

It has been proposed to the Lessee that the renewal and extension of Lease 169 be under the same terms and conditions as approved heretofore by the Commission for all other oil and gas leases renewed and extended in the Elwood Field, Santa Barbara County, and Rincon Field, Ventura County. This basis for renewal and extension, which provides for a sliding scale royalty with a minimum of 12½%, is acceptable to the Lessee. The amount of the recommended performance bond is \$1000, the same as specified in the original lease. The bases for the extension of the lease were reviewed as to form by the Office of the Attorney General in connection with the aforementioned prior lease renewals. The estimated current average monthly increase of royalty to the State which would accrue through the issuance of the lease extension as proposed, in comparison with the previously existing royalty rate of 5%, would be about \$40.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO MR. B. D. OWENS A TEN-YEAR RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF STATE OIL AND GAS LEASE 169 (303/1921), CAPITAN FIELD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 1952, UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. LEASE IS TO BE ISSUED IN THE STANDARD FORM APPROVED BY THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF CHAPTER 303/1921 OIL AND GAS LEASES IN THE ELWOOD FIELD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND RINCON FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A SLIDING SCALE ROYALTY WITH A MINIMUM OF 12½%.
2. PERFORMANCE BOND IS TO BE \$1000.
3. LESSEE IS TO ASSUME ANY OIL DEHYDRATION COSTS AS A PART OF THE LEASE OPERATION EXPENSE.
4. ISSUANCE OF THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION IS TO BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE STIPULATION ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA, DATED JULY 26, 1947, AS EXTENDED IN 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, AND 1952.
15. (CORRECTORY SURVEY, SWAMP AND OVERFLOW SURVEY NO. 24, STANISLAUS COUNTY - W.O. 1230.) Mrs. Crystal Blakesley is the successor in interest to a portion of the area covered by Swamp Land Survey No. 24, Stanislaus County, for which patent was issued to James Davison on November 27, 1872. From resurvey in the field and recomputation from the existing records, it is apparent that the land description was incomplete as originally drawn and set forth in the patent. Section 7951 of the Public Resources Code provides that when payment has been made in full for any land and patent has been issued therefor, and the purchaser or successor in interest has been in possession for a period of five years, claiming under such patent the lands intended to be described therein and thereby but which lands are incorrectly described in a patent, the person so in possession of the lands may have a new and correct survey made of the lands covered by the patent. Section 7952 provides that a plat constituting the new correct survey shall be submitted to the State Lands Commission for approval. The map of the correctory survey submitted for approval was prepared on behalf of Mrs. Blakesley by Mr. W. W. Brookley

(R.C.E. 4605). This resurvey has been reviewed by the Staff and found to describe correctly the lands intended to be conveyed by the original patent and to conform with the survey records of this Division.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE THE CORRECTORY SURVEY OF SWAMP LAND SURVEY NO. 24, STANISLAUS COUNTY, AS PREPARED BY MR. W. W. BROOKEY (R.C.E. 4605) AND RECORD SAID MAP IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF STANISLAUS COUNTY, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7952 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE.

16. (RE APPLICATION NO. 10540, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, OF HERMAN ABRAMS, TO PURCHASE THE E $\frac{1}{2}$  OF SECTION 36, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 320 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - S.W.O. 5186.) Application was received and filed in the Sacramento Office on June 20, 1952, accompanied by a deposit of \$3,360, to cover Mr. Herman Abrams' offer of \$10.50 per acre.

The land was inspected on December 6, 1948, and appraised at a price of \$10 per acre, pursuant to the application of Peter J. Booy (Application No. 10433, Los Angeles - S.W.O. 5117), who made an offer of \$2 per acre for said land.

Pursuant to the filing of Application No. 10540 of Herman Abrams on June 20, 1952, the land was advertised for sale on June 26, 1952, the minimum acceptable offer being fixed at \$3,360, or \$10.50 per acre.

In view of the fact that the appraisal of 1948 was made four years previous to the filing of the Abrams' application, it was deemed expedient to make an additional inspection and appraisal. Such inspection was made on August 15, 1952, and the following information was obtained:

According to an article in the Desert Journal published at Joshua Tree on Friday, August 8, 1952, the Marine Corps Artillery Training Center will be established at Twentynine Palms, at a cost in excess of sixteen million dollars. A new road will be constructed from the training center to Amboy, and will connect with Highway 66. The road will run along the east line of said Section 36.

Mr. Vic Carran, Deputy Assessor and Field Appraiser for San Bernardino County, who resides the year round at Twentynine Palms, stated that lands just north of the school section are selling in 5- and 10-acre parcels at \$100 per acre, and that lands in Section 27 are selling for \$150 per acre.

In view of the new development in the area, it is expected that prices for lands in the vicinity of Twentynine Palms will continue to increase.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED REJECTING ALL BIDS HERETOFORE RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE FILING OF APPLICATION NO. 10540 OF HERMAN ABRAMS AND THE ADVERTISEMENT OF JUNE 26, 1952, AND WITHDRAWING FROM SALE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE E $\frac{1}{2}$  OF SECTION 36, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., S.B.M., CONTAINING 320 ACRES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.