

ST. GEORGE OIL FIELD IS IN PUBLIC EYE

The following story was printed in the Oil News, a paper that sends its copies all over the United States, and has a fine reputation in the oil industry. The Oil News realizes the wonderful possibilities of the local field and is passing the information on to the oil industry and its subscribers. To them we say "thanks" for the following article.

Ellis J. Pickett, president of the Arrowhead Petroleum Corp., operating in the St. George field, in Washington county, Southwestern corner of Utah, announces that his company has acquired 51 per cent of the stock of the Escalante Explorations, Inc. The latter company was controlled by Noah A. Timmins, internationally famous mine operator of Montreal, Canada. The consideration involved is not reported.

The deal was financed by Chas. D. Alsop, secretary-manager of the Arrowhead Co., with J. Bradley Streit, of the Hutton Brokerage Co., 52 Wall St., New York City, and Capt. Mortimer, of Erickson-Grieves Co., 42 Wall Street.

Purchase of the Escalante stock was consummated by President Pickett, of St. George, and C. H. Bigelow, of Los Angeles.

According to Mr. Alsop, \$150,000 has been provided for continuing core-drilling of the Escalante well, now down about 3500 feet, to the next oil-bearing sand, and for additional prospecting of the acreage controlled by the Escalante Co.

This merger assures systematic exploration of the vast St. George structure, the development of which has been spasmodically conducted by inadequately financed companies for several years.

One well, the Virgin Dome, encountered a paraffin-base sand at 3000 feet 10 years ago. Unfortunately, disruption among the owners resulted in lawsuits that have only recently been adjusted. Under the direction of Henry Laurette, this abandoned hole has been cased and will be unwatered and tested this month.

Revive Virgin Shallow

W. W. Toney, one of the promoters of the Kelvin-Kerwin Co., which brought in the Sunburst and Pend'Reille fields, near Selby, Montana, has purchased the Diamond Oil Co. holdings in the St. George, Utah, field.

The properties bought by Mr.

Toney and his associates include the refinery at Virgin City, Utah, and a considerable acreage in what is known as the Virgin City shallow field. Additional wells will be drilled to the 500-foot sand to permit of capacity operation of the refinery.

Mr. Toney advises that the group which he represents constitutes a closed corporation and has provided for drilling to the sand encountered by the Virgin Dome Co. at 3000 feet some 40 years ago, but which was never brought into production owing to disruption in the company.

The entrance of this group of successful oil operators into the St. George field will doubtless result in proving whether or no U. S. Reserves Nos. 1 and 7 are to become paraffin oil indicated by the formation cuttings and ballings from the Virgin Dome well taken at the 3000-foot depth.