

Mining and Oil News



ALBERTA OIL NEWS

NORTHWEST T. V. AREA IN LIMELIGHT

Calgary, Jan. 5.—With Home-Millarville No. 4 on a drill stem production test from the upper producing horizon after being drilled to a depth of 272 feet in the lime, interest once more centres in the northwestern part of Turner Valley where the field's two largest producers are situated. Under the latest schedule of allowables Home-Millarville No. 2 is given 324 barrels and Royalite No. 43 has 317 barrels daily.

At present there are five wells drilling in the area: Alberta Oil Inc. comes Nos. 1 and 2, Anglo-Phillips, Foothills No. 6 and Home-Millarville No. 3. The latter is the only one of the group nearing completion. It is standing with casing completed in the top of the Home-Phillips is about half completed.

Alberta Oil Inc.'s two wells are logging satisfactorily. No. 1 is at 3652 feet and No. 2 at 1674 feet. These are close to a number of operations by pioneers who gave up due to a lack of knowledge of conditions in the north end of the valley at a time when 8000-foot wells had not been drilled in Alberta.

YEAR'S COMPLETIONS
During 1939 a total of 34 wells were completed in Turner Valley. Following is the list of producers brought in during the year: Anglo Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6; Argus; British Columbia; Calwin; Command No. 2; D. & T. Extension Nos. 1 and 2; East Crest No. 4; Harris Nos. 1 and 2; Home-Millarville No. 2; Northwest-Hudson's Bay Nos. 1 and 2; Okalta Nos. 7 and 8; Oil Ventures; Royal Canadian No. 3; Royalite Nos. 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45 and 46; York No. 2 and Winalta.

Approximately \$6,000,000 was spent in actual drilling operations in the valley during 1939. This figure is arrived at by estimating the cost of 34 wells drilled to completion at \$177,000 each. To this sum must be added the cost of production equipment and oil and gas gathering lines throughout the field.

While various estimates have been made regarding the number of wells likely to be drilled in the valley in 1940 it is safe to predict that the record of 1939 will at least be duplicated. It all depends on progress that is made for securing wider markets.

Drilling operations are gradually shifting north as good sites become scarce in the southwestern part of the valley. The north end offers a large area that may be considered proven but drilling is rather deep. The west central part of the field needs further testing for one to estimate its possibilities.

Livestock
Calgary, Jan. 5.—Livestock receipts Thursday were: Cattle 240, calves 44, hogs 45, sheep 121. Barely sufficient cattle sales to establish market. A few medium to common heifers sold at 5.50 to 6.50. Medium to good cows 4.00 to 4.50. Common 3.00 to 3.50. Yearlings ranged from 6.50 to 7.50. No hog sales. Last heifers 8.45 off track.

Coastwise Shipping
ARRIVALS
Princess Joan—Victoria, 7 a.m.
Princess Margaret—Seattle, 8 a.m.
Princess North—Skagway, 9 a.m.
Princess Elaine—Nanaimo, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Lady Rose—Howe Sound, 11 a.m.
Capitano—Squamish, 11 a.m.
Lady Cynthia—Squamish, 6:30 p.m.
Princess Kathleen—Seattle-Victoria, 6:35 p.m.
Lady Cecilia—Powell River, 7:30 p.m.

SAILINGS
Lady Cynthia—Squamish, 9 a.m.
Princess Margaret—Victoria-Seattle, 10:30 a.m.
Princess Elaine—Nanaimo, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Capitano—Squamish, 6 p.m.
Catala—Stewart, 9 p.m.
Princess Kathleen—Seattle, 11 p.m.
Princess Joan—Victoria, 12 p.m.

Air Schedules
EASTBOUND
T.C.A. leaves 6:15 p.m. daily for Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal.
United Mainliner leaves daily at 3:20 p.m. for Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, New York. (Connects at New York with Pan-American Clipper for European points.)
Connecting with Northwest Air Lines leaving Seattle at 7:45 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 8:25 p.m. for Spokane, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Chicago and all eastern cities.

Southbound
T.C.A. leaves 11:45 a.m. and 7:05 p.m. U.A.L. leaves 3:20 p.m. for Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego.
"Connects with Northwest Air Lines for the east."
NORTHBOUND
Yukon Southern leaves Kamloops 9 a.m. Wednesday for Prince George, Edmonton, Whitehorse, Dawson. (Mail leaves Vancouver by 7:15 p.m. train Tuesdays.)
Ginger Cootie Airways leaves 10:30 a.m. for Zeballos (daily).
Canadian Airways leaves 10:40 a.m. for Zeballos (Tuesdays and Saturdays—extra trips as traffic warrants).

VICTORIA
Canadian Airways leaves 9:00 a.m., 11:50 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. daily; Sunday 11:50 a.m.

Posse Surprises, Captures Pair of Escaped Killers

One Still Missing May Have Drowned Crossing River

San Luis, Sonora, Mex., Jan. 5.—(UP)—John and Tom Powers, brothers who 21 years ago killed three law enforcement officers attempting to arrest them for world war draft evasion, were captured near their border town Thursday night, seven days after their escape from the Arizona State Prison at Florence.

The killers were taken by a posse led by Sheriff T. H. Newman of Yuma County, Arizona. Newman said the brothers were heavily armed and apparently had refrained from using the weapons against the captors only because they were taken by surprise.

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Heroism Marks Rescue Attempts in Minneapolis Fire



Climbing down ice-shedded ladder rungs, a Minneapolis fire-fighter carries the body of one victim of the Marlborough Hotel fire to the streets below. At least 18 persons perished in flames or leapt to their death when the fire broke out in zero temperatures. (Acme-Telephoto)

Few Delays In War Allowances

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being investigated at Ottawa and every effort is being made to have adjustments reached and payments made as soon as possible.

Military headquarters stress that in case of non-payment of allowances the proper procedure for a dependent is to get in touch with the commanding officer of the enlisted man's unit, or in the case of battalions already overseas with the commanding officer of the unit's depot here.

Most of these latter cases have concerned dependents of men in the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. Enquiries about their allowances should be made to Colonel Thomas Leslie.

In all cases the commanding officers communicate with Ottawa direct and not through the Vancouver area headquarters.

No Barricades Yet, Says T. G. Norris

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—"The time has not come to storm the Bastille or to man the barricades," claimed T. G. Norris, K.C., Vancouver, when addressing the local Rotary Club members yesterday on "Trenches in Canada."

There should be no sniping behind hedges, he claimed, when he attacked Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader in the provincial legislature, for what he termed "a shameful attempt to make political capital," quoting Winch's recent statements in Victoria.

Mr. Norris agreed that Canada's trenches should be manned, but he wanted them filled honestly and by patriotic people. If this is to be done, those who see it is to play at home will be able to look back with pride when the war is over, he stated.

Royal City Man Succeeds In R.A.F.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Word of the success of George W. Welsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Welsh, 333 Second Street, in passing his aeronautical engineering examinations in the Royal Air Force and in being top of a class of 125 students in a training school in the south of England, has been received here.

George Welsh, who has spent most of his life in New Westminster, was a student in the Herbert School and in the J. J. Trapp Technical High school before he left for England in January, 1933, to join the flying corps.

Civie Employees Re-elect Wood
New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Jack Wood was re-elected for his third term as president of the Civie Employees' Association at the annual meeting. Other officers to be installed at the next meeting on Feb. 6 are: Vice-president, Thomas Ryal; treasurer, Frank Cambridge; recording secretary, Res Morgan; financial secretary, Neil Saunders; sergeant-at-arms, Ernest Furness; warden, Charles Knudsen; executive, Richard Eickhoff and George Rennie; auditors, Harry Chapman and Ernest Wood.

LUMBER MOVING
New Westminster, Jan. 5.—"The long dock of Canadian Western Lumber Company at Fraser Mills was filled with three freighters yesterday, all engaged in loading lumber which had been accumulating and which had been a source of worry to the mill operators."
Palestine fruit growers are trying to dispose of over 700,000 cases of citrus fruits stopped by the war from going to Britain and Germany.

Curb Peddlers In Chinatown To Be Probed

Curb peddlers who park their wagons in the busy section of Chinatown on Pender Street are to be the subject of a report by Traffic Inspector Wilfred Lemon. The traffic commission is proposing steps to ban such merchants, declaring the space occupied would give added accommodation for parking of autos.

Licence Inspector Herbert Ungerhart told the commission Thursday the traders all have peddlers' licences, issued to traders who sell from door to door. But in Chinatown there are several wagons arranged to display goods from which business is transacted.

Royal City Fathers Face Problems

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Formation of a West End Ratepayers' Association with a view to uttering a protest against the raise in the last assessment; restoration of the 20 per cent discount on electric bills, advocated by Ald. J. Lewis Sangster; these and other items promise to beset the city council when it gets down to the serious business for 1940 on Monday night. The ratepayers in the West End district are to hold a meeting in St. James' Hall on Wednesday night of next week. The proposals claim the area is being left out in the cold in the way of improvements in the face of a stiff increase in the assessment.

Ald. Sangster, returned as chairman of the electric light committee, is out to fight for the 30 per cent rebate. The alderman contends that reduction in the bills will encourage the residents to use more current, especially those equipped with electric ranges.

Woodworkers Adopt Two Motions On Pioneer Strike

Two resolutions with regard to the industrial unrest in the Pioneer Mine at Bridge River were endorsed by the B. C. District council convention of the International Woodworkers of America, now in session here.

One was addressed to Hon. Gordon S. Wismer, and protested the proposed eviction of miners' families in winter weather, and would condemn any attempt to send in additional police to attempt to aid the eviction. The other was addressed to Hon. G. S. Pearson, and pointing out that the Pioneer strike was now in its fourth month, urged the department of labor to "take all necessary steps to mediate a fair settlement of the Pioneer dispute."

\$5600 Settlement In Auto Suit

Settlement was revealed in Supreme Court Thursday for \$5600 in a suit for damages for injuries suffered in a traffic accident Feb. 10, 1939.

Following the settlement, Karl Miziatto, 1525 West Eleventh Ave., consented to dismissal of his action against Capt. A. H. Halley, 3602 West Third Ave., and his son, A. R. Halley, for \$1639 special and unstated general damages.

G. A. McMillan Dies In Cloverdale

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—George Archibald McMillan, Cloverdale, died Wednesday at his home. He was born in Ontario 75 years ago and had been a resident of the district for nearly three years. He is survived by his wife, four sons, Harvey H. McMillan, Smiley, Sask.; William D. McMillan, Langley; William A. McMillan, Youbou, B. C.; and a brother, J. R. McMillan, Vancouver.

HUNTER CREEK BRIDGE READY

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—The new bridge crossing Hunter creek at Restmore Lodge on the Cariboo Highway has been completed and will be opened for traffic on Jan. 15, according to public works engineers.
The bridge is of a new type and second of its kind in the province. It features concrete foundations and piers and a continuous steel beam span which is anchored at only one end. The span is 120 feet and the steel members weigh about 40 tons.

BURNABY SAVES \$13,000

Edmonds, Jan. 5.—An agreement between the Vancouver and District Drainage Board and Burnaby municipality whereby the latter will save \$13,000 on its sewer debt, was ratified by Commissioner Hugh Fraser in a bylaw passed yesterday. Under the agreement the Drainage Board accepted the principal of \$23,000, due since 1932, and waived the interest at six per cent, which Burnaby found itself unable to pay.

Australia is preparing to entertain more American tourists as a result of the European war.

India Will Co-operate United Church Missionary Indicates Mahatma's Influence Not So Strong

"Gandhi's influence is no longer so overwhelmingly powerful. As a politician he now has the inevitable problem of all politicians, that there are two sides of the picture, and the Mahatma has his enemies as well as his friends." This was the observation made by Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, of Rutland, Central India, and well known former Vancouver resident, as he boarded a train Thursday night for Calcutta.

Mr. Ashford thinks that there will not be serious consequences arise from the fact that the ministries in eight of the nine provinces of India in which the National Congress carried the elections have joined the non-cooperators, and withdrawn. In the remaining two of the eleven provinces set up under the Government of India act the ministries are not of the Congress party.

Mr. Ashford recently returned from India on furlough. He has a call to a leading prairie appointment—actually he is attached to the Brandon Presbytery while on missionary work—but whether he will accept it or not is uncertain he said. He has not yet made up his mind on the subject, and plans during his furlough to do deputational work for the United Church on the prairies.

Vacancies In Varsity O. T. C.

Col. G. M. Shrum of the U. B. C. contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps announced Thursday that a limited number of graduates and undergraduates of the university would be accepted for membership in the corps. Those applying for membership will only be allowed to take the practical section of the training.

Operating under a re-establishment made necessary by war-time conditions, the U.B.C. contingent offered official authorization this week for the signing on of almost three times the number of men possible under peacetime conditions.

Under re-establishment, the full strength of the corps can be 396 men of all ranks with a maximum of 25 officers. In time of peace the enrolment could be only 135 men of all ranks with not more than ten officers.

Alma Mater Society Holds Byelection

The second by-election of the U.B.C. section will take place on Jan. 10, when student members of the Alma Mater Society go to the polls to elect a new student council treasurer.

The executive post was left vacant at the beginning of the year term when Evan ap Roberts, former treasurer and fourth year science student, left the university. Election day will be preceded by a speech day when nominees present their platforms for student approval.

U. B. C. To Present Jane Austen Play

The University of British Columbia Players' Club will depart from its usual practice when it presents Jane Austen's eighteenth century classic "Pride and Prejudice" for its annual spring play in the middle of March.

Modern sophisticated drama will be shied this year because of world conditions and will be replaced by quiet English drawing-room humor.

The play, which will be of three hours' duration, will be presented in the University Theatre under the direction of Sidney Kirk. The student cast will be chosen at an early date.

Summer Session Plans At U. B. C.

The 21st summer session of the University of British Columbia will begin July 3 and end Aug. 17. Last day for registration has been set at July 2. Those registering after this date will be charged a late fee.

Courses, which will cover a wide variety of subjects, will include laboratory instruction in biology, chemistry and physics. The maximum credit for summer session work in any one calendar year will be six credits. Examinations will be held at the university on Aug. 16 and 17.

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