

Alberta Crude Oil Production

CALGARY, (CP)—Crude oil production from Alberta's 4,565 wells capable of producing averaged 251,748 barrels daily during the week ended Feb. 8. This compares with production during the previous week of 222,768 barrels daily and of 167,486 barrels daily in the corresponding period a year ago.

In the last week 13 wells were added to the list of capable producers, an increase of 796 over the corresponding week a year ago. Redwater again was production

leader, increasing its production by 4,474 barrels daily to average 87,490 barrels daily. Leduc-Woodbend averaged 58,069 barrels daily, a drop of 8,471 barrels over the previous week. Bonnie Glen bettered its previous week's production by 11,914 barrels to record 27,561 barrels.

Other fields and areas producing during the last week, with their daily average production, were: Achison, 6,384 barrels; Armens-Camrose, 6,386; Ekolsior, 4,152; Penn, 6,383; Glen Park, 1,771; Golden Spike, 5,517; Joseph Lake, 4,111; Lloydminster, 3,500; North Big Valley, 7,122; Stettler, 3,666; Turner Valley, 6,700; Westrose, 5,488; Wizard Lake, 14,330.

"Missile Mile" Mystery Again To The Front

(By IAN McEWAN)
LONDON Reuters — A plane compass splintered unaccountably 1,000 feet above "Missile Mile" Tuesday and spread into the heavens the mystery of the "self-shattering" windshields.

Since 1951 nearly 100 automobile windshields have mysteriously disintegrated along a mile-long stretch of highway in Surrey.

Nobody has yet come up with a good clue to the cause.

Fighter pilot Douglas Gilbert, 25, flew over the susceptible area Tuesday and "the glass of my compass splintered as if it had been hit by something dead in the centre."

"When I landed I examined the plane carefully for signs of a puncture. There was nothing."

Seek Answer

Scotland Yard and civil aviation ministry officials promptly dragged out their old files on the mystery.

Here are the theories brought forward earlier:

1. That small stones on the road got thrown up by the cars. So the road was swept every day — but the windshields went on splintering.
2. That small boys with air pistols were to blame. But police never found any mischief-makers.
3. That expert marksmen did it, from the Surrey hills. Police cars and police dogs scanned the area, in vain. One police car's windshield was "victimized."

One Briton even suggested bringing in a priest to exorcise the "evil spirit" of Missile Mile.

12,000 HEAR GRAHAM

LONDON (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham preached to 12,000 men and women in London's Harrington Area Monday night and sent them home singing hymns. At their bus stops and in queues at the underground station the crowds continued singing the hymns in which Graham had led them at a revival service beginning his 12-week crusade here.

Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller
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They sat together on the stool and watched the slobbering of the cuttings into the slush pit. "It looks lovely, doesn't it?" signed Adelaide. "Then she looked off toward the horizon and flushed a little. "Gary—" she began.

Gary jerked alert. His face began to burn, too. "About last night," he said, abruptly. "I'm sorry—I lost my head—"

"Oh," said Adelaide slowly. "If you're sorry—then there's nothing else to be said, is there?"

"Nothing—except I'll try to remember who I am—and who you are... I'll try not to lose my head again."

"And who am I?" she demanded furiously. "I'm a rancher's daughter..."

Gary was on his feet and taut with incredulous excitement. "You mean...?" he began eagerly.

But she had slid down, too, and faced him with a stiff face, darkened with disgust. "I don't mean a thing except that you're dumb—and always will be. And, personally, you make me sick." She marched away without looking back.

Gary started to follow on wooden feet. Then he walked around and began examining the cuttings, letting water run over his palm, rubbing the bits of rock between his fingers, abstractedly, not seeing a thing.

He had lunch with the drill crew and at dusk reluctantly started toward the house, wishing himself far, far away.

A car was parked in the drive and he took himself upstairs the back way, deciding that if there was company for supper he would ask Maria for something on a tray. He kicked off his mud-plastered khaki and his heavy boots, and was splashing in the shower when someone tapped at his door.

"Gary?" called Mona Lee's voice.

"Yes? I'm having a bath, Mrs. Mason."

He wrapped himself in a bathrobe and opened the door a crack. Mona Lee stood there, looking worried.

"Gary, come down as soon as you're dressed... Gary, Oliver's here—and Grace."

"Gosh—what now?" Gary thought, as he squirmed into a shirt and jerked a necktie through his collar. He smacked his hair flat and went down quickly. The Mason family were all sitting in the living room looking solemn, and he thought that Harvey's face wore an odd expression as he came in.

Oliver was walking up and down, looking pompous and injured and belligerent. "I came out here, Tallman, because I've been hearing these ridiculous stories that have been going around out here about me," he said in his sneering voice. "I don't suppose you have any knowledge about how those libelous rumors got started—this story that I've been trying to damage Harvey."

"I?" said Gary, amazed. "How should I know anything about it?" Harvey shifted in his chair. "Did you work for the Republic people last winter, Gary?" he asked.

"Certainly I worked for them. I was a rigger on their pay roll for a while."

"It's the Republic people who've been after me—so Oliver says," Harvey said dully.

"That's absurd! Why should a big concern bother to harass a small, independent wildcatter? And as for any connection, I might have with it—I haven't been on their payroll since February."

"It's no more ridiculous that those people would be trying to get Father—than that one of his own family would do it," snapped Grace. "The idea—of accusing Oliver of trying to run Dad! It's the meet preposterous thing ever heard of!"

"No more preposterous than that I would do anything against Mr. Mason—after I've been taken in and treated like a son," argued Gary. "I resent the implication—and if you believe a word of it, Mr. Mason..."

"He doesn't," said Mona Lee. "and I don't either. If Oliver was not mixed up in it, I'm glad—but I don't see why we have to look around for somebody to blame."

"After all, Tallman," Oliver said, in his offensively superior way, "you have to remember that we know very little about you."

"This," said Gary grimly, "puts me in a spot where it's going to be necessary for me to prove something that isn't creditable to you—well, you started this business, please remember."

He walked out of the room with his head up and his face tingling with wild, angry blood.

Mona Lee's eyes had followed him, and he had seen loyalty in them and unbelief. She was not standing with Oliver. But Adelaide had sat silent—and Harvey had kept his eyes averted and had not said a word.

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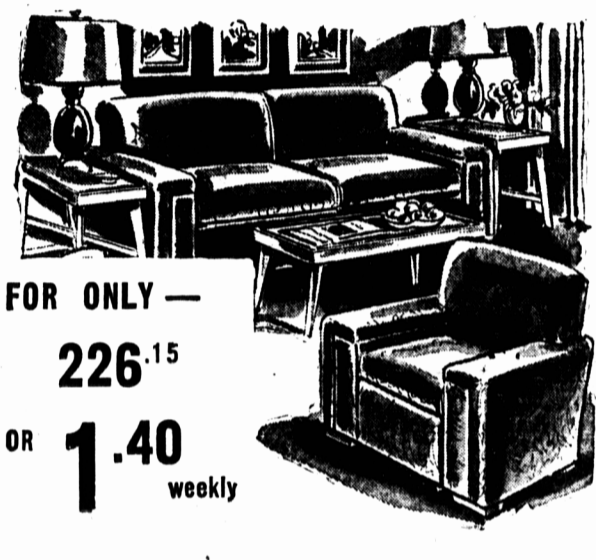
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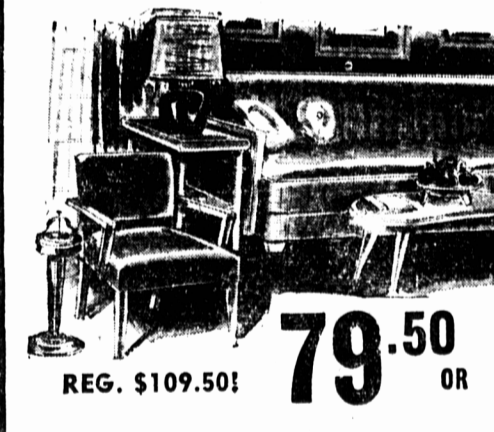
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