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*if you missed the...*

**CHALLENGES TO THE 16<sup>th</sup>  
WORLD PETROLEUM  
CONGRESS, CALGARY,  
JUNE 2000**

Wednesday, May 19, 1999 with  
Jim Gray, Chairman - Canadian Hunter  
Exploration and Canadian Organizing  
Committee, World Petroleum Congress

.....share Jim's enthusiasm for the  
significance of Calgary and Alberta  
hosting the WPC, in our condensed  
version for this issue of Archives.

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**Next Luncheon - November 17, 1999 is  
Annual Awards with guest speaker, and  
recipient, Professor Hugh Grant.**

**NEXT LUNCHEON**

**featuring**

Gordon Jaremko, Publisher,  
Oilweek Magazine

**TOPIC**

*Oilpatch Characters - industry builders who made  
their sector a fascinating branch of business.*

Gordon Jaremko: Editor of Oilweek and Octane  
magazines - both windows on the oilpatch. On joining the  
Maclean Hunter organization in March 1997, Gordon had  
accumulated 25 years service at the Calgary Herald as a  
business, energy and staff writer. Little news in these  
categories escaped his attention. Since graduating from U  
of C with a BA (Distinction - 1969) and MA (History -  
1971), Gordon's calling has been to share his observations  
through writing. As co-author of *The Great Oil Age*, *Fields  
of Fire*, and *Legendary Horsemen: Images of the Canadian  
West*, great traditions of western heritage were preserved.  
But not everything about everyone appeared in Gordon's  
three books or innumerable newspaper/magazine articles!  
Join us and be prepared for surprise and entertainment.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 1999

**Time:** 12 noon (receipts at the door)

**Place:** Palliser Hotel - Colonial Room

**Cost:** \$20 for members, \$22 for guests

**\*\*Member attendance supports your Society.  
Posting this Notice for associates to join us for  
an entertaining Lunch & Learn benefits all!**

**RSVP to Bill McLellan, 286-2191 by Noon,  
Monday, October 25. See you there!**

THE PETROLEUM HISTORY SOCIETY  
Calendar of Events and Daily Tips

**Next Director's Meeting:** November 3, 1999.

**Annual (1998) Awards Luncheon:** Pacific Room Palliser Hotel, 17 November 1999.  
Best Book – "Hard Oiler!" by Gary May (SW Ontario drilling early 20<sup>th</sup> Century)  
Best Article Award – Hugh Grant, Professor of Economics, U of Winnipeg  
Lifetime Achievement Award – Peter Foster, national award winning author  
Multi-Media Award – Heritage Park, Calgary  
Preservation Award – Provincial Archives of Alberta

**New Oilpatch Books:** "Hard Oiler!"(acronym for drillers) by Gary May shares drilling challenges in SW Ontario at the turn of the Century; \$22.99, 260 pages, many photos. "The Oil Noose", novel by Richard H. (Dick) Shaw, retired Calgary Petroleum Engineer and Business Executive. "A powerful gripping story, it will have you feeling unsettled. I couldn't put it down." Beverly MacLeod, Calgary.

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**PHS Member Honored:** Aubrey Kerr received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Petroleum Society of CIM at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Meeting on 16 June 1999. Included is membership on the National Council of CIM, Chairmanship of the Ottawa Branch, and JCPT Editor 1982-84. Aubrey's lengthy service includes "Corridors Of Time" monthly articles to the JCPT since 1978 and authoring 4 self-published books.

**Oral History Project:** With partial funding available, Peter Finch will initiate 1999's first interview on 80 year old Ted Rozsa, a renowned Geophysicist credited with starting several successful oil companies, such as Badger Oil and Rozsa Petroleum. Behind the scenes Ted is a generous contributor to Calgary Arts. Transcriber Lennie Rice has been hired and will operate out of an office, compliments of Oilweek Magazine.

**June 2000 Field Trip:** Members Aubrey Kerr, Clint Tippett, David Finch and Clark Siferd will serve as guides in duplicating the Society's successful 1998 Turner Valley Tour. This undertaking will be one of the Society's contributions to the World Petroleum Congress. Contact Clint Tippett at 691-4274 (Shell) for more information.

**To All PHS Members:** I would like to thank all Members for the plaque presented to me on their behalf by Clint Tippett. It's a wonderful conversation starter, and a constant reminder of the many wonderful years I have spent as a Member. The railway tank car with the HBOG name and logo is a nice touch! I must say, however, that although I have been called many things over the years, I have never been called a 'pillar' before. I assume that's a good thing. Thank you again for this unexpected honor. I hope to spend many more years enjoying the activities and personalities of the Society.

**Society Brochure:** Undergoing redesign and reprinting. We anticipate including a copy in the next Archives issue. Be sure to pass it on to anyone interested in joining.

**Tip For The Day:** (from *The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said* by Ross & Kathryn Petras) "I have nothing to say and I'm going to say it just once." Frank Smith, Toronto Maple Leafs coach

## PETROLEUM FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT: NETWORKING PEOPLE, BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE VALUE

PRESENTED BY CANADIAN HUNTER CHAIRMAN JIM GRAY TO THE PETROLEUM HISTORY SOCIETY  
LUNCHEON MEETING – 19 MAY 1999

(by Neil Leeson, Director, PHS)

**What is so special about this theme and why should you care?** It captures the focus of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Petroleum Congress (WPC), to be hosted by Calgary June 11-15, 2000. Jim Gray is the WPC Canadian Organizing Committee Chairman. Expect no less than excellence in entertainment and presentation. Anyone associated with Jim Gray's commitment to duty and cause needs no further proof. Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics earned global respect for organization and genuine volunteer spirit. Now Calgarians will host one of the major attractions and news stories heralding the new millennium. Each of us in the Canadian oilpatch is being offered an opportunity to participate and contribute. If you choose to reserve your place in the history books, and in the pride of our next generation, call 218-2000 for more information.

*"Join us in welcoming dignitaries such as Prime Minister Chretien at our Jubilee Auditorium Opening Ceremonies and the Secretary General of OPEC during the Congress. Mingle at Calgary's new \$250 million Convention Centre, where most of WPC's activities are planned. Meet some of the 3000 delegates from 80 countries, senior OPEC, non-OPEC and Government officials, media, industry executives, technical specialists, scientists and academics at our first-ever Canadian Congress. Prepare to be impressed.*

*While the challenges are immense, the rewards are incalculable. Can Calgary compete with past hosts like New York City, Moscow, and Beijing? You better believe we can. We will go a step farther and ensure a standard for the 2003 Congress in Rio de Janeiro, with multi-media critiques of our experiences. Our success depends on attracting determined and committed volunteers. Contingencies for every conceivable alteration need to be refined. "Never have plans for retreat too available as they may be used too early" – Winston Churchill. While we won't welcome surprises, we will be ready for them.*

*Founded in 1933 and Headquartered in London, England, the WPC attracts the world's most notable and influential energy and resources leaders every three years. Policies are determined, major deals negotiated, new trade ties firmed, alliances consummated and futuristic technology shared in an atmosphere designed for achievement and success. As a founding country, Canada is honoured to be awarded this prestigious 2000 event. Tireless efforts of our 1997 Bid Process team officials like David Tuer, Ray Cej and Norm McIntyre, naming but a few, have delivered Calgary a lifetime opportunity. Now eight months into our strategic preparation, the prospect of a rich inheritance of knowledge and recognition for the Canadian oilpatch is truly motivational beyond words.*

*What do you risk missing? Choosing between four memorable programs will require advance preparation. Plenary addresses by leading authorities, 274 technical papers addressing state-of-the-art technology, panels and forums on technology, management, social and environmental issues, and poster sessions emphasizing the 16<sup>th</sup> WPC theme, not to mention an International Business Opportunity Centre - all for the same admission. Visitors will be treated to unrivalled warmth and hospitality at our Networking Forums, Spruce Meadows Welcoming Day featuring the RCMP Musical Ride, oilpatch historical tours, sightseeing side trips, patriotic entertainment evenings for groups of 5-50 Delegates hosted by 250 local chaperones... in other words, something for everyone.*

*Registration begins September 1999 and is expected to fund 50% of the estimated \$10 million WPC costs. Federal and Provincial Governments are also contributing. The remainder will rely on astute corporate sponsor goodwill. As is Calgary's tradition in hosting major events, the 16<sup>th</sup> WPC must, and will, be self-sufficient.*

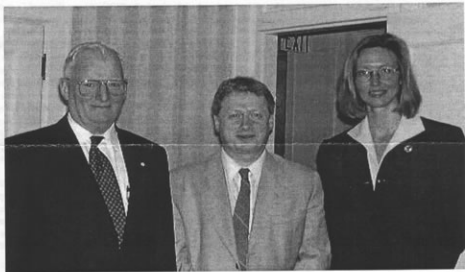
*While the WPC is closed to the general public, it is our intent and desire to share this memorable occasion with all Canadians. To be part of this undertaking is not a job, not an assignment, not a stressful position – it is the achievement of lifetime service to an industry we all owe so much to, but rarely get a chance to even the score.*

*Join us."*

Jim was accompanied by Barb Zach, Executive Director, Canadian Organizing Committee. Your Society intends to contribute to the overall success of this 16th WPC by offering our services for use at the discretion of the Organizing Committee..



Bill McLellan receiving the Society's RECOGNITION OF LENGTHY SERVICE Award from President Clint Tippett at the May 19, 1999 Luncheon, Palliser Hotel. "HBOG Liquid Sulfur Tank Car" display was appropriately chosen oilpatch memorabilia; Bill was a long time HBOG employee.



Society President Clint Tippett flanked by World Petroleum Congress Canadian Organizing Committee Chairman Jim Gray Executive Director Barb Zack at the May 19, 1999 Luncheon, Palliser Hotel. Jim's enthusiastic presentation on Calgary's hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> World Petroleum Congress June 11-15, 2000 reaffirmed our 1988 Winter Olympic tradition.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO....** In 1949, the *Nickle Oil Bulletin* reported

**"Imperial Oil tanker 'Alberta', largest in Canadian fleet, launched by Mrs. Premier Manning".** [April 4, 1949]  
The towering bulk of Imperial Alberta, Canada's newest and largest oil tanker, slipped smoothly down the ways in a perfect launching today. The 26,000 ton ship was christened by Mrs. E.C. Manning, wife of the premier of Alberta. The Imperial Alberta is being built by Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co at Chester, Pa at a cost of \$ 5,250,000. The big ship is known as a "supertanker" and will carry 228,000 bbls of oil, crewed by 46 with Capt. E.F. Sarty, Lt. Harve, N.S. in command. The Imperial Alberta will bring oil to Halifax or to Portland, Me., terminal of the Montreal-Portland pipe line.

**"Superior - Joseph Lake discovery delivering oil to Imperial. Price at Nisku is \$ 2.85 per barrel."** [April 22, 1949].  
Alberta's first Viking sand oilwell, the Superior-Joseph Lake No. 1 discovery (Isd 11 22-50-22 W4th), is getting \$ 2.85 per barrel for its light crude oil product, delivery at the Nisku railway point 17 miles west of the well.

**"University of Alberta to conduct 'Mud School' for benefit of Alberta Oil Industry."** [April 27, 1949].  
The University of Alberta, in co-operation with the American Association of Oil Well Drilling Contractors, will present a "mud school" to be held in the Department of Chemical Engineering Laboratories at the University in Edmonton from May 16th to 27th. The project is the first step in a program drafted in co-operation with the oil industry by Dr. George Govier, head of the Chemical Engineering department, and Dr. Don Cameron, head of the Extension department of the University.

**"Canadian Association of Drilling Contractors organized in Calgary, will join U.S. group."** [April 27, 1949].  
About 25 representatives of drilling contractors working in Western Canada Oil met in Calgary Tuesday evening, to discuss the University of Alberta Mud School and training program, and to organize the Canadian Association of Oil Well Drilling Contractors. A main function of the new Organization will be to seek ways and means of improving the safety and efficiency of drilling operations, for the benefit of workers, contractors, oil companies and the general public.

**"Alberta's Premier Manning indicates gas exports coming. New Gov't regulations to control".** [May 5th, 1949].  
"With Alberta's ever increasing natural gas reserves the time may well be at hand, when it will not only be feasible but also advisable for Alberta to allow the export of gas at least to the neighboring provinces." So said Alberta Premier E.C. Manning Wednesday, in an important statement of his government's policy on the gas export question.

**"Alberta Plains Oil Discoveries during past six months further Province's Oil Reserves."** [May 23, 1949].  
Half dozen recent oil discoveries on the Plains of Alberta, and a seventh possible discovery, have added to the weight of evidence previously provided by TURNER VALLEY, LEDUC, REDWATER and LLOYDMINSTER, that the young Canadian province is one of the world's bright hopes for major oil discoveries. A brief look at the latest crop follows:

<b>Golden Spike:</b>	Imperial Oil's Schoep No 1. discovery in Isd 9-22-51-27 W4th (D3 Devonian)
<b>Stetter:</b>	Canadian Gulf's Ellis No 1. discovery in Isd 4-10-38-20 W4th (D2 Devonian)
<b>Joseph Lake:</b>	Superior Joseph Lake No 1. discovery in Isd 11 22-50-22 W4th (Viking)
<b>Bon Accord:</b>	Imperial Oil's Bon Accord No 1. discovery in Isd 1 29-56-23 W4th (D2 Devonian)
<b>Whitemud:</b>	Imperial Oil's Whitemud No 1. discovery in Isd 15 14-41-25 W4th (Lower Cretaceous)
<b>Barhead-Stanolind-Imperial Barhead No 1.</b>	discovery in Isd 15 10-58-5W5th (Madison)
<b>Craigmile:</b>	Socomy-Vacuum Exploration indicated discovery in the Madison Limestone 90 miles northeast of Calgary.

**"Shell Oil of Canada takes up about 400,000 acres Crown Reservations in Peace River area."** [May 26, 1949].  
Shell Oil Company of Canada Limited, swinging back into the Alberta oil play on a big time basis after 2 1/2 years of sideline sitting, has taken up 399,360 acres of Crown exploration reservations in the northwest sector of the province. The move is the first in a series expected to return Shell to the very active participation in Alberta oil and gas exploration which prevailed from 1943 to 1945.

**"Alberta Plains yield Natural Gas discoveries at Craigmile, Castor & Jarrow."** [June 6, 1949].  
The past few days have brought Alberta three more Natural Gas discoveries, all at exploratory wells whose principal objective is crude oil. The three - at Jarrow, Craigmile and Castor - are drilling in the hope of oil in the deeper formations. Regardless of the results of deepening, the three wildcats have already established presence of a resource which will have great bearing on Alberta's economy when the government authorizes gas export.

**"Canadian Gulf's Marr well at Pincher Creek is Canada's largest wet gasser."** [August 10, 1949].  
The deepest successful well yet drilled in Canada is by far the largest "wet gas" well yet completed in the Dominion, and ranks among the big wells of its type yet completed anywhere in the world. The well is Canadian Gulf Oil Company's Walter Marr No. 1, second completion by the company in the Pincher Creek area in the southwest Alberta Foothills, on a large 2 1/2 mile deep Madison Limestone anticline.

**"Acting Premier Tanner indicates Alberta oil may be exported to the United States."** [August 17, 1949].  
Acting Premier N. E. Tanner indicated Monday that a petroleum exchange agreement may soon be signed with the United States allowing Alberta to export oil to that country. Under the agreement, the U.S. would buy oil at the Lakehead. Eastern producers in turn would sell oil to Eastern Canada.

**"Imperial Edmonton to Lakehead Pipeline to complete in spring of '51, to Regina fall of '50."** [September 3, 1949].  
H.H. Hewitson, Chairman of the Board of Imperial Oil Limited and Dr. O. B. Hopkins, Vice-President, in an interview stated that the 450 mile pipeline from Edmonton to Regina is definitely being extended to the Head of the Lakes, and additional 700 miles, and will be routed through the southern sedimentary area. The company is currently contemplating its extended route to run through Superior, Wisconsin.

**"Plans for financing of Interprovincial Pipeline are announced, bonds & debentures...."** [September 8, 1949].  
Plans to raise the \$ 90 million required to construct its 1150 mile pipe line from Edmonton to Superior Wisc. were announced today by the Interprovincial Pipe Line Company. The Company proposes to issue in the near future \$ 72 millions of 3 1/2 percent 20 year bonds, \$ 17 million of 21 year 4 percent convertible sinking fund debentures and 10,000 of its four million authorized shares of \$ 50 par value of capital stock.