

5-4-38 Fifty Years Ago.
(Arkansas Gazette, May 4, 1888.)

A body of gentlemen comprising what is known as the Turman [oil] Prospect met last night at the Arkansas Club rooms and decided to carry on the development of the oil fields west of Little Rock. Col. J. A. Woodson was chosen chairman and Mr. J. M. Dill secretary. It was voted to incorporate as the Arkansas Petroleum Company with the privilege of acquiring oil lands in Arkansas and the Indian Territory and owning and operating oil and gas wells, refineries and pipe lines. Out of town members who attended the meeting were Messrs. W. D. Jacoway of Dardanelle, V. D. Wilkins of Pine Bluff and C. L. Meyer of Morrilton. Oil experts are now investigating fields in Scott county which are controlled by the Turman Prospect, and it is reported that representatives of capitalists from out of the state have attempted to buy into this area.

SCOTT COUNTY HAS AN OIL SHOWING

Strike Is Reported in Test Being Made 25 Miles From Fort Smith.

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Fort Smith, March 13.—Oil was struck in a test well at Abbott, 25 miles from here, yesterday afternoon, when the drill had reached a depth of 2,400 feet, according to Tom Edwards, president of the Choctaw Brick and Gas Company, owners of the well.

Operations were suspended pending arrival of experts from Tulsa. About 400 feet of water is standing in the hole. The drill was working in water when the oil showing was obtained and the drill was stopped at the top of the sand, officials said. Casing has been set.

The men now conducting the drilling had only been in possession of the well two weeks, having purchased it from another company and they had drilled but 18 inches when the oil showing was discovered. Owners are optimistic, but say they cannot estimate value of the strike.

The Abbott well is one-half mile south and east of Abbott, and three miles southeast of Mansfield. It was started last October by the Arkansas Developing Company. About two weeks ago the property was taken over by Mr. Edwards and his associates in the name of Edwards, as trustee. The new owners have not organized a company. They include: Mr. Edwards, John Lyle, Abbott; R. G. Gilliam, Mansfield; S. P. Wallis, Mansfield; Dr. Drake of Tulsa, a driller; Messrs Holman of Tulsa and Striker of Independence, Kan.

SW American Oil Co.
GAS IS REPORTED
(Special News Service)
Poteau, Okla., Nov. 11.—A showing of wet petroleum gas was reported to be in the gas well which is being drilled at Blue Ball, Ark., by L. B. Wright and his associates of Heavener. The well had been drilled to a depth of 1,064 feet Thursday. *SW Am. Oil Co.*

Drilling of Oil Test to Begin at Waldron Today.

Special to the Gazette. 1-11-31
Waldron, Jan. 10.—Drilling for oil will begin tomorrow two and one-half miles northwest of Waldron, it is announced by C. W. Whitehead of Whitehead & Eddington, contractors, Oklahoma City. The exact location will not be announced until tomorrow. Whitehead began unloading an outfit valued at \$12,400 yesterday. Plans are to work with both day and night shifts after beginning the drilling between 2 and 4 p. m. tomorrow.

A second well will be spudded with rotary tools before February 1 by members of a Wichita Falls (Tex.) party, Whitehead said.

Oil Test Well Spudded In Near Waldron.

Special to the Gazette. 1-14-31
Waldron, Jan. 12.—One hundred and fifty persons witnessed the spudding of the oil well, Sunday afternoon. Dr. C. Bevil directed the bit into a spot on the old Hughes farm, two and one-half miles northwest of Waldron, now owned by Tom White, Fort Smith.

The drill rig, belonging to Whitehead & Eddington, Oklahoma City, is located midway between a small log cabin, over 75 years old, and the grave of Harrison Hule, killed in the spring of 1864 by "bushwhackers," on a knoll surrounded by gnarled apple trees, the remains of the old Hughes orchard.

Strong Gas Pressure Reported in Waldron Well.

Special to the Gazette. 1-19-31
Waldron, Jan. 18.—Much excitement was created here today by the announcement of a heavy gas pressure in the well being drilled a mile and a half northwest of Waldron, which was spudded in last Sunday and is 420 feet deep.

J. W. Whitehead, who is in charge of operations, reported that a gas pressure estimated at 1,000,000 cubic feet was encountered today. The well was permitted to blow awhile and then was shut down. Drilling will be continued.

Mr. Whitehead announced fine prospects here for a large gas field, and possibly an oil field.

Test Well Near Waldron Down 1,750 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-4-31
Waldron, Feb. 3.—The test well on the old Hule farm, two and a half miles northwest of Waldron, has reached the depth of 1,750 feet. Drilling is continued on a 24-hour work basis with two crews. A deep layer of shale was penetrated and a layer of sand has been reached.

Driller Sets Casing in Test Well Near Waldron.

Special to the Gazette. 2-7-31
Waldron, Feb. 6.—The drilling of the oil-gas test well a mile and a half northwest of Waldron was halted to allow casing to be placed. The hole is 10 inches in diameter and has reached a depth of 1,925 feet. C. W. Whitehead of Whitehead & Eddington, contractors, is in Tulsa arranging for the shipment of casing.

Drilling Resumed at Oil Test Near Waldron.

Special to the Gazette. 2-21-31
Waldron, Feb. 20.—Drilling was resumed Wednesday at the oil and gas test well, one and a half miles northwest of Waldron, after a delay of several days, during which casing was placed in the 10-inch hole to a depth of 1,815 feet. A slight showing of oil and approximately 3,000,000 feet of gas has been reported.

Drilling of Second Oil Test Begins Near Waldron.

Special to the Gazette. 2-25-31
Waldron, Feb. 24.—Whitehead-Eddington-Bingham Development Company began drilling a second test well on the Tom White farm, one and a half miles northwest of Waldron, yesterday. The well is 20 feet west of the first test well, which was abandoned after reaching a depth of 1,815 feet, due to the loss of a well bucket, which could not be recovered.

Casing Set in Second Test Well Near Waldron.

Special to the Gazette. 2-28-31
Waldron, Feb. 27.—The second test well on the old Hule farm, one and a half miles northwest of Waldron, has reached a depth of 223 feet and the Whitehead-Eddington-Bingham Company is setting a casing. The first well was not cased until 1,851 feet deep and did not prove successful.