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The St. Francis county well was abandoned after it had been sunk to a depth of 4,000 feet without favorable signs of oil. The rig and machinery used for the No. 1 test are being dismantled and moved to the location of the No. 2 well in this county.

Three Oil Tests Planned In St. Francis County.

5-25-39

Special to the Gazette.

Forrest City, May 24.—East Texas oil men have been making locations for oil tests in the western part of St. Francis county near Goodwin and Wheatley.

The first of three deep test wells will be drilled by "Red" Langston, and a 96-foot steel derrick with modern electric rig will be used. This rig can force a test hole down 4,500 feet if necessary and a 126-foot steel derrick will be ready for use if a deeper test is necessary.

Drilling will be started near the old abandoned Jennings well in section 28, timber on the Whitted or the Porter farm. The second test probably will be made on Highway 70 between Wheatley and Brinkley and the third in the Goodwin-Moro section.

Several tests for oil have been made in this county and adjacent territory, but the wells have been abandoned, although several geological indications of the fluid were reported.

Test Oil Well Near Wheatley To Be Drilled Deeper.

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Helena, Dec. 16.—The oil test being drilled near Wheatley by the United States Oil Corporation of Helena will be put down 500 feet below the depth at which oil was reported to have been found. D. T. Hargraves, president, said here today.

Mr. Hargraves said geologists from four major oil companies had advised deeper drilling in an effort to strike a larger pocket which they believe exists at a depth of a little more than 2,000 feet. He said about 200 feet additional already has been drilled.

Wildcat Test Near Brinkley Down 2,264 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 3-7-41

Brinkley, March 6.—The J. T. Willford No. 1 wildcat oil well being drilled about six miles northeast of Brinkley, was reported down 2,264 feet tonight. Workmen have been swabbing the past three days with a showing of oil and gas, it was said by D. T. Hargraves Jr. of Helena, president of the U. S. Oil Corporation, promoter of the well. Gas coming from the well burned, he added. Major oil companies have had scouts here.

Strong Gas Flow

In Wheatley Well

Special to the Gazette. 3-10-41
Wheatley—The crew of the E. J. Willford No. 1 oil test of the U. S. Oil Corporation, wildcat north of here, was busy Saturday afternoon swabbing, and hopeful of making a producer.

Some oil was being brought up but especially noticeable was the increasing flow of gas. It could be lighted at the mouth of the well. A trace of salt water also was noticeable.

This test is about 200 feet southwest of the old Jennings well, drilled in 1922.

Test Well Abandoned, Another Planned Near Wheatley.

Special to the Gazette. 3-25-41

Brinkley, March 24.—Officials of the United States Oil Corporation, which has been drilling a test well near Wheatley, have abandoned their first well and plans are under way for drilling a second.

JENNINGS DECIDES TO

Democrat MAKE TEST AT 680

Oil at Wheatley Covers Slush Pit—Forrest City Inter-11-1-1921ested in Well.

Forrest City, Nov. 1.—The site of the Jennings Syndicate No. 2 well, which reached a depth of 680 feet on Monday morning when a strong showing of oil was made, after the drill had passed through a shelf of limestone rock about two feet in thickness, is about 100 miles north and 55 miles east of the El Dorado field.

The citizens of Wheatley are "cocky" over the good showing of oil produced from the well at the shallow depth reached and a test of the well will be made at its present depth. According to those who seem to be familiar with the geology of the territory the stratum of oil sand runs in a northeasterly direction and the prospects over the prairie country for a number of miles in the vicinity of Wheatley and Goodwin are looked upon as most promising.

The leases in the immediate vicinity of the Wheatley well, covering an area of something like 8,000 acres, are owned largely by citizens of Forrest City and Wheatley, no foreign syndicate having

as yet, made any investments in this section of the state.

The original investors in Wheatley leases among the citizens of Forrest City were Dr. O. N. Warren, Dr. J. F. McDougal, F. T. Whitted, circuit clerk; J. G. Sanders, sheriff, and Walter Laceyfield, deputy sheriff.

Later, and after the fact was established that a test well was to be sunk at Wheatley, other citizens of Forrest City in the persons of Dr. J. A. Bogart, Phillip Hickey, A. A. French, O. S. Baldwin, S. Sharpe, Frank Swartz, Dr. E. J. Kyle, R. L. Stockard, Orrin Winford and perhaps others, purchased leases in the vicinity of the Wheatley location.

At Wheatley those who backed the enterprise from the beginning are W. S. Hemingway, Henry Smith, George Wise, Charles Hemingway, the latter being very active in securing the leases on the required amount of territory, and a number of others, who have given the project their moral support.

J. W. Jennings, who is in personal charge of the drilling operations, states that the hole was 15 1-2 inches in diameter when started, and that the cement was set at a depth of 250 feet. The drill struck the first lime rock at a depth of 580 feet and there were rainbow showings from five different sands between that point and the depth of 680 feet reached on Monday morning after the drill had passed through a shelf rock of limestone, about two feet

in thickness into a sand which produced a sufficient showing of oil to cover the slush pit.

People within a radius of 100 miles were flocking to the well in motor cars throughout the afternoon and night and many bottles of the crude were carried away to surrounding towns.

The test of the well for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it will produce in paying quantities will be closely watched and awaited with much anxiety.

Penetrated Five Sands.

Wheatley, Nov. 1.—The Jennings oil well, No. 2, had rainbow showings at five different sands between 580 and 680 feet, ranging in thickness from 8 inches to 18 inches. Lime shell was struck at 678 feet. There was a showing of oil yesterday about noon that covered the slushpit. This is the first actual showing, and is unusual at the shallow depth of 678 feet. Drilling has been suspended in order to thoroughly examine the sands. Much excitement is in evidence here. Visitors were here yesterday from many counties. It is the intention to drill until oil is struck in paying quantities. Mr. Jennings, the driller, believes he has struck a shallow pool of oil.

WHEATLEY TEST DELAYED

Gazette Wter Seeps In After Hole Had Been Bailed Nearly Dry.

Special to the Gazette. 1921? Wheatley, Dec. 8.—After the drilling crew at the Jennings well had bailed the hole nearly dry this afternoon, a leak was sprung underneath the casing, permitting water to seep in. The accident proved discouraging to the drillers, who had expressed confidence of bringing in a gusher in a short time. The hole will be "walled" tomorrow, it was said, and the bailer will be put back into the well. The test is one and one-half miles north of Wheatley, in section 28-4-1. It is down 1,533 feet.

Derrick Up for Oil Test in St. Francis

Forrest City, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—A new oil development project is getting under way at Beck's Spur, on the Rock Island railroad, about three and a half miles west of Forrest City, where a derrick has just been completed. The Wilmar Oil Company of Tulsa, Okla., will finance the drilling operations. This company has leased a large acreage in St. Francis county and W. S. Alley, local representative of the company, says drilling will begin when a few more leases are secured.

N. O. Bills of Tulsa has ordered drilling machinery. The site selected for the new well is on the farm of M. F. White Jr., about 150 feet north of the old route of highway No. 70. 2-8-32.

Forrest City Oil Test Is Down Thousand Feet

Democrat 3-10-32 Forrest City, March 10.—(Special.)—The new oil development a little more than three miles west of this city at Becks Spur, on the Rock Island, is making good progress and the well is now down to a depth of between 900 and 1,000 feet. Day and night shifts are being used. Operations are in charge of N. O. Bills, representing the Walmar Oil Company of Tulsa, Okla. The two crews which work in 12-hour shifts, each consists of five men.

Oil Test Well to Be Drilled Near Wheatley.

Special to the Gazette. 6-4-32 Brinkley, June 3.—Machinery has been placed near Wheatley for drilling an oil test well. Geologist W. R. Julian is said to have expressed the opinion that one of the largest wells in the Southwest is possible. J. E. Henderson of the Kentucky-Arkansas Drilling Company also said every indication of oil has been found.

Drilling to Start on St. Francis County Test

Dem 5-30-37 Wynne — H. L. Scott, geologist for Manning and Martin, Inc., oil prospecting concern of Tulsa, Okla., announced here that drilling of a test well in St. Francis county between Widener and Round Pond, will be started before the end of next week.

Mr. Scott said that the materials and equipment are being moved on to the drilling site.

A new rotary drill will be used. An exhaustive test is planned and the well will be sunk to a depth of 3,500 feet if necessary, Mr. Scott said.

A last minute check of the area was made by a seismograph crew that has been working out of here for several months.

St. Francis Oil Test Going Down Rapidly

Democrat 6-30-37 Wynne—Rapid progress is being made in the drilling of the No. 1 Manning and Martin-Russell, C. Gregg, test well between Round Pond and Widener in St. Francis county, according to J. J. Lancaster, lease man for the Tulsa, Okla., oil concern.

A sand cave-in at the well caused a slight delay Monday. The well had been sunk to 985 feet the first of this week, Mr. Lancaster said.

An exhaustive test will be made and the well will be drilled to a considerable depth if necessary, an employe of the company said. Before actual drilling started seismograph tests were made.