

**Kansas Oil Man Abandons Test  
Near Murfreesboro.**

**5-12-38**

Special to the Gazette.

Murfreesboro, May 11.—H. M. Beckwith, Kansas oil man who had been prospecting for oil here more than a year, abandoned his last test here today and left for his home. Beckwith was a partner of L. E. Cross, also of Kansas, who was killed in an automobile wreck near Waldron last week.

# PIKE COUNTY HAS SHOWINGS OF OIL

## Crude Welling Up to Surface in Deserted Well Near Delight.

### HOLE WILL BE DEEPENED

Is Now Down Less Than 600 Feet— Standard Rig to Be Brought

From Oklahoma.

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(By a Staff Correspondent).

Delight, Oct. 30.—The first of Arkansas' shallow oil wells seems to have been discovered near Delight, where, at less than 600 feet, oil is oozing up through the bore of the Kelly well, and is being taken away by bucketfuls by residents of the vicinity. Shallow wells producing as much as 10 barrels per day have proven profitable as pumping propositions.

The Kelly well, plugged two years ago, was broken into by a water well drill last week. A standard rig will be put to work on the well as soon as it can be gotten from Oklahoma.

The well has had an eventful career. Its original exploiter was a man named Kizziar, a former resident of Pike county. Kizziar, who had moved from the county several years previously, returned about two years ago with the idea that oil could be found in the vicinity. He obtained leases on 5,000 acres about Delight and sent to Oklahoma for a drilling outfit. A well was sunk to a depth of about 417 feet, and trouble developed over the leases. Then the drillers plugged the well with concrete and left. Before leaving one of them said they had a 40-barrel well at that shallow depth.

In the meantime Kizziar died, but a short time ago some one living near the well informed his son that oil was oozing up through the casing. Young Kizziar started operations with an ordinary water well rig and drilled through the concrete plug. With the obstruction removed oil is now welling up to the surface. Although there is no pressure the ooze is steady and the thick, black crude is easily lifted out in buckets.

The well is within a mile and a half of the asphalt deposits of Pike county, and geologists say the Kelly is near the outcrop of the El Dorado oil sands.

## KELLEY WELL IS "SHOT"

### Much Better Oil Showing Results, Reports Say.

Special to the Gazette. 1921  
Delight, Nov. 2.—The Kelley well, three miles west of Delight, which has been the scene of considerable excitement the past six days, was "shot" this morning, and a much better showing of oil resulted, it was said. The oil which had been oozing

from the shallow well practically ceased flowing yesterday, but after the shot this morning, it began pouring out.

After permitting the oil to flow several hours, the drillers capped the hole. It will not be reopened until a standard rig arrives from Oklahoma, it is said. The rig probably will reach here early next week, when drilling is scheduled to be resumed.

Mr. Hanibal, assistant freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, was here today making arrangements for additional trackage if an oil field should be developed. Several scouts from big oil companies also visited the well today.

The well is on the farm of Giles Kelley, and the lease is held by the estate of Jim Kizziar.

## PLANNING TO DRILL.

Special to the Gazette.  
Murfreeshboro, Nov. 11.—Kizzia Bros. of Oklahoma, proprietors of the Kelley oil well near Delight, plan to begin drilling soon on their leases, which consist of several thousand acres in the vicinity of Delight.

TO DRILL IN PIKE. Special to the Gazette. Murfreeshboro, Nov. 11.—Steps have been taken by several local men which may lead to the organization of a company to drill for oil in Pike county. Driller E. E. Dolen of the Wilson well, near here, and M. M. King, local merchant, spent several days in Pike county this week investigating the possibilities for development in that field.

## WILL DRILL IN PIKE.

Special to the Gazette. 1922  
Delight, March 15.—The M. T. C. Oil Company's drilling machinery arrived yesterday. The drillers have been here for several days and their first test well will be spudded in on acreage about one and one-half miles south of town as soon as the derrick can be erected and the machinery installed. S. R. Threlkeld of the M. T. C. Oil and Gas Company is here and expects to stay on the job to see that the test is expedited.

## Excitement Follows Showing in Well Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette. 2-12-28  
Delight, Feb. 11.—The reported showing of gas and oil in a wildcat well being drilled four miles northwest of here, was followed today by announcement that another test would be started immediately by a local company headed by L. F. Mahan of Illinois. The first test is being drilled by Joe Taylor and W. H. Murray, both of Delight, who have blocked about 1,800 acres around their test. Mahan is reported to have bought 3,000 acres and will begin drilling immediately.

The report from the first test is that a good showing of gas and a small quantity of oil was encountered at 635 feet.

## Pike County Oil Test Spudded In Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette. 8-5-30.  
Delight, Aug. 2.—A test oil well was

# DRILLERS STRIKE OIL NEAR DELIGHT

## Four-Foot Low Gravity Strata Penetrated in Henderson-Tilyou Test.

Special to the Gazette. 9-4-30  
Delight, Sept. 3.—The drill penetrated a four-foot low gravity oil strata Monday in the Henderson Tilyou test well No. 1, two miles southwest of Delight, which is being drilled by the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company. Yesterday and today the drillers have been unsuccessful in their efforts to mud back the low gravity oil and the flow continues steadily while the drill is running.

The oil was encountered at a depth of about 575 feet and is said to be of the same gravity of the Nevada county oil, about 25 miles south of here. J. E. Henderson, who has charge of operations, said this morning that the company's geologists report a high gravity oil 100 feet further down. However, if nothing better is found deeper the drillers will come back to the present strata, where they believe a 500-barrel or even greater well can be brought in.

Hundreds of visitors see the well daily and many are carrying away samples of the oil, which can be dipped off of the slush pit and from the run around ditch.

# SEEK CONTRACTS IN PIKE COUNTY

## One Test Started Two Years Ago, but Got Only 700 Feet Down.

Special to the Gazette. 11-24-30  
Murfreeshboro, Ark.—The Pike County Oil and Gas Company, composed of Amity (Clark county) business men, has obtained leases on some 14,000 acres of land lying west of Amity and near Kirby in Pike county. The company is still obtaining leases on an agreement to start drilling not later than September 1.

The Chamber of Commerce of Murfreeshboro has obtained leases on 8,000 acres lying between Prairie creek and the Little Missouri river, and is now negotiating for a drilling contract. The only well so far sunk in this county was begun in the summer of 1919 by the Farmers' Co-operative

Oil Company of Oklahoma City. They reached a depth of only 700 feet when the well was abandoned, due, it is understood, to financial difficulties of the company.

spudded in yesterday by the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company on a 4,000-acre block about two miles southeast of Delight. A rotary drill is being used. The drill went down 100 feet the first three hours. Contract has been awarded for three other derricks. The company plans to drill at least four test wells on its holdings here. J. E. Henderson is promoting the tests.

# RED SHALE WITH STREAKS OF LIME ENCOUNTERED IN WELL

## Management Optimistic as to What Underlies Present Formation and the Cap Rock That Is Expected Before Drilling But a Few More Feet

### SAME FORMATION IN PAYING FIELDS

#### Well is Being Watched With More Interest Than Ever by Scouts and Geologists From Leading Oil Companies Of Several Other States

After successfully piercing one of the hardest rocks known, the Henderson-Tilyou No. 1, near here, is now drilling in the most favorable formation yet found in present test for high gravity oil and gas.

The formation now in consists of red shale and broker streaks of lime, which, in most of the larger fields, make up the formation of the Trinity sand.

This formation, commonly called a "red bed," has been penetrated for several feet, and the company geologists are optimistic as to what will underlie it and the Cap rock which is expected before drilling but a few more feet.

Drillers, geologists, and operators of the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company, Inc. have had new hopes of encountering a much higher gravity oil than that found in the 561 and 955 sand, with enough gas pressure to blow it over the top, and everything needed is on the ground and in readiness.

The well is being watched with more interest than ever by scouts and geologists from the leading oil companies of several states since the information of the new formation has been given out.

Every precaution is being taken by the operators, and it is understood that very little

information will be given out after passing thru this deposit of red shale and lime.

The deposit of red shale has had a tendency to cause the heavy mud, now being used, to become heavier. The flow of oil from the first two strata is now completely shut off, according to J. E. Henderson, supervisor of drilling operations.

Geologists have been puzzled at the enormous amount of hard rock found, and since entering the red shale formation and by the excessive amount of it, are led to believe that the strata of oil found at the depth of 561 feet was not coming from the Trinity sand, but, perhaps, the Wilcox, which is found at a shallow depth in most of the shallow fields of Texas and Oklahoma.

This being the first and only complete test well ever drilled in Pike county, geologists have been more or less confused, but are led to believe, after checking over the perfect log of this well to a depth of over 1,200 feet, that it is now in the Trinity formation, and nearing the Trinity sand, which will produce both oil and gas in large quantities.

The red shale with streaks of lime, which constitute the formation at the present depth of the well, is the same formation encountered just above the pay sand in the Lenz discovery well, near Texarkana, according to Mr. Henderson.

He says the present formation is also found just above the pay sand in El Dorado and North Louisiana.

Several sales of royalties and leases have been reported since it has been learned that the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company, Inc. are making preparations for their second well, altho the exact location has not yet been given out.

Altho the first two oil sands found can be brought in at any time, little thought has been given them since finding the most favorable formation, in which the drill is now boring, and, according to Mr. Henderson, a large producer is expected soon.

## Hard Rock Formation Found in Test Well Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette. 11-16-30  
Arkadelphia, Nov. 15.—One of the hardest rock formations ever encountered in the drilling of an oil well is claimed by the crew pushing the test of Henderson-Tilyou No. 1 near Delight. Drilling has progressed slowly on account of the formation, but the drillers hope to break through shortly and the geologist says that prospects for a good producer are extraordinary. At 1,850 feet the drill is expected to touch producing sand, the type of which is prevalent in the Smackover and El Dorado fields. The test was down to 1,831 feet Thursday. The pressure at the bottom of the hole is said to be 19,000 pounds, which is regarded as another favorable sign.

## Gas Indications Found in Test Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette. 2-11-31  
Arkadelphia, Feb. 10.—The Henderson-Tilyou No. 1 oil test near Delight is drilling in lime rock at a depth of 2,170 feet, and officials of the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company, promoting the test, say that positive gas indications of the past two weeks, when three gas strata were encountered, shows that the test is being made on perfect structure.

## Buys Farm Near Delight And May Drill for Oil

Special to the Gazette. 5-31-31  
Delight, May 30.—(Special.)—E. B. Keley of Amherst, Tex., has purchased the Giles Kelley farm, three miles northeast of town, which has been the center of much interest, due to the fact that two oil wells have been drilled on this farm, in both of which oil showings were had, thus keeping operators encouraged. Giles Kelley recently lost his home on this farm by fire and has purchased a small residence in Delight and with his wife and sons has moved to town to spend his declining years. He is now 83 years of age. E. B. Keley is one of Giles Kelley's 17 children and has been in Texas several years where he has amassed a small fortune in the oil fields. He was prompted to buy his father's farm by the belief that this is a future oil field.

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**Derrick Erected for New Oil Test Near Antoine.**

Special to the Gazette. *Pike Aug. 8-16-31*  
 Arkadelphia, Aug. 36.—The Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company, which has sunk three wells in a test for oil near Delight, this week completed the erection of a derrick near Antoine for a fourth test. Machinery and equipment are being placed for an early start at drilling. This test is in section 13, township 9, range 23. W. R. Julian, geologist, took several magnetometer readings and made a careful survey before deciding on the site. In the previous three wells were found encouraging quantities of oil, but one of commercial proportions was not forthcoming. Drillers believe that those wells were in the edge of a field, and an effort is being made several miles away to locate the pool.

**New Pike County Test Well Spudded In.**

Special to the Gazette. *Aug 23, 31*  
 Arkadelphia, Aug. 22.—The Kentucky-Arkansas Oil Company, sinking its fourth well in the Delight and Antoine area of Pike and Clark counties, sent their drill in No. 4 down 50 feet, spudding it in this week, and is ready to push operations next week. This well, named East No. 1 in honor of W. B. East, vice president of the Citizens National bank of Arkadelphia, on whose land it is located, is in Section 13, Township 9, Range 23 West in Pike county, two miles from the Clark county line and one and a quarter miles from the Nevada county line.

Three other wells drilled around Delight gave much encouragement to the drillers, who say they were in the edge of an oil field. Their belief has been backed by continued operation and the expenditure of between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

**22 Feet of Water Sand Found In Drilling Oil Test.**

Special to the Gazette. *April 1931*  
 Arkadelphia, Aug. 31.—Twenty-two feet of water sand, which affords a big artesian water flow, has been encountered by the drillers of oil test well No. 4 in the Delight and Antoine sections of Pike and Clark counties. The well, like its three predecessors, is in Pike county near the Clark county line. It is known as the Howard East well and it is in township 9 south, range 23 west, section 13. A large block of the land surrounding the well is owned by Arkadelphia residents and there is considerable interest in this city as well as at Delight and Antoine. After the artesian flow, which is at 335 feet, is cased out, drilling will resume, it was announced by the Henderson interests, who are in charge of operations for the Kentucky-Arkansas Company. The previous three wells have encouraging signs of an oil field in Pike county, possibly extending into Clark county.

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 Murfreesboro—Mrs. W. D. Duncan of Murfreesboro has placed 5,000 acres of land, under oil leases, practically blocking this community and south of the Little Missouri river. She is now interesting promoters in this area and it is expected that a drilling contract will be let soon so that drilling operations can be under way within a short while. East Texas oil interests will sponsor the oil development in this community. Murfreesboro has never had a well drilled here for oil.

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**Pike County May Get Real Test for Oil****Acreage Blocked and Drilling of Several Wells Expected.****Democrat 4-30-37**

Murfreesboro—Oil activity in Pike county crystalized this week, following the announcement of a location made on what is known as the Duncan-Johnson block, centering about three miles south of Murfreesboro.

J. L. Duncan and associates of Texas purchased from Duncan and Johnson. (Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Johnson, local residents), the acreage block, and are reported to have made a drilling contract with Satterfield's interest and the Pittsburgh Pipe and Supply Company to drill a test.

The exact location will be made by C. R. Wilson, geologist for the Duncan interests from Colorado. Two applications for state permits have been made for tests on the Duncan block.

It is reported authoritatively that several major operators from Texas and Oklahoma are interested in the oil possibilities of this section. One company has contracted to purchase a "spread" in the block.

**Test for Oil Spudded****In Near Diamond Mine**

*Gazette 5-4-37*  
 Murfreesboro—The H. T. Beckwith Oil Company spudded in a test for oil, one mile southeast of Murfreesboro, this week, locating the drilling operations in section 16-8-25. This company is composed of Larnel, Kansas, citizens, and Mr. Beckwith has charge of drilling and other operations.

The location within two miles of an extinct volcano crater, the site of the only diamond mine in the northern hemisphere, gives rise to speculation as to whether oil or gas can be found in a shallow field. It is the opinion of geologists, that when the diamond fields were created here, that burning oil when it found an outlet came into contact, probably, with a body of water that covered this section and created the diamonds, and that prior to this volcanic fire, that all of the oil was burned from underneath this particular section of the country.

But there has never been a test made for oil in this vicinity and it is possible that geologists are wrong. The Duncan interests, east Texas operators, will move a steel rig four miles south of here within a short time and begin drilling.

**Test for Oil Under Way Near Murfreesboro.****Gazette 5-30-37**

Special to the Gazette.  
 Murfreesboro, May 29.—Drilling of a shallow test for oil and gas was begun yesterday by the Beckwith Company of Kansas on the Winslow Hendrich farm, a mile southeast of Murfreesboro. A deep well test is scheduled to get under way five miles south of here as soon as equipment arrives from east Texas.

**Two Oil Tests in Pike County Reported Planned.****Gazette 6-13-37**

Special to the Gazette.  
 Arkadelphia, June 12.—It is reported here that a test well for oil and gas will be drilled on a site one mile southeast of Murfreesboro. The company is headed by H. T. Beckwith, who has begun the construction of a derrick on land owned by Winslow Hendrich. This site is a mile from the diamond mine and not far from a former oil test in that region.

Another well will be put down in the Roy settlement, not far from Murfreesboro.