

## No Cause for Alarm Over Oil Supplies, Tulsa Expert Advises

Bill Skelly Says Reserves Are Huge And Will Continue to Grow

TULSA, Sept. 15.—The oil business always has been one of the toughest and resourceful men and one of the most rugged of them all has been Tulsa's W. G. Skelly.

He was drilling in the Venango county, Pennsylvania, fields as far back as in 1903. He followed the opening of new fields through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois into a dozen Western oil-producing states. Today, as president of Skelly oil, a strong independent, he speaks from experience.

Bill Skelly believes there is no cause for this country to go alarmist on talk of a critical oil shortage.

He admits the percentage of "hits" in drilling has dropped despite more scientific methods of finding oil. But he says reserves are huge and will continue to increase if "venture capital" is given elbow room to work.

Needs Market for Oil  
It's only smart, he says, for this country, with its oil consumption so much greater than anywhere else in the world, to draw on other nations for some supplies. Latin America needs a market for its oil so we should buy there. He thinks it is all right to look to the Middle East for a supplementary supply, too.

But he warns that oil should not be imported in such volume that it might threaten a stable and healthy U. S. oil industry.

In the old days a "nose for oil" and some surface geology was about all that went into finding oil. Today the searcher works with a seismograph, also an adaption of radar, and is dealing in geophysics—it's a technical field.

Only a Start Now  
Fifteen or 20 years ago 4000 feet would have been pretty good depth for a well. Today it's only a start on wells which reach down 12,000 to 15,000 feet. Today you can spend a half-million in drilling a single well—and perhaps even then not get a hit.

Mr. Skelly recalls that in world war I, when the U. S. produced about 1,400,000 barrels daily, there was worry that the supply might be exhausted.

Now production averages perhaps

## Surgeon Critical Of 'Speed-Artists'

Declares No Need For Fast Operations

By PAUL F. ELLIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (U. P.).—The "quickie" operation along with the speed-artist surgeon is on its way out. Patients are being kept on the operating table longer these days, a veteran surgeon said today.

This expert, Dr. Samuel Standard, associate professor of clinical surgery, New York university, said that time definitely "is no longer a critical factor."

Better Prepared  
Dr. Standard, attending the 33d annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons, said there were numerous reasons why it is not necessary for a surgeon to work so quickly. Among these were:

ONE: Better anesthesia.  
TWO: New techniques in blood and plasma replacement.

THREE: Control of infections.  
FOUR: Proper preparation of the patient for an operation.

Speed in an operation today is not a good psychological approach, he said. "It is better to have organization of motion."

Dr. Standard said that the most important element in an operation is to have "absolute knowledge" of the anatomy of the part of the body involved in the operation.

Dr. Standard said another important element in performing an operation is gentleness in handling tissue. He also urged the use of fine sutures.

Drugs Help  
The development of many new drugs, he added, such as penicillin, had taken out many surgical risks. The same holds true for the better type of anesthesia, he said.

Surgery, however, according to Dr. Standard, is not the answer to man's health. Science, he said, must find ways to correct diseases before operations are necessary.

"The goal of the surgeon," he said, "is to eliminate himself."

PROBLEM OF WARMTH  
WASHINGTON—The trend toward modern low-cost houses without basements raises new construction problems relative to which materials in the slab-on-the-ground type flooring will most effectively provide warm, dry interiors.



TRAGEDY ON THE ROAD—A splintered windshield exposes the pain-crossed face of Joseph Manfre, who receives aid from a doctor (left), after suffering facial cuts in a three-car collision at Roslyn, N. Y.

## Canning Boosts Factory Payrolls

Seasonal canning from mid-July to mid-August gave Indiana manufacturing production worker employment its greatest boost since September, 1946, the Indiana employment security division reported today.

Approximately 7200 factory workers were added to payrolls in the one-month period.

Employment in Hoosier factories reached 413,770 at mid-August, a gain of 1.8 over mid-July and a 4.1 increase over the same time last year.

## Noblesville Park Has Busy Month

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Sept. 15.—Receipts at Forest Park, popular playgrounds owned by the city of Noblesville, during the month of August totaled \$8660. It was one of the best monthly records in the 20-year history of the park.

The swimming pool, heavily patronized during the hot August days, accounted for more than half of the total receipts with \$4702. The golf course turned in \$1567, and other park concessions did \$2391 worth of business.

## Study Cosmic Rays In Subway 'Lab'

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Cosmic rays, which have been counted in V-2 rockets at an altitude of more than 100 miles and deep in the earth in mines, are getting a new check-up underground, two English scientists have disclosed.

The mysterious particles from outer space are being counted by E. P. George and A. C. Jason of Birkhead college, University of London, in a unique laboratory under London.

The scientists have their counting equipment set up in the Holborn subway station.

## Rotary to Hear Story Of Round-the-World Hop

Edward S. Dowling, an Indianapolis businessman, will describe his adventures to fellow-members of the Rotary club at the organization's luncheon-meeting tomorrow. The affair will be held in the Claypool hotel.

## COMPLETES TRAINING

Apprentice Seaman Philip Edgington, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edgington, Indianapolis, has completed a two-week naval reserve training cruise to Nova Scotia.

## Live Missiles Used In Bomber Drills

Crews Put on 4-Hour Practice Calls

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (U. P.).—Men of the strategic bomber command are blasting Pacific island targets with live missiles these days in training for the time when they may have to reply to foreign assault with devastating counter attacks.

They are under orders from their boss, Gen. George C. Kenney, to be ready on four hours' notice to leave home fields in Texas, Nebraska, Arizona, or Maryland and fly to advanced bases in Alaska, Japan, Labrador, or Germany.

Right now they are flying B-29's, the atom bomb ship. In the next few months they will have at least one squadron of B-50's, a bigger and better heavy bomber with 9000-mile range.

Later, the bomber command will have—for what use circumstances warrant—the mammoth B-36, of 10,000 miles range, and—five or six years hence—six-engined jet bombers capable of flying faster than 500 miles an hour.

Rated as Top Outfit  
General Kenney's men are rated the top outfit of the U. S. air forces. He says they are better trained than the B-29 crews who dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

General Kenney's theory is that this country would be the object of attack in any future war. So it must be ready to deliver knock-out blows of retaliation.

Strategic bomber command bases are well dispersed over the United States and are protected by high speed jet fighters.

The bomber command won't say how many planes and men it has now. But it is expanding rapidly.

## Druids Lodge Leader To Visit Order Here

Richard Sedatschek, Paterson, N. J., supreme arch of the United Ancient Order of Druids of America, will visit Indianapolis Groves and Circles of the order tonight in Druids hall, 29 S. Delaware st.

Other supreme officers who will attend are P. Earl Geider, junior past supreme arch, and Louis C. Schwartz, past supreme arch, Indianapolis.

## Navy Style Communique On Hemlines Top Secret

It's Whispered, However, That Longer Skirts Permitted, Beige Hose a 'Must'

By JIM G. LUCAS, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The navy has whispered to its WAVES that it's all right to lengthen their skirts.

Officially, the navy says it is "not believed necessary to make any changes in uniform regulations at this time." It won't get involved in any argument between the girls who like long skirts and those who belong to just-below-the-knee clubs. The navy will talk about rockets

What talking the navy does on this subject it will do to WAVES. And WAVES alone. For instance, there's a mysterious communique from Lt. Cmdr. Julia Wilson, WAVES director for the Potomac river command, to the girls working in Secretary Forrestal's office.

Silent About Order  
Ask about it, and the navy inquires, what communique? It insists no communique has been issued. Never heard about an order on women's styles.

That's what the navy says, but our spies say Cmdr. Wilson bulletined all hands:

"ONE: Some questions have been raised regarding possible changes in uniform regulations to conform to current styles, such as longer skirt lengths, darker hose, etc.

"TWO: It is not believed necessary to make any changes in uniform regulations at this time.

"THREE: I have taken particular notice of skirt lengths at recent inspections, and find the majority of our women have let down hems to the specified conventional length proper for uniforms.

"FOUR: Beige will continue to be the color required for hose.

"FIVE: Those who desire deeper shades can satisfy that craving when wearing civilian clothes."

Face-Saving Gesture  
The girls say the navy's insistence on hose is a face-saving gesture. It held out for short skirts as long as it could and lost. When the army's WAGS capitulated, the navy was doomed. So it decided to ignore lowered hem lines when the girls stand inspection.

But it's going all out for beige hose. One admiral's secretary drew three days' restriction when she came to work without stockings.

The admiral said he liked it, but he was powerless to help her beat the rap.

## Decatur Central Adds 6 to Staff

Six new members have been added to Decatur Central faculty for the opening of the fall semester.

William Beavers, teacher at Warren Central high school the past seven years, has been appointed vice principal. Leo Shively, formerly teacher at Versailles, Ky., is the assistant coach.

Other new teachers are Paul Hobbs, 6th grade; Miss Nellie Record, 8th grade; Miss Marion Robey, commerce; Mrs. Dorothy Smith, first grade and Miss Vera Card, office.

Three replacements at West Newton include Amza Key, principal; Mrs. Golden Thomas, first grade and Mrs. Clementine Haverstick, fourth grade.

## Sergeant Re-enlists At Stout Field

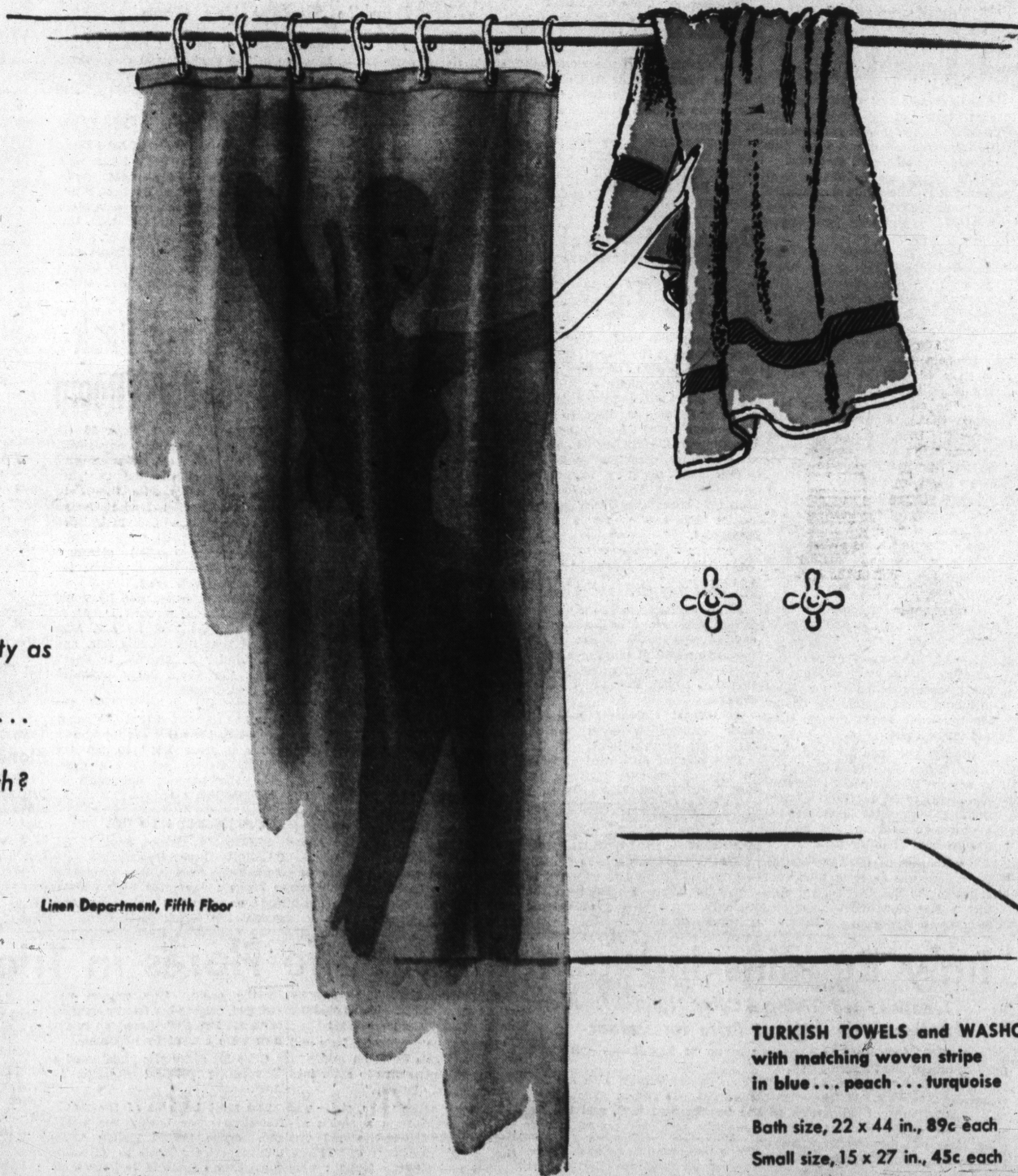
S. Sgt. Roy W. Modglin, 2542 Main Hill st., is the fifth man to re-enlist at Stout field for duty with the air reserve training detachment there since the first of this month.

During his prior enlistment, Modglin served 19 months overseas. He is resuming duties with the engineering section.

## Openings for Typists

The regional office of the veterans' administration in Indianapolis today announced 25 openings for typists at salaries ranging from \$1756 to \$1954. Applicants will be interviewed at the personnel division in the Century building Monday through Friday.

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