

**Oil Test Under Way Near  
Traskwood on Royal Block.**

**4-16-39**

Special to the Gazette.

Traskwood, April 15.—The Royal Oil and Gas Company, an Arkansas firm, has assembled a block of approximately 10,000 acres in southwest Saline county and northeast Hot Spring county, near here, and has let contract to A. W. Givens to drill an oil test on the W. C. Williams farm, one and a half miles from here. A 96-foot derrick has been erected and slush pits, water well and other necessary preliminaries have been completed.

Driller Zundt, who drilled the first Tedford well and is said to have been the first driller to obtain oil in Arkansas north of the Arkansas river, will drill the well.

Leasing throughout this section has been heavy. John Miller has a block of 10,000 acres adjoining the Royal block on the south and is reported to have contracted with a Texarkana driller to begin a test soon. John L. McClelland of Camden and others have assembled a block adjoining the Miller tract. A test already has been started southwest of the McClelland block, a few miles from Malvern.

**Drilling Begins on Oil Test Near  
Traskwood.**

**6-10-39**

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Malvern, June 9.—Representatives of the Royal Oil and Gas Company of Traskwood have begun drilling for oil one and a half miles north of Traskwood in Saline county.



**WILL DRILL IN SALINE**

**Louisiana Contractor Will Spud in Near Benton Wednesday.**

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Benton, Dec. 11.—J. D. McCrae, representing Louisiana capitalists, will spud in a test oil well one mile northeast of Benton Wednesday, he announced yesterday. McCrae's backers own considerable acreage in Saline county, and they propose to make a thorough test of their holdings. Harry Brandenburg, who has done considerable wildcatting in Oklahoma and Texas fields, has the drilling contract. He will use a standard rig. Several geologists are said to have made favorable reports on the structure. The Benton Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the drillers. The well will be known as the Benton No. 1.

**Plans Made to Drill For Oil at Traskwood**

Traskwood—Efforts to develop an oil well on the W. M. Williams farm, one and one-half miles north of Traskwood, were started early this week when A. W. Givens of Henderson, Tex., arrived to begin erecting a derrick. Much time has been given to surveying the field and it is expected that drilling can be started in a short time, or as soon as the leases and extensions are in. Much interest has been manifested by the people of Traskwood.

**Test Well Near Benton to Begin Drilling This Week.**

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Benton, March 7.—Drilling will start this week on the Williams No. 1 test for oil in the Traskwood area, W. C. Williams and L. B. Harrop who have been in charge of development work, said. The derrick is located on the W. M. Williams, W. J. Duncan and A. W. Givens properties, one and one-half miles north of Traskwood and eight miles from Benton. The well has been spudded in for two weeks.

Geologist G. W. Branan of Henderson, Tex., is enthusiastic over the prospects for oil. In the opinion of Mr. Branan, the Traskwood area is situated on a sub-surface geological formation raise from the El Dorado and Smackover oil fields, with the cretaceous formations, producing at El Dorado and Smackover, outcropping on the surface and overlying the pallozoic formation dipping more sharply to the southeastward than the cretaceous formations, thus forming the northwest closure of this area. The geological high of the Traskwood area in Township 3 south, Range 15 west, has a geological formation raise from the Bell well drilled to the north with oil shown down to 3,750 feet, and also from the Henderson well drilled to the southwest with good oil shows at a total depth of 1,700 feet. Thus, the Traskwood area evidences a geological trap for the accumulation of oil or gas possibilities in an area where oil and gas shows are known to exist, but where no oil or gas well localiton heretofore has been made to test the area properly.