



THIS WELL IS NO GASSER!

Photo by Willie

## Oil Well Brought In Near Independence

The fourth oil well drilled since last November was brought in last Friday noon on the Linford Potter Farm near Independence, N. Y.

Joe Potter, son of Linford Potter, has the oil lease and is head of the Joe Potter Oil Co., with Florence Woolfel, Wellsville; J. Bernard O' Connor, Wellsville; and Paul McQueen, Allentown as Business Partners.

This well was started on March 13th and was drilled to a depth of 2,157 feet with the Childs Brothers as Drilling Contractors from Little Genesee and offices at Cuba, N. Y.

Carl Childs was in charge of the drilling operation and tells us that he has been in the business for over 20 years and has drilled these four wells on this lease as well as around 100 others for Otto Walchli in the same area. Walter, his older brother in their partnership operation has been in this business for over 40 years and was present when the well was shot after just returning from a Western trip.

The oil well was shot at a depth of 2,064 feet with 210 quarts of nitro-glycerine (5 1/2 shells) being used. Harvey Brown of the Wellsville Torpedo Co., shot the well assisted by Vern Marsh of the Garth Wait Torpedo Co., also of Wellsville.

In drilling the well, the Fulmer Valley Sand Strata was encountered at between 1,090 to 1,150 feet, with a good flow of gas showing up at 1,599 feet.

The bottom of the shot was at 2,064 feet at what is known as Sea Level Sand and produced the spectacular results portrayed by

the pictures.

The well was pumped off Saturday afternoon and when pumped Sunday had produced 9 barrels. This, as well as the other 3 new wells are considered to be good producers.

In fact the first well was drilled to 1,915 feet when oil started to flow in. Between Saturday night and Monday morning the hole had filled up 650 feet in the casing with oil which was very unusual. It is still being pumped and hasn't been able to be shot as there has been too much oil in the casing.

The second well also was unique in that 4 hours after it was shot it started to act like a gusher and blew oil high over the 60 foot drilling rig. At least 50 barrels of oil were lost before the well was able to be capped.

There are 2 other old wells on the same lease that have been producing for over 21 years. They were originally drilled to Oriskany Sand for gas but produced oil instead. The better one is still pumping around 1/4 of a barrel a day, while efforts are being made to make the other one produce more.

Mr. Potter tells us that they are going to clean this old well out and then blow it to see if more satisfactory results can be obtained.

## Daylight Saving Time To Start

The beginning of the season's Daylight Saving Time starts at 2 A. M., Sunday, April 28th so don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead before retiring.

## Annual Minstrel Show Shaping Up Well

The first Minstrel Show practice was held Monday evening and promises to be one of the most entertaining of all times.

Paul Kilbane will have the role of cracking the whip again this year as Interlocutor and the "old time" banjo music by Mark Hyslip as well as songs by guitar playing Roy Alden has been signed, sealed and about ready to be delivered.

At this first practice the two new "Prima Donna" Endmen (that is), unveiled themselves and turned out to none other than "Bashful Al" Barden and "Prince Charming" "Jim" Mulholland — God's gift to the ladies and especially CINDERELLA.

Of course now that spring is supposed to be here (despite the snow that has pestered us for the last two days), Endman "Mike" is looking for a "Ramblin Rose". Of course if he finds a "Rose" he will then have to watch out for his "nose" as he is apt to get stung as we are told the "Birds and Bees" are very active at this time of year.

Of course his partner "Ding" is back up to his old tricks of wanting to play a solo act so is practicing over in a dark corner all by his little old self.

Endman "Bob" doesn't know that "Sugar Time" is all over with but when he finds out will probably do his own sugaring—even if he has to boil off some sap.

There has to be one in every crowd so, "Ev" Childs can be heard with that plaintive wail still looking for "That Old Pal Of Mine" despite the fact that all our American "Astronauts" have come back safely after being in orbit. (Of course that's nothing to what "Ev's" wife will do to him if she catches him in the neighbor's rain-barrel or sliding down "that cellar door" in his good clothes again.)

The next practice is to be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., with all those that have been asked to participate in the chorus requested to be there promptly so that every one will be able to leave early.

## Spirit of '76 To Portray 4th of July Celebration

At a joint meeting held Tuesday night with the Firemen, Chamber of Commerce Committee and Legion representatives it was decided to portray the "Spirit of '76" at the planned 4th of July Celebration.

A definite date has been set at July 4th for a one day celebration for this year due to a shortage of time and more elaborate and lenient plans.

Another meeting will be held at 7:00 P. M., Tuesday, April 30th at the Fire Hall with all Local Organizations and Churches requested to have representatives present to decide on plans for floats, etc., for the parade as well as other forms of entertainment.

## Woman's Relief Corps Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corps. No. 155

Eleven members were present at the regular April meeting of the Edward Seaman Woman's Relief Corp No. 155, held Friday, April 19th.

Relief reported other than money \$35.00.

The Allegany Valley Federation meet today (Thursday) at Leon. Mrs. Emma Baker, local President. Mrs. Floye Lever. Mrs. Lelia Livermore and Mrs. Nellie Gorschuch are attending from Andover.

Boost Your Home Town!



Miss Margaret E. Springer, Assistant Vice President and Harold "Monty" Bloss, President, discuss the attendance at the Open House at the Citizens National Bank Saturday evening.

## Youth Baseball Meeting Held

A regular meeting of the Andover Youth Baseball Association was held last evening at Andover Central School for the annual election of Officers with around 30 people in attendance.

The following officers were elected:

- George Brown, President
- Don Mulconery, Vice President
- Donald Petrie, Secretary and Treasurer

- John E.annon, Publicity
- Joseph R. Joyce, Chairman of Babe Ruth League
- James Smith, Chairman of Little League

- Philip MacMichael, Chairman of Grasshopper League
- Edward Wilson and Bernard Burger, Fund Raising Committee

- "Mike" Gath, Field Chairman
- "Ed" Stackwick, Equipment Director

All boys not registered that wish to participate in this program can still register Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Rochambeau Avenue Ball-Diamond. BUT MUST HAVE THEIR PARENTS WITH THEM TO SIGN UP.

ALL BOYS MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO PLAY BALL IN THESE LEAGUES!

For all you latecomers—this is the deadline! There are still many holes to fill in several line-ups, so come one—come all—the more the merrier.

## Little League Tryouts This Saturday April 27

All boys 6 to 12 years old are requested to bring their gloves to the Little League Diamond on Rochambeau Avenue this Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock for the try-outs for the different teams in this league.

Coaches, Managers and Officers are also requested to attend.

## Home Demonstration

Lesson II on "Choosing and Using Vegetables" will be given Wednesday, May 1, 1963 at the Grange Hall. The lesson will begin promptly at 10:00 A. M. There will be a tureen dinner using the vegetables prepared.

Please bring an apron, paper, pencil and your own table service. Unless otherwise solicited please come prepared to contribute toward the cost of the vegetables.

Mrs. Lelia Livermore and Mrs. Edith Wallace, Leaders.

## Wellsville Bank Open House Well Attended

Around 3,000 people were estimated to have attended the Open House at the Citizens National Bank in Wellsville during a three hour period Saturday afternoon celebrating the modernization and expansion of the bank building.

The Visitors were shown the New Park Avenue Parking and Traffic Area and Lobby; the remodeled main lobby on Main St.; and the new office spaces acquired by the bank. Some of the space came through construction of an addition, and other offices were taken over for bank use which formerly had been rented by the bank.

Officers of the bank expressed pleasure at the number of visitors, which far exceeded expectations, and at the interest they showed in the bank's new facilities.

## Scout News

### Important Meeting For Cub Scout Parents

There will be a Charter Meeting of Cub Scout Pack No. 77 at the Masonic Temple Tuesday, April 30 at 8 o'clock for parents of present and future Cub Scouts. It is required that parents come to register their son for the coming year. At this time parents will be given an opportunity to ask questions and to give suggestions on future Cub Scouting. Any parent who has a son who is 8 years old or will be in the near future is invited to attend this meeting. For more information call 478-5434 or 478-3473.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

We wish to thank all those who made our sale of Johnson-Johnson First Aid Kits a success.

## Women's Swim Night To Continue

Women's Swim Night will continue this coming week Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 with a slight fee necessary to cover expenses. Any interested lady swimmers please contact Rhea Pantone for further information.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Starks (Cheryl Storms) of Wellsville, are the parents of a daughter born Tuesday, April 23, 1963 at the Jones Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Letha Storms is the maternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Callaghan are the great grandparents.

# Don't Forget The Junior Play Friday Night, Curtain 8:00 p.m.