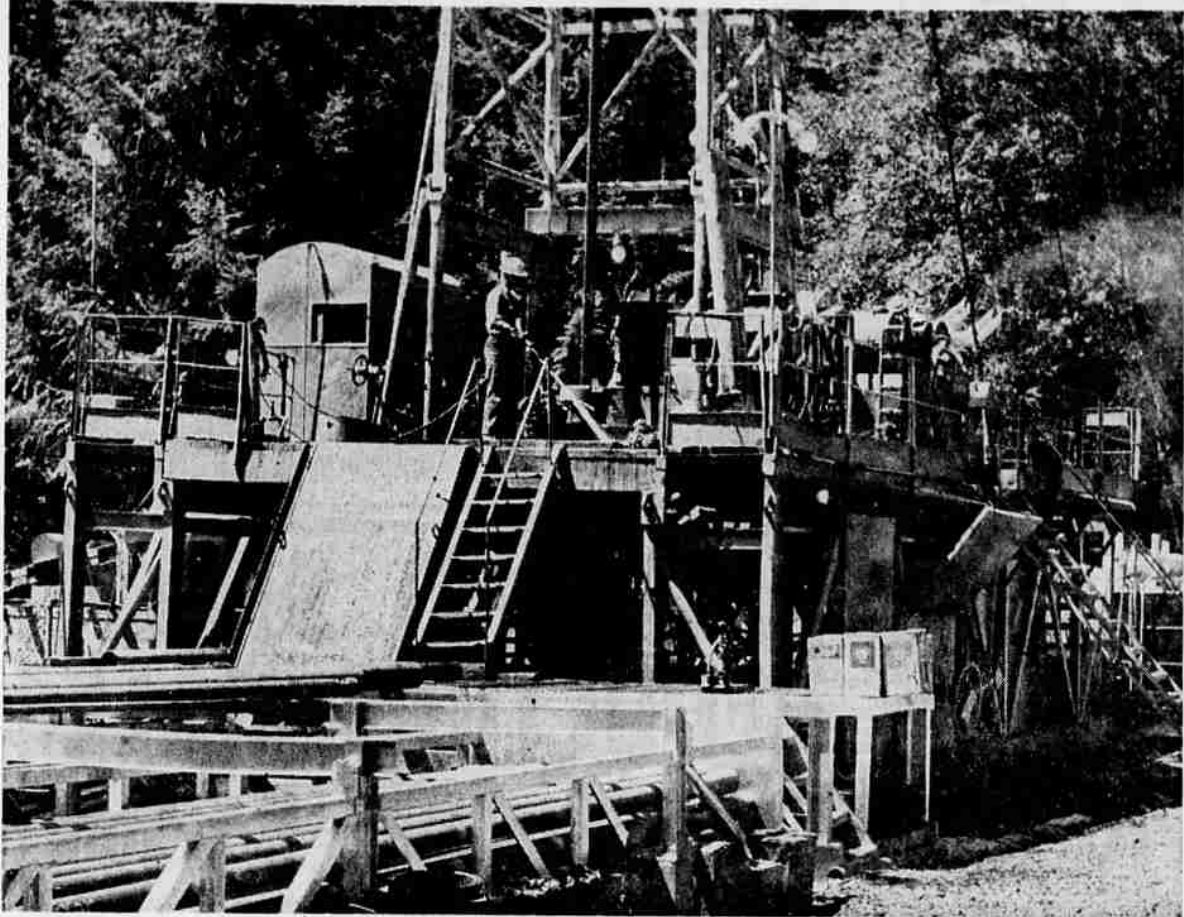


Smith River Oil Well Drilling Tests Prove To Be Promising



HOSING DOWN THE floor of the derrick, a worker clears the area to keep the footing secure for the crew. Racks of drill pipe and well casing are in the foreground. Thirty

foot lengths of the pipe are pre-assembled in the racks into 90 foot units to be lowered into the well casing as the drill descends. (All photos by Paul Jenkins).

Drilling Continues After Delay For Making Checkup

Indications at a wildcat oil well on Smith River looked "interesting" enough to justify holding up the day and night drilling last week for two days of tests. But the results of the tests are secret and the drilling has resumed.

The well, Long Bell No. 1, had been driven to almost 4,500 feet in its six weeks of operations before the tests. An Electro-Log test to determine the structure and composition at the bottom of the well was made Wednesday night, and a Johnson test to obtain a complete sample of the material at that depth was started Thursday afternoon.

The young "tool pusher," Veldon R. Walker, foreman of the drilling crew, indicated that finding oil at that depth was doubtful. The drilling rig can go as deep as 10,000 feet.

The operation is being conducted by Green and Heiser, a contracting firm from Willows, Calif., for General Petroleum. The well is located at Spencer Creek, 17 miles up Smith River from Gardiner.

Crews and equipment for the tests were brought from Bakersfield, Calif., where all the operation's specialized equipment must be transported from. Veldon listed the transportation of supplies as the only difficulty encountered so far.

Equipment in the superstructure of the derrick, which stands 136 feet tall, lowers the drill at the end of 90 foot lengths of 4 1/2 inch pipe inside the larger well casing.

The cutting bits under 10 tons of pressure at the bottom of the well wear out and must be replaced about once each day. They run from \$220 to \$350 each. The operation is valued at over \$200,000.

The crews work four shifts around the clock, seven days a week. Charles Sprague who made the preliminary surveys for the well represents General Petroleum as chief geologist.

Local Life Insurance Men Back From School

Milton Hard and Ronald Cavin, local life insurance underwriters, have returned to Roseburg following completion of the Purdue University life insurance advanced course, which included estate planning and business insurance.

The course was given at the University of Washington during the summer session. Hard is special agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Cavin is special agent for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.

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Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted
Surgery: Kenneth Snider, Myrtle Creek.

Medical: Mrs. Donald Wilson, Ardell Koch, Mrs. Arthur Papp, James Courts, Mrs. Leroy Nelson, Roseburg; Charles Puckett, Idleyd Park; John Sanders, Camas Valley.

Discharged
Mrs. James House and baby, Lisa Ann, Sutherlin; Richard Beamer Sr., William Gilbert, Roseburg; Bruce Priest, Camas Valley; Mrs. William Bridges, Seattle.

Mercy Hospital Admitted
Surgery: Mrs. Andy Fisher, Roseburg; Harvey Tucker, Agnes; Clinton Tallman, Wilbur; Mrs. James Holland, Sutherlin; Mrs. Ronald Kirkpatrick, Myrtle Creek.

Medical: Mrs. Fred Wenger, Orvil Rogers, Mrs. Frances Helliwell, Mrs. Rohmiller Sheppard, Benjamin Jones, Roseburg; Robert Pettit, Sutherlin.

Discharged
Harold Roper, Oakland; Fred Abel, Roseburg.

Eagle Point Man Buys Closed Mill At Medford

MEDFORD — S. O. Wilson of Eagle Point purchased the sawmill and planing operation of the Alley Bros. Lumber Co. in Medford Monday.

Wilson will take over management Sept. 1. He said he plans little or no change in personnel.

The mill, which employs about 100 men, has been shut down by a lack of logs.

A nearby sawmill leased by the Alleys was not included in the transaction. The Alleys also will maintain the wholesale office and handle lumber sales for Wilson.

BANKRUPTCY FILING

William W. Stewart, Canyonville millworker, lists \$2,998.69 in debts in a petition for bankruptcy he has filed in U. S. District Court, Portland.



TIN-HATTED DRILLERS work around the base of the drill on the derrick. In the foreground is the slush pond where the dirt, gravel, and sand, all called "mud" by the crew, are deposited after being pumped up through the drill casing as the bit chews its way down.

Youth Of Glendale Church Hold Party

By MRS. G. B. FOX

The Westminster Youth Fellowship of the Glendale Olivet Presbyterian Church held a swimming party last week at the Douglas Dollar home near Glendale.

Between 45 and 50 people were present. A buffet dinner was served.

Gets Second Operation

Don Brady, who underwent a second operation in Portland last week, is reported to have made a good recovery from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Glendale have been hosting recently their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Raymond, of Cleveland, Ohio, and their three children. Raymond is district sales manager in Cleveland for the Rust Craft Co.

Mrs. Bob Smith of Glendale drove to Glendale, Calif., Saturday evening to help her son, Paul, who had been visiting here, with the driving. He went to work there Monday.

Back From Indiana

Ronnie Nace returned home recently from a visit with his uncle, Jay Nace, in Indiana.

E. L. Nace and Gifford Curry of Glendale have returned after a week in which Nace visited with his sister, Mrs. Myrtle McMahon, and other friends in Los Angeles and Curry visited two brothers, H. C. Curry, and Cecil Curry, in Los Angeles.

Pine Grove Church Sets August 18 For Picnic

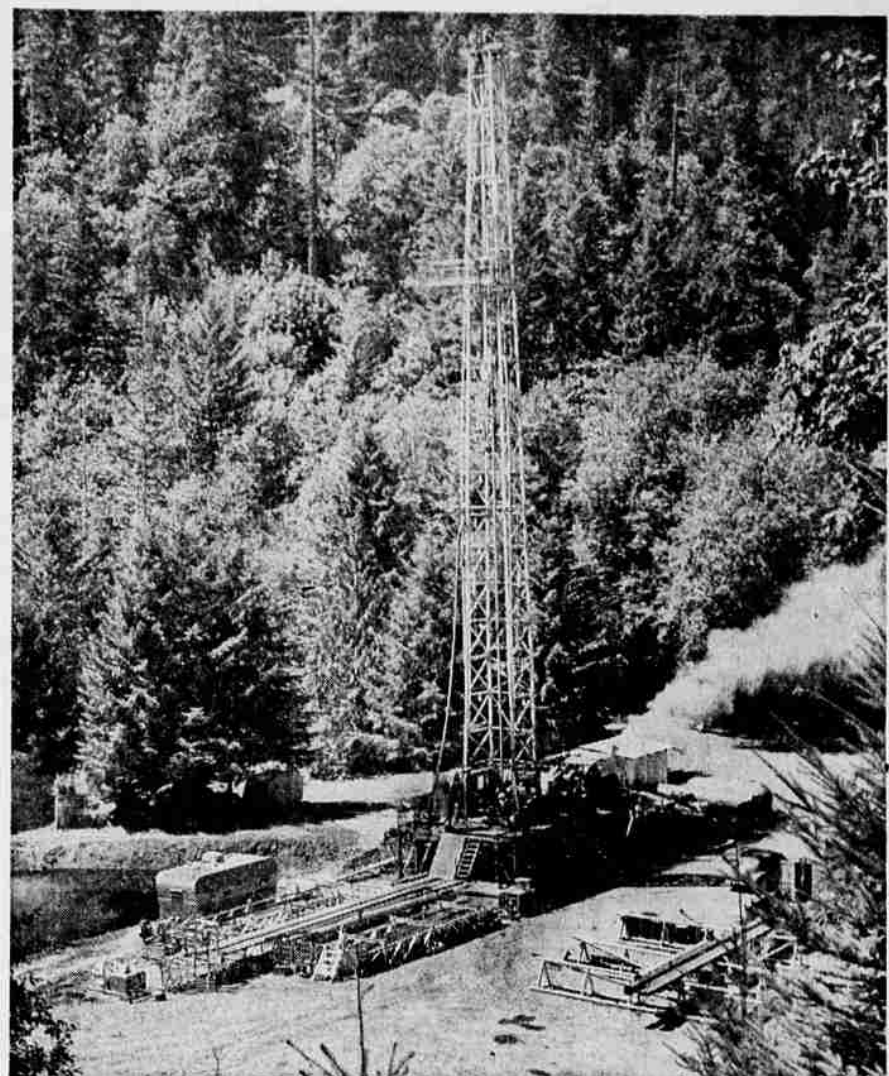
The Pine Grove Church of Dixonville will hold its annual picnic Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. on the church grounds.

All oldtimers and newcomers are invited. A program including a speaker and singing has been planned. Those planning to attend are asked to bring table service, and potluck. Coffee and punch will be furnished, reports correspondent Mrs. Charles Forrest.

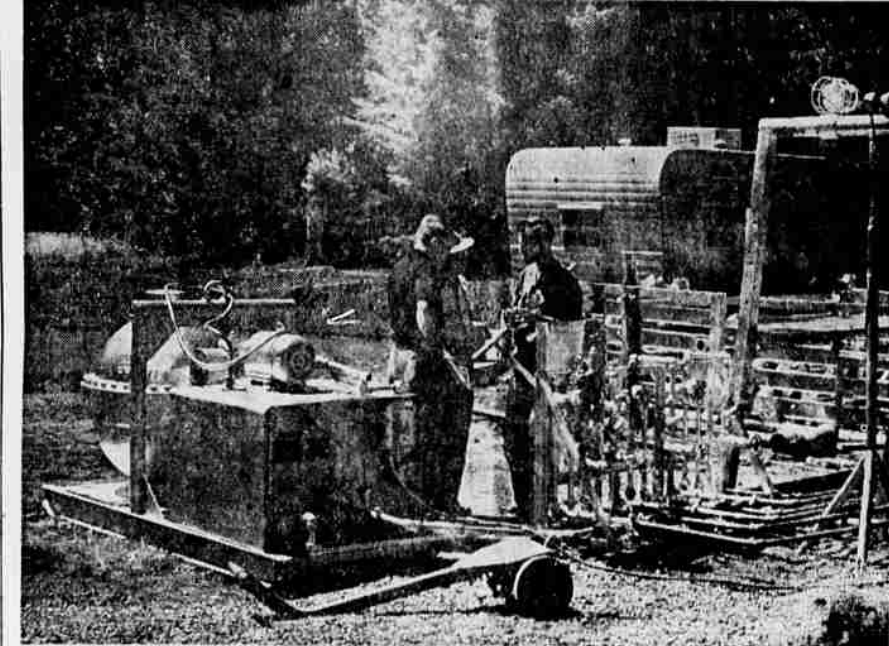
GRUENTHER TO SPEAK

PORTLAND — Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, former NATO commander and president of the American Red Cross, will speak at a United Fund-Red Cross luncheon here Sept. 10.

He also will address some 40 Red Cross county chapter chairmen from Oregon and Washington.



HIGH ABOVE THE GROUND on the platform near the top of the derrick, a worker ties down the top end of a 90 foot length of drilling pipe as workers at the bottom continue pulling the drill out of the casing to prepare for a test.



REMOTE CONTROLS to close off the well in an emergency are explained by the "tool pusher," Veldon Walker. At left is News-Review staff writer Wayne Woodman. Bill Adair of Roseburg is in the center. Hydraulic pumps and tank for the system are at left, and one of the valves that could control a "gusher" is by Walker's hand.

Churches Holding Service Camp For Boys, Girls Near Glendale

By MRS. G. B. FOX

The Church of Christ and Christian Church are holding their Christian Service Camp for boys and girls of fifth and sixth grades at Fir Point near Glendale this week.

One of the assistants in the camp will be Mrs. Guy Armstrong of Glendale.

Three Glendale young people attended the junior high camp at Fir Point last week. They were Sandra La Prath, Marklyn Mehl and Lee Dixon.

Visit From Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Shaw of Sims, Ark., have been visiting for the past month with their daughter, Mrs. Leon Quawis, and family in Glendale.

The Jim Crofts of Azalea entertained an old friend, Tom Norman, of Richardson Springs, Calif., at their home recently. The Crofts, Mr. Norman, and another houseguest, Ira Croff, also of Richardson Springs, spent five days during the visit at Diamond Lake. The Bill Crofts also spent one weekend there.

Bodies Of Airmen Found Monday

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho — The bodies of two airmen who crashed in a light plane near here six days ago and were found Monday were to be brought out of the wilderness Tuesday.

Richard Allquist, 22, Minneapolis, Minn., and Clyde Feagin, 27, Austell, Ga., took off from Mountain Home Air Force Base Thursday on a sight-seeing flight. Allquist was at the controls of the private single-engine craft.

Their crumpled plane was spotted Monday lying in a river gorge about 50 miles southeast of Boise. Officials had planned to call off the search if the plane wasn't sighted during the day.

A ground party trekked overland to the gorge and planned to float the bodies in rubber boats downstream 30 miles to a point where they could be taken to a town.

Bodies Of Airmen Found Monday

Gold Star Mothers Entertain Patients

Eight American Gold Star Mothers chapters entertained Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital patients recently.

Activities of the day consisted of softball, concession stands and a tournament. Chairman of the event was Mrs. Jim Johnson, Veterans Administration Voluntary Services representative for the American Gold Star Mothers. Other persons present at the visitation day included Mrs. Rose Decker of Portland, Oregon department president, and Mrs. Barbara Brumbaugh of Toledo, state hospital chairman.

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FHA Cuts Down Payments, Hikes Rate Of Interest

WASHINGTON — The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) lowered down payments on homes financed with agency-insured mortgages Monday. At the same time it boosted the maximum interest rate on such mortgages to 5 1/2 per cent.

The interest rate increase will be effective Tuesday. The interest ceiling on FHA-backed home loans has been 5 per cent.

An FHA spokesman said the new schedule permits a down payment of 3 per cent on the first \$10,000, 15 per cent on the next \$6,000 and 30 per cent above \$16,000.

The down payment requirement had been 5 per cent on the first \$9,000 and 25 per cent above that amount.

In the 1957 Housing Act, Congress authorized the lower down payments but did not direct FHA to put them into effect.

Builders had argued a cut in down payments was necessary to stimulate the lagging homebuilding industry.

An FHA spokesman said the lower schedule of down payments would become effective at once.

FHA Commissioner Norman T. Mason could have fixed down payments at any level between those previously required and those authorized by Congress.

He decided to make the full authorized reductions.

Jurors Indict Elaine Soule

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Elaine Soule 19-year-old clerk-typist from Freeport, Long Island, N.Y., was indicted Monday night by the San Mateo county grand jury on a murder charge in the slaying of her roommate.

The victim, Catherine Marie Elvins, 20, Whitman College coed and daughter of a prominent Seattle physician, was struck 26 times with a flatiron and stabbed 20 times in the chest last July 24 in the apartment she shared with Miss Soule in nearby Burlingame.

"The motive was money," Dep. Dist. Atty. Howard Hartley quoted Miss Soule as saying — a \$160 check sent the victim by her mother, Mrs. Naomi Elvins, wife of Dr. Richard E. Elvins of Seattle.

Hartley later said, "We're less and less interested in the check as a motive and more and more interested in the quarrels" which neighbors reported the young women had constantly.

Sutherlin Group Has Swim Party

The high school Christian Endeavor Group of the Sutherlin Christian Church held a swimming party and wicker roast at the Ted Roadman home last week.

After swimming and refreshments, hymns were sung around a bonfire and a devotional service was held.

Elected Chairman

Elton Sampson was elected chairman of the board of the Sutherlin Christian Church and Gordon Epps was named assistant chairman.

Other new officers are: Keith Allen and Hughie St. John, financial committee, and Ada Abeene, head of the church missionary and benevolent committee. Other officers had been elected earlier at the annual meeting.

The new chairman of the board appointed a committee of five to rewrite the constitution. The Rev. Alfred Kribs, pastor, outlined plans for several groups to work on committees in different phases of church work.

The Rev. Mr. Kribs was featured speaker at the last meeting of the Ninety and Nine men's group at the Sutherlin Christian Church. His topic was entitled "The Secret of Success." Mrs. Arnold Canning and Mrs. Kribs sang a duet.