

**Van Buren County Oil
Prospectors Hit Gas**

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Clinton—There is now considerable oil excitement in the west part of Van Buren County and the southwest corner of Searcy County, where much land has been leased in past years for oil and gas exploration. Other leases are still being made.

This week the Van Buren County Democrat reports from Rupert: "Everybody is excited over the oil well and many visitors came as spectators during the past few days, since John Filley and drill helpers have struck gas at a little over 1,000 feet. Although the gas is not in paying quantities it is promising."

Other drills are operating in that section where gas has been struck in the past with indications of oil. Also drilling is in progress in the south part of Madison County, where gas has also been struck.

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**Van Buren County Has
Prospects for Oil**

Clinton—Oil excitement is still high in the western part of Van Buren County, where showings of natural gas have been made, and there is promise of oil, according to some prospectors. One well near Rupert is now down 1,750 feet, with the last 100 feet being through hard rock. Other drillings in that area are down to lesser depths.

**Test Oil Well to Be Drilled in
Van Buren County.**

Plans to sink a test oil well to a depth of 4,000 feet in an attempt to reach oil near Bee Branch, Van Buren county, were announced yesterday by Glenn Kahle of Dallas, Tex., veteran oil field operator, who has formed a partnership with S. H. Riggs, holder of a lease on 10,000 acres at Bee Branch. Mr. Riggs is head of the Riggs Drilling Company, which formerly operated in the El Dorado oil fields. Mr. Riggs and Mr. Kahle have gone to Tulsa to ship drilling equipment and machinery to Bee Branch.