

# NORTH CUT BANK WILDCAT IS GASSING

## Gas In Top Sand Sweeney Test-Drilling In Today

Part Sand Carries Two Million Feet Of Gas Which Throws Tools Up In Hole, Causing Delay Of Fishing Job

### BULLETIN

Sweeney wildcat strikes oil, Darling sand. Flowing over top of derrick. Means new Montana oil field.

A flow of 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas was encountered in the top of the Stewart sand in the P. T. Sweeney wildcat on North Cut Bank structure, in the northwest corner of Section 23-37-5W, when drilling resumed this week. At 2 p. m. Friday reports from the well said that the drill had passed through the Stewart sand at 2591 and would shortly pick up the Darling sand, principal producing horizon of this field.

The flow of gas came with pressure that threw the tools up in the hole, resulting in a fishing job. The tools were recovered Thursday and drilling resumed Thursday night. The Sweeney well is about equi-distant from production in Cut-Bank field and in the Border-Red Coulee oil field. It is on a distinct local "high," revealed by subsurface work, and has checked 210 feet higher than the Texaco-International well, the closest well drilled, which well had water at horizons at which the Sweeney well has had showings of oil and wet gas.

Montana Power, Texas-Pacific and other companies have protection acreage but the principal block of 5,000 acres is held by P. T. Sweeney, pioneer Kevin-Sunburst operator, who shut the well down several weeks ago to straighten out titles before drilling in.

### RECEIVER IS SUCCEEDING IN REORGANIZATION

The drilling of one well by the Pre-organization Plan under the management of Sunburst Oil & Refining Co., is now assured by subscriptions received from stockholders and creditors, according to announcement of J. H. Hamilton, federal court receiver, who is managing the company in an effort to salvage the more valuable holdings for the benefit of participating stockholders and creditors.

Invited to make their own appraisals, subscribers are taking from 10 to 100 per cent of their old interest or claim in stock of the pre-organization interests in the new company, he states. It is understood that after the subscriptions are all in, and some of the properties developed are to be appraised at actual worth and stocks issued on that basis, entirely divorcing the new organization from the old.

Meantime, the receiver secured the approval of the federal court for his plan to dismantle the 5,000-barrel refinery in West Great Falls, selling enough of the property to pay up taxes and other imperative obligations and thereafter retain enough tankage and equipment to provide a good 1,000-barrel topping plant which may be leased to some other refiner or operated by the reorganized company, as its stockholders may decide. The receiver is reported to have wiped out more than \$900,000 worth of indebtedness and has salvaged tools, casing and other equipment to make possible a going concern on a smaller and less expensive scale than the old company.

A well will be drilled in the immediate future on one of its proven leases as the first step toward putting the new organization on a dividend-paying basis.

**ERROR DIDN'T HURT**  
An Associated Press writer who hasn't been keeping up on oil development in Montana is responsible for the world being informed that Montana has a new oil field. As it worked out, it gave Montana a lot of unexpected publicity. Petroleum Economic Service, as an example, heralded the Tarrant-Miller well as "adding another important field to Montana's credit," saying that it was the discovery well.

### CHESSHER AND LINDSAY AT MEETING

H. B. Chessher and R. J. Lindsay are Montana's official representatives at the American Petroleum Institute conference at Chicago with regard to a code of practices for the oil industry under provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, recently passed by congress.

Mr. Chessher, Pondera operator was appointed by the Independent Petroleum Association with but one instruction that Montana should be allowed, in any case, to produce up to sufficient oil to care for its own market. This would mean trebling present daily production, but would not give enough production to furnish all Montana refineries with adequate crude for capacity operations.

Mr. Lindsay, head of Northwest Stellarine at Shelby, was appointed as alternate for Walter F. Brittan to represent Montana Chapter, Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association.

A wire from Chicago Friday morning stated that Chessher had introduced an amendment stating:

"Nothing herein this code contained shall permit any committee authorized thereby or any chairman thereof to prorate the production of any producer or to curtail any operations in any state in which the production of crude oil does not exceed the consumption thereof."

To Montana this is a critical situation. Mr. Lindsay wired Mr. Brittan Friday stating that he doubts that the Chessher amendment will stand, as much pressure is being brought to stop all drilling to bring the situation under control. No curtailment of exports is proposed, which will help Montana.

### INDIAN LANDS TO BE DIVIDED INTO TRACTS FOR SALE

No more of the Blackfeet Indian lands on the west edge of Cut Bank field will be sold until the Fulton well is completed. It was learned this week from the tribal council. The 2,100-acre block which The Texas company has been trying to acquire will be cut into eight or more separate tracts and sold at public auction. The tribe rejected a bid of \$4.50 per acre with provision for one well within 30 days and asked for \$8 per acre bonus with a continuous drilling program of one well to 40 acres, such program to be completed within five years. Texaco submitted the proposal to New York but is expected to reject it.

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## Paterson Spots Two Wells In Development of Whitlash

Development of Whitlash oil field has been renewed by Western Natural Gas Company of which W. A. Paterson of Spokane is head.

One well, offsetting the discovery oil well on the north, is now drilling in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  26-37-4E and was reported at a depth of 300 feet Friday.

A second well is to be drilled immediately north of the Mahoney No. 1 gasser, in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  23-37-4E, which well had an initial of 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas. It is three quarters

of a mile north of the discovery oil well on the Hicks farm.

Whitlash field has had five wells drilled, with three small producers. The discovery oil well belongs to Western Natural Gas and the west offset was drilled by the Bruce Radigan interests. The Wilde interests drilled a small producer northeast of the discovery well during the past year.

Paterson now intends to work northward, believing that the volume and pressure of the Mahoney well signifies the possibility of large oil production.

## Fulton Is Ready To Bring In Well In West Cut Bank

DRILLING at 2920 and due in the sand at 2975, W. M. Fulton's well in west Cut Bank is today approaching the first completion in the area west of the principal wells of Cut Bank oil field.

A fishing job and other troubles have been ironed out and the world should know within a week whether this veteran prospector is correct in his guess that the area should have thicker sands and greater pressure than the present producing area.

### WELLS SLOW UP NEAR PAY SAND

The Fulton well is one of three which had been pegged for completion during the past week but these Cut Bank wells have the habit of slowing down just ahead of completion. Caving shales followed by flint-like shells make hard going and invite trouble for inexperienced drillers. Some of these shells are so hard that it takes two and three bits to pound through them.

### SANTA RITA-OLSON READY TO DRILL IN

Santa Rita-Olson No. 1 well, being drilled for the Cut Bank Drilling company of Port Townsend, was on Friday standing with production pipe cemented at 2840 feet and can be brought in within a few hours. Location is in the northeast corner of 26-34-6W, in the midst of production.

### BLACKFEET WILL SOON HAVE ANOTHER

Santa Rita's Tribal No. 2 well in Section 15-35-6W, on Blackfeet Indian reservation, is drilling at 2775 and except for the slow going above the sand should be an early completion, giving occasion for Blackfeet Indians to renew plans for their celebration—if someone will buy the beaves.

### DAKOTA-MONTANA IS NEARING SAND

Dakota-Montana's Haglund No. 1 in SW NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  14-34-6W, is drilling at 2650 feet after having landed eight-inch casing at 2615.

### JOHNSON HAS ANOTHER "SIGNAL HILL"

J. W. Johnson of the Northwest Stellarine company this week dug a cellar preparatory to rigging up on the W. Ewing farm, offsetting the Dakota-Montana-Drumheller producer on the north. Location is center of Lot 1, Section 3-34-6W. This location is on the north slope of the topographical "high" of this entire country, reminiscent of the "Signal Hill" of Kevin-Sunburst where Johnson drilled his Corey gushers.

### FIND WATER STRATA FOR THIRD TIME

A. P. Consolidated-Mattson No. 2 well, in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  14-34-6W picked up a flow of water in a stray sand in the same horizon as the A. P. Con-Kissel No. 1 well and was forced to run six-inch casing at 2868 feet to shut it off. They are now reaming down to the top of the sand. This is the third well in the field to find this stray water sand.

### TWO MORE GOING AFTER GUSHER PRODUCTION

In the vicinity of the field's largest well, the Tarrant-Long-Miller No. 1, two wells are making excellent time. Tarrant-Hope No. 1, northeast offset, is drilling at 900 feet, in SW Corner 19-34-5W. North of the 500-barrel well the Tarrant-Haglund, Jr., No. 2 in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  13-34-6W is drilling at 1700 feet.

### FIRST OF FOUR WELLS UNDER WAY

The first of the Tarrant wells on the four-well contract with Montana-Headlight (Drumheller interests) is drilling on the Williams farm, at 550 feet. Location is in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  11-34-6W, offsetting the Kissel No. 1 producer.

### FORT WORTH SPUDDER IS DOING FINE

Meanwhile A. P. Consolidated is following up the prospect of some large flush production in the Kissel district by drilling in SE SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  11-34-6W. Hole is at 900 feet, romping merrily along with a Fort Worth Spudder. They picked up the Colorado at 470 feet. This is the first time a spudder has been used in this field or, for that matter, for any 2300-foot drilling in Montana.

### MUST RUN ANOTHER STRING OF PIPE

Hannah-Porter company found its casing seriously damaged on its Britton No. 1 producer, in NW NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  23-34-6W, as a result of premature explosion of a time bomb, and it is necessary to run a string of 5-inch pipe. The well is shut down waiting for the string to arrive.

### PAR OIL COMPLETES ONE, STARTS ANOTHER

Par Oil company drilled to 2838 on the B. & H. discovery oil well of the field and shot with 70 quarts of nitro glycerin. Par Oil is rigging up on Haines No. 2, offsetting A. P. Con-Kissel No. 1, in SW SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  2-34-6W.

### WYOMING OPERATOR READY TO GO

C. C. Cobb of Rollins, Wyo., is reported preparing to move materials to the Walburg farm, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-35-6W, between the Rehloff and Tribal producers, final details of the lease having been closed up during the past week.

## KEVIN GETS FIRST WELL OF YEAR '33

Kevin-Sunburst field enjoyed the thrill of the completion of an oil well this week the first oil well in that field during the year 1933.

The well is the Eagle Petroleum-Haugen No. 2, in SW SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  12-35-3W, and is southeast of the No. 1 well, a Sunburst sand producer.

Rods and tubing were being run for a test on Friday after getting the Sunburst sand at 1552 feet, checking 35 feet higher, structurally, than the No. 1. Oil came up between 700 and 800 feet. It is high gravity, premium oil which has an instant market at the nearby Kevin refinery.

Further drilling on the local structural condition known as Kevin dome is contemplated by Eagle Petroleum, including a test to the Madison lime at a point south of the fault, the existence of which is now pretty definitely established. Sunburst sand oil is expected on the north side and Ellis sand oil on the south side of this fault, as in the discovery group.

### BULLETIN

Reports from Cut Bank field late Friday were that W. M. Fulton has lost his tools in his western test, in NE corner of 16-34-6W.

### ROTARY RIG MOVING INTO BORDER FIELD

Contract for the drilling of a well in Border oil field on Montana Oil company property has been awarded to John Finn, rotary contractor, according to word from Coultz Friday.

A rotary rig is being moved from Walwright to the Pat Buckley ranch. If this rig successfully completes this well, it will be the first rotary producer ever drilled in Northern Montana and the only successful rotary well drilled in the state outside of Dry Creek where Ohio uses rotary equipment for 5500-foot drilling.

The only other active operation in the Border field is the Kotop well on the Alberta side of the border, where a fishing job is holding up drilling. C. Earl Crocker, well known in Montana oil operations, is in charge of the Kotop well, it is understood.

### ALLOWABLE IN EAST TEXAS IS 450,000 BBLs.

Reduction of the allowable output of East Texas oil field to between 545,000 and 550,000 barrels daily, by the Texas railroad commission, means the beginning of the end of the Texas cancer, in the opinion of Montana oil producers.

The field had been opened to a million barrels a day. There were rumors of lowered pressure and water invasion. The "slowdown" came with the hearing on June 12.

Montanans watching the situation guessed that if the potential test showed declining productivity, the allowable would be reduced to 450,000 to 500,000 barrels. It was cut even lower than expected, confirming the belief that East Texas will not much longer prove a menace. Higher crude prices here and crude prices here and everywhere should follow.

### CAMPBELL IS GOING INTO TULSA FIRM

Donald Campbell, for many years counsel for Midwest Refining company and Standard of Indiana in Montana, has been appointed a member of the legal staff serving the Standard at Tulsa, and will on July 1 leave Great Falls to take up full-time duties with that organization.

Recognized as one of the outstanding authorities on oil field forms and laws pertaining to oil fields practice, Mr. Campbell has been a valuable asset to the Montana industry. He has had a hand in writing practically every law regarding the oil industry since 1921, having taken an active part in legislative matters for many years past. In addition to his Standard retainer he has represented a number of independent oil men including the Coolidge group of oil and gas companies. He has been a resident of Great Falls since 1927.

In his new position he will be employed in service of Standolind Pipeline Co., Standolind Crude Oil Purchasing Agency and Standolind Oil & Gas Co.

### KE-SUN PUTS DOWN OFFSET TO STEWART

Ke-Sun Oil company, whose stockholders financed the discovery well in Kevin-Sunburst field, is today drilling another well on its Stewart lease, one location west of the No. 1 producer which has yielded better than \$100,000 worth of oil.

Location is in the center of the west line of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-35-3W. There are producers on three offset locations, so it is regarded as fairly certain of production, with the possibility that it may tap the fault or crack which is responsible for the record of the Stewart No. 1 well. The new well is drilling at 1300 feet.

The Day well in 17-35-3W is reported shut down at 820 feet, after having run casing.

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