

MUCH INTEREST IN MONTICELLO TEST

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Jack Mobley Will Begin Work on Well Early Saturday Morning.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Aug. 11.—Oil scouts, lease dealers and operators from all parts of the country are flocking to Monticello for the test of the Mobley well two miles east of town, which will be made Saturday. Mobley arrived today and announced that he will begin operations at his well between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning. He does not know just how long it will take him to drill the plug, but expects to be ready to begin bailing Saturday afternoon.

Meanwhile, there is considerable activity in leases but most of the scouts arriving here have little to say about what they think of the field. Many inquiries about leases have been shipped from Gillett and will be Gas Company, the parent lease company, which has 120,000 acres located in Drew county and which made acreage contracts for the various wells to be drilled here.

The Dun-Mar Oil Corporation, which has a block southwest of Monticello, expects to be ready to "spud in" in about 10 days. The rig for the Wyatt interests near Wilmar, a few miles west of Monticello, has been shipped from Gillett and will arrive in a few days. The Bussey No. 1 is down more than 1,000 feet and drilling continues rapidly.

MOBLEY EXPECTS TO DO HIS BAILING SATURDAY

Monticello Again Keyed Up in Expectation of Gusher—Bussey Well at 1,200. 8-12-21

Monticello, Aug. 12.—Jack Mobley, the man who is being depended upon to make the Mobley well a gusher, has returned here from Little Rock, and Monticello will be in a fever of expectation when Mobley prepares Saturday to make a test. Preparations are being made for a large crowd of spectators and scouts here Saturday and doubtless the well site will be thronged with sightseers Saturday afternoon.

It is Mobley's plan to begin work on the well about 1 o'clock Saturday morning and he hopes to be able to start bailing some time in the afternoon. The casing is believed to be firmly seated and when the plug is drilled the work of bailing can start. The well is two miles east of Monticello. Two weeks ago or more it was thought the well was about to be converted into a gusher when gas with streaks of oil bubbled up through the mud with which the hole was filled, and it was stated that at one time the well seemed about to come in of its own accord, despite efforts of drillers to hold it in check until the casing could be set and preparations made.

The Bussey well, eight miles north of Monticello, has reached a depth of 1,200 feet. Two gas pockets, it is said, were encountered, but these were muddied off and drilling continued.

It is reported that the Dun-Mar corporation will spud in a well in about 10 days. The location will be southwest of Monticello. A rig for the well near Wilmar to be drilled by the Wyatt interests is reported to have been shipped from Gillett.

DELAYS BAILING AT MOBLEY WELL

Monticello, Aug. 13.—Indications were Saturday afternoon that Jack Mobley, who is putting down the Mobley well here, would not be ready to begin bailing, with the hope of bringing in a gusher, before Sunday morning. It had been the intention to drill the plug and be ready to bail early Saturday morning, but this was prevented by lack of water supply for the boiler and engine.

The pump which forces water up to the well site from a nearby creek broke down this morning and had to be repaired. Mobley, it appeared, would not be ready to begin drilling until the plug before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

BAILING MOBLEY WELL

Good Oil Showing Reported During Operations Near Monticello.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Aug. 15.—Jack Mobley began bailing his well two miles east of town at 8 o'clock this morning, but operations were halted by the rain after two hours. The rain stopped about 2:30 o'clock and bailing was resumed. At 5 o'clock this afternoon about 400 feet of mud and water remained in the well.

The bailer was sent to the bottom of the well twice and each time brought up good showings of oil. The oil showing was more pronounced during the bailing than the gas pressure, although Mobley has been convinced that he will get a gas well and not an oil well.

The town was crowded with visitors today and a large crowd gathered at the well and remained there even during the showers. Bailing will be resumed early tomorrow. It will take about two hours to complete it. Mobley is assured that his casing does not leak.

BAILING AT MOBLEY WELL BEGINS MONDAY

Oil Showing and Gas Reported—Driller Expects to Go Deeper Into Sand. 21?

Monticello, Aug. 15.—Bailing in the Mobley well, two miles east of Monticello, had proceeded to a depth of 800 feet at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, and the prospects at that time were that the real test would be made late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. At 1 o'clock the casing was holding well and Jack Mobley said that if it continued tight, he would bail to the bottom of the well and then drill into the sand a foot or two deeper, which would constitute a real test of the well's value.

Bailing was begun this morning at 9 o'clock. There is a showing of oil in the slush pit and the flow of gas from the well is such that the odor can be detected three or four hundred feet away from the opening.

Despite the rain today, many persons drove to the well to watch the test and there has been some sharp trading in leases on the strength of the showing thus far made.

WELL IS LEAKING SAND

Jack Mobley Has Peculiar Trouble With Test at Monticello.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Monticello, Aug. 16.—After bailing down low in his well today, Jack Mobley discovered that a fine gray sand was coming up in the casing from somewhere and that instead of leaking water, as is usually the case, his well is leaking sand. Mobley believes the sand is forced up in the well by a gas pressure.

Confronted with this predicament, Mobley plans to put in either a liner or a strainer tomorrow to keep the sand out while he bails down and tries to bring in the well. Late this afternoon it was reported that there was about 200 feet of sand in the well.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon there was considerable gas pressure, which came up in a small geyser on the derrick floor. There has been continual oil showing since operations were renewed Saturday and the sand in the well seems saturated with oil.

READY TO BAIL AGAIN

Jack Mobley Thinks He Has Stopped Sand Flow in Well.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Aug. 17.—Once again Jack Mobley has his well in shape for bailing and will begin on this process tomorrow. The casing is full of mud and water again and it may be noon before it is bailed out.

The quicksand, which was found to be coming into the casing, has been choked out by gumbo, Mobley believes, and he anticipates no further trouble from that source. All the sand was pumped out today and the well is ready to be bailed again. There were oil showings continually during the operations, it was said.

A party of Missouri Pacific officials from Little Rock, St. Louis and Chicago is expected to arrive here tonight. They are coming to Monticello to look the field over and will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce.

OIL WELL "SPUDED IN"

Wilmar Oil and Gas Company Starts Operations in Drew County.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Wilmar, Aug. 27.—The Wilmar Oil and Gas Company "spudded" in its well in southeast southwest 26-12-8.

Drew county Thursday. This location is about one mile east of Wilmar on the Montgomery tract. The Wilmar Oil and Gas Company secured its acreage from the Home Development Company. The drilling is in charge of the Woods Bros. Drilling Company. Their rig is a large one, capable of going to 4,000 feet. About 800 people were present at the "spudding in." Several speeches were made and the drilling crew gave a song. The Wilmar Board of Trade furnished free drinks.

DREW COUNTY GROWS DEMO-CRAT EXCITED OVER OIL

Wyatt No. 1 Well, Recently Spudded in, Making Rapid Progress.

Wilmar, Sept. 5.—Wyatt well No. 1, the first derrick erected in Drew county, spudded in August 25 in the presence of more than a thousand people. Saturday was down 200 feet.

The Wilmar Board of Trade, which furnished free entertainment and "eats" for the large crowd attending the county's first oil development ceremony, is actively supporting the movement, and the interest and confidence in the geologist's reports on the prospect of oil here are attested by the fact that since the starting of Wyatt No. 1 six other derricks have sprung up surrounding it.

A. W. Judd, president of the Board of Trade, and manager of the Gates Lumber Company, who was master of ceremonies at the spudding in, predicts that Drew county will prove to be Arkansas' second El Dorado. "We have absolute confidence in the geologist's reports which show that Drew county lies over a probable oil basin of large extent," Mr. Judd said Saturday. "Of course, the depth of 200 feet is insufficient for any positive showing, but we are proceeding with the development on

adjacent territory so as to get the maximum test of the entire county." Mayor L. E. Dunlap, who is also secretary of the Board of Trade, is an enthusiastic booster.

W. S. Anderson, president of the Home Development Company and member of the board of directors, has given his undivided attention for the last 10 weeks to the development of the Wyatt well. Mr. Anderson's name is sufficient guarantee that the Home Development Company will give the territory a thorough test, and bring oil to Drew county if it is anywhere beneath the surface.

Robert L. Collins, senator from the Seventeenth district, who is interested in the Wyatt well, Saturday predicted that at the present rate of progress, the cap rock would be reached within 30 days. Drilling operations are under the direction of "Red" Koonce, one of the best known drillers in the mid-Western field.

MONTICELLO AGAIN HAS OIL SHOWING

Considerable Crude Reported in Slush Pit—Drillers Await Casing.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Sept. 21.—A strong showing of oil and gas caused several hundred persons today to visit the Wyatt No. 1 well, six miles west of Monticello, which is being drilled in 26-12-8. The oil sand was struck at 1,590 feet after the drill passed through 105 feet of gumbo and four feet of paraffine.

Oil in the slush pit was noticed by a scout of one of the old line companies who has been watching developments in Drew county for several weeks. Red Koontz, driller, immediately shut off operations. Eight-inch casing has been ordered from Shreveport, and is on the way. Nothing further will be done with the well until the casing arrives.

The well is financed by the Memphis Men's Oil Syndicate. C. F. Wyatt is the only official of the organization here, although telegrams have been sent to others interested and they are expected the latter part of the week when the eight-inch casing will be set.

J. T. Chafin, secretary of the Saline Oil and Gas Company, who visited the well, said the showing of both oil and gas was pronounced and that he believed it would be but a few days until actual production at the well was obtained.

State Senator Robert L. Collins of Wilmar, one of the stockholders and an official in the development company, last night said that the name of the well has been changed to "Home Development Company No. 1," in honor of the corporation which is exploiting it. The well, Senator Collins said, is one mile east of Wilmar, and the Home Development Company is composed of Wilmar men. On the Board of Directors, according to Senator Collins, are A. W. Judd, president; W. S. Anderson, vice president; D. W. Wilson, cashier of the Bank of Wilmar, treasurer. "We feel sure we have an oil well," Senator Collins said. "The showing is so good that we have stopped work at 1,650 feet, leaving the drill in the hole. We have 250 feet of surface casing down, and are now awaiting a rush shipment of casing from Shreveport. As soon as this arrives, I am confident that we will be able to prove that we have an oil field at Wilmar."

READY TO DRILL AGAIN

Shortage of Water Supply Delays Work at Bussey Well.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Nov. 2.—The crew at the Bussey well, seven miles northwest, will be ready to resume drilling in a day or two. The Bussey well has been delayed due to lack of water, and recently work was suspended two weeks when the pond from which water was secured went dry. A line of pipe was strung two miles over the hill to a spring and it is believed there will be no further shortage of water.

At 1,725 feet a hard cap rock was found and it was decided to set eight-inch casing and test the sand before proceeding. Oil is not expected at this depth, but Dr. Bussey is overlooking no opportunity.

"We are taking every precaution and drilling as carefully as we can so as not to pass up anything," L. C. Acree, geologist, and secretary of the Bussey Oil Company, said today. "We believe there is oil here and we want to find it. I believe we will be rewarded for all our trouble for the Planterville structure on which we are drilling is as pretty a structure as one can find in Arkansas."

Dr. Samuel T. Bussey, pioneer of the El Dorado field and chief owner of the discovery well, who is president of the Bussey Oil Company, was here last week watching operations. The company has selected the location for a second test.

MOBLEY MAKES PROGRESS

Second Test Near Monticello Is Down Over 500 Feet.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Nov. 16.—Rapid progress is being made by Jack Mobley at his second test, in section 19-12-6. Mobley got under way the latter part of last week, rested Sunday, and now is down more than 500 feet, he says. He expects to be 1,000 feet by Saturday. Mobley's second derrick is located 100 yards north of his first venture. It was at his former test that he got several showings of oil and a gas pressure that sent mud, water and oil 60 feet on his derrick.

Mobley is confident he will bring in either an oil or gas well from his second well.

DREW COUNTY WELL IS AWAITING TEST

Dr. Bussey and His Geologist Say Showings Indicate Presence of Oil.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Nov. 26.—The Bussey and Mobley wells are two projects foremost in the local limelight. The former is awaiting casing for a test at 2,050 feet, and the latter, according to Mobley, is within 300 feet of the depth he desires to test.

Monticello is confident Dr. Bussey is going to get either an oil or gas well. This confidence is based upon the statement issued from the Bussey office earlier in the week. Dr. Bussey and those associated with him have pursued a policy of saying little. When they encountered a sand they believed would be productive they took several core tests, went 30 feet into the sand and based upon a good showing of both oil and gas, they decided to make their test and then made public this latest feature in their development.

The decision to test was made in El Dorado, where Dr. Bussey had gone from Fort Worth. There he met his driller, examined the sand and cuttings from his well and decided that the time to test had arrived. Casing was ordered and is said now to be on its way from the Arkansas oil metropolis. It will be set and cemented and allowed to stand for at least 10 days. Not only is Dr. Bussey convinced the showing received is worthy of a test, but this opinion is also shared by L. C. Acree, his geologist, who has been here since the well was spudded in.

Mobley Is Confident.
For the past 10 days Jack Mobley has been working a couple shift. He said he has been averaging about 120 feet daily with each shift and is thoroughly satisfied with the progress he is making.

"This second test," said Mobley, "is checking up with my first well in every respect. Within a few days I hope to be at the depth I believe I will get production. I had one minor fishing job the past week, but soon got rid of the trouble and we are grinding away. It won't be long

before there will be some real excitement out my way."

It was also announced here this week that a drilling contract had been closed by the Steinke Oil Company, and those connected with that organization had left Monticello to superintend the loading of machinery for the test, which will be located in 14-13-6.

Just what is delaying the arrival of machinery for the Bailey-Christian test, in 24-13-7, is not known, but it failed to arrive the past week. The derrick has been erected.

Another test, the progress of which will be watched with much interest, is that of the Dun-Mar Petroleum Company, in 7-13-7. This well was spudded in a week ago by Miss Edith Mae Patterson of Pine Bluff, winner

of the nation-wide beauty contest conducted by the Globe-Democrat, St. Louis.

J. W. Bettis, the contractor, who is personally directing the work there, sent the drill down 250 feet and then placed his 10-inch casing. This was cemented, and it will be Wednesday before an inspection will be made to ascertain if work should be renewed.

MAY TEST IN A WEEK

Bussey Oil Company Is Proceeding Carefully With Drew County Well.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Monticello, Nov. 27.—The Bussey well in 29-11-7 will be ready for a test in about a week, according to officers of the Bussey Oil Company. A promising sand was reached at 2,050 feet and the driller cored 30 feet farther, making 2,080 feet. It is reported that a good showing of gas was encountered, and officials of the company are of the opinion that they will get either oil or gas or both.

The casing for this well has been shipped from El Dorado and it may be possible to test the well the latter part of the week. Dr. Bussey, who came here on a visit yesterday will leave tomorrow for El Dorado. He expects to return here Wednesday.

Dr. Bussey will not cement the casing, but will use a special packer, which will hasten the test, although he has given orders to proceed carefully and test the 30-foot said properly. The well is about seven miles northwest of Monticello.

BUSEY CASING PULLED

Will Be Repacked and Reset for a Test Tomorrow.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Dec. 2.—No trouble was experienced by those in charge of the Bussey well in pulling the four-inch casing when it was found the packer that had been put down failed to keep water out and made a thorough test of the well impossible. All of the casing was removed this afternoon. Arrangements were made immediately to repack. If the second effort does not hold, Dr. Bussey said he probably would cement as he determines to make a thorough test of the well at the present depth of 2,050 feet, where it is reported the drill entered 30 feet of sand. Dr. Bussey said is probably would be Sunday before he would be ready to bail.

MOBLEY SETS CASING

Hopes to Test His Well Near Monticello in Short Time.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Dec. 11.—Jack Mobley, drilling about one and one-half mile east of Monticello, set six-inch casing yesterday. He is down between 1,800 and 1,900 feet. Several good showings of oil and gas have been reported during the past few days. Mobley hopes to be ready for a test within a short time.

Dr. Bussey is expected to return here tomorrow to superintend a test at his well. The first test at the Bussey well failed on account of a defect in the casing, it was said. He may test this week.

Two new drilling contracts were awarded yesterday by the Saline Oil and Gas Company, holders of several thousand acres of leases in Drew county. D. K. Maitland, representing Cleveland and Pittsburgh capitalists, will drill five miles west of the Bussey well. O. C. Graves, representing St. Louis capitalists, will drill four miles east of the Bussey.

The Home well yesterday was down approximately 2,900 feet. The Dun-Mar test is down about 1,400 feet. This well will be rat-holed this week.

DREW COUNTY TO SEE MUCH ACTIVITY

1922 Program Calls for a Large Amount of Drilling Operations.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Dec. 24.—During 1922, based on drilling contracts closed by the Saline Oil and Gas Company, at least half a million dollars will be expended in Drew county for oil development. During the past year close to \$150,000 has been invested in the local field.

Up to the present time, of the 15 drilling contracts let, four are under way. Aside from the El Dorado field, the program for Drew county is one of the largest being carried out in the interests of any wildcat field in the state.

Dr. Samuel T. Busey, who was the first to spud in, has expended close to \$40,000 thus far. He is sanguine that he will get production, and has already made his location for a second well after he completes the one now being drilled. Jack Mobley, who is getting ready to cement 6-inch casing in his second test, has expended as much, if not more, than Busey on his two ventures. The Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, which is drilling six miles west of Monticello, is now own to 3,000 feet, and this well has cost them, it is said, about \$40,000, and it will require at least \$25,000 to carry the Dun-Mar test to completion.

D. K. Maitland of Cleveland, O. C. Graves, St. Louis, and F. J. Lasby, Oklahoma City, are the three men who have recently contracted to put down test wells in this county and get operations under way as soon as it is possible to bring machinery here. Maitland and Graves have selected territory east and west, respectively, of the Busey block, while Lasby will go south of the city about six miles.

Word was received from Graves the past week that his arrangements were being perfected even more rapidly than he had anticipated and that he would be back in Monticello soon after the first of the year. Lasby has returned to Oklahoma City, where, he said, he would complete his business details.

TO SPUD IN AT COLLINS

New Test Well in Drew County Will Be Started Today.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Jan. 21.—Residents of Collins have planned a celebration at the spudding in of the Garrison well that is scheduled tomorrow. The well will be drilled on the J. H. Oswald farm, in the southwest of section 26-13-5. The location is 15 miles from Monticello. F. Steinke is preparing to spud in his test in 14-3-6, six miles southeast of town, while F. J. Lasby of Oklahoma will test in 21-14-7 on a location eight miles southeast of Monticello. A large crowd from this city will be present when the Garrison test gets started.

The drill at the Busey well in 29-11-7 is now down nearly 2,900 feet and rotating in gumbo. Dr. Busey is personally supervising the work at his well. He said that he might drill deeper than the contract depth of 3,000 feet, but that the sand encountered at 2,050 feet, which provided an excellent showing of both oil and gas, was well worthy of the test that is to be made.

Garner & Maxwell Dodson No. 1, 30 miles northwest of Arkadelphia in Hot Spring county, in 13-1-18, using standard rig, down 900 feet; T. L. Cook Co. Little Rock has contracted to drill in the vicinity of Okolona, in Clark county, 20 miles west of here, to begin operations not later than February 25; Myer Bros. of Wichita, Kan., will drill eight miles west of Amity, in Clark county, as soon as acreage is blocked; Delight well in Pike county contracted to M. T. L. Oil Company of Waggoner, Okla., will start within 30 days; Antoinette well in Pike, near Clark county line, has been contracted to the M. L. G. syndicate of Dallas, now arranging for location and derrick.

Two other points of activity are near Chidester in Ouachita county.

Monticello Girl Who Spuds in Drew County Test Well



MISS FLORENCE C. GARRISON.

GARRISON TEST IS MAKING PROGRESS

Head of Drilling Company Optimistic Over Prospects in Drew County.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Jan. 23.—Ten-inch casing was set by J. W. Bettis of Shreveport, contractor and driller, at the Garrison test on the Oswald lease in the southwest of 26-13-5, at a depth of 200 feet the latter part of the week. The well is located near Collins, 15 miles southeast of this city, and was spudded in a few days ago by Miss Florence Cecelia Garrison, daughter of J. M. Garrison, general manager of the company.

The Garrison Oil Company, it was said, is being financed by Michigan and Canadian capitalists. It is said about 10,000 acres have been blocked up, none of which is for sale; neither is any of the company's stock being offered.

Residents of Collins planned to give a big barbecue the day the well was spudded in, but this was prevented by unfavorable weather. The second test of the Home Development Company in 26-12-8 is rapidly nearing the first sand, which is expected to be struck between 1,550 and 1,600 feet. This test was started Monday, January 16.

Dr. Busey's project in 29-11-7, at a depth of nearly 3,000 feet, is temporarily halted because of a tough fishing job. Work is expected to be resumed soon at the Dun-Mar test in 7-13-7, and lumber for the O. C. Graves derrick in 22-11-7 was placed on the ground this week. He is to drill about two miles east of Busey.

CHANGE TESTING METHOD

Drillers of Drew County Well Will Set Eight-Inch Casing.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Feb. 4.—Announcement was made by Bob Cheshire of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, which is financing the second test of the Home Development Company in 26-12-8, that 8-inch casing would be set in concrete when that well was tested. This will be the first test of that kind to be made in Drew county. Operations on the well have stopped pending the arrival of the casing, which, it was said, is expected any day.

The Home Development Company's well was not only hampered by a packer falling to hold, but the same state of affairs cropped out when Jack Mobley attempted to test his first well. On the second test Mobley set his casing in gumbo, and that failed to work. Dr. Samuel T. Busey tried three different tests with as many packers, and none of them got results. The Home Development Company's well is down to nearly 1,600 feet.

Nearly 1,000 feet have thus been made at the test of the Garrison Oil Company near Collins, it was reported today. J. W. Bettis, contractor, has returned from Shreveport and is giving the work his personal supervision.

Thus far all efforts to remove the drill stem at the Busey will has not gotten results. Dr. Busey has gone to Texas on a business trip. A. W. Duncan of the Dun-Mar Petroleum Company, it is reported, has gone to Chicago to close a deal looking to the financial interests of that organization.

CASING NOW AWAITED

Drillers for Garrison Company Near Monticello Down 2,000 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Feb. 18.—Announcement was made today by David M. Garrison, general manager for the Garrison Oil

Company, which is drilling on the Oswald lease in the southwest of the southwest of 26-13-5, at Collins, 15 miles from Monticello, that J. W. Bettis of Shreveport, contractor, has been sent to the latter city to purchase a string of 2,000 feet of six-inch casing, which would be cemented on its arrival.

During the past week J. S. Garrison, A. R. Schnoor and W. P. Bourlier of Detroit, representing stockholders of the company in that city and Canada, visited the well and noted progress that has been made. They returned to Detroit today.

It was said today that Dr. Samuel T. Busey had ordered six-inch casing for his first test on the Richardson lease in the southeast of the northwest of 29-11-7, and that following the return of Dr. Busey from New York, he would personally superintend the work. At present, because of inclement weather, nothing is being done at this test. The drill stem "froze" 500 feet from the bottom of the hole, which was down 2,995 feet.

DRILLERS SET CASING

Crew at Garrison Test Has 2,000 Feet of Eight-Inch to Place.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, Feb. 25.—Two thousand feet of eight-inch casing is being set in cement at the Garrison test on the Oswald lease in the southwest of the southwest of 26-13-5.

According to David M. Garrison, general manager of the company, the drill, after penetrating a hard rock between 1,850 to 1,900 feet, struck a good gas sand. There was a pronounced showing of gas.

O. C. Graves of St. Louis, who will drill the Busey No. 2 on the Coker tract in the northwest of the northwest of 22-11-7, telegraphed today from Fort Worth that he had completed the organization of his Monticello Ridge Syndicate and would be here Tuesday to begin operations. The derrick has been erected and is within a quarter mile of the Montongo school. The test is located about nine miles northwest of Monticello and a mile and a half east of Dr. Samuel T. Busey's first test on the Richardson place in the southeast of the southwest of 29-11-7.

Dr. Busey is expected here the first of next month. He and Mrs. Busey have been in New York. Dr. Busey, according to reports, is preparing to make an effort to get his drill stem out of his first well. The stem "froze" 500 feet from the bottom of a 2,995-foot hole, and it is Dr. Busey's desire to drill at least 3,500 feet.

Jack Mobley, who drilled two wells about a mile and a half east of the city, on the McCloy farm, in the northeast of this southwest of 19-12-6, has gone to Tulsa to complete business arrangements that will make possible the starting of his third test. Mobley had excellent indications of both oil and gas at both his wells. He lost the first when a packer failed to work and the second well was abandoned when he attempted to make a test by setting the casing in thick gumbo, which, however, failed to keep out the water.

Casing for the Home Development Company's test in southeast of the northwest of 26-12-8, on the Montgomery lease, is now three weeks overdue. The delay has held up a test of a shallow sand that was struck between 1,500 and 1,600 feet.

PLAN MORE TESTS FOR DREW COUNTY

Dr. Busey and Others Announce Drilling Activities to Be Started Soon.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, March 11.—Business men heard at a mass meeting the latter part of the week the latest program for oil development in Drew county. It was outlined by O. C. Graves of St. Louis, who has joined Dr. Samuel T. Busey, discoverer of the El Dorado field, and was confirmed by H. A. Stiles of Fort Worth and Los Angeles, a former associate of Graves.

The new program calls for the drilling of the Busey No. 2 test by Graves on the Coker tract in the northwest of 22-11-7, resumption of work by Dr. Busey at his first well on the Richardson lease, in the southeast of the northwest of 29-11-7; the Busey No. 3, which Dr. Busey will put down, and the Busey No. 4, which is to be drilled by Busey & Graves. Locations for the Busey Nos. 3 and 4 are withheld pending the arrival of Dr. Busey, who is expected within a week or 10 days, was not made public.

Stiles and Mobley Busy

Stiles secured a large block of acreage from Jack Mobley, ordered the lumber for his derrick and drove the stake in the southeast of the northwest of 19-12-6. His test will be known as the Luella Stiles No. 1, being named for his wife.

Lumber for Jack Mobley's third test, which is to be made in the northeast of the southwest of 19-12-6, being an offset to the Stiles well, will be cut the first of the week.

NEW TESTS PROPOSED

Six Wells to Be Sunk This Summer in Drew County.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, March 25.—That six new tests will be put down in Drew county during the summer and coming fall, based on an extensive campaign for development, was the statement of T. D. Hunt, an official of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, which is financing the Home Development Company's No. 2 in 26-12-8.

The first of the new tests, Mr. Hunt said, will be located in 18-13-8, on a strip of prairie, where, according to geological "dope," there is an excellent structure. A derrick had previously been erected there, but a recent storm blew it down. Work on rebuilding the derrick was started the latter part of the week.

Erection of the derrick for the Luella Stiles No. 1 (McCloy) in the northeast of the southwest of 19-12-6, which will be drilled by Jack Mobley, got under way a few days ago. Mobley will tear down his rig from his No. 2 next week and move it to the new location, and this test will be spudded in, it is expected, within the next week. Mobley is scheduled to drill his No. 1 as an offset to the Stiles' test.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Dun-Mar Petroleum Company has been called for April 3, when, it is reported, new officers will be elected and the organization put on a sound financial basis.

O. C. Graves of St. Louis is expected back from Fort Worth within a few days, after which he will remain here until the date for the spudding in of his test, which will be known as the Busey No. 2, and which is to be drilled in the northwest of the northwest of 22-11-7 on the Coker lease.

The Garrison test on the Oswald tract at Collins, in the southwest of the southwest of 26-13-5, is rapidly nearing an expected oil sand. The well is down more than 2,000 feet.

Indications that April will witness a great increase in oil activity is apparent. Five tests are scheduled to get under way next month. They are the Stiles, Mobley No. 3, Graves, the third well of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate and the Steinke test.

NEW TESTS ARE PLANNED

Several Wells to Be Started Soon in Drew County.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, April 8.—Another deep test for Drew county was assured the past week when Jack Modley closed a deal with Charles G. Holland of Oklahoma for a well to be drilled in the eastern section of the county, the location to be announced the first of next month. The deal is considered all the more important because one of the oldest and best known geologists in the mid-continent field first passed on the acreage and structures before Holland took over the Mobley block.

Holland came here from Fort Worth and after going over the territory sent for Maj. John W. Ottley. The latter spent the greater part of a week in Drew county and at the conclusion of his investigation advised Holland to close the deal with Mobley. Mobley will drill for Holland. This was Major Ottley's first visit to Drew county.

Mobley stepped into the limelight the past week when he moved his rig from his No. 2 location to that of the Luella Stiles No. 1, in 19-12-6, which he will drill for Frank R. Stiles of Los Angeles.

Mobley also has made location for his No. 3, which will be an offset to the Stiles' test.

Several Detroit men interested in the Garrison test at Collins, in 26-13-5, visited the well the past week and were entertained by the Monticello Chamber of Commerce. The party included: Richard Detrick, Albert R. Schnoor, Alex. Allore, William Wagner Jr., Frederick Waldecker, A. C. Meldrum, E. Gallagher, Garfield Wagner, R. S. Langlois, L. S. Matheus, William P. Bourlier and J. S. Garrison.

DREW COUNTY HAS GOOD OIL SHOWING

Drillers at Garrison Well Believe They Have Hit Producing Sand.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, April 10.—What is declared to be the best oil showing at any well in Drew county since operations started in this field materialized at the Garrison test on the Oswald lease, in 26-13-5 at Collins, early today. An oil producing sand, believed to be the El Dorado sand, was struck at a depth of 2,470 feet, according to David M. Garrison.

Late this afternoon a large party from Monticello returned from the well and reported the slush pit covered with oil. A great quantity of the crude was pumped from the well. George Williams, a driller recently returned from the El Dorado field, where he brought the Therekill No. 1, the Woods No. 4 and the Eureka No. 4, went to the well this afternoon with J. W. Bettis, contractor of Shreveport. Williams said showing at the Garrison well was better than that at any of the three is he brought in at El Dorado.

It looks mighty good to me," said Garrison. "And I am very much inclined to believe we have a big oil here waiting to be brought in." It is expected that six-inch casing be ordered from El Dorado immediately and a test made. This is

the second sand found in this test within a week that showed evidence of oil, but the one struck today has caused much excitement. Several persons interested in the well from Detroit, who had prepared to return home, indefinitely postponed their trip.

M'RAE TO SPUD IN A TEST OIL WELL

Governor Will Start Lever at Stiles Location in Drew County.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, April 22.—When the Luella Stiles No. 1, on the McCloy tract, in the northeast of the southwest, 19-12-6, is spudded in Friday, April 23, it will be Gov. Thomas C. McRae who will pull the lever and send the rotary on its initial turn into the earth.

Governor McRae has accepted the invitation extended by H. A. Stiles of Los Angeles, and J. T. Chaffin, secretary of the Saline Oil and Gas Company, to christen and spud in the well. He previously had made an engagement to address the pupils of the Fourth District Agricultural School on that date, and the spudding in the Stiles' test was postponed to enable him to fill both engagements. The governor will be the guest of honor at a dinner here that night.

Jack Mobley will drill the Stiles well. Mobley is also prepared to drill an offset to that test, and within the next three weeks will superintend the erection of the derrick for the Charles C. Holland test, which is to be made in the northeastern part of the county on acreage that Holland recently acquired from Mobley. John W. Ottley of Oklahoma, geologist of the Mid-Continental field, surveyed the Holland block.

Work was resumed at the Busey No. 1 this week. The well has been idle for 90 days, but J. W. Bettis of Shreveport cleared the well, recovering over 2,000 feet of drill stem. The hole is now down about 3,000 feet.

Six-inch casing will be set inside the eight-inch at the Home Development Company's No. 2 (Montgomery), in the southeast of the northwest of 26-12-8, and a test will be made within 10 days, according to Bob Cheshire, general manager for the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, which is financing that test. The eight-inch did not hold when cemented, and it was not possible to lift the casing and recement. This company also is scheduled to spud in its Prairie test on the Golden tract in the southeast of the southeast of 18-13-8, the first well in May.

Six-inch casing has been ordered for the Garrison well on the Oswald lease in the southwest of the southwest of 26-13-5. The hole is now down about 2,600 feet.

SHOWING AT HOME NO. 2

Well Near Monticello to Be Swabbed Today, Drillers Say.

Special to the Gazette. Monticello, April 30.—There was considerable optimism at the Home Development Company's No. 2 test oil well, in 26-12-8, six miles west of Monticello, when the baller was put into operation yesterday. It was reported that a good showing of both oil and gas was found. The drillers said they would start the swab tomorrow, and probably make a test. Several oil men at the well this afternoon said there were indications of a producing oil well.

GOOD SHOWING REPORTED

Memphis Syndicate, Drilling in Drew County, Feels Optimistic.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, May 6.—If Drew county does not present Arkansas with its next oil field it will not be because heroic efforts have not been made to save the test of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate on the Montgomery lease in the southeast of the northwest of 26-12-8, which, because of its pronounced showing of both oil and gas has attracted much attention.

An effort will be made to set a liner, shut off the water and bring the well in. The Memphis Syndicate spudded in its No. 3, on the Golden tract, in the southeast of the southeast of 13-13-8, the latter part of the week. T. D. Hunt and R. T. Clark, officers of that organization, arrived and will remain here until after the test of the No. 2 is completed.

F. Steinke, local resident, also spudded in his test on his own acreage at Dean, six miles southeast of Monticello, the latter part of the week. The location is in the northwest of the southwest of 14-13-6. Grover F. Pittard will be the driller in charge. He is from the Louisiana fields.

The Terry-Summerfield interests, who discovered the eastern field at El Dorado, are interested in a proposition to take over the acreage of the Dun-Mar Petroleum Company and drill here.

The Dun-Mar Company was reorganized this week. Associated with Chafin as president are Walter Carter, assist-

PREPARING FOR TEST

Drillers of Home No. 2 May Start Bailing Hole Today.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, May 13.—The liner and six-inch casing, the latter having been set inside eight-inch, are being pulled at the test of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, known as the Home Development No. 2, in 26-12-8, and will be reset in an effort to further eliminate the water trouble that is preventing an actual test of the well. It is expected the liner and six-inch will be in place early tomorrow, when bailing will be resumed.

In an official bulletin issued by the local Chamber of Commerce in reference to this test, the following statement is made:

"The Monticello Chamber of Commerce is happy to state that relative to the Drew county development and activity, it has been proven beyond any doubt that there is oil in this territory. That very definite statement is based on the amount of high grade petroleum that has been taken from the test put down by the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, known as the Home Development Company's No. 2, on the Montgomery lease, in the southeast of the northwest of 26-12-8. This well is at present monopolizing the spotlight thrown on the local oil stage.

"Every effort is being made to procure a good producer from the excellent brown oil-bearing sand that was found. Liner, screen and seal have been set. Oil scouts from several companies have been watching the test with much interest. Gas in the bailer burns for several minutes, the slush pit is covered with oil. This test raised the Drew county field from the wildcat class to semi-proven territory. It proved there is oil in Drew county, hence this very positive statement from the city's Chamber of Commerce."

RAIN HALTS OPERATIONS

Drilling Crew at Drew County Well Get a Morning Off.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, May 21.—Drew county was visited with a terrific rain storm, which lasted from early this morning until noon yesterday, making work impossible at the test of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, in 26-12-8. The rain also served to put the county roads out of commission temporarily.

The crew at the test, however, got back on the job in the afternoon, when work of resetting the six-inch casing, lifted when the swab and bailer that had been hung in the well, was started. The reclaiming of the swab and bailer was gratifying to those in charge, and there is hope that this test may yet be saved and production be obtained. For the last two weeks there has been a good showing of oil and gas reported there.

It is said it will be Monday or Tuesday, however, should another good seat be found for the six-inch, before bailing will be resumed. Oil scouts who have been watching this test said they would remain here next week.

DECIDE TO CEMENT DREW COUNTY TEST

Drillers of Well Near Monticello Say Step is Necessary.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, May 27.—Convinced that it was impossible to make a test unless casing is cemented, those in charge of the well of the Memphis Business Men's Oil Syndicate, located on the Montgomery tract in the southeast of the northwest of 26-12-8, put down about 50 sacks of cement and will let it stand until about June 3, when the plug will be drilled through and another effort made to bring the well in.

No well thus far in Drew county has materialized the petroleum as has this one, while the gas showing was in proportion to that of the crude. It is estimated there has been at least 50 barrels of oil pumped and bailed out of this well, and many persons have stood on the floor of the derrick and seen the gas in the bailer ignited many times. The well is known as the Home Development No. 2. This is the second time casing was cemented, the first job failing to hold.

The showing of oil and gas at this test has resulted in a decision to drill another well. It is reported the location will be about a mile and a half south of the present test and a little to the east.

The men pushing this project now are launching a \$2,000,000 syndicate in New York for the purpose of developing their territory.

O. C. Graves of St. Louis has announced June 5 as the date when he will spud in the Busey No. 2.

F. Steinke, local resident, who is developing his own land in the northwest of the southwest of 14-13-6, has set 10-inch casing at 150 feet. Work, however, was stopped for a few days, pending repairs to the pump.

DR. BUSEY IS ENJOINED

Order Prevents His Disposition of Drew County Oil Leases.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, July 1.—Dr. Samuel T. Busey has been enjoined from selling or assigning oil and gas leases on the remainder of 6,000 acres in Drew county held by him as trustee in a co-partnership with his brother, Fred Busey, and L. C. Acree, geologist. The injunction was issued by County Judge J. W. Kimbro, acting in the absence of Circuit Judge Turner Butler and Chancellor E. G. Hammock, and is one of the features of a suit that Mr. Acree has filed against Dr. Busey, in which the geologist asks for an accounting, and prays that the partnership be terminated.

Mr. Acree charges that Dr. Busey as trustee has failed and neglected to attend to his duties; that if Dr. Busey continues to act as sole trustee the assets of the partnership will be dissipated and diminished.

Dr. Busey, when asked concerning the suit brought by his former geologist, said that several months ago he had given Mr. Acree power of attorney to block of acreage he controlled in Drew county, giving specific instructions as to how the work was to be done; that Mr. Acree failed to follow instructions, but blocked the acreage in such a manner as to seriously endanger the acreage set aside for the Busey Oil Company, and that Dr. Busey has offered to buy Mr. Acree's interest and that the latter has refused to sell.

STEINKE BAILER OUT

Drilling to Be Resumed in Drew County Well.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Oct. 3.—After being in the hole over a week, the 90-foot bailer used at the Steinke well in 14-13-6, was brought to the surface late this afternoon. Grover Pittard, head driller, bored into the top of the bailer with a taper tap. Yesterday several feet of bailing line was speared and brought out, but broke from the bailer.

During the time the bailer was in the hole, and while the fishing job was on with over 2,000 feet of drill stem down, the gas pressure was strong enough to make continual heads, sending mud, water and oil spouting over the casing. It is expected that Pittard will next set liner, packer and seal and resume bailing in a few days.

A test of the Garrison well on the Oswald lease near Collins in 26-13-5, will be made the latter part of the week. It is expected, however, that it will take several days to complete this test, the hole being down over 3,000 feet. Both Steinke and Garrison wells have had excellent showings of oil and strong gas.

WILL RESUME DRILLING

Dr. Busey Says a Thorough Test is Planned for Drew County.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Oct. 3.—Dr. Samuel T. Busey of El Dorado fame and Mrs. Busey were in the city yesterday en route to El Dorado from a visit to New York, where Dr. Busey spent several days on business.

Dr. Busey said that he plans to resume drilling in Drew county in a few days on the acreage he has secured there for development purposes, and that Drew county is due to have a thorough test this spring.

Dr. Busey met representatives of other operators when he arrived here for a conference on development in Drew. He says he was assured that these operators will begin test wells soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Busey left for El Dorado last night.

Two Oil Tests in Ashley County Started Near Fountain Hill.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, July 4.—Work began yesterday on the construction of derricks for two test wells for oil and gas in Ashley county. One is about four miles south of the Drew county line and the other eight miles. One of the wells located near Fountain Hill is in Section 9-16-7, the other, near Milo, is in Section 28-16-8. The wells are being drilled by C. E. Harris, trustee of El Dorado.

Natural Gas Corporation Must Supply Monticello in Year.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Jan. 9.—The Monticello City Council has granted a franchise for supplying natural gas to the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation on condition that the company complete a survey and file plans and specifications with the council within six months from date and with the further provision that the company will complete its line into Monticello and be prepared to supply gas within 12 months.

Ohio Company's Drew County Test Abandoned.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, May 22.—The test well of the Ohio Oil Company on the Jerome Hardwood Lumber Company land in sec. 13-15-4, in the extreme southeastern part of Drew county, has been abandoned at a depth of 3,700 feet and the rig is being dismantled. This leaves only one test well in Drew county at which work now is in progress, the George McClintock well in sec. 35-13-5, near the town of Collins.

Oil Test Will Be Made Six Miles From Monticello.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, July 13.—After several years of inactivity, interest in oil and gas is reviving in Drew county. The Co-operative Development Co., an organization composed of local business men, has made a location and is building a derrick for its first well on the R. L. Hardy farm, about six miles southwest of Monticello, in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6, township 13, range 7. The new location is about 1,500 feet from a test well started and drilled to about 1,900 feet in 1921, known as the "Dunmar well," and which is said to have had a remarkable oil showing at around 1,800 feet. The Co-operative Development Co., was organized in the early part of 1930 and has been quietly accumulating leases since. The company has about 40,000 acres of leases in the county and plans to drill several wells. Dr. M. Y. Pope is president, John B. Posey, secretary and Adrian Williamson, treasurer. Others interested in the project are: M. L. Sigman, J. A. Baxter, C. C. Whittington, Jack Curry, R. F. Hyatt, P. A. Whiteaker and E. B. McCullough. Indications are that there will be considerable activity in this line in the county in the immediate future. A syndicate from near Chicago has a considerable body of land under lease at Collins, 18 miles southeast of Monticello and is under contract to begin work in about 30 days. Drilling is in charge of R. E. Meek, an experienced operator in the Arkansas and Louisiana fields, and the owner of a number of wells in the Tullos field.

Drew County Oil Test Well Abandoned.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Sept. 4.—The Co-operative Development Company, an organization of local business and professional men, organized to drill for oil and gas in Drew county, has abandoned its first well, known as the Hardy No. 1 on the R. L. and B. A. Hardy farm, at a depth of 1931 feet. The well was drilled to test out shallow sands believed to exist. A new location in another part of the county probably will be made soon. The company has about 40,000 acres under lease.

New Test Well Spudded in Near Monticello.

Special to the Gazette.
Monticello, Oct. 30.—Drilling began on the Ogles No. 1 of the Co-operative Development Company, a local corporation, yesterday. The well was spudded in by Dr. M. Y. Pope, president of the drilling company. The well is located in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 35, township 06 south, range 5 west, near the village of Collins and about a quarter mile from what is known as the George McClintock test on the same tract.

Drilling was delayed several days because of the scarcity of water. This is the second test to be put down by the Co-operative company, which was formed for wildcatting in Drew county. Former drilling operations at or near Collins indicate that there are three well defined oil and gas producing sands in this vicinity, one or more of which, it is believed, will pay off.

MONTICELLO HOPES TO BE OIL CENTER

Huge Co-operative Drilling Project Under Way 15 Miles East of City.

By FLETCHER CHENAULT.
(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette.)
Monticello, Nov. 21.—Travelers sometimes pass through south Arkansas without becoming involved in a poker game, a dice casting tournament, a bridge party, or a game of horseshoe pitching, but it is far more difficult to swing around the circle and in no wise become an accessory before the fact to the romantic quest for oil.

There appears to be no valid reason to proclaim an untruth when the occasion does not justify mendacity, and the truth is that when Lamar Williamson dragged your hard-working correspondent out of bed to attend a meeting of Monticello's leading business men, the aforementioned correspondent had not even heard that Monticello is drilling for oil on a huge co-operative plan, with the participating leases of farmers who own 50,000 acres of land pledged to the enterprise.

The information thus becoming suddenly available, the proper course to pursue was to check and double check, which was done with the following genuine discoveries:

Down 1,264 Feet.
That the Co-operative Development Company's well, backed by the leases on 50,000 acres are pledged by the farmers as their share of the enterprise, and drilled with capital supplied by Monticello business men, is 15 miles east of Monticello on the road to Dermott and has reached a depth of 1,264 feet. The location is almost half-way between the old McClintock test, which jammed after a good oil showing at 2,554 feet, and the old Garrison well, which got into difficulties after a good showing at 3,000 feet. Gas vapors rose from the Garrison well for months after, it was abandoned.

To insure the success of this third test, the Monticello business men employed one of the most reliable and efficient drillers in the Southwest field—A. Meek, a veteran who helped shovel snow off locations for drilling in New York state 41 years ago, and who is said to have bagged only one dry well out of 27 separate and distinct shots for oil since he became a driller.

After 41 years' service in the oil fields, Mr. Meek has learned something that some drillers never learn, which is that it is never wise to be too sure about anything.

"If the showings in the McClintock and Garrison wells are genuine, and if we don't have trouble, and if the money holds out, and if—" But the reader already knows what prediction thus was qualified with the utmost caution. If the visitor wants to start an argument anywhere within the confines of Monticello he needs only to predict, on the contrary, that the co-operative well will wind up as a dry hole.

To Make Three Tests.
Mr. Meek plans to make a careful test at 1,800, at 2,540 and at 3,000 feet, those being the depths where showings previously were reported, and his task is made easier by the fact that the logs of the old wells check up accurately.

Twenty-five per cent of the profits on any successful venture by the oil development company will be prorated among the owners of the 50,000 acres of leased land, who received no cash other than rentals for their leases, and this makes the enterprise of great personal and financial interest to the entire community. Dr. M. Y. Pope is president of the development company and Adrian Williamson is secretary.

Monticello is keyed to a high pitch in anticipation of an oil field and firm in the faith that one is pending. The town boasts three hotels, including the new Ridgeway, where the atmosphere of charm and hospitality is even more agreeable to the traveler than its modern luxurious equipment and its adorable cuisine.

Mr. Meek was asked how long it will be before he is ready to make the first test at 1,800 feet.
"Well, it's like this," he said, "If I get this surface casing set deeper this week, and if I don't have any trouble with rock, and if—"
That's fair enough. No doubt he will make the test when he is thoroughly prepared for it, and not before, for here is one driller who has learned the virtue of caution and prudence.
The veteran driller snorted when the word "geologist" was mentioned, but this seems to be neither the time nor the place to revive the old feud between the drillers and the geologists. And if Monticello wants an oil field, and can stand the stress and strain of one, no one should begrudge the town such a harmless little plaything. There's one hypothetical expert, at least, who is willing to return here and help the Monticellonians bring it in.
There! What did that doctor say about high blood pressure? And here we are raving again about a prospective oil field!