

Oil and Gas Leases Taken In Jefferson County.

Special to the Gazette. 4-3-40
Pine Bluff, April 2.—The Magnolia Petroleum Company has leased more than 14,000 acres in the southeastern part of Jefferson county for oil and gas exploration. No announcement has been made relative to drilling plans.

Leases were filed today in the office of Circuit Clerk C. M. Nichol. They cover lands on both sides of the Arkansas river in the area near and west of the Lincoln-Jefferson county line. The majority of the leases are for 10 years.

Leases were executed by the following Jefferson county landowners: C. W. Butts, S. W. Blankenship, Pierce W. Couch, J. H. Morgan, M. D. Morgan, J. W. Morgan, E. P. Mahaffy, Dan W. Nicks, W. W. Phillips, S. W. Phillips, T. J. Rankin, R. M. Roe, Sarah K. Spears, J. B. Talbot, W. N. Trulock Jr., Sam J. Wolfe and Frank Wahl.

Oil, Gas Test Well Planned Near Pine Bluff.

Special to the Gazette. 6-12-40
Pine Bluff, June 11.—Frank Stratton, Jefferson, Tex., superintendent of Fitzwater Drilling Company, will begin drilling a oil and gas test well about two and half miles southeast of Pine Bluff soon. He has leased more than 7,000 acres in the area and will begin drilling on 40 acres owned by W. and D. Stratton in northwest northeast, section 36-6-9. A heavy drilling rig will be moved there at once from Texas. He plans to drill to at least 6,000 feet.

Democrat, 7-7-40 Location for First Well

For Oil Test Is Made

Pine Bluff—Frank Stratton, superintendent for the Fitzwater Drilling Company, who recently completed a large block of acreage four to six miles south of Pine Bluff where a test well for oil or gas will be drilled, announced Friday that Hugh H. Humphreys, Pine Bluff civil engineer, on July 4 made the location for the first well.

The location is in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 35, township 6 south, range 9 west, on land owned by F. and D. Stratton. The well will be drilled 400 feet north of the south line of the 40 and 320 feet west of the east line.

'Good Oil Sand' Reported In Well Near Pine Bluff.

Special to the Gazette. 5-22-41
Pine Bluff, May 21.—Drillers sinking a test well on leases owned by W. and D. Stratton of Pine Bluff reported striking a "good oil sand" at 2,000 feet after drilling through cap rock about 3:30 p. m. today.

The well, three and a half miles southeast of Pine Bluff, will be drilled at least 500 feet deeper, operators said.

Stratton brothers reported a showing of oil at 1,400 feet several days ago. Extensive tests were made before the well was begun by Patterson Drilling Company several weeks ago.

Oil Sand Reported Found In Jefferson County Test.

Special to the Gazette. 6-1-41
Pine Bluff, May 31.—Frank Stratton and C. D. Patterson of Shreveport, La., who have been drilling an oil well test in Jefferson county for the last two months, reported a 41-2 foot oil sand core was taken from the 2,000-foot level last night. Mr. Stratton said it will take several days to bring the well in. An electrologue will be used at the well Monday, and if tests show a favorable porosity in the well, casing will be set immediately.

Drillers reported a showing of oil last week. The hole caved in, however, and workers since have been cleaning it.

Oil and Gas Leases Filed On Land Near Pine Bluff.

Special to the Gazette. 9-24-41
Pine Bluff, Sept. 23.—Fifty-seven oil and gas leases, including more than 10,200 acres of land near Kearney, north of Pine Bluff, were filed here yesterday by R. B. Curtis and his associates. Mr. Curtis is drilling an oil well at Kearney, located between Jefferson Springs and Redfield. A derrick has been erected and ground casing has been installed.

TO MAKE OIL SURVEY.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Pine Bluff, Aug. 16.—Frank Mueller, geologist, surveyor of the prospective oil field near Hope, has arrived in Pine Bluff, accompanied by William Hargrave, oil driller, who has been associated with him for several years. They will make a survey of a large block of acreage near Pine Bluff, in which Ben H. J. Scull of this city, is interested.

TO RESUME DRILLING

Both Dexter Well and Crawford Well to Be Completed.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Pine Bluff, Aug. 16.—Frank A. Hodson, who recently took over the Dexter well of the Jefferson Oil and Gas Company, soon will return from a trip to the East, and drilling will be resumed on the Dexter well. Mr. Hudson will return in a few days, it is said.

Another test will be made at the Crawford well No. 1, the latter part of this week. This well was cemented the third time several weeks ago. On the return of James K. Crawford, president of the Brothers Oil Company, of Tulsa, drillers of the well, who was called to Pennsylvania by the death of an aunt, the well will be completed.

PLAN TO DRILL DEEPER

Unable to Check Water Flowing Into Well at Doylestown.

Special to the Gazette. 8-19-21
Pine Bluff, Aug. 18.—Announcement was made today that the Crawford well No. 1, of the Brothers Oil Company, of Tulsa, Okla., near Doylestown, will be drilled deeper until another rock formation is found. A six-inch casing then will be set inside the eight inch casing set when the well reached its present depth of 1,080 feet. This decision was reached following the third attempt to cement the well and keep the water from pouring into the hole.

President J. K. Crawford of the Brothers Oil Company has returned from Pennsylvania, where he attended the funeral of a sister. A six-inch casing is on the ground and will be lowered into the well as soon as a rock is found for it to rest on.

DRILLING AT DOYLESTOWN

Bit Now Is in Water Sand and Pump Is Installed.

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Pine Bluff, Aug. 27.—At Crawford Well No. 1, near Doylestown, drilling has been progressing steadily for the past week. After going through a bed of blue gumbo, the drill entered another bed of water sand. The pump has been installed and it is not believed that the sand will cause any further trouble. The well is about 2,200 feet down.

Drilling will begin at the Dexter just as soon as Frank Hodson, who took over the property from the Jefferson Oil and Gas Company, returns from Philadelphia. He is expected to return tomorrow.

A report from Cleveland today stated that the land owners are preparing to resume drilling at the Galys-Jelle well that was reported as abandoned. It is said the owners of the land near the well are raising money needed to drill the well to a greater depth.

FAITH WELL CONTRACTED

Test to Be Made Eight Miles South of Pine Bluff.

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The Arkansas Oil Corporation, through B. C. Powell, vice president, announced yesterday that a contract had been signed with Robert L. Steffey of Chicago for a test well 1 1/4 miles from Faith, Ark., which is eight miles south of Pine Bluff.

Mr. Steffey represents the Jefferson Petroleum Trust of Chicago. The derrick has already been erected. The contract calls for a 3,200-foot well unless a rock is found before that depth is reached.

BEST WELL SPUDDED IN.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Pine Bluff, Nov. 23.—The Redfield Hensley No. 1, was spudded in this afternoon. This well was drilled by Pitts Bros. of Tulsa. Much interest is being shown in the test.

OPERATIONS RESUMED

Drillers Begin Reaming Hole in Grant County

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Pine Bluff, Jan. 3.—Renewed activity in oil operations in the Pine Bluff district is presaged by the announcement today that work of reaming out the hole of the Grant County Oil and Gas Company's well near Prague has been started, after a shutdown of about six months. The light rotary rig used to put down the hole to the present depth of 1,100 feet will be replaced with a heavier rig when the work of reaming the hole is completed, and the well sunk to a depth of 2,500 feet unless oil or gas is encountered before that depth is reached.

Other operations in this territory include the letting of a contract last week by McGehee & Teter to Inlaugh & McKenzie, Shreveport drillers, for drilling McGehee well No. 1, in 26-5-12, about 10 miles south of Prague. The rig has been shipped and work will begin about January 25. McGehee & Teter own a large acreage in the vicinity of the well.

J. T. Crawford of Tulsa, Okla., has let a contract to the Gladys Belle Company to drill Crawford well No. 2 in 16-4-13, about four miles north of Sheridan.

WILL RESUME DRILLING

Arrangements Made to Complete Test Near Pine Bluff.

Special to the Gazette. 1-11-22
Resumption of drilling operations on the oil holdings near Pine Bluff recently taken over from the Arkansas Oil Corporation by a syndicate composed of W. G. Hutton and associates was announced yesterday. A sum sufficient to complete the drilling has been placed in a bank, and practically all needed supplies are en route or have been contracted for. Two hundred and forty-six feet of 12-1/2 inch surface casing has been put in and sufficient six and eight inch casing to complete the test has been consigned to the well. The location is on the Tom Phillips plantation eight miles northeast of Pine Bluff. John E. Mason of the Hamilton-Mason Drilling Company is in charge.

WILL RESUME DRILLING

Contractors to Start Work at Swan Lake Test Well.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Pine Bluff, Jan. 13.—Drilling will be resumed at Swan Lake in about 10 days, it was announced today, and at the same time a location for a new well on the south side of the river will be made. The Swan Lake well was spudded in several months ago, but work was suspended about three weeks ago to correct some land titles. All is in readiness now to resume work. Smith & Hall of Shreveport have the drilling contract. The first well is near Swan Lake, just north of the Arkansas river, and the new well will be located on the opposite side of the river. It is planned to begin drilling as soon as necessary machinery arrives.

ARRANGE FOR TEST.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Pine Bluff, Feb. 8.—According to Dr. R. P. Wood of Altheimer, who was in Pine Bluff yesterday, a test of the well near Altheimer, which is being put down by a syndicate headed by W. G. Hutton of Little Rock, will be made next week. A showing of oil was found last week at a depth of 1,000 feet, it is said, and orders were issued to set casing and prepare for a test, which will be made as soon as the concrete hardens.

WOULD ANNUL LEASES

Owners of Jefferson County Lands Allege Contract Is Void.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Pine Bluff, May 4.—Suit was filed in Circuit Court yesterday by Danaher & Danaher, attorneys for Mrs. Beulah Sennett, John F. Sennett, John M. Gracie and Frank McNally, to annul oil and gas leases on several thousand acres of Jefferson county farm land, which was granted last year to the Craighead Oil and Gas Company. The complaint alleges that the leases were granted in March, 1921, with the provision that unless a well should be put down on the property within one year the leases should terminate unless the lessees pay 25 cents an acre for extension of the leases. It is also alleged that it was provided that the leases should be deposited with a third person to be held in escrow and not delivered until work on the well was begun, but the defendants failed to deposit the leases, but assigned them to E. O. Nix who is made a party to the suit.

TO MAKE TEST FOR OIL

West Virginia Driller Will Sink Well in Jefferson County.

Special to the Gazette. 1922
Pine Bluff, May 10.—G. W. Gonia, a West Virginia driller, today closed a contract with T. S. Woods and associates for a test oil well at Faith, 12 miles from Pine Bluff. The contract is contingent upon the consolidation of a large block of acreage in the Faith vicinity.

Mr. Gonia has a drill ready to be shipped here, and has ordered 3,500 feet of eight-inch and 500 feet of 10-inch casing. No date has been set for spudding in.

NOW 380 FEET DEEP.

Special to the Gazette. 10-18-30
Pine Bluff, Nov. 20.—The Dan Nicks Well No. 1 near Swan Lake, which was "spudded in" about 10 days ago has reached a depth of 280 feet, it was announced today by Reese Burks, who, with G. N. Hall and H. R. Smith of Shreveport, is behind the project. The location of another test will be made soon, it is said.

Gas Corporation Drilling Test Spudded Wells.

Special to the Gazette. 6-23-28
Pine Bluff, June 22.—The Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation, formed to operate the Arkansas properties of the Cities Service Company, a Henry L. Doherty company, is planning an extensive oil and gas research and development program in Jefferson county. A deed assigning leases obtained here this week by W. J. Hobby of Shreveport to the corporation, has been filed.

The Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation is drilling a well in Cleveland county, and within the next 90 days will drill one, and possibly more, test wells in Jefferson county, southwest of Pine Bluff. A block of about 3,000 acres has been leased.

Corporation Spuds In Well Near Rison.

Pine Bluff, Aug. 29.—(Special).—Drillers in charge of the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation's first well in Cleveland county Monday afternoon spudded in and by nightfall had attained a depth of more than 175 feet. This well is located about four miles west of Rison on the Pine Bluff-Rison highway.

To avoid shutdowns the entire drilling equipment is furnished in duplicate. The boilers which drive the machinery are being fired by fuel oil shipped from the El Dorado field. The company's well is near the center of a block of acreage said to contain 15,000 acres.

The Rex Oil Corporation of Pine Bluff filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state yesterday. The company is capitalized at \$20,000 with J. F. Rutherford and others as incorporators. The Western Arkansas Telephone of Paris, capitalized at \$100,000, filed articles of incorporation. S. A. Lane of Little Rock and others are the incorporators.

NEW GAS SUPPLY FIRM ORGANIZED

Merged Company to Furnish Fuel for St. Louis Pipe Line.

Special to the Gazette. 4-17-29
Pine Bluff, April 16.—The Louisiana Gas and Fuel Corporation, organized today with H. C. Couch of Pine Bluff as chairman of the Board of Directors, will furnish the gas from the 22-inch pipe line to be built from Monroe, La., to St. Louis.

The Louisiana Gas and Fuel Corporation was formed through merger of several large producing companies in the Monroe fields, including the Palmer Corporation of Louisiana, the Natural Gas Company, Southern Gas and Fuel Company, Northern Louisiana Natural Gas Company Inc., and subsidiaries of the Gas and By-products Company and subsidiaries of the Electrical Power and Light Corporation.

The Mississippi River Fuel Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Electric Power and Light Corporation was organized solely to lay the pipe line and operate it, while the Louisiana Gas and Fuel Company was formed as the holding company to supply gas.

Officials of the Mississippi River Fuel Corporation, here today completing arrangements for using the Cotton Belt railroad bridge for carrying the new gas line to St. Louis across the Arkansas river, contracts for all of the pipe and equipment have been awarded.

Gas Main Lateral Contracts Awarded for St. Louis Line.

Special to the Gazette. 10-30-29
Pine Bluff, Oct. 29.—Williams Brothers, Inc., Construction Company, which laid the Arkansas section of the 22-

inch Monroe-St. Louis gas line, has been awarded the contract to construct laterals from the main to connect Stuttgart, Searcy and Jonesboro, G. E. Matt, local manager, announced today.

The line to connect Searcy will be of four-inch pipe, extending seven miles. The Stuttgart lateral will be 17 miles long, and of six-inch pipe, while the Jonesboro lateral, extending 28 miles, will be of eight-inch pipe.

Test Well Near Tarry Expected to Be Spudded in Soon.

Special to the Gazette. 10-18-30
Pine Bluff, Oct. 17.—Spudding-in operations on an oil and gas test on the McGehee Planting Company farm near Tarry is expected to begin soon, according to John N. Watkins, who is in charge of the drilling operations. A derrick on the location of the test was

completed recently and Watkins has just installed the latest type of rotary drilling machinery.

Deep Oil Test Will Be Made Near Sherrill Soon.

Special to the Gazette. 6-7-31
Pine Bluff, June 6.—Sherrill will be the scene of a deep oil test soon, it was announced today by H. H. Thomas, oil operator, who has been drilling in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas for several years, and who is blocking 20,000 acres in the vicinity of Sherrill. Drilling will begin as soon as the block is secured.

Oil Test Near Tarry Reaches Depth of 2,800 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 8-29-28
Pine Bluff, Aug. 15.—The McGehee No. 1 test near Tarry is down 2,800 feet. The well, according to John Watkins, driller, will go to 4,000 feet unless oil is found at a lesser depth. At present the drill is going through chalk and slate. The test is being drilled for Pittsburgh, (Pa.) financiers.

Drilling of Jefferson County Oil Test Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. 8-18-30
Pine Bluff, Aug. 17.—After being closed down for nearly a year, drilling operations on the wildcat oil test near Tarry, in southern Jefferson county, were resumed this week. The shut down was caused when the drill stem was broken in the well last year. The test has been drilled to between 2,900 and 3,000 feet, with minor signs of oil.

Oil Drilling Near Pine Bluff Suspended Temporarily.

Special to the Gazette. 8-23-30
Pine Bluff, Sept. 23.—Operations at the Tarry oil well, 15 miles south of Pine Bluff, are temporarily shut down awaiting the arrival of a new driller. The well is down to the depth of 3,100 feet. A core was taken recently for inspection by the state geologist. He reported that indications point to oil in paying quantities, but the well has not been drilled deep enough.

Oil Test in Jefferson County Halted by Accident.

Special to the Gazette. 8-31-33
Pine Bluff, Jan. 31.—Attempting to pull a drill stem that stuck in the well, drillers at the wildcat well near Tarry pulled down the upper part of the derrick yesterday. This necessitated a shutdown for repairs and work will not be resumed until a big-builder has made repairs. The Watkins well at Tarry is now drilling at 4,000 feet.

Oil Test to Be Drilled Near Pine Bluff.

Special to the Gazette. 1-27-34
Pine Bluff, Jan. 26.—L. A. Schumacher and associates of Okmulgee, Okla., will drill an oil test north of the Arkansas river, about two miles northeast of Pine Bluff. The location was selected by Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, on a block of several thousand acres which has been leased.