Drilling Started on Oil Test in Independence County

Batesville, March 1—Drilling for oil has started at R. H. West farm at Rush, Independence county, eight miles southwest of Batesville. A 50-foot well is under way.

To Drill for Gas and Oil In Independence County

Batesville, March 1—A group of persons here announced today that more than 20,000 acres in the vicinity of Rushmore, eight miles south of here, had been leased, and plans are being made to drill a test well in an effort to strike oil or gas. Drilling is expected to start under way next month.

Independence County Oil, Gas Test to Start Soon

Dumas, May 16—The first test for gas and oil made in Independence county in nearly 20 years will be started near here within two weeks. A drilling permit has been obtained.

The test will be made by the Hinkle and Fitzgerald Drilling Corporation of St. Elmo, Ill., and Wevola, Okla. The block of leases consists of 27,000 acres and lies around Dumas, Jamestown and Mt. Hore, all in Independence county. Batesville men are interested in the leases and were instrumental in getting the test made. William Fischer, Mr. Nylander and Mr. Edgmon, all well-known oil geologists, checked the territory before drilling plans were made. The block is an odd-shaped area and is an anticlinal structure. The test will be made with a rotary rig, which will be the first of its type in this section.

Interest Shown in Test Well Near Batesville

Batesville, July 5—Interest is being shown in the Pryor No. 1 well being drilled in the McFalls neighborhood, four miles south of Batesville. Operations have been in progress two weeks. Approximately 25,000 acres near Batesville have been leased. J. W. Fitzgerald of Wevola, Okla., is in charge of the drilling. The well is located by J. F. Hinkle of St. Elmo, Ill. Associated with them is the Hollandsworth Drilling Co. of Dallas and Longview, Tex., with R. B. Hollandsworth in charge. The well is in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 32-19-8.

Oil Well Test Is Under Way Near Batesville

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Batesville—Interest in the oil development of Independence County took on new life the past week with the guiding in of the Pryor No. 1 well south of White River, and four miles below Batesville. The drilling is being financed by Batesville and Illinois men and leases have been taken on approximately 25,000 acres from Salem to Lucast Grove and from White River to Salado Creek. Contract for the drilling of the first well was given June 29 to J. W. Fitzgerald, Wevola, Okla., for $10,000. The well is located on the Griffin Farm in Illinois, and J. F. Hinkle of St. Elmo, Ill. A sub-contract for drilling operations is held by the Hollandsworth Drilling Company of Dallas and Longview, Tex. The drilling is under direct charge of R. B. Hollandsworth, president of the Hollandsworth Drilling Company.

Locations of the well is the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 32, township 18 North, range 9 west.

W. M. Fischer, Hat Springs, is geologist in charge at operations at the well. He has made surveys in Independence county the past 11 months before the beginning of actual drilling operations. The well has been drilled about 300 feet. Three eight-hour shifts are being employed.
GAS SHOWING REPORTED

Driller Bets Fire to Well Drilling

South of Batesville

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Aug. 17.—The Grigsby well No. 1, south of Batesville, has reached a depth of about 600 feet and today the driller reported a pronounced flow of gas. The well was bailed to a depth of 300 feet, the gas was fired and burned four or five feet above the surface of the well. The drillers continued to drill with a showing of strong odor of the gas.

The well is within 200 yards of a constant flowing well of gas, evidence for the past four or five years, which would have burned constantly had it not been controlled by the owner of the property. The operators are drilling for oil, however, and will not cease drilling until a depth has been reached sufficient to justify an oil test.

NEARLY READY FOR TEST

Drillers Are Working Regularly on Two Wells Near Batesville

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Aug. 17.—A few weeks ago the driller "spudded in" the Grigsby well with a Keystone rig and has continued to drill practically uninterupted. The well now is almost 400 feet deep and in two or three hundred feet of the geological report indicates that oil will be found. The drilling company is composed of seven people, who own a 100-foot lease.

At the Adams well, which was "spudded in" about six months ago, the driller has practically reached a test depth, with indications of an oil well of shallow depth. The object is to reach a cap rock. As soon as this has been penetrated oil sands are expected. There is much excitement over the test which will probably be made the first of the week.

At Earhart a well is being drilled for oil and gas. A gas pocket was found several weeks ago, which produced pressure sufficient to overflow the well and a decided oil showing was in evidence.

SPUDDING-IN CEREMONY

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Nov. 22.—The christening ceremony of the first well spudded in on the Cave City Leasing Company's property at Cave City was held yesterday, when a program consisting of speeches by the mayor of Batesville, M. W. B. Loring, president of the Arkansas Leasing Company and others, was held. Miss Arkansas Hotchkiss, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss, christened the bit before the well was spudded in. She broke a bottle of crude oil and made a talk. J. W. Martin of Vawger, Okla., field manager of the company, had charge of the program.

OIL COMPANY ELECTIONS

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Nov. 27.—The Cave City Oil and Gas Company, Friday afternoon, elected the following officers and board of directors: J. W. Martin, president; M. F. Dean, vice president and general field manager; J. W. Martin, treasurer, and Miss Augusta Thomas, secretary.

WELL WILL BE Cased

Work to Start at Grigsby Well In a Few Days

Batesville, Jan. 19.—Drillers of the Grigsby well No. 1, 7/4 miles south of Batesville, have just made an oil showing on their first well today and are bailing for their test. The lease is leased to the dam by the owners of the property and work will be continued.

Casing is received

Batesville, Jan. 20.—Casing for the Grigsby No. 1 well, which is being drilled on the Charles Grigsby farm by the Walworth Oil Company, arrived yesterday and is being hauled to the test today. J. E. Hensley, field manager of the company, says that drilling probably will be resumed Monday but that the rate depends on how much oil is encountered during the casing. The hole is down 1,500 feet, and when the drillers stopped they had a showing of gas. Water now stands 1,000 feet in the hole. Work was suspended several weeks ago when drillers bored a depth which they expected to produce. Several years ago good showings of oil were found in a well at Shiner Mound.

DRILLING IS RESUMED

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Jan. 26.—The Walworth Oil Company of Batesville, which is drilling the Grigsby oil well in 2 1/2 miles, south of Batesville, has completed a new well from which crude oil is now flowing. Two other wells were drilled at this well have been resumed after a shutdown of two months. The work is now being set. The well is down about 1,500 feet and officers of the company are looking for some interesting developments soon.

Gas Struck While Digging Water Well Near Batesville

Special to the Gazette.
Batesville, Jan. 30.—While digging a water well on the farm of R. C. Ratcliffe, five miles south of Batesville, a gas well was discovered. No gas was struck this morning. R. C. Ratcliffe struck gas at 60 feet. The flow could be heard for a mile. It diminished somewhat this afternoon.

Well Drilled

For Water Is Spouting Gas

Gasser in Heart of Batesville Causes Much Excitement.

Batesville, Aug. 12.—What was intended as a water well to provide water for the Elmore Oil Company in the mountains of the town suddenly became a gas well. It was down 900 feet and, after working the landside of Batesville into a state of excitement. Drilled to a depth of 1,200 feet, the well began spouting gas and the operator, Style, is partly out of the well. The well is located on a small creek, about three hundred feet from the courthouse. There had been some earlier indications of gas, but these were not explored seriously, and the driller, R. C. Daniels, who is no well driller, as well as driller of water wells, went ahead at this time with the job of drilling for water. After the excitement subsided somewhat, the well was capped and a gas well on the field. This was done this week, with the result that the gasser now has a well. However, it has not been extinguished. No pipe had been placed on the well and it is not known whether the flow is sufficient to make the well valuable commercially. A decision had been reached as to what would be done with the rather well-worn gas well.

Several months ago a well being drilled for gas about 400 feet south of here began emitting gas from a depth of 1,200 feet. At first the gas flow was not sufficient to make it a commercial well. There have been no commercial gas wells in this vicinity.