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OIL MEN FAVOR PROPOSED CURB SYSTEM CHANGE

Test to Deep Permian Pay for Andrews

Richmond Drilling, Tom F. Hunter Stake Location for 5,400-Foot Wildcat

MIDLAND, Jan. 13.—Carrying

Southwestern Andrews County test to deep Permian horizon, Richmond Drilling Company of Midland and Tom F. Hunter of Wichita Falls Saturday announced location of No. 1 University, a 5,400-foot wildcat test.

Derrick now is being built and road is being laid to the test, which is 560 feet from the north and east lines of section 21, block 11, University survey, only three and one-half miles north of the Andrews-Ector line. The wildcat is about 13 miles northwest of the Holt deep pool at the northwest edge of the North Camden pool in northern Ector County and is projected to the same horizon. It also is two miles northwest of Atlantic Refining Company No. 1 Texas Company-University, a failure at 4,686 feet, and six miles south by southeast of Richmond and W. F. Hanagan No. 1 University, a 900-foot dry hole.

Leases to Expire. A majority of University of Texas leases surrounding the new test expire July 8 of this year, and if the well attains production, it will force immediate drilling of approximately 16 more wells in the area. Contracts with contributing companies call for completion of No. 1 University by April 15 in order to permit drilling of more tests before lease expiration. While the well will be drilled by the Holt deep pool, it is expected that the test will be drilled by the Holt deep pool.

Major companies and two independent operators assigned to operators the east half of the northeast quarter of section 21, which is the well site, and the southwest quarter of section 10. Atlantic also made a cash contribution, amount of which was not divulged. Ohio Oil Company donated the south half of section 15; Shell Oil Company, Inc., the southeast quarter and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 3, the west half of the southwest quarter of section 4, and the south half of the southwest quarter of section 16; and Amerada Petroleum Corporation gave the south half of section 22. All of the acreage lies in University block 11.

Other Pay Acreage. Roemer & Pendleton of Fort Worth purchased from Richmond & Hunter the southeast quarter of section 10 and the southwest quarter of section 10 and the south half of the southwest quarter of section 16. Champlin Refining Company of Enid, Okla., purchased the south half of the southwest quarter of section 15. In southern Andrews' Emma pool, Sinclair-Prairie Oil Company, No. 9 Mrs. Emma Cowden, 990 feet from the north, 330 from the east line of section 1, block 44, T-2-N, T-2-S survey, was completed at 4,245 feet for a net potential of 1,137.40 barrels, based upon flow during the last half of 12-hour gauge. Flow was through two-inch tubing with gas volume of 467.47 cubic feet per day, giving the well a gas-oil ratio of 41:1. It was acidized with 1,000 then with 4,000 gallons in lime pay topped at 4,188 feet.

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Burner & Flegler started drilling out the plug from the sand at 3,090 feet preparatory to drilling deeper into the sand which was core from 3,184-89 feet, total depth, in their

Lacey Walker, Secretary of API, Visits Fort Worth to Make Plans for Convention

Facilities of Three Hotels Will Be Used as Headquarters and to House Committee Meetings of the Convention

Lacey Walker, secretary of the American Petroleum Institute which holds its midyear meeting in Fort Worth from May 27 to 31, inclusive, while in Fort Worth last week to make plans for the convention announced it would be necessary to use the Blackstone, Texas and Worth Hotels in order to accommodate the institute's sessions.

It previously had been announced that headquarters would be set up only in the Blackstone and Texas Hotels. Between 1,500 and 2,000 oil men and company officials are expected to attend the convention. During the five-day convention, committee meetings and open sessions will be held on every phase of the oil industry, similar to the annual meeting of the institute. Although the meeting still is more than four months away, attention to much preliminary detail is necessary to assure the smooth functioning of the institute's sessions with little lost motion.

Close attention particularly is necessary inasmuch as the convention's sessions will be divided among three hotels rather than concentrated in one hotel as is the annual meeting which always is held in Chicago, Lacey pointed out. At the annual meeting of the institute last November for the first time since its organization, a new board of directors was elected which included 19 Texans. In addition to Texas representation on the board, the State also has three members on the executive committee.

Charles F. Roemer of Fort Worth, immediate past president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, is a member of the executive committee as is J. C. Hunter of Abilene, former president of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association. J. L. Hamon of Dallas, past president of the Texas division, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, is the third Texan on the committee.

Good Producer New Pay Seen in Beddo Pool

SAO ANGELO, Jan. 13.—Further exploration of the Sarratt sand possibilities, discovered last Fall, in the Beddo pool in Runnels County six miles northeast of Ballinger, was assured this week as Art Tucker No. 1 J. L. King gauged 187.66 barrels of high gravity oil on a 24-hour railroad commission potential test. The production from the new well compares with 33.1 barrels of 45 gravity oil gauged for Homer Peter No. 2 J. C. Beddo, Sarratt sand discovery, on its potential test last September. Tucker No. 1 King is 425 feet northwest of Price No. 2, Beddo and is in subdivision 51, Domingo Diaz survey 532. It drilled oil bearing Sarratt sand from 2,329 to 2,335 feet. The gauge was on net oil separated from approximately 200 barrels of water.

Floyd C. Dodson No. 1 Robert Wilson, scheduled Ordovician wildcat in southern Concho County, was drilling at 1,500 feet in 73, TE&L survey, a wildcat, is coring for the Pennsylvania lime after setting 13-inch casing at 1,490 feet. The test is in Thomas F. Green survey 1. Shut down for repairs after breaking the hole, Dan Short and associates No. 1 J. G. Davidson, scheduled 3,500-foot wildcat three miles southeast of San Angelo and in Lovie E. Moore survey, had drilled to 2,935 feet in lime after passing through a slight showing of oil at 2,893-95 feet in lime.

Southwest central to the Page pool in central eastern Schleicher County, Cooper Gas Company No. 1-41 Bet Page was drilling at 2,515 feet in shale. It had underreamed to 2,346 feet to shut off water. The test is in section 41, block L, GH&SA.

No. 2 G. E. Winn test in Isaac White survey, abstract 895. Southeast of Jermyn one and a half miles, Harper-Kappenberger & Gillispie No. 1 Oliver Lovins, in southwest corner of section 27, TE&L survey, a wildcat, is coring for the sand at 2,156 feet. This test is approximately three miles northwest of the deep production in the Winn pool, and its outcome is of vital importance to this particular section of the field. North of Jacksboro 10 miles, W. L. Forbes and associates No. 1 N. W. Davis, in BBB&C survey, abstract 94, a wildcat, is drilling at 1,500 feet in shale. Henton-Buchanan, Inc., No. 1 A. T. Smith, two miles southwest of the Forbes test, and in the A. T. Smith survey, abstract 2175, block 2, is drilling at 2,370 feet in a shale and lime. Steed & Cooper No. 1 W. J. Mathis, a 3,200-foot test, section 2, BS&P survey, abstract 1362, southwest of Jacksboro four miles, spudded in,

Pool Gets Six Sites M'ALLEN, Jan. 13.—Six new locations were staked in the Starr County portion of the Kelsey pool by Humble, following the oil show in the No. 43 J. C. Crooks, which almost straddles the Brooks-Starr line in La Blanca grant.

Etex Wildcat Interest in Smith Area

Shell Test in Chapel Hill—Coring for Porosity in Travis Peak of Trinity

Special to The Star-Telegram.

MARSHALL, Jan. 13.—Probable starters in Shelby and Palo Verde Counties coupled with drilling progress at two Smith County Trinity series operations draw attention Saturday of operators in the East Texas district. The Smith tests were being watched closely as one was coring for porosity in the Travis Peak zone of the basal Trinity and the other was looking for top of the Paluxy section. Two miles northeast of the Hunt Oil Company No. 1 Bradley, a gas discovery at Chapel Hill, eastern Smith County, Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 Campbell, in the Lively survey, was cutting a core below 5,555 feet as the well closed—and was credited with picking up some porosity with slight oil show and gas odor at 5,237-55 feet. Hereafter the sand has been silty and light, with no show except one place, around 5,280 feet, and this lacked porosity.

Coring for Paluxy. One and one-half miles south of the Hunt discovery, the Sun Oil Company No. 1 Huddle, in the Etex-erson survey, was coring below 5,514 feet for top of the Paluxy zone. It was at this level the Shell test indicated a wet gas at 1,760 feet on drill stem test. On base of Georgetown, while not specifically for the Etex-erson, it was reported it was 10 feet lower on top of the Georgetown. Latest landing in the area, other than Magnolia Petroleum Company taking 980 acres near Friendship, saw Delta Drilling Company purchase 58 acres for \$7.50 in the Samuels survey. Also in this district, Sun has taken the Luther Ford 50-acre tract in the Epps survey at \$5 per acre for 10 years with \$1 rental. Panels Wildcat. The Panola prospect is credited to Continental Oil Company, which has been planning for some time an 8,000-foot test northeast of Carthage on Marshall Lumber Company lands in the John F. Hendricks and Grimes No. 1 Henry Sicking, S. Hinkle survey, abstract 494, a north offset to their No. 10 Barney Voth, Z. D. Fulton survey, abstract 1250, a completion from a sand topped at 1,665 feet. The lime in the Whitfield test was declared not to be in the Ellenberger survey, abstract 978, was drilling in broken lime at 1,749 feet after passing through a broken sand at 1,649-65 feet showing some saturation. The test is projected to the Ellenberger to test the Voth pool formations. A little further west, the Staley & Griffin No. 1 Peery estate, BBB&C survey, abstract 145, has been delayed by a breakdown and by the weather, total depth 1,235 toward 2,500-foot contract. About 10 miles south of Muenster and three miles north of Rosston, the G. E. Sykes No. 1 Hill Christian, J. P. Bailey survey, abstract 79, was preparing to start drilling on 3,000-foot test, this in an area having shows in several wildcats in the past few years. Adjoining the Voth pool on the southeast side, the T. C. U. area has another well on the sand. This is the Dickson Oil Company No. 2 Sarah Alice Linn, J. D. Linn survey, abstract 1247, which topped the sand at 1,099 feet, drilled two feet and set pipe. Spudder was being rigged up to drill in. Its No. 1 Linn, one location west, was given a potential of 163 barrels from the same sand. The Shaw Oil Company No. 2 T. C. U. (H. W. Stark land), W. A. Linn survey, abstract 1572, had trouble with casing reconcreted on top of the sand at 1,128 feet and was running a new string of five and three inside the seven inch, to set with packer, to complete. Location has been made for No. 3 T. C. U., 192 feet out of the southeast corner of the W. A. Linn survey. About a mile south, the Charles C. Lynch No. 1 Buddy Hellman, Thomas Toby survey, abstract 1060, was drilling at 835 feet in broken lime. North of Muenster the J. G. Richards No. 1 Trew, Henry Whiteside survey, abstract 1083, is a starter, projected to 1,400 feet.

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Drilling Permits Total 261 in Texas for Week of Jan. 12 AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—Permits for drilling 261 new tests in Texas were issued by the Texas Railroad Commission for the week ended Jan. 12, reported R. W. Byram, oil statistician of the Texas State House Reporter. This was 221 more than the number issued during the previous week when the total was cut down by the aftermath of the year-end holiday slack. Nine new tests were issued for East Texas where all drilling must be by special exception to the regular spacing rule. For the fourth time in five weeks, the North Texas district held first place in the State, listing 82 permits, of which 74 were in Archer County and 21 in Wichita. Panhandle operators were given permits to drill 17 new wells. Ten locations were in Gray County. In Southwest Texas 51 locations were widely scattered, while the Gulf Coast listed 43 locations, no county numbering as many as ten. In West Texas, operators planned 33 new wells, Youkin County leading the district with 13. West Central Texas operators were issued 21 permits. East Central Texas total was five.

Gray County. Stanolind Oil Company No. 7 Saunders section 40, block 2, I&GN survey, gauged 311 barrels with lime pay between 2,998 and 3,100 feet. Ryan Consolidated Oil Company No. 3 Barrett, section 113, block 3, Magnolia survey, gauged 3,282 barrels with pay from 2,350 to 2,220 feet in lime. Skelly Oil Company No. 16 Derrick, section 53, block 24, H&GN survey, Wheeler County, gauged 213 barrels, Granite wash formation was from 2,460 to 2,325 feet.

Haskell County Pool Indicated in Palo Pinto ABBILENE, Jan. 13.—Opening of a new southern Haskell County oil pool was indicated this week, although operator Saturday planned to plug off sulphur water in the bottom foot of a streak of saturation in the K. B. Nowels of Abilene No. 1 Marie S. Pardue. The wildcat, about three and a half miles northeast of Stamford and half a mile north of the Jones-Haskell County line, drilled from 3,390 feet to 3,425 feet in oil saturated Palo Pinto lime before drilling into the bottom hole water. Free oil was bailed from the hole during the drilling of the hard section, and with acid treatment it was believed the test could be made a commercial producer. If not, it will be carried to the contract depth of 3,700 feet, Ungren & Frazier, Abilene contractors, are drilling it with cable tools. Six-inch casing is set to 2,225 feet. Besides Ungren & Frazier, offset acreage is held by Danciger Oil and Refineries, Inc., Iron Mountain Oil Company, J. G. Hammond, Inc., E. F. Farris and Deas Brothers of Fort Worth, Carl E. King Drilling Company of Dallas, Fain-McGaha

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New Officers of Local Geological Society



RALPH S. POWELL, LOUIS H. FREEDMAN, VERNON LIPSCOMB.

Snow Blankets All Panhandle

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PAMPA, Jan. 13.—Heavy snow and ice played havoc with drilling in the Panhandle oil field this week. An eight-inch snow fell early in the week to top a five-inch snow of the previous week. Melting of the snow began late in the week to continue making roads through the field almost impassable. All wildcats in the field were shut down because of the bad weather or for other reasons. In Lipscomb County the Paul O'Neil No. 1 Jacob Koch, in section 53, H&GN survey, remained shut down at 1,100 feet in Potter County the Lee Whitaker No. 1, in section 20, block 2, H&GN survey, was fishing at 2,800 feet, in Sherman County the Hagy, Harrison & Marsh, gas test on the Freeman lease, in section 46, block 42, GH&H, was plugged back to 2,968 feet and shut down awaiting orders. In the same county the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company No. 1 Bryant, in section 349, block 1-T, T&NO survey, was fishing for tools at 2,511 feet. Twelve applications to drill were filed at the local offices of the Texas Railroad Commission, six in Gray County and three each in Carson and Hutchinson Counties. The Texas Company staked three locations, two in Carson and one in Hutchinson County. Completions by counties follow: Gray County. Stanolind Oil Company No. 7 Saunders section 40, block 2, I&GN survey, gauged 311 barrels with lime pay between 2,998 and 3,100 feet. Ryan Consolidated Oil Company No. 3 Barrett, section 113, block 3, Magnolia survey, gauged 3,282 barrels with pay from 2,350 to 2,220 feet in lime. Skelly Oil Company No. 16 Derrick, section 53, block 24, H&GN survey, Wheeler County, gauged 213 barrels, Granite wash formation was from 2,460 to 2,325 feet.

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Plan to End 'Potentials' Is Approved

Substitution of Acreage-Reserve Method Believed Allowable Problem Solution

BY JOHN W. NAYLOR, Oil Editor.

Prospect of a complete change in the system of proration in Texas, which will affect the amount of oil practically all the wells in the State are allowed to produce, and consequently the income of all Texas oil producers, easily overshadowed all other oil news for the past week. While rumors of such a change have prevailed for some time, the prospect was given tangible form last week by a definite statement by Jerry Sadler, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, which fixes the allowable, Lon A. Smith, chairman, and E. O. Thompson, the other member, have not made public statements yet, but the context of Sadler's statement was interpreted as reflecting that consultation with other members of the commission had preceded its issuance. May Abandon Potentials. One of the features of the statement was the indication that the commission planned to abandon potential, only by means of a measure of proration. While potential, as measuring the relative ability of properties to produce, is no doubt logically a strong point in determining the equities in proration formulas, reaction of oil producers for the most part favored its proposed abandonment. Every oil man knows the truth of Sadler's statement that the potential factor has been badly abused. It is impossible physically to produce a potential, and the potential factor is a practical impossibility. It is impossible physically to produce a potential, and the potential factor is a practical impossibility. It is impossible physically to produce a potential, and the potential factor is a practical impossibility.

Crude Storage Continues Gain

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GAINESVILLE, Jan. 13.—Four operations in the Walnut Bend pool of northeast Cooke County are in various stages of completion, all indicating producers. Two on the southeast side are of special interest because of tests of shows in upper Strawn sands. Only completion from the upper Strawn is the Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 G. L. Ramsey. Cox & Hamon survey, abstract 369, given potential rating of 675 barrels from sand at 4,816-42 feet, total 1,063,000 barrels during the week. The net increase in stocks was at the rate of 119,800 barrels daily. Stocks of domestic crude oil gained 1,063,000 barrels during the week of a daily average gain of 151,860 barrels. Stocks of foreign and domestic crude oil in the United States continued to gain for the first week of the new year ended Jan. 8, a net increase of 539,000 barrels, the Bureau of Mines reported Saturday. The increase compares with a gain of 1,704,000 barrels during the previous week. 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