

Oil Resources of Gulf of Mexico Pay Handsomely

New Orleans—(U.P.)—The oil reserves under the Gulf of Mexico, which 34 companies have spent \$250 million to tap, show signs of paying back the investment with interest.

Forty-three oil wells and 19 gas and distillate wells, drilled through as much as 60 feet of water, are producing in the Gulf between east Texas and east Louisiana. Fifteen more wells are being drilled.

A. J. Vitter, chief petroleum engineer of the California company, said the 43 producing wells have a total production of about 2,000,000 barrels a year. The 34 companies spend a total of about \$60 million a year in the Gulf. Costs \$30 a Barrel.

So every barrel of oil the companies now get costs \$30. Geologists estimate, however, that there are 5 billion to 10 billion barrels of oil under the Gulf. Total proved reserves in the whole country as of last December 31 were 28,378,501,000 barrels.

Within five years, Vitter expects the Gulf area to be producing more than 40 million barrels of oil a year. Then the \$250 million investment will pay off. The state of Louisiana also will profit. It already has to the extent of \$34 million from leases and taxes.

The 43 producing oil wells are in nine fields. The 19 gas and gas distillate wells are in 10 fields. Altogether, 34 companies have 1,868,000 acres of under-gulf land leased.

The history of Gulf oil exploration is less than 12 years old. In 1938, the old Creole field off the coast of Cameron Parish was discovered. It was in shallow water and less than a mile off the coast.

War Interrupts
The war interrupted oil operations in the Gulf and it was not until Nov. 14, 1947, that the Kerr-McGee oil industries discovered another field, the Ship Shoal Block 32 field, off the center of the Louisiana coast line.

Since then, the Gulf oil industry has boomed. Vitter said drillers work in water up to 60 feet deep and he believes eventually they will drop their drills through water 600 feet deep. Beyond 600 feet, the Gulf abruptly drops off into the Atlantic depth and drilling would be impractical.

"A general rule," Vitter said, "the current offshore operations are about three times as expensive as similar operations onshore. In terms of the more extensive small platform and drilling tender operations, the cost of a well is about one-third drilling and completion, one-third drilling platform and one-third drilling tender and marine transportation."

Costs Differ
"In other words, in addition to the cost of drilling a well as it would be onshore, a similar cost for constructing a drilling platform and another similar cost for marine operations is required."

One platform driller uses is 206 feet by 110 feet and contains all drilling and production equipment needed, and housing and dining halls for crews. It costs \$1,200,000.

This rig can be used to drill seven wells. Another rig, the one most commonly used, is 72 by 24 feet and costs \$400,000. It can be used to drill five wells, but also requires a tender.

Hurricanes sweeping up the Gulf in the early fall have forced oil operators to go part of the way into the weather forecasting business, so their boats and barges can be hurried into harbor before the wind and waves hit.

The weather bureau helps, but some companies have their own meteorologists and radar stations to chart the progress of hurricanes and storms.

Flying Saucer Report Opens Quiz by Army

Monterey, Cal., Apr. 12—(U.P.)—An army intelligence agent opened an investigation today into reports by sheriff's deputies and others that they saw a flying "saucer" near the army's huge Fort Ord.

Deputies Ted Cross and Jim Matney, a former aerial gunner, were questioned for more than a half-hour by the agent regarding the object they saw streaking across the countryside near here Sunday.

The agent told the deputies that all army intelligence operations had been ordered to carry cameras in their cars in an effort to photograph the elusive disks.

But the agent said, "If you had photographed it, we would have confiscated your film just like that."

San Francisco, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—A projected strike by the AFL, Masters, Mates and Pilots union should have no effect on west coast inter-coastal service, the Pacific Maritime association said today.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

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Rogue River

Rogue River, Apr. 12—Mrs. C. A. Parr entered Community hospital at Medford Sunday for treatment of eye trouble. She expects to be in the hospital for a week or 10 days.

Frank Dement arrived Easter Sunday to visit the Dement children and other relatives in Rogue River.

Mrs. Bentley Shaw of the U. Do it laundry who has been visiting her sons and daughters at Van Nuys and Burbank, Cal., was expected home Monday.

Rogue River Garden club will meet Wednesday, April 12, at the home of Margie Dunham on Savage creek and final plans will be made for the flower show. Members will bring a sack lunch and meet at Live Oak Grange hall in Rogue River at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be served by hostesses Margie Dunham and Dorothy Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Whitmore who recently purchased the Farmer house on Oak street, were visited, Friday, by Mrs. Whitmore's mother, Mrs. H. A. Densmore of Gold Hill and two friends, Mrs. Letha Huffman and Mrs. Jackie Simmons of Riddle, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Shasta City, Cal., motored to Rogue River, Friday, to visit the H. J. Hopper family and to inspect their newly purchased store. The Smiths and Hoppers lived at Cottage Grove and the four were friends before their respective weddings.

Citizens of Rogue River have watched with interest while Paul Hughes and Harry Rose worked at the Triangle the past week. The two men, under the watchful eye of Mr. Rose, spent many hours carefully fitting and laying the petrified wood, agates and other native stones which they used to build a simple but picturesque drinking fountain in the Triangle. It is a memorial to a pioneer citizen of strong rugged character whose kindness and integrity has left its lasting mark on the memory and lives of all who knew him. The marble plaque on the fountain bears these words, "Dedicated to Samuel Mathis, 1846-1941." Plans for dedication of the memorial will be announced later.

Easter sunrise services were held in Fellowship hall of Hope Presbyterian church with attendance of over 200 persons, most of whom remained to enjoy a sumptuous breakfast cooked by the men and women of the church and served by the young people of the Fellowship group. Special music was furnished by the adult choir, the junior choir and 30 members of the high school chorus under direction of Virginia Westerfield.

Hall and stage were beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and jonquils under supervision of Mrs. Carl Christensen and the stage background, a magnificent pictorial scene furnished the text of the Easter sermon by the Rev. Everett Bowers. Group singing led by the junior choir was followed by benediction by the Rev. D. F. Barnett.

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Refreshments were served by Diana Skidmore.

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Henry Kaiser Buys Utah Fuel Company

New York, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—Henry J. Kaiser bought the Utah Fuel company for \$6,700,000 at a court-ordered auction here today.

His bid for the entire 100,000 outstanding shares of capital stock of that company was accepted—subject to confirmation by the New York supreme court—when Bernard Hershkopf, a special master appointed by the court, refused the request of a rival bidder for a week's adjournment.

Jakarta, Indonesia, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—Rebel Leader Capt. Abdul Aziz, who seized the city of Macassar in a lightning coup six days ago, surrendered today in the face of an Indonesian government ultimatum.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

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THREE BIG SHOPPING DAYS

THRIFTY THURSDAY and RED TAG DAYS — FRIDAY and SATURDAY.
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