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THE COVER: A worn, muddy rock bit, just out of the hole it has been in gets a critical inspection from the oil well driller. It will probably be replaced with a newly-sharpened bit and drilling will continue deeper and deeper into the earth. (Photo by Sol Libesko, courtesy The Lamp, published by Standard Oil Company, New Jersey.)

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SINCE the November News goes to press before the conclusion of the 36th National Safety Congress and Exposition, most of the regular post-Congress features will appear in the December issue. The list of officers, directors and trustees, made available just before press time, will be found on page 28 of this issue.

Two Congress papers of exceptional practical interest were also received in time for publication. The story of the safety program of the Government Printing Office provides the leading article. "Your Electric Equipment" gives some practical suggestions on selection and maintenance for efficiency and safety. (Page 24).

Other individual causes of death may outrank accidents in the total number of lives taken but accidents take a heavy toll among men and women in

their prime. When considered as a "destroyer of working years," accidents assume a much greater significance. (Page 22).

Safety men, in the opinion of some operating executives, are hermits who live in a little world of their own, with little knowledge of or interest in operating problems. Production know-how will increase the prestige of the safety engineer and the effectiveness of the program. (Page 32).

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