"Sunken Lands" To Be Drilled

Craighed County Leases

To Be Drilled

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Jonesboro—Sinking of a test oil well in the eastern district of Craighead county, where leases have been obtained on approximately 10,000 acres, is expected soon. John G. Woolen of El Dorado, it was announced here, will be in charge of drilling operations.

Activity of oil drillers in other sections of the "sunken land area" of Craighead was reported here. The first test well will be in the section between Mosselle and Black Oak. Another group is reported taking leases in the Landrum area and is expected to begin drilling operations shortly.

A third group was reported blocking leases in the Primrose land vicinity of western Craighead County. Just south of here, near Hurricane, there is an existing test well; it is possible that others in the bottoms will begin shortly.

Interest in the "sunken land" along the St. Francis River in this vicinity was brought to light following the publication of a national geological survey, released in July of this year, which shows that the formation of the land in the eastern district of the county, caused by the New Madrid earthquake, is similar to that of the Calo Lake fields, a large producing field in Louisiana.

Several test wells have been sunk in the vicinity of Harrisburg and one has been drilled west of here, but none in the "sunken land".

The drilling of gas pockets in the Mosselle vicinity recently, while a water well was being drilled, is said to have caused unusual interest to be focused on this section.

Woolen said his contract for sinking the first test well calls for a depth of 3,500 feet. It is estimated that the cost will be between $60,000 and $70,000.

Oil Test To Be Drilled South Of Jonesboro

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Jonesboro, May 26—An oil test will be entered on the Lary Martin farm south of Jonesboro by the Tennmark Corporation of New York and Memphis, which has 12,000 acres under lease. Timbers for the derrick are now being placed.

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An Extra Series of Tests Near Jonesboro

Jonesboro—Joe Modquist, Shreveport, La., drilling contractor, is operating a rig from Choctaw County, Ala., to the vicinity of Jonesboro, Ark., to drill on the first of a series of nine wildcat tests planned in northwest Arkansas and west Tennessee by Tennmark Oil Company, which has these nine blocks of over 100,000 acres under lease.

The tests will range in depth from 3,600 to 7,000 feet, the first to be four miles south of Jonesboro.

Oil Drillers Ready For Jonesboro Test

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Jonesboro—With the derrick completed and all the machinery on the ground except one carload, all is in readiness to "up and go" the test oil well on the Lary M. Martin farm two miles south of here, Claude R. Sewell, head of operations here, said today. The well is being drilled by Tennmark Inc., of New York City and Memphis, being the sole financier of operations. No stock is being offered for sale.

Limestone Struck at 1,700 Feet

In Oil Test Near Jonesboro

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Jonesboro, July 14—Limestone rock was encountered at 1,700 feet in the Tennmark company's oil test two miles southwest of Jonesboro.

Drillers have averaged 200 feet per day since July 4. Striking limestone as considered an encouraging sign since rocks usually have a limited cap. Quicksand was encountered over the weekend, forcing a temporary suspension of operations to allow standing water to drain to the bottom of the "outside" to prevent drift holes from stacking.
Reports Oil Show Near Harrisburg

Jenksboro-Gorden P. Crenshaw, president of the Rockwell Development Co., which has been engaged in drilling a test well in Poinsett county near Harrisburg, announced Saturday that a showing of high gravity oil and a good showing of gas were encountered at a depth of 1,500 feet. The gas company is a subsidiary of the Rockwell Development Co., and the company will not spend more money on the present location but will add the rig and start another test to determine which way the structure runs. The showing is enough to convince officials of the company that there is gas and oil in commercial quantities in the area.

To Drill Oil Well

Jenksboro, Aug. 29.—The stakes were driven this afternoon for the first test well to be drilled in this county. The site is two and a half miles southwest of the city. J. F. Scott & Co. have a contract to put down the test well. At the request of Mr. Scott, Mrs. Hal Peddridge drove the stake. A large number of farmers have formed a pool of their land and money, and will share in the profits if oil is found. The actual drilling will start in a few days.

NEW WELLS PLANNED

Three Derrick Under Construction in Craighead County.

Jenksboro, Sept. 21.—Two derricks have been completed in this county, and a third is under construction. One is Chamber of Commerce well No. 1, that will be drilled by J. F. Scott & Co., another by the Little Rock Oil and Gas Co., and the third by the Nu-Bel Oil and Gas Co. of Little Rock.

DRILLING IN CRAIGHEAD

Three Years Under Way, and Operators Are Optimistic.

Jenksboro, Jan. 19.—The three test oil wells in progress in Craighead county, are progressing favorably. Chamber of Commerce well No. 1, two miles from the city, is down to 2,000 feet, and the formations at that depth indicate oil. It is said that the well, eight miles northeast of town, has been drilled about 1,700 feet, and the pressure for a flow are indicated. The Little Rock Oil and Gas Co. well in town, has reached 500 feet, and is now being finished up.

Jenksboro to Build Gas Plant; Pipeline Project Abandoned.

Jenksboro, Aug. 2.—The proposed natural gas pipe line between Jonesboro and St. Louis, which was to supply Jonesboro, has been abandoned. An artificial gas plant will be erected here at once and will be ready for use by November.

Arrival of Natural Gas Will Be Celebrated at Jonesboro.

Jenksboro, April 1.—A celebration of arrival of natural gas in Jonesboro will be staged here tomorrow night with a banquet for members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club. A street dance will follow. In charge of the banquet will be Governor Parke H. Goddard, President of the American Gas Association, Governor of Arkansas Power and Light Company and C. Hamilton Mose of Little Rock.

New Company Plans Test For Oil in Poinsett County.

Jenksboro, Dec. 11.—Permission to operate in Arkansas has been granted the Rockwell Development Company of Delaware, it was announced today. The firm will assume control of all oil and gas properties in the area, Gorden Crenshaw is president; Arthur L. Adams, vice president, and R. A. Green, secretary-treasurer. All live here.

Showing of Oil Reported in Test Near Harrisburg

Jenksboro, Nov. 18.—A showing of oil and good showing of gas have been encountered at the test well in the town. The company is a subsidiary of the Rockwell Development Co., and headquarters of the firm, with Adams as agent, will be in Jonesboro. Most of the shareholders are residents of Jonesboro and northwestern Arkansas.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 barrels of prospective oil and gas lands are controlled by the firm.