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Dallas Boy Scouts Return From Camp

Boy Scouts of Dallas Troop 281 are home again after a week at Camp Acahela, in the Poconos. Merit badges were earned during the camping experience, and Robert Van Horn was admitted to the Order of the Arrow.

On the transportation committee were Jack Yaple, Niles White, W. E. McQuilkin, Cubmaster; Leslie Barstow, assistant scoutmaster; and Committee chairman Percy Love, who furnished a truck for the dunnage.

Leslie Barstow, Jr., in handing in the information on the present camping trip, recollected that on a similar trip last year W. E. McQuilkin got bit in the ear by a starry-nosed shrew, identifying the wound and its author by descriptions of the puncture furnished by the fascinated scouts.

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Wm. Elliott, Walter Brennan
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"The roughest, toughest, cattle drive in the history of the West"
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Oil Drilling Operations Hit Tough Strata At 8,700 Feet

Wyoming County News Reporter Visits Operations At Sonestown

The Wyoming County News, one of the Keeler group of newspapers with headquarters at Wyalusing, last week sent one of its reporters to the Arthur Bennett farm at Sonestown, Sullivan county, to cover the drilling operations started there in April by the California Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil.

His story published in last week's news, follows:

A visit to the derrick location, fires the imagination, for the operation on the hillside of the Arthur Bennett farm, some three mile south of Sonestown, are serious. It is not entirely a flight of fancy to visualize what would happen to the placid countryside if oil were hit tomorrow.

The Sullivan Review stated that it is a big industry, prospector's chance, that the petroleum company is taking in Sullivan County, but a chance reduced to a satisfactory mathematical ratio, and one supported by geological and modern seismographic reports of its subterranean survey experts.

One of the men on the job said they would go 15,000 feet if necessary, then hold a conference and probably go deeper. Some say that a similar well is in the projected plan if the present drilling fails to produce.

As to the depth when they may hit deposits, one of the drillers observed, "it's just like playing a game of poker. You never know at what depth you will hit oil or gas."

Drilling Three Months

The drilling on the Bennett farm is nothing the like of which has ever been seen here before. Early attempts to find gas or oil in this county, years ago, were much more antiquated methods and the resultant bore holes were comparatively shallow. Such depths as the California Company intends to go at Sonestown would have been impossible a generation ago. Consequently, employing latest modern techniques for discovery, new finds are quite within the realm of possibility.

Drilling on the hillside on the Bennett farm started in April and since has gone on almost constantly on a round the clock basis, with five men employed on each eight hour shift, seven days a week. The derrick at the site is 150 feet from uppermost tip to base and with motors and equipment represents a capital investment of probably well over a quarter million dollars. Actual drilling is being done by Noble Drilling Corporation, Tulsa, Okla., which is employed by the California Company. The latter is a subsidiary of Standard Oil.

A. F. Hanson, of Jacquin, Texas, is the driller in charge of the day shift and the geologist on the project is Nelson Esque, a graduate of Oklahoma U. The rotodrill used bores a hole nine and seven-eighths inches in diameter and is powered by three 385 horsepower Deisel engines. The drill is supported by a pulley which weighs 6,000 pounds. There is another big Deisel attached to a dynamo to produce electricity for the project. A set of complicated controls is hooked up to the casing head to control subterranean pressures in case of a strike.

Noises of the drill and motors can be heard for miles and the whole business can be spotted from Wright's View, on Sonestown mountain, from where, on a clear night, the criss-cross of electric lights gives an illusion of a sum-

mer carnival in progress. The only time the motors on the derrick platform cease their din is when, after drilling an additional 30 feet, they are halted to add a section of pipe, or to put on a fresh bit. A diamond bit is used. Until recently, going through what the men on the job termed "shale", daily progress averaged about 100 feet, but lately much harder formations are being penetrated, the going being much tougher and slower.

Previous Exploration

Search for oil bearing rocks by the California Company was begun in this area several years ago, using the method of the now familiar shallow depth bore holes which dot great portions of the county. In this method, an explosive is set off in the shallow hole and the artificially-induced sound waves recorded by an instrument known as a seismograph. Different rates of speed in the transmission of these sound waves are used to recognize different strata and its subterranean contours.

Developed less than 20 years ago, this mapping of underground strata is known in the petroleum industry as "geophysical prospecting." Many of the existing producing areas of the country would have remained undiscovered without the aid of the method.

Southern and western parts of Sullivan county are now pretty well mapped by its use. Additional valuable information is being currently brought to light in the Laporte township area where several shallow depth drills have been at work in recent weeks.

Oil and Gas Leases

The California Company has under lease, for potential if oil or gas is hit, tens of thousands of acres in Sullivan county which it took up from landowners mostly in 1949 and 1950. Practically the entire area for miles surrounding the drilling operations is under lease. Most of Elkland township, and large sections of Laporte and Forks townships, are also under lease.

The leases issued are typical "oil and gas" contracts. They give the landowner, as royalty, a one-eighth interest in the market value of the oil or gas at the casing head and guarantee that the drilling company will pay damages on buildings, crops and improvement occasioned by removal of the mineral or drilling operations. They embody a safeguard to existing houses or other buildings, providing that no well shall be drilled within 200 feet.

Leases are for a "primary term" often years during which the company retains mineral rights by the payments of a ten cents per acre rental per year, if no oil is produced within the primary term. If oil or gas is being removed from the property, the lease goes on the royalty basis instead and may continue this way as long as oil or gas is produced.

A provision in the paper gives free gas or oil from the property for heating and lighting existing dwellings on the premises.

Venture Momentous

That the operation in progress is serious and of weighty consequence, goes without saying. Nonetheless, it is still prospecting and should be regarded as such. Petroleum industries annually set aside fixed sums for such exploration and discovery. This is undoubtedly the kind of money financing the venture in Sullivan county.

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Miss Mary Lou Elston is spending a week in Berwick with her aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carichner, Daniel and Thomas Elston visited S. A. Arthur Carichner at Bainbridge, Md., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neely, Ridge, Pa., were recent guests of Mrs. Alice Elston.

Mrs. May Terry of Irvington, N.J., is visiting her son, Kenneth Terry in Berwick. Enroute she visited Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Della Parrish of Idetown and Mrs. Alice Elston of Lehman.

Walter Chamberlain, Donald Perigo, Pvt. Leonard Ide and Walter Elston spent several days recently in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Kenneth Terry and Ruth Terry were Friday guests of Mrs. Alice Elston.

Mrs. A. M. Major and Dorothy have returned after spending the weekend in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mandeville and family of Palmyra spent Thursday with Mrs. Alice Elston.

W.S.C.S. met at the Methodist Church Wednesday; hostesses were Mrs. A. M. Major, Mrs. William Major, Mrs. Elizabeth Ide, Mrs. A. B. Simms and Mrs. Glenn Johnson.

Harvey's Lake

By Mrs. Albert Armitage

Telephone H. L. 4531

Mrs. Kate Shultz is staying with Mrs. Mae Underwood this week, while Rev. Ruth Underwood is at Sky Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kitchen and daughter of Weatherly spent several days last week with Amos Kitchen. Mr. Kitchen has been confined to his home for sometime but was able to go to Mountain Springs to fish on Friday with Glenn and Mrs. Garvin Smith and Gary to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kitchen. He caught four nice trout.

Noxen

By Mrs. Earl Beahm

Phone H. L. 4495

Robert Keiper, son of Chester Keiper, is spending a thirty day furlough with his father.

A party was held at James Patton's Friday night in honor of Bruce Suttly Jr., who has just returned from Korea for a thirty day furlough.

A fair will be held by the firemen on the ball diamond August 15 to August 18; a block party will be sponsored by the ladies auxiliary in front of Crispell's Friday night, August 17; a home coming will be held on the ball diamond August 19 with dinner served at the Fire Hall by the Ladies Auxiliary, and a band concert at night.

Mrs. William Keiper is getting along nicely after her operation. Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Major are building a nice ranch type house on the corner next to Albert Ruff. Marcus is doing the work himself.

Those attending the Trucksville Fair Saturday night were Mrs. Earl Crispell, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lord, and Mrs. Earl Beahm.

The Methodists have decided to put on an addition to their church.

Conservation estimates are that at completion of present drilling, the California company will have expanded at least a half million dollars, or perhaps closer to a million. The chances of its paying off have been carefully weighed. As one man on the job said, "they don't spend that kind of money if they aren't pretty sure."

Prudence dictates that one should be content to observe operations while keeping the fingers crossed.

Beaumont

By Mrs. William A. Austin

Phone H. L. 3424

The Town Team topped Noxen 7-4 last week. The July 29th game will be played at Shavertown.

Billy Johnson, son of the Warren Johnsons, is a patient at General Hospital due to a relapse caused by pneumonia.

Mrs. Jane Parks has had Lois Ryman and Marian Weiss of East Dallas as her guests for the past week.

During his furlough from Fort Sill, Okla., Pvt. Laurence Sherman, son of Mrs. Florence Meeker Fetchko, was married to Mrs. Muriel Eustice Barber of Tunkhannock.

The Ryman Family Reunion will be held Saturday at Traver's Park. If you are interested in the clan and don't receive a notification, won't you be there for the powwow just the same?

Mrs. Nellie Bigelow is ill at the home of her son, Harry.

Check the date for the Union Church Sunday School Picnic at Wolfe's Park, Sweet Valley.

Mrs. Alpha Dymond was hostess to the Ladies Aid at its annual picnic on Thursday.

Have you received your tax notice? Take advantage of the two per cent discount and see Myrtle Martin, tax collector, before August 31.

The school improvement goes ahead rapidly with Claude Crispell doing the work on the roof drainage and Gay-Murray doing the work on the toilets for the grade building which now will rank as one of the best in this region.

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with Donald O'Connor and Gale Storm

Also Sports and Cartoons

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DOUBLE FEATURE

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Plus Cartoon

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

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BACK in grandfather's time, during the final quarter of the last century, things were quite different. There were no movies, no airplanes, no automobiles, few bathrooms, practically no efficient electrical appliances. If you contracted diabetes or pernicious anemia, your days were numbered. Your blood just "changed to sugar" in the former, "to water" in the latter.

There was little protection against virulent epidemics. Smallpox vaccine was the only biological on the market. When diphtheria or typhoid ravaged a community, there was nothing to do but wait it out in hope and dread.

Yes, a return to the "good old days" would mean, among other things, the sacrifice of the major portion of the contribution of medicine and pharmacy to your health and well-being.

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