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Pilot Man Was on Job During Early Days of Oil Discovery

First Well Was Brought in at
Titusville, Pa., 75 Years
Ago Today

The Pilot has an invitation to join the oil men of Titusville, Pennsylvania, this week in the anniversary of the discovery of oil in that community back in 1859. Possibly that is because a number of oil men are winter residents of this community, one of them John L. McKinney, being one of the pioneers of the petroleum industry, for he came to Titusville from the neighboring country when yet a young chap, and was in on the ground floor along about 1861, or a couple of years after the first well was drilled. He was a pioneer in the big work that was done, being one of the founders of the Standard Oil company and of the National Transit, and of the other big Standard enterprises, which constituted the biggest factor in the oil well world for the entire history of the industry. So far as The Pilot is aware McKinney and John D. Rockefeller are the only two survivors of the original crowd.

Pilot Had Man There

The Pilot, of course, as is most always the case, had a man on the ground at Titusville as early as 1869 when things were still primitive and crude in the oil field, when oil was hauled in barrels through the streets of the budding town instead of in pipe lines and tank cars, and when Andrew Carnegie was making some money in the Rouseville and Petroleum Centre section to put him on his feet later as the biggest iron and steel man in the world, for it was in oil that Carnegie started.

And what a period of American industrial life and development it was. Today this country produces two and a half million barrels of oil daily. It is the foundation of our industry, for it drives more machinery than all the electrical power can think about and with its side produce of natural gas it has been a big competitor of coal and water power from the day the first well was drilled. Oil makes gold look like a poor relation. This country produces about \$75,000,000 worth of oil a month, and \$4,000,000 worth of gold. That is how gold compares with a real goconda. The Pilot man has followed both oil and gold over much of the country, and been in many of the big camps where both have had their fling, including the Comstock over a half a century ago, but nothing compares with oil. Gold lasts a few years. Oil towns last and grow and become big and important industrial cities. And the life of those places in their growing period was never excelled. When Capt. Lucas and Jim Guffrey and John Galey drilled the first well on Spindle Top Hill Beaumont, Texas, was a lumber town of about two thousand people and The Pilot man. Today it is an oil and industrial center of 80,000 people, bigger than any gold town or earth, and Port Arthur, an oil town that Andrew Mellon mixed up in his oil ventures is one of the big export and industrial cities of the United States. Mellon, who built the big aluminum plant over at Badin in the adjoining county, is another pioneer oil man, and a great factor in American development.

Give Him a Welcome

So when you see a Pennsylvania oil man unpacking his traps and getting off of the train as fall comes along remember that he is of the select crowd that has done as much as any other group of men in the world in putting this country and the whole world in high gear, for with out old Col. Drake's pioneer well and what it brought to the top of the ground in Titusville the big round earth would still be running on water power and steam, and the automobile would be one of the dreams that we dream about but never visualize. The old Drake well down by the swimming hole in Titusville, is the place where world wide industry waked up and the oil man is the fellow who cranked the car. When John L. McKinney and his younger fellows of the oil well craft come back to the Sandhills again this fall we ought to

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No Field Day Lack of Interest Given As Reason for Dropping Plans for Event

The Baseball Field Day, scheduled for Labor Day, will not be held this year says League President C. W. Picquet. Apparent lack of interest throughout the county is the reason. It is a fact that the interest in baseball throughout Moore County has waned. Attendance at the games has been much smaller than in previous seasons.

Probably a good bit of this fault may be traced to Southern Pines, the best baseball town in the county, which has had only a tail-end team to watch all season. The poor record and noticeable sloppy playing in many games, of the local club is a big reason why the Sandhills League has not prospered this year.

The play-off series between Aberdeen and West End has not yet been arranged and it is possible that no series will be staged. Aberdeen finished the season a poor second to the leaders and they have not yet clinched the runner-up berth. Should Aberdeen lose its two remaining games and Vass win in their one, the two clubs would be tied for second place, both standing at the .500 mark.

DEPOSITORS OF BANK OF VASS HOLD MEETING

Adopt Plan for Speedy Wind-Up
of Affairs of Defunct
Institution

TO APPRAISE ASSETS

At the call of S. J. Hinsdale, liquidating agent, a meeting of the depositors of the defunct Bank of Vass was held in the Vass-Lakeview auditorium Saturday morning to discuss the affairs of the institution.

A committee was elected to appraise the remaining assets of the bank, which closed its doors in September 1931 and has since paid only one dividend of five per cent. The committee is composed of C. J. Temple, T. F. Cameron, W. C. Smith, W. D. McCraney and Mrs. D. J. Blue, The Rec. C. A. Lawrence and W. M. McLeod were named as alternates.

Under a plan adopted by the depositors this committee will appraise all of the notes, securities and other assets of the bank and after being duly advertised, these assets will be placed on sale. The purpose of the whole plan is to lower the cost of liquidation in an effort to let the depositors realize every dollar possible from the institution.

Present to lead the discussions were Mr. Hinsdale, J. A. Dennis, assistant liquidating agent, and Smith Medlin.

The purchasing power of the depositors dollar will be in proportion to the value put upon the securities by the appraisal committee. For instance, if the average of the total securities is only 50 per cent on the dollar, then the depositor's dollar will only be worth 50 per cent of its former value. Under this plan if a person gave as security for a \$500.00 loan a tract of land which is now valued at only \$250.00 then the depositor who had a deposit of \$500.00 in the bank when it closed may purchase this land with his deposit credit.

Under the present system of the liquidation of the bank, a tremendous amount of the money which is being collected is going to delay the expenses of liquidation. According to unofficial figures, but from a reliable source, a few months ago some twenty-two hundred dollars were in the hands of the liquidation agent for the depositors, but due to the dropping off of the recent collections, and the continuing liquidating expenses, at present there is only some seventeen hundred dollars in the hands of the liquidating agents for the depositors.

DR. J. S. BROWN NOTED SURGEON DIES IN VERMONT

Had Been Prominent Winter
Resident of Pinehurst for
Many Years

WAS DOG ENTHUSIAST

Dr. James Spencer Brown, surgeon emeritus of Mountsainde Hospital, Montclair, N. J., died at 2 a. m., last Saturday of pneumonia with which he was stricken while on a vacation at his summer place at Mallett's Bay, Vt., on Lake Champlain. He was seventy-one years old.

When Dr. Brown retired as surgeon in chief of the Mountsainde Hospital on October 16, he was the oldest practicing physician in Montclair. For nearly forty years he was a pioneer in surgery, traveling abroad to study new developments in the X-ray, writing many articles for medical journals and performing rarely attempted operations. By standardizing the surgical work at Mountsainde Hospital, he helped to win for that institution a class A rating among the hospitals of the country. His portrait in oil now hangs on its walls.

Specialist in Cancer and Gout

Dr. Brown was a specialist in cancer work and the treatment of gouters. He was the first Montclair physician to employ the X-ray in diagnostic work, and also the first surgeon in Montclair to perform an appendicitis operation. He was the first surgeon in New Jersey to perform a symphyotomy successfully. Before his achievement, only twenty-eight operations of this nature had been performed in the United States.

Symphiotomy is the division of the fibrocartilage of the symphysis pubis (the junction of the public bones), in order to facilitate delivery by increasing the anteroposterior diameter of the pelvis.

Dr. Brown was born in Waterbury, Conn., on March 23, 1863, the son of Augustus and Sophia DeGrass Brown. He attended private schools in this country and France, and received his medical education at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Columbia University, and at Heidelberg, Germany. He was an interne at Guy's Hospital, London, then returned to America in 1885 to engage in general practice.

In 1890 Dr. Brown became a member of the original staff of Mountsainde Hospital, as attending surgeon. Ten years later he became chief of the surgical division with the title of surgeon in chief, a position he retained for twenty-eight years.

Served as Major in World War

In the World War Dr. Brown was commissioned as a major. He was chief of the surgical service of the 82nd Division and head of the medical department at the Atlanta cantonment.

He was consulting surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital, Montclair; at the Essex County Tuberculosis Sanitarium and at the Soho, Essex County, Contagious Hospital.

Dr. Brown's hobby was the raising of setters. For fifteen years he never missed attending the annual dog trials in the South. He was a member of the American and Pinehurst Field Trial Clubs, and had a winter home at Pinehurst.

He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Associated Physicians of Montclair and vicinity. He was a member of the Montclair Golf Club.

Surviving are his second wife, Mrs. Leonore Cowan Brown; two sons, T. Russell Brown, of Burlington, Vt., and James Spencer Brown, Jr., of Pasadena, Calif., and a daughter, Miss Dorothy H. Brown, of Montclair. His first wife, the former Helen D. Russell, died in 1899.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. on Monday at the First Congregational Church of Montclair. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

REV. FRANK S. BLUE ILL

Friends and relatives were grieved to hear of the critical illness of the Rev. Frank S. Blue of Burlington. Mr. Blue was carried to the hospital in Burlington suffering with a ruptured appendix, last Friday.

DEATH CLAIMS J. D. CHAPMAN OF GREENWICH

Veteran Golfer and Stock Broker
Succumbs After A
Long Illness

SPENT WINTERS HERE

John Davol Chapman, special partner in the brokerage firm of Chisholm and Chapman, 52 Broadway, and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, died at his residence, Round Island, Greenwich, Conn., early Monday morning after a long illness. He was sixty-one years old.

Mr. Chapman had for many years been a member of the winter colony at Pinehurst and was active in the affairs of the resort. He was a member of the Tin Whistles and his name appeared in nearly every news report of that society as he seldom missed participation in a tournament.

A veteran golfer, Mr. Chapman had won several tournaments. At the age of fifty-seven, when most golfers retire from tournament play, he had won the twenty-second annual national seniors' championship at Apawamis. Two years before, at Pinehurst, N. C., he had provided the most startling upset of the North and South amateur golf championship of 1929 by routing C. Ross Somerville, Canadian champion, with a card of seventy, two under par. With his son, Richard Chapman, he won the seventh annual Father and Son tournament of the Pinehurst Country Club, in 1928, taking the title held by Sheppard and Eugene Hoanans, of Englewood, N. J.

Attended Williams College

Mr. Chapman was born in Brooklyn, a son of the late Dr. Edwin Nesbit Chapman and Marie Barton Davol Chapman, and a descendant of families long prominent in Brooklyn Heights. He attended the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., and Williams College.

Entering the brokerage field as a clerk in the Consolidated Stock Exchange, Mr. Chapman rose to membership in the exchange, and later founded the firm of Chisholm and Pouch, which became Chisholm and Chapman in 1907. Other members of the firm were two brothers, Marvin A. Chapman and Harold W. Chapman and Edwin N. Chapman Jr., and Erastus M. Cravath. Edward de Clifford Chisholm and William C. Ivison. Another brother, Edwin Nesbit Chapman, who died in 1929, was also a partner in the firm.

Mr. Chapman had been a member of the New York Stock Exchange since 1907. He was vice-president and director of the Putnam Trust Company, of Greenwich; a director of the First National Bank of Lawrence County, Newcastle, Pa., and a director of the Union Trust Company, also of Newcastle.

Active in Civic Affairs

Active in local affairs, Mr. Chapman recently had resigned as representative in the town meeting from the second district. He was a member of the Round Hill Club, the Greenwich Country Club, the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and the Blind Brook Country Club, of Greenwich; the Union Club, the New York Yacht Club, and the Williams Club of New York, and the Sons of the Revolution and the Mayflower Society. He owned winter homes in Pinehurst, and at Del Monte Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Chapman, the former Mary A. Foltz, is also a noted golfer, having won the ninth annual Carolina tournament for women at Pinehurst in 1929. Surviving, besides Mrs. Chapman, are two sons, John Stewart Chapman, associated with the firm of Chisholm and Chapman, and Richard D. Chapman, the golfer.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday in Christ Protestant Church, Greenwich, with the Rev. Albert J. M. Wilson officiating.

VAN WIE WINS TOURNAY

Miss Virginia Van Wie, national woman's golf champion, has just won the women's western golf derby at Chicago. She was ten strokes under Mrs. Opal S. Hill, who finished second. Both are well known in local golfing circles and have often appeared in tournaments here.

Markets to Open

Growers Optimistic As Time
Nears for Opening of
Tobacco Mart

Preparations are under way for the opening of the tobacco markets of the old belt on September 11.

It is understood that the markets at Aberdeen and Carthage will both have a full corps of buyers and are expecting an unusually good season.

Growers are optimistic. The prices being received on the border markets have encouraged them, and they are expecting as good or even better prices for the quality of leaf produced in this section.

SOUTHERN PINES WINS ONE FROM NEW CHAMPIONS

Vass Takes Game from Aber-
deen and Moves Step Near-
er Second Place Tie

VASS LOSES TO WEST END

Standings of Clubs in Sandhills
League Through Games of Wed-
nesday August 22.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
West End	13	4	.765
Aberdeen	9	7	.563
Vass	8	9	.471
So. Pines	4	13	.212

Schedule for Coming Week

Friday, August 24, Vass at Aberdeen; Wednesday, August 29, Southern Pines at Aberdeen.

Successive hits by Patterson, Wilson and Millar, with two down in the last of the ninth enabled Southern Pines to rack up a win over the new champions of the Sandhills League, West End, on Wednesday afternoon.

The contest was a wild, free-hitting affair, the final score of which was 13 to 12. Southern Pines took a first inning lead which West End never quite surpassed, but managed to tie on two occasions.

Seven runs in the first three innings netted the locals an apparently safe lead as they drove Coy Thomas, the league's ace moundsman, to cover. But the visitors broke loose for four runs in the sixth and pulled up even with four more in the eighth.

Southern Pines continued its attack on Thomas' successor, Henson, to keep in the game.

Millar was the starting pitcher for the locals, but retired to center field after the sixth-inning barrage. Golden replaced him, but wildness made him ineffective and he gave way to Webster after one inning. One frame was enough for Webster, too, and Millar was recalled in the eighth.

After the locals had counted once in their half of the eighth, West End came back in the ninth for a single tally to again knot the count.

In the locals last half the first two batters were quickly retired. Patterson, however, came through with his fifth hit of the day. Wilson drove one to deep left and third, Miller then popped a Texas Leaguer to right field to score Pat with the winning run.

Five safe bingles in six trips netted Patterson the batting leadership, and he also was the fielding star of the game.

Southern Pines rapped Thomas and Henson for 18 safe hits, while the local hurlers held their opponents to 10. Better baserunning and the breaks gave West End their large number of tallies. The locals twice filled the bases only to see the following batters retired.

Aberdeen dropped still further into second place on Tuesday as Howard Callahan pitched brilliant baseball to hold them to four hits while his Vass teammates rapped Herndon and Russell for nine bingles. The final score was 6 to 2. The game was played on the Southern Pines field.

Three tallies in the first frame put Vass off to a good start and they played heads-up baseball behind Callahan to maintain this margin throughout the game. Aberdeen

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SUNKEN GARDENS TO FEATURE NEW PINEHURST HOME

Lansing B. Warner of Chicago
Erecting Residence on
Linden Road

IS NEWCOMER HERE

Reinecke & Co., have on their schedule a large building at Pinehurst, to cost about \$30,000, for Lansing B. Warner, of Chicago. It will be located on the Linden road on a tract of two acres, bought from Buckingham and Pinehurst, Inc. The building will be of Colonial type, by Holleyman of Greensboro, a substantial addition to the fine homes of Pinehurst, but in simple style all the way through. It will be of frame construction. The location is amid a fine growth of trees, which will be retained as far as they do not interfere with the building plans, and will be handled in accordance with a landscaping plan that will permit of tennis courts and other developments that will be in harmony with that sort of country home.

Mr. Warner is in the fruit canning business and carries on a large insurance relation to fruit in transit, which is one of the biggest things of its kind in the country. He owns and operates many big canneries. Last year he occupied the Chapin house in Pinehurst, having come here through the desire to be in the South while his son is at the University at Chapel Hill.

He was so much pleased with his last year in Pinehurst that he asked L. L. Biddle to find him a place for a permanent home, which resulted in the purchase of the newly acquired property. A feature of the project is to be a sunken garden and some flower pools, utilizing the excavation made by an old clay pit, and as this project is in the hands of E. Morell it is easy to suspect that the job will be an interesting one. Running water in the pools and declivities that will provide falls and irregularities, with difference of levels between pools, utilizing in all nearly an acre of ground will give Mr. Morell a chance to display his skill, which he will do to advantage.

The new house is to be ready for occupation early in the winter.

Business Men Here Prepare for Season

Many Major and Minor Improve-
ments Are Being Made in
Southern Pines

Skillfully applied paint brushes and lustily wielded hammers are busy in the business section, advance heralds of the Autumn trek southward, and the homecoming of our summer absentees.

The interior of Mrs. Hayes shop is undergoing a complete color transformation while the rebuilt McBrayer building is all ready for the new tenants, the A&P, and the Sandhill Drug Company. The old telephone building, now Dr. Herr's office, has a changed appearance much for the better, while inside the Patch store changes are being made to enlarge the dress department and extend the office quarters. The Baker store has a new paint job, and changes in the grocery department, and the Tog Shop is now screened by an attractive lattice effect.

LOCAL OFFICERS CATCH TWO NEGRO THIEVES

Preparing for the coming winter Charlie Chambers and Leonard Harrington, colored, broke into Buck's place on the Aberdeen road last week, and abstracted a hefty load of bedding, wearing apparel, and an iron bed. Good work by Chief Gargis of Southern Pines and Constable Jones landed the offenders in the county jail, from whence they go on the roads for twelve months.

CLEANING UP FOR FALL

The town's street cleaning department and a S. A. L. crew have been busy this week on the railroad right-of-way and the parkways alongside it. Already the town begins to wear its dressed up look.