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Government Report Indicates Profits Leading To More Oil, Wells Studied

the U.S. General Accounting Office on oil production present a misleading picture of the actual findings of the study, the American Petroleum Institute said recently.

On Aug. 22, the Associated Press distributed a dispatch which began: "An oil price increase of \$1 a barrel has enhanced oil company profits but not oil production, the General Accounting Office (GAO) reported."

In fact, the GAO report made the following statements, none of which were mentioned in the Associated Press dis-

"From available statistical data on drilling activity, discussions with officials of trade

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associations and State regulatory agencies, and information received from the seven major oil companies, we obtained the following indications that the price increase achieved some favorable results.

-"In 1974 average drilling rigs are estimated to be 1,390, up 16 per cent from 1973. Not since 1965 have there been an average of over 1,300 rigs drill-

-"In Texas, new drilling applications have increased 49 per cent between the first quarter of 1973 and the first quarter of 1974. -"A major oil company in-

formed us that a direct result of the economic incentive provided by the two-tier system and the dollar increase was that, through April 1974, 344 previously shut-in wells had been returned to production with a gain of 2,126 barrels of oil a day. Also, the company is reviewing all of its shut-in wells to determine whether they can be returned to production."

The GAO report also stated that although the average daily

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production of crude oil has been declining since 1970, "the rate of decline between 1973 and 1974 appeared to be decreasing.'

A spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute, noting that increased drilling activity must precede accelerated production, also pointed out that more recent figures show that domestic drilling for oil has increased dramatically since December, when the price increase went into effect. He said the number of well completions in the first half of this year was 14,718, an increase of 20.8 per cent over the same period last

Orders Are Down

Manufacturers of non-electrical machinery now expect the value of their incoming orders to slide 9 per cent in the second half of 1974, and they expect a further decline of 4 per cent in next year's first six months. These are key results of the Summer Quarterly Forecast Survey of Machinery Man-

ufacturers. The study was conducted between mid-July and mid-August by the McGraw-Hill Publications Company's Depart-

Scout News

Our meeting this week was divided into two parts. The first part was used in a small Court of Honor to pass out skill awards and merit badges. The nd half was in the form of a ard of review for two second

Several advancement were to be attended next Our overall attendance was down this week but we are still growing, but two boys attending for the first

Any boy or adult who would like to join or help in the scouting program is invited to attend any regular meeting on Thursday nights at 7 o'clock at the Scout Hut on North Broad

Frank Halsey Scribe

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Business Asked By Government To De-Energize

A new energy conservation system has been developed by the Department of Commerce for use by all sized companies to achieve significant energy

If fully implemented, the Department says, it could result in energy savings by industry alone that would account for more than four per cent of all energy used nationally.

Called EPIC (Energy Program for Industry and Commerce), the Department says a firm could have its program underway in two weeks. Initial measures taken might include simple changes in plant maintenance and operation practices, such as reducing unnecessary lighting, planning production schedules to minimize energy use, and improving quality control to eliminate waste in processing.

"A conservative estimate is that through implementation of this energy saving system, an average of at least 10 per cent savings could be achieved," the Department says. Industry accounts for 43 per cent of all energy consumed in the United

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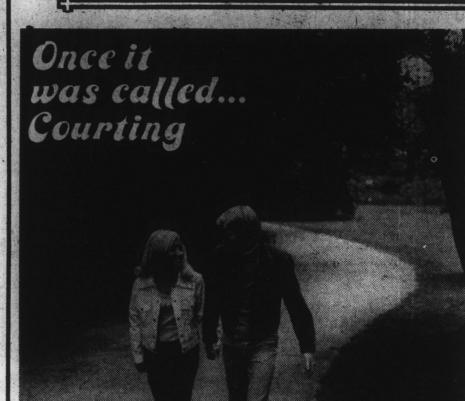
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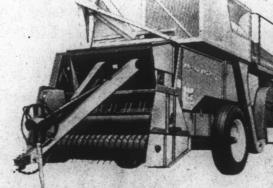
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Sunday School

IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE

International Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 29, 1974 Scripture: I Samual 8; 12 By The Reverend John W. Wenberg, Jr. Often in life we feel a need for change but rarely are we

fully prepared for the consequences of change. Some of us react negatively in the face of change because it calls us out of the security of the present circumstance. Our present situation may be bad, but it is certain. A

change may mean something worse as well as something better. In our scripture lesson the Hebrews wanted a change in government. They wanted a change to a monarchy from a theocracy, a king from a rule of God alone. It was felt that a king would make them a more powerful nation and provide a unity that was seen in other nations.

Sammuel was a leader the people respected who counseled that change just for change sake was unwise; he wanted the people to make a wise decision and to fully understand the consequence of change.

We live today in a world where we are very much aware of change. Sometimes perhaps we wish we would not have to face it so often. We may even try to seek a less complicated life because of this. We seek vacations that are closer to nature, we say, and we often speak of the good old days fondly as a time when the pace was not so rapid. Change demands something of us-decisions and responses to uncertain novelties and pressures. Always there are consequences we may not be prepared for—even when we think we have fully weighed the issue.

The people of Samuel's day wanted a king. Was it a good decision that they would be able to live with or would it decision that they would be able to live with or would it prove a disaster. Could a king truly be an intermedian between God and his people? Samuel realized that the people could begin to place too much trust in a king rather than remembering their real allegiance must be with God. Samuel's advice is important. He counsels to give deep consideration to the issue because of the danger of confusing God with the king. Samuel is against the change for this reason, but he will not cease to pray for the people and to teach them. (I Sam. 12: 23)

Even when a change appears unwise, we should not give ap our hope and determination to support those who have becided in a way contrary to our instincts and insights. But most important, Samuel counsels to put God first—to fear lim, serve Him, and to consider what He has done for us. 12:24) With this in mind and heart we can live with change. God is our firm foundation.