

Helium Discoveries Seen As Big Boon To Arizona

Purification Plant Due In Apache

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The president of a drilling company which has reported the discovery of large stores of helium in Apache County today predicted the strike "will have a major impact on Arizona."

R. H. McDonald, who heads Apache Drilling Co., told the Gazette: "There is going to be a lot more activity in leasing and drilling. Independents and major companies have shown interest and are going to come in here. The play also will be in oil and natural gas and minerals."

APACHE DRILLING, which has main offices at 7823 N. 27th Ave., will award over-all contracts for a multi-million-dollar complex near the town of Navajo in Apache County after May 15, McDonald said.

The complex will include helium purification plant facilities, houses, an air strip, pipe yard and shops.

McDonald said that Holmes and Narver, Inc., Los Angeles construction engineers, have been selected to complete the design of the purification plant and are to submit a "master plan" for the 56-acre site.

Plant construction has been delayed because an original schematic drawing did not go into enough detail, he said.

"WE WANT THE plant up and in operation by Oct. 1 and producing gas no later than Jan. 1. Contracts have been made to begin supplying gas to California purchasers by the first of the year," McDonald said.

Apache has a contract with the La Fleur Corp. of Los Angeles to build the plant and market the gases. La Fleur, which is allied to Douglas Aircraft Corp., "manufactures hardware in the field of cryogenics — the 'science of super cold,'" according to McDonald.

La Fleur will use some of the helium in its commercial refrigeration units and the firm's marketing division will dispose of the balance obtained at the Apache County site.

APACHE DRILLING will market nitrogen, argon, neon and other subsidiary products.

McDonald revealed that there is an estimated minimum of 10 billion cubic feet of underground gross gases under certification to Apache Drilling. The plant when completed will produce two million cubic feet of helium a month, he said.

He also said his company plans to drill 45 wells at the site within the next 30 months including 30 production and 15 test wells.

McDonald said his firm is encouraging Arizona contractors to contact his office to obtain information needed for submitting bids on.

4 Arrested Over Death Of Musician

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SCOTTSDALE — Police have arrested four suspects in connection with the death of a Phoenix musician who was beaten in the parking lot of a Scottsdale tavern.

Walter Moore, 26, of 3002 W. Camelback, Phoenix, a bass guitar player at Corky's Tavern, 2013 N. Scottsdale Road, died at 2 p.m. Monday in a friend's apartment at 7240 E. Bellevue, police said.

MOORE AND a drummer friend Dallas Taylor, 22, of 2915 W. Moreland, Phoenix, were attacked by four men shortly after the tavern closed at 1 a.m. Police said the four, who had been heckling Moore inside the tavern about his beetle haircut, blocked the driveway exit from the lot and knocked down, kicked and pummeled Moore and Taylor when the musicians alighted from their car.

In custody on \$3,000 bond each are Antone Charles Korinek, 3560 W. Coolidge; Dennis Dean Doughty, 21, of 4330 E. McDowell; Ronald David Mazy, 22, of 1938 E. Lamar, all of Phoenix; and William Eric Snodgrass, 23, of 7501 E. Beridge Lane, Scottsdale.

THEY WERE booked in Scottsdale city jail on warrants charging manslaughter issued by Scottsdale Justice of Peace Harold R. Holcomb, who set April 28 for preliminary hearing.

The four were employed as room service attendants at Mountain Shadows resort.

Detective Sgt. Dave Townsend said witnesses told him that Snodgrass and Mazy attacked Moore and Korinek and Doughty jumped Taylor. The assailants had gone by the time police arrived.

MOORE WAS taken by ambulance to Scottsdale Baptist Hospital where he was released after treatment for bruises and cuts about the head and face. He died about 12 hours later.

Moore, who came to Phoenix 47 days ago from San Antonio, Tex., will be returned there later for services and burial. He was a native of Fairbury, Ill.

Moore is survived by his wife, Gloria, and a son, Robert, in San Antonio, and two sisters and a brother, all out of state.



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JUST RESTING

The Phoenix Zoo is an exciting place, but seeing too much too fast left Debra Co-sentino, 6, a bit weary. And what better place to rest than against an old wagon wheel, surrounded by cactus? Debra is a winter visitor from Elyria, Ohio.

Suspect Was 'Kidded' By 2 Slain Waiters

Gazette's Scottsdale Bureau

SCOTTSDALE — Two slain waiters were always "kidding around" with Timothy Malumphy, a witness at a preliminary hearing said today.

Malumphy, 23, is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting deaths of Constantine Karabogius, 30, and Robert Lee Bartlebaugh, 25, at Laffite's restaurant, 7045 E. Camelback, where all were employed as waiters.

TODD MERICLE, another employe, said the two were always kidding around with Malumphy. He and another witness, Scott Connelly, testified that they saw Malumphy come into the employe lounge at Laffite's last Friday night and fire a shot at Bartlebaugh.

The two also testified that Malumphy fired again when Karabogius came into the lounge.

A defense motion to dismiss the charges was denied by Justice of the Peace Harold Holcomb, and Roland Betancourt, also a waiter, was called as first defense witness.

BETANCOURT SAID he got along very well with Malumphy, "even kidding around about such things as religion," but that Bart and Gus "seemed to rub him the wrong way."

Malumphy was not able to take care of two extra tables at his waiter's station. Later, he said, he sold the table and Malumphy appeared "more hurt than angry."

JUST BEFORE the shooting incident, Betancourt said, he was kidding Malumphy, who

had come to the employe lounge in his streetclothes and had announced he was leaving Laffite's.

"I told him, 'well, get out of here, nobody's going to miss you anyway' and Gus said, 'Yeah, don't let the door hit you on your way out.'"

SEVEN SAFETY AWARDS

Car Death Recalls Old Trolley Days

Long-time Phoenixians will recall the city's streetcars and some will recall friendships with the men who operated the trolleys.

Only a few—possibly 10—of the old time operators are still around. Monday, the number was reduced by one when George Irving Hayes, 61, was killed in a traffic accident.

Mr. Hayes, who was known to his former streetcar patrons and other friends as "Jimmy," was an operator-motorman from 1927 until the trolleys were abandoned in the 1940s. He drove buses for the city from then until his re-

"He knew all of his regular customers on the Washington, Kenilworth or Brill lines by their first name," one former rider recalled.

Since his retirement from the city, Mr. Hayes had continued to drive a bus-hauling day-students to and from their classes at Judson School.

Mr. Hayes received seven safe driving awards during his career. Carl Rawlins, who managed the city's transportation system, and Henry Wick, Judson School director, described him as a "very dependable and pleasant man."