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P.H.S. Lunch and Learn Meeting – Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Shell's Inherited Roots in the Canadian Oil Industry

by Clint Tippett, Geologist

Companies can generally track their direct lineage back to an initial establishment and hence can describe the many events that have taken place along the way that have shaped their current industry involvement, organization and culture. However, just as a river has many tributaries, most major companies have also grown through acquisitions and mergers and, in effect, have taken under their wing the histories of their assimilated components. Shell's direct involvement in Canada began in 1911. Its presence has grown many-fold over the intervening century, partly through the acquisition of a number of companies which, in at least several instances, could trace their own roots in Canada back much farther than Shell itself. Please join us to hear an overview of how North Star Oil, Canadian Oil and Crowsnest Industries, amongst others, have helped make Shell in Canada what it is today.

Clint Tippett is a geologist at Shell Canada where he has been employed for the last 30 years. He has made it his niche to pursue Shell's history in Canada. His interest in this field comes naturally as his father was employed by North Star Oil in Winnipeg and, following North Star's takeover by Shell in 1960, Clint was assimilated into the Shell family. His pursuits have included research for anniversary celebrations of Shell's natural gas discoveries in the Rocky Mountain Foothills at Jumping Pound in 1944 and at Waterton in 1957. Clint is also President of the Petroleum History Society.

TIME: 12 noon, Wednesday, September 22, 2010.
PLACE: Calgary Petroleum Club, 319 – 5th Avenue S.W. – Cardium Room
COST: Members \$30.00 and Guests \$35.00 (most welcome) (cash or cheque only)

**R.S.V.P. if you wish to attend to: Clint Tippett, 403-691-4274 or
clinton.tippett@shell.com by noon, Monday, Sept. 20, if not sooner.**

**Individuals who indicate that they will be attending
- but do not materialize will be considered
“no shows” and **will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon.**
Individuals who do not R.S.V.P. cannot be assured of seating.**

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Next Luncheons: Following the September 22 event, our next luncheon is scheduled for October 27. We are always seeking speakers and interesting subjects. If you are considering making a presentation, please contact Clint Tippett, President P.H.S., at 403-691-4274.

Canadian Centre for Energy Information: The P.H.S. has a “Content, Marketing and Traffic Partnership” with the Centre. This arrangement is an expression of the mutually beneficial cooperation that exists between our two organizations. Please see www.centreforenergy.com for more details. Of particular interest to our members is their on-line historical volume “Evolution of Canada’s Oil and Gas Industry” that can be downloaded free of charge.



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Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame: Director (and Hall of Fame Member) Helen Turgeon has brought to our attention the latest slate of inductees to the Hall for 2010, namely Peter Bawden (drilling contractor, deceased), Eric Newell (Upstream, former president of Syncrude), Ronald Shannon (Service industry) and Robert Tessari (Service industry). The dinner and induction ceremony will be held in Edmonton this year on Thursday, September 23. For more information and to download a ticket order form, please visit www.canadianpetroleumhalloffame.ca

Books of Interest: A new book by John Hofmeister entitled “Why We Hate the Oil Companies”, published by Palgrave Macmillan, has hit the shelves. While one might be tempted to dismiss it as a superficial treatment of the oil industry/general public dynamic given its title, it is actually an excellent treatment of the fundamental issues on this front – how they are depicted and how various groups and individuals react. One would expect this to be the case as the author is the former President of Shell Oil Company who is now the Chairman of the Board of the [U.S.] National Urban League and founder of the non-profit Citizens for Affordable Energy.

On the more artistic side, a recent coffee table book by Edward Burtynsky entitled simply “Oil” is worth a look if you can afford it (it comes in at about \$150.00). Burtynsky is known for his earlier photographic works “Quarries” and “Manufactured Landscapes” which investigated the impact that industrial activities have had on certain locations of the world. The cover shot of pumpjacks in one of the heavy oil properties on California is quite remarkable as it shows a vast array of tightly spaced infrastructure need to exploit this resource.

Both books are available at Chapters.

Anniversaries: McMahon Stadium in Calgary, home to the Calgary Stampeders football team, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The stadium is named for the brothers Frank and George McMahon who were connected with both the development of the Leduc oil discoveries of the late 1940's and the pioneering development of natural gas resources and pipeline infrastructure on northeastern British Columbia. As indicated in the Calgary Sun on August 15, legend has it that the original plans for the stadium were detailed on the back of a cigarette package and that the brothers, who provided the seed money for the construction, bet the contractor that the job couldn't be completed in four months. In fact, it was done in 100 days.

The **Texas Bureau of Economic Geology** celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009. Just as the Alberta Energy and Resources Conservation Board had its roots in the Turner Valley oil boom of the late 1930's, the Bureau was established in the early nineteenth century during the heyday of Spindletop and East Texas and, along with the related Texas Railroad Commission (the Texas regulator), has been a vital part of the Texas and U.S. petroleum scenes ever since.

AGM Message from Richard (Dick) Haskayne: Well known petroleum industry player Dick Haskayne addressed our recent Annual General Meeting and presented both his recollections of the events that he has participated in and witnessed and his thoughts about government policy, not just for the oil industry but for all corporations that call Canada home. We were fortunate enough to have journalist (and P.H.S. member) Gordon Jaremko in attendance. Gordon prepared the results of a short interview that he did with Dick into an article that was published in Alberta Oil magazine. One of the key messages is provided here: **GJ:** "Why did you tell the Petroleum History Society that governments need to adopt controls on international takeovers of Canadian corporations?" **RH:** "In 2003 there were 12 Canadian firms among the top 40 mining companies in the world. Nearly half aren't here anymore. This used to be a great mining country. Having head offices is important. This town [Calgary] wouldn't be what it is today if we just had a bunch of 100 per cent-owned subsidiaries. The major decisions would be made somewhere else. I don't see any redeeming features in that. Think about the creation of Encana Corp. by merging Alberta Energy Co. and PanCanadian Energy. If we had only looked for the highest prices for their shares, Encana wouldn't exist. We have a broader responsibility to shareholders, employees, investors and the country. There are other examples of significant enterprises well worth keeping like Enbridge Inc. and TransCanada Corp. They are two of the world's finest and largest pipeline companies and they primarily serve Canadian needs and interests. We've got two of the best railways and some of the strongest banks. In the long haul, these things create a lot of employment and opportunities. I get upset thinking about losses that international takeovers can involve – and not least for investors. Today in this country people have more money to invest than ever before, whether personally or through vehicles like mutual funds, registered retirement savings plans, educational savings plans and the Canada Pension Plan. And they're searching all over the world for investments when the opportunities should be right in front of them in Canada."

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DeMille Technical Bookstore: As we have indicated before, DeMille is now open on 6th Avenue S.W. downtown across the street from the Bow Valley towers. In addition to a wide range of technical books on the oil and gas industry, the store carries quite a range of other engineering and construction volumes, in addition to a good selection of general interest materials. The store is also a good place to pick up some journals including “The Roughneck”, “Propane Canada” and “Energy Processing Canada”. One innovative aspect is also the presence of a few “vintage” used books on similar topics mixed into the new stock. Drop in next time you are in the vicinity.

Good website: The industry magazine Geoexpro is available on-line at no charge at: www.geoexpro.com They have recently introduced a “History of Oil” archive at the site. Another series addresses geotourism. Also worth a visit, in this case a virtual one.

The Price of Oil: Ever wonder why the price of oil jumps around? In most cases there are good supply and demand fundamental reasons behind it but in a few cases there are different drivers. In June 2010 an oil broker in the UK was censured and fined over \$100,000 for unauthorized trading while he was drunk. Apparently the individual purchased more than 7,000,000 barrels of crude from the Brent Field in the North Sea and, in doing so, was judged to “have manipulated the market in Brent by giving a false and misleading impression as to supply, demand and price of Brent, causing the price of Brent to increase to an abnormal and artificial level”. Due to the highly interconnected nature of global trading and the inferences that are often made from subtle (and not so subtle) moves in prices for marker crudes like Brent, the impacts of this misdeed probably had a ripple effect that impacted all of us.

In the News: P.H.S. Secretary Peter McKenzie-Brown was interviewed recently concerning the takeover of some of BP Canada’s properties by Apache Corp. in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico. To quote from the July 22 issue of the Calgary Herald in an article by Shaun Polczer: “In 1992 BP shed its natural gas assets to form Talisman Energy Inc. which went on to become one of the biggest independents with a market capitalization of about \$18 billion. In 1999 BP sold its extensive heavy oil assets in eastern Alberta and Saskatchewan to Canadian Natural Resources and Penn West for \$1.07 billion, propelling each company into the upper echelons of oil producers. That deal would have closed the books on BP in Canada if not for the takeover of Amoco Canada – which had bought Dome Petroleum in 1987, which itself had earlier bought Hudson’s Bay Oil and Gas in 1981. Amoco had thus acquired HBOG’s mineral titles dating back to the Charter of the Bay and the formation of Rupert’s Land in 1670. “In that sense, Apache Corp. is buying into a Canadian corporate legacy that predates Confederation”, said Peter McKenzie-Brown, a noted oilpatch historian and a member of the Petroleum History Society of Canada [sic]. “There are so many ironies in it.” McKenzie-Brown said of Tuesday’s announcement that saw Apache buy substantially all of BP’s Canadian conventional and unconventional natural gas assets in Alberta and northeastern British Columbia for \$3.25 billion to raise funds to pay for damages stemming from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. “It’s really an amazing story”. McKenzie-Brown was the author of the corporate history of Amoco Canada that was released the day the BP-Amoco merger was announced, coming during the era during which the historical Seven Sisters of the oil world were consolidated into ExxonMobil, ChevronTexaco, Royal Dutch Shell and BP.

Book on R.B. Bennett: A new book takes a look at R.B. Bennett, a lawyer and early player in Turner Valley who went on to become Canada’s Prime Minister in the 1930’s. The author, John Boyko, is Dean of History and Social Sciences at Lakefield College School in Lakeview, Ontario. The volume was published this year by Key Porter and is entitled “Bennett – The Rebel who Challenged and Changed a Nation”. Do you know what a “Bennett buggy” was?

The Scientific Accomplishments of Dr. Eric Mountjoy

A tribute by Ray Price

Eric passed away on June 18, 2010 in Montreal. Although a professor at McGill, his contributions to the petroleum industry in Canada were numerous, as described below by his long time collaborator Dr. Ray Price of Queen's University, Kingston.

Eric Mountjoy had a long and very productive scientific career as a geologist, an explorer, and a teacher and research mentor. His research was multifaceted. Eric was first and foremost a consummate and indefatigable field geologist. His pioneering exploration and geological mapping in the southern Canadian Rockies, which began more than fifty years ago, was done mainly with the Geological Survey of Canada. It continued until a few years ago when it was curtailed by his declining health. Eric was also recognized internationally as an accomplished stratigrapher and sedimentologist, in particular for his work on Devonian carbonate rocks in the Canadian Rockies and in the subsurface beneath the Western Interior Plains. Eric's scientific accomplishments have been acclaimed with medals from the Geological Association of Canada, the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, and the international Society for Sedimentology, and with his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Eric Mountjoy's Ph.D. research project, at the University of Toronto, involved regional geological exploration and relatively detailed geological mapping in the Front Ranges east of Jasper, Alberta. It provided important new insights on the geological structure of the Front Ranges and on many aspects of the stratigraphy in this part of the Rockies. Subsequently, as a research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada, his regional geological reconnaissance investigation of the Mount Robson area resulted in one of the first carefully documented geological cross-sections extending across the entire southern Canadian Rockies from the eastern edge of the Foothills in Alberta to the Rocky Mountain Trench in British Columbia. It also provided a wealth of new stratigraphic data. Eric then became a key participant in two large Geological Survey of Canada, helicopter-supported, regional geological exploration and mapping projects: Operation Porcupine, in northern Yukon and adjacent North West Territories; and Operation Bow-Athabasca, in the southern Canadian Rockies between Yellowhead and Kicking Horse passes. After accepting a teaching appointment at McGill University in 1963, Eric, in collaboration with some of his graduate research students, continued to investigate the regional geology, geological structure, and tectonic evolution of the southern Canadian Rockies. However, the main focus of his research shifted from structural geology and tectonics to stratigraphy and sedimentology.

Eric Mountjoy is probably best known internationally for his contributions to the elucidation of the stratigraphy, sedimentology, and subsequent alteration and modification of ancient and modern carbonate rocks, particularly Devonian carbonate rocks that are exposed in the Rocky Mountains and contain important deposit of oil, gas, and lead and zinc sulphide minerals in the flat-land region northeast of the mountains. Examination and analyses of the rocks that are superbly exposed in the Canadian Rockies and are available from oil wells in western Canada was augmented with comparative studies of similar rocks in Australia and Western Europe, and in modern carbonate sediment depositional environments in the Caribbean. These investigations have elucidated the physical, chemical and biological processes by which the sediments accumulate and are subsequently modified during and after burial. They are a very substantial scientific contribution to the understanding of ancient and modern carbonate rocks and the mineral and energy resources that they contain, in western Canada and elsewhere.

Eric established an exceptional record of achievement as a teacher, and as a mentor, for a total of about 50 graduate students and post-doctoral research students at McGill University. Many of these people now have leadership roles in the petroleum industry, in universities and in government laboratories in Canada and elsewhere. They are part of his scientific legacy.

Thanks to Ray for this overview and tribute.

Oral History Project: Preserving the Oil Sands Story

Update to our membership

The Petroleum History Society is about to begin fund-raising for Phase III of our long-time oral history project. The project, which is expected to begin next year, will collect and video record oral histories from perhaps 100 oil sands pioneers. In this way, we will help preserve the achievements of business leaders, scientific and technical innovators, and other people who helped create this one-of-a-kind industry.

The work is part of a 30-year oral history effort by the Petroleum History Society. To date we have collected and archived more than 300 interviews with key figures in the evolution of the Canadian oil and gas industry. This is the first time we have focused specifically on the oil sands.

The purpose of this project is to provide historians, researchers and educators with a repository of primary information from knowledgeable sources.

As we have done in the past, upon completion of the project the Petroleum History Society will contribute the oral histories to the Glenbow Archives as word-for-word transcriptions. A new feature of this phase of the program is that whenever possible, these interviews will be video recorded and presented to the Glenbow in digital video format.

Eric Newell, former CEO of Syncrude and Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Alberta, has endorsed the initiative: "The proposal describes an interesting and important effort to preserve Alberta's Oil Sands Story. I am pleased to offer this worthwhile endeavour my support and endorsement and am happy to lend my name to it."

If the Society is completely successful in its fund-raising efforts, another important element of this project will be to digitize the audio cassette recordings of earlier phases of the oral history project. This will make the interviews more accessible to future historians. We may also assist in digitizing other petroleum-related archival materials in the University of Alberta Archives to make them more widely available. We have identified some very cost-effective means to achieve the digitization.

For information, please contact Peter McKenzie-Brown (403-475-0160) or Robert Bott (403-283-7560).

REMEMBRANCES

Alex Hemstock, M.Sc., P.Eng., was born on February 17, 1921 and passed away on August 6, 2010 at the age of 89 years. Alex was the oldest of three children born to Russell and Annie Hemstock on a farm near Hanna, Alberta. Alex had an inquisitive mind. He began his learning on the farm and at the family coal mine that helped support them through the Depression. His formal education began at Dundee School near Hanna and he was home-schooled through high school. After his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Alberta, he went on to what he called the Imperial Oil College of Knowledge. The years he spent at Imperial Oil, Arctic Gas and Hardy Associates were challenging and rewarding. He was a pioneer in the study of soils and ice in northern Canada and of the oil sands in northern Alberta. His work took him abroad to Libya, the Soviet Union and Europe. His greatest passion, however, was the mineral science of what he called God's Country - the great, expansive Canadian north. He was recognized with numerous awards, among them Oilman of the Year, the J.C. Sproule Memorial Award, and the Centennial Award from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. He was a Fellow of Engineers Canada, a distinguished lecturer for The Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, and the author of many papers on permafrost, the oil sands, and environmental issues and ethics in professional practice. Alex was generous with his time, freely giving back to the engineering profession by passing on his expertise to young engineers. He was the President of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, as well as the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. Alex's family life sustained him. In 1945, he met Emily Keeley in Norman Wells, N.W.T and they were married soon after. The years swept them from Edmonton, Redwater, and Devon to Calgary where they settled with their nine children, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He enjoyed life in many ways, from reading his kids the poetry of Robert Service to digging in his Royal Avenue garden.

Jim Campbell Scott was born on October 17, 1916. Jim passed away at home on August 18, 2010 surrounded by the love of his family and cherished caregivers. Jim was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba to James and Violet Scott. He was educated in Winnipeg and graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. in Geology in 1938. He continued on to the University of Minnesota where he earned his M.Sc. in 1941 and finished his work on his Ph.D., however this was never awarded as his thesis was held for fifty years, due to wartime security measures. *[This is under investigation to see if we can finally find out what Jim's work was about – editor]*. Jim worked for the Geological Survey of Canada where he exercised his passion for back country adventure surveying on horseback, foot and river rafts throughout the foothills and mountains that he loved. Jim served the remainder of his long career in the oil and gas industry beginning with Shell. He and his first wife, Vivian, lived through the war years in Los Angeles and Jasper while looking for oil to fuel the forces. Jim and Viv settled in Calgary in 1948, where he worked for Husky Oil, Pacific Petroleum and eventually PetroCanada until his retirement in 1981. Jim was a President of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists and a pioneer in folded fault geology of the Foothills. In later years his involvement in offshore exploration took him throughout Europe and Asia. Jim was an avid sportsman and loved to spend his leisure time in the mountains or at The Glencoe Club where he was a long-time member.

Brent A. McLean was born on June 14, 1936 and passed away on August 15, 2010 at the age of 74 years. He was born in Tilston, Manitoba and lived in Black Diamond, Edmonton and, for the past forty-five years, in Calgary. He was happily involved in the oil industry for his whole career. Brent was also a long time member of the Petroleum History Society.

Oscar Erdman, long time member of the P.H.S., passed away on July 27, 2010 at Foothills Hospital in Calgary after a fulfilling career and loving family life. Oscar was born at home in Barons, Alberta on May 5, 1915. He received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from the University of Alberta and was awarded a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Chicago in 1946. He was involved in the early years of exploration for oil and gas in Alberta, both as part of the war time effort with the Geological Survey of Canada and for thirty-two years until retirement with Gulf Canada and predecessor companies. Oscar hired and trained many young geologists and never lost interest in the people and science associated with this endeavour. He was proud to be elected an Honourary Lifetime Member of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists in 1993. Oscar had a remarkable mind, enthusiastic attitude and caring personality. He was loved by old friends and deeply appreciated by family.



Leading members of the Calgary petroleum community (L to R)
Ashton Embry, P.H.S. members Ned Gilbert and Oscar Erdman, and George Grant
Long Time Members Reception, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists
May 2010 (photograph by P.H.S. Director Penny Colton)

George Mitchell Furnival, C.M., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., F.G.S.A., F.S.E.G., F.G.A.C, Petroleum and Mining Consultant, passed away on July 29, 2010 in Calgary. He was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 25, 1908 to parents William George and Grace Una (Rothwell). He graduated from University of Manitoba, B.Sc. (1929); Queen's University, M.A. (1933) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. (1935). He was employed by the Government Department of Mines and by mining companies as a Field Geologist (1927-36); Assistant Mine Superintendent, O'Brien Mining (1936-39) and the Geological Survey of Canada (1939-42). He then served twenty-eight years for Standard Oil of California (Chevron) (1942-70) during which time teams under his direction made significant petroleum discoveries in Alberta, Manitoba, Trinidad, Columbia and Australia. He held various positions including: Vice President and Director of California Standard Alberta (1950-55), President and Director Dominion Oil Trinidad (1952-60), Director and Vice President Exploration, Chevron Overseas Petroleum (San Francisco) (1955-63), Assistant - Land, to Vice President Exploration and Land, Standard Oil of California San Francisco (1958-63), Chairman and Managing Director West Australian Petroleum Perth W.A. (1963-70), and inclusively, from 1953-70 (as Vice-President Exploration, and Director of various

subsidiaries), directing numerous offshore seismic and drilling programs in Trinidad, Bahamas, Guatemala, British Guyana, Cuba, Belize, Ecuador, Peru and Australia. As Director of Mines for the Province of Manitoba (1946-47) he drafted Manitoba's first comprehensive petroleum legislation and founded the Manitoba Geological Survey. George established a consulting practice in Calgary (1971-72). He was Vice President - Operations Director for Brascan Resources (1973), member of the Executive Committee, Senior Vice President (1975), also President and Director Coalition Mining, Senior Consultant (1977). This was followed by positions of President, CEO and Director, Western Mines (1978-80) during which a major base metal/precious metal orebody was discovered at the Myra Falls Mine. He was then Executive Vice President, General Manager and Director, Westmin Resources (1981-82), President and Director, Western Coal Holdings as well as President, CO and Director, Lathwell Resources (1983-85). His awards included the Distinguished Service Award – 1974 from the Petroleum Society; the Selwyn G. Blaylock Gold Medal – 1979 from the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy; the Order of Canada - 1982; the Centennial Award, Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta - 1985; The Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal - 2002; the Alberta Centennial Medal – 2005. George was also author of Geological Survey of Canada Memoir 242 (a standard university reference text). He belonged to the Ranchmen's Club, the Calgary Petroleum Club and the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

David Mitchell, O.C., B.Sc., LL.D., P.Eng. Dave passed away in Calgary this August at the age of 83. His first regular job was digging ditches in Turner Valley. He joined the R.C.A.F. underage, became a Professional Engineer and enjoyed a never-ending stream of life's adventures. Although city-raised, one special focus of his family life was his beloved ranch near Priddis, which he created and enjoyed with his family for more than forty years. He loved the nature, wildlife, and trees along Fish Creek and in the nearby hills. Family activities also included journeys into the North, the Arctic Islands, Ottawa and elsewhere, to see Canada. He was a very proud Canadian. A respected businessman, Dave was CEO for twenty-nine years of two successful corporations; Great Plains Development and Alberta Energy, the latter of which he started with a staff of four. Both were operated with high integrity and great social and environmental awareness. He was particularly pleased that Alberta Energy never laid off employees during some very difficult times. Dave was the thirty-fifth Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company; a director of several corporations including, Scotiabank, Air Canada, Continental Airlines, Chieftain International, Inc., LaFarge Corporation and Noranda Inc.; Chapter Chairman of the Young Presidents' Organization; President of the Independent Petroleum Association (now CAPP), and President of the Oilfield Technical Society. He enjoyed creating and developing new ideas and organizations such as Alberta Energy and the Manning Innovation Awards, and resurrecting the Calgary Fire Department's Cappy Smart Band. He founded and was President for twenty-six years of the Manning Innovation Awards which recognizes and encourages outstanding Canadian adult and high school innovators. He was a member of the Senate and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors at the University of Calgary; Chairman of the Calgary Police Commission for two terms; an active Honorary Chairman of the World Police and Fire Games; Honorary Calgary Fire Chief in recognition of his many activities for the Firefighters, and General Campaign Chairman of the Calgary United Way. His awards included appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada, an Honourary Doctorate from the University of Calgary and a Canadian Council Professional Engineers Award for outstanding community service. He was an inaugural inductee to the Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame and was also an inductee into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame. He remarked recently, "I have a wonderful family, have had fun at work and play, and am an extremely fortunate man."

FIRST EVER GLENBOW ARCHIVES FILM NIGHT!

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Major Alberta oil spill... chicken feathers used to plug well!

Join Glenbow Archivists and host David Finch, well-known Calgary historian, for the first ever Glenbow Archives Film Night.



Alberta's disastrous Atlantic #3 oil spill, 1948

This free event, in celebration of Archives Week 2010, will feature the 1925 silent movie gem "Petroleum, Alberta's Newest Industry", as well as amazing film footage of the wildly-spewing Atlantic #3 oil well blowout at Leduc in 1948. Marvel at the ingenious (and not so ingenious!) attempts to cap the well with cement and even chicken feathers! To round out the program, see a selection of Esso service station television commercials from the 1950s, bringing back memories of the "Happy Motoring Song" jingle.

Conoco Phillips Theatre, Glenbow Archives

7:00pm

Free