Derrick for Oil Test in Clay County Completed.

Special to the Gazette 5-1-33

Rector, Ark., April 30.—Gumbler Bros. of Sikeston, Mo., and Shreveport, La., have just completed a derrick for an oil test on the 40, NE 23-19-7, just inside the west corporation line of Rector. This is the first oil test to be made in the immediate section of Clay county, and people are watching with interest.

The 40 on which the well will be drilled is a part of a 10,000-acre block of leases that lie northeast and southwest of the town. The well will be spudded in within the next 30 days and will be drilled to a depth of 5,000 feet. If production is not obtained before that depth, Gumbler expect to find oil in the Narrens sand, which they think they will encounter at less than 3,000 feet. Gumbler Bro's are independents and are interested in the Billens field. They drilled one well some time ago near Piggott, and the showing was so good that they located the test here, which is about 14 miles from Piggott. They spent considerable time in a survey before locating the well at this place.
Drilling for Oil Under Way Near Piggott.

A report is on file at the Piggott Post Office, Ark., Oct. 7. The first oil well to be drilling in the Crowley's Ridge section, as reported yesterday, is now down about 220 feet. Preparations are being made to set and cement the pipe in about 28. The well is located about a mile and a half west of Piggott, Township 26, Section 24, Range 9 E., Pottawatomie County, Okla.

M. Wells, who operates the Loomis Oil Company, is financing the well, which is being drilled by J. W. Hartman of Piggott.

Clay County Oil Test Drilled to Depth of 502 Feet.

A report in the Gazette, Jan. 24, states that the N. C. McCabe Oil Company, Underwood No. 3, well, has been drilled to a depth of 522 feet. In Herman, 2 miles south of the town of Underwood, the oil site has been moved.

The company financed the work and has not received outside assistance.

Gurdon Sure It's Going To Be Oil Center

By William A. Wilson

(From a News Letter of the Gazette.)

Gurdon, May 15.—If there's oil within a radius of 12 miles of Gurdon, the metropolitan of south Clark county, there is every indication that it will be brought to the surface. This radius passes a little beyond the borders of Clark county, reaching into Nevada and Van Buren counties, but Gurdon folks refer to it as "the south Clark county oil field."

There are four wells actively drilling within this area, the rig is up and machinery being assembled for a fifth, locations have been staked for six more, and the rig is up for still another, making a total of 13 tests that are expected to determine whether there's oil in this section.

The section is not far from productive fields in Nevada and Glothby counties. Oil men tell of the various and unusual structures and faults and other geological formations with which they are not very familiar, in describing the test locations in the "Gurdon field."

As was to be expected, they were optimistic. One thing that left an impression was the fact that little, if any, "Gurdon money" is being used in drilling the wells—it's practically all outside capital. We were told by leading business men that none of the promoters is offering stock for sale.

Twin Location Ideal.

While Gurdon has not gone "oil wild, there is a feeling everywhere that it won't be long until the liquid gold will be found in commercial quantities. The town is ideally situated to handle an oil boom, from a transportation standpoint.

There are two railroad stations—on the line of the Missouri Pacific and the El Dorado branch. The main highway, No. 25, is in fine condition, and the county roads, while not paved, are kept in good shape. This is necessary because of the heavy lumber traffic in the vicinity.

With representatives of the Gurdon Board of Trade and the newspaper "assisting" the field, and was impressed with what we saw, although it is not necessary that we admit that we know about as much about oil fields as Abraham Lincoln did about creaking a pontoon. However, we have seen the El Dorado, Losant, Stephens and Nevada county fields, and have learned a little by observation.

Meeting Old Friends.

When we arrived at the Burdick & Carter Co. No. 1, we met 24-15, we met Ed Olin, the driller, who, with his "Olin Oil," the drillers, was on a famous oil well in the Nevada county field last December. He has been drilling here since then, and the day we left him, just after he had broken the floor, he left his company.