

**WELL SPURRED IN.**  
 Special to the Gazette.  
 Ozark, Nov. 17.—The Unit Oil and Gas Company of Fort Smith spudded in its test well at Dogtown, 10 miles northwest of Ozark, Saturday. The hole was down nearly 400 feet last night, it is said.

**New Gas Well Near Charleston Makes 1,000,000 Feet.**  
 Special to the Gazette. 9-18-32  
 Charleston, Sept. 17.—A test well in new territory, seven miles north of Charleston, struck gas Thursday night

**DRILLING IS RESUMED**  
**Prospects Are Encouraging on Test Near Charleston.**  
 Special to the Gazette.  
 Charleston, Aug. 19.—Drilling has been resumed on the deep test on the McMath lease three and one-half miles east of Charleston. Work was delayed several weeks as the result of a suit in federal court by A. J. Burke, drilling contractor, against the River Oil Company. As a result of the suit the company was declared bankrupt and its assets ordered sold. They were bought by Mr. Burke.  
 Drilling was resumed Saturday and Mr. Burke said that he was in a genuine oil sand Tuesday afternoon and that he encountered a small gas flow.  
 There is much excitement locally over the prospects. To encourage Mr. Burke the Cyclone Oil and Gas Association of Charleston and the Grand Prairie Oil Company of Branch have contributed 1,000 acres of leases and the towns of Charleston and Branch have agreed to buy \$2,000 worth of the leases thus contributed.  
 The Cyclone company has made a contract with Mr. Burke to drill a test well on the Humphrey lease one mile east of Charleston as soon as the McMath test is completed. The contract provides that drilling on the Humphrey lease shall start not later than December 15.

at 2,200 feet. It was said the well was making about 1,000,000 feet. Drilling was being continued today, but the drillers would not give out any information as how deep they intended to go. This well is between the gas wells in the Lavaca field to the west and the Bud Early well on the east.

**Another Gas Well to Be Drilled Near Charleston.**  
 Special to the Gazette.  
 Charleston, May 19.—The Fort Smith Gas Company is preparing to drill a well on the J. H. McDonald land, five miles north of Charleston. Drilling will begin in a few days. A large acreage is under lease. One well has been drilled. Gas from this well will be used in operating machinery for the new well.

**Derrick Going Up on Location Near Ozark**  
 Dem 4-18-37  
 Ozark—The Harper Drilling Company began building a derrick on the land of Mrs. Janie Crowe, three miles east of Ozark this week, preparatory to drilling for oil or gas. The well is to be drilled for the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith.  
 This company has leased approximately 4,000 acres in Franklin county. A large quantity of pipe has been received as well as several loads of lumber to be used at the site.  
 Others holding leases in this county are the Arkansas-Louisiana Pipeline Company of Louisiana, the Red Bank Oil Company and E. H. Newman and Joe D. Reid, both of Dallas.

**Mysterious 'Gasoline Well' Tests High Grade Fuel.**  
 Samples of gasoline taken from a mysterious "gasoline well" at Ozark, Franklin county, by Perry F. Chappell, inspector for the state Department of Conservation and Inspection, tested high grade fuel, Parker E. Ewan, commissioner of the department, said yesterday. Mr. Chappell drew a two-gallon bucket of fluid from the well and obtained about 20 per cent gasoline, which showed an initial boiling point of 140 degrees and an end point of 428 degrees, both of which are well within the limits prescribed by law. The gravity was 54.3, while the average gravity test runs from 56 to 63.  
 Officials of the department said the well is about 100 feet from a filling station and that undoubtedly the gasoline tanks are leaking into the underground stream which supplies the well with water. The owner of the filling station is reported to have made a careful check of gasoline in the tanks and to have expressed the belief that the gasoline did not come from his station. Several automobiles were driven from Ozark to Fort Smith last week on gasoline skimmed from tubs of water drawn from the well.

**Small Gas Well Running Wild in Ozark Vicinity**  
 Dem 6-20-37  
 Ozark—It is estimated that 6,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas is escaping daily from a well on the land of Mrs. Janie Crowe, three miles east of Ozark. Gas was struck late Wednesday and it is said that it will require several days for the drilling crew to build sufficient groundwork to hold the cap.  
 The well was started about two months ago and is being put down by the Harper Drilling Company for the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith. Several days ago a small quantity of gas was struck and the well was set on fire by lightning, but at that time the gas flow was not so large but that it was easily capped and the fire extinguished.  
 All visitors near the well are instructed as to smoking and otherwise using matches.  
 The well is to be drilled to a depth of 6,000 feet. Further drilling, however, will be delayed until a well is drilled at Vesta, south of here. Drillers had reached a depth of 2,175 feet when gas was reached.

**Gas Flow of 4,000,000 Feet Struck Near Ozark.**  
 Special to the Gazette. 8-22-30  
 Ozark, Aug. 22.—The Red Bank Oil Company of Tulsa, drilling for oil on the Garland Hamm property in the Baker valley, three and a half miles east of Ozark, struck a 4,000,000-foot flow of gas early today at a depth of 3,769 feet. At the time of the strike the bit was 12 inches in the gas producing sand.  
 Drilling operations ceased and work was begun immediately of getting the boiler further from the well and when this is finished the 10-inch casing will be pulled and an attempt made to mud off gas and water, after which drilling will continue.  
 The first gas was struck at 1,300 feet. Second gas was struck at 1,720 feet. These two flows amount to around 4,000,000 feet and with the strike today the well is producing 8,000,000 feet.  
 The Red Bank company holds leases on 100,000 acres in Franklin county, 6,000 being in this block. Garland Hamm, who leased the land for the company, holds more than 1,000 acres under lease individually. The well was spudded in on May 6.  
 Wilcox sand will be drilled through, according to officials, at approximately 5,500 to 6,000 feet. More than \$50,000 have been paid land owners since the first of 1930 as lease rentals and, according to the tax collector, numerous owners would have failed in payment of taxes had not these rentals been paid.

**Shallow Gasser Completed For Producer Near Ozark.**  
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 Special to the Gazette.  
 Ozark, June 19.—Gas has been found at a depth of 2,175 feet on the land of Mrs. Janie Crowe, three miles east of here. The well is being drilled by the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith. It is estimated that the well has a flow of 6,000,000 cubic feet daily. A well will be drilled at Vesta south of here soon.



**Gas Well Brought In.**  
Ozark—The crews of the Harper Drilling Company struck gas on the land of Mrs. George Baker, east of Ozark, Tuesday. The flow was checked at between 18 and 20 million cubic feet. This is the third gas well to be brought in in this vicinity in the past six months.

**Dallas Firm Drills**

**For Oil Near Altus**

Altus—Every foot of land that can be leased is under contract north and west of Altus, and what is hoped will be an oil boom may develop within the next few months. The Southern Union Oil Company of Dallas, Tex., is putting down a test on the Sam Whitehead lease, one and one-half miles west of Altus, and two more holes will be spudded in one mile northwest of town within the next three or four weeks, it is reported.

Three tests about three miles northwest of Altus that were bored last year are heavy gas producers, the largest producing 10,000,000 feet daily.

**Pipeline Started to Connect Vesta, Hamm Gas Field.**

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Ozark, Sept. 3.—Construction of a pipeline from Vesta, south of the Arkansas river, to the Hamm gas field east of Ozark, has been started by a crew of which A. B. Harper is superintendent.

**Biggest Gas Well in Fairview Field Is Capped.**

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Ozark, July 18.—The sixth gas well in the Fairview field, three miles northeast of here, and the fifth to be drilled by the Harper Company of Fort Smith, has been capped and the gas turned into mains of the Ozark Natural Gas Company supplying Fort Smith. Under safety orders, drilling was not continued beyond the upper sands where 3 1-2 million feet of gas were encountered, breaking the record for all wells in the field. Prospects are that the Ozark Natural Gas Company will contract with Harper again immediately for the drilling of another well at the eastern edge of the field.

**Gas Line Being Built to Well Near Ozark.**

Special to the Gazette. 9-15-39

Ozark, Sept. 14.—Construction of a four-mile gas pipeline from the Southern Union well No. 1, three and a half miles northeast of here, has been started by a crew of 60 under the supervision of John Johnson, Fayetteville. The line will connect with the one from Clarksville to Fayetteville and will require about 30 days to complete. The Northwestern Gas Company is the dis-

**PIPELINE AUTHORIZED.**

The Arkansas-Western Gas Company of Fayetteville was granted authority by the state Utilities Commission yesterday to construct nearly four miles of pipeline to connect its main supply line with one of its gas wells in Franklin county.

**Seventh Gas Well Spudded In Near Ozark.**

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Ozark, Sept. 30.—The Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith spudded in the seventh gas well in the Fair View field, three miles east of here, today, under contract with the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith.

**Drilling in Harrell Well at Cato To Be Resumed Soon.**

Special to the Gazette. 10-5-39

Conway, Oct. 4.—Drilling in the Ralph R. Harrell test well at Cato, suspended since September 10, will be resumed about October 15, Mr. Harrell said here today. Drilling was suspended because Mr. Harrell had to move his power unit to his cotton gin during the ginning season. The well has been driven to a depth of 2,540 feet. At a depth of about 2,440 feet a nine-foot stratum of oil-bearing sand was penetrated, but the sand was so hard that it was decided not to attempt to bring in a producer by nitro-glycerin shots, but to drill deeper in the hope of striking another sand. The well is continuing to produce about 3,000,000 feet of gas.

**8,000,000-Foot Gas Well Near Ozark Blows In.**

Special to the Gazette. 4-16-40

Ozark, April 15.—The eighth well in the Union Ridge field here blew in making 8,000,000 feet of gas at a depth of only 1,240 feet last night. The well was drilled by the Harper Company for the Fort Smith Natural Gas Company.

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**New Franklin County Gas Well Supplying Fort Smith.**

10-27-40

Ozark, Oct. 26.—The Ramsey No. 1 well, 10th producer in the Union Academy gas field east of here, which blew in with a 10,000,000-foot daily capacity last week, is supplying gas to Fort Smith mains. Drilling was by the Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith.

Mid-Continent oil executives are watching the area, with special attention on the Patterson No. 1 test drilled by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company in the Clarksville field between Clarksville and Huntsville in Madison county, in which pipe has been set at 4,327 feet. Also of interest is the Old Empire Gas and Fuel Company's No. 1 Jethro well in this (Franklin) county, which had the base of the Atoka at 1,750 feet and the top of the Wilcox at 3,368.

**Second Gas Test Spudded In On Fairview Field Lease.**

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Ozark, Jan. 3.—The Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith spudded in the second well on the Ramsey lease in the Fairview field Wednesday. Drilling of the Crowe well in the same field to a lower depth was stopped until next week because of illness among crew members.