay 12,495 feet. Tubing pres-
sure was 1,050 pounds and packer
12,595 pounds.

Formation tops were: anhydrite
2,144; top salt, 2,258; Yates 3,138;
San Andres 4,657; Glorieta 6,197;
Tubbs 7,352; Abo 8,052; Mississ-
ippian 11,690; Wolfcamp 12,400;
and Devonian 12,503 feet. Eleva-
tion at well is 3,832 feet.

The No. 3 Maxwell is located in
NE SE Sec. 27-14S-37E.

State Sale 21st Offers 46 Tracts

The next sale of State oil and
gas leases will be held Tuesday,
July 21. A total of 46 tracts have
been advertised for lease, 33 by
sealed bids and 13 for oral auc-
tion to be held at the close of the
regular sealed-bid sale.

Lea County leads with 27 tracts,
Eddy is second with ten, Chaves
six, Roosevelt one and San Juan
one. One combination tract in-
cludes acreage in Roosevelt and
Chaves. A good sale is predicted.

Gas Co. will drill a Pennsylvania
test in the La Ventana sector of
Sandoval county.

Although roads are reported
built and slush pits dug in center
of SE 1/4 of Sec. 23-19N-2W, it is
said location may be moved a mile
or two West in the El Paso block.

El Paso geologists are now
checking the area and may recom-
mend a change in the drilling site.

Meantime Ed W. Cannedy of
Albuquerque is preparing to move
on and drill three Mesaverde tests
in this same area. The Cannedy
locations have been confirmed as
follows: NE SE Sec. 21-18N-3W;
NE SE Sec. 10-18N-3W, and NE
NE Sec. 33-18N-3W. Drilling is
scheduled to start at once.

All the above locations are on
Federal land.

Lynch Plugs Valencia Test; Reported Waiting on Power Valley Fill Reported to 7955

The mysterious abandonment of
the No. 1 Dalies-San Clemente,
one of two avidly-followed Valen-
cia county wildcats, has been con-
firmed by official sources.

Persons connected with the test
earlier reported it had been shut
down June 5 at 7955 to wait for
more power. But official reports
state the wildcat was plugged and
abandoned—June 5.

Meantime, Phil D. Lynch, Ef-
fingham, Ill., operator who began
the project May 10 — actually a
deepening of a 1952 hole — left
along with his crew from the local
scene. There were reports they
want to Nebraska to drill a test
there.

Both Lynch and Roy E. Whitley,
his Abilene, Tex., tool pusher, had
told The Oil News and Albuquer-
que dailies that the June 5 shut-
down was to await more horse-
power for drilling deeper.

What happened or why was not
immediately clear. One of the
dailies may have been on the right
track when it reported "rumors
that the court mixup over owner-
ship of Dalies townsite lots may
have an effect on the Lynch wild-
cat."

The holder or holders of the
land on which the Lynch test was

sh Penns beds be thick
enough, a commercial discovery is
believed possible. The location is
about 15 miles Northwest of Ros-
well, county seat of Chaves
County.

Stanolind Seismic Crew in Roosevelt

Stanolind Oil & Gas Co. has
moved an 18-man seismograph
crew into Roosevelt County (it was
learned last week. The crew will
make its headquarters at Portales.

During the past couple of years,
Roosevelt County has probably had
more geophysical work than any
county in the state. There was no
statement as to the territory to be
explored by the Stanolind crews.

drilling never have been disclosed.
There have been reports that one
person involved also is involved in
the court tangle in this state, and
in other court action elsewhere.

The Lynch test was a deepening
of the Harry C. Long (Los An-
geles) 6,024-foot hole contracted
and drilled that depth about a
year ago. Location is SE SE Sec.
32-7N-1E.

The official report of the latest
P&A is terse. No formation tops
were reported. Only surface pipe
is listed, although the Lynch test
was drilling in loose valley fill.

The 10 3/4-inch surface pipe was
set in the original Long try to 208
feet and cemented with 200 sacks.
There reportedly was no casing on
the location while Lynch was
working it. He told The Oil News
once that "we'll get it if we need
it."

Without casing, only continuous
drilling and circulation pressure
could keep the sandy hole from
the strong possibility of collapse.

CRUDE OIL IN STORAGE (Barrels of 42 Gallons)

June 13, 1953

278,960,000

June 20, 1953

278,543,000