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**PONDERA**  
185 Oil Producers  
DEEP SANDS UNTESTED

**HANNATYNE**  
82 Oil Producers

**KEVIN-SUNBURST**  
1044 Oil Producers  
182 Gas Wells  
DEEP SANDS UNTESTED

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## SANTA RITA MAKES 248 BARRELS

### O'Neil Completion Appears Best Producer In Field To Date

### Spokane Hears Montana Gas Will Soon Be Piped To City

### BRIGHTENS OUTLOOK FOR PRODUCTION IN WESTERN PORTIONS OF NEW FIELD

### Project Declared Feasible

Spokane, Washington, Nov. 13 (Special)—Spokane may expect the introduction of natural gas into its factories and homes within five years. James L. Stone, vice president and general manager of the Spokane Gas and Fuel company, announced yesterday.

"The proximity of oil fields, with their voluminous byproducts of natural gas waiting for the installation of a pipe line to market, will serve as an enticing bait for capital," said Mr. Stone.

"The supply in the Montana fields is unlimited, the market is receptive, and an investment in such a pipe line only 300 miles long would be a gilded hog."

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### Tarrant To Drill Wildcat On Blackfeet Indian Reservation

First step in a campaign of wildcatting on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, adjacent to Glacier National Park, this week materialized with the spotting of a well on Higgins Dome, nine miles west of the Cut Bank oil field, where sensational developments have in recent weeks established the presence of an important oil pool.

The development of Higgins dome is the next move of the Frye interests of Seattle, who drilled a 4400-foot hole on Milk River anticline, in the sharp-dip area along the east face of the Rocky Mountains. The Frye interests are now turning their attention to the low-dip structures farther out on the plains, expecting to return to the sharp dip area as production moves westward.

Higgins dome is a fully enclosed structure whose discovery is credited to E. Byers Emrick,

geologist who has brought in two oil fields in the Sweetgrass Arch and who is an outstanding authority on the geology of the Blackfeet Indian reservation.

The structure is covered by 15,000 acres of leases, mostly taken by Burd Petroleum company of Browning, of which Levi Burd of Browning is president, and Charles Frye of Seattle, vice president. The structure is relatively small, as compared with the vast area of the Cut Bank field, but is sharply defined by surface exposure in the shales.

The well will be drilled by R. C. Tarrant who pioneered development of the Cut Bank oil field. A standard rig is to be moved to location within a few days by Tarrant, who is a veteran Wyoming operator. Tarrant is backed by a group of New York financiers in the reservation venture.

### Many More Wells In Proven Area Due To Test Pay Sand Shortly—Two Additional Wells Starting

Flowing and swabbing 248 barrels in a 24-hour test, Santa Rita-Yunck No. 1 which last week extended the Cut Bank field to the southwest, today appears to be the largest producer so far developed in the field.

The well was drilled in during the week and will be placed on production in the next few days.

### Wins Again!



**L. B. O'NEIL**  
Completion of what appears to be the largest well to date in the Cut Bank field marks the culmination of a series of successes for L. B. (Tip) O'Neil, Montana independent who heads the Santa Rita Oil Company, with more than 3,000 acres under lease in Montana's newest oil field.

**Excitement Growing**  
Performance of this well, in NE NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  28-34-6W, heightens interest in this portion of the field and in the opinion of observers indicates that the field may be extended much farther to the southwest, with the possibility that much greater production will be encountered due to the thickening sands in this area.

The well's performance also added considerably to rosiness of the outlook for Santa Rita stockholders since company holdings in this portion of the field total more than 3,800 acres. The Santa Rita is headed by L. B. (Tip) O'Neil, independent who scored sensational successes in the Kevin-Sunburst field and who is responsible for development of the Cut Bank gas field, which made possible construction of the \$12,000,000 Montana Power pipeline to Butte, Anaconda and intermediate points.

### On Production

Rivaling the Santa Rita well for front-page honors, the Montana Power Company's No. 1 Simerco, which last week extended the field to a length of more than eight miles, has drilled in and is being placed on production.

This well is approximately four and a quarter miles southeast of the Santa Rita.

**100 Barrels Daily**  
Further north, in the previously proven area, R. C. Tarrant's No. 1 Yunck in NW NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  12-34-6W, is reported swabbing more than 100 barrels daily while being prepared for production.

Tarrant's Reickoff No. 1 marking the present northwestern boundary of the field, first producing oil well ever completed on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, is reported swabbing 90 barrels daily. The production string is reported still off bottom in this well.

**Offset Kickoff**  
An east offset to this well was started this week by the Dakota-Montana Oil Company, successful Kevin-Sunburst independents, on the Drumheller lease in SW SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 3-34-6N. Equipment is now moving in.

Another well is also starting on the Kitesa lease in

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### NORTH FIELD TEST NEARS COMPLETION

Raymond et al-Degroat No. 2, C N $\frac{1}{4}$  SW SW $\frac{1}{4}$  10-34-2W, is today reported drilling in, due for completion tonight. This well found a possible condition in the Colorado shale from 880 to near the Sunburst sand at 1270, an oil seepage which was sufficient to cause some caving and which covered the tools with oil as drilling proceeded. Hole is now past 1400 feet, nearing the horizon in which a previous well on this lease found both gas and oil.

### TEXACO GAS WELL BLAZE DAMAGES RIG

Steel rig and equipment on Texaco Company's No. 1 Eddie Fisher in the Cut Bank area is now being repaired after a bad blaze when a 2,000,000 cubic foot gas flow was ignited when the well was drilling in. Completion is expected during the coming week. Location of this well is SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 10-33-2N. Total depth to top of gas sand where blaze occurred, is reported to be 1400 feet.

### Texas Company Takes Leases In Area South Of Cut Bank

### Cut Bank Must Be Good!

### So Declare Operators, When Drastic Cuts In Pondera And Kevin-Sunburst Crude Prices Are Made

Cut Bank operators this week received with a grin the announcement that Kevin-Sunburst and Pondera crude prices had been drastically cut, the former to 75c per barrel, the latter to 65c.

### BERTHELOTE WELL TO COMPLETE SOON

Liquid Gold-Roberts No. 1, C NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 20-26-1E, west extension of the Berthelote field, has set casing at 2644 and is now drilling in, with the contact expected at about 3075. Heavy snow in this area has hindered the operators.

**PAY HEAVY TAX**  
Motorists of New York City pay 45 per cent of New York state's gasoline tax.

Pointing to further southward extension of the Cut Bank field, the Texas Company is leasing in the area south of Cut Bank and about eight miles south of Montana Power Simerco No. 1. The field's most southerly producer, and the well which last week extended the field to a total length of more than eight miles.

Leases placed of record are:

Julius Bonnet farm, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 8; W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 17-33-5; Loyal W. Lindquist farm S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 17; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, N $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 20; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 21; NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 23, lot 1 in Section 23, all in Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

**MINOR SAVINGS SHOWN**  
Savings in personal injury suits of approximately \$2,000,000 in five years are features of a safety record established by the Shell Petroleum Corp., St. Louis, Mo.

### ANOTHER TEST COMMENCED IN ARCTIC REGION

Another attempt to find oil in the far north is under way with commencement of a second well at historic Athabasca landing, on the Athabasca river in northern Alberta, west of Edmonton.

Backers of the test are Senator E. A. Michener and associates, operating at the Athabasca Oil Company. Senator Michener, a prominent figure in Canadian governmental and financial circles, has drilled several wells in Montana and is a brother of Frank Michener, now operating in the Kevin-Sunburst field.

The well now starting is the second which the Athabasca company has drilled in this district. The first well found an 18,000-600-foot gas flow and emphasized the fact that the district, previously approved by geologists, merited further testing.