VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC
Form 8-K
April 26, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)   April 26, 2002

                          VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

                (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

      Delaware   1-10578   73-1182669
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(State or other   (Commission File   (IRS Employer
jurisdiction of   Number)   Identification No.)
incorporation)

110 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma   74119
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(Address of principal executive offices)   (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code   (918) 592-0101

                          Not applicable

          (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5.   Other Events.

           On April 26, 2002, the Registrant issued a press release
           announcing the sale of $350,000,000 of senior notes. The press
           release states that the notes will not be registered under the

Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and that such
notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent
registration or pursuant to an applicable exemption from the
registration requirements of the Act. The press release was
issued in accordance with Rule 135c promulgated under the Act.

A copy of the press release dated April 26, 2002, is attached as
an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.   Financial Statements and Exhibits.

           (c) Exhibits.

               99 Press release dated April 26, 2002, issued by the Registrant.

                              SIGNATURES

     Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

                              VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

Date: April 26, 2002   By: /s/ Michael F. Meimerstorf

                                     Michael F. Meimerstorf
                                     Vice President and Controller

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