

# PLANS ANNOUNCED BY ARROWHEAD PET. CO.; NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent board meeting of the Arrowhead Petroleum corporation, called to fill the vacancy left by the death of Charles D. Alsop, and to outline plans for the future, the following board was appointed: Ellis Pickett, president; G. W. Hail, operations manager; Joseph Snow, secretary; Stanley Dixon, office manager and auditor, all of St. George, and Glen O. Simpson, of Angola, Indiana, who was appointed to represent the stockholders of Indiana and that section of the United States, where many stockholders of this company reside.

R. B. Bonticou, and Frank S. McCaffey, representatives of the eastern money interests that have provided the money for the explorations to date, who arrived by plane immediately after the catastrophe that saw ten killed and three seriously injured when the shot that was being prepared for lowering prematurely exploded, have consulted with the local board of the company and Mr. Bonticou reports that the group that he represents will continue to finance the exploration of the Escalante well.

According to Mr. Bonticou, a thorough investigation has been made of the events leading up to the catastrophe. Reliable witnesses and drillers who were in charge of operations before the accident, state that two days previous the well had been shot and produced gas, which, when ignited, burned to a height of more than fifteen feet. Oil showings justified confidence that a producing sand had been opened. The second shot was intended to bring in this indicated production and in the opinion of Mr. Alsop, expressed just prior to his death, the results were assured.

Due to the tragic accident the surface equipment of the well was completely destroyed. It is therefore necessary for the company to erect a new derrick and replace the drilling equipment in order to complete the test of the well. This, according to members of the board, is being done. They are also particularly anxious that the public be informed that all future exploration operations of the company will be under the direct

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# CONFERENCE

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should desire a mission for that is one of the greatest opportunities that can come to any young man or woman," said Bishop Gardner.

Elder W. B. Mathis expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of saying a few words and stated he had found the church a source of comfort at all times. In closing he declared that, "The Gospel is certainly worth living."

Bishop Terry of Enterprise, spoke on the subject of "The dictation of the Spirit and Knowledge of God." Expressing it as his belief that we need more spirituality in many cases. He then compared our day with the day of Christ, and closed by saying that we should all make a study of the gospel.

Singing, "Oh How Lovely."

Benediction by Bishop Wallace Iverson of Washington.

Conference reconvened Sunday morning at ten o'clock with President William O. Bentley presiding and Levi Edgar Young of the General Authorities present.

"High on The Mountain Top," was sung by the choir and congregation.

Prayer, Elder A. N. Winsor.

Singing, "Awake Ye People."

Elder Israel Neilson spoke on the great benefits of membership in the church and the great things that had been done for us both in the past and in the present. He pointed out that we should never destroy faith, but should make the proper effort to gain knowledge and accept Christ wholly. Following this he made mention of the Word of Wisdom and gave statistics showing the difference in the death rate in our church and throughout the United States.

Elder Walter Cannon impressed the people of the folly of expecting something for nothing. "The laws of God," said Elder Cannon, "teach us that nothing worth while ever comes to us without effort. There is an individual salvation." Told of the duties imposed by our religion and the joy that comes through doing them. "We must observe the golden rule," said Elder Cannon.

"Teach Me To Pray," was rendered by the male chorus.

George F. Whitehead gave an impressive talk on "Thou Shalt Not Steal," stating that many of us are not exactly honest in our dealings. "It is dishonest to live off others," said President Whitehead, "when we could earn for ourselves. We must help ourselves in every possible way. Work will come to the honest man. It is dishonest to steal the good name of our neighbor. There is nothing greater to us than our honor and we cannot retain this if we are not honest."

Mixed chorus, "Calvary."

Levi Edgar Young, of the General Authorities told of his great joy at being able to come to St. George, and stated that he had read in his father's journal regarding his trips to St. George, and wished he had time to visit in many of the homes. Elder Young advised the people not to be too progressive, stating that there is so much wickedness creeping into the rapidly growing cities and St. George is known as being highly respectable. "I hope," said Elder Young, "that there are a good many old fashioned Mormons living here and I hope that I shall always be old fashioned enough to regard my religion as the greatest gift of God to man. We older people worked hard for the things we enjoy. Our children have radios, fine cars, fine schools, but they'll never be as cultured and refined as the older people in the body of this house." He then told the mission of parents to children and stated "We'll get from them just what we give them." "Mormonism is not a philosophy but religion," said Elder Young. "The old fashioned religion that is needed in the world. This tabernacle is a beautiful piece of architecture. Never tear it down because you'll never have a better one. It's pleasing and sacred because it's a Tabernacle of Our God." He then spoke of the interesting experiences he enjoyed when distinguished officials visited Salt Lake City. "President Ivins, who loved Dixie so much," said Elder Young, "gave me the last blessing he ever gave anyone. Oh how he loved you people and Dixie." Speaking of the disaster we have just experienced, Elder Young said he had been asked in a neighboring state why such things happen and he thought the people here were wondering the same thing. He stated, "I don't understand it, none of us do. I do not want to understand it in a way. God understands it and I want to have faith. He's the source of faith and strength and God lives and I can't get away from that knowledge. I know God is good and we will sometime under-

stand." In closing, he prayed that God would bless those bereaved, and read an inscription on faith he had found on a sundial in California.

Singing, "The Resurrection."

Benediction, Elder James Bundy.

Conference reconvened at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon with the choir and congregation singing.

"Come O Thou King of Kings,"

Elder George E. Miles gave the opening prayer.

Following this, "Come Saints of Latter Days," was sung by

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