

NEW LIMESTONE MILL PRODUCING FARM 'VITAMIN'

Black Rock Plant Has Good Market.

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Black Rock, Nov. 25.—The Lawrence County Limestone Company, headed by W. E. Verkler of Black Rock, has placed a limestone plant in operation near here for the manufacturing of ground limestone for agricultural purposes. This product is used on soils deficient in lime which have a sour tendency. Ground limestone improves the nature of sour soils so they will produce alfalfa and other crops more successfully.

The plant now is running full time and furnishing this product to farmers all over this section.

Located on U. S. Highway Near Black Rock.

The plant is located about three miles north of Black Rock, on U. S. Highway 63, which makes it accessible to trucks. The mechanical equipment consists of a large hammer mill with a daily capacity of 30 tons, in which the limestone is pulverized, and a 40-horsepower steam engine which pulls it. Wood bought from farmers here is used as fuel under the boilers.

The quarry which supplies the plant with its raw material is located at the rear of the plant. After the stone is shot down, it is moved in tram cars, pulled with a steam cable hoist to the bins, and from the bins it goes by gravity into the mill.

Fine Grade of Burned Lime Also Produced.

The limestone used in the manufacture of the company's product is a fine grade stone, especially adapted to agricultural purposes. It also makes a fine grade of burned lime for use in construction. Many years ago a lime kiln was operated there and the remains are still in evidence. Many houses in Lawrence county were built with lime from this plant.

Mr. Verkler said the company had been able to sell all the ground limestone it could manufacture since it put the plant in operation.

Smackover Wildcat Watched

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El Dorado, Nov. 25.—While oil activity in Union county lagged this week, operators continued to watch the Cameron No. 1 of the Barnsdall Oil Company in Section 36-19-17, near Junction City on the Arkansas-Louisiana line.

The Cameron, a rank wildcat, is drilling at 3,400 feet after testing at more shallow levels early in the week. Operators already have set 10 3-4 inch casing and have run a Schlumberger test at 2,132 feet in the top of the Nacotosh sand.

Seismograph reports show several good highs in the Cameron vicinity. A successful completion probably would result in considerable drilling in that area.

Directly east of El Dorado in Section 21-17-14, Frank Anthony is drilling at about 2,000 feet on his Jerry No. 1, an offset to the Jerry tests drilled last summer in the same section by Sam Sbersky. The test is expected to be tested early next week.

The R. B. Axum No. 1 test in Section 31-17-13 near Lawson was reported coring this week-end at about 2,500 feet, but results were not announced. Edgar Johnston and others are drilling the well, which is adjacent to the Hill well of the Lion and the Delta's Bull test.

Operators of the Delta's Bull No. 1 are expected to start pumping operations this week-end, following installation of standard rig. Located in Section 6-18-13, the test has shown a little oil. Operators decided to start pumping after the Lion Oil Refining Company encountered success in pumping its Hill No. 1 in the same section.

E. G. Bradham, driller of the H. C. McKinney No. A-4 in Section 30-17-16, west of here, also is installing standard rig to start pumping. The McKinney is bottomed at 3,167.

Smackover Location Made.

In Ouachita county, Smackover field, Sherry O'Brian has made location for the Cook Estr. No. 2 in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27-15-18 and is preparing to drill. The well offsets the Cook estate No. 1, which was completed as a good gasser several weeks ago.

In the Shuler field, the Lion still has nine joints of drill stem to fish from its Morgan B-7 test in Section 18-18-17. Operators said they hoped to start work toward completion of the test in the Morgan sand at about 5,700 feet by next week. Operations have been delayed three weeks because of the drill stem trouble. Operators were forced to fish and cut several thousand feet of the stem from the test.

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission this week urged all Smackover field operators to check their leases for waste oil flow in order to check pollution of the Ouachita river. Waste oil has flowed into the river in several places and the commission believes that failure of some operators to dispose fully of waste in pits caused the pollution. Commission officials said that co-operation of Smackover operators in the past few months had cut pollution considerably in the Ouachita river and Smackover creek vicinity.

Six Drill Permits Issued.

Six permits to drill were issued this week by the commission. They went to:

Ouachita-Union Oil Corporation, to drill the Ramsey Estate No. 1, 330 feet south and west of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 26-17-14, Union county.

Edgar C. Johnston et al. to drill the Axum No. 1, 330 feet north, 250 feet east of the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31-17-13, Union county.

Benedum-Trees, to drill the Mary Jackson No. 3, 150 feet south, 330 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9-14-20, Nevada county.

Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, to drill the W. F. Merritt et al. Unit B-1, in Section 16-17-20, Columbia county.

G. H. Vaughn and L. A. Longino, to drill the Longino & Jones No. 1, in the center of 40 acres, comprised of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21-17-20 and the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22-17-20.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company to drill the Willie King B-2, in the center of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21-17-20, Columbia county.

TO DRILL FOR OIL.
 Special to the Gazette.
 Walnut Ridge, Aug. 16.—Mr. Hawkins, experienced oil prospector and driller from Illinois, is in Pocahontas today negotiating with local people in an effort to procure a contract to drill for oil in Randolph county. The local business men are organizing a company and will probably drill for oil in some suitable place to be selected later, on the same bases as the contract with Old River Oil and Gas Company at Walnut Ridge.

Randolph Co.

LOCATION IS SELECTED.
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 Walnut Ridge, Aug. 20.—The location for the first test well of the Old River Oil and Gas Company has been selected and is in the SE 1-4 of the SW 1-4 of Section 13, Township 13, North, Range 1 East, about a quarter of a mile north of the Holland store at Manson on the Pocahontas rock road. The work of the erection of a derrick has begun and it will be ready in a week. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, James E. Anderson resigned as secretary. He said he would have to devote his entire time to his law practice.

TO "SPUD IN" SEPT. 8
 Old River Oil and Gas Company Is Preparing to Drill.

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 Walnut Ridge, Aug. 27.—The Old River Oil & Gas Company will "spud" in Holland No. 1 September 8. It is on the southeast one-fourth of the southwest one-fourth section 13, township 18, north, range 1 east, about 60 yards west of the road between Walnut Ridge to Pocahontas. The company is capitalized at \$35,000 and has 15,000 acres of leases in Randolph and Lawrence counties. Stock is being sold at \$10 a share par value, no promotion fees or commissions being allowed to any stock salesmen. All money paid in will be used in the actual drilling of test wells. The derrick is under construction by Mr. Miller of Little Rock, a well known rig builder, and will be completed by August 31. Machinery and casing is on the ground. This well will be drilled with one of the heaviest standard rigs now in use, and will be drilled to a depth of 3,500 feet, unless oil or gas is found at a lesser depth.

CROWD AT SPUDDING IN
 More Than 2,500 Witness Start of Test Near Walnut Ridge.

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 Walnut Ridge, Sept. 8.—Spudding in of Holland well No. 1 today attracted the largest crowd in the history of this section. The well is located at Manson on the farm of W. T. Holland. The derrick was completed Thursday. Speeches were made by Sen. W. A. Jackson, H. L. Ponder and others, after which the drilling was started about 3 o'clock. The crowd was estimated at 2,500 and after the celebration automobiles were crowded in on the rock road adjoining the well so that it was difficult for any of them to get out. The churches had concessions on the ground serving lunches and drinks. Automobiles also made round trips from the courthouse park, charging \$1, which proceeds went to the churches. It is expected to complete the well in 90 days and if oil or gas is found several more wells will be drilled. The company has 12,000 acres of leases and is capitalized at \$35,000.

WELL IS DOWN 200 FEET.
 Special to The Gazette.
 Walnut Ridge, Nov. 4.—Holland No 1 well, being drilled near Manson is down 200 feet. Much difficulty has been experienced. The last 100 feet were drilled through solid rock, and drillers expect little trouble and hope to drill 3,000 feet by January.

DRILLING AT NOLAND.
 Special to the Gazette.
 Walnut Ridge, Nov. 11.—Residents of Walnut Ridge, Lawrence and Randolph counties are elated over the progress at Holland No. 1 well, which is being drilled at Noland. It was reported by M. S. Cooper, an officer of the company, that the drilling has reached a depth of 325 feet.

Drilling Rig for Oil Test Near Hoxie Received.
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 Hoxie, Nov. 13.—The Margurette Development Company of Los Angeles, Cal., which has a large acreage under lease contract for oil drilling, received its drilling rig yesterday. It is reported that the drill will be located one and a half miles northwest of Hoxie.