

Since 1957 oil companies operating in one area off the coast of southern California have spent some \$220 million to find and produce about \$52 million in oil and gas. It is estimated that in the particular area is developed at present rates, it will take 11 more years for the wells to catch up with expenses.

A gallon of distilled water costs more than twice as much as a gallon of gasoline. The publication lists representative per gallon prices of these everyday items: gasoline, 30 cents (including 10 cents in taxes); distilled water, 76 cents; milk, 78 cents; root beer, \$1.10; fresh orange juice, \$1.90.

Wood Creekers Give Impressions of Russia

By MARION CASKEY
Special Writer

Good hosts can be found anywhere in the world. The Leonard Taylors of Westbrook Road in Wood Creek Farms learned this during a recent trip to Russia with the Photographic Society of America.

During the three-and-a-half-week tour, they were allowed to take a great many pictures, but, as one would expect, there were limitations. Of course, all potential military targets were excluded, and they were required to get permission from all the people they chose as subjects. Sometimes these people made trouble and the tour members' cameras would be confiscated.

THE TOUR itinerary began with Moscow, where Mr. Taylor's impressions were of wide streets and many new apartments. These were all about five stories high and had no elevators so residents have to climb stairs. The people are, nevertheless, heavy probably due to their heavy diets.

In Moscow, too, Mr. Taylor said Mr. Khrushchev, in his limousine, almost ran over his big toe.

The Taylors traveled to Minsk, then Leningrad, where they were greeted by the Leningrad Friendship Club, a group which showed them photographs of their own. These were heavily loaded with gory war pictures, shots of Yankees in milk coats, American race riots and the like.

NEXT on the tour was Kiev, which they enjoyed the most. Here they were taken to an agricultural show, through beautiful parks and museums, which were converted churches, and on a most interesting ride down the Dnieper River on a rocket-hydrofoil boat. This is a very fast craft which cruises at around 50 knots. The city of Thilisi and the Black Sea resort of Sochi completed the tour. At each stop they were entertained at a ballet, which was always superb.

The Taylors found that prices were comparable to those in the United States and product quality was good. Although Russian workers apparently get low wages, they receive free transportation, housing, vacations, medication and nursery care for their children so their living standard is better than the Taylors had anticipated.

The tourists found the no-tipping policy refreshing and economical. The Taylors commented that they could get good ice cream and milk wherever they went and that there was a complete absence of cocktail lounges.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE swarm to the book stores, for reading is practically their only form of entertainment. The population is overwhelmingly female, and teenagers are seen everywhere in very responsible jobs.

For instance, in Minsk, they saw a small diesel railroad about 15 miles long entirely operated by youngsters in their early teens, for training purposes. The youth are then promoted accord-

ing to how they are able to take responsibility.

One thing singularly absent was lawn mowers, or any evidence that one was ever used anywhere.

Boat

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To complete the picture they were driving a Volkswagen. Among the areas Barbara Jean has visited are Austria, Berlin and Luxembourg.

One of the moments she will

remember is when she and another girl took a boat ride in one of the canals around Amsterdam and noticed two American sailors. She learned that one of the boys was from the Birmingham area.

He was Jerry Lohls who now attends the University of Michigan and was on Navy ROTC duty.

LAST FALL, Mrs. Richard Ford of Pickering promised a grandson, John, if his grades in school showed a remarkable improvement she would treat him to a trip to Disneyland in the summer.

True to her word the two of them flew to California where they spent three days of a two-week vacation in the land of fantasy.

The second week of August found her traveling eastward with a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Ford, and two grandchildren, John

and Dick, to visit with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell, of Boonville, N.Y.

MR. AND MRS. L. V. Nagle, Jr. of Dalsbrook and their five children have returned home after spending the first two weeks of August at Lake Okegosh.

The first week they were fortunate to have marvelous swimming weather but when the second week left much to be desired the Nagles did some sight-seeing in the northern part of the state.

They took side trips to Mackinac Island, the Soo Locks and enjoyed the Potoskey area.

IT CAME as a complete surprise to Mrs. Walter Burton of Pickering when 10 of her women neighbors walked in on her Aug. 6, completely laden with all the

goodies that make up a delightful lunch and announced they were celebrating her birthday.

After blowing out the candles on the cake they presented her with a chafing dish. Present were Mrs. Kenneth Billingsley, Mrs. Edward Nightengale, Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. John Kezma, Mrs. Richard Ford, Mrs. William Lohls, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Kenneth Bequette and Mrs. Helen Taylor.

Later in the day the Burtons were joined by the Simpsons for cocktails and then the foursome completed the day by dining at a quaint German restaurant on the east side of Detroit.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM McClean of Bassett Place and their three children, Shelly, Buzz and Mike returned home on Sunday, Aug. 16, after spending a week visiting relatives in and around Moline, Ill.

The Kenneth Bequette of Pickering had as their house guests, Aug. 20-25, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Potoff of Warrio, Ill. and their two children, John and Jane. No special plans had been made in advance entertainment—they just "played it by ear."

A NUMBER of young people from this area will be taking a prominent part in Teen Night at the Michigan State Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Appearing in the Bandshell as a featured soloist with the Sarah Paull Dancers will be Holly Ragdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ragdale of Pickering Road. Opening the program will be Holly's brother and a group of his friends known as the "Sand Men." These youngsters will be appearing on the stage with such known entertainers as Count Basie.

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Following the ceremony there was a reception at Botetford Inn for 200 guests. The newlyweds are returning to Central Michigan University—the bride to get her degree and the bridegroom to study for a master's.

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