

### Rich Vein of Antimony Found East of De Queen.

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De Queen, March 25.—Antimony mining in the vicinity of Gillham, in north Sevier county, gained impetus this week with the discovery of a rich vein of ore on the R. A. Luttrell farm a mile east of town. The discovery was made by Ernest and John Barnes, Wayne Ross and Henry Byes, who had done considerable prospecting.

A dozen segments of ore, weighing from 50 to 300 pounds and containing a high percentage of antimony, were taken from the shaft. The vein was only six feet under the ground, and appeared to extend for a considerable distance. The operators opened a shaft to a depth of 10 feet and continued to bring out large chunks of ore today. Some experienced miners said the vein appeared to be the mother lode of that vicinity, where thousands of tons of antimony were mined before and during the World war.

A Joplin (Mo.) company has sent a buyer to Gillham and opened an office and warehouse. Laboratory equipment has been installed for testing the antimony content of ore brought to the warehouse.

## Defendant Removed To Texarkana

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Theodore Davis, 58, of Shreveport, La., was arrested by Capt. Lindsey Hatchett of the State Police on a state charge of obtaining money under false pretense yesterday afternoon immediately following his release on bond from the Pulaski county jail on a federal charge of using the mails to defraud Mrs. Lillian Jones Porter, of Texarkana. The state charge was based on the same facts as the federal charge.

Captain Hatchett arrested Davis at request of the Miller county sheriff and returned him to Texarkana.

#### Legal Maneuvers Fail.

Davis had obtained his release from the county jail on \$2,000 bond after a series of unsuccessful legal maneuvers to prevent his return to Texarkana. United States Commissioner W. M.

Rankin ordered Davis held for removal from the Eastern to the Western District of Arkansas to await Grand Jury action.

O. H. Wiggins, lawyer for Davis, appealed to Federal Judge Lemley to overrule Commissioner Rankin but Judge Lemley advised that there could be no appeal from a commissioner's ruling under the circumstances. Davis was before Commissioner Rankin on the basis of information. He has not been indicted.

Judge Lemley suggested that Davis's only remedy would be to file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus and allowed Mr. Wiggins an hour and a half to prepare one. At expiration of that time, Mr. Wiggins informed the court he had decided against seeking a writ and that his client would agree to removal if his bond were reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000. Commissioner Rankin agreed at instruction of the district attorney's office.

The removal hearing required less than 10 minutes. Commissioner Rankin ruled that the only issue involved was that of identification. Mrs. Porter and Postal Inspector J. L. Myers identified the defendant. No other testimony was offered.

#### Mining Promotion Involved.

Inspector Myers said after the hearing that the government charged that Davis corresponded with Mrs. Porter

in connection with his promotion of an antimony mining venture near De Queen and that he obtained a \$2,250 diamond ring from her in exchange for two one per cent mineral deeds in the mine. He said each deed was listed by Davis as having a \$1,000 value.

Inspector Myers said Davis had bought 120 acres of land in Sevier county for \$600 and that "an old antimony mine abandoned in 1916 was located on the property." He said Davis shipped some mining machinery from Shreveport to the site a few months ago.

The Federal Grand Jury will meet at Texarkana late this month.

### Theodore Davis Posts Bond On State Charge.

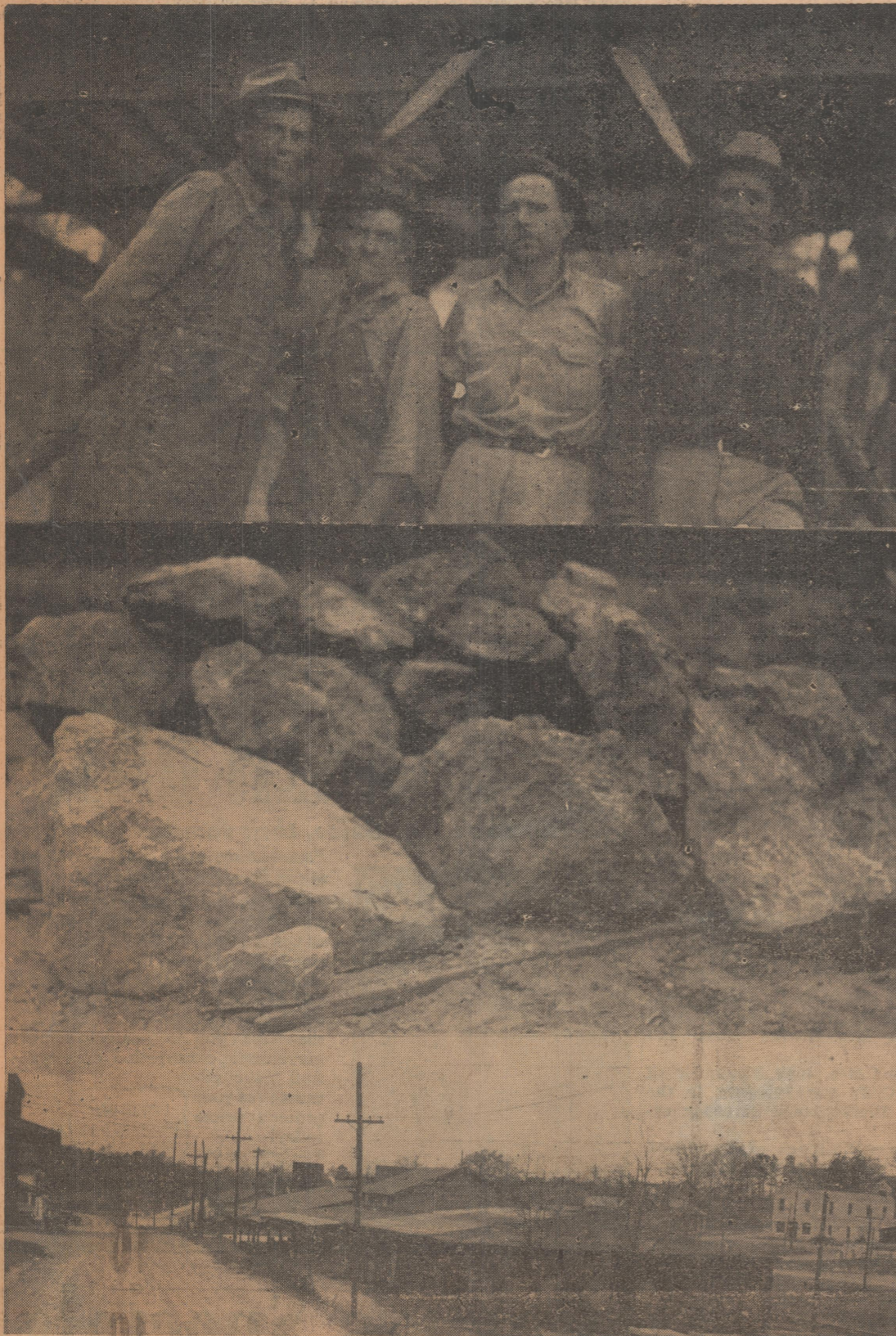
Gazette 10-22-39 Theodore Davis, 58, of Shreveport, La., has been released after posting \$1,000 bond here for appearance in Miller Circuit Court on a state charge of obtaining money under false pretense, his lawyer, O. W. (Pete) Wiggins, said yesterday.

Davis was arrested on the state charge by Capt. Lindsey Hatchett of the State Police Friday, following his release on \$2,000 bond from the Pulaski county jail on a federal charge of using the mails to defraud Mrs. Lillian Jones Porter of Texarkana. The state and federal charges were based on the same transaction.

Mr. Wiggins said he obtained authorization from Circuit Judge Dexter Bush of Texarkana by telephone to post the \$1,000 bond here.

## New Interest in Antimony Mining Follows The Discovery of Rich Vein Near Gillham

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TOP: Members of the self-styled "Poor Boy Mining Company," who started the present interest in antimony mining at Gillham by their recent rich strike on the Al Luttrell farm a mile east of town. Left to right, Ernest Barnes, Henry Byes, Wayne Ross and John Barnes.

CENTER: This innocent-appearing pile of stones is fairly loaded with antimony. The Poor Boy shaft, which is now some 10 feet deep, has produced a large quantity of this ore during the past few days, and it is of high antimony content. The vein seems to extend over a large area.

BOTTOM: A view of the town of Gillham which was once one of the largest antimony shipping points in the United States. In the foreground is the old smelter building which has recently been secured by a Joplin, Mo., ore buyer as a warehouse. He has announced that he will buy all the antimony mined in the area. (Bee staff photos)