

Three Haywood Boy Scouts To Get Eagle Award At Courthouse Tonight

Three Haywood Boy Scouts will be promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout tonight, as the October Court of Honor is held in the courtroom. The Scouts are: Michael Leatherwood, Clyde; Gary Todd, Waynesville, and Johnny Carswell, Hazelwood.

Michael is a Junior at Clyde High, and plays guard on the football team and is a member of the Beta Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leatherwood, Sr., and hopes to become a chemical engineer.

He won the "best citizen" award last year, and is a member of Troop 16, Canton. He has been in Scouting four years, and has 21 merit badges. Scoutmaster is Floyd Lowrance. For the past three summers, Michael has been at Camp Daniel Boone.

Gary Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Todd, Waynesville, is a member of Troop 18, with D. H. Tipton, scoutmaster. Gary has 22 merit badges, and is a sophomore at WTHS, and a member of the Key Club.

He looks forward to becoming an electronic engineer, and has been in scouting three years. He is a senior patrol leader of his troop.

Johnny Carswell is a member of Explorer Post No. 1, which is headed by his father, Rudolph Carswell. He advanced from Troop 5, and is now in his fourth year of scouting, and possesses 23 merit badges.

He is a member of the sophomore class at WTHS, plays football as a halfback, also plays basketball, and baseball. He is a member of the Key Club and Student Council.

Johnny is making plans to enter Wake Forest when he finishes high school and study dentistry. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and plays trombone in the band.

In 1955 he went to the Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico along with five other Scouts from here.

There is a service station for every 322 automobiles, trucks and busses in this country.



MICHAEL LEATHERWOOD



GARY TODD



JOHNNY CARSWELL

Off-Shore Oil Wells Very Costly

Drilling a well in offshore waters costs roughly six times as much as a land well, according to the American Petroleum Institute. A study of drilling costs covering 82 wells in the Louisiana area indicated the average well cost \$298,800, compared with the on-shore cost of \$50,000.

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Admiral Thomas Attends Meeting Of Chaplains

Rear Admiral (retired) William N. Thomas of Lake Junaluska attended a series of meetings in Washington last week relative to the work of Protestant chaplains in the armed forces, hospitals and institutions.

Admiral Thomas, former Chief of Navy Chaplains, is a member of both the General Commission on Chaplains of the National Council of Churches, and the Methodist Church's Chaplains' Commission.

Both agencies have their national headquarters in Washington and held their annual meetings last week.

At Friday's meeting of the Methodist group it was reported that the denomination has more than 600 chaplains on duty in the armed forces in this country and overseas.

The commission is planning to step up personnel recruitment to

Enka Firm Declares Forty-Cent Dividend

Directors of American Enka Corporation last week declared a regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, payable December 21, 1956 to stockholders of record December 5, 1956. A year ago the company declared an extra year-end dividend of 40 cents per share in addition to the regular dividend.

J. E. Bassill, president, said that directors felt it advisable not to pay an extra dividend this year in order to conserve cash for the expansion program currently under way. The corporation, which manufactures both rayon and nylon, is completing construction of a large rayon staple fiber plant at Lowland, Tennessee. The new unit is expected to be in operation before the end of this year.

replace chaplains up for retirement and to be prepared to fill quotas in military branches in case of expansion.

Thousands Of Oil Men Make Report On Oil Programs

Months of planning, preparation, and hard work come to a head October 14-20 when the men and women of the oil industry stage their ninth annual Oil Progress Week.

"This should be our biggest year," H. B. Miller, Executive Director of the Oil Industry Information Committee of the American Petroleum Institute, announced. "All indications point to more activities than ever before, and we feel sure that the observance will be broader in scope and have more public impact than any of its predecessors."

Oil Progress Week is sponsored by the Oil Industry Information Committee. Throughout the country, thousands of volunteer members of this industry-wide public relations effort have been making plans for months for the week-long observance. All of the thousands of events that have been scheduled will be carried out on a local basis; in effect, hometown oil people reporting to their customers, friends, neighbors, and fellow townsmen on their industry's progress and achievements over the past year.

Emphasizing the significance of the annual affair, Executive Director Miller said:

"This report is being made by the 1,650,000 men and women who work in the oil industry. They are not trying to sell oil as a product — they are trying to 'sell' a philosophy — to point up, with every means at their command, the hard facts that private, competitive management is and has been the key to this country's progress and security, and will continue to be in the future."

"During the week-long observance, they will tell the story of freedom and individual initiative, and the role of the oil industry in the growth and development of modern America. They will show how competition sparks every activity of the oil industry — from the first stages of exploration and discovery to the final products that are at everyone's fingertips — and how the fruits of this competition have benefited each and every one of us."

In keeping with tradition, the "Report to the People" will be made in a variety of ways — in speeches and radio-TV broadcasts, in rallies and parades, contests and advertisements, at business and civic luncheons, dinners and other gatherings in schools and clubs, at "open houses" in refineries, service stations, bulk plants, and other oil installations. Motion picture showings and other special events have been planned too. In addition, hundreds of oil installations will be decorated colorfully to invite public attention to Oil Progress Week — what it means, and what it hopes to accomplish.

'Service Plus' Is Given By U. S. Service Stations

Probably more people are familiar with service stations than any other phase or segment of the modern oil industry, yet few people really know much about these units which make up the backbone of petroleum's vast distribution chain, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

"They used to be known as 'filling' stations, but they really are what they are called now — service stations," the API said. "They not only retail basic products to the motorists, but they also provide him with a variety of extra services — maps, battery and motor checks, distilled water, air for the tires, clean rest rooms, information about roads, communities, motels, hotels, and directions, in addition to minor repairs on cars and windshield wipers — all for free."

Competition is the key factor which keeps this phase of the industry on its toes, the Institute said, and this same competition is the factor which keeps retail prices of gasolines and other products at reasonable levels.

The distribution chain is vast, the API continued — and "rarely, in any section of this country, is the average motorist more than an hour's drive at the most from a service station." In most areas, the motorist has a wide choice of brand names and products, each literally tailored for his car or requirements.

There are almost 200,000 service stations in this country, the Institute said, and 19 out of every 20 of these are independently owned or operated by local businessmen. "They are and have long been so much a part of the American scene that we often forget about the comforts and conveniences they provide for us, and probably the majority of the times we never stop to think of the immense industry which stands behind the service station and makes all this possible."

Octane Ratings Show Progress

Octane ratings of premium motor fuels are now within striking distance of 100. Yet these motor fuels can be purchased virtually anywhere in the country, and are specific examples of the effects of competition on the petroleum industry.

A few short years ago, relatively speaking, 100-octane motor fuel was used only for aviation fuel, yet progress and competition have brought it literally to the motorist's doorstep.

Drilling For Oil Costly And Risky

Drilling for oil is not only an expensive operation, but a risky one as well, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

The odds are long — only one out of every nine "wildcat" wells is a producer, and only one out of every 44 is a commercial success — that is, one that holds promise of returning the original investment to the drillers.

The deeper a well must be drilled, the more expensive it becomes. For example, the average cost of shallow wells, say up to 5,000 feet, is \$10.09 per foot. The average cost for deep wells, and these are becoming more necessary with each passing year, is in excess of \$40 per foot at the 15,000-foot level.

Thus, according to API, it is easy to understand why the average cost for all oil wells in the United States is in excess of \$50,000 each, and the average for "wildcat" wells is in excess of \$100,000. Some wells may run into the millions of dollars, and never produce a drop of oil.

In the current year, the oil industry is expected to drill more than 58,000 wells, and a good percentage of these will be dry holes. That's why drilling for oil is such a daring challenge, and why the industry must have a continuing flow of "risk" capital to press its campaign, according to the Institute.

Ocean Of Oil Awaiting New Tapping Ideas

The techniques of oil production have come a long way since the first commercial well was drilled in Pennsylvania back in 1859. But even the most modern methods leave much to be desired. The best present recovery techniques still leave quantities of oil underground.

Petroleum engineers, for example, have estimated that almost 200 billion additional barrels of oil, which today are unrecoverable by conventional means, are waiting to be tapped by secondary recovery, or by some new and as yet undiscovered method.

Deepest Oil Well Is 4 Miles Down

The deepest oil well in the world was brought in this year when drilling in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, produced a flow at 21,443 feet.

The well took more than a year to drill, cost more than two million dollars, and has a total depth of 22,570 feet. That's more than four miles straight down.

In addition to oil, flowing at the rate of 500 barrels daily, the well also produces 599,000 cubic feet of natural gas each day.

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A highlight of the 1956 observance will be public release of the OIIC's new motion picture, "Destination Earth". An animated cartoon film in color, it spells out vividly the reasons why the United States of America has become a leading power in the world. It will be shown on television, in movie theaters, at rallies and gatherings, and, ultimately, will be seen by millions of persons.

"Destination Earth" is the 1956 sequel to other oil industry motion pictures — such as "Barrel Number One", "The Story of Colonel Drake", "American Frontier", "Man on the Land", and "Crossroads, U.S.A."

By 1975 it is estimated that oil men will have to drill about 18,000 wells every year to supply the nation with adequate petroleum and petroleum products.

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