Louisiana’s Coastal Oil Fields

Offer Many Warm Memories

ALL ALONG THE COAST of Louisiana and a few miles inland there are hundreds of oil fields that have been developed and later abandoned during the last 30 years. But, a few producing fields remain today that were discovered in the 19th and 20th centuries. They are completely different from modest day-to-day oil fields, and in many cases oil is being produced by a network of small wells. These fields demonstrate the warm memories of an industry that has thoroughly enjoyed.

One of these fields is in E. L. Guerrero, an employee at the present-day oil field. Black Bayou Field, leased in early November by the former Caribbean Petroleum Co. It is one of the oldest Louisiana oil fields. More than 100 wells have been drilled there, and there is presently an extensive drilling program in progress. The field produces over 30 times the volume of oil as in 1958, and the estimated production will continue for many more years.

However, production is not the main topic. Black Bayou resembles like Henry图案 in the book on the acreage. Most of the conservation efforts have centered on people and the natural beauty of the area that made up part of the old oil field.

Henry became involved in the business of Black Bayou in 1957 and has been there ever since. He has seen many people come and go over the years, but he remains very protective of his company.

"My wife never knew when to expect me home after a long day," Henry said recently as he finished installing an eight-hour shift on a farmer’s field. Stopping by the old change room for a last cup of coffee before heading out for his horse in the bog, Henry smiled at the thought of the miles he has traveled during the period he has been there.

"You know, in the fields we travel more than the company employees and get to see the land from above. The fields are like miniature masterpieces, and the people are like the paintbrushes that create them."

The Black Bayou Field is located in a remote part of the state, near the border with Mississippi. The area is dotted with small villages and farms, and the land is covered with thickets of trees and bushes.

"We had a restaurant, an ice house, two drainages, a basketball court, and a steam and electric generating plant on the island. Politically, we have been part of Mississippi for one hundred years," said Henry.

Adding to this is Charles Ham but, another employee at Black Bayou, who described the area as follows:

"I first came here in 1958, when I was just a kid. The air was fresh, and the people were friendly. Now, 30 years later, things haven’t changed much."

Today, in all of field operations, firm work closely with state and local conservation officials to ensure that the water and other natural resources are protected. We plan on doing the best we can to protect the land, and we’re confident that by doing so we’ll be able to keep the land and all of its beauty intact.

A nice catch is the best way to describe this seven-pound red caught by E. L. Guerrero, who works at the Black Bayou oil field.

Alligators live in the marshes of the oil field, and this fellow blends in with the surrounding grass and weeds.

Ducks and geese make the Black Bayou area their home during winter months.

Oysters abound in the Black Bayou field’s waterways and marshes.