

**Deep Oil Test Planned Near
Holly Springs.**

8-4-37

Special to the Gazette.

Camden, Aug. 3.—Plans for a deep oil test near Holly Springs were announced today when a block of acreage was completed by Gurtman James, real estate and royalty company of Port Arthur, Tex. They plan to sink the well to a depth of 4,000 feet. The block contains 10,000 acres and the contract calls for three wells on the block. The first well is in Section 27, township 10 south, range 16 west. Much trading in leases and royalties was reported. In previous tests drilled in this section north of Camden, several good sands have been found.

**Oil Test on Vance Place Near
Fordyce Abandoned.**

Special to the Gazette. 4-2-38

Fordyce, April 1.—Jack Markwick has announced that the oil test on the Aubrey Vance place in section 18-11-11, had been abandoned at 3,560 feet. The rig is being moved to Texarkana. The well near here was drilled until operators struck the Paleozoic rock and no indications of oil was found at any level.

**Dallas County Well Drilling In
Gumbo at 1,025 Feet.**

Special to the Gazette. 9-5-40

Sparkman, Sept. 4.—The test well for oil or gas being drilled by W. S. Poole and H. H. McBride in Section 16-9-16 in Dallas county is at 1,025 feet in sticky shale and black gumbo. Mr. Poole said the surface geology and topography is the same as in the Smackover field in Union county, the formations have contained considerable lime and lignite and has checked closely with the Smackover field. They expect this gumbo to be about 250 feet in thickness and the pay sand in the Nacatosh.

AWARDED GAS FRANCHISE

Liberal Rates Offered J. E. Conners, Who Takes Contract at Fordyce.

Special to the Gazette. 8-19-21
Fordyce, Aug. 18.—J. E. Conners has been awarded the franchise for natural gas in Fordyce on the most liberal terms of any towns in the state, except Fort Smith, which has

40,000 population and lies only 12 miles from supply. Net rates are 31 1-2 cents for domestic consumption, 17 1-2 cents for churches, hospitals and public buildings, and 10 cents for manufacturing purposes. The franchise stipulates that Mr. Conners must have his pipe lines to Fordyce in 150 days and be in full operation here in 250 days.

TO MAKE TEST SOON

Drillers at Bucksnot Well Waiting for Owners to Arrive.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Fordyce, Aug. 27.—The test well at Bucksnot, four and a half miles from Fordyce, is resting on the sand and the test is being delayed awaiting the arrival of some of the owners who will be here in the next two or three days. There has been a good showing of oil, accompanied by a satisfactory gas pressure.

The well is section 18, township 10, range 13, Dallas county.

There has been much activity in lease trading, prices up to \$25 being reported on leases over two miles from the well. The operators had let some of their acreage pass by the rental dates and bought it back at fancy prices, though in some cases they have not been able to get it back.

This acreage was blocked first by the Fordyce Oil and Gas Company, which made a drilling contract with E. I. Newblock of Tulsa, who later assigned a percentage of this acreage to Kemp & Sinclair of Tulsa. The well was "spudded in" about May 1, and has proceeded without accident since that date. The location was made by F. Julius Fohs.

This is the second well in Dallas county, the first being the Swatow well, seven miles northwest of Bucksnot. That test was abandoned as a dry hole in April.

FORDYCE IS ON EDGE

Oil Excitement Rampant Pending Test of Bucksnot Well.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Fordyce, Aug. 29.—Excitement is high in Fordyce and Dallas county pending the test of the Bucksnot well near here. It is probable the test will be made Wednesday. However, arrangements will be only tentative until the arrival of E. R. Kemp from New York.

Oil men from various sections of the county have been arriving here for several days. Leases are commanding fabulous sums. Today's leasing included the lease of four 40-acre tracts in section 17, by the Misses Ellen and Lacy Knight and John Knight for \$25 an acre, to the Watts Drilling Company, which is drilling the Bucksnot well. Dolly Mosley leased 40 acres for \$1,000 and another tract of 30 acres at \$75 an acre, totaling \$2,200. The Gladys Belle Company bought 80 acres one mile from the well at \$25 an acre, and another tract of 40 acres at \$50 an acre from W. M. Carraway of the Fordyce Oil and Gas Company.

EXPECT TO TEST SOON

Owners of Bucksnot Well May Start Bailing Today.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Fordyce, Aug. 31.—Fordyce tonight is all excited awaiting the beginning of bailing operations at the Bucksnot well, four miles northwest of here. The test may be started tomorrow upon the arrival of two officials of the company drilling the well. The hole has been mudded, and all material necessary to make the test is on the ground.

Hotels are crowded to overflowing with oil men awaiting action. There has been a keen demand for leases on the top of the structure as outlined by the consulting geologist, F. Julius Fohs, and the market was considerably strengthened by the high prices paid by agents and close associates of the men drilling the well. Most of the particularly desirable acreage has been taken up.

The well is located in the extreme northeast corner of Section 18-10-13. The bottom of the hole is at 2,458 feet with eight-inch casing set, but not cemented. It is in gumbo at around 2,340 feet. Eight joints of six-inch liner, with one perforated, and a joint of screen are lying on the ground ready to be set. Since the pumps were run late last week nothing has been done to the hole. There was a good showing at that time.

BUCKSNORT TEST NEAR

Practically All Preliminaries Completed at Fordyce Well.

Special to the Gazette. 9-3-21
Fordyce, Sept. 2.—Work looking toward the testing of the Bucksnot well near here began before daylight this morning and has continued during most of the day. The 180 feet of liner with one joint of perforated and the screen has been set and the drillers have nearly completed the job of replacing the mud in the hole with fresh water.

It is anticipated that they will begin bailing tonight, though this final part of the test may be postponed until tomorrow morning. Visitors were denied a close look at the operations today. The derrick was wired off for a considerable distance on all sides. This action was ostensibly taken as a precaution of the public against danger. The real purpose of the exclusion is obvious, and since the owners of the

well have cleaned up all the surrounding acreage they want, the persistent secrecy in arousing resentment.

INTEREST AT CARTHAGE

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Carthage, Sept. 2.—On account of oil showings at Bucksnot, 15 miles south of here, and near Willow, 17 miles west of here, and reported indications at Leola, seven miles north, considerable interest is being taken here in lease trading.

TEST WELL SPUDED IN

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Fordyce, Feb. 2.—The Calhoun Oil Development Company yesterday spudded in a test oil well in 16-11-13, Calhoun county, about three miles southwest of Fordyce.

TO RESUME DRILLING

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Fordyce, April 21.—Work is at a standstill on Evans Well No. 1, three miles south of Fordyce. Mr. Bonner, the head driller, is sick and Mr. Evans is spending a few days in the Northeast. He will return in a few days to Fordyce and work will begin again.

Derrick for Dallas County Oil Test Erected.

Special to the Gazette. 2-17-28
Fordyce, Feb. 10.—A test for oil will be made near here immediately. The derrick has been erected by "Red" McFarland of El Dorado and the project is being backed by Robert Dedman and Frank Cray of this place. The driller will be Mike Carroll who has

had experience in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas and Texas.

The tract has been blocked by Cray & Dedman and includes about 5,500 acres and the well will be drilled on the property of W. E. Hillman. Between 60 and 70 landowners have signed up leases. Operations will be begun not later than March 15 and probably by March 1. The well will be located about a mile and a quarter from the well drilled at Bucksnot which showed traces of oil before it was abandoned.

Oil Well Near Fordyce Down to 1,000-Foot Level.

Special to the Gazette.
Fordyce, March 23.—The oil well being drilled on land owned by Zeke Hillman, now is down a little more than 1,000 feet and is going through a rocky formation. It is expected that the oil sands will be reached at about 2,400 feet. Robert Dedman is in charge of operations and expects to bring in the well within the next two months. The well is about three miles northwest of here and within one mile of the old Bucksnot well, which showed good traces of oil.

Promoters Will Resume Drilling Near Fordyce

Special to the Gazette.
Fordyce, Oct. 1.—(Special).—A group of business men who purchased the interest of Bob Dedman, promoter, in the Hillman oil test well near here, has been busy refinancing the project, and it is understood that drilling operations will be resumed as soon as some of the leases which have expired have been renewed.

The Hillman well has been drilled to a depth of 1,000 feet. Another well being drilled near here is on Big Hill, in Calhoun county. It is understood that the promoters of this well have stated their intention to drill to 4,000 feet if necessary.

Gas Supply Franchise Granted by Fordyce.

Special to the Gazette. 2/22/29
Fordyce, Feb. 21.—The City Council has granted a franchise to the Arkansas Natural Gas Company to supply this city with gas for 25 years. The franchise was granted after three companies had made proposals. The Moran Gas Corporation of the South and the Bradley Oil and Gas Company were the others.

The company will pipe gas here from El Dorado. The supply will come from the Caddo fields in Louisiana. The company agrees to start work within six months. On Friday afternoon the Arkansas Natural Gas Company secured a franchise from Rison and will extend a main from Fordyce, about 18 miles, to supply that city. The company also plans to supply Thornton and Bearden.

Special to the Gazette. 5-25-28
Fordyce, May 24.—(Special).—Interest in oil development in the territory just north of Fordyce was revived this week when E. C. Brewer of Stephens and M. E. Phillips of Dallas, Tex., began blocking acreage for a test. It is understood that a number of leases have been secured. The promoters propose to guarantee a 2,400-foot test at least, and deeper if oil indications are favorable.

Oil Test Well to Be Sunk Near Princeton.

Special to the Gazette. 12-6-30
Fordyce, Dec. 5.—An oil well will be sunk near Princeton, where Mr. James, an operator of El Dorado, has secured a block of about 7,000 acres. The well will be about one mile from the home of Joe Mays on land belonging to the Fordyce Lumber Company. Two other oil projects in Dallas county are contemplated and acreage is being blocked for a well near Sparkman and another near Fordyce.

Two Oil Tests in Progress in Dallas County.

Special to the Gazette. 1-24-31
Fordyce, Jan. 23.—The oil well being drilled at Princeton, in the heart of Dallas county, is down to a depth of 900 feet and a sand resembling oil sand was struck at a depth of 844 feet. However, there was no oil in the sand and the well is being drilled deeper. The well is now on a hard rock and drilling is slow.

Princeton Test Well Down to 1,900 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-21-31
Fordyce, Feb. 20.—The oil test at Princeton in the central part of Dallas county is down to a depth of 1,900 feet and drillers are on what is expected to be the cap rock. It is said that they will make a test of the well in an effort to bring it in below the rock.

Oil Test Near Fordyce Down to Depth of 2,560 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-21-31
Fordyce, Feb. 20.—The oil test on Hillman farm a few miles from Fordyce is down to 2,560 feet and is in the Natchitoches sand, according to E. C. Brewer, in charge of operations, who said the formation is excellent, with prospects of bringing in a producing well. The original contract for the drilling called for only 2,500 feet but when this depth was reached it was found that the drill was still in the Natchitoches sand.

Test Well Near Fordyce Down 2,720 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 3-28-31
Fordyce, March 27.—Drilling at the Hillman Well No. 1 is at a depth of 2,720 feet and drillers expect to make a test in what is believed to be the Blossom sands. A test was made at a previous depth in what was said to be the Meaton sands and strong indications of oil were found. E. C. Brewer, in charge of operations, said that a test will be made in the present sand and should this prove unfavorable it will be necessary to go to the Woodbine sands. Core tests are being taken daily.

FORDYCE OIL FIELD MAY BE DEVELOPED

Work on Princeton Test to Be Resumed; Three New Wells Proposed.

Special to the Gazette. 5-9-31
Fordyce, May 8.—Oil developments in this section are showing increased activity. Work on the Princeton well has been resumed, and material is on hand to go to 4,200 feet if necessary. Good showings of high gravity oil have been found in core barrel tests, and good formations have been encouraged at all depths.

E. C. Brewer, trustee in charge of operations at the well on the W. E. Hillman property, two miles north of here, has completed arrangements for another test on this block. The well will be started next week. The well here was drilled to about 2,800 feet. Good showings of high gravity oil were encountered at 2,500 feet, but the well was drilled deeper in an effort to bring in a larger well.

It is now proposed to drill another well in the block to the same depth and bring in a well. Property owners have co-operated with the interests drilling, and have agreed to forego their rentals on the leases so that another test might be made. Three other wells are announced for this vicinity.

In Cleveland county, five miles east of here, a location has been made and the rig set for drilling on the J. R. Bell farm, two miles west of Kingsland and north of the Cotton Belt railroad. This acreage was blocked out some time ago and efforts were made to secure a well, but property owners refused to co-operate and drilling was delayed. Geologists have pronounced the formations here exceedingly favorable, and with these new tests hopes are strong that an oil field will be developed soon.

Oil Drilling Operations Near Fordyce Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. May 23, 1931
Fordyce, May 22.—Work has been resumed at the Hillman well No. 1, two and one-quarter miles northwest of here. This well has reached 2,865 feet. Drilling will continue until a thorough test has been made of the Woodbine sands. E. C. Brewer, in charge of the drilling, said, "If no oil is found, it is planned to drill another well and acreage blocked off by the company."

Landowners here have co-operated with the company, and have agreed to forego rentals on leases in order that another test may be made. Work also has started again on the well near Princeton. Enough material is on hand to carry the well to 4,000 feet.

The well located north of here in Cleveland county, start operations some time next week. This well is located about five miles north of here and west of Kingsland. The rig has been received and work on the building is under way.

Reports also have been received here that a well will be drilled near New Edinburgh in Calhoun county. The well is expected to be spudded in around July 1.

Company Organized to Drill for Oil Near Fordyce.

Special to the Gazette.
Fordyce, July 10.—The Zepp Oil and Gas Company has been organized here to drill for oil and gas in this section. The company is chartered under the laws of Delaware.

E. C. Brewer, who was trustee manager of the Hillman No. 1 here, was instrumental in negotiations which resulted in the formation of the company. Mr. Brewer has been in the East for several months, and is returning here.

Another well on the Hillman block will be started soon. The old well showed excellent indications of high gravity oil at 2,650 feet.

New Oil Test to Be Made in Vicinity of Fordyce.

Special to the Gazette. 7-20-31
Fordyce, July 18.—E. C. Brewer has returned from Ohio and other eastern points where he made arrangements for financing oil tests in this vicinity. The Zepp Oil Company has been formed to finance the tests. The well on Hillman No. 1, was drilled to 2,650 feet and excellent indications of a high gravity oil were found. It is planned to drill another well near this place.

Ivan Announcement Expected.

It is reported that a definite announcement will be made soon as to when and where drilling operations will start on the Ivan project, about 11 miles north from this town. Also definite information will be given about drilling operations on the Hillman block, about two miles north of Fordyce. There are three other oil projects in the process of formation in this section, but nothing definite can be learned about when work will be started. Altogether there are six wells to be drilled in this section soon. 6/16/1936

New Cleveland County Test to Be Spudded In

Fordyce—J. R. Lockhart announced that drilling will begin soon on a

block of leases he has just completed. Machinery has been put up, the location is about seven miles northeast of Fordyce on the southeast quarter of section 36, township 10 south, range 11 west, Cleveland county. It is on the Ida Robinson farm, and is about a mile and one-half northeast from the Cubage-Diffey well, which was spudded in about two weeks ago.

Operations at the Cubage-Diffey well are held up by litigation between Lockhart and the operators.

May Spud in Bucksnot Well at Fordyce Today

Fordyce—W. B. Patty announced that all machinery has been placed on the site where the Bucksnot test well will be drilled, four miles north of Fordyce, and that the well will be spudded in Sunday or Monday. The well is located in section 7-10-13. It offsets the test started at the same location known as the Julius Fohs test in 1921.

Much excitement was caused at the time by report that the Fohs crew had struck oil, but later the well was closed up and nothing developed.

J. R. Lockhart returned from Des Moines, Iowa, and stated that drilling would be started again on the Lockhart-Ross well which was spudded in July 15 by A. J. Diffie and associates. Litigation, which stopped operations at the well was ironed out in Chancery court here last week.

The well will be drilled to a depth of 2,800 feet. Drilling operations have been resumed at the Ivan test well, six miles north of Fordyce. A shortage of water retarded operations for a time, but after the rain of Wednesday night there is plenty of water. The well is down more than 2,100 feet. G. F. Tarver, driller in charge says he expects to reach the Natchitoch sand shortly.

Surface casing to a depth of 109 feet was set at the Pennington No. 1 well, three miles south of Fordyce Wednesday afternoon. This well is on land belonging to Henry Hearnberger and offsets the old Turkey Hill test made on this site 14 years ago.

Six Oil Wells Being Drilled Near Fordyce.

Special to the Gazette. 9/9/1936
Fordyce, Sept. 8.—Oil activity in this section has been greater than ever and six wells are being drilled with a seventh scheduled to start soon. One which is drawing attention is that in the W. B. Patty block northwest of here. It is known as the Lown-Atkinson No. 1 and is contracted for 2,750 feet. A 122-foot derrick has been erected and the large rig is on the ground. This well is located near the old Kemp-Sinclair test made in 1920 which caused much activity here.

Julius Fohs, well known geologist, was responsible for the location of the well which gave good showings of oil and was drilled to 3,000 feet but was ruined when something went wrong with the casing. The present well is located in 7-10-13.

Another test is in the George LaGrand block near Ivan, five miles north of here. A. F. Tarver is the contractor and the well, known as Wilbur No. 1, is down 2,100 feet and will be carried to 3,000. It is located in 21-9-13.

The L. P. B. Drilling Company has the old Harry Evans block three miles south of Fordyce and surface casing has been set in the Hearnberger No. 1. It is located in 9-11-13 and the contract calls for a depth of 2,500 feet.

The R. L. Saxon block is in Cleveland county near Mt. Lebanon, eight miles southeast of here. The Tipton No. 1 has the derrick up and the rig on the ground. It is located in 13-11-12 and is contracted for a depth of 3,000 feet.

The O. B. Diffey block is two miles east of Edinburgh, about 12 miles from here, located in 11-11-11 with Bob Lockhart as contractor. Surface casing has been set at 100 feet and it is scheduled to go down to 4,000 feet. The Bob Lockhart block two miles northwest of the Diffey well is located in 36-9-11 and has the derrick up and the rig on the way. It will go down 3,000 feet.

The old Transcontinental block, four miles northeast of Fordyce between here and Kingsland, is in sections 10-10-12 and is being drilled by W. B. Patty and associates. The derrick will be built and rig ready for spudding in in about 10 days.

Drilling in Dallas County Well Ceases

Fordyce—Drilling operations ceased at the Ivan test well, six miles north of Fordyce, Tuesday. W. F. Terver, who had charge of drilling operations, said that he has fulfilled his part of the contract with property owners, which called for the well to be drilled to a depth of 3,000 feet.

The well is down 3,140 feet, and plans had been made to continue drilling, but two expensive drill stems were ruined in the past few days on a rock formation. Machinery is being moved to Shreveport, La., where Mr. Tarver has a contract to drill a well. Paul Phillips has remained in Fordyce and will try to get another contractor to continue with the well.

Cleveland

Democrat 9-23-36

Dallas County Test Now Down 1,000 Feet

Fordyce—The Atkinson No. 1 test well for oil and gas, located in section 7-10-13, better known as the Bucksnot well, four miles north of the city, is now down to a depth of more than 1,000 feet. Jimmy Bryant, driller in charge, says that formations encountered resemble those found in the Smackover territory. Both boilers at the well were put into service Thursday, and there should be no further delay in drilling.

Dallas May Have Oil Well

Fordyce Has Touch of Fever Over Reports From Bucksnot.

Fordyce—Excitement was running high here Saturday night after developments at the Atkinson No. 1 test well for oil, located in Section 7-10-13, west, in the old Bucksnot lease block about four miles north of Fordyce.

A core was taken Friday at a depth of 2,404 feet by the driller in charge and the report was kept a secret, but interested persons picked up some of the coreavings on the derrick after the workmen left and it was reported saturated with oil. It is believed to be from the Nacatosh sand.

This well offsets the old Kemp-St. Clair and Julius Fohs test which caused excitement at a depth of 2,458 in 1920.

Many oil men are here representing major companies. They have been watching the well for several days. Walter Lawn, driller, filed more than 100 leases at the clerk's office here Friday and made arrangements with an abstract company to check titles. Several farmers have been offered from \$10 to \$15 per acre for one-half royalties on their land. There is no open acreage near the well, this being held by those drilling the well.

John Knight, who lives near the well, was offered \$3,600 for one-half royalty on 360 acres Saturday. Z. S. Copeland, oil man of Texarkana, and Henry Hearst of Longview, Texas, are among oil men here.

W. B. Paty of Paris, Texas, completed the block of leases and made possible the drilling.

Dallas County, 12-29-36
In Dallas county, Walter Lown is reported to be shut down while titles are being cleared before further operations on his Atkinson No. 1 test in section 7-10-13, in which he is reported to have obtained a showing of oil at 2,419 feet.

Test of Dallas County Well Expected Soon

Fordyce H. H. ("Scotty") Taylor, Tulsa, Oklahoma, oil man, was in Fordyce the past week and conferred with promoters and drillers of the Atkinson No. 1 test in section 7-10-13. Twenty years ago when excitement was high and it was thought that the Kemp well No. 1 would come in, Mr. Taylor was here, being one of the owners of the blocked acreage and the well, and was associated with Earl Sinclair and Roger Kemp. Julius Fohs was the geologist who made the location of the Kemp well.

The present well at Bucksnot offsets this well. Two weeks ago there was considerable interest manifested by oil men in the well at Bucksnot, and Mr. Taylor was here.

Drilling Resumed in Dallas County Well

Fordyce—Walter Lawn, driller of the Atkinson No. 1 test well located near Bucksnot, section 7-10-13, west, about four miles north of here, will resume drilling at the site immediately, according to W. B. Paty, oil man interested in the well.

Interest is being manifested in the resumption of operations here, as it is believed by those in a position to know that the well has had good showings of gas and oil. The depth is 2,404 feet. Mr. Lawn has been occupied with drilling operations in the new Nevada field and that has caused the delay in drilling here.

J. R. Lockhart has resumed operations at the Ida Robinson test well in Cleveland county, seven miles east of here. Corings are taken daily, and he expects to hit the Nacatosh sand soon.

Bucksnot Tests Fail; May Drill Well Deeper

Fordyce—Drilling operations ceased Saturday afternoon at the Atkinson No. 1 test, in section 7-10-13, Bucksnot, four miles north of here, and 15 feet below the contracted depth of 2,750 feet.

Drill stem tests made at three different depths, 2,404, 2,600 and 2,765 feet, failed to reveal oil or gas in commercial quantities. Oil men still are trying to make arrangements with the property holders in the area for a contract to drill to a depth of 4,500 feet.

No machinery will be moved until this matter is settled. If no agreement is reached and it is decided to drill deeper, then plans may be made to drill an offset to the Hillman test well in section 20-10-13, blocked with the same acreage as the Bucksnot well. Good showings of gas and oil were found in the Hillman test in 1931.

Acreage leases and royalties sold for good prices.

Dem. No Deepen Robinson Well.
Fordyce—Heavy drilling machinery has been installed at the Ida Robinson test well, seven miles southeast of Fordyce, near New Edinburgh, in section 36-10-11. J. R. Lockhart, in charge of operations, announced that a depth of 3,500 feet will be reached before a test is made. Leases and royalties in this section are selling for good prices.

Dallas County Land Ready for Oil Test

Fordyce—J. C. Kelley, Jack Voyles and R. A. Harmon of Port Arthur, Tex., have blocked 3,000 acres of land in Dallas county for the scheduled drilling of the Corrells No. 1 test well for oil next week. The site is in the southeast quarter of section 35, township 10, range 16 west, about two miles west of Holly Springs and 20 miles west of here.

Drilling would have started Monday morning, but the storm of Friday night blew down the derrick. Work of rebuilding is under way. Dozier of Stephens will be the driller in charge.

Mr. Kelly said the contracted depth is 3,500 feet, but he expected to reach oil and gas in the Nacatosh sand at 1,600 feet. This well is one mile north of the Ray Owens No. 1 and No. 2 wells where good showings of oil and gas were found a year ago.

Dallas County Wildcat Test Down 475 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 5-29-37
Camden, May 28.—Drilling operations have started on the Sorrells No. 1, in Section 35-10-16, in Dallas county, near the Ouachita county line. R. A. Harmon, J. C. Voyles and J. C. Kelly are drilling the well, which was down to 457 feet today. The contract calls for 3,500 feet. It is the third test to be drilled in the Dallas area. One test had a good oil and gas showing but heaving shale caused it to be abandoned. The present well is drilling in the sticky shale.

Dem Will Drill in Dallas 6-30-37

Camden—A new block of acreage is being signed up near Holly Springs for an oil test just north of the most recent location across the Ouachita county line into Dallas county, 22 miles north of Camden. Three sands will be tested. This is the fourth attempt to find oil in this vicinity. G. K. James, Jack Voyles, and J. C. Kelly of Beaumont, Tex., are drilling the well. Recently a well in this section was abandoned.

New Well Is Started Southeast of Fordyce

Fordyce—J. R. Lockhart announced that machinery has been set at his test well in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 26-10-11, seven miles northeast of Fordyce. This test is on a block of 9,000 acres. Drilling will be to a depth of 4,000 or 5,000 feet. The well will be blown as the Ida Robinson No. 1. Twin boilers, twin engines and twin pumps are being installed as a guarantee against delay. The well was to be spudded in Saturday.

This well offsets the Frey well drilled in this section 20 years ago, which almost blew in. The noise made by the well could be heard for a long distance. Mr. Lockhart said.

Drilling operations have ceased for a few days at the Bucksnot well, known as the Atkinson No. 1, four miles north of Fordyce, in order that a supply of water may be had. Preparations are under way to lay a water line one and one-half miles to Goose creek.

Seismograph Tests Near Holly Springs Planned Democrat 6-20-37

Fordyce - Landowners believing there is oil in the vicinity of the Ray Sorrells No. 1 test well, located in section 35-10-16, 20 miles west of here, near Holly Springs, and recently abandoned at a depth of 1,000 feet, are working up a 6,000 acre block of leases with the intention of making four seismograph tests. Negotiations have been started with a Texas Oil company, it is said, to make the tests.

J. R. Lockhart announced that drilling will begin at the Ida Robinson well in section 36-10-11, Cleveland county, about 11 miles southeast of here, as soon as leases can be renewed. A deep test is planned at this location. About 2,000 acres of leases have lapsed, Mr. Lockhart said, but he believes they will be renewed. Completion of the block in the Turkey Hill sector, three miles south of here, in Calhoun county, is expected within a few days.

Another Oil Test Planned In Dallas County. Gazette 6-29-37

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