

Torrance-Made Drilling Rig Paves Way to Bigger Jobs

At a time when many drilling contractors in Southern Louisiana are going to smaller rigs and slim hole operations, Fred Wilson Drilling Co., Inc., has taken the other route of converting to larger rigs to meet deeper drilling demands.

The rigs were manufactured at National Supply's Torrance plant.

The Shreveport concern has just purchased another National Type 110 Rig, normally considered for drilling in the 13,000 to 20,000-foot depth range. This is the firm's fourth 110 rig, in addition to two National 80-B Rigs, normally considered for the 8,000 to 12,000 depth range. All were manufactured by the National Supply Division, Armco Steel Corporation.

The new rig is powered by three Waukesha L-7040-G engines, through a National 3-Section Drive Group. Other National equipment includes a Type 650-G-500 Hydraulic Hook-block, with an API rating of 500 tons, two 1250 input horsepower Slush Pumps, and a Type E Wire Line Anchor. The rig includes a 142-foot Lee C. Moore Mast, on a 21-foot substructure.

Following the rig-up at the Wilson Company's yard at Jennings, La., the rig is on location at Avery Island, approximately nine miles southwest of New Iberia, for Humble Oil & Refining Company.

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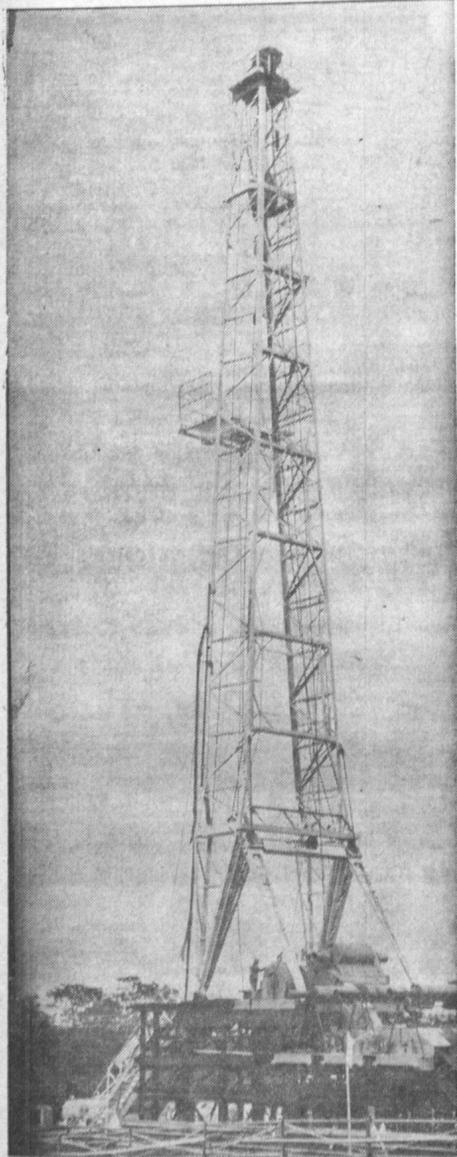
County Road Resurfacing Approved

Portions of 12 county roads in the Carson area will be improved and resurfaced under a \$7,200 allocation approved this week by the board of supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said a total of 232,360 square feet of new pavement will be spread over portions of the following streets:

Broadwell and Doble Avenues from 228th to Belson Streets, Doble Avenue from 226th to 228th Streets, 226th and 27th Streets west of Doble Avenue, and 25th Street from Kinard Avenue to Main Street.

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BIG RIG—Fred Wilson Drilling Company's No. 11 rig, a National 110, is now on location at Avery Island, nine miles southwest of New Iberia, La., for Humble Oil & Refining Company. Rig was manufactured at National Supply plant in Torrance.

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