

Record Number "Wildcat" Wells Seek State's Oil

With 28 wildcats drilling this week—more than at any one time in Mississippi history—State Geology and Oil Supervisor H. M. Morse said. However, there have been 18 to 22 "wildcats" drilling almost every week of 1948.

A second test in Tipton county, in northeast Mississippi, took the total of current tests to 28 and broke the old state record, Mr. Morse said. However, there have been 18 to 22 "wildcats" drilling almost every week of 1948.

Only counties in which no oil or drilling has been done are Tunica in the far northwestern corner of the state; Coahoma and Quitman counties in the upper delta and Benton county, in the far north central area. Each of the other 78 counties of Mississippi's total of 82 has had at least one wildcat drilled, some of them many years ago but in most cases during the recent activity.

No complete tabulation is available for 1948, Mr. Morse said, pointing out that such a list would be of little use now because with the present activity the picture changes from week to week; but he cited figures from the annual report of the Mississippi Scouts and Landmen's Association, to show that as of the first of this year, there were only six of the 78 counties that had but one well each drilled in them and only ten that had but two. This

rating has changed in some and has prospects of changing in others before the first of the year, Mr. Morse said.

According to the tabulation, more wells had been drilled, to the first of this year, in Yazoo than in any other county; 477 wells of all kinds had been drilled there, counting field wells and wildcats.

Lincoln county rated second with 220 wells, of all kinds, and its total is sure to be far heavier by the end of the year as there are now more than 225 producing wells in the county's two oil fields, in addition to wildcats drilled this year and before.

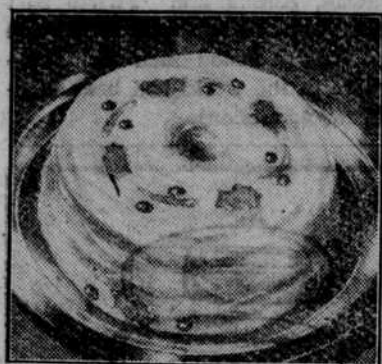
Jasper county rates third in total wells drilled to the first of this year, with 187; Adams county was fourth with 177; Wayne was fifth with 158 and Hinds was sixth with 155—more than any county in the state with no successful drilling for oil. Rankin, with 126 wells, and Madison, with 83, ran next.

With wildcatting spread throughout the state, Mr. Morse said this year's total of "exploratory drilling" will exceed that of even the high year, 1947; for instance of 18 permits issued by his office in the last two weeks, ten have been for wildcat wells. So far there have been 97 wildcats completed this year, and Mr. Morse predicts that of the batch now drilling, at least 15 will be completed by the first of the year, to top last year's total of 101.

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And don't forget the eats! Nancy Holmes, Best Foods' home economist, hasn't. Here she gives you her gift—a recipe for a delicious White Christmas Cake.

White Christmas Cake
1/2 cup vitaminized margarine 1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 tablespoons 3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup boiling water 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
2 cups sifted flour 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 teaspoons baking powder 4 egg whites
Add boiling water to margarine in mixing bowl; mix well. Sift dry ingredients; add to margarine with milk and flavorings. Beat two minutes by hand or at moderate speed on electric mixer. Add egg whites and beat two minutes. Brush 9-inch tube baking pan with margarine and line bottom of pan with waxed paper brushed with margarine. Pour cake batter into pan and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 45-50 minutes. Remove cake to cooling rack. When cool, frost with Snowflake Icing. Decorate with citron cut to form holly leaves and stem, with candied cherry cut like holly berries. Yield: one 9-inch loaf cake.

Snowflake Icing
1 cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup water 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 egg white
Combine sugar, cream of tartar and water in a saucepan. Cover and boil for two minutes. Pour slowly over unbeaten egg white in bowl of electric mixer; turn to high speed just as syrup is added. Beat 8 minutes or until icing forms peaks. Stir in flavorings. Spread on cake. Yield: one 9-inch loaf cake.

Veterans News

There are a number of important deadline dates on GI Bill benefits which World War II veterans should keep in mind, Veterans Administration officials point out.

GI education and training benefits have two deadlines, one to enter training and another to complete training. Education or training must be started within four years after discharge or by July 25, 1951, whichever is later.

As a general rule, education or training must be completed not later than July 25, 1956. The exceptions from the general rule are veterans who enlisted or reenlisted before October 6, 1946. These men figure deadlines on GI Bill benefits from the date of their discharge and may start and complete their training later than other veterans.

Veterans may apply for guaranteed or insured GI loans for the use of buying or building homes, farms or business up until July 25, 1957.

Veterans who were discharged on or before July 25, 1947, can apply for readjustment allowances until two years after their date of discharge. However, no readjustment allowances are payable after July 25, 1952.

There is no deadline on the time a veteran has to apply for medical care or hospitalization. He may do this any time, during his life. The same holds true for filing a claim for disability compensation or pension.

Veterans studying under the GI Bill who want to transfer to another school at the end of the fall semester should notify the Veterans Administration at least 30 days before they intend to make the change.

To enroll at a new school, VA explained, the student-veteran needs a supplemental certificate of eligibility. He also needs a statement from his present school showing that his progress there is satisfactory.

A student-veteran may obtain a

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supplemental certificate of eligibility by applying to the VA regional office which has his file.

Veterans who have appointments for services authorized by the Veterans Administration are urged to appear at the appointed time.

VA said veterans should make every effort to keep their medical or dental examinations at the time specified. These examinations are set on a regular schedule. When a veteran fails to appear, he wastes not only the time of VA personnel preparing to give the examination or treatment, but prevents them from re-scheduling some other veteran for that period.

Broken appointments also result in unnecessary delays in medical and dental care to all veterans of the surrounding area and reduces the number of veterans who can be served by VA.

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A. There have been a number of similar cases. You should contact the currency control office of the country in which you now reside, and if you cannot make a satisfactory arrangement, you should go to the nearest U.S. consulate and explain your problem.

Q. I am a World War II veteran and would like to know if my wife is entitled to VA hospitalization?

A. If she is an ex-service wo-

man she will be entitled to hospitalization in her own right, but being the wife of a veteran will not of itself make her eligible for VA hospitalization.

Q. After my discharge from World War II, I surrendered my \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance converted policy for the cash value. I have re-enlisted and want insurance again. Am I eligible?

A. Yes. Application for a new NSLI policy may be made while you are in active service.

Q. I have a service-connected disability rated at 20 percent. Am I entitled to an increase because of dependents?

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