

Woman At Head Of Oil Company Named For 11-Year-Old Girl



Women hold all offices in an oil company named for 11-year-old Mary Jane Foulston (right-of-Wichita, Kas. The officers in the group at the left, are Flora H. Crump, (center, president; Sylvia J. Rinchart (rear, left), treasurer; Esther C. Smith (rear, right), secretary; Eunice D. Fitzpatrick (front row, left), vice-president, and Aileen C. Brown, assistant secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Margaret S. Gay (inset, another Wichita woman, heads an operating company.

WICHITA, Kas., Jan. 10. (P)—Men are not alone in developing the newly found oil wealth in this part of southern Kansas.

Women, too, are in the picture, and the Mary Jane Oil Company, with all its offices women, already has brought in a producing well.

The company was christened by Robert C. Foulston, a lawyer who drew up the articles of incorporation, in honor of his 11-year-old daughter, Mary Jane.

Stenographers in the office of Foulston's law firm who had acquired shares in the new organization were elected to all the places on its board of directors and given all the executive offices. The girls turned over to a firm of drilling operators the management of the company's affairs.

Flora H. Crump is president of the corporation. The other officers

are Eunice D. Fitzpatrick, vice-president; Esther C. Smith, secretary; Sylvia J. Rinchart, treasurer, and Aileen C. Brown, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Operating as well as financing enterprises in the oil business also are given a feminine touch. For instance, Mrs. Margaret S. Gay is the president, general manager and chairman of the board of a \$100,000 operating company. She organized the Gay Oil Corporation after 20 successful years as an independent operator.

Mrs. Gay, facing the responsibility of supporting and educating three children, set out to buy and sell oil leases in Oklahoma. Her first prospective client was a farmer who had the reputation of being "hard boiled" with persons seeking mineral rights on his land.

When Mrs. Gay said she would try to obtain a lease on his farm, friends warned her she would be shot.

Unabashed, Mrs. Gay went to the farm as a tourist. She was met by the farmer's wife, and asked for a night's lodging. She helped the woman care for her children, who were ill, and the next morning the "hard boiled" farmer signed a lease. Drilling was started within 30 days, and Mrs. Gay personally supervised the work. The well "came in" and both the farmer's and Mrs. Gay's families were made financially independent.

Since then Mrs. Gay has taken part in the development of oil fields in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Her two sons also have become oil drillers, learning the business from their mother.



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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (P)—The documents which purported to show that Senators Borah of Idaho and Norris of Nebraska were paid

\$100,000 by the Soviet Russian government for services in attempting to obtain American recognition for Russia were declared false by the Senate committee which investigated them.

Mickie Wallace arrived last evening from Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ganey of Long Beach will arrive tomorrow for a visit with Mr. Ganey's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Mildren. They are accompanied by Mr. Wm. McFadden, vice-president of the Marland Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. McNamee will spend tomorrow at Pioche.



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