

TO DRILL WELL NEAR AUSTIN

Drilling operations will begin at Austin Station, 30 miles northeast of Little Rock, on the main line of the Missouri Pacific, as soon as the final surveys and locations are made, said C. Beasley, cashier of the Bank of Cabot, yesterday. Dr. E. A. Edwards of the Rose City Oil Petroleum Company, Little Rock, surveyed the leases at Cabot and Austin Thursday of last week and he reports that the Pennsylvania formation, which is strata of sandstone, crops out in many places in the vicinity of Austin Station.

Mr. Beasley and W. M. Hudson, a real estate dealer of Cabot, have secured several leases at Cabot and Austin and the drilling sits will be made by Dr. Edwards.

WELL AWAITS CASING.

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Carlisle, Feb. 2.—Drillers of the Carlisle well, three and one-half miles east of here, are awaiting the arrival of 10-inch casing preparatory to making a test. Although the hole is down only 750 feet, good showings of both oil and gas have been reported. The well was spudded in about 60 days ago.

TO DRILL NEAR CABOT.

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Cabot, March 19.—A contract has just been closed by C. B. Beasley, J. M. Counts and associates with a drilling company to put down a test well for oil. Mr. Beasley and associates have considerable acreage. The location will be about five miles west of Cabot. The contract provides that drilling is to commence within 60 days. Shouse Bros., who have been drilling for oil six miles west of here, in the A. D. Boyd neighborhood, have suspended work. A depth of over 1,600 feet had been reached.

WELL READY FOR TEST

Bailing Will Begin Soon on Hardkile No. 1 Near Carlisle. Gazette 4-17-22

Carlisle is anxiously awaiting developments from the Hardkile well No. 1, three miles east of town, which the owners expect to come in at any minute. Leases are said to be off the market, temporarily, and oil scouts from the other fields of the country are arriving on every train.

The -inch casing was successfully set Saturday and bailing will begin early this morning. Officers of the Bowler Well and Construction Company, which is drilling the well, seem to be confident of getting oil. The well, which is down 1,941 feet, has been carefully drilled and tests have been taken carefully at various depths, they said yesterday.

Preparations are being made to care for the crowd that is expected to witness the bailing operations.

Lonoke - Carlisle Gas Line Extension Completed.

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Lonoke, Feb. 19.—The Williams Brothers Construction Company of Tulsa, Okla., contractors for the Mississippi River Fuel Corporation, which is building a pipe line from the Monroe (La.) gas fields to St. Louis, Mo., today completed the 39,772 feet of piping from the main a few miles west of Carlisle to Lonoke today. J. W. Register, who is in charge of a crew of 100 men, started the piping January 24. The Phoenix Utility Corporation of St. Louis, Mo., and Little Rock will start at once on piping the town, which will require about 90 days.

Drilling on Oil Test Near England To Be Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. 1-5-31
England, Jan. 4.—Frank Malat and associates of Shreveport are making arrangements to resume drilling on an oil well test on the Fletcher farm 15 miles northeast of England, with this city as their headquarters.

A hole has been drilled there 1,500 feet. The Arkmo Lumber Company here is supplying lumber for the derrick. It was announced that actual drilling will begin soon.

Drilling Resumed on Oil Well Near England

Drilling has been resumed at the Joe G. Strahan Hardin No. 1 oil well, nine miles east of England, after a shutdown of seven months. A news story from England recently said that drilling would be abandoned but Mr. Strahan reported today that he has resumed operations. The well is now down 996 feet, he said. Nov 20, 1934 Democrat

Funds Guaranteed to Drill Oil Test Near England.

Special to the Gazette. Jan 21, 1935
England, Jan. 26.—Several business and professional men of Little Rock and England have underwritten the cost of a test oil well to be drilled nine miles east of England. It was announced here today. The well was started several months ago, but operations were suspended. The hole is down 1,634 feet. It is the Joe G. Strahan Hardin No. 1. The deepest test ever made in Lonoke county, it was said, was 2,000 feet, while those in charge of the Hardin No. 1 expect to go 3,400 feet if necessary.

Plan Oil Test to Be Drilled Near Carlisle

Carlisle—Through efforts of M. B. Moore, local banker and large land owner, Frank F. Silver, oil man from Houston, Tex., has been induced to make a test for oil in this territory.

A 15,000-acre lease block recently has been assembled, located between the towns of Lonoke and Carlisle. Geologists from Texas have been here and went over the territory. They report favorable indications.

The land leased is in township 2 and 3 north, range 7 and 8, Lonoke county.

Mr. Silver reports that most of the money for expense drilling of the well is coming from Texas and Iowa, and a part is being raised in a co-operative way among citizens and landowners of this territory. A. H. Hunt, J. F. Gillespie, A. W. Birdsong of Carlisle, and Francis and Joe Schaffer of Lonoke are interested with Mr. Moore in lending support.

No well has ever been drilled in this territory. There have been reports of showings of oil and gas in water and rice wells.

Mr. Silver says that he hopes to start drilling by April 15.

Carlisle Well Down 575 Feet in Gypsum

Democrat 3-3-36
Carlisle—Drilling the test for oil near here is proceeding rapidly. The well is the Frank F. Silver Chambers Estate, three miles northwest of here. At 2 p. m. Saturday the crew reported the drill down 575 feet in gypsum.

The drillers reported they passed through a bed of lignite at 240 feet and went into the gypsum formation at 550 feet. This formation is much thicker than any previously found in this section, and, according to geological data, is at least 50 feet higher. Preparations are being made to core what is underneath. A gas or oil showing is looked for.

Carlisle Well Down to Unannounced Depth

Carlisle — The Carlisle oil test is making good progress. Drilling operations have been going forward daily since April 23 on the Frank F. Silver Chambers estate No. 1, two and a half miles northwest of here.

The crew has drilled every day since starting and announced last Monday that the drill was down 1,510 feet, drilling in hard sandy shale. Since that time operators have refused to give out information as to depth or formation.

It is understood that the formations encountered vary considerably from formations in other wells drilled in this territory in the past. Local interest is keen with several out-of-state people visiting the well each week.

The operators have a modern rig capable of going down 4,500 feet. The derrick is 112 feet high substantial enough to handle a heavy duty outfit. Reports from the courthouse at Lonoke are that a large number of leases and lease assignments are being put on record, making considerable extra work in the clerks' office.

Drilling Near Carlisle Resumed at 1,610 Feet

Carlisle—The oil test, known as the Frank F. Silver Chambers No. 1, located two and one-half miles northwest of Carlisle, after being shut down for three weeks to obtain rental extensions, resumed operations Saturday. When the crew ceased drilling, the drill was in hard shale at a depth of 1,610 feet, there being about 160 feet of this formation. 6-14, 1936

Oil men and scouts from major companies are said to regard a shale formation, encountered at that depth and of so great thickness, as a favorable indication.

A representative of the Gulf Oil Company was here Friday and ran the elevation at that well as 229 2-10 feet above sea level.

Mr. Silver announced that it was not his intentions to run a night shift, but said he would be drilling seven days a week.

Oil Reported At Carlisle

Test Discloses 10 or 12 Feet of Sand, Well Owner Says.

Democrat 2-16-36
Carlisle—In a test on the Frank F. Silver-Chambers No. 1 well, now drilling two and one-half miles northwest of Carlisle, made by the Schlumberger Oil Well Testing Company of Shreveport, last Thursday, according to the owner, the well showed 10 to 12 feet of gas and oil sand.

Casing was immediately ordered from El Dorado by Mr. Silver, and it was to arrive by truck Saturday afternoon and will be set Sunday or Monday.

After cement around the casing has time to harden, which will take several days, the plug will be drilled and a test made, according to Mr. Silver.

This test is considered reliable, Mr. Silver said, and is in use by the larger oil companies. He declared the test made Thursday has definitely proven that the structure is either gas or oil bearing, or both.

Democrat 11-8-36
Lonoke county — Frank F. Silver, No. 1 Joseph Chambers Est., section 17-2n-7w, salt water, abandoned at 1,623 feet.

New Oil Test Begun In Lonoke County

Democrat 4-22-37
Carlisle—Since the blowing down of the derrick on the Frank F. Silver's Chamber well, about two and one-half miles north and west of Carlisle, Mr. Silver advised that he and his associates decided that the cheapest and quickest way to test the sand which they encountered in the old well at 1,384 feet, was to drill a new well.

Accordingly, new derrick was completed last week. A complete rotary rig has been moved in and drilling operations are now under way.

He estimates that it will take approximately three weeks to core the sand which was encountered at 1,384 feet.

This sand showed up strong when encountered in the old well. Silvers said, blowing mud out of the hole on several occasions and it was also given a favorable report on the Schlumberger electrical coring test.

This Schlumberger test showed 10 feet of saturated gas and oil sand, with no signs of salt water. But according to Mr. Silver, the driller drilled through this sand before he realized that he had it, going on down 235 feet deeper, where he encountered salt water. Repeated attempts to shut off the salt water have been unsuccessful.

The new location is about 400 feet south and east of the old well.

Silver Oil Test Near Carlisle Down 1,350

Democrat 6-25-37
Carlisle—The Frank F. Silver, Chambers Estate, oil test No. 2 has been drilling steadily for the past six weeks. In an interview with Mr. Silver today, he said the crew recently drilled through 400 feet of shale, including beds of sea shells and other evidence of marine life.

At this date the crew is coring ahead in a formation below 1,350 feet, which is believed to be the Glen Rose lime. Samples of cores are being sent to a geologist at Shreveport, La.

Several out-of-state oil men have been at the well recently, some of them purchasing leases at five to 15 dollars per acre, depending on the proximity to the well.

This well, only a short distance from the Chambers No. 1, is being drilled on the strength of geological information obtained in the Chambers No. 1 last summer, the Schlumberger electrical test showing evidence that an oil structure exists.

Mr. Silver advised that the Demeres well, which is drilling south of Lonoke, is being drilled also as a result of the above information. "Dad" Barfield of East Texas is in charge of drilling operations on the Silver Chambers well. Rotary equipment is being used.

Oil Drillers Hit Paraffin

First in Arkansas, Carlisle Well May Cause Sensation.

Democrat 6-28-37
Carlisle—A six-inch layer of paraffin was reported cored Thursday afternoon in the Silver well, now drilling and coring below the 1,400-foot level near Carlisle. This information is regarded as valuable, indicating oil and gas possibilities.

A paraffin bed is said to be a good indication that oil will be encountered and that if found it will have a paraffin base, which means a higher priced and higher quality oil than any yet produced in Arkansas.

The Geological Age, from which this comes is much older, according to science, than the first oil discovered in the El Dorado and Smackover fields, that oil having an asphalt base.

Formations now encountered in the Silver-Chambers well are classed as of the "Pennsylvania age" similar to those in most of the Oklahoma oil fields. If oil is encountered at this shallow depth it will be a big asset to this territory.

Saturday noon coring and drilling operations were going ahead in a formation which, according to the operators, looks very favorable, but the result of the findings was not complete.

According to oil men this well has shown more interesting geological data and has more oil possibilities than any well heretofore drilled north of the Arkansas river.

To Spud In Well In Lonoke County

Democrat 4-12-36
Lonoke—Location for a test well for oil has been made on lands of the Chambers estate, in the northwest quarter of section 17-2n-7w, between Lonoke and Carlisle.

The location was established by A. E. Stark, geologist of Houston, Tex. Material was being moved to the location Saturday and drilling will begin the coming week.

A rotary rig, capable of drilling 4,500 feet has been brought in by Frank F. Silver of Houston, Tex., who will make the test.

A 15,000-acre block of land has been leased, and much interest is being shown locally in the proposition. This will be the first well to be drilled in this vicinity.