

Natural Gas for Morrilton Is Proposed in Ordinance. *3/22/29*
Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, March 21.—A proposed ordinance has been presented to the City Council granting a 25-year franchise to the Public Utilities Corporation to supply Morrilton with natural gas from the Clarksville field. The ordinance was filed after first reading to await the report of a committee appointed to investigate the industrial rate to be offered.

MORRILTON AWARDS FRANCHISE FOR GAS

Southern Power and Light Company Given Contract for 25 Years.

12/11/28
Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, Dec. 10.—An ordinance was passed by the Morrilton City Council at an adjourned session tonight, granting a gas franchise to the Southern Power and Light Company and W. G. Tegmeier for a period of 25 years.

The matter of granting a gas franchise has been before the city council for several months. The domestic rates included in the franchise passed by the council tonight are \$1.50 for the first 2,000 cubic feet of gas consumed per month, 55 cents for the next 3,000 cubic feet, and 50 cents per thousand for all gas consumed in excess of 5,000 cubic feet.

The Public Utilities Corporation first proposed a franchise of \$1.75 for the first 1,000 cubic feet, 60 cents for the next 4,000 cubic feet, 55 cents for the next 2,000 cubic feet, and 50 cents a thousand for all gas in excess of 7,000 cubic feet, but presented a proposed franchise to the council tonight with a new scale of rates which provided \$1.50 for the first 2,000 cubic feet, 60 cents for the next 3,000 cubic feet, and 50 cents for all gas consumed in excess of 5,000 cubic feet.

The franchise adopted tonight was agreed upon by representatives from Morrilton, Atkins, Dardanelle and Russellville at a meeting at Russellville Wednesday night. Ordinances will be nearly uniform for these cities.

The Southern Power and Light Company, an Iowa corporation, has holdings in this section totaling about 80,000 acres; a part of which is in the Clarksville producing area. Officials of the company intend to begin drilling in the near future, and agree to supply gas to Morrilton in six months after the ordinance is legally passed.

Mr. Tegmeier and a corps of engineers will be in the territory next week to make a survey of the holdings, part of which are in Conway county.

MORRILTON VOTES FOR GAS FRANCHISE

Corporation Must Make Supply Available Within 60 Days.

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Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, Jan. 22.—Morrilton granted the Public Utilities Corporation a franchise for the supply of natural gas here today by a referendum in which the vote was 684 for and 2 votes against. The popular ballot closed all legalities concerning the franchise and the company will begin construction tomorrow. A bond was filed with the recorder for \$30,000 to assure that the gas distributing system would be completed and an adequate supply of gas would be available within 60 days from the time construction started.

The franchise adopted today provides the following domestic rates; for the first 2,000 cubic feet of gas consumed within a month \$1.50, for the next 3,000 cubic feet 60 cents per 1,000 cubic feet and for all gas in excess of 5,000 cubic feet, 50 cents per 1,000 feet. A discount of 5 per cent will be allowed to all domestic users whose bills are paid by the tenth of the month. The public Utilities Corporation have just completed a pipe line to the Clarksville gas field which passes about one mile north of Morrilton.

Machinery for Scotland Oil Test Shipped.

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Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, Feb. 2.—The State Developing Company has shipped a carload of drilling machinery from El Dorado and expects to begin drilling near Scotland in southern Van Buren county as soon as the machinery can be assembled. It was announced today by Theodore Davis, local manager.

The developing company has been taking leases for the past several months. It has holdings totaling 40,000 acres which the company plans to increase to 100,000 acres. Mr. Davis announced that his company would do extensive drilling in this field. The report of the state geologist is very favorable.

Location for Oil Test Made Near Morrilton.

10-29-33
Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, Oct. 28.—The Southern Union Gas Company of Dallas, Tex., through its local representative, Donald Trumbo, of Fayetteville, announced the location for the first test in the search of oil and gas in commercial quantities in the Petit Jean area on the Feldman farm in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6-5-16, seven miles southwest of Morrilton in the Ada anticline.

Heavy drilling equipment belonging to the contracting firm of Garrett and Wachob of Muskogee, Okla., was moved to the location this week, and drilling is expected to begin next week.

A test of the Ada structure for oil and gas was first recommended late in 1930 by the Arkansas Geological Survey, which, in collaboration with the United States Geological Survey, published an extensive report on the oil and gas possibilities of the Arkansas River Valley, written by Dr. Carey Cronis, now professor of geology in the University of Chicago. Dr. Cronis was the geologist in charge of a field party employed by the two geological surveys which started its investigation in 1927. Prior to that time he had been professor of geology at the University of Arkansas.

Will Resume Drilling in Test Well Near Morrilton.

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Special to the Gazette.
Morrilton, Feb. 24.—The Southern Union Gas Company and Donald Trumbo No. 1 Kettler Estate well in the southwest quarter of Section 6-5-17, 10 miles southwest of Morrilton, will resume drilling soon after March 1, Donald Trumbo announced. The well is down 2,504 feet in blue shale and a string of casing will be run to prevent caving before drilling is resumed.

It has been decided by the interests drilling the well to make it a deep test and follow the recommendation of geologists. The nearest deep test to the one here was drilled by the Arkansas Natural Gas Company in Yell county, where a sand of 3,405 feet yielded more than 1,000,000 feet of gas but failed to respond to a 120-quart shot of nitroglycerin.

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Columbia County, In Columbia county, the Eastern

Texas Production Company is drilling below 5,100 feet in their Kendrick No. 1, located 330 feet south and 330 feet east of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 7-19-18. The test is about 400 feet in the Glen Rose formation with no porosity reported as yet.

In the same county, the King Oil Corporation of Texarkana is drilling below 1,000 feet on its Kitchens, Rhea & Fullenwider No. 1 test in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 13-17-22, six miles west of Magnolia.

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Operators are reaming down below 5,400 feet in the Kendrick No. 1 test of the Eastern Texas Production Company in Columbia county. The test is located 330 feet south and 330 feet east of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 7-19-18.

In the same county, the King Oil Corporation is drilling below 2,700 feet on the Kitchens, Rhea and Fullenwider No. 1 test in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 13-17-22, six miles west of Magnolia.

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In Columbia county, the Eastern Texas production Company is reported to have shut down at 5,415 feet in its Kendrick No. 1 test in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 7-19-18. J. C. Buckbee is drilling below 3,200 feet in his Cumbie No. 1 test in section 17-17-18 in the same county and the King Oil Corporation is reported shut down at 3,005 feet in its Kitchens, Rhea & Fullenwider No. 1 test in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 13-17-22, six miles west of Magnolia.

Sharpe et al. of Shreveport have assembled a block in township 14, range 23, for a 4,000-foot test in Hempstead county. Frank Ryan is assembling a block around section 23-17-19, Columbia county.

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Columbia County, 12-6-36
In Columbia county, Frank Ryan has assembled more than 3,000 acres of commercial leases centering around Section 23-17-19 and may drill soon.

C. L. Sharp of Shreveport has completed assembling a block of nearly 5,000 acres northeast of Patmos in Hempstead county in township 14, range 23, and agreed to drill a 4,000-foot test well.

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