

Oil Test Near Arkadelphia to Be Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. 9-18-37
Arkadelphia, Sept. 17.—The Copeland Ridge oil test, shut down for several weeks, has been resumed by Carter & Burdick who have announced they intend to drill through the thick black limestone encountered. They have set 3,500 feet as the level to which they will go. The test is a short way from former tests which brought no commercial production. It is in line with production areas in Nevada and Ouachita counties.

The Copenhagen well, also closed down for a period, has resumed drilling. It is in Ouachita county near Reeder. Sheppard Bros. well near the junction of Highways 24 and 53 in Nevada county is down to 2,000 feet. The test on the Bierne Lumber Company land in this county has shut down temporarily.

Drilling to Be Resumed on Well East of Gurdon.

Special to the Gazette. 10-30-37
Arkadelphia, Oct. 29.—Installation of a large rig is in progress and it is expected that drilling will be resumed soon on the Cabe Lumber Company land in Clark county, four miles east of Gurdon, where Martin & Beals once drilled to 1,700 feet.

The new test is being made by the Coker Drilling Company of Dallas, Tex., which has contracted with the landowners to drill to 3,500 feet if necessary.

The Copeland Ridge test, also in the south end of this county, probably will be resumed, as Phillips Petroleum Company scouts have been looking at a block of McMillan land.

Rigging Going Up for New Test Well Near Gurdon.

Special to the Gazette. 11-5-37
Gurdon, Nov. 4.—Trucks loaded with one of the largest drilling rigs ever seen in this section are passing through Gurdon en route to the old Martin & Beal oil test location on the Cabe Lumber Company land, a mile east of Gurdon.

The Coker Drilling Company of Dallas has contracted to drill to 3,500 feet or more. Erection of the drilling rig is under way by a crew from Smackover and drilling will begin as soon as the rig is up. Martin & Beal have drilled to 1,700 feet, the deepest level ever reached in this section. That test proved satisfactory but faulty drilling forced the workers to stop.

Offset to Abandoned Coker Well May Be Drilled.

Special to the Gazette. 12-23-37
Gurdon, Dec. 23.—New blocks of leases are being formed near the Coker test well, abandoned last week because the hole was so crooked that drill stems were endangered, and an offset well may be drilled soon.

Martin & Beals drilled the original hole to 1,800 feet. The Phillips Petroleum Company was reported becoming more interested in the section this week, and blocks of leases were sold in the vicinity of Whelen and on the McMillan property. A block of leases also is being formed in the extreme southern part of Clark county across the Little Missouri river from the Copenhagen well near Reeder.

Leases Blocked for New Oil Test Near Gurdon

Gurdon—Several thousand acres of leases are being blocked in south Clark county this week near the Little Missouri, Ouachita and Terre Noir rivers, preparatory to drilling an oil test well in lower southeastern Clark county.

The Martin & Beal oil test four miles east of Gurdon, being drilled by J. W. Coker of the Coker Oil Company of Dallas, Texas, is shut down for a few days. Mr. Coker states that the formations are checking with those of the Shuler field of near El Dorado, and that indications are good for a producer.

Oil Activities Near Gurdon To Be Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. 2-18-38
Gurdon, Feb. 17.—Oil scouts say that prospecting in this section of Clark county will be resumed soon and will surpass previous tests in number and rapidity.

The Copeland Ridge test will be resumed, the Martin & Beal test will be drilled deeper or an offset well will be drilled. The Copenhagen test, inactive the past few weeks, will be resumed after the floodwaters have receded. A new test may be made southeast of Whelen Spring in a new block now being finished. Phillips Petroleum Company may make a test soon.

Test Oil Well Spudded In Near Arkadelphia.

Special to the Gazette. 4-4-39
Arkadelphia, April 3.—An oil test was spudded in on the Alva Greene farm, 13 miles south of Arkadelphia today by J. B. Zick of Shreveport. The well is near a former test which revealed a strong gas pressure. The land, in Section 21, is owned by Alva Greene, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Elk Horn Bank and Trust Company.

100 Feet of Surface Casing Set On Clark County Test.

Special to the Gazette. 4-6-39
Arkadelphia, April 5.—One hundred feet of surface casing was set in the A. P. Greene No. 1 well, 11 miles southeast of Arkadelphia, today. J. B. Zick of Shreveport is in charge of operations, which include another oil test a half mile west across the Ouachita river, which will be started on completion of the Greene test. The location west of the river is on land owned by D. F. McElhannon. The test now being drilled on the Greene farm will be taken to Paleozoic rock, Mr. Zick said, unless production is encountered at a shallower level. The interests represented by Mr. Zick hold approximately 16,000 acres of leases.

E. O. Olds of Camden, using a gasoline-powered drilling rig is drilling the tests. The projects are based on the geological work of D. L. Perkins and J. Y. Snider of Shreveport, done in 1923, and by M. J. Munn, Texarkana, recently. The Greene well is a half mile northwest of the abandoned Littlejohn-Hall-Gann test made in 1923. Discoveries while drilling that well and while salvaging the casing led to resumption of development in that area this week.

Skipper Oil Company Plans Oil Test Near Gurdon.

Special to the Gazette. 5-6-39
Gurdon, May 5.—The Skipper Oil Company of Shreveport, La., plans to sink a test oil well in the Little Missouri river bottoms, south of Gurdon. A block of approximately 8,000 acres has been obtained in the river bottoms between Highway 77 and the Okolona highway.

Clark County Well Hits Rock; New Test to Be Started.

Special to the Gazette. 5-18-39
Arkadelphia, May 17.—Operators of the A. P. Green No. 1 oil test, eight miles southeast of Arkadelphia, have struck paleozoic rock at 1,248 feet and will shift their activity to a new location half a mile southward. J. M. Zick, trustee, said that cessation in drilling probably will be only temporary, and that further tests will be made. He said that a 70-foot stratum of Nacatosh sand indicated the No. 1 was worth completing.

He said another well will be drilled across the Ouachita river, west of the Greene tests. To be the McElhannon No. 1, it will be drilled this year.

Third Test for Oil to Be Made Near Arkadelphia.

Special to the Gazette. 6-1-39
Arkadelphia, May 31.—A third test for oil on a tract eight miles south of Arkadelphia will be made as soon as the drilling machinery can be moved from the Greene No. 2, which was abandoned at 626 feet. The third test, to be known as the McElhannon No. 1, will be west of the Ouachita river. The others were on the east side. J. B. Zick, trustee, said he was disappointed in Greene No. 2 because no gas was encountered. In previous tests on both sides gas was prevalent. The McElhannon No. 1 will be drilled to paleozoic rock at about 1,200 feet.

New Clark County Oil Test to Be Spudded In Today.

Special to the Gazette. 6-24-39
Arkadelphia, June 23.—Derrick is up and operators will spud in tomorrow on the McElhannon No. 1 oil test well in 25-8-19, Clark county. J. B. Zick, trustee in charge of drilling this well, also sponsored the unsuccessful drilling of two other wells in the county.

Drilling on Gurdon Oil Test Is Started

Gurdon—Drilling was begun in earnest early this week on the W. S. King test, four miles south of Gurdon on highway 67, immediately following the erection of the heavy-duty derrick and twin-engine rotary rig.

According to south Arkansas oil men, who are watching with interest this newest Clark county oil venture, the type of machinery installed seems to indicate a deep test below 2,900 feet, lowest reached by the Beals-Coker well drilled east of Gurdon last year.

Business men, long harried by dwindling farm income, are heartened by the prospects of a thorough test for oil.

Eight miles south of Gurdon another well is going deeper into the earth daily. The Wilson-Skipper test, which was spudded in about two weeks ago, has reached a depth of approximately 600 feet.

Oil Test Near Gurdon Down To Depth of 1,300 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 10-7-39
Arkadelphia, Oct. 6.—Reports from the Skipper oil test six miles southwest of Gurdon, say the drill has penetrated to a depth of 1,300 feet and into a sand that shows traces of oil, after the drill had passed through a limestone formation. Drillers said gas pressure is steadily increasing.

Good Showing Reported By Coker Oil Test Near Gurdon.

Special to the Gazette. 11-10-39
Gurdon, Nov. 9.—Bailing operations on Coker's oil test near Gurdon began yesterday to ascertain the amount of oil in the eight feet of oil sand. A good showing of oil was made. About 20 feet more of the oil sand remains to be tested, Mr. Coker said.

Coker Oil Test Near Gurdon Sets Casing.

Special to the Gazette. 12-3-39
Arkadelphia, Dec. 2.—The Coker oil test, near Gurdon in Clark county, is in what is believed to be production sand, and casing has been cemented in. When it hardens, an attempt will be made to bring in a producer. Promoters said that previous wells drilled in that vicinity were sunk below the top level of the sand and water interfered. In this test the experiment will be made from the top of the sand.

The King and Skipper tests were at a standstill this week, but it was announced that work will be resumed at both locations soon.

Reports Oil Show In Clark County Test.

Special to the Gazette. 12-22-40
Gurdon—W. P. Wilson, who for sometime has been engaged in drilling for oil between Whelen and Bierne, a few miles south of Gurdon, reports that at the 1,705-foot level he has encountered an oil sand that has good prospects of making a producer.

Casing has been set at that level, and important developments are expected soon, he said.

WILL MAKE TEST SOON.
Special to the Gazette. 1921
Gurdon, Aug. 16.—It is planned to test the well of the Arkansas Oil Company here before September 1. The well is below 2,100 feet. Until Saturday the formation was hard lime rock, but the drill now is in softer formation and rapid progress is being made. It was said that there was a good showing of oil last week. Operations have been going on at this well more than a year. Drilling was slow, due to the hard formation.

CASING IS REMOVED

Drillers of Wilson Well Find Leak in Piping.
Special to the Gazette. 1921
Gurdon, Sept. 5.—The six and ten-inch casing in the Wilson well, six

miles south of here, was removed yesterday, but 800 feet of the eight-inch, which was lost at the 400-foot level, and which is being pulled to repair a break, still remains in the hole.

E. E. Dolen, driller, made an effort to draw the eight-inch by connecting the casings, but the strain was so great that the threads were reamed. A special tool was inserted in the casing this morning, and no further trouble in removing the casing was expected.

The casing will be reset and a test is expected in two weeks. The exact depth of the well, which was formerly reported at nearly 3,000 feet, has not been given out by the driller, but it is thought to be not more than 2,000 feet. The well is located on one of perhaps a hundred gas mounds, and is only a quarter of a mile east of the Missouri Pacific main line tracks. A good showing of oil was found the first of last week. Drilling operations ceased immediately, and the well was mudded in.

MORE DRILLING LIKELY.

Special to the Gazette. 1-4-22
Arkadelphia, Jan. 4.—Judge W. R. Lynch, geologist of Dallas, Tex., Mr. Matidor, president and general manager of the Petroleum Valley Land and president of the Pecos Valley Land and Oil Company; Jackson Grantham of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, of Texas; and Samuel Mason, also of Texas, were in Arkadelphia Sunday the guests of J. J. Kress and O. O. Meeks. For the past week they have been in the Delight and Antoine section of Pike and Clark counties considering the advisability of drilling for oil.

LATEST OIL NEWS

TAKES CHARGE OF TEST

H. C. Wilson Hopes to Find Oil in Clark County.
Special to the Gazette. 1922

Gurdon, Jan. 8.—H. C. Wilson of Memphis, who started a test well four miles south of Gurdon several months ago, and who later sold part of his interest, has again assumed management of the well. Drilling has been shut down since November. Mr. Wilson hopes to bring in a gusher within a few weeks. The crew now is constructing a reservoir preparatory to washing out the hole. It has been reported that showings of both oil and gas have been encountered.

Gurdon business men have raised a bonus of \$4,080 for the producer of the first well drilled in this vicinity producing 500 barrels or more.

DRILLING IS UNDER WAY

Sixteen Tests for Oil Being Made Near Arkadelphia.
Special to the Gazette. 1922

Arkadelphia, Jan. 21.—Arkadelphia may within a few months wake to realize a very startling position in the oil game that is waxing throughout this section. There are 16 points in a radius of 30 miles where wells are either in progress of drilling or in prospect. None is closer to Arkadelphia than 12 miles, which is gratifying to local residents.

The following wells are being drilled or contracted for:
Ark Oil Company, south part of Clark county, near Wheelen. In 26-1-20; drilling with rotary rig, down 2,400 feet, said to be in oil sand. C. S. Hunter well, near Bierne, also in southwest Clark county, in 1-11-20; using rotary rig, down 2,100 feet. Well No. 1, in north Clark county, in 1-11-20.

CONTRACT FOR WELL.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Arkadelphia, Jan. 23.—E. W. Regan, O. O. Meeks and J. J. Kress returned last night from a conference with associates of the M. L. & G. Oil Syndicate of Texas, held in Antoine and Delight. While in conference, a contract for a test well on the acreage of the Clark county men was made with the Texas State Oil and Refining Company of Dallas. The derrick and machinery will be shipped to the location at once, it was said.

New Oil Test Spudded In Near Gurdon.

Special to the Gazette. 12-2-27
Gurdon, Dec. 1.—The derrick was completed Tuesday for the spudding in of a new oil test, four miles west of Gurdon in section 9-21-34, which will be known as the Clark No. 1. This is the first project in this part of the county, and 12,000 acres have been blocked for the test. Drilling will be begun next week. H. A. Garner of El Dorado, driller, spudded in the Eakin well No. 1 at Whelen Springs last week and the first sand to be tested is that between the 500 and 600 foot level.

Oil Sand Showing in Test at Whelen Springs Reported.

Special to the Gazette. 12-24-27
Arkadelphia, Dec. 23.—A showing of oil sand has been found at a depth of between 600 and 700 feet in Eakin No. 1, a test oil well at Whelen Springs in the southern end of Clark county. It is reported by Arkadelphia business men who went to see the well yesterday. Gurdon and Arkadelphia interests are combined with McKenzie Oil Company of Atlanta, Ga., in making the test, which is in section 9-11-19, near other tests made in recent years. M. C. McKenzie, driller, said he would make a test at the present depth between January 1 and 5.

Whelen Springs Wildcat Ready for Test.

Special to the Gazette. 1-13-28
Gurdon, Jan. 12.—Everything is in readiness for a test of the test at Whelen Springs, the Eakin No. 1. A depth of 630 feet has been reached, and the core was found to contain oil. In the two former wells drilled near the present location good showings were made, and the stockholders and drillers say they are very much encouraged over the findings in this well.

Drilling Is Resumed at Ruth Wilson Well at Amity.

Special to the Gazette. 3-29-28
Amity, March 28.—The Ruth Wilson oil well No. 1 has resumed drilling after a large bit, jar and other tools were removed from the hole. Operators expect to have a day and night force working until the well is completed.

GASOLINE DRAWN FROM HOTEL WELL AT AMITY

Special to the Gazette. 4-29-31
Amity, April 28.—For several days J. W. Coker, proprietor of the Coker hotel here, has drawn gasoline from his well at the rear of the hotel. He says he cannot explain how the gasoline gets into the well unless it comes from a leak in the tanks of the Amity Motor Company, located a block north of the hotel. B. K. Barksdale, of the Amity Motor Company, said he has not missed any gasoline from the tanks. The gasoline drawn from the well by Mr. Coker is red. He has obtained from one to two gallons of good gasoline at one drawing.

New Test Well to Be Drilled in Clark County.

Special to the Gazette. Aug 8, 1931
Arkadelphia, Aug. 7.—J. S. Henderson of the Henderson oil drilling interests, who recently made three tests in the vicinity of Delight, was in Arkadelphia today and announced that the outfit would be moved immediately to a location six miles southeast of Delight, near Antoine, Clark county. The acreage on which the well will be drilled is owned almost entirely by Arkadelphia people.

W. R. Julian, geologist, after studying the three tests at Delight, said the wells there are edge wells, that is, on the outlying part of the field. He recommended making the next test four miles southwest of Antoine, near the border of Clark and Pike counties. The three wells already drilled at a cost of \$75,000 gave good showings of oil, according to drillers and observers.

15,000 Acres in Clark County Leased for Oil Test.

Special to the Gazette. Aug 27, 1934
Arkadelphia, Aug. 27.—A block of 15,000 acres has been formed near Donaldson for a test for oil, and drilling activities have been forecast by the arrival of a Sheery spudder which is being installed four miles from the town in section 19-6-17. A derrick is being erected and drilling may start during this week, it was announced.

Several months ago there was excitement at Donaldson by the discovery of oil in water wells. Donaldson men interested in the test are: Lloyd Nix and E. B. Gibbs, F. D. Cooper and F. D. Goza of Malvern are associated with the Donaldson men in the venture. They have contracted with W. T. Simrall of Cincinnati to drill the well.

Donaldson Business Men Eager To Continue Oil Test.

Special to the Gazette. 12-2-27
Arkadelphia, May 1.—Donaldson business men, headed by C. J. Goodwin of the Southern Craft Company, last night met with members of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce relative to obtaining co-operation from Arkadelphia and Malvern in making a test for oil in the Brown Springs area. Brown Springs is near Donaldson and about half way between Malvern and Arkadelphia.

Goodwin is president of the Donaldson Oil Company, which has sunk a test well down to 930 feet. He and other Donaldson men and several Arkadelphia and Malvern men have been financing the test.

For several years, residents of Donaldson and vicinity have been bothered by the presence of oil in their well water. Some wells have been abandoned.

Drilling on Test Well Near Donaldson to Be Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. June 19, 1935
Arkadelphia, June 18.—Drilling on the test oil well near Brown Springs, 12 miles east of here and near Donaldson, will be resumed within a few days, officials announced. The well was bailed again yesterday for observation by officials of the Stuart Holding Company of New York city, who reported that "an exceedingly good showing of oil" was made.

Gas Flow Reported in Well in Clark County.

Special to the Gazette. 12-19-35
Arkadelphia, Dec. 19.—Gas has been struck in a test well on the Warren Gibbins farm, 14 miles southeast of Arkadelphia. D. M. Durant, driller, has gone to Camden for casing and after it is set, the gas pressure and flow will be tested. The well is down only 556 feet.

The location is only a short distance from an oil and gas test made 10 years ago when sufficient pressure was shown to throw muck to the top of the derrick. It is about a mile from state Highway 8 and less than a mile from the Ouachita river. The farm formerly was owned by Jimmie Haygood, former athletic coach at Henderson College, Southwestern University and other colleges.

Several Arkadelphia citizens have large acreages near the test.

Special to the Gazette. 11-16-36
Clark County. Another wildcat test that has been under way for some time but for which permit was not issued until this week is the Z. T. Sparkman No. 1 test of John G. Wooten of Prescott in Clark county near Gurdon. The test is drilling below 1,000 feet and is located 660 feet south and 660 feet east of the northwest corner of section 1-11-20 in Clark county.

The other drilling permit was issued to John G. Wooten for the Z. T. Sparkman No. 1 in section 1-11-20 in Clark county.

Oil Showing Reported in Test in Clark County.

Special to the Gazette. 12-21-36
Prescott, Dec. 21.—Scouts are impressed with showing of oil in John G. Wooten's Z. T. Sparkman No. 1 oil test in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 1-11-20, in Clark county, less than a mile from the Nevada county line and 13 miles due east of Prescott. A four-foot core test made this morning in the Nacatosh sand at 566 feet dripped with oil of a finer grade than that in the Waterloo field, exactly 18 miles due south of this test.

Casing will be set tomorrow and the well will be brought in within three days. Wooten, who has offices at Prescott, said he encountered a two-foot cap and has drilled only four feet into the sand, this sand being found at the 1,200-foot level in the Waterloo field.

The test is two miles due south of Whelen Springs. A large block of oil and gas leases has been acquired by local people on both sides of the Little Missouri river, the boundary between Clark and Nevada counties, near the test.

Clark County Oil Tests To Be Spudded In Soon

Gurdon—Two oil wells for tests are being promoted in south Clark county, and will be spudded in soon. One of the wells will be on the Gurdon Lumber Company land four and one-half miles southeast of Gurdon, and the other will be on the tract of land belonging to the Bierne Lumber Company.

The one on Gurdon Lumber tract will be under the direction of Martin and Beals Co., Little Rock; and H. A. Hunt will be in charge of the drilling.

The derrick has been completed and the machinery will be placed the latter part of this week.

Test Oil Well Near Gurdon Down 1,300 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 6-5-37
Gurdon, June 4.—The Martin & Beal oil test, four miles east of Gurdon, has reached a depth of 1,300 feet, it was reported today, with a considerable amount of gas pressure. Another test, on the Bierne Lumber Co. land, eight miles southeast of here, is progressing.