

Oil Test Well to Be Started Near Gentry.

Special to the Gazette.

Gentry, April 3.—A test well for oil will be started near Gentry in the next few days. The first two trucks transferring oil derrick equipment went through Gentry about 2 o'clock today the contractor, J. W. Gatewood and Geologist R. B. Galloway, left town just ahead of the trucks to place the stake, showing exact location of test well. Three miles due south of Gentry.

About 6,000 acres of land have been leased by two companies, M. G. Ellis of the Gentry Lease Hold Company said today that as this is the first test well for oil that has started in this section, much excitement is noticeable among the citizens.

FIND LOTS OF GASSERS

Six Out of Seven Shallow Wells Near Gravette Yield a Little Gas.

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Bentonville.—Five miles west of Gravette, near Beaty, seven holes have been drilled to a depth of 200 to 400 feet and in all but one of the seven holes gas was struck. It is said that the gas averages about a

million feet to the well. The gas from one well is being used for lighting purposes by a farm house about 100 yards from the well, and gas is being used to continue the drilling of additional prospects in the same field. This prospective field is being developed by the Tri-State Oil and Refinery Company of Omaha, Neb. The company has been using three outfits, two small drills as "feelers" and one large outfit with a 19-inch bit, which will be put down

4,000 feet or more. This company began work on securing leases for 6,000 acres and has asked for no money or bonuses from citizens of the county. The leases on the 6,000 acres in the main are for 10 years or so long as operations continue. This company has spent large sums in their leased territory in the past few months and has machinery and equipment suitable for making thorough tests.

First Natural Gas Burned at Bentonville.

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Bentonville, May 22.—Natural gas service in Bentonville was inaugurated this morning when Mayor R. O. Pickens lighted a stove in the office of the Arkansas Western Gas Company in the presence of gas company officials and business men.

Oil Test Near Gravette Will Start Next Month.

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Gravette, Jan. 14.—L. Z. Wade of Tulsa, Okla., who has been in the oil business for many years, has leased lands in the region between Gravette and Maysville, and has completed his block of leases. Geologists have begun surveys of the section leased, and Mr. Wade has gone to Oklahoma to drill rigs brought here to start next month. A depth of over feet will be drilled.

Mr. Wade has bought the "Spanish Treasure Cave" property, just north of Gravette, on Highway No. 71, which, it is stated, he proposes to convert into a resort with Spanish architecture and interior improvements of the cave.

Oil Bearing Shale Causes 'Strike' Rumor

Rogers—Excitement was caused here Friday night by an inquiry from the Wichita (Kan.) Chamber of Commerce to the Rogers Chamber of Commerce concerning a rumor there that oil had been discovered in a well being drilled on the Paul Leonard farm, 14 miles north of Rogers, near Garfield.

Harry Baker, Garfield merchant, said Leonard admitted oil shale had been encountered at 400 feet, the present depth of the well, but did not verify the oil rumor.

More than 12 years ago Lawrence Murray, farmer living one mile from the Leonard farm, struck gas when he bored a well for water. Murray, supposing only a small pocket, existed piped the well from which a sufficient quantity has flowed since to provide heat and light in his large farm home, with no appreciable lessening of its quantity.

Gas, Ark. West. Gas Co.

Drills For Water, Gets Gas, Now Oil

Special to the Gazette. 9-16-37
Rogers, Sept. 15.—Earl Harris, Rogers business man, in drilling for water in the back yard of a business establishment, has struck first gas and now oil.

At 270 feet the well struck a gas pocket in shale and a six-foot flame shot up from the well. Today, at 310 feet, muck taken from the bit of the drill smelled of oil, it was said.

There are indications that a small oil well may be struck if the drilling is continued deeper than is necessary for water, Alfred Peterson, Rogers geologist and mineralogist, said today. There is oil in the shale but to obtain it in any quantity the well must be drilled to the sandy formation, he said.

Oil Test Location Made Nine Miles South of Gurdon.

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Gurdon, July 19.—The B. A. Skipper Oil Company of Longview, Tex., after making a geophysical survey, has started a well in the northeast corner of section 31, township 10, range 20 on a block of 8,000 acres assembled by Matthews & Hamilton. This location is three miles west of Whelen and nine miles south of Gurdon.

Slush pits have been finished and derrick timber is now on the ground. Operators hope to spud in by Saturday.

Mr. Skipper plans to drill two or three wells in this territory. Two other blocks are being assembled, one north of Gurdon and one southeast of Gurdon.

Oil Showing Reported in Well Near Siloam Springs.

Special to the Gazette. 7-26-39
Siloam Springs, Ark., July 25 (AP).—Officials of the Arkansas and Kansas Development Company which is drilling the Diehm No. 1 oil well northeast of Siloam Springs reported today that samples taken in 190 to 195 feet were saturated with both oil and gas.

Oil-Gas Test Planned Near Siloam Springs.

Special to the Gazette. 6-17-41
Siloam Springs, June 16.—A representative of the Stanoline Oil Company has obtained leases for an oil-gas test on a large tract south and east of this city. Charles Baldwin, former superintendent of schools at Rogers, and now living near this city, obtained the leases in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, embracing approximately 1,000 acres.

Three or four individuals have drilled here, but not to any great depth. One struck gas and got traces of oil at various levels, but all quit before accomplishing anything.

The test well probably will be drilled east of the city on a tract where the last hole was drilled, and where considerable gas and some traces of oil were found.