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## Hempstead Banking On Boom in Oil

Democrat 1-4-42

Hope—With the discovery of oil one mile south of the Hempstead County line in Lafayette County, an intensified period of drilling appears certain for this county, and the Hope Chamber of Commerce has extended Barnsdall Oil Company executives an invitation to make Hope its headquarters.

J. P. Byers, Hempstead County circuit clerk, estimated that 3,000 acres of land spreading as far as nine miles from the Barnsdall producer, already was under lease in Hempstead County. Mr. Byers said that his office had been swamped the past few days with royalty and lease buyers who were recording their holdings.

Several large spreads of acreage have been assembled in the southern part of the county and deep tests are expected in that area, and possibly up to the western side of the county.

### Early Wells Too Shallow.

Several localities in Hempstead County have been prospected for oil in recent years but to no great depth. The deepest test was by H. L. Moore in southwestern Hempstead about four years ago, which reached a depth of 4,600 feet, considerably less than the Barnsdall producer.

Other holes have been drilled in the western part of the county in the Grassy Lake section. Two tests in recent years by H. D. Easton et al gave indications of oil at various depths, but the wells were drilled to less than 3,000 feet.

The Barnsdall discovery has brought royalty and lease buying as far north as the Bus Tunstall place, just south of the city limits of Hope.

## First Well In Hempstead Is Being Drilled

Democrat 3-22-42

Stamps—Oil exploration resulting from the new Midway Field in Lafayette County spread into the neighboring county of Hempstead this week, as the Hygrade Oil Company's No. 1 Ford, NW NW, section 32-14-23, got under way.

E. G. Bradham, El Dorado drilling contractor will drill the test, which is the first for Hempstead County. It is located about two and a half miles north of the Midway Field. Operators are WOC after spudding in and setting surface casing.

The Midway Field chalked up its 10th producer this week in Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 4 Bond, SE SW, section 11-15-24. The test had not been officially gauged, but it was regarded as a good well. Bottomed at 6436 feet, porosity was topped at 6345 feet.

That company acidized its No. 2 Bond, SE SW, section 11-15-24, yesterday after swabbing operations failed to increase its flow.

Barnsdall's No. 1 Creek Heirs, section 10-15-25, was drilling below 900 feet. The same company's F. C. Roberts No. 1, NW SW, section 11-15-24, was below 2000 feet.

One test drilled below 4200 feet in the Buckner Field is E. G. Bradham's No. 1 Sue Keys, section 7-16-22, and a lone wildcat in the extreme southern part of the county near Taylor was below 9100 feet. It is McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, in section 4-19-24.

A new location announced yesterday is Gene Goss et al's No. 1 McClain, C, SE SE, section 14-15-24, extreme southeast edge of the field. Crew already is rigging up.

EXPECT TO GET OIL

Hempstead County Operators Are Confident of Pay Sand.

Special to the Gazette. 8-19-21 Hope, Aug. 18.—With the cuttings from the Mitchell No. 1 test, showing the presence of petroleum and with gas bubbles playing over the ditch as the slush wends its way to the pit, the Georgia-Arkansas well is attracting attention. Operators who have visited the well are more enthusiastic over oil developments in Hempstead county than ever before. The well now is down 1,150 feet.

The drill is making only from 20 to 25 feet a day in alternating strata of sandstone and a heavy gumbo. The theory is that there is an old-bearing sand below and that gas pressure has forced these traces of oil up through crevices. This theory is supported by the fact that occasional bits of real oil sand are found in the cuttings. These cuttings are brought into town every day and are left on display at the company's office.

J. Brandall Walker, came here from

El Dorado more than a week ago to spend one day at the well, is so interested that he will not leave.

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY HAS HOPES OF OIL

Three Test Wells Report Showings of Oil and P-20-21 Gas.

Special to the Gazette.

Hope, Aug. 19.—With three test wells showing signs of both oil and gas, the interest of the oil well "fans" has wavered the last four weeks, but an announcement today that an oil-bearing sand had been found at the Jones No. 1 test sent a large crowd there to get first hand news of developments. It was learned that the drill had passed through about four feet of sand, which had signs of both oil and gas. Excitement ran high for several hours, but when the drill hit a strata of brown gumbo it was decided to await further developments.

The Jones No. 1 test, in which drilling was delayed for almost three months by a lost drill stem, was for many weeks Hempstead county's most promising oil test. It is coming back into favor with the oil fans, now that the drill stem has been successfully sidetracked and the hole is down to an approximate depth of 2,850 feet. It was necessary yesterday to keep a very heavy mud circulated in order to hold back the gas.

The other two wells attracting widespread attention in this vicinity are the Henry No. 1, four miles east of Hope, and the Mitchell No. 1, seven miles northeast.

CAP ROCK IS STRUCK

Operators at Hope May Set Eight-Inch and Make Test.

Special to the Gazette. 1921 Hope, Aug. 24.—Drilling operations were stopped early today at the Mitchell No. 1 test well, seven miles northeast of Hope, when the drill went through what is believed to be the cap rock over comparatively shallow oil sand. A conference is being held this afternoon to determine whether the eight-inch casing will be set on this rock.

OIL SCOUTS ARE BUSY

Watching Developments in Three Tests in Hempstead County.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Aug. 26.—Oil scouts, who are gathering here to watch developments, are kept constantly on the jump with reports of unusual showings in three of the test wells. Most of them visit each of the three wells daily. Yesterday afternoon seepage oil was reported on the ditch at the Mitchell No. 1 after drilling had been resumed, following a conference in which it was determined to drill deeper before making a test.

The Henry No. 1 showed evidence of becoming a gasser. Every time an uncoupling was made the gas showed by heads although there is 1,700 feet of heavy mud in the well.

Drilling around a depth of approximately 2,900 feet, the Jones test is dividing attention with the other two wells. Core barrel tests indicated that the drill had dropped into what is believed to be a real oil sand, though only traces of oil are showing. It is expected a test will be made at this

EXCITEMENT AT HOPE

False Rumors of Gusher Cause Rush to Test Well.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Aug. 29.—Considerable excitement prevailed here Saturday afternoon when it was rumored that the Mitchell No. 1 test well was in. Automobiles filled with people rushed to the well, where it was found that Driller Burdine had stopped drilling and summoned the management to determine whether a test would be made in a sand that shows symptoms of real production. The sand was topped at a depth of approximately 1,400 feet. It was decided that the test will be made and casing is being hurried to the well. This well has been drilling only a little more than 40 days.

NEW WELL IS RUMORED

Hope Citizens Hear Report of Strike at Rosston.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Sept. 8.—All yesterday and early today rumors were flying with reference to a "strike" at the Crawford & Strawn well at Rosston, two miles southeast of Hope, where drilling was in progress. It was said on good authority that the bailer was bringing up considerable quantities of oil every time it was drawn from the hole. However, the well had not begun to flow at last reports.

Strawn & Crawford have sunk three tests in Nevada county. The one at Sutton was abandoned some weeks ago after a cave-in. The well at Bluff City threatened to become a producer a few weeks back, but it, too, has been abandoned and Strawn & Crawford have turned their attention to the Rosston well.

HOPE IS EXCITED OVER TEST WELL

Gusher Expected to Come in at Any Time at Henry Site.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Sept. 14.—With a test of the Henry No. 1 well under way, oil excitement in Hope is running high. Oil scouts representing most of the companies operating in the state are here watching developments.

The plug in the bottom of the well was drilled out Monday afternoon, and it was intended that bailing should start this morning, but some slight trouble delayed that work until this afternoon. After the casing has been bailed it probably will require from 12 to 24 hours' testing to determine whether the casing leaks. Then the real test of the well will be made.

Many well known oil men believe the well will come in either as a gasser or oil producer. The well has shown strong gas pressure, and oil on the ditch has been a common sight. Leases and royalties are quite active as a result of the test. All the big companies are well protected around the well.

Many Hope people were at the well this afternoon to watch the progress of the test. Syd Henry and J. B. Yates, who are interested in the test, are confident that they will bring in some sort of a well.

Many of the scouts expect developments later in the week or early next week when a test is made at the Mitchell No. 1. Casing has been set for a test at a much shallower depth in this well, but it is said that practically the same formation has been found in the Mitchell as in the Henry.

APPROVES HENRY WELL

Hope Geologist Thinks Oil May Be Found at Shallow Depth.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Nov. 2.—LeRoy Kelley, local geologist, who started developments in the Hope district, has reversed his first opinion with reference to the Henry No. 1 well. At the time the location was made Mr. Kelley said that surface indications did not show the formation to run true with the formations at the Jones test, but the bit has proved that it does. Mr. Kelley has watched the log of the well from the start and says the Henry is higher up on the structure, and more favorably located than was the Jones test.

The well is now drilling at about 1,900 feet and the shale through which the bit has just passed, 75 feet thick, is the structure that caps the big wells in the El Dorado field.

TO DRILL TYCAP NO. 1

Head of Company Reaches Hope to Take Charge.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Nov. 3.—Allen G. Thurman, president of the Tycap Oil Company, which started the first test well in Hempstead county, arrived here Tuesday night from Grand Rapids, Mich., and will superintend the Tycap No. 1 test until it is completed. This test hole was started in June of last year, but after drilling for several months it became necessary to skid the derrick over a few feet and start a new hole.

The drillers have had splendid luck with the new hole and have reported good showings. The well is down about 2,000 feet, and under Mr. Thurman's direction will be hurried to completion. A standard rig is being used.

DUCKETT NO. 1 AT HOPE BAILED DRY

Drillers, However, Are Optimistic Over Showings, They Say.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, March 15.—Secrest & Allen made a test of their Duckett No. 1 well, four and a half miles south of Hope, today, at a depth of 644 feet. While the well failed to produce oil in paying quantities, the showings were such that the promoters of the well are enthusiastic, and believe it will be a producer when drilled deeper. They began pulling the eight-inch casing this afternoon, and will continue drilling. Secrest and Allen, the promoters, both are local men.

The Henry No. 1 well, three miles east of Hope, has a fishing job at about 2,880 feet. This well tested salt water at this depth, but promoters of the well think they have overcome the salt water. J. B. Yates and associates are putting down the test.

START NEW TEST NEAR HOPE.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, March 21.—Allen & Secrest's Duckett No. 1 test well, four miles south of Hope, was spudded in Saturday afternoon and drilling is being pushed by both day and night crews. Bill Smith is the driller in charge. This makes the third well he has drilled in a radius of six miles.

DRILLING IS SUSPENDED

Salt Water Found in the Henry No. 1 Well at Hope.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, March 25.—After bailing for a short time this afternoon, drillers in charge of operations at the Henry No. 1 test well pronounced it salt water, and bailing stopped. J. B. Yates, promoter of the well, says he will plug off the salt water.

Five Oil Projects Under Way in Vicinity of Hope.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, April 19.—Erection of two new derricks and near-completion of acreage blocks for two more tests, bring to a total of five the number of oil projects now under way in the Hope area. Four of the five test areas are in Hempstead county, and the fifth, by C. V. Lenz, promoter who has been active at Texarkana, is just below the county line in Lafayette, on the L. A. Foster estate land.

Lenz' decision to cross the river after much exploration work on the west side, boosted oil interests in Hempstead and Lafayette counties. Recently Dr. E. L. Austin of Dallas bought 5,500 acres of the old Hope Lumber Company land from Lloyd Spencer, receiver, and is assembling an acreage block in the southeastern part of Hempstead, and expects to make his location in a few days. The test will be drilled to 3,500 feet.

F. W. Martin & Co. of Tulsa have about completed their block in the southern part of the county, and location will be made next week. Lenz has erected a derrick this side of Red river, directly across from the location on the west bank where he obtained a small well a few years ago. W. P. Morris of Fort Worth, with B. E. Taylor of Shreveport, has derrick up in section 11. It will be sunk to 3,500 feet. North of Sprudel, Mr. Bagnell has shut down at 1,200 feet on his test on the David Trautner land, and further plans have not been announced.

Two Hempstead County Test Wells Spudded In.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, July 5.—Two oil and gas test wells in the Hope area were spudded in today and drilling operations on a third is expected to start within the next 10 days. The Dr. E. L. Austin test is two miles south of Shover Springs. Optimistic over prospects of Hempstead county becoming an oil center, Dr. Austin of Dallas, Tex., leased 5,500 acres, he announced.

The second well is the George Jones test, located on the Hope-Falcon road, spudded in today by Edgar Johnson, driller of Longview, Tex. F. W. Martin & Co. of Tulsa, Okla., announced that a derrick on its well would be completed and drilling operations would start within 10 days. The Martin well is in southern Hempstead county.

Drilling Is Resumed.

Hope, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Drilling operations were begun on the J. A. Lafferty place, nine miles south of Hope, yesterday by F. W. Martin & Co. More than 100 feet were drilled during the day and the surface casing was set. Operations have been temporarily discontinued at the Dr. E. L. Austin well on the J. W. McWilliams land, while a second boiler is being removed to the location. This well is down 700 feet.

Regular operations are expected to begin at the Edgar Johnson well, 10 miles south of Hope, this week.

Wildcat Test in Hempstead County Abandoned.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Dec. 3.—The Edgar Johnson wildcat test in southern Hempstead county will be abandoned, it was announced here today after drillers failed to get an adequate oil showing at 3,500 feet. The F. W. Martin & Co. test, nearby, also has been abandoned because the operators lost approximately 1,500 feet of the drill stem when the derrick caved in. If arrangements can be made the derrick will be skidded over a few yards and a new hole drilled. The Martin test was drilled to 3,670 feet when trouble was encountered. A third oil well test in southern Hempstead county, the Dr. E. L. Austin wildcat, was drilling today at 2,200 feet.

Oil Test Will Be Drilled in Southern Hempstead County.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, March 4.—A new oil test will be drilled in southern Hempstead county, F. W. Martin & Co., Tulsa oil firm, announced here today. The Martin firm drilled a test in this county several months ago, but abandoned the hole after encountering much trouble.

Good Showing of Oil in Well Near Stamps.

Special to the Gazette. Stamps, Feb. 14.—In tests made late today in the well one-half mile south of Stamps, known as Bodcaw No. 3, the core showed saturation with a good grade of oil from 3,460 to 3,480 feet. Andrew Irwin, promoter, announced that efforts will be made to bring in the well, which should produce at least 1,000 barrels. Ohio, Shell, Phillips and Magnolia companies hold interest in the well. More core tests will be made in an effort to estimate the well.

Plug in Test Well Near Hope To Be Drilled Sunday.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, March 26.—The plug in the M. D. K. Fitzwater No. 1 Lafferty oil test in 17-14-24, nine miles south of Hope where interest is centered on a possible new Arkansas production area, will be drilled Sunday, it was announced here today. Casing has been set at 1,986 feet. The rig has been shut down for several days pending the clearing up of land titles and awaiting additional material. W. E. Ramsey of the Ramsey Oil Corporation of Oklahoma City has bought a spread of acreage surrounding the test. There has been a heavy traffic in leases the past three days.

Fitzwater is blocking additional acreage south of his present location. He holds leases on approximately 3,500 acres adjoining the 200-acre drilling block.

Nine Oil Tests Planned For Hempstead County.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, Sept. 5.—Approximately 75,000 acres in Hempstead county is under lease and nine oil tests are planned within the next several months, a survey of wildcat oil well operations showed today.

Nearest to a test is the Buffalo Oil Company's No. 1 Lafferty, nine miles south of Hope. The rig is shut down awaiting the setting of casing. A test is expected to be made next week.

The May-Eason No. 2, in section 34-12-27, five miles northwest of Fulton, has set surface casing and started two-shift drilling.

The Imperial Oil and Gas Company is moving in on its location three and a half miles northeast of Fulton, in section 35-12-26. This organization has a new 122-foot steel derrick that is being erected.

More acreage is being assembled by the Imperial concern, centering in section 1-13-25, which joins the city limits

of Hope on the south side of town. May and Eason, with Brook Shults, have almost completed an acreage block two and a half miles southeast of Fulton, in section 34-12-26.

Munn Bros. & Earl have about completed their block in section 8-14-25, six miles southwest of Hope.

W. E. Stewart of Tyler, Tex., has made a location in 3-12-23, four miles east of Hope, and has contracted to spud in not later than September 15. He announced plans to drill 5,000 feet if necessary.

G. P. Birdwell, also of Tyler, Tex., and the Williver oil firm of Oklahoma, is assembling blocks in the Shover Springs area east of Hope and plan tests within 90 days.

Much Leasing In Hempstead

Acreage Blocked Rapidly; Several Test Wells Scheduled.

Hope—Much interest is being manifested by oil operators in Hempstead county with several tests planned to be made within the next few months. This interest was created by the many seismograph tests made in the county during the past 12 months. Approximately 75,000 acres of land in Hempstead county are under lease, with new acreage being blocked.

The Imperial Oil Products Company is erecting a derrick in section 35-12-26, near Washington, for a 3,500-foot test well scheduled to be spudded in as soon as the machinery is assembled.

A new test is scheduled for the Fitzwater well (now in the hands of the Buffalo Oil Company) nine miles south of Hope at a depth of about 2,500 feet. Casing is being set at 1,986 feet where a test was made several months ago. It is announced that a new test will be made as soon as the casing is set. The hole has been washed out and an indication of oil has been reported.

The May-Easton No. 2 in section 34-12-27, five miles south of Fulton, has set surface casing and has started two-shift drilling. With Brooks Shults of Fulton, this company has almost completed an acreage block two and one-half miles southeast of Fulton, centering around section 34-13-26.

W. E. Stewart of Tyler, Texas, has made a location in 31-12-23, four

Lafayette

miles east of Hope. This is known as the Rocky Mound block. A derrick is soon to be erected. The Stewart test is to be spudded in not later than September 15, and will go to a depth 5,000 feet if necessary, it is said.

G. P. Birdwell of Tyler, Texas, and the Williver Oil Company of Oklahoma are assembling blocks of leases east of Shover Springs, about seven miles from Hope, and contracting with land owners to drill tests within the next 90 days.

Munn Brothers & Earl have about completed their block in section 8-14-25, about six miles southwest of Hope, and extending to Red river on the west and to the county line on the south.

*Democrat 11-8-36*

Imperial Oil and Gas Products No. 1 Foster, section 35-12-26, Hempstead county, was drilling below 3,625 feet in sand and lime. This well is in the Travis Peak and has found large sand bodies in this formation which is regarded as especially significant from a geological standpoint.

In the same county, Stewart Oil Company's No. 1 Fee, section 31-12-23, was drilling broken rock at 3,230 feet.

*Gazette 11-8-36*

**Hempstead County.**

In Hempstead county, W. E. Stewart of Tyler, Tex., is drilling about 3,400 feet in sand and blue shale in his Fee No. 1 test 350 feet north and 400 feet west of the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 3-12-23.

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**Hempstead County.**

In Hempstead county, the Imperial Oil and Gas Products Company has temporarily abandoned the Foster No. 1 test in section 35-12-26 at 3,683 feet, fifty feet in red shale of the Travis peak. The test is located in the southwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the section.

H. D. Easton is arranging to resume drilling operations at 3,005 feet on his Conway-Tiller No. 2 test 330 feet north

and 330 feet east of the southwest corner of section 34-12-27 in Hempstead county.

In the same county, W. E. Stewart is drilling slightly below 3,500 feet in his Fee No. 1 in the southeast corner northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 3-12-23.

*Democrat 11-15-36*

Hempstead county — C. W. Hays, et al., No. 2 state of Arkansas, section 18-14-23, dry, abandoned at 3,150 feet.

*Gazette 11-22-36*  
**Hempstead County.** The Root Petroleum Company of El Dorado this week obtained permit for a wildcat test to be drilled in Hempstead county. The test will be the D. F. Jones No. 1 and will be located in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16-13-23. No information could be obtained as to when drilling operations

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*Jan. 12-6-36*  
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In Hempstead county the Root Petroleum Company is reported to have spudded in on its D. F. Jones No. 1 test in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 16-13-23.

In Hempstead county, Root Petroleum Company's No. 1 Jones, section 16-13-23, topped the Nacatosh at 595 feet and topped the Tokio at 1,613 feet, and is drilling below 1,650 feet. It is on a geophysical location. King Oil Corporation has junked and abandoned No. 2 Fullenwider and Kitchens, section 13,17-22, Columbia county at 3,823 feet.

*Jan. 11-29-36*  
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*Jan. Hempstead County, 12-20-36*

A favorable showing made in cores taken from the Jones No. 1 test of the Root Petroleum Company in Hempstead county, southeast of Hope, gave encouraging prospects for a producer in that county.

The oil showing was made in a core taken from about the 2,000-foot level, but a drill stem test was less favorable and operators resumed drilling operations. Edgar Johnson is drilling contractor for the test which is located in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16-13-23, five miles southeast of Hope.

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Root Petroleum Company was coring below 2,287 feet in No. 1 Jones, section 16-13-23, Hempstead county, Ark., after testing about 25,000 feet of gas in a drill stem test below the anhydrite, from 2,105 to 2,115 feet.

### Oil Test to Be Drilled in Hempstead County

Washington, Ark.—A contract was signed here this week for an oil test to be drilled on a block east of Washington near the Military road. The contract calls for a well at least 4,000 feet deep.

Dr. T. I. Goodwin, consulting engineer of Texarkana, and J. C. Cabbage of Little Rock, of the geological department of the University of Arkansas, have recommended that the well be placed in this section.

A 112-foot derrick will be erected and the well is to be spudded in by January 15.

Leases are contracted for to be delivered to J. W. Davidson and A. L. Todd of Rockford, Illinois, and Chicago, and the company is composed of Illinois capitalists. H. H. McBride of Texarkana is the drilling contractor and J. C. Blunt of the same city will do the actual drilling.

### To Drill Test Well in Hempstead County

Hope—Drilling on a new test well in Hempstead county by E. H. Moore, Inc., of Tulsa, Okla., will begin by May 18, it was announced. The block to be drilled centers around section 21-22-14, 10 miles south of Hope.

The Davidson-Smith test, four miles northeast of Washington, was reported to be at 1,500 feet. The G. P. Birdwell test on W. W. Duckett land, in section 24-13-13, four miles southeast of Hope, has been closed temporarily.

### Third Wildcat Test Scheduled For Hempstead.

Special to the Gazette. Hope, April 27.—A new test will be drilled in Hempstead county by E. H. Moore Inc., of Tulsa, Okla., it was said today. Drilling will begin by May 18.

The block contains 5,000 acres and centers around section 21-22-14, 10 miles south of Hope, in Hempstead county, and six miles northeast of the Lenz discovery well, in Miller county.

It was said that the Moore firm would test the Rodessa sand series, believed to be between 4,000 and 5,000 feet. The new oil venture will give Hempstead county three wildcat tests.

The Davidson-Smith test, four miles northeast of Washington, was reported today to be at 1,500 feet. The test is financed by Illinois interests.

The G. P. Birdwell test on W. W. Duckett land in section 24-13-13, four miles southeast of Hope, is shut down temporarily. Operations are expected to be resumed this week.