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TESTS UP --

## EDDY RANK TESTER FINDS PENNSYLVANIAN GAS FLOW

### CORRELATIONS

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Major oil company interest in the Hidalgo Country area may have revived. A Texaco Inc. geophysical crew has moved into Lordsburg to establish its headquarters in that Southwest New Mexico city.

Unofficially, the crew stated it would be in that area for 18 months.

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Recent stories in various periodicals which aim at the oil industry confirmed what this corner has thought for some time: that efforts to shorten drilling crews' work week while maintaining the same pay are laudable but destined to fail.

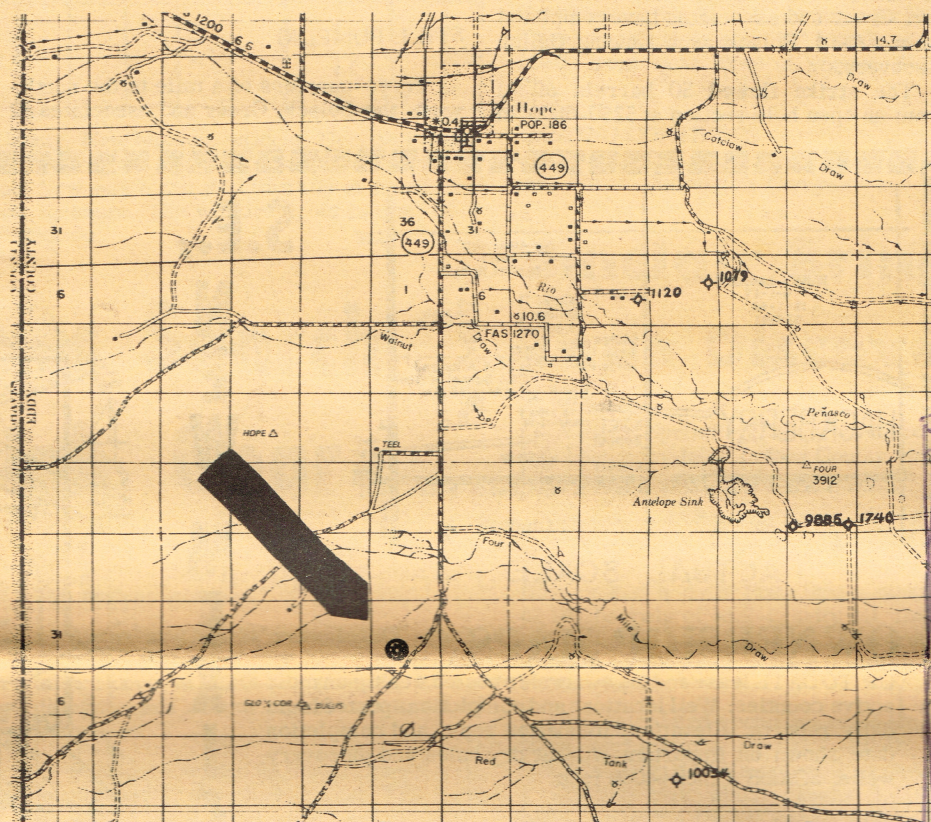
A number of large contractors shortened their drilling crews' work week from seven to six days. They also increased the hourly pay rate so that a roughneck would be taking home the same amount of money as before.

This move, of course, increased drilling contractors' costs, which they were forced to pass on in the form of higher bids.

Unfortunately, operators were and are unwilling to pay a higher price for drilling; so the shorter work week has gone up in smoke.

In fact, one large drilling contractor has gone even a step further and re-introduced the 12-hour day, 84-hour work week. This firm's crews, of course, make

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**BIG PENNSYLVANIAN FLOW--** The Sunray DX Oil Company #1-AH New Mexico State, rank Eddy County wildcat, hit a big Pennsylvanian gas flow while air drilling at 7308'. The flow was unofficially estimated to be between 25 and 30,000,000 cfcpd. Location is 1980' from south and 1845' from west lines of section 30-18s-23e. There is no nearby production. A big land play in the area is rumored to have followed the gas flow.

Eddy County continues to act like the hottest thing going in New Mexico wildcatting, as many new tests were staked in the county during the last week and one rank try found a big Pennsylvanian gas and distillate flow.

Sunray DX Oil Company #1-AH New Mexico State, 1980' from south and 1845' from west lines of section 30-18s-23e, encountered an unreported amount of Pennsylvanian gas and distillate while drilling with air at 7308'. Unofficially, the gas flow has been placed between 25 and 30,000,000 cfcpd.

Scheduled to drill to 8500', it now is drilling below 7561' after setting seven-inch casing at 7561'.

The rank prospector is located 15  
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## Arizona Gains Prospectors

Tima Oil & Gas Company has scheduled an Apache County, Arizona basement test, #1-A State, 330' from south and 660' from west lines of section 24-20n-26e.

Meanwhile in Cochise County, Arizona, R. B. Moncrief of Fort Worth has staked a third wildcat in that county, #1 State, set to drill to 4500' or granite on a derrick floor elevation of 4764'.

Site is 770' from south and 550' from east lines of section 17-21s-23e.

Moncrief's #1 Clark-Davis, 2710' from north and 2310' from east lines of section 5-21s-24e, is bottomed at 3525', waiting on orders.

His #1 Federal, C NE NE section 20-21s-23e, a 4000' Devonian test still is a location.

## Is may Flows Hit In San Juan