

Operations Report
on
Hill #1 Tayler

You will be glad to know that on May 4th we were successful in fishing out the portion of the drill stem together with the bit which was in the bottom of the well after the twistoff which occurred on April 25th and at a depth of about 900 feet from the surface. Total depth of the hole then and now is 1155 feet.

The portable rotary equipment -- a model Sullivan 200 -- has been removed from the location because it was deemed to be too light to continue the drilling of the 11 inch hole and the setting of the 8 inch casing at an approximate depth of 1425 feet.

Heavier drilling equipment will be set up and placed in operation at the location within the next few days. Drill stem pipe, dog house, rotary table, mud pump and power unit, derrick flooring, and some other equipment for this apparatus are now on the location. The remainder is expected to arrive momentarily. Four men of the new drilling crew arrived today.

All operations and correlations are based from the subsurface position of the formations as reported in the original well drilled in the area back in 1934-35 known as the Wilmes #1. Using this Wilmes #1 as a base, it is noted that the Taylor #1 is better than 97 feet higher above sealevel on the subsurface markers already drilled, and if this rise will continue as drilling progresses deeper, our efforts this time should meet with the desired success.

There have been several good shows of oil coming up on the ditch at our present location regardless of the fact that the hole is only down to 1155 feet. These signs are also very encouraging.

Due to the very slow progress that has been made at this well, regardless of the efforts expended, I have reached the point where I will not make a forecast as to when drilling operations can be completed. For a while during the last fishing job it appeared as though there was a good possibility of not being able to get the bit and drill stem out of the hole, and therefore the loss of all that we had so far done; but fortunately the fishing job was successful, the hole had stopped caving, and as soon as the heavier equipment is installed we will be ready to resume drilling operations from the present depth of 1155 feet.

Outside of sand storms and a very small amount of rain, the weather here has been excellent. Roads over which one must travel are, however, in terrible condition, being blown out so badly and full of sharp ruts and washboards because of the high winds prevailing at this time of year.

Best regards.

May 7, 1945

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Sure enjoyed my visit with you!

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