

Oil Test Near DeWitt Will Be Completed in a Week.

Special to the Gazette.
DeWitt, March 14.—Sylvester Miller, superintendent of drilling operations, said today that he expected the Hazel oil test well southwest of DeWitt will be completed in a week.

Operators are below 4,000 feet. Contract calls for drilling to 5,000 feet if necessary, but geological findings indicate the bedrock will be found at a shallower depth.

Drilling is continuing night and day, but the operations are proceeding slowly. The drill stem is pulled and a core test made every few feet.

Test Oil Well Near DeWitt Down 4,400 Feet.

Special to the Gazette.
DeWitt, March 16.—Drillers of the J. M. Hazelwood test well, in Section 33-5-4, near DeWitt, were reported down 4,400 feet tonight. Three shifts are employed. The drillers are equipped to go 8,000 feet, it was said. Nature of the formation in which operations are being carried on was not divulged.

Operations at Oil Test Near DeWitt Suspended.

Special to the Gazette.
DeWitt, March 17.—Operations at the J. M. Hazelwood test well here temporarily were suspended today at a depth of 4,800 feet. It was reported that a dry spot had been struck.

Drilling will be resumed within six weeks but probably at a different place.

Oil Interest Strong In East Arkansas

Stuttgart—Out-of-state oil operators are showing considerable activity in seeking information on eastern Arkansas, according to Mike McCuin of Stuttgart, acting secretary of the Eastern Arkansas Development Bureau of Natural Resources, recently organized at a meeting in Forrest City.

This interest, he said, is due to the presence of natural gas in Woodruff and St. Francis counties, and the information found in outcroppings and in the correlation of the logs of wells already drilled.

Although 11 dry holes have been drilled in eastern Arkansas, one operator declared, according to Mr. McCuin, that the Oklahoma field, with its 832 producing wells which flowed 2,993,044 barrels during the month of June, was discovered after drilling 25 dry holes.

The activities of major oil companies in leasing eastern Arkansas acreage has convinced many persons, Mr. McCuin said, that they may have geophysical knowledge of a structure in this area similar to that of a producing area in Mississippi.

Plans Made to Drill

Tests Near Casscoe

DeWitt—The Jay Oil Company of Oklahoma has moved equipment to the Trice and Ingram farms, near Casscoe, preparatory to drilling two oil tests.

Work of erecting the rig and derrick on the Trice farm began Thursday. The rig includes a 436-foot steel derrick, strongest and most substantial obtainable.

The Jay Oil Company is financing its own development except for help of a few persons here in securing leases and other preliminary work.

The Ingram farm, where the second test well is to be, is three miles east of the Trice farm. Two derricks will be erected.

The company is under contract to drill seven wells in eastern Arkansas, including, besides the two in Arkansas county, wells in Prairie, Lee, Phillips and Monroe counties.

Charles L. Hagerling, representative of the Jay Oil Company, has arranged details.

New Arkansas County

Oil Test Expected

DeWitt—Authoritative sources declared that another oil test will be drilled south of DeWitt in the near future.

The C. W. Robinson Company of Shreveport, La., is renewing leases on the block leased by it last spring, and it is said that drilling operations will begin as soon as new leases are completed. The block leased by the Robinson Company last spring consisted of about 15,000 acres.

The site for drilling is not announced, but it is presumed that drilling will take place on the Earl Fox farm about five miles southeast of DeWitt, where equipment was moved last June. Heavy rains for about two months made it impossible to carry out operations at the time.

Oil-Gas Test Near DeWitt To Be Started This Month.

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DeWitt, May 10.—With the block

of acreage almost complete, C. W. Robinson and others will start their test for oil or gas near DeWitt before the end of May. C. P. Porter, in charge of the Blackwell Oil and Gas Company of Cushing, Okla.'s

operations in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, was in DeWitt today making preparations to start the well. The test will be located on lands owned by Earl P. Fox, six miles southeast of DeWitt.

DeWitt Test Well To Be Started Soon

DeWitt—With the block of acreage almost complete, it was learned Friday that C. W. Robinson et al of Shreveport, will start their oil or gas test well near DeWitt before the end of May.

Robinson has made a contract with the Blackwell Oil and Gas Company of Cushing, Okla., and C. P. Porter, who has charge of the Blackwell operations in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, was in DeWitt this week-end making preparations to begin operations.

The location is on lands owned by Earl P. Fox, six miles southeast of DeWitt, and about three miles west of the "Old Glory" well, which was drilled in 1921. There are many residents in this section interested in the "Old Glory" well and who firmly believe that there was a good showing in that well, which caused considerable excitement in 1921, and feel that if Old Glory had been properly handled, oil or gas would have been discovered in this section long ago.

Will Drill for Oil

DeWitt—Operations preparatory to drilling of an oil well on the Fox farm, six miles southeast of DeWitt, began last week, and the rig for drilling was moved on location Friday.

C. W. Robinson, et al of Shreveport have made contract with Blackwell Oil and Gas Company of Oklahoma, who contracted with the Crow Drilling Company of Shreveport to drill the well to a depth of 5,000 feet, unless oil or gas found at a lesser depth or paleozoic materials are encountered at a lesser depth. Milton Crow of the Crow Drilling Company will have charge of the drilling and is expected in DeWitt by the first of the week.

Before oil was ever discovered in this state, the White River section was selected as the most favorable spot for wildcatting by State Geologist Branner. There have been numerous tests in this part of the state. Most of them lacked the necessary drilling equipment and finances.

Oil Test Near DeWitt Reaches 3,200 Feet; Due In This Week.

Special to the Gazette.
DeWitt, June 8.—Drilling at the Fox No. 1 oil test well, six miles southeast of DeWitt, in section 23-5-3, has reached 3,200 feet and indications are favorable. It is expected in by the middle of the week. C. W. Robinson of Shreveport, who contracted with the Blackwell Oil and Gas Co. of Cushing, Okla., to drill on the block leased by him, announced.

DRILLING IS SUSPENDED

New Contract Pending to Carry Weaver Test Deeper.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, Jan. 15.—Drilling has been suspended at the Weaver test well, southwest of this city, pending the making of a new contract to carry the hole down to 3,100 feet and possibly deeper.

The Weaver well is 2,557 feet deep, and in gypsum. It is already the deepest test hole that has ever been drilled in Arkansas county. A shallow sand was encountered at approximately 1,000 feet, and another at about 2,400 feet, but oil was not found at either depth.

C. A. Dean, who made the location for the well, expressed the belief that a pay sand would be found at between 2,700 and 2,800 feet. Other geologists have placed this sand between 2,700 and 3,200 feet.

DRILLING IS SUSPENDED

Operation at Weaver Test Held Up by Disagreement Within Company.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, Feb. 8.—Drilling has been suspended at the Weaver well, southwest of this city, with the bit on a hard limestone formation at a depth of 2,840 feet, while the stockholders of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company, the Missouri syndicate that is drilling the well, are said to be endeavoring to settle a disagreement within the company over the disposition of the acreage in the block.

L. P. Johnson, who made the acreage contract with the Stuttgart Oil Exchange, a community committee, and has acted as field manager for the company since drilling was started, has been called to St. Louis for a conference. He expected to return here not later than Saturday, prepared to resume operations.

Geologists have placed the most favorable depth for a pay sand in this vicinity at from 2,700 to 2,900 feet, and oil men say that the log of the Weaver well indicates that the bit will come into contact either with oil or salt water within the next 100 feet.

TO TEST WEAVER WELL

Officials of Company Hope to Find Oil at 2,900 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, March 7.—Casing will be set and a test made soon at approximately 2,900 feet in the Weaver well, three miles southwest of Stuttgart. L. J. Steinmeyer of St. Louis, president of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company, and L. P. Johnson of St. Louis, former field manager of the company, who has been ill for about a month, arrived this morning. They will remain until after the test has been made.

The three oil and gas showings on three successive days before drilling was stopped were encountered in a formation of hard broken sandy shale. The bit is already about 40 feet into it. In color the formation bears a close resemblance to the pay sand of the El Dorado field, it is said.

A chemical test of the formation has been made which shows the presence of oil, reports say.

TO CASE WEAVER WELL

Drillers Near Stuttgart Will Begin the Work Tomorrow.

Stuttgart, March 11.—Work of setting in the Weaver well, three miles southwest of this city, is expected to start Monday. Part of the casing is at the well and the remainder is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The well is being kept in condition by frequent stirring of the mud in it. Good oil and gas showings have been reported in the well.

Operations at the Pettitt well, three miles northwest of this city, which were suspended about two months ago with the hole about 200 feet deep, will be

resumed Monday with a day crew under the supervision of J. F. Swank, field manager of the Arkansas Oil Lease and Development Corporation, a local company.

The preliminary survey of the block in which the Pettitt well is located places the possible pay sand at practically the same depth that an oil and

gas showing was encountered in the Weaver well and drilling stopped.

OIL OUTLOOK IMPROVES

Pronounced Gas Pressure Reported in Stuttgart Well.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, March 13.—Gas pressure in the Weaver well has become so pronounced that Driller E. E. Camp is changing the mud every day to prevent it from caking, and causing a possible blowout before the casing can be set.

Practically all of the larger oil producing companies have had representatives in Stuttgart during the past week. Crowds flock to the well whenever the news reaches town that the pumps have been started.

A large delegation of Missouri stockholders in the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company, which is financing the well, will come here for the test.

FORM A NEW COMPANY

Oil Men at Stuttgart Organize to Make Several Tests.

Special to the Gazette. 3-16-22
Stuttgart, March 15.—The J. O. B. Oil and Gas Company, a new oil development company, has been organized here and will open offices this week, as a result of the showings of oil and gas in the Weaver well. The new company is made up almost entirely of experienced oil men who have holdings in the Weaver block. The object is to make preliminary preparations for the immediate development of this acreage, in case the test of the Weaver well is favorable.

Locations for two wells have been made. Wooden plugs were placed in the bottom of the Weaver well yesterday, preliminary to setting the casing. The pumping is said to have resulted in the strongest oil and gas showing yet seen at the test hole.

PLAN TEST NEXT WEEK

Missouri Men Are Interested in Weaver Well Near Stuttgart.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, March 22.—A delegation of stockholders of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company will reach here Sunday from Missouri for the test of the Weaver well the first part of next week, according to M. E. Butler, an official of the company, who has arrived from Moberly, Mo. Many of the stockholders will be accompanied by their wives and expect to spend several days in Arkansas.

Drilling on the plug in the Weaver well probably will be started Sunday, but it is not expected that bailing will begin before Tuesday. Drilling has been resumed by the Arkansas Oil Lease and Development Corporation on the Allen Griffith farm, three miles northwest of Stuttgart. The crew, under the direction of J. F. Swank, company field manager, has averaged nearly 100 feet a day since resuming operations. The test hole is about 700 feet deep.

TO RESUME DRILLING

Operators to Begin Drilling Weaver Project Plug Today.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, March 25.—Drilling on the concrete plug in the Weaver well will be started tomorrow and a test of the seal made. Drilling will be resumed Monday on a 40-foot wooden plug placed in the well before the casing was set. It is not expected that a test will be made before Tuesday and possibly Wednesday.

Hundreds of people probably will spend the next three or four days at the test well. Numerous applications have been received for space to spread picnic dinners on the lawn of the Weaver farm, which is one of the prettiest in the county.

The first contingent of stockholders of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company is expected to arrive tomorrow from Missouri. Several will be accompanied by their wives. L. J. Steinmeyer of St. Louis, president of the company, will be here Monday.

As the date for the test approaches, the Pettitt well, being drilled by the Arkansas Oil Lease and Development Corporation, is nearing the depth at which a shallow oil and gas sand was said to have been picked up in the Weaver well. A test at a depth of 1,055 feet was attempted at the Weaver well, but, according to Driller E. E. Camp, the formation was very shallow and directly above a deep water sand, which was penetrated and flooded the well.

J. E. Swank, in charge of the drilling at the Pettitt well, has a log of the Weaver well and is feeling his way carefully at a depth of between 900 and 1,000 feet.

WILL TEST THIS WEEK

Bailing Will Begin Soon in Weaver Well Near Stuttgart.

Special to the Gazette. 3-28-22
Stuttgart, March 27.—A downpour of rain all yesterday prevented the beginning of work preliminary to testing the Weaver well, southwest of Stuttgart. A test of the casing for possible leaks was made today, but bailing probably will

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SUSPEND AT 2,145 FEET

Gillette Oil and Gas Company Ceases Work Near Gillette.

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TEST WELL IS PLUGGED

Operations Near Stuttgart Finally Are Shut Down.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, July 1.—A concrete plug has been placed in the test well on the Weaver farm, three miles southwest of this city, and the rig is being torn down. Work was stopped about a month ago with the hole about 3,250 feet deep.

The Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company, which put down the well, announced, after an unsuccessful test the first of April, that the well would be drilled to 3,500 and possibly 4,000 feet. But dissensions within the company, which hampered operations for some time, finally led to the abandonment of the well. It is said that a group of the stockholders have started a movement to resume operations soon. All outside proposals to secure control of the well with the view of drilling it deeper have been turned down by the company.

The Weaver well is the deepest test by almost 1,000 feet ever drilled in Arkansas county.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS

Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company to Start Up Again.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, July 10.—J. H. Myor of St. Louis, secretary of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company, a Missouri syndicate, is here to resume operations at the Weaver well, three miles southwest. Drilling was suspended at 3,250 feet and the hole plugged a couple of weeks ago as a result of differences within the development company, which had announced that the well would be drilled to 3,500 or 4,000 feet.

REACH CONTRACT DEPTH

However, Weaver Well Near Stuttgart May Be Drilled Deeper.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Stuttgart, April 12.—The Weaver well was completed to its contract depth of 3,100 feet today, with the bit in a shale formation which was tapped at approximately 2,850 feet, where a showing of oil and gas was obtained and a test was made.

Officials of the Moberly Drilling and Leasing Company are completing arrangements for continuing the well to 3,500 feet, unless oil or salt water is encountered. In a survey made for local interests more than a year ago, the late Dr. J. C. Branner expressed the opinion that oil sand would be encountered in the Weaver block at approximately 3,160 feet. Doctor Branner is said to have previously reached the conclusion that sand would not be found at a depth less than 3,500 feet, but revised his estimates after examining the logs of arerous irrigation wells in this section.

Drillers of Weaver Well Are in Sandy Limestone Formation.

Special to the Gazette. 4-17-22
Stuttgart, April 15.—The test well at the Weaver farm, three miles southwest of this city, was 3,157 feet deep at noon today, with the bit seven feet into a sandy limestone formation. Before coming into contact with the limestone, the drill passed through a shale formation more than 300 feet in thickness and about 20 feet of blue gumbo.

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STUTTART CELEBRATES TURNING OF GAS INTO MAINS.

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Special to the Gazette. 1-12-29
Stuttgart, Jan. 11.—A celebration on Main street tonight marked the bringing of gas by the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation to Stuttgart. Gas company officials were entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Riceland at 6.

The street celebration started when Mayor E. S. Woodard made a short address, which was followed by the introduction of the Gas company officials. Tom J. Compton of the company Franchise Department made a short address, under the light from a flare at the top of a 40-foot pipe erected in the middle of the street. A Pine Bluff orchestra played for a dance.

A large crowd from Stuttgart and surrounding sections and many Gas company officials were present. When the franchise was given by the city, \$10,000 was posted by the corporation to be forfeited if gas was not available in Stuttgart 90 days after it was turned in the main line leading to St. Louis. The work was completed with nearly 60 days to spare.

GRAND PRAIRIE TO BE DRILLED FOR OIL

Oklahoma and Texas Interests Said to Plan Extensive Program.

Special to the Gazette. 7-3-1934

Stuttgart, July 22.—A new drive for oil, backed by wealthy Oklahoma and Texas interests, will begin in Grand Prairie soon, it was revealed here today.

Several months of secret activity was brought to light when a plan to spot the section with wildcat wells was announced. Leases on land about equal to 10 townships have been acquired in Arkansas, Prairie and Monroe counties. Most of the work, it is indicated, will center around Stuttgart. Interests represented are R. C. Grinnell and B. N. McMullen of Oklahoma City, Leo H. Weadock, Texas oil man, and the Slick-Urshel Oil Company of Oklahoma City.

The Slick-Urshel company for two years has been studying the geology of Arkansas county and surrounding counties. A geologist was sent to this section and his reports now are being checked. Other companies are said to be interested.

The preliminary search for oil on the Prairie has been so quiet, it was said, that three large blocks were assembled before the oil industry learned what was going on.

Only a few wells have been drilled in this territory, but they were shallow. Hundreds of water wells used for rice irrigation, have shown gas either in the water, sands or above.

Mr. Grinnell has a block of about five townships south of Stuttgart. Mr. McMullen has a block of about three townships in the county in which Mr. Grinnell also has an interest. The block belonging to Mr. Weadock, independent Texas operator, consists of about two townships north of here. There are several smaller spreads, and there has been some leasing in the southern part of Arkansas county.

Oil Test to Be Made in South Arkansas County

DeWitt, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Oil drilling operations will continue next week on land belonging to John Fisher, south of One-Horse store, on Bayou Meto, 12 miles southwest of DeWitt. It is reported that an extensive geological survey has been made and that now all machinery is in readiness for the actual drilling, which will probably start Tuesday. Drilling will be directed by Mr. Elliott, an oil man of experience in east Texas.

Gas Showing Reported.

Stuttgart, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Drillers late yesterday reported strong showings of gas at a depth of 800 feet, and a trace of oil, in the Fischer test well No. 1, 24 miles south of here. Gas, they said, blew up through the mud in the well, and they believed enough would be available to operate the well rig. Nov. 21, 1934

Trace of Oil Found in Test South of Stuttgart.

Special to the Gazette. Dec. 29, 1934

Stuttgart, Dec. 29.—A sample of oil said to have been taken from the slush pit at Fischer test well No. 1, 24 miles south of Stuttgart, was displayed here today as drillers prepared to reset casing found to be resting in a faulty concrete foundation.

The sample was said to have been taken after bailing operations were halted late yesterday by the bridging of shale over the bottom of the well, allowing water to enter the hole. Drillers said that mud, sand and traces of oil shot up in the casing several hundred feet before the well bridged over. Attempts to bring in a producer were halted and preparations for re-setting the casing were started. Several days will be required for the work.

In the event cave-ins or other accidents should ruin the well during setting of the casing, sponsors of the project said, another well will be drilled nearby. A second well, they estimated, could be sunk in about 10 days because drillers would not be forced to take a core test every 200 feet to determine the formation of the earth.

REPORTS OF OIL WELL PREMATURE

Status of Fischer Test Near Stuttgart to Be Known Within Week.

Special to the Gazette. Dec. 2, 1934

Stuttgart, Dec. 1.—Announcement yesterday that an oil producer had been brought in at the Fischer test well, 24 miles south of Stuttgart, was premature, it was learned last night too late to correct press dispatches telling of the reported strike.

Newspaper men going to the well site at the invitation of Chief Driller Jack Elliott found drillers making a core test of Claiborne sand at 965 feet, and learned that there had been no official report of an actual oil flow. They were told that about 3 p. m. yesterday heavy gas pressure bobbed the drill stem and that drillers worked to keep the well under control. An estimate of 3,500 pounds gas pressure was made by Mr. Elliott on the basis of the force of his "mud hog"—pressure pump used to force mud into the hole and the sand at its bottom.

"Mud Hog" May Not Hold.

Mr. Elliott said that he was doubtful that the "mud hog" would hold. He made preparations today to obtain a heavier pressure pump to guard against increasing pressure.

Samples of sand brought up at the well last night and examined by newspapermen were said by drillers to contain much oil of paraffine content. They predicted that they would bring in a well that would produce 500 barrels daily.

Operations at the well have been conducted quietly and little information was given to the press until the latter part of last week. It was emphasized today that there is no stock promotion scheme in connection with the project.

Casing will be set as soon as it can be placed on the ground, Elliott said, and he expressed belief that within seven or eight days it will be known definitely whether the well is a producer.

Another well will be started as soon as the Fischer well is completed, Elliott said.

Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, left Stuttgart late this afternoon for the well to inspect samples taken from the hole.

Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, upon returning to his home last night, said that no evidence of oil at the well was shown him when he went there yesterday. He was informed by J. E. Elliott, in charge of the drilling, that the core taken between 965 and 972 feet had contained oil, but the geologist said that a core, taken yesterday at 972.2 feet, did not contain any evidence of oil, so far as he could see.

"While I am not saying that the well might not produce oil," Dr. Branner said, "I think it well to call attention to the fact that they are drilling in the upper Eocene formation, which has produced no commercial oil or gas in the gulf coastal plain."

Dr. Branner was informed that preparations were being made to set the casing and to make tests.

Drilling Resumed in Test Well Near Stuttgart.

Special to the Gazette. Dec. 26, 1934

Stuttgart, Dec. 5.—Following announcement that casing would be set in Fischer test well, 24 miles south of here, at about the 972-level, drilling operations have been resumed and will continue until the second oil sand is struck. Gas pressure at 965 feet was estimated by Chief Driller J. E. Elliott to be 3,500 pounds. He originally planned to set casing in the shallow Claiborne sand.

Arkansas County to Have Two New Oil Tests.

Special to the Gazette. Jan. 23, 1934

Stuttgart, Jan. 23.—Plans for sinking two wildcat oil wells near Fischer test No. 1, 24 miles south of here, have been revealed.

George McClintock, former driller at the Fischer well, has started preliminary work for a test hole at one of three locations selected tentatively in the Fischer district. L. A. Black, DeWitt banker, has announced plans for a test well within five miles of the Fischer wildcat.

Operations at the Fischer well, resumed after casing had been set at the 1,724-foot level, have been at a standstill since recent rains.

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**To Drill Second Test Well Near
Stuttgart.**

Special to the Gazette.

Stuttgart, April 11.—Plans for sinking a second test oil well about 20 miles south of Stuttgart were revealed today after operators announced that drilling at Fischer No. 1 had been abandoned at 3,935 feet.

Operators plan to sink the second well to the sand found at 1,720 feet, where they said there was a "splendid showing of oil." Drilling of the new hole is expected to be completed quickly, as the log from the Fischer test will be available. The well rig will be overhauled and work will start within 10 days or two weeks.