

Oil!

ADDITIONAL OIL FIELD PHOTOS ON BACK PAGE



ABOVE IS A DAILY SIGHT at the Sunniland oil field, 27 miles north of the Tamiami Trail (the Immokalee highway intersects the Trail at a point 74 miles west of Miami). Here are 48 tank cars, photographed for the first time! The loading platform is in the distance. Some days as many as 78 cars have been counted.

YET PRODUCTION IS BEING HELD DOWN AT SUNNILAND'S 12 PRODUCING WELLS—BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF PIPE! (Turn to Back Page).

OUR WEEKLY FABLE

ONCE UPON a time, the high-priced criminal lawyer, Vincent D. Giblin, was so firmly convinced of his client's innocence that he defended him FREE OF CHARGE!

Judge, Defense Attorneys Accused

IT NOW COMES to light that probably the most sensational phase of the Esther Jacobson-Joseph F. Jacobson divorce case, which MIAMI LIFE is unearthing for the first time, was the filing of a motion to disqualify Ross Williams, who until the last election, was the senior circuit court judge of Dade county.

Needless to say, this motion—which Judge Williams managed to sidetrack—was SUPPRESSED! Read it over and you'll be amazed at the political implications.

Judge Williams, you'll remember, was defeated by young William A. Herin, although he had the full support of the Miami Herald.

According to Mrs. Jacobson, who is about to reopen the case against her husband on the contention that he got the divorce through fraud and perjury, Judge Williams personally asked his brother circuit judges to sidetrack the disqualification petition until after the election.

This IMPORTANT motion was not recorded and there was no publicity.

And Joseph Jacobson PERSONALLY AIDED

THE WILLIAMS ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

And so did his close friend, I. A. Drillick, WHO BECAME MIAMI BEACH CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR JUDGE WILLIAMS.

And JUST BEFORE Jacobson and Drillick became active in his campaign, Judge Williams REVERSED HIMSELF upon the temporary alimony provision he had previously made in Mrs. Jacobson's favor. Nine months before he had awarded her \$100 weekly. But on March 26, 1948—as his campaign started, he suddenly suspended the payments.

Mrs. Jacobson's lawyer charged that Jacobson's lawyers (Murrell, Fleming & Flowers) not only were able to bring much pressure to bear against Judge Williams, but one of the firm—Edward Fleming—was a CLOSE FRIEND OF HERALD PUBLISHER-OWNER JOHN S. KNIGHT AND THUS WAS ABLE TO PERFECT A HERALD-WILLIAMS DEAL THAT, THE PETITION SAID, PREJUDICED THE JUDGE AGAINST MRS.

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Crime Commission

IN BIBLICAL times—when our religious history was in the making—we're led to believe that God was in close touch with the Prophets and He signified His pleasure or displeasure by a Sign.

Reading and thinking of the miracles that took place in the olden days, we got to wondering if an occurrence this week that received wide publicity wasn't a Sign in the meaning of Biblical times.

MIAMI LIFE for weeks has been deploring the smear campaign of a local pressure group that pretends righteousness and piety, and is headed by a highly paid propagandist . . . we have deplored it because it is now engaged in persecuting people who have rehabilitated themselves, or are now trying to, and who have begun to live useful lives in new surroundings in Greater Miami . . . people who are now in legitimate businesses, with families, with children who deserve a better break.

Moreover, they are citizens who have already paid their debts to society.

THE SIGN? Well, what could be a more obvious object lesson than the arrest this week of 45 youths of this

community, some from prominent and respected families, for thefts on a wholesale scale in and around Greater Miami—even as far north as Fort Lauderdale and as far south as Chapman Field?

These boys are accused of robbing the Chapman Field military base, the Western Auto Supply, and private yachts; a steam roller is listed among their loot; they stole pinball machines; police think they have traced 35 motorcycle and auto thefts to them. They did their auto thieving in a professional manner. Motor numbers of the autos they commandeered were mutilated, sometimes carefully renumbered.

They are to face Juvenile Judge Beckham, who will, as he usually does, mete out punishment with the thought of their eventual rehabilitation in mind.

WOULD DADE Countians want these boys to be PERMANENTLY branded as crooks? Would they want Judge Beckham to make it impossible for them EVER to engage in legitimate practices? Would he recommend that every few years from now—after each boy has rehabilitated himself—these OLD CRIMES be thrown up to him, and his neighbors publicly reminded that back in 1949, he'd

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CRISIS IN BEACH POLITICS

MIAMI BEACH has never faced a more critical political situation in its history. Too many candidates obviously want a councilmanic seat to use as a springboard to financial independence.

For the first time, appointment of new city manager must be considered.

Claude Renshaw, city manager since Miami Beach's inception, is sick. He wants to quit.

And also for the first time, it is possible that majority of the city council will be replaced. Heretofore, an election has usually meant only one new face, possibly two, on the

council. Only that many seats have heretofore been in jeopardy.

But now the entire picture is changed.

Therefore, the voters of Miami Beach must carefully consider the background of each and every candidate, and especially their motive for running.

Most of all, their past contributions to the welfare of the community should be weighed. What part of their time have they given for civic betterment?

And, of this latter, did they give only lip service? And here's another thing:

If their proposed platforms are enacted, how will they affect Miami Beach's future.

Hysteria and sensationalism in the campaign should be avoided.

Miami Beach's reputation as the best-governed city in the South must be preserved, not destroyed.



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HUTTOE'S PAST RECORD EXPOSED!

IT'S AMAZING, the lengths Att'y Vince Giblin goes to shield Lieut. C. O. Huttoe, suspended Miami police officer. We are constrained to reprint several sentences appearing in the Herald's Giblin interview:

"It is high time that the public be apprised of the underlying cause of the repeated efforts through flimsy charges and perjured testimony to effect Officer Huttoe's dismissal from the police force.

"He is a member of the detective bureau. The bureau is infested with grafters and bribe-takers. No intelligent and well-informed person can be so naive as to believe that our wide-open gambling is not a result of financial arrangements made by the gamblers for police protection.

"Huttoe, however, is, and has always been, free from the suspicion of graft. His failure to join the forces of the grafters and his activities against them has aroused their bitter animosity. They can ill afford to have as a fellow police officer a man like Huttoe. They fear him . . ."

We say it's amazing.

And it is.

For it hasn't been so long ago that an entirely different picture was painted of Huttoe by this same Att'y Vince Giblin.

Then Giblin was defense counsel for people persecuted by Huttoe.

Then he declared—bitterly and convincingly—that Huttoe was the vilest of coppers.

Working Up Sympathy For Huttoe

WE HOLD no brief for Detective-Chief Barker and his actions in the Huttoe incident. No doubt Huttoe has awakened much public sympathy; the papers have made much to do about his appearance, and the photos showing the condition of his face have caused many a good citizen to shudder.

Lots of citizens abhor the idea of police walking into a private dwelling without a search warrant . . . even with one! . . . for the purpose of trapping a man with another woman!

Lots of us who get around know there are few "men without sin" in this community—few who are qualified to throw stones.

Detective-Chief Barker thinks he was in the right. And he claims that in self-defense he was forced to knock Huttoe down several times. And it is a fact that Huttoe managed to get possession of Barker's gun and that he and his woman-companion attacked Barker for the sole purpose of destroying a camera with which he'd just taken a flash picture of the couple.

BUT—

Although we may argue the propriety of search warrants, and private dwellings, and personal rights, etc., let us not forget that it must have been EXTREMELY IM-

PORTANT for Huttoe and that girl to destroy that camera!

WHY?

Huttoe, "The Framer," Trapped!

HUTTOE IS—and always has been—a DIRTY, UNDERHANDED COPPER. Most of his brother-officers know it. He has repeatedly gone to extremes in trapping members of the department he couldn't use. FRAMING has been his stock in trade.

Merely getting the goods on brother-officers didn't satisfy his small, vicious nature.

He gloried in FRAMING—or attempting to FRAME—them.

Now there is a considerable difference in what happened to him last week.

For Huttoe wasn't framed. He was TRAPPED!

Moreover, he was trapped by an ex-police-man whose suspension Huttoe had caused—an officer generally liked and trusted by the rest of the force.

Got His Ranks Through Fraud!

THE SAINTLY portrait Att'y Giblin paints of the wealthy detective (Huttoe has made a fortune since he became a Miami detective) is marred by the record. MIAMI LIFE back in 1939 printed an affidavit signed by U. B. Everett proving that Huttoe obtained his police lieutenantcy through fraud . . . that when he took the police lieutenantcy examination, he had been furnished the correct answers in advance—in fact, he had ALREADY filled out his examination paper BEFORE he'd entered the examination room and merely substituted the filled-out form for the blank one he was handed!

Why, this man who'd quit school after the third grade in an elementary school GOT THE HIGHEST MARKS EVER MADE IN A POLICE EXAMINATION! . . . He also passed his captaincy examination with flying colors! . . . He answered 270 out of 273 questions CORRECTLY! . . . And in briefer time than a college graduate could read the questions!

The truth is, Huttoe can scarcely read or write.

MIAMI LIFE, at the time it exposed this fraud, tried ineffectually to examine the civil service records so that the truth or falsity could be made public.

The civil service board of that period refused—and its refusal, by the way, proved conclusively that the charges we had printed were true.

For the civil service board said that the reason MIAMI LIFE wanted that civil service

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Be Kind To Humans

By B. B.
has been "Be Kind to Humans" week and so we continued from showing...

parking meter as long as they wished without dropping in a nickel.
Having achieved this major success, the humans would be permitted to stand in front of their autos and laugh at the cops...

to treat folks as though they were citizens and not subjects of the gestapo.
Well, this "Kind to Humans" day would go a step, or wheel, farther, by letting the drivers park when and where they please without interference...

Jest Thots
Mr. Pappas sez that he has the habit of counting his fingers after shaking hands with some of his friends.
He's jest afraid he might lose some in another skin game.

BISGAYNE RIVALRY BY DOGS IS KEEN
DESPITE the fact Beach Comber, one of the great greyhounds of all time, has compiled a record of 70 victories since he began his career at the Biscayne dog track two years ago...

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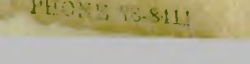
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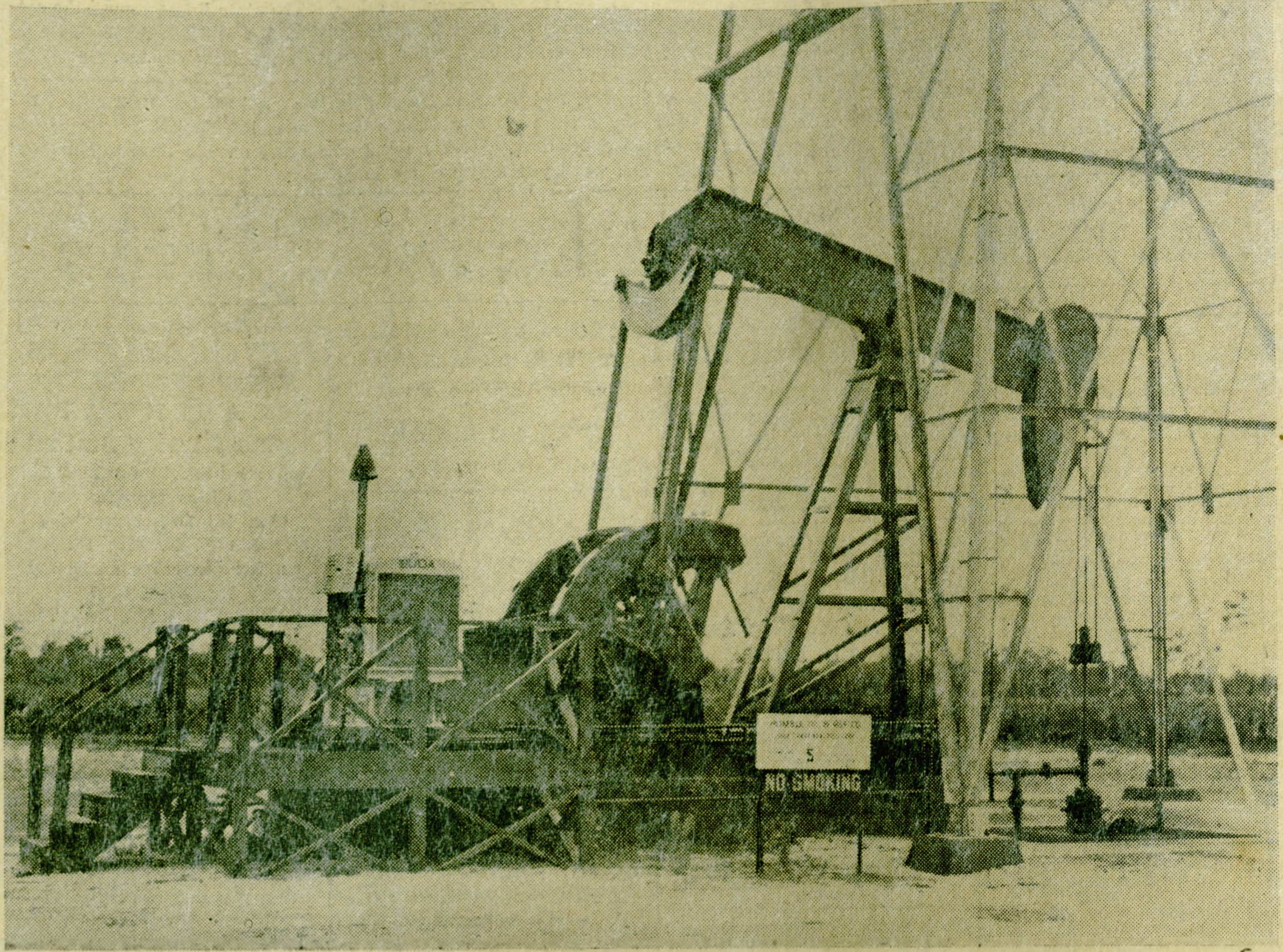
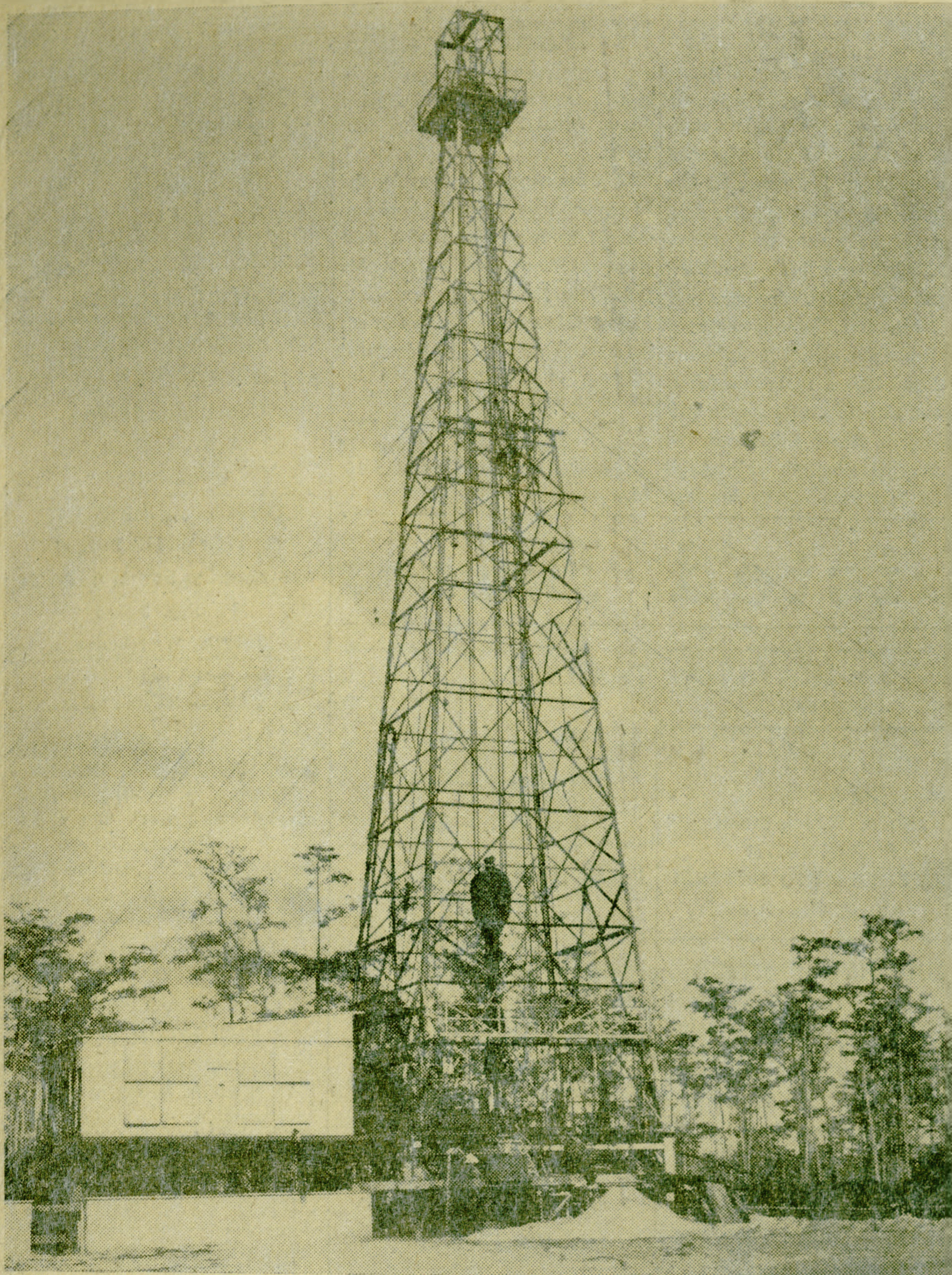
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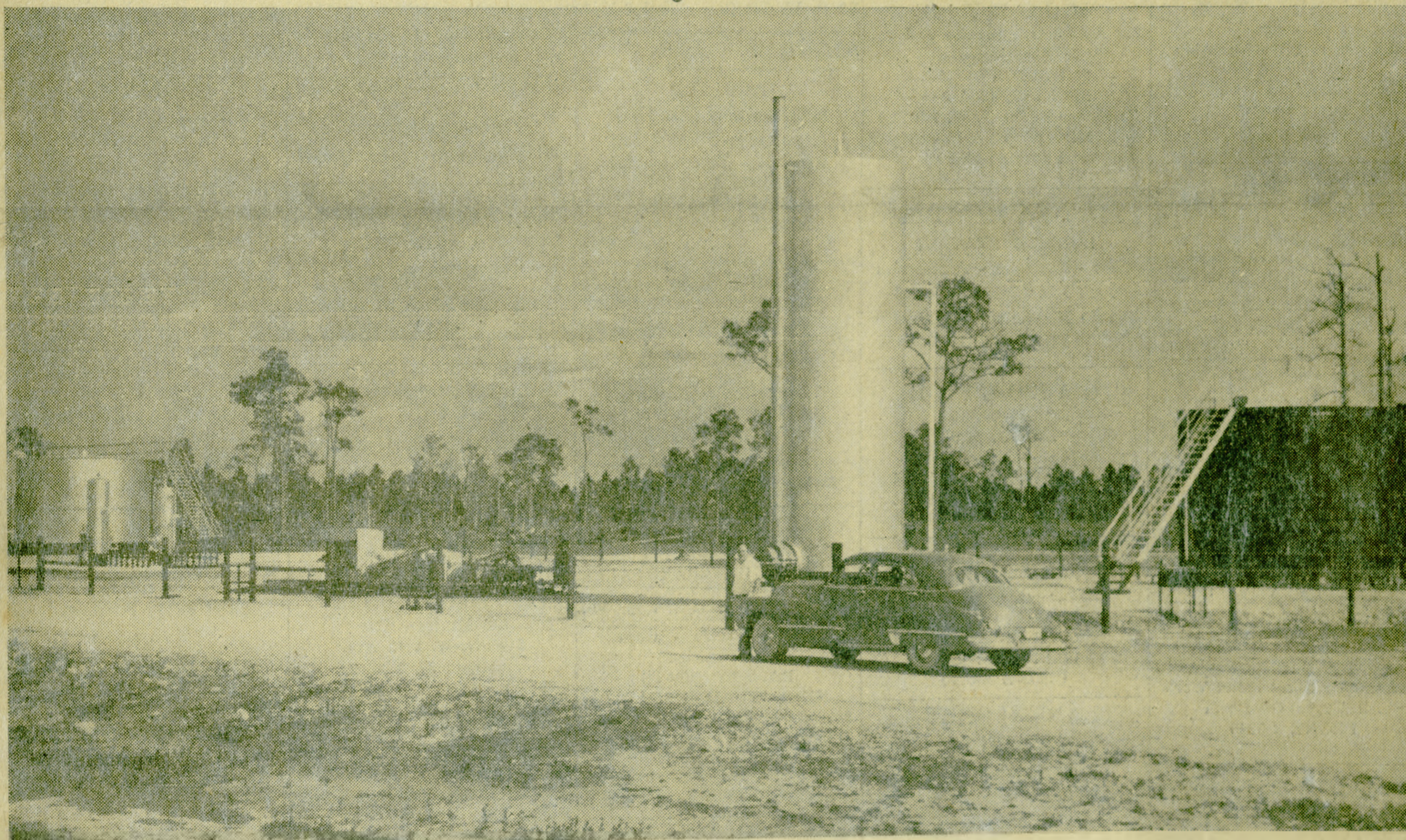
FIRST Oil Field Photos!

MIAMI LIFE Photographs South Florida's Biggest Development of 1949—Sunniland (Standard Oil) 80 Miles West-Northwest of Miami

AT LEFT is the way No. 14—now being drilled—looks



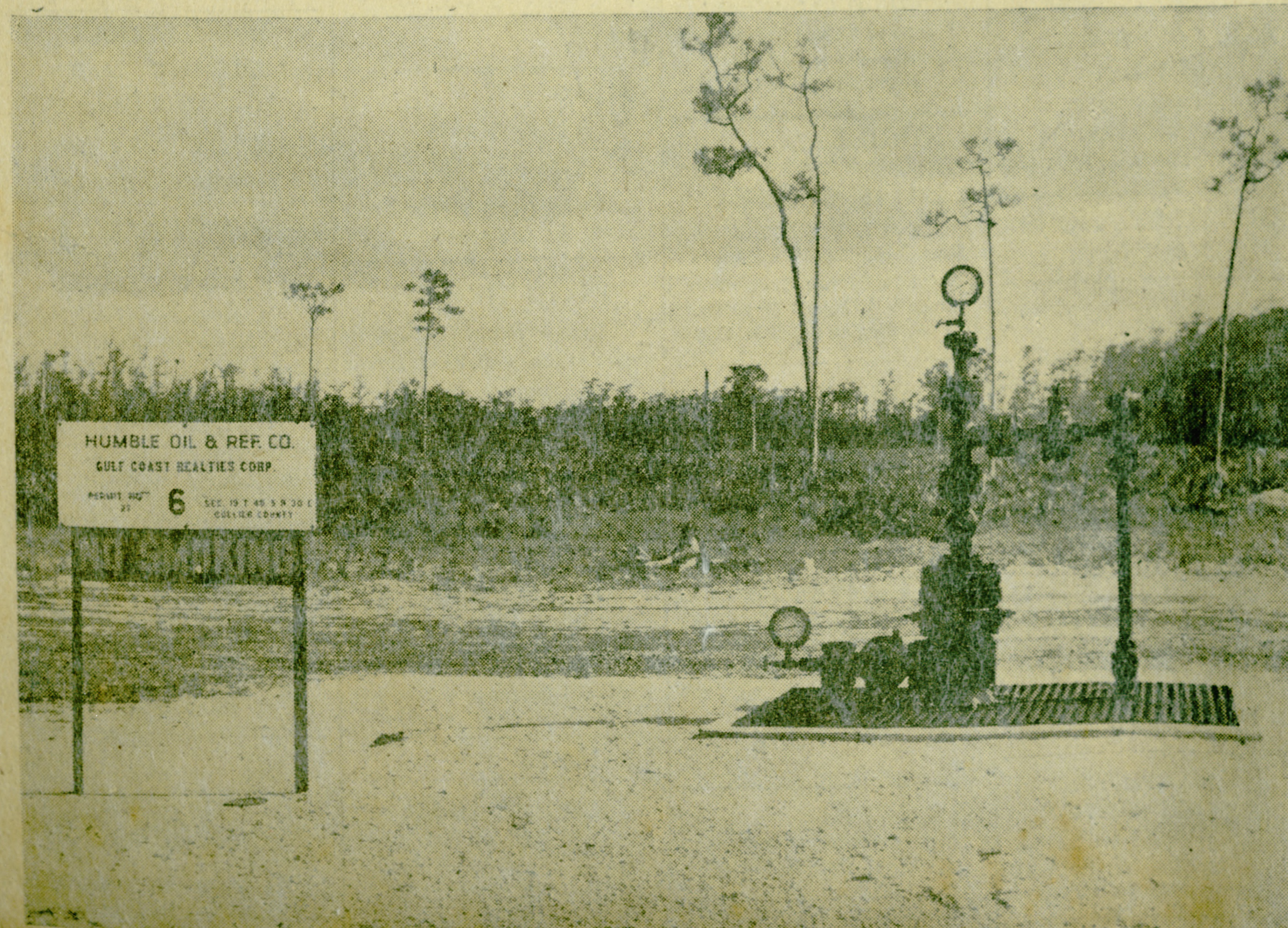
ABOVE—A "pumper type" well, one of the early experimental wells, No. 5.



THIS GREAT oil field being developed west and northwest of Miami is remarkable for two reasons—that it is a much greater potential moneymaker than has been admitted, for due to a variety of reasons, production is held to the minimum—and because there's been NO PUBLICITY!

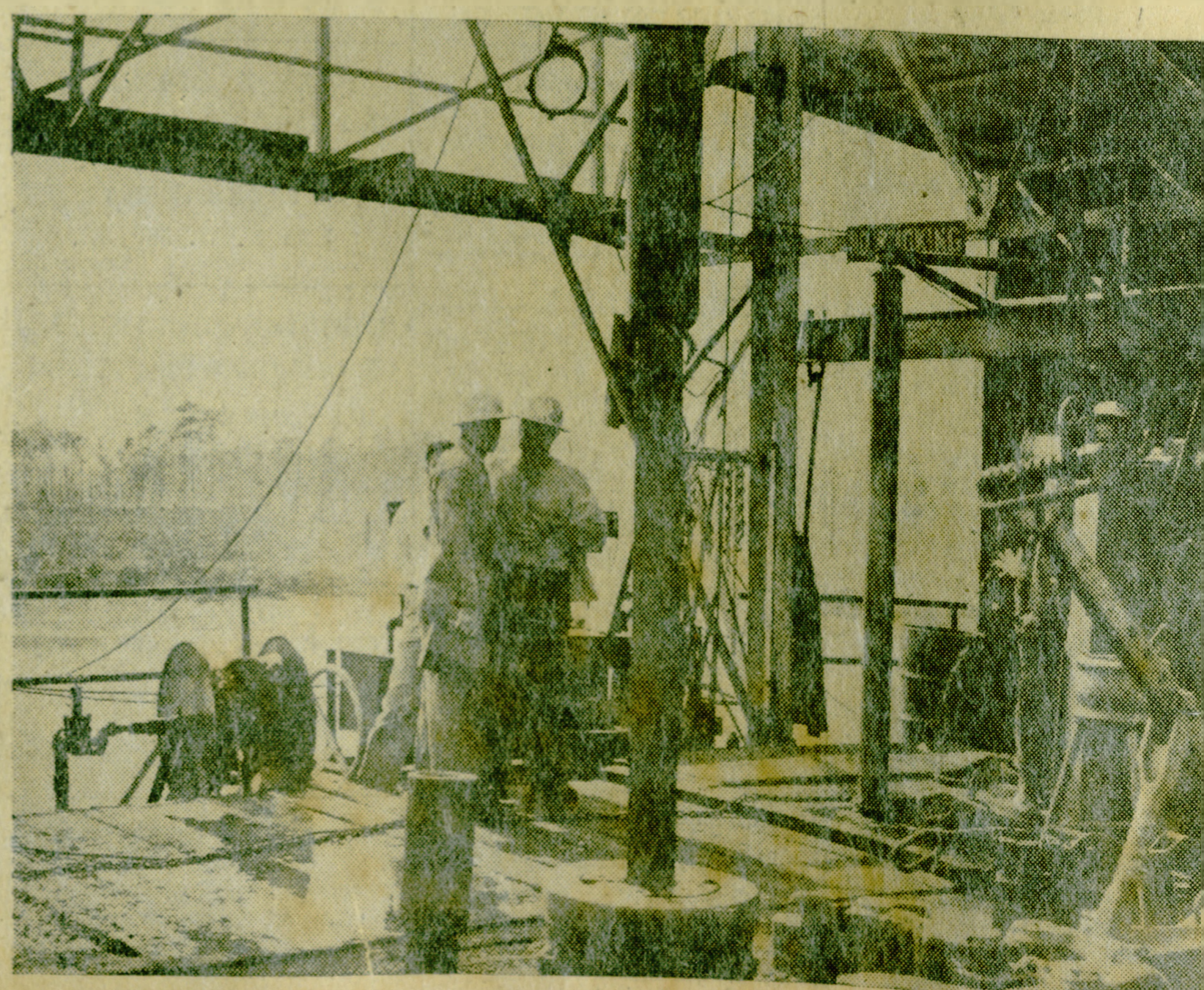
That is, until this issue of MIAMI LIFE!

AT LEFT—In the foreground, a separator that removes water and other impurities. Typical storage tanks (there are nearly 30 of them at present) are at the sides.



LEFT—Here's something to note carefully. This is ALL you see of a "gusher" these days. This is No. 6 which was, until No. 12 was brought in recently, the largest flowing-type producing well in the Sunniland field. It "proved" the field, signalled a great future for Florida oil.

BELOW—Some of the crew of No. 14, shown at the top of this page, are preparing to go to work, drilling.



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