

TO "SPUD IN" OIL WELL.
Special to the Gazette. 1921
Warren, Aug. 25.—At the invitation of the Wilmar Chamber of Commerce, a delegation from Warren will attend the "spudding in" of the oil well one mile east of Warren tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

SHOWING NEAR WARREN

El Dorado Sand Struck at 1,105 Feet in Bainbridge Test.
Special to the Gazette.
Warren, Nov. 3.—At a depth of 1,105 feet El Dorado oil sand was struck last night at the Bainbridge test well north of here. The drill went only about four feet in the sand when operations ceased. This morning the pump was started and for several hours an oil showing flowed into the slush pit with the mud and water. Casing is being loaded out of El Dorado today and a test probably will be made made Sunday. A showing of gas was encountered just before the sand was reached. Two other showings of gas were found at around 700 feet. This is the first test well in this territory.

DERHRICK IS COMPLETED.

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, Nov. 14.—A derrick has been completed in 26-12-11 by L. B. Mawk and the well will be "spudded in" soon. The location is in the northwestern part of Bradley county, nine miles from Warren, and three miles east of the Caldwell No. 2, which was being drilled when the El Dorado field came in. Mr. Mawk was field manager for the Caldwell company at that time. He has severed his connection with the company and will make the test at the new location.

EXPECT PAY SAND SOON.

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, Dec. 3.—Drillers at Blankenship No. 1 are daily expecting to reach pay sand. The well is now drilling at 1,200 feet and is in a mixture of sand and shale. The drillers are making core barrel tests and proceed with the drilling very slowly.

WELL IS BEING CORED

Good Oil Showings Reported at Test Near Warren.
Special to the Gazette. 1921?
Warren, Dec. 8.—The process of careful coring still is going on at the Blankenship No. 1. The coring has been continued since the first oil showing was encountered at a depth of 1,100 feet. Several gas showings were encountered above that depth, however. From 1,100 feet to the present depth the drill has repeatedly penetrated sands and shale, it is said, which carried oil and gas, but to date in insufficient quantities to warrant setting casing and making a test. It is said that an examination of the sands brought out by the coring process shows them to be of a better quality than that at El Dorado. The formation has been hard and dense, with no water troubles.

TO SPUD IN TOMORROW

Southern Oil and Land Company to Drill in Bradley County.
Special to the Gazette. 1922
Warren, March 7.—The Southern Oil and Land Company will be ready to spud in its Bradley No. 1 Thursday morning, it was said today. The derrick was begun and completed in less than a day, and the machinery is now on the ground, according to Leo Yount, vice president and general manager. He expects to have the well down far enough to set 10-inch casing on the day the test is started. The work is under direction of Ben L. Kelley, general superintendent for the Southern Oil and Land Company. He came here from El Dorado, where he brought in two wells last week. The Bradley No. 1 is located in 25-13-10, on land leased by the Bradley Lumber Company to the Southern Oil and Land Company. The location is about five miles from Warren. The derrick is 112 feet high and is strong enough to handle the casing for a 5,000-foot test, Mr. Yount said. The company now has four cars of casing in Warren for use in the series of tests to be made in Bradley county.

DRILLING IN BRADLEY

Steady Progress Being Made at Two Test Wells. 3-12-22

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, March 11.—Steady drilling is going on at the Southern Oil and Land Company's Blankenship No. 1 and Bradley No. 1 in this county. Precaution is being taken by Leo Yount, manager, and at both tests he has a formation man who, with the aid of a special contrivance, takes a formation every 30 minutes, places it in a glass jar and labels the depth it came from. The formation man, in addition to the driller, keeps a log in order that Mr. Yount can get a double check on each well. The driller takes a core barrel test in every change of formation from the Blankenship No. 1, which is now down 1,600 feet. Mr. Yount has just received from this well what he considers as good an oil sand as he has ever seen. It resembles the Oklahoma sand, and is a little coarser than the El Dorado sand. Mr. Yount is optimistic over the formation so far, as he says it checks up with the records of his geologist.
At the Bradley No. 1, which was spudded in Thursday, 12-inch casing was set today. Preparations will be made at once to standardize the equipment at this test, and if the showings justify it, all is in readiness to put on a standard rig at the Blankenship No. 1.

WELL CORE IS TESTED

Showing of Generating Shale Found in Bradley County. 4-22-22

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, April 21.—A core test made at the Southern Oil and Land Company's Bradley No. 1 this week with the hole down 1,500 feet, gave a good showing of generating shale. Drilling has been going on night and day for some time. Two crews have been working hard to save the well, but the situation now is well in hand and the night crew will soon be taken off and put to work on Blankenship No. 1, north of Warren.
Bradley No. 1 is five miles south of town, hidden away in the woods a mile from the Warren-Hermitage road. It is almost inaccessible to sightseers on account of frequent rains, and for that

reason many oil enthusiasts even in Warren have never seen the well. Leo Yount, vice president and general manager of the Southern Oil and Land Company, believes that this location is one of the most promising that his company has ever worked in unproven territory, and he bought the finest rig obtainable for this test.

PREPARING FOR TESTS

Drillers of Bradley County Wells Are Pushing Operations. 1922

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, May 6.—Drilling is being continued at both the Bradley No. 1 and Blankenship No. 1 wells in this county. Leo Yount, manager of the Southern Oil and Land Company, which is drilling the tests, says that from all indications he will set casing and make tests at both wells at around 2,300 feet. Although the wells are eight miles apart, the formation is showing up the same. Both wells are now drilling at the same depth, around 1,700 feet.

Scouts from several of the largest companies are watching operation here very closely, and say that they are much interested in this county. Although distinct gas showings have been encountered at both local tests, Leo Yount says there is nothing to get excited about, although he firmly believes that he will bring in a producer beyond 2,300 feet.

Steel Derrick for Test Well Near Vick Completed.

Special to the Gazette. 7/20/28
Warren, July 19.—The 108-foot tubular steel derrick of the Ohio Oil Company was finished yesterday on the site of the test well to be drilled near Vick in the southeast part of Bradley county and drilling will begin on or before August 1, it is said by Carroll Hollensworth, attorney for Joe Boyd Hurley of this city, who blocked the acreage.
The contract calls for a test well to be drilled to 3600 feet. Three crews are on the location and the machinery is on the ground.

Bradley County Wildcat Test Reaches 350 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. Sept 22-28
Fordyce, Sept. 21.—The new wildcat test well spudded in Wednesday about 10 miles from here, has now reached about 350 feet. It is known as the "Big Hill Well" and is supposed to be controlled by the Royal Dutch Schell Company. The Tippet Drilling Company of El Dorado has the contract and will go to a depth of 4,000 feet. Thirty thousand dollars worth of equipment is on the ground and water lines have been laid from a mill nearby. Drilling crews are working both day and night.

GAS FRANCHISE FOR WARREN GRANTED

Service to Patrons Must Start in 15 Months. 3/27/29

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, March 26.—By unanimous vote the Warren City Council last night granted a franchise to the Arkansas Natural Gas Company for 25 years. The proposition to furnish gas to the city has been pending since November. The company agrees to post \$1,000 bond, conditioned upon beginning construction within six months. The company then will have nine months in which to complete the system.

The rate will be \$1.75 for the first 1,000 cubic feet, 60 cents per 1,000 for the next 4,000 cubic feet and 50 cents for each additional 1,000 feet. A special rate is carried for gas consumed for power fuel.

The company has 10 days to accept the ordinance. T. J. Compton and F. D. Shanks, its representatives, could not say whether this would be done.

GAS FIRM REJECTS WARREN FRANCHISE

Contract Refused Because Council Increased Discount Rate. 4/3/29

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, April 2.—Following notification by the manager of the Arkansas Division of the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation that the franchise granted by the Warren City Council March 29 had been rejected, the council, last night, failed to take further action.

R. W. Curran, Arkansas division manager, declined the franchise because the discount rate had been changed from five to 10 per cent. Franchises granted by Fordyce and Monticello councils carried the five per cent discount clause, and Mr. Curran said that if it were increased to 10 per cent for Warren, it would of necessity have to be increased in neighboring cities.

Failure of the gas company to accept the franchise as offered by the council leaves the matter of granting a gas franchise for the city unsettled. T. J. Compton, representative of the gas company urged that the council reconsider its action and comply with the company's requirements on rates.

One Well Abandoned, Another Started, at Warren.

Special to the Gazette.
Warren, July 10.—The new well to furnish city water, being drilled by W. K. Banker of Lake Charles, La., has been abandoned since 750 feet of pipe became stuck near the bottom of the well. A second well has been started and is down 600 feet. The first well had been drilled 1,050 feet. Jacks were put on the pipe in an effort to pull it loose, but it was impossible to overcome the suction. The three-inch drill line was broken and the top of the derrick was pulled out before the hole was abandoned. The first well was estimated by George Ellis, manager of the local light and water plant here to have cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Warren Votes Unanimously for Gas Franchise.

Special to the Gazette. 11/8/29
Warren, Nov. 7.—No votes were cast against, and 271 were cast for, a 25-year gas franchise, in a special election here today, to affirm the franchise grant of the City Council given on October 21, to the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation.

Under the law the gas company could not be assured of its grant before the expiration of 90 days from the date of the passage of the ordinance. In order to furnish work for a large number of unemployed, officials of the city, the Chamber of Commerce and interested citizens suggested the submission of the franchise for a vote of approval.

W. M. Graham, secretary of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, has received a letter from officials of the gas company, stating that work on the gas distributing system here will begin as soon as possible.

Gas, Ark. Nat. Gas Corp.

Gas Distributing System for Warren Under Way.

Special to the Gazette. 7-3-30
Warren, Jan. 2.—J. M. Long, engineer in charge of construction of the gas distributing system for the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation, started his force to work today. Seven carloads of pipes and materials have been unloaded.

The survey for the pipe line to be built into Warren by the Mississippi River Fuel Corporation has been made and prospective contractors have been looking over the route with the view to bidding on its construction. The line will enter the city on or near the J. W. Richardson property.

Warren to Celebrate Arrival of Natural Gas Saturday.

Special to the Gazette. 7-2-30
Warren, April 1.—One of the biggest celebrations ever staged in Warren is being planned for Saturday by the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation. The celebration will begin with open house at 9 Saturday morning. Favours will be given to visitors. A banquet will be held at 6 at the Y. M. C. A. At 7:30, on a platform on the Court square, Mayor Norman McLeod will preside, and among the speakers will be S. A. Lipscomb, manager of the New Business Department of the Little Rock Gas and Fuel Company; Tom Compton of Little Rock, C. W. Robbins, superintendent Arkansas district properties, Little Rock; J. M. Long, construction engineer of the local system; J. M. Black, local manager, and John L. Fletcher, advertising manager, Shreveport, La.
After the speaking Mayor McLeod will light a 40-foot gas flare.

Oil Test Well Being Drilled in Bradley County.

Special to the Gazette. Sept 16, 1934
Warren, Sept. 15.—A test well is being drilled in Bradley county by the Seton Oil Producing Company of Shreveport, La. The well is located between Vick and Ingalls, in the lower part of the county. It is being drilled on a tract belonging to Charlie Murphy, trustee, and will be known as the Charles Murphy No. 1.

It is to be drilled to 3,500 feet unless a substantial showing of oil and gas is found at a lesser depth. A Shreveport concern, the Belleview Corporation, has the contract for drilling and Harry Morgan, vice president of the company, is in charge.

The total area surrounding the test well is 8,000 acres, according to Joe Boyd Hurley, who has been instrumental in securing the leases. The location of the well was determined after an extensive amount of seismograph work by the Geological Department of the Arkansas Natural Gas Company during the past spring. A test well was drilled several years ago at Vick.

Bradley County.

In the Moro Bay sector of Bradley county, Joe Modisette is drilling below 3,800 feet on his Brown Estate No. 1 deep test well for the Phillips Petroleum Company, located 330 feet south and 660 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 28-16-12.

Bradley County. 11-15-36
A wildcat test that is rapidly nearing the interesting stage is the Brown Estate No. 1 deep test of the Phillips Petroleum Company in the Moro Bay sector of Bradley county across the river from Union county. The test is reported to be drilling below 4,000 feet and is soon expected to near the Permian lime formation from which small production is being obtained in the Snow Hill sector of Ouachita county.

The Moro bay test is being drilled by Joe Modisette, El Dorado drilling contractor. It is located 330 feet south and 660 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 28-16-12.

Bradley County. 11-22-36
In the Moro Bay section of Bradley county Joe Modisette is reported to be drilling around the 4,500 foot level in the Brown Estate No. 1 test of the Phillips Petroleum Company in the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 28-16-12.

Bradley County. 12-6-36
In the Moro Bay sector of Bradley county near the Ouachita river Joe Modisette is reported to have abandoned the Brown Estate No. 1 wildcat test of the Phillips Petroleum Company after failing to make a showing below 5,400 feet. The test was located in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28-16-12. The same company drilled another test to approximately the same depth in the Perigee lake sector in the southern end of Bradley county several months ago. It likewise failed to make a showing.

Arkansas had one completion, a failure in a Bradley county wildcat that went to the Permian lime where salt water appeared and it was abandoned at total depth of 5,195 feet. This is Phillips Petroleum Company's and Joe Modisette's No. 1 Brown Estate, section 28-16-12.