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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would like to get "the word out" about our Society to all retirees of the petroleum industry. If you know of any retiree newsletters that might be interested in passing information about us along to their retirees, please call **Pete Savage at 249-3525**

"I Remember When . . ."

Do you have any "fond" memories or anecdotes about your life in Canada's petroleum industry you would like to share? Why not write a brief article or even a note on the subject for our new column in the *PHS Archives*. Mail *your* stories to Bill McLellan, 24 Varslea Place N.W., Calgary, AB T3A 0C9 or send them in by fax: (403) 244-2018.

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Your Society's next luncheon will feature

Andrew Bosman

who will speak to us on the subject:

The 1982 Lodgepole Blowout

Andrew's talk will cover basic drilling components, the five major factors which contributed to the blowout, and the difficulties encountered before the well was brought under control.

At the time of the blowout, Andrew was employed in the Coal Geology Group of the Alberta Research Council. His interest in the Lodgepole Blowout is strictly personal, and is based on an ongoing interest in oil and gas drilling operations.

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 1997

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Palliser Hotel, Calgary

Cost: \$20 for members, \$22 for non-members

Please RSVP to **Bill McLellan, 286-2191** no later than Noon, Monday, November 17th. See you there!!

FIFTY YEARS AGO

In 1947, the *Nickle Oil Bulletin* reported:

"Globe Oil Company and Leduc-West Oils Ltd. brought their first Leduc completion into production at 5:06 p.m., Saturday, August 30th, with a heavy flush oil flow indicating that the well may be the best in the field whose successes to date - nine in number - have all rated more than 1,000 barrels daily or better. The Globe-Leduc West No. 2 well, first independent success in the field, extends the producing area about 1.5 miles northwest of the area proven by a string of Imperial Oil completions."

"Imperial Oil Limited is making good progress with its Leduc Oilfield Pipeline system and, barring unexpected difficulties, should put the system into operation in about one month, around October 1st."

{September 5}

"Imperial Oil Limited maintained its unbroken record of successes at Leduc this week when it assured production at its Nos. 11 and 14 wells. Meanwhile, this week, Imperial Nos. 12 and 13 were placed on production, as the ninth and tenth Imperial Leduc oilwells."

{September 26}

"Leduc, 7.5 months after its discovery, has taken on shape, and width and length. It has developed into a large and vital Western Canadian oil reserve conservatively guesstimated able to deliver during its life at least thirty-five million barrels."

"Shell Oil Company of Canada has completed drilling at the deepest well yet bored in Western Canada, climaxing a four-million-dollar-plus effort to establish an oilfield at Jumping Pound in the Alberta Foothills west of Calgary. The effort was the most thorough and the most expensive yet undertaken in the Foothills outside Turner Valley. It tested all formations down to and including the upper part of the Cambrian, oldest of the sedimentary beds potentially capable of yielding oil and gas. The effort failed to yield an oilfield, but it did yield a "wet gas" field in the Madison Limestone. Years may pass before opening of a gas market will permit tapping the field."

{October 3}

Individual Membership

"Production from the Leduc Oilfield mounted to 32,865 bbls. in September - an average of 1,095 bbls. per day - despite the fact that poor road conditions during the month hampered truck transport of oil to the railway and forced partial shut down of every well."

"The Lloydminster oil area, despite adverse road and weather conditions during September which forced partial shutdown of many wells and restricted deliveries of output, nevertheless managed to chalk up a new All-time Record for Oil Deliveries averaging 3,148 barrels of net oil per day."

{October 10}

"The price of Crude Oil in Montana went up again this week and may also advance in Wyoming and other American States which are currently providing a substantial portion of the Prairie Provinces' oil needs and the bulk of the needs of the rest of Canada."

{October 24}

"Up Go Western Crude Oil Prices - Leduc advances 27.5 cents per bbl. Turner Valley rises 20 cents per bbl."

{October 31}

"So far, Imperial has completed an unbroken string of 17 successful wells in the Leduc field another 7 wells are currently underway."

"Husky Refining posts a ten cent price boost for Lloydminster crude."

{November 14}

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

PETROLEUM HISTORY SOCIETY

Individual Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Business _____ Home _____

Institutional or Company Affiliation (if any): _____

Please register me as a (check two of the following):

New Member Individual Member (\$10.00)
 Membership Renewal Sustaining Individual Member (\$35.00)

Institutional / Corporate Membership

Name of Institution or Company: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: Business _____ Home _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Position or Title: _____

Please register our Institution or Company as a (check two of the following):

New Member Institutional Member (\$100.00)
 Membership Renewal Sustaining Institutional Member (over \$100.00)

Enclosed is a cheque or money order for \$ _____, payable to **The Petroleum History Society**. Please mail fee and completed form to: Membership Chairman, Petroleum History Society, 24 Varslea Place N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3A 0C9.

Date: _____ Signature: _____