

Pigeon River oil drilling: 6 of 13 wells succeed

GAYLORD — Shell Oil Company has completed the initial phase of its drilling operations in the lower one third of the Pigeon River Country State Forest, a company spokesman said Monday.

Jack Pyle, a spokesman at the company's Houston office, the initial drilling phase has been completed in the area designated as 1-A.

"At this time all of our drilling rigs are out of the Pigeon River Country," Pyle said in a telephone interview. "Our next step will be to begin seismic work before winter in section 1-B and hopefully get started with drilling there by December."

Pyle said that six of the 13 wells drilled by Shell so far have hit either oil or gas or both,

a performance which Pyle says matches Shell's average, statewide."

"Of the 1,100 wells we've drilled in the state, about 500 have been successful," he said. "That's roughly been the case in the Pigeon River area. Naturally, we'd like every hole we drill to be a success. Unfortunately, that isn't the way it works. But we've heard talk that we're not pleased with the way things have gone thus far in the Pigeon River and that's not true. I'd say that, overall, we're quite satisfied."

So far, Shell has not announced the amount or location of drilling it intends to attempt in section 1-A. "We are in the process of making those decisions," said Pyle.

Wishing Well: a corner tradition

GAYLORD — The Wishing Well at 200 W. Main Street has a location steeped in retail clothing tradition.

The founder of the Kramer Building, Frank Kramer, came to Gaylord in the 1880s. He and his wife Rae operated a two-story department and dry goods store at the corner for many years. Mrs. Kramer sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dittmer

in 1948, and the Dittmer's store specialized in ladies apparel and dry goods.

In 1973 the Dittmer's daughter, Betty Carlyle sold the business to Isabella Merry, and the Wishing Well moved to the location in January 1974. The Wishing Well first opened in 1968 at 139 W. Main.

The store, managed by Mrs. Merry, continues the ladies apparel sales tradition.

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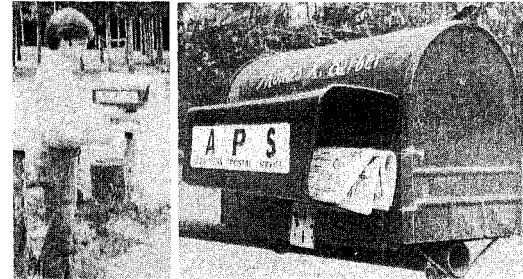
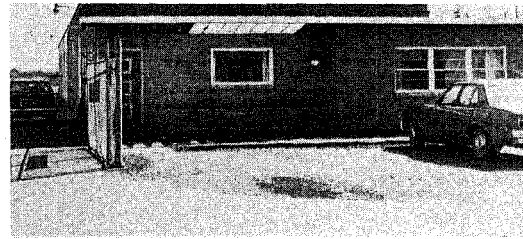
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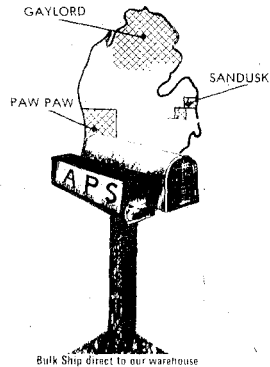
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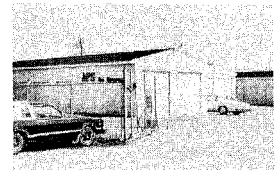
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