

Standard Oil Spuds In Well Near Buckner.

Special to the Gazette. 7-26-37
Buckner, July 25.—The McKean No. 1 of the Standard Oil Company spudded in this afternoon. The well is located one mile east of Buckner and has a contract depth of 7,500 feet with an additional depth of 2,500 feet if necessary. Leasing and royalties are reported very active. Casing will be set tonight and drilling will start tomorrow.

Standard Oil Gets Well Near Stamps

Special to the Gazette. 10-11-37
Stamps, Oct. 10.—The McKean No. 1 well of the Standard Oil Company blew in last night from 1,000 to 1,500 barrels of oil a day, according to estimates. Oil gushed 100 feet into the air, it was said. The well is about four miles east of Stamps.

W. G. McKean Finds Purchase Of Land a Profitable Venture.

Special to the Gazette. 10-31-37
Stamps, Oct. 31.—The oil interest of the Mid-Continent field is centered on the Standard's McKean No. 1 well in the Buckner area. The road that leads to the well from Highway 82, and all surrounding space for at least a mile around the well have taken on the appearance of a carnival. Cars block every turn, parking spots are almost impossible to find. Two enterprising young men have built a small concession near the well and are doing a flourishing business in hamburgers, cold drinks and other eatables.

Perhaps the most genial personality to be found in the crowds that wander around inspecting the well is that of W. G. McKean, for whom the well is named. Mr. McKean, a native of De Queen, was a traveling salesman in 1917, at that time he found that this land was for sale at a very low price, so decided to take a chance and buy it. The land lay idle for many years and was put to no other use than to furnish a hunting and fishing range for citizens of two counties. During this 20 years, Mr. McKean had several offers to sell, but when the buyers found that the Bodcaw Lumber Company of Stamps (which sold the land to Mr. McKean, retained the mineral rights for 15 years) they did not want the land. Several attempts have been made to interest oil companies to lease the land, but no one was interested enough to put up money, as the geologists reported no indication of oil formation under this land. Finally, after many years, Standard Oil decided that this was the key tract for this block, and persuaded Mr. McKean to lease. He retained 350 acres, and for this acreage he has been offered a small fortune. So far he has refused all offers.

Two 1,000-barrel tanks have been installed and connected with the well and the ground has been prepared for three additional tanks of the same size to be installed in the near future.

Buckner Oil Well Test Satisfactory

Special to the Gazette. 12-1-37
Buckner, Nov. 30.—The Standard Oil Company's No. 1 well, located about a mile east of Buckner, was opened up this morning and flowed between 125 and 146 barrels of oil an hour through a quarter-inch choke.

Officials of the Standard Oil Company here said that they consider the well one of the best producers in Arkansas because of the oil's high gravity and the comparatively small amount of gas.

Buckner Well Pinched In; Town Having Boom

Special to the Gazette. 12-5-37
Stamps.—The Standard Oil Company's McKean No. 1 discovery well in the Buckner area has been pinched down to a flow of about 500 barrels a day, pending construction of pipe line and loading racks.

This well, under test, produced approximately 200 barrels per hour. The restricted flow was necessary because of inadequate storage and transportation facilities. Officials of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway and the Standard Oil Company have been at Buckner this week making a study of this problem, and it is expected the well will soon be allowed to flow at full capacity.

The town of Buckner, one mile east of the well, is preparing for its role as an oil town, as various oil companies and individual investors maneuver for desirable oil and gas holdings. Business property also is being leased and a general building boom is expected.

The Buckner State Bank is installing more adequate fixtures preparatory to increased business. Stamps, in a territory fairly well blocked by several major companies, and Waldo, seven miles east of the well, adjacent to a similar block, are also making preparations for more population and increased business.

Drilling on Lafayette County Well to Start Next Week.

Special to the Gazette. 12-22-37
Stamps, Dec. 21.—Word has been received here that work will begin next week on the Lillian Taubel No. 1 oil well, drilled by an independent company in Lafayette county, three-fourths mile southwest of the Standard's McKean No. 1, and one-fourth mile southeast of Buckner. Drilling equipment will be on location this week.

Independents Plan to Drill in Lafayette

Special to the Gazette. 12-26-37
Shreveport, La.—Lyons and Neely have announced location for a test No. 1 Lillian Taubel in section 18-16-22, Lafayette county, Buckner district, southwest of Standard Oil Company of Louisiana's No. 1 McKean, section 8-16-22, recently completed Permian lime oil well below 7,250 feet.

It is reported that recent leases acquired by Clarence Taubel in Lafayette county were for Lyons and Neely, well-known Shreveport independents.

Oil Discovery Transforms Buckner

Special to the Gazette. 1-12-38

Stamps, Jan. 11.—Oil has transformed thousands of acres of waste lands into profitable lease land in south Arkansas last year, and has given Buckner, the little village of 300 population for whom the new Columbia-Lafayette county field was named, its biggest business spurt in history.

Heretofore dependent on farming and a lumber mill employing 80 persons, the community has added many new business enterprises since the McKean No. 1 discovery well was brought in a mile from town. The drilling on the discovery wells and location of three more tests that will be drilled soon has given the lumber mill a steady demand and has exhausted the supply of rent houses here. Practically every private home that desires to rent rooms has found tenants, and many housewives have cashed in on their culinary art. The community badly needs a hotel.

Many New Enterprises.
Two firms have been organized to deal in leases and royalties, the Dorcheat Company, headed by W. G. McKean, for whom the discovery well was named, and the Warrmack and Boswell Company. A new drug store will be built soon, and construction has been started on a new building for the Eddy Hardware store.

Location of three new tests has spurred leasing of land. The new tests are on the D. E. Thomas lease, a half-mile from the discovery well, the Bodcaw Lumber Company lease, and the Lee Tatom lease, three-quarters of a mile from the McKean producers.

The story has been told here of two elderly sisters, destitute and with land apparently good only for a cattle run their only possession. Leases on the land taken recently have provided them with an ample income for life, it was reported.

New Roads Built.
A WPA project has been submitted to resurface with gravel the road and to construct bridges across Dorcheat creek, south of Buckner. The Standard, Lyons and Neely companies have constructed tram type roads to their locations. These roads lead off from Highway No. 82. The low swampy land surrounding these wells makes it impossible to reach them except over these plank roads, which were built at a heavy cost. The Standard Co. is using a fleet of trucks with trailers to transport the oil from the McKean well, to Mandeville, Miller county. Arrangements are being made for a loading rack, and it is possible that a pipe line will be laid by the time the other wells are completed.

Tatom No. 1 Well Near Stamps Down to 1,900 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 1-19-38
Stamps, Jan. 18.—The Tatom No. 1 oil well in Section 18-16-22, Lafayette county, is being drilled at 1,900 feet. A 10 3-4-inch casing will be set at 2,100

feet. L. F. Lovett, superintendent of drilling operations, said. The formation of this well, thus far, checks with the McKean No. 1, now a producer a mile northeast, although the chalk formation checks slightly higher.

The Lyons and Neely Co., owners of the lease, and the Rex Drilling Co. of Shreveport, which are using three large Kewanee boilers and two 20-inch oil well slush pumps and mud screen. The derrick has a capacity of 644,000 pounds. A tram type road leads from Highway 82 to the well, and a plank platform of about 100 feet extends north and east around the well. A crew of 17 men is working on the well.

Drill Stem Stuck in Buckner Field Well

Magnolia.—The Barnett No. 1 well of the Keer-Lynn Oil Company, six miles east of town, which has been the center of interest for the past several days, is delayed because of about 1,500 feet of drill stem stuck in the hole. Coring operations had been in progress for the last week and operators are down about 7,505 feet and the hole is reported in the lime formation, which is producing at Shuler.

Rig has been moved in for the Bodcaw No. 1 in the newly-discovered field in the western part of the county. As soon as roads are completed, which is expected in a day or two, derrick will be erected and rig moved in to the D. E. Thomas Est. No. 1, three-fourth mile northeast of the McKean No. 1, discovery well in the new field. The rig used on the discovery well will be used on the D. E. Thomas Est. No. 1 test.

High water in the vicinity of the new location hampered workmen for several days. The new wells are located in Dorcheat bottom.

Buckner Field Well Reports Oil Showings

Stamps.—The Lyons and Neely Lillian Taubel No. 1 oil test on the H. L. Tatom lease, section 18-16-22, Lafayette county, has been drilled to a depth of 4,300 feet. Slight showings of low grade oil have been found at various depths.

Machinery is on location at the Standard Oil Company's Thomas well, in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 8-16-22, Columbia county.

Standard Oil Company's Bodcaw No. 1, in section 17-16-22, Columbia county, has spudded in and set surface casing.

The Lambert and Elliot Construction Company has established an office in the field. It is building roads to various locations.

Stamps, "Down on Its Luck"

When Mills Close, Riding Oil Ware to New Prosperity

Special to the Gazette. 2-6-38
Stamps.—Apparently on its way to become a hard luck town as the result of its mills closing and the general depression, recession, and other ills that have beset the state and nation, the little city of Stamps in north Lafayette county, now is in a fair way to ride to a new prosperity on the oil boom in northeast Lafayette and northwest Columbia counties.

The Buckner field, with one producing well and three wells drilling, and with the greater part of the land in six square miles under lease, is the answer.
Business in Stamps has "picked up" mightily, there is a new hope and a new spirit of enterprise, and farmers and landowners in the vicinity will make money. Some of them, no doubt, will wax wealthy.

Talk of oil is no new thing here. For 30 years Stamps has been hopeful that some day oil would be struck in paying quantities and has oft been disappointed.

Geological indications were good, wells were drilled and oil showings often were reported.

In 1932 and 1933 several wells were drilled along the Lafayette-Nevada county line to the north, some only five miles from the present McKean producer. Showings were good and operators would move their rigs a short distance and try again until funds were exhausted or hope abandoned.

In 1936 the Ohio Oil Company drilled a well just outside the town of Stamps. The showing was so good the town had a miniature boom, but this well also was capped after a time and abandoned.

But late in October, 1937, the McKean No. 1 of the Standard Oil Company came in as a full-fledged, flowing well, producing high gravity oil. Three other wells are now drilling.

The Standard is now making careful plans for a modern oil field

and Stamps business men feel that the period of guesswork and uncertainty is over. Derricks are going up and the towns and villages adjacent are keeping pace.

Four months ago it seemed that no cloud had a silver lining. A former industrial town, Stamps had seen its railroad shops moved to another town, its big sawmills suspend operations, and its cannery factory close because of the depression. Some homes were torn down and a number of others were unoccupied.

But with the coming in of the McKean No. 1, lease and royalty money began to appear and citizens looked forward to a rosy future. Homes are being rebuilt or remodeled to care for families of workers in the field.

In 1882 the Bodcaw Lumber Company was organized by William Buchanan, W. C. Brown, T. A. Brown, Dick Brown, Ferguson and Bottoms. Soon two mills were operating, handling yellow pine lumber and on several occasions as much as 90 million feet of lumber was shipped.

The depression and shortage of timber closed one mill in 1929, the second mill in 1931, and the planers in 1933, and the hard times era was in full swing.

The community gives to W. G. McKean major honors in making possible the new prosperity. He had unswerving faith in his belief that oil in paying quantities was here and it was he who went after the major oil companies and "sold" them on his belief that there was oil in Lafayette and Columbia counties. Today he has made many thousands for himself and helped his neighbor landowners.

The towns of Stamps, Buckner and Waldo, the latter in Columbia county, are nearest to the new field, but Stamps, with a population in 1930 of 2,700 is much larger than either or both of the other two, and bound to reap a large share of the reward. It is larger than the county seat town of Lewisville, further to the west, is on two railroads, the Cotton Belt and Louisiana and Arkansas, and is most favorably located, though the nearness to the field of the village of Buckner has given the field the name of the Buckner field.

Stamps has good schools and churches, a library sponsored by the American Legion, a municipal swimming pool, a paved business section and is on highway No. 82.
Other advantages are a three-story hotel and a 60-acre lake with boating and fishing within the city limits.

Leases Soar as Hung Drill Stem Is Freed

Magnolia.—Trading in leases and royalties in the area of the Barnett

well, six miles east of Magnolia, just off highway 82, in section 14-17-20, Saturday reached the peak of activity. Between \$25,000 and \$50,000 was spent in a few hours after the drill stem, which had been hung for several days, was loosened by circulating a great quantity of oil.

A portion of the drill stem has been raised and it is thought there will be little difficulty in removing the entire drill stem. The drill had reached 39 feet into the Permian lime, which was reported to be "tight" with some indications of a porous condition and an odor of gas.

Royalties were bringing a \$125 base and over. All of the officials of the Kerr Lynn Company are on the ground eagerly watching developments. Local operators are optimistic over the outlook. It is reported that major companies are doing the greater part of the buying.

Three Wells in Buckner Area Of Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 2-7-38

Stamps, Feb. 6.—There are three oil wells in the Buckner area with drilling operations well under way. The Taubel No. 1, on the Tatom lease, in Section 18-16-22, a half mile from the McKean No. 1. The discovery well is drilling at 5,000 feet with formation checking slightly higher than the discovery well. The Bodcaw Lumber Company's No. 1, in Section 18-16-22, three-quarters of a mile south of the discovery well is drilling at 3,000 feet with the second line casing set. The Emerson No. 1, in Section 8-16-22, a half mile northeast of the discovery well was spudded today.

Barnett Well Drill Stem Again Loosed; Casing to Be Set.

Special to the Gazette. 2-9-38
Magnolia, Feb. 8.—Operators reported late today that they had dislodged the drill stem in the Barnett well. The stem stuck again yesterday at about 1,500 feet. Setting of casing will start late tonight.

The stem was stuck yesterday for the second time, possibly on a boulder.

The well, six miles east of here, was drilled to a depth of 7,654 feet. Dean McGee, geologist for the well, said today that the last five feet of lime encountered was soft with a good showing of oil and that the last six inches was soft with a good showing of gas. He predicted the well would be a good producer.

Interest in the Barnett well, still many days from completion, is greater than in the McKean well when it came in.

Drilling Of Barnett No. 1 To Be Resumed

Special to the Gazette. 2-17-38

Magnolia, Feb. 16.—Officials of the Kerr-Lynn Co., drilling the Barnett No. 1, about five miles by due east of Magnolia, are expected to arrive early tomorrow and work will be resumed on the well, the center of interest here the past three weeks.

Operators plan to drill the plug in the seven-inch casing set last week within 600 to 700 feet of the bottom, when it hung up. Five-inch casing will be run from that point to the bottom.

The Standard company's Phillips No. 1, three-quarters of a mile west of Village, in 15-17-19, has its rig up and is expected to spud in this week-end.

The Taubel test, in the McKean area, just across Dorchea in Lafayette county, in 18-16-22, was reported down to 6,525 feet today by W. G. McKean, who also said that the Thomas test in 8-16-22 in Columbia county was drilling at a depth of 3,388 feet and that the Bodcaw No. 1, in 17-16-22, was down to 4,744 feet. Asked if additional locations had been made in that area, he said that some stakes had been driven but no news had been given out about them. Some shallow tests, several feet deep, are being made in the Atlanta area to locate the peak of that structure for a deep test.

Lease and royalty trading still is brisk in the county, especially in the area around the Phillips No. 1 at Village.

Tatom No. 1 Well Near Stamps Reaches 6,300 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-17-38

Stamps, Feb. 16.—In the Buckner area of Lafayette and Columbia counties, Clarence Taubel's Tatom No. 1, section 8-16-22, 3-4 mile southwest of Standard's McKean No. 1, discovery well, has drilled to 6,300 feet. Standard's Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1, section 8-16-22, is drilling at 4,400 feet and the Thomas Crone No. 1, owned by Standard, in section 18-16-22, set 9 5-8 inch casing at 2,056 feet and is drilling ahead at 2,500 feet.

Three Buckner Field Wells Near Pay Dirt

Stamps.—Excitement in the Buckner area is at a high pitch as three wells near the McKean pay formation. Formations encountered have checked with those found in the McKean No. 1 discovery well.

Lyons and Neely's Lillian Taubel well on the H. L. Tatom lease, nw4, section 18-16-22w, Lafayette county, is now below 6,750 feet. Barring accidents, this well will core into the pay dirt in a few days.

The Standard Oil Company's Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1, ne4, section 18-16-22w, Columbia county, is drilling below 5,055 feet.

Standard's S. T. Crone No. 1, se4, section 8-16-22, Columbia county, has reached 3,550 feet.

Depth of the Standard Oil McKean producer is 7,280 feet. Saturated lime formation in the latter was first encountered at 7,190 feet, after which coring continued until 114 feet of porous, saturated lime had been cored. Having then encountered salt water the well was plugged back, acidized, and completed as the first producer and, to date, is the only completion in the Buckner field.

Construction of roads to other locations is to begin.

Tatom No. 1, Lafayette County, Down Over 7,000 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-27-38

Stamps, Feb. 26.—Oil interest in this section is centered on Clarence Taubel's Tatom No. 1 in the Buckner area, 8-16-22, Lafayette county. No information was given as to the depth, but it is beyond the 7,000-foot mark. Authorities expect to reach pay dirt soon. Lyons & Neely are owners of the well. Pipe has been laid to the loading rack in Buckner. Royalty buying was active in the area the past week. The Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1, owned by Standard, in section 18-16-22, is drilling at 6,116 feet. The company's Thomas Crone No. 1, in section 8-16-22, was the last well to get under way. It is down 5,250 feet. The Cotton Belt Railroad Company is building a loading rack in Buckner. Pipe has been strung from the rack to all wells, including the McKean No. 1.

See also wells in Columbia County

Taubel Well In "Pay Dirt"

Democrat 2-27-38
Stamps Hopeful of a New Buckner Field Producer This Week.

Stamps.—Hopes for another producer in the Buckner field run high Saturday night as the Lillian Taubel No. 1 cored into pay dirt. This well is on the Tatum lease, in the SE 1-4 of the NW 1-4, section 18-16-22w, Lafayette county. The hole is below 7,200 feet.

Standard Oil Company's Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1, SE 1-4 of the NE 1-4, same section, is drilling ahead at 6,425 feet. This company's S. T. Crone No. 1, NW 1-4 of the SE 1-4, section 8-16-22w, Columbia county, is not far behind at 5,610 feet. Formations have been checking satisfactorily with the McKean No. 1 discovery well in the SW 1-4 of the SW 1-4, section 8-16-22.

The McKean well has been operated on a small choke to date, due to absence of loading or pipe line facilities. This situation is being remedied by the construction of a loading rack in the town of Buckner and pipe lines to the McKean producer and wells in the process of drilling.

Lillian Taubel Tatom No. 1 Well To Be Abandoned.

Special to the Gazette. 3-4-38

Stamps, March 3.—Operators of the Lillian Taubel Tatom No. 1 well in the Buckner area of Lafayette county, section 18-16-22, have announced that the well will be abandoned following a showing of salt water when tested in the Permian lime. The lime was topped at 7,272 feet.

The Standard Oil Company's Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1 in section 18-16-22, is drilling at 6,915 feet. The same company's Thomas Crone No. 1 in section 8-16-22, is drilling at 6,185.

Standard's Wells Near Completion

Democrat 3-6-38

Stamps.—Stamps landowners and oil speculators are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the two Standard Oil Company wells nearing completion in the Buckner field.

The Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1, SE 1-4 of the NE 1-4, section 18-16-22, began coring near the Permian lime Saturday night. Information as to the exact depth is not available.

The S. T. Crone No. 1, NW 1-4 of the SE 1-4, section 8-16-22, Columbia county, is drilling below 6,850 feet. The pay lime was encountered at from 7,192 to 7,304 feet in the McKean discovery well.

Sales of leases and royalties in the Shell and Ohio block in Lafayette county have been brisk the last few weeks. It is rumored that another test is to be drilled in this block soon.

A large block has been assembled northwest of town by the Sun Oil Company and others. Business in Stamps, located within the Shell and Ohio block, has improved. Buckner is also benefiting from leases and royalty money.

The Eddy Hardware Company's modern, two-story, brick building is nearing completion. The second floor is devoted to office space.

A new service station under construction by Roy Shurtliff is nearly finished. Several new homes are being built.

Stamps Looks Hopefully to New Wells in Area.

Special to the Gazette. 3-6-38

Stamps, March 5.—This section is trying to overcome disappointment over failure of the Taubel-Tatom well, which tested salt water last week and was abandoned.

Interest now is centered in the Standard Oil Co.'s Bodcaw-Barbara No. 1 in the Buckner area, Columbia county, Section 18-16-22, drilling at 7,067 feet, which is nearing the depth at which oil was discovered in the McKean No. 1 well a short distance away.

The Thomas Crone No. 1 in Section 8-16-22, is down 6,542 feet. Officials report that formations of both wells are checking favorably with that of the discovery well. Four new locations have been made by the Standard Oil Co. for wells to be drilled immediately. They are Crone No. 2, the McKean No. 2, the Warren No. 1, and the Waters No. 1. These wells are all in the vicinity of the McKean No. 1 in the Buckner area.

The oil loading rack at Buckner was finished Wednesday and a shipment of 360 barrels from the McKean well was the first oil to be transferred by rail from here. Heretofore a fleet of oil trucks had been used.

Gas Flow in Barnett Well Near Magnolia Controlled.

3-7-38
Special to the Gazette.
Magnolia, March 7.—To control the flow of gas in the Barnett No. 1 well, which came in Friday flowing between 5,000 and 10,000 barrels of oil a day, operators cemented the casing for a depth of 50 feet today. The gas pressure was said to be 2,500 pounds.

Lost Drill May Delay Bodcaw Barbara Another Week.

3-13-38
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, March 12.—The Standard's Bodcaw Barbara No. 1 in the Buckner area, section 18-16-22, is experiencing bad luck as it nears completion. The cable broke last week and about 4,000 feet of drill stem fell into the well. Workers have been fishing for this drill stem. A large part of it has been removed, but officials do not expect to resume drilling operations for perhaps a week. The Standard's Thomas Crone No. 1 in section 8-16-22, is down 7,200 feet. Since the elevation of this well is much higher than the McKean No. 1, discovery well, the completion depth will be much deeper.

Well Near Stamps In as a Gusher Democrat 3-31-38

Stamps—Following the drilling of the plug late Wednesday, the Standard Oil Company's S. T. Crone No. 1 well, the one where rigging burned and derrick collapsed about 10 days ago, started flowing oil about 8 o'clock Wednesday night, and the flow continued this morning. The oil is being directed into tanks.

No gauge of the flow had been made, but the well, the second in the Buckner field proper and the third in Columbia county, is believed a good producer. The fact that the well came in without swabbing leads to the belief that there is plenty of gas pressure. A new derrick was built and new rig installed. The location is in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 8-16-22. The Crone well and the McKean discovery well are the producers in the Stamps sector, all over the line, however, in Columbia county. The other Columbia county producer is the Barnett No. 1 near Magnolia.

The Standard is now making preparations to drill in a few days on a new location on the R. Waters lease, in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter 7-16-22.

Democrat 4-8-38 Crone No. 1 Given

Production Test
Stamps—The S. T. Crone No. 1, outpost well in nw 1-4 of the se 1-4, section 8-16-22, three-quarters of a mile northeast of the McKean discovery well, has undergone its first production test. As high as 127 barrels per hour flowed into the tanks during a six-hour test. Unofficial estimates on daily production range from 2,000 to 3,000 barrels.

This outpost definitely extends the Buckner field materially in the northeast direction.

The Waters No. 1, in the se 1-4 of the se 1-4, section 7-16-22, is below 2,000 feet and now setting second string casing. This well is reported to be checking well with the McKean No. 1, and is expected to be an excellent producer.

The S. T. Crone No. 2, in the se 1-4 of the sw 1-4, section 8-16-22, is getting rig on location, but the crew has been hindered by heavy rains.

South Miller Field

Democrat 7-8-38 Producers

Texarkana—Following completion of three additional wells, the South Miller county oil field had 78 producers Friday, with two other wells testing and six more drilling.

Initial production was said to have been 50 barrels an hour on the latest three wells, all of which are in section 10-20-28.

The newest producers are those of Mrs. S. O. Thompson-Concord M. E. Church property, about five-eighths of a mile northwest and a bit north of the discovery well; the Burden and H. C. Cummings-Treadway No. 1, about three-quarters of a mile northwest of the discovery well, and the B. B. Orr-Mitchell No. 1, about three quarters of a mile northwest and a bit north of the discovery well.

Gazette 4-17-38 Casing Set on Thomas Crone No. 2 at 2,000 Feet.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, April 16.—Drilling on the Standard's Thomas Crone No. 2 in section 8-16-22, Buckner area, was resumed today after casing was set Thursday at 2,000 feet.

The Waters No. 1 is drilling at 4,072 feet. The well, in section 7-16-22, created excitement yesterday by its showing of gas pressure in a core at 3,900 feet.

The McKean No. 1 is average 500 barrels daily and the Thomas Crone No. 1, 600 barrels daily.

Wells Near Pay In Buckner Field Is Good Producer Democrat 5-1-38

Stamps—The attention of oil men in southern Arkansas is again on the Buckner field as two wells near completion.

Standard Oil Company's R. Waters No. 1, in the SE 1-4 of the SE 1-4, section 7-16-22, is drilling below 6,600 feet. It is expected to core into the pay zone by the middle of the week. This well is the western offset to the McKean No. 1 discovery well, and will determine drilling activity for the present in a westerly direction.

It was at first thought that the field would not extend to the west or northwest, but the unusually good indications in the Waters well have caused a change of views.

Standard's Crone No. 2, in the SE 1-4 of the SW 1-4, section 8-16-22, is drilling below 5,500. Since this well is located almost between two producers, there is little doubt as to the final result of the test.

Waters No. 1 At 7,051 Feet, Checking Favorably. Democrat 5-4-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 3.—The Standard's Waters No. 1 oil well in the Buckner area, Section 7-16-22, is reaching a depth of 7,051 feet, and the formations have been checking with those of the McKean No. 1, discovery well. Coring probably will begin tomorrow, operators said. The company's Crone No. 2 in Section 8-16-22 has reached 6,200 feet. Underbrush has been cleared and roads made to several new locations in the same area. Drilling operations will begin soon.

Buckner Field Well Expected in Soon Democrat 5-4-38

Stamps—Indications were today that the Standard Oil Company's R. Waters No. 1 oil test, in the SE of the SE, Section 7-16-22, would come in shortly as a good producer and the third in the Buckner field. The well was in saturated sand, the crew reported, and it was said no drill stem test would be necessary. Several cores have been taken but the bottom of the pay sand had not been reached.

It is the intention of the crew to set casing and bring the well in. The location is about four miles east of Stamps, in Columbia county.

The Standard's Crone No. 2, in the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 8-16-22, was reported down to 6,700 feet and making good progress.

Standard's Waters No. 1 Well Reaches 7,103 Feet. Democrat 5-6-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 5.—The Standard's Water No. 1 well in the Buckner area, Section 7-16-22, has reached 7,193 feet, and was coring today with a good showing of oil. Prospects of this well becoming a good producer are said to be favorable. The company's Crone No. 2 in Section 8-16-22 is drilling at 6,800 feet.

Showing Favorable; Waters No. 1 May Be Brought In Tomorrow. Democrat 5-8-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 7.—The Standard's Waters No. 1, Buckner area, Section 7-16-22, set casing yesterday after taking several cores dripping with oil. The showing was so good that officials said no drill stem test would be taken. The casing will set until about Monday noon, when the well will be brought in.

The company's Crone No. 2 is drilling at 7,070 feet. The Waters well would be the third producer for this area. Two new locations have been made on which drilling will begin soon. They are the McKean No. 2 and No. 3 in Sections 7-16-22 and 8-16-22, respectively, both in the vicinity of the McKean No. 1 discovery well.

Waters No. 1 Blows In By Itself Democrat 5-12-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 11.—The Standard's Waters No. 1, Buckner area, Section 7-16-22, blew in today of its own accord without swabbing or acidizing. It has the best oil showing in the Buckner field. Operators will test it to determine whether there is need to acidize. No estimate of production has been made. The company's Crone No. 2, Section 8-16-22, hit pay dirt yesterday and made a good showing of oil. Casing has been set and cemented. A drill stem test will be made Friday. This is the fourth producer for the new field. Two new locations on McKean land are being made and drilling will begin soon.

Well Near Stamps Is Good Producer Democrat 5-12-38

Stamps—Standard Oil Company's R. Waters No. 1, southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, Section 7-16-22, came in as a good producer at about 4:30 p. m. Thursday. The well came in with no swabbing, flowing 25 barrels per hour at first and had increased to 90 barrels per hour by 8:30 p. m. It was still increasing in flow and clearing itself this morning.

It is the best well yet completed in the Buckner field. The bottom of the hole is at 7,258 feet. Casing was set at 7,195. Sixty-three feet of the pay formation had been cored and the bottom of the hole was still in good saturation.

A production test will be run this afternoon, after which it will be determined whether the well will be acidized.

The Crone No. 2, southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, Section 8-16-22, is waiting for cement to harden. The well may be brought in Friday or Saturday.

Rig is being assembled on the McKean No. 2 location in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, Section 7-16-22, Lafayette county.

Fourth Buckner Well May Come In Today Democrat 5-15-38

Stamps—The Standard Oil Company's Crone No. 2, southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, section 8-16-22, probably will be brought in Sunday morning as the fourth producer in the Buckner field. The plug was drilled Friday and tubing run Saturday.

This well, like the other producers in the field, cored a satisfactory amount of saturated lime, but did not penetrate entirely through the formation.

The Standard's Waters No. 1, the southeast quarter, section 7-16-22, came in Tuesday without swabbing, as the best producer in the area. Four hours after coming in, it was flowing at more than 2,000 barrels per day, with tubing pressure about 75 pounds. It is estimated that if this well were acidized and allowed to flow full capacity, it would produce from 7,000 to 10,000 barrels per day.

The McKean No. 2, center of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, section 7-16-22, Lafayette county, is rigging up and will spud in about Monday.

Operators Expect New Oil Field In Lafayette County. Democrat 5-29-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 28.—The Standard's McKean No. 2, Lafayette county, Buckner area, Section 7-16-22, was drilling at 4,348 feet today, with formations checking higher than in any of the other four producing wells in the area. Operators expect the well to open a new field in Lafayette county. Much leasing has been reported during the week on the strength of the McKean No. 2. J. W. Love, an independent producer, has leased land just east of the abandoned Tatom well, and it is expected that drilling on this location will start soon.

Standard Oil Well Drilled Into Pay Lime Democrat 6-12-38

Stamps—Standard Oil's McKean No. 2, SW SW, Lafayette county, section 7-16-22, drilled into the pay lime Saturday morning at 7,199 feet. After casing is set, formation will be cored and the well brought in. It is estimated that there is 118 feet of saturated formation. This is the fifth producer in the next Buckner field, and indicates a definite trend into Lafayette county. The wells west of the McKean No. 1 discovery have checked successively higher, while the wells to the east have checked slightly lower. Ground is being cleared for the erection of eight tanks near the McKean No. 2, to take care of present and future wells.

McKean No. 2 Expected To Reach Pay Dirt Today. Democrat 6-12-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 11.—The Standard's McKean No. 2, Lafayette county, Buckner field, section 7-16-22, has reached 7,025 feet and operators expect to reach pay dirt by tomorrow. The formations are still checking favorably.

The Texas Canadian Oil Corporation plans to drill two wells on the Pelt leases in the northeast corner of Lafayette county, one to 1,700 feet. The location is SE 1-4 of section 8-15-22. Operations will begin July 1. The other well, a deep test on SE 1-4 of section 9-15-22, will begin operations before August 1.

Eight 1,000-barrel tanks are being installed near the four producing wells in the Buckner field in Lafayette county, and the road leading north from Highway 82 through the new oil field, is near completion. This road has been built by WPA labor.

Standard Oil Gets New Well

McKean, No. 2, Brought In in Lafayette County. Democrat 6-19-38

Stamps—Standard Oil Company's McKean No. 2, came in Friday night as the fifth big producer in the Buckner field. This well is located in southwest quarter of southeast quarter section south, range 22 west, Lafayette county.

After having set casing at 7,197 feet coring continued to 7,257 feet, with bottom still in saturation. Tubing was run and after a short washing process began flowing without necessity of swabbing.

No production test has as yet been made but Standard officials estimate it at about 100 barrels per hour, or slightly better.

Location has been cleared and material is being moved to J. L. Warren, No. 1, in center of northwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 18, township 16, range 22 west, Lafayette county. This is the southern offset to McKean No. 2.

McKean No. 2 Comes In By Own Pressure Democrat 6-19-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 18.—The Standard's McKean No. 2 in the Buckner field of Lafayette county, Section 7-16-22, came in by its own pressure last night. Operators did not have to swab or acidize. It will be tested through open tubing for production estimate. Oil is flowing into the tanks.

It was the fifth producer for Buckner field. Officials believe it will open a new field in Lafayette county.

Drilling Resumed on Standard's Warren No. 1 Well. Democrat 7-3-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 2.—Standard's Warren No. 1, Lafayette county, Buckner field, Section 18-16-22, resumed drilling to night, after waiting the past 24 hours for 9 5/8-inch casing to set. Total depth is 2,047 feet. The McKean No. 3, off-set for the Waters No. 1 in Section 7-16-22, will spud in Monday.

Warren No. 1, in Lafayette County, Down 4,442 Feet. Democrat 7-10-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 9.—Standard's Warren No. 1, Lafayette county (Buckner field) section 18-16-22, is drilling at a depth of 4,442 feet, and formations are said to be checking favorably with that of the other five producing wells in the area. The company's McKean No. 3, section 7-16-22, was spudded in Wednesday. After surface casing is set it will be ready for setting second string casing tomorrow.

Slush pits surrounding wells in the area are being filled with dirt to prevent accidents and to improve the looks of the new oil field. Improvised plank roads are being torn up and replaced with gravel roads. Three new bridges have been completed on roads leading to the field, all labor being furnished by the WPA. The wells are allowed to produce only 200 barrels of oil a day, but operators said that when the new pipe line is laid the allowable will be doubled.

Standard's No. 1, in Lafayette County, Down 5,728 Feet. Democrat 7-17-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 16.—Standard's Warren No. 1, Lafayette county, Buckner field, Section 18-16-22, is drilling at a depth of 5,728 feet. Operators expect to reach the pay formation next week. The company's McKean No. 3, Section 7-16-22, is drilling at 3,742 feet.

Lafayette County Seeks Lake To Be 15 Miles Long. Democrat 7-20-38

Special to the Gazette.
Magnolia, July 19.—The Lake Bodcaw Development Association, with Shelley Powell of Lewisville as chairman, was formed here today to seek a federally-financed project for creating a 15-mile lake and recreation center on Bodcaw Bayou in Lafayette county. Mr. Powell has been principal exponent of the recreation center for southwest Arkansas. The lake would be an average of a mile wide and about 15 miles long. It would be adjacent to Highway 82, which would become a cross-the-con-

tinient road on completion of the proposed Mississippi river bridge connecting Lake Village and Greenville. It would be stocked with fish.

With a large group attending from Lafayette and Columbia county, the meeting was opened by G. G. Martell, secretary of the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Powell was empowered to choose a secretary, and the following Executive Board was named: J. B. Burton, Lewisville; Lon Baker, Stamps; Leonard Pelt, Buckner; Allen Fincher, Waldo; R. F. Hayes, Magnolia; George Harper, McNeill; R. P. Cornelius, McKamie; Smith Poster, Emerson; Jack Gunnel, Village; J. W. Meek, Bradley; N. W. Short, Taylor, and Paul Griffin, Bussey.

Congressman Wade Kitchens endorsed the move and pledged his help. He told of the value of such a recreation center for both tourists and residents of southwest Arkansas, northwest Louisiana and northeast Texas.

Sixth Oil Producer In Buckner Area Gazette 8-5-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 4.—Standard's Warren No. 1, Lafayette county, Buckner field, Section 18-16-22, was brought in today after being acidized and swabbed since Tuesday.

Oil is being run into nearby pits, and the flow is increasing each hour. The well will be put on regular production tomorrow. It is the sixth producer for the new field.

The Standard's McKean No. 3, Section 7-16-22, set six-inch casing yesterday and operators, waiting for cement to set plug, probably will resume drilling tomorrow.

Nannie Warren No. 1 Spudded In in Lafayette County. Democrat 12-4-38

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 3.—The Ohio & Shell Oil Company has spudded in its Nannie Warren No. 1, in section 13-16-24, Lafayette county. This is the first of several tests planned by this company in this county. Standard's J. P. McKean No. 4, section 18-16-22, Buckner area, is coring at 7,500 feet, and operators expected to bring it in soon. A location and pit for an offset has been prepared about a quarter mile east between McKean No. 4 and Crone No. 1. There are eight producing wells in this area.

Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1 Nears Permian Lime. Democrat 1-3-39

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Jan. 6.—Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1, Section 13-16-24, Lafayette county wildcat, southwest of here, cored ahead today at 7,130 feet in shale and anhydrite, looking for top of the Permian lime, which operators expect to reach probably tomorrow. West of Bradley, also in Lafayette county, J. K. Wadley et al's. Taylor No. 1, Section 15-19-26, has resumed drilling at 3,832 feet, where it had been shut down for a week by lack of fuel.

Shell and Ohio's Warren No. 1 Reaches 6,550 Feet. Democrat 1-25-39

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 24.—In Lafayette county, Shell & Ohio's Nannie Warren No. 1, in section 13-16-25, Permian lime test, southeast of Stamps, is drilling ahead at 6,550 feet. Schlumberger survey was run to 5,610 feet. Also in Lafayette county J. K. Wadley et al's Taylor No. 1, in section 15-19-26, below Bradley, is drilling ahead below 3,875 feet. In the Buckner area derrick is up on Standard Oil Co.'s Crone No. 3, new location, halfway between McKean No. 4 and Crone No. 2. Nine producers in this field already have been brought in this year.

South Miller Field, 18 Months Old, Has 97 Producers. Democrat 1-1-39

Special to the Gazette.
Texarkana, Dec. 31.—A year-end report filed today by the Arkansas Board of Conservation showed that the 18-month-old South Miller county oil field has 97 producing oil wells and nine gassers. The report showed that 15 wells had been taken off production. Sixty-two producers are flowing from the upper Gloyd sand and 35 from the lower Gloyd. Interest in the field waned during the summer months, but was revived somewhat early in November, when the F. W. Martin-T. C. Watts No. 1 was completed in 2-20-28, extending the field a half mile northward. This out-mile wide and about 15 miles long, post well is flowing 390 barrels of oil daily, but there is some salt water. Less than a week ago two other wells were completed in 2-20-28 near

the Martin-Watts well. One is the Merritt and Lyons-E. B. Mitchell No. 1, which is flowing 500 barrels daily, and the other is the Gerhig Company of Arkansas-Fred Watson No. 1, flowing 60 barrels hourly.

The F. W. Martin, et al., Bloomburg Bank No. 1 in 2-20-28 is nearly ready to test.

\$50,000 Paid for 2,000 Acres In Miller County. Democrat 1-4-39

Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 3 (AP).—Warranty records here showed today that J. Luther Lowe and Ruth Lowe paid to Mrs. May B. Dale and Christine Dale of Texarkana \$50,000 cash for 2,000 acres of the old Dale Plantation, 15 miles north of here.

The Lowes lived near Garland City, 20 miles east of Texarkana. The plantation, near a few oil wells which once were active, is devoted to agricultural use.

Lafayette County Test Attracts Much Interest.

Special to the Gazette. 1-8-38
Stamps, Jan. 7.—A drill stem test was made today in Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1 in 13-16-24, Lafayette county, south of Stamps, at 7,159 feet. It showed mostly mud and some oil. The test was made after a section of core showed gas and oil yesterday. Operators plan another drill stem test tomorrow. Much interest is being shown in this test. Leasing activity is brisk.

Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1 In Disappointing Test.

Special to the Gazette. 1-12-39
Camden, Jan. 11.—Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1, section 13-16-24, wildcat, southwest of Stamps in Lafayette county, is coring ahead after a disappointing drill stem test Monday. On a test of the Reynolds lime section, from 7,168 to 7,215, drill stem recovered 360 feet of fluid, 30 feet of the top of which was mostly oil, but cut with mud; 270 feet of mud and oil, and 60 feet of mud and salty water. Tool was open 10 minutes with 3-8 inch choke on bottom and 1-4 inch choke on top. Pressure was 15 1-2 pounds. A test Saturday showed 120 feet of drilling mud saturated with oil. West of Bradley, also in Lafayette county, J. K. Wadley et al. at Taylor No. 1, section 15-19-26, is drilling ahead at 5,270 feet.

Tests Unsuccessful; Warren 1 Awaits Orders.

Special to the Gazette. 1-15-39
Stamps, Jan. 14.—Operators on Shell and Ohio's Warren No. 1 in section 13-16-24, a Lafayette county wildcat, are awaiting orders, following two more unsuccessful drill stem tests. In a test in the Reynolds lime, from 7,168 to 7,215 feet, early in the week, operators recovered considerable fluid, with the top 30 feet, mostly oil, but accompanied by 60 feet of mud and salt water. The seat gave way in both subsequent tests.

Warren No.1 Swabs Nearly Dry; To Be Drilled Deeper.

Special to the Gazette. 1-29-39
Stamps, Jan. 28.—The Shell & Ohio's Warren No. 1 well, a Permian lime wildcat in section 13-16-26, Lafayette county, cored ahead from 7,220 to 7,258 feet today after swabbing nearly dry with a showing of oil, gas and salt water. Oil showing increased slightly near the bottom, but operators said they might plug back and acidize if no better showing were found at a deeper level. J. K. Wadley et al.'s Taylor No. 1, wildcat west of Bradley, also in Lafayette county, has dislodged a stuck drill stem and drilling will be continued tomorrow. Total depth is 5,960 feet.

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Warren No. 1 Prepares for New Test at 7,418 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 2-5-39
Stamps, Feb. 4.—Shell and Ohio's Warren No. 1, Section 13-16-26, Permian lime wildcat in Lafayette county near Stamps, ran Schlumberger survey Thursday, and operators prepared to acidize a thick section of lime for a new test. Total depth is 7,418 feet. At 7,318 feet, where porous Reynolds lime was topped, cores showed good porosity and saturation but low permeability, making 145 feet of lime with porosity and saturation but too low permeability to guarantee commercial production. J. K. Wadley et al.'s Taylor No. 1, west of Bradley, also in Lafayette county, is drilling ahead at 6,175 feet after a core from 6,139-53 feet. It is believed to be in the Dee zone and showed only hard lime and shale. Leasing has continued briskly in the McKame and Mars Hill area of Lafayette county. The state revenue collector did a flourishing business here this week in collecting brokers' licenses from lease salesmen.

Hutcheson Well 11th In Magnolia Area

Special to the Gazette.
Magnolia, Feb. 15.—Southwood's J. O. Hutcheson No. 1, in 14-16-20, came in today as the 11th well in Magnolia field. It is one of the best in the field. Goldston's Garrett No. 1, in 13-17-20, which came in yesterday, also is a good well. Pressure on casing in the Hutcheson No. 1, is 1200 pounds and on tubing, 11 pounds. No gauge on oil flow has been made, but a high grade oil is flowing.

First of Three New Magnolia Wells to Spud In Today.

Special to the Gazette. 2-19-39
Magnolia, Feb. 18.—Three new locations are rigging up in the Magnolia field, with one scheduled to spud in tomorrow. These are Southwood L. A. Greling No. 1, northeast northwest 23-17-20; Normandie Goldston's L. Garrett No. 1, northeast southwest 13-17-20, and Hassie Hunt's Talley No. 1, northwest southwest 14-17-20, a south offset to the Atlantic's Talley No. 1, one of the three tests abandoned as a dry hole in the early development of the area. This new Talley test is the farthest on the southwest portion of the field, while the Normandie Goldston's new test is on an east border. The field is now approximately a mile and a half in diameter.

Field Muddy.
The spread of the wells and the extremely muddy field resulting from so much rain, hinders the approaches to many wells. Standard has announced a new location, the McKean No. 5, Buckner field, section 7-16-22, which is rigging up. The company plans to complete the A. Lewis well, Village field, Monday or Tuesday.

Three New Wells Completed.
Two new wells were completed in the Magnolia field and one in the Buckner field this week, increasing to 10 each the number of wells in those fields. The Village field has four producers, and the Atlantic field, one. Another well is believed nearing completion in the Atlantic field, four are drilling in the Magnolia field, and several other locations are on the approved waiting list.

The three completions were the Goldston A. C. Garrett No. 1, southwest southwest, section 13-17-20, brought in Tuesday, and Southwood's J. O. Hutcheson No. 1, northeast southwest, section 14-17-20, completed Wednesday, and Standard's Crone No. 3, northeast southwest, section 8-16-22, Buckner field, all of which are producing good oil from the deep lime. The Crone well was acidized before completion. The A. C. Garrett and the Hutcheson are reported flowing about 17 barrels per hour through a 3-16th-inch choke into tanks, with pressure and gravity about in line with all other best wells in the area. The Crone No. 3 is reported flowing 60 barrels per hour on a large choke.

Warren No.1 Locates Salt Water Source With 'Electric Eye.'

Special to the Gazette. 2-19-39
Stamps, Feb. 18.—Shell and Ohio's Warren No. 1, section 13-16-26, Permian lime wildcat in Lafayette county near Stamps, is plugging back, after locating the source of salt water with an "electric eye" device at 7,182 feet. The test set seven-inch casing to 7,169 feet and will be plugged back to the casing, after which plug will be drilled out to about 7,180 feet for a new test. This test topped the porous lime at 7,173 feet, leaving only a few feet to be tested above salt water. After being acidized, the well showed oil, gas and salt water at 7,284 feet. J. K. Wadley et al.'s Taylor No. 1, section 15-19-26, near Bradley, also in Lafayette county, is drilling ahead at 6,750 feet, looking for the Pettitt zone.

Warren No. 1 Abandoned, Due To Salt Water.

Special to the Gazette. 2-27-39
Stamps, Feb. 27.—Shell and Ohio Oil Company is abandoning its Warren No. 1 well, a Permian lime wildcat in Section 13-16-26, which continued to show salt water despite repeated acidizing jobs. In the last swabbing, 1,000 gallons of acid were used, but operators obtained only a scum of oil and some gas, along with 310 barrels of salt water. The fluid level stood at 2,500 feet despite 20 hours of swabbing. The plug was drilled out to 7,177 feet.

Patton No. 1, Lafayette County Wildcat, Reaches 3,100 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 4-16-39
Stamps, April 15.—Erwin & Leach's Patton No. 1, Section 24-16-20, Lafayette county, near Stamps, a shallow wildcat test, is drilling ahead at 3,100 feet. This test is one of three planned for this area of 2,000 acres, 1,500 of which was farmed out by the Shell and Ohio companies, after failure to make a producer of the Warren No. 1. That test was abandoned about a month ago, after making a fair showing of oil, but was considered by operators to be a poor commercial risk. The new test is about a half-mile south of the Permian lime failure.

Lafayette County Has New Producer

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, April 25.—Erwin & Leach's Patton No. 1 wildcat test in Section 24-16-24, Lafayette county, began flowing oil of its own accord at 7 a. m. today after having been swabbed yesterday and shut in overnight.

The oil tested 41.8 corrected gravity. The well is down 3,604 feet, with casing set at 3,392 feet. Production is from 3,392 to 3,480 feet. Operators shut off the flow today to await installation of tanks, probably tomorrow.

The well was drilled on a contract basis by E. C. Johnston, producer and drilling contractor of Longview, Tex., under supervision of S. P. Bedinfield. Several new locations in the area are being considered. Shallowness of the Patton No. 1 is expected to result in renewed activity in leasing in this area.

Lafayette's New Well Has Big Flow

Special to the Gazette.
Lewisville, April 26.—The Erwin & Leach et al's Patton No. 1, in section 24-16-24, two miles southeast of Lewisville, which blew in yesterday, flowed at the rate of 1,300 barrels a day when turned into the tanks on open flow today. Oil is of 41.8 corrected gravity. The well was drilled to 3,604 feet with casing set at 3,392 feet. Operator plan to set a battery of tanks if the well continues to flow at its present rate, but the well may be shut down temporarily, pending the obtaining of a market for the oil.

The well is about a half-mile south of a Permian lime failure, the Warren No. 1, drilled several months ago by the Shell & Ohio Oil Co. The new producer is on the town-throw side of the Lewisville-Stamps fault system and did not pick up the Glen Rose. The same operators plan to drill an offset, the Bell Estate No. 1, 900 feet south and 66 feet east of the northwest corner of section 19-16-23, Lafayette county. The location is a half-mile southeast of the new producer. E. C. Johnson, producer and drilling contractor of Longview, Tex., will sink the new well, under supervision of S. P. Bedinfield.

The entire section was elated over the new well. Hotels here and at Stamps are filled.

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Special to the Gazette. 5-4-39
Lewisville, May 3.—Drilling on the Erwin Leach-Judy Bell No. 1 well halted late today, going through surface sand, midway shale and artesian water. It is believed the well will be finished Monday. Drillers expect to core all formations or breaks, starting at about 2,689 feet, and cut the faults at about 2,917 feet.

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Bell Estate No. 1 Wins Fight Against Fresh Water.

Special to the Gazette. 5-5-39
Lewisville, May 4.—Erwin & Leach's Bell Estate No. 1 well, in Section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville area, resumed drilling this morning after 48 hours of battling fresh water encountered at 1,870 feet. Operators killed the flow after pumping mud into the well. The depth now is 2,360 feet. The well will be drilled the same

depth as the Patten, which is producing 75 barrels of oil daily through three-sixteenths inch choke with 320 pounds casing pressure and 125 pounds tubing pressure.

An outlet for oil has been obtained through the Grogan & Root Refining Company, and will be trucked to Lewisville to tank cars and shipped to Genoa and Texarkana. Another 2,000-barrel storage tank has been set.

LEWISVILLE IS SURE IT HAS A REAL OIL FIELD

Drilling Conditions Declared Ideal.

Gazette
By CLOVIS COPELAND.
(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette)
Lewisville, May 6.—Business men of Lewisville who have depended on the fertile valley of Red river for a livelihood for many years, were preparing today for a new industry as experts pronounced oil tests from two wells near here as being of high quality and available in marketable quantities.

One well, the Erwin-Leach-Patten No. 1, started producing on a paying basis as a pipeline to a huge storage tank was completed. Frank Patten, one of the owners, and J. Martin Tackett, mayor of Lewisville, were on hand to turn the valves, which opened the pipe. H. H. Hafer of Longview, Tex., in charge of the drilling operations of the East Texas Oil Refining Company, estimated the flow from the well will be 75 barrels a day. This well was brought in at 3,604 feet. The Erwin-Leach Judy Bell No. 1, a half-mile east of the first well, is expected to "blow in" Monday. Mr. Hafer said the drilling indicated an unusually good producer.

Shallow Drilling Possible, Cost Comparatively Small.

Drilling conditions are said to be ideal. Drill water is plentiful. Present rigs can drill one well a week. The East Texas Oil Refining Company has leased 1,750 acres in the area. Conservation authorities have recommended one well for every 20 acres, Mr. Hafer said. Wells in this area will be comparatively shallow and will pay drilling costs in one year, which is considered a very good investment, he said. The area, two miles southeast of Lewisville, is of the same type as several large producing fields in southern Arkansas and East Texas, it was said.

Booster Club Will Promote Oil Field and Town.

Last week, the Lewisville Booster Club was organized to promote the town and the oil fields. Signs have been erected at the city limits on all highways, giving facts about the town and calling "The Heart of the Oil Industry." A permanent organization for the club was set up at a meeting last night. W. D. Stewart was elected chairman, sand, midway shale and artesian water. It is believed the well will be finished Monday. Drillers expect to core all formations or breaks, starting at about 2,689 feet, and cut the faults at about 2,917 feet.

The boosters conducted their first official tour yesterday and were accompanied by nearly a thousand visitors. Honor guests and newspaper men were entertained at a barbecue at the country lodge of Luther N. Edwards, Lewisville business man. Ben Walker, postmaster, was toastmaster. Naylor Stone, former Little Rock, Memphis, Boston and New York newspaperman, has been employed by the club as director, to publicize the town and the field. The club has 100 per cent membership among the business people of Lewisville. Roads have been built to the field under the club's direction, and guides are provided for tourists.

Transportation Facilities For Oil Biggest Problem.

The new industry has many problems. One is adequate transportation facilities for the oil. Pipeline facilities of the East Texas concern are 32 miles away. It was said a line may be constructed to the nearest railroad and the oil shipped by tank car to Memphis for distribution. A local market for the petroleum products may be sought. It was pointed out that this section is one of the largest users of kerosene and Texarkana and Little Rock are said to be good markets for gasoline. A market for fuel or tractor oil may be cultivated in this

section. A market is available for natural gas, it was said.

Mr. Hafer would not discuss the possibilities of his company establishing a refining plant here. He said it has been discussed by company officials. Considerable rivalry has developed between Stamps and Lewisville over the field. Stamps interests are constructing a road to the field, and are planning to make a real bid for its business.

Bell Estate No. 1 Reports Oil At 2,600; Shale Deeper.

Special to the Gazette. 5-7-39
Stamps, May 6.—Erwin & Leach's Bell Estate No. 1, Section 19-16-23, Lafayette county, near Stamps, cut the fault at 2,600 feet yesterday, and samples of core were said to have shown an oil saturation. A second core today at 2,900, however, showed only shale. Coring was from 2,736 feet, with 20 feet recovery of sand and red beds. The sand was eight feet thick. The well will be drilled and cored to 3,480 feet, the same depth as the discovery well, the Patten No. 1.

Authorities disclosed that the Patten well indicated higher producing zones on Schlumberger tests. These levels may be tested. Gas-oil ratio was reported by Arkansas Conservation Commission engineers to be 550-to-1.

No new locations will be made until the Bell is completed.

New Road Being Rushed.
Work is progressing on the new Stamps-Lewisville road running south of the Cotton Belt railroad, made necessary by the new field, which is difficult to reach. Timber is being obtained for the long bridge which will be built over Bodcaw creek. Stamps and Lewisville citizens will share the cost of this road which will probably take two months for completion.

Twin-City Rivalry Grows.
Competition between the two towns, which are only six miles apart, is keen. There seems to be a race on for the most publicity, both towns having much in their favor. Stamps is a fraction closer to the field, and operators of the wells are making their headquarters here, while Lewisville is the county seat, although much smaller in population. Lewisville has a road built part of the way to the wells, but some of it is muddy, and one has to walk three-quarters mile to reach the leases. Stamps citizens are rushing their end of the road as fast as is humanly possible, with the troublesome obstacle of the long bridge over the Bodcaw creek bottoms.

Competition is expected to bring about many changes and a fresh start to many businesses, which heretofore have been rather passive. The feud between the two towns is taking on somewhat the aspect of a joke, and plans are being made to co-operate for the good of both places.

Much building is under way in Stamps. There is not a vacant house in the town, and many oldtimers are cashing in on old houses by renting parts of them as apartments. Several new businesses have opened. Two years ago there were about eight or 10 vacant store buildings. Today there is not one. Two years ago rent was as low as \$5 for a big house. Today one can hardly rent one at any price on account of the shortage.

Erwin and Leach Oil Test Well Drilling Below 3,032 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 5-8-39
Stamps, May 7.—Operators of the Erwin and Leach Bell No. 1 oil test in Section 19-16-23, near Stamps, Lafayette county, drilled ahead below 3,032 feet today after recovering mostly red sand and shale in a core from 2,933 to 2,953 feet. The operators found some oil saturation at 2,736 but plan to drill deeper in hope of finding better saturation. Larry Bartel, chief geologist for the East Texas Refining Co. of Dallas, is supervising the drilling.

Well Near Stamps Cores Shale Below 3,437 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 5-12-39
Stamps, May 11.—Operators of Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company's Bell No. 1, in Section 19-16-23, Lafayette county, between here and Lewisville, obtained five feet of gray shale and two feet of ochre shale in a core from 3,437-57 feet last night. Operators are preparing to run a Schlumberger test. The same operators reported their Patten No. 1, discovery well in the field, made 72 1-2 barrels of oil on a quarter-inch choke yesterday.

New Townsite Laid Out Between New Lafayette Wells.

Special to the Gazette. 5-13-39
Stamps, May 12.—A new townsite has been laid out by A. M. Griffin of Zylks, La., on land between Patten and Bell obtained from the Warren estate. The road leading from Stamps will connect with the new townsite.

Lafayette County Test Shut Down While Cement Sets.

Special to the Gazette. 5-13-39
Lewisville, May 12.—The Erwin & Leach Judy Bell No. 1 well was shut down today to wait on cement. Operators plan to drill the plug Monday and to bring in the well Tuesday.

Operators set the casing and cemented at 3,374 feet, using five and a half inch pipe.
The well has not struck the saturation level of the Erwin and Leach Patton No. 1 well, now flowing. Inability to find sand is worrying geologists. Two sands have been missed and operators say it will be difficult to bring in the well.
The Patton No. 1 well dropped off from 72 barrels yesterday to 52 barrels today. No explanation was given.

Tourists Directed to Oil Field Near Lewisville.

Special to the Gazette. 5-14-39
Lewisville, May 13.—The Lewisville Booster Club has sent out information on how to reach the Lafayette county oil field to newspapers and chambers of commerce in Stamps, Little Rock, Hope, Texarkana and El Dorado.
"A great many visitors from Stamps, Little Rock, Hope, Texarkana and El Dorado call daily and inquire the way to our oil field," Naylor Stone, director of the Booster Club, said. "So we figured it would be helpful to mail out the information."

Highway 82, Texarkana to El Dorado, intersects Highway 29, Hope to Shreveport, on the principal street of this town. Reaching this intersection from all directions, travelers should go one block south, or to the street just before reaching the railroad, then one block east and turn south, cross the railroad track and follow the road direct to the field. Little Rock residents should follow Highway 67 to Hope.
There is a well two and quarter miles southeast of Lewisville.

New Lafayette Test to Drill Plug Tomorrow.

Special to the Gazette. 5-14-39
Stamps, May 13.—The interest of the oil fraternity of three states is centered in the Bell Estate No. 1 test in the new shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, on which plug will be drilled Monday.

Drillers for Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Co. failed to pick up the producing sand which the field's discovery well, the Patten No. 1, cored at 3,480 feet. Plugging back, they will attempt to complete the well from one of two higher levels in which oil saturation was found. Total depth is 3,477 feet.

This test is a half-mile due east of the Patten No. 1, which bottoms on the upthrow side of the fault system, whereas the abandoned Shell-Ohio Warren deep test failure was on the downthrow side of the fault to 3,900 feet, cutting the fault at that point. The Patten No. 1 cut the fault at 2,710 feet. The oil from the Patten is of 41.5 corrected gravity, is dark brown in color with a paraffin base. Two tanks are being used to store the oil into. Several refiners are negotiating for the oil, but no deal has been closed.

Rail Rates Reduced.
The Cotton Belt railroad has announced a rate reduction in oil shipped to Genoa and Texarkana. The oil is being produced from a sand equivalent to the Hull sand of the Rodessa series in the Glen Rose lime section, and the wells cut the same fault which runs through this much explored section, but which never had produced until the Patten well was discovered.

Work on the new Erwin & Leach road from Stamps to Lewisville through the new oil field is being rushed. Trees have been cleared from the right-of-way, fences moved back, and stumps are being pulled out, preparatory to grading and graveling. Timbers are on the ground to begin construction of the bridge across Bodcaw creek. The road will cut the distance between the two towns two miles.

Bell No. 1, Lafayette County, May Be Completed Today.

Special to the Gazette. 5-16-39
Lewisville, May 15.—The plug was drilled in at 3,473 feet today at the Erwin-Leach and East Texas Refining Company's Bell No. 1 well, in Section 19-16-23, an east offset to the discovery Patton No. 1, and operators expect to bring in the well tomorrow.

The well is bottomed in lime and sand, both being saturated. The tubing was pulled out and the bit was taken off and then run back. The well was washed with clear water and a 400-pound "Christmas tree" was put on.

Operators said they will be ready to swab at daylight tomorrow. They expect to have the wash water out by noon. "By 3 p. m. tomorrow we expect to have all storage filled up," H. L. Young, field foreman, said.

Operators expect a speedy "kick back." Tanks and separators are on the location ready for the test.

A rig will be set up for a new test by the Erwin-Leach and East Texas Refining Company Wednesday or Thursday, or as soon as they are through with the Bell well.

Oil Increases as Swabbing On Lafayette Well Continues.

Special to the Gazette. 5-17-39
Stamps, May 16.—Swabbing of Erwin & Leach, East Texas Refining Co.'s Bell No. 1, offset to the same company's Patten No. 1, was begun today.

First swabs showed oil and considerable wash water, with gas pressure low, later swabs showed more oil. Swabbing was halted at dark and will be continued at daybreak tomorrow until the well cleans itself. Officials reported tonight the well was swabbing at the rate of 10 barrels an hour, with 200-pound casing pressure, and no tubing pressure. An official gauge will be made tomorrow. The contract drilling rig was released today.

Operators expect this well to be as good as the Patten well, but anticipate more difficulty in putting it on production. Total swabbing depth is 3,439 feet and total depth is 3,477.

The company's Patten No. 1 made 45 barrels today. An 87-by-20-foot steel pumping derrick was completed today, and operators expect the gas pressure to build up until the well returns to its original 75 barrels daily.

Lafayette Well In As Good Producer

5-18-39

Special to the Gazette. 5-17-39
Stamps, May 17.—After making 50 barrels by heads in four hours, the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bell No. 1, Section 19-16-23, Lafayette county, was shut down at 2 a. m. today to await erection of more oil tanks.

The well was swabbed from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. yesterday, making 40 barrels. The oil was turned into the tanks later, but was allowed to flow only the short time, as only one 100-barrel tank has been leased. Two 200-barrel tanks will be set by Friday.

The oil is of 41.8 gravity. Casing pressure is 500 and tubing pressure on one-inch choke, 200. The well was swabbed to 3,439 feet, and total depth is 3,477 feet.

The Patten No. 1 of the same operators, a half-mile northwest of the Bell No. 1, made 45 barrels on three-sixteenths inch choke yesterday and 45 barrels today. Operators are swabbing out paraffin in oil on the Patten.

New Lafayette Tests to Spud In Today and Tomorrow.

Special to the Gazette. 5-22-39
Lewisville, May 21.—Operators expect to spud in the Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company's F. C. Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, tomorrow. The derrick was enacted today.

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Another Test Well Spudded In Near Lewisville.

Special to the Gazette. 5-23-39

Lewisville, May 22.—The Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company's F. G. Wright et al No. 1 well was spudded in today and operators are setting pipe. The well is in the center of the north half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 24-16-24, on the outskirts of the corporation limits of Lewisville. It is being drilled by E. C. Johnson.

The derrick is near completion at the company's Harleston No. 7 in section 23-16-24.

The Patton No. 1 made 46 barrels of oil today.

The right-of-way is being cleared for pipe line from the Patton storage to the Cotton Belt railroad.

With a field slowly developing, oil men are coming into Lewisville daily. Representatives of several oil supply houses have been here seeking sites on which to establish businesses.

Surface Casing Set on Fourth Lafayette Well.

Special to the Gazette. 5-24-39

Stamps, May 23.—Operators set surface pipe at 100 feet today on the Erwin & Leach, East Texas Refining Company's Wright No. 1, in section 24-16-24, Lafayette county, after spudding in yesterday.

Rig is being moved in for the Harleston No. 1, section 23-16-24. Operators expect to spud in by Thursday. The crew of 15 men which will drill the well established headquarters here yesterday. Col. M. T. Flanagan is in charge.

Material is being moved to the Patton lease for construction of a warehouse. Operators are setting a pump on the company's Bell No. 1 to pump oil to the Patton storage tank from where a pipe line is being laid to the Cotton Belt railroad at Stamps.

J. L. Moss, industrial agent for the Cotton Belt, is here conferring with officials regarding loading facilities, as an outlet for oil is expected to be announced soon.

The Erwin & Leach road to the oil field rapidly is nearing completion.

Lafayette Oil Area Designated As Lewisville Field.

Special to the Gazette. 5-26-39

Lewisville, May 25.—A committee of Lewisville business men returned today from El Dorado, pleased over the decision of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission to name the nearby oil field the Lewisville field.

The following report on the field was made by the commission:

"The Patton No. 1 well was shut-in on this date, due to changes being made in flow lines and installation of a gathering system on the Patton lease. After approximately a four-hour shut-in, the tubing and casing pressure were 150 pounds and 460 pounds, respectively.

"This well has produced 1,334 barrels of crude. Of this amount, 1,100 barrels are in storage on the lease and 234 barrels in a tank car, with no immediate market for either. This well was brought in on April 24 and has produced an average of 45 barrels daily.

"The well was opened on the night of April 23 and produced 35 barrels of

oil in approximately 14 hours, producing on a 6-64 inch choke. The tubing and casing pressures were 95 pounds and 430 pounds, respectively.

Storage consists of two 2,000-barrel tanks, to be used for the gathering system, and two 150-barrel tanks for the lease production. The pipeline from the Patton lease to the loading rack is nearly half completed.

"Erwin Leach's Judy Bell Estate well No. 1 was completed May 16 and has produced 425 barrels, an average daily production of 51 barrels on a 5-64 inch choke. The tubing pressure is 380 pounds and the casing 670 pounds. Storage consists of two 210-barrel tanks and one 100-barrel tank. The well is producing artesian water up through the surface casing from an estimated depth of 1,400. This water is being used for drilling purposes on a new location. The five and a half inch oil string is set at 3,368 feet and cemented back to 2,900 feet. A Halliburton two-stage cementing cellar was set at 2,770 feet and cement pumped back to 2,400 feet."

Lafayette Test Reaches 1,200 Feet; New Well Spudded In.

Special to the Gazette. 5-26-39

Stamps, May 25.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Wright No. 1, section 24-16-24, Lafayette county, is drilling ahead at 1,202 feet in shale. The company's Harleston No. 1, section 23-16-24, spudded in and set surface casing at 100 feet late today.

A mile and a half of pipeline has been laid toward the railroad tracks in Stamps, employing 25 men from here. Temporary bridge over Bodcaw creek has been completed, making the new oil field road passable.

Wright Well, Lafayette County, Down 750 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 5-25-39

Lewisville, May 24.—Operators were drilling at 750 feet through shale and shell at the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's F. L. Wright et al No. 1, section 24-16-24, today.

Operators expect to spud in tomorrow on the company's Harleston No. 1 section 23-16-24, on the outskirts of Lewisville. Col. M. T. Flanagan will drill this well.

Erection of a warehouse was started today on the Patton lease. Oil from the company's Bell No. 1 will be pumped to the tank, from which a pipe line is being laid to the Cotton Belt railroad. The company's Patton No. 1, discovery well, made 40 barrels and the company's Bell No. 1, 30 barrels today.

Work on the relocation and asphalt construction of Highway 82 from Lewisville to Stamps is expected to be started late next month.

County Judge J. W. Reeves signed an order today condemning part of the right-of-way. Contract will be awarded soon for paving the strip with \$110,000 appropriated for the job. The relocation will reduce the distance from Lewisville to Stamps from six to five miles.

Wright No. 1, Lafayette County, Drilling Below 1,435 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 5-27-39

Stamps, May 26.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company operators drilled ahead below 1,435 feet today on the Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, Lafayette county, after cores at 1,273-93, 1,293-1,313 and 1,415-1,435 feet showed shale, sand and salt water yesterday.

Location Made for Fifth Well In Lewisville Field.

Special to the Gazette. 5-28-39

Lewisville, May 27.—Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company made a new location today in the center of the north 20 acres of the Scruggs tract of 80 acres, in section 23-16-24, and expected to set the surface pipe during the night. The well will be known as the Scruggs No. 1.

Operators were drilling ahead in chalk at 2,050 feet in the Erwin and Leach et al. Wright No. 1, section 24-16-24, after setting 100 feet of 10 3-4 surface pipe.

The company's Harleston No. 1, section 23-16-24, which was spudded in late last night, was waiting on cement. Operators expect to start drilling under the surface tomorrow morning.

The company's Patton No. 1, discovery well, made 45 barrels today, and the Bell No. 1 made 80 barrels.

With much activity in the Lewisville field, the town was crowded yesterday with royalty and lease buyers, and operators of oil supply and drilling equipment houses.

Lewisville Field Ships Its First Oil

5-30-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, May 29.—With the completion of a five-car loading rack on the Cotton Belt railroad here, operators began loading oil from the new Lewisville field into tank cars for shipment today. A pipeline connects the loading rack with the field.

Stephens Drilling Co. of Talco, Tex., made location today for a new well in Section 30-16-23.

Status of the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Co. wells today: Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, drilling at 2,310 in shale; Harleston No. 1, Section 23-16-24, drilling 1,500 feet in shale; Scruggs No. 1, Section 23-16-24, operators digging pits; Willie Wright No. 1, Section 23-16-24, setting surface casing after spudding in Saturday.

The Patton No. 1, discovery well, made 45 barrels, and the Bell No. 1, 80 barrels today.

Seventh Location Announced In Lewisville Field.

Special to the Gazette. 5-31-39

Stamps, May 30.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company announced a seventh location in the Lewisville field today. It will be in the center of the north half of northeast northwest Section 24-16-24 and will be known as the Cleve Warren No. 1.

The well in Section 30-16-23, for which the Stephens Drilling Company of Talco, Tex., independent operators, made location yesterday, will be known as the J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1. J. Guy Allen owns the location. The 120-acre tract was farmed out to the Texas firm Erwin & Leach.

Five cars of oil were shipped from here to the Root Refining Company in El Dorado yesterday.

Status of various wells today was: Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, drilling in shale at 2,675; Harleston No. 1, 33-16-24, drilling in shale at 2,140; Scruggs and Willie Wright, both in 23-16-24, waiting on cement after setting casing.

Seventh Well Spudded In In Lewisville Field.

Special to the Gazette. 6-1-39

Lewisville, May 31.—Operators today spudded in the surface hole of the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren No. 1, Section 24-16-24, the seventh location in the Lewisville field.

Operators were drilling at 2,863 feet at the company's F. L. Wright, et al. No. 1 well, Section 24-16-24.

Drillers encountered slight trouble at the company's Harleston No. 1, Section 23-16-24, when the drill pipe stuck 125 feet from the top. They had reached 2,375 feet and were in sandy shale.

Operators were digging pits at the company's Scruggs No. 1, Section 23-16-24, and were clearing the location at the Willie Wright No. 1, Section 23-16-24.

The company's Patton No. 1 discovery well, today made 42 1-2 barrels of oil and the Bell No. 1 made 81 1-4 barrels. Machinery was being hauled to the J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1, Section 30-16-23, which will be drilled by Ira Dillard.

Lewisville Field Expands As First Oil Is Shipped.

Special to the Gazette. 6-4-39

Stamps, June 3.—The past week witnessed the shipment of the first oil from the field between Stamps and Lewisville, the spudding in of three new wells and the announcement of location for a fourth.

Seven cars of oil were shipped from the East Texas Refining Company's loading rack on the Cotton Belt railroad here to the Root Refining Co. in El Dorado. The oil is piped from a storage battery on the Patten lease to the loading rack here.

The new locations were the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Willie Wright No. 1 and Scruggs No. 1, both in section 23-16-24, and the Cleve Warren No. 1, section 24-16-24, all of which spudded in and now are waiting on cement. The other new location, the J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1, section 30-16-23, completed setting of surface casing today. The Allen test is by an independent operator on a tract farmed out by Erwin & Leach.

The Wright No. 1, section 24-16-24, after being shut down in the red bed at 3,311, awaiting a new pump, resumed drilling today in the sandy shale. Harleston No. 1, section 23-16-24, is drilling in the red bed at 3,015 feet. Both are nearing the pay sand.

The field's completed wells, the Patton No. 1 in 24-16-24, made 45 barrels daily this week, and the Bell No. 1 in section 19-16-23, made 81 barrels daily.

The new oil field road leading from Stamps has been graveled and graded and converted into a good road.

Wright No. 1 Shut Down Third Time by Tool Trouble.

Special to the Gazette. 6-7-39

Lewisville, June 6.—The Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's F. L. Wright No. 1 well, in section

24-16-24, was shut down today as a result of a crown block being damaged when operators were preparing to core at 3,602 feet in the anhydrite. It was the third time the well had been shut down.

Operators were drilling in lime at 3,430 feet at the company's Harleston No. 1, section 24-16-24. The Patton No. 1 discovery well's pay off was at 3,480 feet.

The company's Cleve Warren No. 1, section 24-16-24; Scruggs No. 1, section 23-16-24, and Willie Wright No. 1, section 23-16-24, were clearing locations and digging pits.

The J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1 well, section 30-16-23, by independent operators, was waiting on tools.

Wright No. 1 Resumes Drilling After Third Shutdown.

Special to the Gazette. 6-8-39

Lewisville, June 7.—After having been closed down 13 hours by a damaged crown block, the Erwin & Leach East Texas Refining Company's F. L. Wright No. 1, well in section 24-16-24, was coring below 3,615 feet in anhydrite today.

Operators were drilling in lime and shale at 3,522 feet at the company's Harleston No. 1 in section 24-16-24.

Much Activity in Progress In Lewisville Oil Field.

Special to the Gazette. 6-9-39

Lewisville, June 8.—Operators were drilling in lime at 3,650 feet today after having cored yesterday at the East Texas Company's F. L. Wright No. 1.

Operators are drilling in anhydrite at 3,633 feet at Harleston No. 1 in 24-16-24.

Roads and bridges are being built and locations cleared at the Cleve Warren No. 1 Section 24-16-24. Scruggs No. 1 in 23-16-24 and Willie Wright No. 1 in 23-16-24.

J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1 in 30-16-23 shut down waiting orders today.

Patton No. 1 discovery well made 37 barrels and Bell No. 1 made 81 barrels.

Drilling Resumed in New Test In Lewisville Field.

6-10-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 9.—The Erwin and Leach and East Texas Refining Company's Harleston No. 1 well in Section 24-16-24 cut a core from 3,695 to 3,710 feet today. The core revealed shale and lime with no showing. Drilling was resumed.

The company's F. L. Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, was shut down today for the fourth time since drilling was commenced. A broken shaft and transmission were responsible. A Schlumberger was finished at 5:30 this morning. Operators will take a wall core if they can get in the hole.

Operators still were clearing location at the company's Cleve Warren No. 1, Section 24-16-24 at the Scruggs No. 1, Section 23-16-24 and at the Willie Wright No. 1 Section 23-16-24.

The Patton No. 1 discovery well made 37 1-3 barrels of oil today and the Bell No. 1 made 81 1-4 barrels.

The J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1, Section 30-16-23 independent operators, are waiting on orders.

Wright and Harleston Wells In Lewisville Field Abandoned.

6-12-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 11.—Erwin & Leach and the East Texas Refining Company, which jointly brought in two wells now producing in the Lewisville field between Stamps and Lewisville, announced today that they were abandoning as dry their Wright No. 1, Section 24-16-24, and Harleston No. 1, Section 23-16-24.

The Wright well had reached 3,675 and had experienced drilling trouble three times. The Harleston well was taken to 3,765. Both depths are lower than the bottoms of the Patton No. 1, discovery oiler in the field, and the Bell No. 2, the other well now flowing. The rigs on the abandoned wells are being torn down. They will be moved to new locations. The Wright well will be used as an artesian water well for the field.

Derrick Going Up for Warren Well in Lewisville Field.

6-15-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 14.—Erwin & Leach & East Texas Refining Company today began erecting the derrick and digging pits at their Cleve Warren et al. No. 1 well in the center of the 20 acres of the northeast northwest of section 24-16-24. Contract for the drilling has been awarded to M. T. Flanagan and Will Modisette.

The Patton No. 1-A in the center of the south 20 acres of the northeast northeast of section 24-16-24, is waiting for contractors. Location already has been cleared.

The company's Scruggs No. 1 section 23-16-24, and Willie Wright No. 1, section 23-16-24, were waiting on orders, as was the J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1, section 30-16-23, an independent well.

The Patton No. 1 discovery well made 37 1-2 barrels of oil and the Bell No. 1 made 81 1-4 barrels today.

Derrick Up, Tools Moved In For New Lewisville Test.

6-16-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 16.—The derrick has been completed and tools were being moved in today at the Erwin Leach East Texas Refining Company Cleve Warren No. 1 well in section 24-16-24. Operators are laying a gas line to the well.

Operators are waiting on contractors at the Patton No. 1-A, section 24-16-24. The road has been cleared and pits have been dug.

The Scruggs No. 1, section 23-16-24; Willie Wright No. 1, section 23-16-24, and J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1, section 30-16-23, are waiting on orders.

The Patton No. 1 discovery well, today made 37 1-2 barrels of oil and the Bell No. 1 made 81 1-4 barrels.

Lewisville Field, After Slow Week, to Quicken Tempo.

6-18-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 17.—Developments in the new Lafayette county field between Stamps and Lewisville have been slow this week. Abandoning as dry of the Wright No. 1 in Section 24-16-24, a half-mile south of the discovery well, and the Harleston No. 1 in Section

23-16-24, has delayed somewhat the further operations on locations already announced.

Tuesday officials of the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company announced a new location, the Patton Estate A-1, in the center of the 20 acres of the northeast northeast of Section 24-16-24, equidistant from the Patton No. 1 discovery well, and the second oiler, the Judy Bell No. 1. Officials also began work on the Cleve Warren No. 1, Section 24-16-24, which is 990 feet northwest of the discovery well. This location was staked about a month ago. Flanagan and Modisette, drilling contractors of Longview, Tex., will drill the Cleve Warren.

Work of clearing location and building a road to the Patton A-1 has been progressing since the announcement of the new location. Operators said they expect to start drilling within a week. E. C. Johnson of Longview will drill the Patton well.

The Patton No. 1 continues to produce 37 1-2 barrels of oil per day, and the Bell produces at the rate of 81 barrels per day. The oil is being piped to the loading rack in Stamps and shipped to Root Refining Company in El Dorado.

Cleve Warren No. 1 Reaches 1,492 Feet.

6-21-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 20.—Operators were drilling at 1,492 feet at the Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren et al. No. 1, section 24-16-24, today. Showings were of lime and shale.

Operators are waiting on a contractor at the company's Patton No. 1-B, an offset to the discovery well, in section 24-16-24.

The Scruggs No. 1 section 23-16-24; the Willie Wright No. 1 section 23-16-24, and J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1, section 30-16-23, still were shut down today, waiting on orders.

The Patton No. 1-A discovery well, today made 37 1-2 barrels of oil, and the Bell No. 1 made 81 3-4 barrels.

Drilling to Be Started Today On New Lewisville Well.

6-22-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 21.—The E. C. Johnson Drilling Company today moved onto the Erwin Leach East Texas Refining Company's Patton No. 1-B location, in the center of the south 20 acres of the northeast of the northeast of section 24-16-24. The derrick will be erected tomorrow. This well is in offset to the Patton No. 1-A discovery well.

Operators were drilling at 2,267 feet in the company's Cleve Warren No. 1 well, section 24-16-24. Showings were in chalk and shale.

Erwin & Leach East Texas Refining Company today abandoned the Scruggs No. 1, section 23-16-24, and Willie Wright No. 1, in section 23-16-24, locations on which drilling never was started.

The Patton No. 1-A discovery well made 37 1-2 barrels oil and the Bell No. 1 78 3-4 barrels today.

The J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1 well in section 30-16-23 still is waiting on orders.

Drillers Reach 2,510 Feet On Cleve Warren Well.

6-23-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 22.—Operators were drilling at 2,510 feet today at Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren et al. No. 1 well, Section 24-16-24, an offset to the Patton No. 1-A discovery well. Showings were in shale and chalk.

Operators were erecting the derrick at the Patton No. 1-B, Section 24-16-24.

The Patton No. 1-A discovery well,

fell off to 35 barrels of oil today, but the Bell No. 1 made 79 barrels.

Operators still were waiting on orders at the J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1, Section 30-16-23, independent well.

Cleve Warren Well Drilled To 2,934 Feet.

6-24-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 23.—Operators were drilling at 2,934 feet late today at the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren et al. No. 1, in section 24-16-24. Showings were in shale. No core has been taken.

Derrick has been completed at the company's Patton No. B-1, offset to the Patton No. 1-A, discovery well, and tools are being moved in.

The Patton No. 1-A made 35 barrels oil and the Bell No. 1, 79 barrels today.

Drillers still were waiting on orders at the J. C. Stevens Allen No. 1, in section 30-16-23, independent well.

Cleve Warren Reaches 3,240; Patton B-1 to Spud In Today.

6-25-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 24.—Activity in the new Lafayette county field between Stamps and Lewisville this week was brisk. Drilling on the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren A-1, section 24-16-24, is being rushed. Total depth now is 3,240 in shale. At the present drilling rate, this well should be in the producing sand encountered by the Patton A-1, discovery well, and the Bell No. 1, second producer, next week. The discovery well's depth was 3,480, and the Bell's, 3,477 feet.

The derrick has been completed and drilling equipment moved in on the company's new location, the Patton B-1, in the same section. Operators expect to spud in and surface casing set early tomorrow.

Officials announced that two locations staked about a month ago, in section 23-16-24, on the outskirts of Lewisville, would be abandoned, as drilling on these locations was too great a risk after the failure of the Harleston No. 1 in the same section two weeks

ago. Geological reports received here are said to show three faults running through the shallow field just north of old tests drilled several years ago and straight through the city of Stamps. The report is marked "Stamps area."

Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Co., have shipped 3,300 barrels of oil to the Root Refining Co., in El Dorado from the Patton A-1 and the Bell No. 1. The oil is sent by pipeline to Stamps and there loaded into tank cars for shipment to El Dorado.

Efforts are being made to assemble drilling blocks in several sections in and near Stamps, and announcements

Cleve Warren Well, Lewisville Field, Reaches 3,257.

6-25-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 25.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren A-1 section, Section 24-16-24, was drilling at 3,257 feet in shale and lime today. Rain delayed operations yesterday on the Patton B-1, a new location. Operators planned to spud in and set surface casing tonight.

Ware No. 1, in Lewisville Field, Drilling at 3,400 Feet.

6-27-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, June 26.—A core was taken from 3,320 to 3,340 feet today at Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Ware, et al. No. 1 Well, in Section 24-16-24. Operators now are drilling ahead below 3,340 feet in lime and shale.

Operators spudded in the Patton No. 1-B Well, in Section 24-16-24 and set surface casing, and now are waiting on cement.

The Patton No. 1, a discovery well, made 35 barrels of oil today and the Bell No. 1 made 78 barrels.

They still were waiting on orders at the J. C. Stevens-Allen No. 1 Well, in Section 30-16-23.

Cleve Warren A-1 Well Reaches 3,444 Feet.

6-28-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 27.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren A-1, section 24-16-24, was drilling ahead at 3,444 feet today. A core taken from 3,407-26 showed shale lime and sand. Operators have not determined the porosity of the sand. The next two days drilling should determine the outcome of this well.

Operators drilled the plug on the Patton B-1, same section, early today. It now is drilling at 400 feet. The Patton A-1, discovery well, and Bell No. 1 second oiler, increased slightly in production to 38 and 81 1-4 barrels, respectively.

Two Wells Near Expected Pay In Lewisville Field.

7-2-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 1.—In the new Lafayette county field between Stamps and Lewisville, the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's two wells, the Cleve Warren A-1, Section 24-16-24 and the Patton B-1, same section, held close attention today.

Operators completed a Schlumberger test on the Warren and ran pipe to a total depth of 3,575 feet, and are waiting on cement to set. Cores from this well have been rather promising, but the porosity of the sand has not been determined. The outcome of the well probably will be known the first of next week.

The Patton B-1 is drilling at 3,150 with showings of shale. This location is equidistant from the discovery well and the Bell, the second producer.

A new location has been staked by

the company in the center of the south half of northeast northwest of Section 24-16-24. It will be known as the Cleve Warren et al. B-1.

A proposed location is being cleared on land belonging to the Bodcaw Lumber Company, east of the Bodcaw creek, in the center of the north half of the northeast quarter of Section 19-16-23. This location is within 100 feet of the well drilled by Erwin & Leach et al. to 3,823 feet in 1936, and which made such an excellent showing of oil in the same horizon from which the Patton and Bell now are producing. This location is a short distance from the city limits of Stamps.

The Patton A-1 discovery and the Bell, second oiler, have increased steadily in production the past few days to 81 and 40 barrels respectively.

Production Test to Be Made On Cleve Warren Well.

7-4-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 3.—A production test will be attempted tomorrow on the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren A-1 in section 24-16-24, Lafayette county. Operators drilled the plug today, and the well is being washed. Showings have been favorable.

The same company's Patton B-1 in the same section remains shut down at 3,390 feet due to the burning out of a transmission shaft. Operators expect to resume drilling tomorrow.

Lewisville Field's Third Well In

7-5-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, July 4.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company celebrated this Fourth of July by bringing in the Cleve Warren et al. No. 1 well in section 24-16-24 at 1:35 p. m.

The well is cleaning itself out with its own gas pressure. The oil is running through a pipe to the separator and then into the tank. Production is from the same formation as the Patton No. 1-A, discovery well.

Tests of the casing and tubing pressure and flow will be made by tomorrow.

This is the third producing well in the Lewisville field. Several hundred persons stood three or more hours under a broiling sun, watching operators bring in the well.

Operators are running casing at the Patton No. 1-B, an offset to the Patton No. 1-A, situated half-way between the latter well and the producing Bell No. 1 well. A depth of 3,505 was reached at the Patton No. 1-B.

Plug Drilled on Patton B-1, Lewisville Field.

7-9-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 8.—Following drilling of the plug this morning, operators of the Patton B-1, section 24-16-24, ran tubing, preparatory to completion.

The well, equidistant between the field's discovery well, the Patton A-1, and the field's second producer, the Bell No. 1, was drilled to 3,505 feet, with casing set to 3,381.

Third well in the field was added this week, the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Co.'s Warren No. 1, section 24-16-24. The well, 3,578 feet deep, came in Tuesday but mud choked off the flow temporarily after it made 56 barrels in a five-sixteenth inch choke. A derrick is being erected over the well and operators will continue swabbing to increase the flow, as the well looms as perhaps the strongest of the first three completions.

The drilling rig from the Warren A-1 was moved to the company's new location, the Warren B-1, same section, 660 feet south of the A-1, Will Modisette, drilling contractor, set surface casing on the well today.

The rig from the Patton B-1 was moved intact today to another new location east of the Bodcaw creek, in section 19-16-23, near Stamps. This location is only 100 feet from the Bodcaw No. 3 well, which was drilled by Erwin & Leach in 1937, and made an excellent showing in the same horizon from which the three wells in the new field are now producing, should this well prove a good one, much activity in nearby sections, already under lease, would result. E. C. Johnson will drill the Bodcaw well.

A third new location has been announced by J. C. Stevens, independent operator of Talco, Tex. It is in the center half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 19-16-23, about three-eighth mile southeast of the Bell No. 1, on the edge of the west side of Bodcaw creek.

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7-9-39

Special to the Gazette.

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The well, equidistant between the field's discovery well, the Patton A-1, and the field's second producer, the Bell No. 1, was drilled to 3,505 feet, with casing set to 3,381.

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The drilling rig from the Warren A-1 was moved to the company's new location, the Warren B-1, same section, 660 feet south of the A-1, Will Modisette, drilling contractor, set surface casing on the well today.

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Lewisville Field's Fourth Well In

7-10-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, July 9.—Erwin Leach and East Texas Refining Company brought in their Patton No. 1-B in section 24-16-24, an offset to the Patton No. 1-A discovery well, today. No gauge has been taken.

It is the fourth well in the Lewisville field. A large crowd gathered at daybreak and remained throughout the swabbing until the well came in.

Tubing is still plugged, and operators are trying to produce through casing at the Cleve Warren No. 1 in section 24-16-24, which was brought in Tuesday. A derrick is being erected over it, so operators can swab until tubing is cleaned thoroughly.

Operators Drill Under Surface Casing at Warren 1-B.

7-12-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, July 11.—Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company started drilling under the surface casing at their Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-B in section 24-16-24 today.

Operators were building a derrick and moving in tools at the company's Bodcaw No. 1, in section 19-16-23. E. C. Johnson is drilling this well, and William Modisette is drilling the Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-B.

Operators are acidizing the Patton No. 1-A, discovery well; the Patton No. 1-B, an offset to the discovery well, brought in Sunday, and the Bell No. 1, all in section 24-16-24.

The Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-A, fourth producer in the Lewisville field, is cleaned out, and oil is flowing through the pipes into the storage tank.

Cleve Warren 1-B, Lewisville Field, Down 2,297 Feet.

7-13-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, July 12.—Operators were drilling at 2,297 feet in lime and shale at Erwin & Leach East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-B, which was brought in a few days ago, made 60 barrels of oil today. The Bell No. 1 made 81 1-4 barrels. The latter well is in section 24-16-24.

Operators were acidizing and testing the Patton No. 1-A and were acidizing the Patton No. 1-B, both in section 24-16-24.

The Derrick was completed today and operators were moving in tools at the Bodcaw No. 1 well, in section 19-16-23. This well will be drilled by E. C. Johnson.

Bodcaw No. 1 Spuds In; Surface Casing Set.

7-14-39

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 13.—Operators spudded in and set surface casing today at the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, east of Bodcaw creek in section 19-16-23. The company's Warren 1-B, section 24-16-24, is drilling ahead at 2,500 feet in lime and shale.

J. C. Stevens, independent operator of Talco, Tex., is in New York conferring with associates concerning drilling operations on a new location in 19-16-23. All wells in the field are showing a slight increase in production.

Cleve Warren 1-B, Lewisville Field, Reaches 2,963 Feet.

7-15-39

Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, July 14.—Operators were drilling at 2,963 feet at Erwin Leach and East Texas Refining Company's Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-B, in Section 24-16-24 today. The formation showed shale and red bed.

Operators were waiting on cement at the company's Bodcaw No. 1 in Section 19-16-23, which spudded in set surface casing yesterday.

The company's Patton No. 1-A, discovery well in Section 24-16-24, made 80 barrels of oil; the Bell No. 1, Section 24-16-24, 84 barrels, and the Cleve Warren et al. No. 1-A, Section 24-16-24, 61 barrels today.

Stamps-Lewisville Well Output Increased by Acidizing.

7-16-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 15.—All wells in the Stamps-Lewisville field were acidized this week because of low gas pressure, and a slight increase in production resulted. The Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Warren B-1, section 24-16-24, is drilling ahead at 2,950 feet in lime and shale. This well should reach the producing sand next week. Of major interest now is the company's Bodcaw No. 1, now location east of the Bodcaw Creek in section 19-16-23 near Stamps. Operators set surface casing to 114 feet Thursday and drilled under surface casing last night. Should this well prove a producer, renewed activity in sections nearby, which have been waiting to see just which way the field would run, would result.

The completion of Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Patten B-1, section 24-16-24 last Sunday made the fourth producer for the new Stamps-Lewisville field. The well was swabbed to bottom two days, with oil flowing by small heads behind the swabs, before gas pressure built up sufficiently for the well to flow naturally. The gauge was 81 barrels the first 24 hours on 5-16th inch choke, with casing pressure of 570 pounds, and no tubing pressure. A test by the East Texas Refining Company showed the oil to be 41.8 corrected gravity, the same as that of the other three producers in the field. Total depth is 3,505 feet.

Interest in the field increased this week due to the excellent showing made by the Standard Oil Company's McKean No. 6 in the Buckner field, Lafayette county, and announcement by that company of an offset to be drilled in section 7-16-22, a quarter-mile east of Buckner. These locations and the Stamps-Lewisville field extending toward that direction have resulted in an attempt to assemble a block between Stamps and Buckner for a test well.

The Warren B-1 is coring in lime and shale at 2,150 feet.

Fifth, Sixth Lafayette County Wells Near Completion.

7-23-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 22.—In the Stamps-Lewisville field of Lafayette county, Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Warren B-1, section 24-16-24, and Bodcaw No. 1, section 19-16-23, near Stamps, loom as the fifth and sixth producers for the new shallow field.

Operators set casing on the Warren Thursday after completing Schlumberger survey. The plug probably will be drilled Monday and production test attempted. Total depth is 3,505, with casing set at 3,391.

The Bodcaw No. 1, coring today, may set casing late tonight. Total depth is 3,507. Cores from both wells have been favorable, showing shale, lime and oil saturation. The Bodcaw well is being watched closely.

Warren B-1 Fifth Well In New Field

7-26-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 25.—Erwin Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Warren B-1, Section 24-16-24, came in at noon today flowing naturally. No gauge of production has been made. It is the fifth producer for the new Stamps-Lewisville shallow field. Total depth is 3,505 with the base of the massive formation at 3,404 feet.

The company's Bodcaw No. 1, Section 19-16-23, near Stamps, will drill plug tomorrow, and production test will be attempted. Cores of the Glen Rose pay zone have shown excellent oil saturation. The depth is 3,480. The well logged the base of the anhydrite at 3,429 feet.

A new location staked by the company is the Buchanan No. 1 in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 19-16-23.

Bodcaw No. 1, Stamps-Lewisville Field, Due In Today.

7-28-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 27.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, Section 19-16-23, near Stamps, was swabbed today, with excellent showings of oil after each swab. Gas pressure was low but was expected to build up sufficiently to bring the well in tomorrow.

The company's Warren B-1 was shut in for bottom hole pressure test.

Bodcaw No. 1 Acidized When Gas Pressure Continues Low.

7-29-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 28.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, section 19-16-23, near Stamps, was acidized today after it failed to kick off on its own gas pressure. Swabs have shown excellent oil saturation but low gas pressure causes concern as to the outcome of the well. It probably will be Sunday before its outcome is known.

The Warren B-1 remains shut in for pressure test.

Bodcaw No. 1 to Be Tested On Higher Level Today.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 29.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, was acidized yesterday with 5,000 gallons of acid and today operators were swabbing salt water which is believed to be chief cause of the well's failure to flow.

Operators plan to plug back to a higher level and attempt another production test tomorrow. Plug was drilled on the Bodcaw Wednesday and swabs showed excellent oil saturation, but low gas pressure and salt water have kept well from flowing naturally. The company's Warren B-1, section 24-16-24, which has been shut in since completion Tuesday for pressure test was opened today. A new location announced today was the Warren A-2, in the center half of northwest northwest of section 24-16-24. Drilling probably will begin next week.

Bodcaw No. 1 to Be Tested On Higher Level Today.

7-30-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 29.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, was acidized yesterday with 5,000 gallons of acid and today operators were swabbing salt water which is believed to be chief cause of the well's failure to flow.

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Stamps-Lewisville Field Adds Sixth Producer.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 5.—A mile northeast extension of production in the state's newest shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville in Lafayette county was made today, when Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, Section 19-16-23, was completed. It was the sixth producer for the field. Total depth is 3,536.

No gauge has been made, as operators are swabbing oil and a small amount of brackish water, and plan to erect pumping equipment over the well. Low gas pressure has caused much difficulty in efforts to make the well flow naturally. The plug was drilled and a production test attempted two weeks ago, followed by swabbing with excellent oil saturation, but due to low pressure, the well refused to kick off on its own power. Operators decided to acidize, hoping to increase the flow, and the well was treated with 5,000 gallons of acid. When salt water threatened the well, operators decided to plug back 39 feet and cement, hoping to seal off the salt water. This second plug was drilled Thursday, and it is believed that the salt water has been overcome. It is estimated that the well will make 100 barrels a day, which is a little better than that of the other wells in the field.

New Test Near 1936 Failure.

If this well proves a producer, it will confirm the three-year-old belief of Erwin & Leach that the section was a productive one. It was in 1936 that the Bodcaw No. 3, same section, and only 100 feet east, was drilled to a much deeper depth than the other wells in the area, with an excellent showing of oil in the same shallow level from which the other wells now are producing. This caused one of the most exciting periods in all Stamps' history. Within 10 days, a strip of land three miles long and 10 miles wide was leased for approximately \$100,000.

Erwin & Leach assembled a 7,000-acre block in the Stamps-Lewisville area and interested various oil companies in their venture, only to have them lose faith after repeated failures. However, in April, 1939, they succeeded in interesting the East Texas Refining Company of Dallas and Longview in joining them in drilling the Patten

No. 1, Section 24-16-24, discovery well, and since there has been no cessation in operations. Eight wells have been drilled, but two in Section 23-16-24 were failures and were abandoned.

The average production of the field is now about 300 barrels per day. The field still is in only the formative stage and there is no way of determining just how many sections it will cover.

Warren B-1 Reopened.

The company's Warren B-1, Section 24-16-24, brought in two weeks ago but shut in for bottom hole pressure test, has been reopened and is flowing into tanks at an average of 40 barrels per day.

The company's Warren A-2, Section 24-16-24, new location, is drilling ahead at 3,000 feet in lime and shale. This well will reach the productive sand sometime next week. The drilling rig was being moved today from the Bodcaw well to a new location known as the Buchanan No. 1, center of south half of Section 19-16-23. Operators expect to spud in and set surface casing early next week.

Plug Drilled on Warren A-2; Test to Be Made Today.

8-11-39
Special to the Gazette.
Lewisville, Aug. 10.—Edwin Leach-East Texas Refining Company drilled plug on their Warren A-2, Section 24-16-24, last night and were washing hole today, preparatory to swabbing on production test tomorrow. Total depth is 3,500 feet and oil saturation is satisfactory.

The company's Buchanan No. 1, Section 19-16-23, is drilling below 1,700 feet in shale.

Pumping equipment has been completed over the Bodcaw No. 1, Section 19-16-23. Oil will be pumped to tanks

Lewisville-Stamps Field May Add Seventh Well Today.

8-13-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 12.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-2, Section 24-16-24, looms today as the seventh producer for the new Stamps-Lewisville shallow field. The plug was drilled Thursday night, followed by swabbing with good oil showing after each swab. A Christmas tree was set today, preparatory to bringing the well in, probably tomorrow. Total depth is 3,500 feet.

The company's Buchanan No. 1, Section 19-16-23, is drilling below 2,665 feet in shale. This well is expected to reach the productive sand next week. The Bodcaw No. 1, Section 19-16-23, which came in a week ago as a 100-barrel producer, is being pumped into tanks. Pumping equipment was completed over the well Thursday. A test shows the oil to be of 34 gravity.

No new locations have been announced, pending completions of the two present operations. The shallow wells in this new field are drilled at lightning-like speed, usually reaching the producing sand in a week, barring trouble. Total depth of most wells is about 3,500 feet. The distance between the wells averages about a quarter-mile.

The new oil field road between Stamps and Lewisville is being used widely, as it runs through the heart of the field, is a beautiful drive, and shortens the distance between the two towns by two miles.

Two bridges, with a total length of 450 feet have been completed in record time. The larger bridge spans the Bodcaw creek and the smaller is over a slough in the creek bottoms.

Standard Oil Company's Eddy No. 1, Section 7-16-22, Buckner field, Lafayette county, set production casing to 7,206 feet Wednesday. Operators plan to drill the plug tomorrow. Total depth is 7,253 feet. Cores were said to be promising.

Eighth Stamps-Lewisville Well Producing 100 Barrels Daily.

8-24-39
Special to the Gazette.
Lewisville, Aug. 23.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Buchanan 2, section 19-16-23, the Stamps-Lewisville field's eighth producer, is flowing again after having gone dead, due to low gas pressure. The well was acidized Monday to increase the flow. It now is making 100 barrels daily on three-sixteenths-inch choke. Total depth is 3,480.

Operators are swabbing the Warren A-2, section 24-16-24, after cementing packer in an effort to overcome the huge gas pressure, which threatened the well. Plug was drilled Monday and the difficulty is believed to have been overcome.

A new location announced today is the McGee No. 1, northeast northeast of section 23-16-24, a west offset to the Warren A-2. Operators awaiting orders to spud in on this new location.

New Well in Stamps-Lewisville Field Spudded In.

8-27-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 26.—After a rather quiet week in the new Stamps-Lewisville field operators today spudded in and set sur-

face casing on the Erwin Leach-East Texas Refining Company's new location, the Bell B-1, Section 19-16-23, one-eighth mile south of the Buchanan No. 2.

Derrick is being built on the company's second new location, the McGee 1, Section 23-16-24, a west offset to the Warren A-2. Drilling operations will be well under way by the middle of the week. E. C. Johnson and Modisett and Flannagan, Drilling contractors, will drill the wells.

Production in the field increased slightly during the week.

Two Stamps-Lewisville Wells Near Production Sand.

9-3-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 2.—Activity in the new shallow oil field in Lafayette county between Stamps and Lewisville centers on Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's two latest operations, the McGee No. 1, Section 23-16-24, which is drilling below 3,040 feet in shale, and the Bell B-1, Section 19-16-23, which is drilling below 3,000 feet in shale. Several cores have been taken from the Bell for study. These two operations should reach the producing sand next week.

A survey has been made by East Texas Refining Company from the loading rack in Stamps to the Standard Oil Company's pipeline in Buckner, but no negotiations have been made between the two companies. The field continues to show a slight increase in production. The eight wells in the field now are producing 983 barrels of oil daily, the East Texas Refining Company, reported. The production by wells follows: Patten A-1, 150 barrels; Bell A-1, 55 barrels; Warren A-1, 165 barrels; Patten B-1, 105 barrels; Warren A-2, 124 barrels; Warren B-1, 145 barrels; Bodcaw No. 1, 110 barrels; Buchanan No. 2, 129 barrels.

Eighth Well In Lafayette Field In

9-16-39

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 14.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company completed their McGee No. 1, Section 23-16-24, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, yesterday as the eighth producer for the new field. The well made 75 barrels through 3-16-inch choke the first 24 hours. Oil was of 15 gravity. The well was shot 83 times from 3,620 to 3,630 feet. Total depth is 3,657 feet. Operators are experiencing trouble with salt water in the company's Bell B-1, Section 19-16-24. Oil showings have been good at various depths. The well was plugged back today from 3,220 to 2,340 feet and cemented. An attempt at completion will be made within three days.

10th Stamps - Lewisville Field Well Due In Today.

9-17-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 16.—Activity in the state's newest shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county, increased this week.

Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company completed their McGee No. 1, Section 23-16-24, as the ninth producer, and a 10th well, their Bell B-1 in Section 19-16-23, is due in tomorrow. The McGee well is flowing at the rate of 75 barrels daily on 3-16 inch choke. Casing pressure is 400, with no tubing pressure. A test by the East Texas Refining Company showed the oil to be of 15 gravity. The casing on the McGee was perforated from 3,620 to 3,630 feet with 83 shots, and the well is producing from a slightly lower level than the other wells in the field. Total depth is 3,657 feet.

The Bell B-1 is proving a problem, and the outcome is being watched with considerable interest. Although oil showings have been very good at several depths, the well developed a strong flow of salt water just as operators prepared for completion. Three production tests were attempted this week. The first was made from 3,440 to 3,470 feet, then operators decided to plug back to 3,220 feet, where the well was cemented and squeezed and casing perforated. Again operators encountered salt water. The well was plugged back yesterday to the extremely shallow level of 2,340 feet and cemented. The third test is being made today, and the outcome of the well should be determined in two days.

The wells in the field are producing daily as follows: Warren B-1, 337 barrels; Warren A-1, 199 barrels; Warren A-2, 81 barrels; Patten A-1, 126 barrels; Patten B-1, 100 barrels; Bell A-1, 54 barrels; Bodcaw No. 1, 82 barrels; Buchanan No. 2, 59 barrels.

Standard's Allen Foster No. 1, Buckner field, Section 7-16-23, also in Lafayette county, is drilling ahead at 2,221 feet.

Low Gravity Oil, Salt Water Found in Bell 5-1.

9-19-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 18.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Bell 5-1, in Section 19-16-23, which was due in today, is making extremely low gravity oil and some salt water at 2,340 feet. Operators are undecided relative to further plans. The well has not been completed. Operators were fishing for swab in the 2 1-2 inch tubing today. The company's McGee No. 1, Section 23-16-24, which was completed last week, was plugged back today from 3,657 to 3,596, and cemented. Oil from the McGee is only 15 gravity. Operators expect to encounter better gravity at the higher levels.

Quality and Flow of McGee 1 Well Improved.

9-25-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 23.—Activity in the state's newest shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county consisted this week chiefly of efforts to increase the flow and quality of oil from Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's McGee No. 1 in Section 23-16-24, completed about two weeks ago, and an attempt to complete the company's Bell B-1 in Section 19-16-23. The latter is the first of the company's "problem wells."

As the McGee well was producing the extremely low 15-gravity oil from 3,620 feet, operators decided the first of the week to plug back to 3,570 feet and cement, hoping to obtain a better gravity oil from the higher level. The casing was perforated with 83 shots from 3,570 to 3,587 feet, and the well came in with a much better flow and an oil which tested 41 gravity. The well is producing 200 barrels daily on 3-16 inch choke. Casing pressure is 600 pounds, with no tubing pressure.

The company's Bell-1 completed a fishing job and operators today are swabbing 19 gravity oil and some salt water from the extremely shallow depth of 2,340 feet, after plugging back first from 3,370 feet, then from 3,220 feet. Cores from the Bell have shown four distinct producing zones, but it refuses to flow as it should, and salt water has threatened the well at every effort at completion. No definite plans have been made concerning the Bell.

Buchanan No. 1 Increases Flow.

The company's Buchanan No. 1 in Section 19-16-23, which has been lagging behind all other wells in the field in production, has increased from 59 barrels to 200 barrels daily since operators installed a Nixon intermitter pump.

Daily production of wells in the field follows: Cleve Warren B-1, 332 barrels; Warren A-1, 186 barrels; Warren A-2, 79 barrels; Patten A-1, 137 barrels; Patten B-1, 131 barrels; Bell A-1, 51 barrels; Bodcaw No. 1, 105 barrels; Buchanan No. 2, 200 barrels; McGee No. 1, 200 barrels.

Erwin & Leach-East Texas Wells Shut Down Temporarily.

10-1-39
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 30.—Activity in the new Stamps-Lewisville shallow field is rather quiet at present. No announcement has been made by Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company of any new locations, and officials here said that drilling operations will be halted indefinitely until further orders. No reason was given for this decision, but as there are several leases in the new field which expire early next month, it is expected that drilling activity will be resumed soon.

A Nixon intermitter was installed at the Bell B-1, section 19-16-23, 10th and and most recent of the company's operations, but the well is making only 17 gravity oil from 2,340 feet. However, operators do not intend to abandon it, as prospects for the well are good.

The new field has been developed with lightning speed, having a total of 10 producers and two failures in the record time of four and a half months. The Patten A-1, discovery well, was completed April 25. Production of the field has been 1,248 barrels daily from 10 wells. The average depth of the wells is 3,500 feet, and all are producing oil of 41 gravity and 41.8 corrected gravity. The distance between each well is less than a quarter-mile. An interesting and speculative item is that cores from some of the wells have shown four distinct producing horizons.

Other major oil companies have holdings in the vicinity of Stamps but it is believed that the reason the leases have not been drilled is that they are long term, and there is no hurry for development.

The wells in the field are producing daily as follows: Warren B-1, 320 barrels; Warren A-1, 143; Warren A-2, 90; Patten A-1, 134; Patten B-1, 91; Bell A-1; Buchanan No. 2, 112; Bodcaw No. 1, 70; McGee No. 1, 230.

New Location in Shallow Field Of Lafayette County.

10-15-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Oct. 14.—After three weeks of inactivity in the new shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county, Erwin & Leach East Texas Refining Company announced a new location staked yesterday as the Patten A-3, 660 feet north of the discovery well, in Section 24-16-24, Modisett & Flanagan, drilling contractors of Longview, Tex., will begin erecting derrick immediately.

Lafayette Drilling Resumed After Three-Week Closure.

10-22-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Oct. 21.—Since drilling operations have been resumed in the state's newest shallow oil field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county, after a three-week shutdown, towns in the vicinity have taken on new life, and the outlook is bright for an increase in all business activity.

Operators are drilling ahead at 3,000 feet in shale at the Patten A-3, section 24-16-24, a new location and the 11th operation made by Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company. This test is only 660 feet north of the Patten A-1, discovery well. Operators expect to reach the producing sand in the Patten A-3 by the last of next week, if the well shows the same producing zones as that of the other wells in the area.

Plug Drilled on Patten A-2; Expected in Today.

11-6-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Nov. 5.—Erwin & Leach East Texas Refining Company's Patten A-2, Section 24-16-24, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, probably will be completed tomorrow. Operators drilled the plug today and the well is being washed to the bottom.

Standard's Eddy No. 2, Section 12-16-23, Buckner field, also in Lafayette county, is preparing to cut off tubing stuck at 1,287 feet. Operators will continue fishing tomorrow trying for completion.

Two Lafayette County Wells Completed

11-12-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Nov. 11.—After a troublesome week, operators brought in the Patten A-2, Section 24-16-24, 11th and latest operation of Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company in the new shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county, yesterday. The completion followed considerable swabbing and acidizing to increase the flow. No gauge on tubing and casing pressure has been announced, but the well is making five barrels an hour on 3-16 inch choke. Total depth is 3,480, with production pipe set to 3,378. The well was due in last Sunday.

Standard Oil Company's Eddy No. 2, Buckner field, also in Lafayette county, Section 12-16-23, was completed Thursday night after a week of efforts of operators to dislodge a stuck drill stem, which had delayed completion of the well since last Sunday. The well made 80 barrels the first hour on open choke with casing and tubing pressure 500 and 375 pounds, respectively. Total depth of the well is 7,287 feet, with porosity topped at 7,263 feet. This well is considered among the best in the Buckner field, and much elation is felt over it by Buckner citizens, as the well is inside the city limits.

Work on the company's new location known as the Cleve Warren C-1, in the center of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24-16-24, will be held up, pending a decision by the state Oil and Gas Commission. The Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company presented testimony before the commission yesterday seeking exception to a spacing rule.

First Casing Set on Warren C-1 In Stamps-Lewisville Field.

11-19-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Nov. 18.—Weather conditions and roads under construction slowed activity considerably this week in the new oil field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county.

A permit was obtained by Erwin & Leach, East Texas Refining Company, to drill the Warren C-1 in the center of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 24-16-24, as an exception to a spacing rule, and operators spudded in and set surface casing today. After waiting on cement, operators will resume drilling early next week. The Warren C-1 will be the company's 12th operation.

Warren C-1 in Lafayette Field Nears Completion.

12-3-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 2.—Operators set production pipe yesterday at 2,345 feet at the Warren C-1, Section 24-16-24, Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's 12th operation for the new shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county. Total depth is 3,587 feet, but operators decided to plug back to the higher level after encountering salt water. A fair showing of oil was obtained at the 2,300-foot level. Operators probably will drill the plug Monday or Tuesday and try for completion.

A new location announced by the same company will be known as the Claud Davis No. 1, northwest southeast of Section 19-16-23, east of Bodcaw creek, near Stamps. Modisett & Flanagan are the drilling contractors.

Operators Still Working To Complete Warren C-1.

12-10-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 9.—Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company's Warren C-1, Section 24-16-24, between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county, 12th operation for the new shallow field has not been completed. The well was due in the first part of the week, but refused to flow after showing good oil saturation from a 2,300-foot level. The well had been plugged back from a total depth of 3,517 feet in an effort to obtain oil of better quality. Operators still are working on the well and the outcome will be decided next week.

Operators have completed rigging up on the company's new location, the Claud Davis No. 1, Section 19-16-23, east of Bodcaw creek near Stamps, and spudded in and set surface casing yesterday.

Hodges No. 20, Section 24-16-12, Lower Marine test, was delayed at 7,688 feet by fishing job for 28 joints of drill stem. Union Producing Company's Tensas Delta A-1, Section 8-22-4E, on the north flank of the Monroe field, Morehouse parish, was drilling ahead below 9,885 feet.

North of Athens, Claiborne parish, Frank L. Watson, et al., are attempting to finance a 6,500-foot wildcat in Section 21-20-6W, on a block of 3,000 acres. In DeSoto parish, N. W. Hunter's Anders 1, Section 5-11-14, in the Spider area, was below 4,675 feet.

In Madison parish, Barnsdall Oil Company has taken lease on the Maxwell Plantations Inc. lands of 12-280 acres in townships 15 and 16, range 14E. The company has moved in a seismic crew.

Coring to Be Started Today On Eliza Davis No. 1.

12-17-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 16.—Operators were drilling ahead at 3,350 feet today in the Eliza P. Davis No. 1 section 19-16-23, newest location made by Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Co., in the new field between Stamps and Lewisville, Lafayette county. Coring will be started tomorrow and completion is expected by the middle of next week. The Davis well is being watched with considerable interest, as it is the second operation for the east side of Bodcaw creek. The first was the Bodcaw No. 1 in the same section but a quarter-mile east, which was completed last August, and is producing oil of a slightly better quality than that of the other wells in the field. There are 11 producers in the new field with gravity of the oil ranging from 17.1 to 53. Two wells have been placed on a Nixon Intermitter lift, two are pumpjacks and the other seven are flowing naturally. The company's Warren C-1, section 24-16-24, which was due in two weeks ago, and refused to flow naturally from a 2,300 foot level, is being left idle for the present. Operators expect to resume efforts toward completion after Christmas.

12th Well Looms in Shallow Stamps-Lewisville Field.

12-31-39 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 30.—The Stamps-Lewisville shallow field in Lafayette county is the state's youngest major oil area and still is in its formative stage, but even though the field is small, it has caused many civic and business improvements in the county. The field is being developed by Erwin & Leach and East Texas Refining Company of Dallas and Longview, Tex.

The discovery well, the Patten A-1 in Section 24-16-24, was completed April 24, 1939. Wells since have been drilled with lightning speed, and there now are 11 producers. Three dry holes have been drilled and abandoned. A twelfth producer looms, as swabbing operations now are being carried on in an effort to complete the company's Warren C-1 in Section 24-16-24. The 11 wells are scattered over three adjoining sections, extending approximately two miles. The field proper is exactly two and a half miles equidistant between Stamps and Lewisville.

A road has been made possible by the citizens of both towns, which was built by WPA labor and runs through the oil field, shortening the distance about two miles. Section 24-16-24 leads with six producers, the Patten A-1, B-1 and A-2, and the Warren A-1, B-1 and A-2. Section 19-16-23 has the Bell A-1 and B-1, the Buchanan No. 2 and the Bodcaw No. 1. The McGhee No. 2 is the only well in Section 23-16-24. The wells are producing from an average depth of 3,550 feet, but some are as shallow as 2,305 feet, with gravity of oil ranging from 17.1 to 53. The oil is being produced from a sand equivalent to the Hill sand of the Rodessa series in the Glen Rose lime section and the wells cut the well known fault which runs through this much explored section.

Twenty-five men compose the personnel of the Erwin & Leach-East Texas Refining Company Production Department. One steam drilling rig is being used and one drilling crew employed under the supervision of Modisett & Flanagan, contractors of Longview, Tex. Operators have about 2,000 acres in the area, 1,500 of which was farmed out by the Shell and Ohio companies. A pipeline has been constructed from the field to a loading rack in Stamps, where it is shipped to various points.

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Rig Moved In for New Test In Stamps-Lewisville Field.

3-21-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, March 20.—Operators began moving in rig and drilling equipment today at East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3 test in the Stamps-Lewisville field, section 24-16-24, Lafayette county. Modisett & Flanagan, drilling contractors, expect to spud in the last of the week.

They also are clearing location and building a bridge across Bodcaw creek at the A. H. Boswell et al. Ellis Nos. 1 and 2, section 19-16-23, same field, preparatory to immediate operations. E. G. Bradham, El Dorado contractor, will superintend the drilling.

Atlantic Refining Company is clearing location and surveying a new Smackover lime wildcat, the Bodcaw Smackover No. 1, McKamie area, section 29-17-23, Lafayette county. It is watched with interest.

Outlook at Stamps Bright As Drilling Campaign Resumed.

3-24-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, March 23.—With four new wells preparing for immediate operations in Lafayette county, one just across the line in Columbia county in the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, and two new locations awaiting permits in the Falcon area, Nevada county, nine miles north of Stamps, the business outlook for this vicinity is exceedingly bright.

Operators completed rigging up yesterday and spudded in and set surface casing today at East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, section 24-16-24. Since the wells in this field are producing from the Glen Rose lime at shallow depths of from 2,300 feet to 3,480 feet, the outcome of the Warren A-3 should be known in about two weeks. It is expected the company will drill two additional wells in the field following completion of its present operation.

In the same field locations are being cleared and bridges constructed across Bodcaw creek at A. H. Boswell et al. Ellis Nos. 1 and 2 in section 19-16-23. Operators expect to spud in on the No. 1 next week. E. G. Bradham, El Dorado contractor, will superintend the drilling.

In the McKamie area, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, workers have cleared location, laid plank roads and today were stringing gas line to Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1 in section 29-16-23. The Crescent Drilling Company of Monroe, La., has the contract for drilling the well. It

expects to spud in immediately. This location will be watched with much interest as the Atlantic operation is the first for this section and should it become a producer, will open a new field for Lafayette county.

The area in and around McKamie and Mars Hill became a hot spot for leasing activity last spring after seismicograph companies reported a favorable high in that vicinity. Land leased from \$15 to \$30 per acre. In the Buckner field on the Columbia side of the creek, operators are rigging up at Standard's A. C. Warren in section 9-16-23.

Showings Reported Favorable In Warren-A Test.

4-2-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, April 1.—East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3, in 24-16-25, Stamps-Lewisville field of Lafayette county, was coring and drilling ahead at 3,546 feet today. Production pipe will be set tonight. Showings were said to be favorable for a producer.

Boswell et al's. Ellis 1, Section 19-16-23, is expected to be spudded in Wednesday.

Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company 1, McKamie area of Section 29-17-23, is drilling at 1,351 feet in shell shale sand.

Plug on Stamps-Lewisville Field Test Drilled.

4-7-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, April 6.—Oil interest in Lafayette county centered this week on the East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3, Stamps-Lewisville field in section 24-16-24, as operators prepared for completion. Production pipe was run Tuesday to 3,447 feet after favorable showing in the Glen Rose lime. Porosity was topped at 2,900 feet. The plug was drilled today and the well will be swabbed and washed to bottom for perhaps two days before the outcome will be determined.

In the same field Boswell et al. Ellis No. 1 in section 19-16-23 was spudded in Thursday and operators are drilling ahead below 700 feet in shell and shale.

In the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, operators were arranging to core at 3,200 feet for information at Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, Smackover lime deep test wildcat in section 29-17-23. In the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps on the Columbia county side of the creek, operators were drilling ahead at 6,239 feet in sandy shale, at A. C. Hoods Warren No. 1 in section 9-16-23. This well has checked favorably with others in the field. The contract depth is around 7,200 feet, and barring unexpected trouble, the outcome should be known in another week.

Warren A-3 Termed 'Fair' Producer

4-10-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, April 9.—East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3, Stamps-Lewisville field, section 24-16-24, Lafayette county, which began flowing naturally late yesterday after swabbing and acidizing, was gauged 10 barrels an hour on a quarter-inch choke today.

Tubing pressure was 200, with none on the casing. Introduction pipe was set to 3,447 feet. Total depth is 3,581, but porosity was topped at 2,900. It is considered a fair well and is the 12th producer in the new field, discovered last April 24 when the Patten A-1 was completed. Operations had been inactive the past three months.

Other locations are expected to be announced soon. Boswell's Ellis No. 1, same field, section 19-16-23, is drilling 2,200 in the Nacatoosh. Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company is drilling at 4,130 in the McKamie area, Lafayette county, section 29-17-23. It expects to set second string of pipe at 4,300 in the anhydrite.

Rain Causes Ellis No. 1 to Shut Down Temporarily.

4-14-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, April 13.—After encountering excellent saturation at 2,300 feet, operators of the Boswell et al's Ellis No. 1 in section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, were forced to halt drilling temporarily yesterday because of high water. The well is only a few feet from the main channel of Bodcaw creek.

East Texas Refining Company's Warren A-3, section 24-16-24, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, was completed Monday as the 12th producer for that company in the new field. The well gauged 10 barrels per hour on a quarter-inch choke the first 24 hours, with 200 pounds tubing pressure and nothing on casing pres-

sure. Production pipe was set to 3,447 feet and porosity was topped at 2,900 feet. Total depth is 3,581 feet. No other locations have been announced by that company, but they are expected.

In the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, also in Lafayette county, Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, section 29-17-23, set second string protective casing at 4,243 feet, after surveys of formations at various depths. Drilling was resumed tonight. Much leasing and royalty buying has been done quietly in the county during the past two weeks.

Location Made for New Test In Lafayette County.

5-1-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, April 30.—The Temple Oil Company has made location for drilling a well on the J. E. Barnes place north of Lewisville. It will be known as the Barnes No. 1. The location is in the west half, northeast quarter, section 4-16-24.

Test Under Way In Stamps Well

DEMOCRAT 4-21-40

Stamps—A. H. Boswell et al. were making a drill stem test Saturday night in their Ellis No. 1, Section 19-16-23, near the Stamps city limits, and as this marks the first well drilled by independent operators in the Stamps-Lewisville field, much interest is attached to the outcome. The test hole bottomed at 3,465 feet in oolitic lime.

Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 5,700 feet in the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, big lime wildcat, on a geophysical "high" in Section 28-17-23, McKamie sector. Contract depth is said to be 9,000 feet. Mineral sales are increasing in volume and price as work progresses.

The Hodd Oil Company completed its A. C. Warren No. 1, Buckner area, Section 9-16-22, for a good oiler during the week.

Lease sales have become heavy southeast of Stamps in the eastern half of the old Shell-Ohio block. This area is reaching the status of a "hot spot."

Plug Drilled on Ellis No. 1 In Stamps-Lewisville Field.

4-28-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, April 27.—Oil interest in Lafayette county centered this week on Boswell et al's. Ellis No. 1, shallow test in Section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field. After coring the Oolitic lime section from 3,446 to 3,464 feet, followed by an electric jeep test, which showed excellent saturation and no water, production pipe was set to 3,446 feet. The plug was drilled today and an attempt is under way to make it produce. Operators expect to swab for a day or two before the well can be completed, and the outcome should be known by the first of the week. Owners have no doubt of its success.

Porosity was topped at 2,300 feet, which is considerably higher than that in other wells in the field. Boswell and associates own 80 acres in the same section, leased from Dr. G. A. and Carl Ellis, Negro brothers of Stamps. The land adjoining the Ellis land on all sides is owned by the East Texas Refining Company, which has approximately 12 producing wells in the field. The nearest well is the Judy Bell No. 1 in the same section, which is about 250 yards northeast of the Ellis.

Another well will be drilled by Boswell and associates in the same section, but across the Bodcaw creek, following completion of the present operation. Successful completion of the Ellis No. 1 is expected to increase activity by other major oil companies in the area.

In the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, also in Lafayette county, Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1 is drilling ahead below 6,900 feet. The Cotton Valley sand was encountered at 6,600 feet. The well will be drilled to the Smackover lime section, which is about 9,000 feet.

New Stamps-Lewisville Well To Encourage Drilling.

May 5-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, May 4.—Oil activity in Lafayette county gained impetus this week with the completion of A. H. Boswell et al's. No. 1 Stamps-Lewisville field, in Section 19-16-23. The well began flowing naturally Thursday after acidizing. Operators estimated the flow at 12 barrels per hour, but no official gauge has been taken. Storage tanks and lines are being constructed and a correct gauge will be obtained pending completion of these the early part of the week. Total depth is 3,462 feet, with production pipe set to 3,428 feet. At least two pay sands were encountered at higher levels in the Ellis, but opera-

tors decided to drill to the Glen Rose lime section. Excellent saturation was encountered in the Tokio at least 10 feet higher than in the Judy Bell, the nearest flowing well 900 feet southwest, which is producing from the Tokio sand at 2,300 feet. The Ellis is the first well to be drilled by independent producers in the new shallow field, which has been developed by the East Texas Refining Company during the past year.

Weather Delaying Second Test.

Boswell and associates plan to begin work on their second operation in the same location but just across the Bodcaw creek east, as soon as the weather permits. The two locations are in wet boggy creek bottom land, making it difficult to get to the wells.

Other activities in Lafayette county include Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber No. 1, McKamie area, Section 29-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, drilling below 7,151 feet in hard grey shale. Cores from various depths have shown strong oil odor. The well has checked favorably with others drilled to the Smackover lime. Preparations are being made to spud in on a new location two miles north of Lewisville by the Temple Oil Co., in Section 4-16-24, to be known as the Barnes No. 1. It will be the first wildcat drilled in that area.

Ellis No. 1 Flows After Acidizing

5-2-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, May 1.—A. H. Boswell et al's Ellis No. 1, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county, section 19-16-23, began flowing naturally today after acidizing. The well was discouraging Monday, when repeated swabbing failed to show oil. Today's acidizing started a flow estimated at 12 barrels hourly. No gauge was taken. The oil is flowing into pits, while tanks are being set and lines built.

The Ellis is the first well by the only independent operators in the new field which was developed by the East Texas Refining Company a year ago. The well's depth is 3,462. Production pipe was set to 3,428. Excellent saturation was encountered in the Tokio, but operators decided to drill to the Glen Rose lime section.

Lafayette County Wildcat To Spud In Soon.

5-3-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Lewisville, May 2.—Erection of derrick and equipment for the Barnes No. 1 wildcat, to be drilled by the J. & J. Oil Corporation near Lewisville, neared completion today. Operators hope to spud in by Monday. The location is in the west half of the northeast quarter of section 4-16-24, on J. E. Barnes' place. It is two miles north of Lewisville and approximately four miles northwest of the Stamps-Lewisville field. It probably will be drilled to 4,500 feet.

DEMOCRAT 5-5-40 Pickup in Oil Activity Seen Near Lewisville

Lewisville — Lewisville will again shortly become the center of activity in the oil business with rapid development expected to follow the completion of the Temple Oil Corporation, Inc., J. E. Barnes No. 1, now preparing to drill a mile and three quarters north of Lewisville in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section four, township 16 south, range 24 west.

H. H. Temple, president of the corporation, assembled a block of 2,500 acres in short term leases and expects to get paying production long before he reaches the contract depth of 4,500 feet.

Sales of royalty in the block have been active and prices reasonable at this time. If a field develops from this test it will be a Lewisville field, being nearer this good little city than to any other point.

Stamps-Lewisville Field Test Dug In at Once.

5-26-40 Gazette
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, May 25.—Storage tanks have been erected and flow lines built in preparation for another producer in the state's newest shallow field. It is East Texas Refining Company's Davis No. 2 in section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, Lafayette county. Production pipe was set Tuesday to 3,480 feet and the plug was drilled Thursday. The well is being swabbed of wash water and some oil. Operators expect to acidize before the well will flow of its own accord.

Due to lack of gas pressure in the new field, the majority of the wells have been acidized, after which they produce a good quality of oil steadily. Outcome of the Davis will be de-

terminated the early part of next week. This location is east of the Bodcaw creek.

Other activities in Lafayette county include the J. and J. Oil Company of Texarkana test, drilling below 1,500 feet at their Barnes No. 1 in section 4-16-24, two miles north of Lewisville, and in the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1 in section 29-17-23, is drilling ahead at 8,541 feet.

15th Producer in Lafayette Field Completed.

Special to the Gazette. 5-28-40

Stamps, May 27.—East Texas Refining Company's Davis No. 2 well, in section 9-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, was completed yesterday as 15th producer in the field. It made 100 barrels hourly on test. Because of lack of gas pressure, a pumping unit is being installed. Depth is 3,478 feet. Porosity was topped at 3,399.

Interest centered on Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, a wildcat in the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps in section 29-17-23. It is coring at 9,041 feet in dense lime.

Good Gas Pressure, Pay Sand In Barnes No. 1.

Special to the Gazette. 5-30-40

Lewisville, May 29.—The J. & J. Oil Corporation reported today that the Barnes No. 1, in Section 4-16-24, was showing tremendous gas pressure at as low a depth as 865 feet, with approximately three feet of pay sand capable of producing at least 15 barrels a day.

Lease Buyers Pay Premiums Around Stamps

Democrat 6-2-40
Lafayette County in Lime-light as Test Well Cored at 9,100 Feet.

Stamps—The limelight of the entire oil fraternity was turned on Lafayette county this week as a field believed to be of huge proportions was discovered in the McKamie sector six miles south of Stamps. This well, Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 1, entered pay formation at 9,100 feet and has cored 87 feet of unusually rich and promising Smackover lime, with no end of the rich cores in sight. Operators were still coring Saturday night and reaming hole as they proceeded.

Trading in minerals began to increase Friday when it was known that saturation had been encountered, and with each additional core momentum was gained until Saturday, when activity reached the boom stage. The hotel lobby in Stamps took on the appearance of a huge rush as traders and operators arrived. Minerals sold as high as \$500 per acre close to the well, and \$250 was offered two miles away, with heaviest trading extending to the west and east of the discovery well.

Location of well is section 29-17-23, Lafayette county, but as the Columbia county line is just east of that location field will probably extend into a two-county area, as did Buckner. In view of the multitude of lease holding companies, sharp drilling competition is to be expected.

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Operators topped porosity at 9,100 feet and then cored to 9,171. They will continue coring to the water line, then seal off the water and set production casing to the bottom. Pipe is being hauled in and preparations are being made to run it as soon as the extent of the porosity has been determined.

The well is on land owned by the Bodcaw Lumber Company, which has

about 2,000 acres in the area. This company retained the mineral rights on about 20,000 acres extending from township 17 in Lafayette county on through Columbia county and into Bossier and Webster parishes in Louisiana, after selling to the Kraft Paper Mill Co. of Spring Hill, La. in 1936. Atlantic Refining Company, driller of the new well, leased 1,140 acres or all of one block, last spring. J. J. and William Buchanan, Texarkana, officials of the Bodcaw Lumber Company, would not lease the land until a drilling contract within a limited length of time was agreed on. This resulted in the early operations of the Atlantic company.

All major oil companies have holdings in the area, which was considered a "hot spot" last spring after seismograph crews discovered a favorable high. Leasing activity ran at fever heat and within 10 days a strip of approximately 17 miles in length and 10 miles in width was leased. The Standard Oil Company leased the most land east of the new well, comprising two half sections in 30 and 31.

Nearest Lime Well in Dorcheat. The nearest Smackover lime deep test is in the Dorcheat field. It is Atlantic's Piney Woods No. 9 about nine miles southeast, in Columbia county. The Buckner field which is partly in Lafayette county, is the only other Smackover lime producing field in the county. It is about 12 miles northeast of the present operation and was discovered in 1937.

The other producing field in the county is the new Stamps-Lewisville shallow field, with 15 producers averaging depths of 3,500 feet. East Texas Refining Company owns 14 wells in this field. The 15th is owned by Boswell et al and was completed about a month ago. The new shallow field was discovered a year ago, and is two and a half miles equidistant from Stamps and Lewisville.

Major Field Seen. Oil men are comparing the new looming field in the McKamie area favorably with the Magnolia field of Columbia county, and since the Bodcaw is the first Smackover lime oil discovery for south Arkansas in more than a year, oil authorities say that if present indications are borne out, it may rank with the most important in the entire three-state area. Royalty buying has been unusually brisk this week, prices ranging from \$100 to \$200 per acre. Many farm owners have been able to clear their land from mortgages with money obtained from leasing and royalties.

Other oil activities in Lafayette county include the J. & J. Oil Company, Barnes No. 1, drilling below 2,000 feet in the Nacatoch sand, two miles north of Lewisville in section 4-16-24. East Texas Refining Co. is installing pumping unit at its latest producer, the Davis No. 2 in section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, which was completed last Sunday. Due to low gas pressure in the field, most of the wells are on a pumping basis.

Lafayette Test Shows More Saturation; Royalties Gain.

Special to the Gazette. 6-3-40

Stamps, June 2.—Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, Section 29-17-23, still was coring from 9,187 to 9,207 feet today. The 19-foot recovery showed excellent saturation. Royalties increased to \$500 per acre in the area.

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\$100,000 Oil Lease Near Stamps

6-5-40

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 4.—Leasing in the area where the Atlantic Oil Co. expects to bring in a new field opener the coming week-end reached a new high today when R. R. Cornelius, stockman and planter of McKamie, leased extensive acreage to the Normandie Oil Co. for approximately \$100,000. Mr. Cornelius previously had leased and sold royalties on other acreage.

Several other large lease and royalty deals were reported but not announced. It also was reported that major companies were planning to buy lots and empty buildings near the railroad

in Stamps for use as supply quarters. The test, the Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 1, in section 29-17-23, is eight miles south of Stamps. Operators completed running production pipe to the bottom tonight. A Schumber test yesterday showed excellent saturation from 9,123 to 9,221 feet. A production test is expected Saturday or Sunday.

Plug Being Drilled on Test Near McKamie.

Special to the Gazette. 6-8-40
Stamps, June 7.—Operators began drilling plug today on Atlantic's Bodcaw No. 1, section 29-17-23, Lafayette county, in the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps. Production test is due Sunday.

Test In Stamps Field Encouraging

6-9-40

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 8.—Operators completed drilling plug at 5 a. m. today on Atlantic's Bodcaw No. 1, after perforating with 60 shots from 9,175-90 feet allowed 1 hour 20 minutes for washing. The well began flowing stained distillate of 56 gravity. It gauged 13 barrels the first hour on fourteen sixty-fourths inch choke. Tubing casing pressure 900 pounds and 2,800 pounds respectively. Operators say gravity is gradually lowering indicating the well may clean itself within a few days and become good oiler. Enormous gas pressure developing. The outcome probably will be determined next week.

This wildcat test probably is the most important discovery in South Arkansas since the Magnolia field. Porosity was tapped at 9,100 feet, and gas-oil contact was established at 9,122 feet, with unbroken saturation to 9,207 feet. Water level was encountered at 9,221 feet. Drilled on a geophysical high, the test is situated between two major faults. On the south the basement fault running from Jefferson, Tex., to Stephens, Ark., and on the north the fault runs from Mt. Pleasant, Tex., to Irma, Ark.

In the area surrounding the well, Atlantic owns 1,140 acres, or one medium sized block, while Standard is well represented in acreage on the west and Superior, Gulf and Lion have acreage on the south. Normandie Oil Co. leased eight "40's" or 340 acres in section 29-17-23 east of the well, this week from R. R. Cornelius, McKamie planter who owns about 3,000 acres in the vicinity of the new wildcat. Approximately \$100,000 was involved in the transaction.

Mr. Cornelius also leased this week about 100 acres in section 21, north of section 28, to Grady Vaughn Drilling Co., at the same money terms per acre as that involved in the Normandie deal.

Other big lease and royalty transactions have been reported involving a cash outlay of from \$1,000 up to \$20,000.

Stamps in Throes of Boom.

Stamps and vicinity have witnessed a typical oil boom all week, with lease and royalty buyers overrunning the town. The lobby of the European hotel, which has been the scene of most of the activity, has resembled a miniature stock exchange, with traders in a hurry to close deals.

Oil authorities say that the well has shown by cores, the most accurate lease and royalty risk of any well in the state. Overnight royalty prices doubled. Beginning at \$100 per acre, they reached a high of \$600 per acre in three days. Many incidents have been related during the week of landowners selling at night for \$100 per acre, and receiving before daybreak, offers of from \$250 to \$300 for the same acreage. Some of the elation of making the easy money has been deflated by the thoughts of "what they might have gotten had they only waited a day." However the majority of the landowners in the vicinity of the well are holding on to a part of their acreage, the value of which no doubt will be increased greatly after the well proves a producer.

Leasing covers a scope of two and one-half miles in width and eight miles in length, extending as far as Canfield on the southwest and three miles to the northeast. The new wildcat offers all the earmarks of creating a major oil field. Options are being taken on lots in Stamps and on buildings situated near the railroads, supposedly by oil supply companies as potential supply and warehouses.

New Test to Start. Work will begin immediately on new location Bodcaw Lumber Company's East Texas Refining Company No. 2, 530 feet south, 660 feet east in northwest corner of northeast

corner section 19-16-23 east of Bodcaw Creek, Stamps, Lewisville shallow field.

Bodcaw B-1 at Stamps Drilled Below Casing

Stamps—Erwin and Leach and the East Texas Refining Company are drilling below the surface casing in their Bodcaw B-1, section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, and have staked three locations in the same section.

The McKamie field has remained quiet during the week, following the disappointing test last week of Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 1, field opener. The Oil and Gas Commission has placed a 300-barrel allowable on the well and preparations are being made to truck the distillate to Buckner where it will enter Standard's pipeline.

One large tank is nearing completion on the McKamie-Marshall highway and a line is being laid from the well to a tank farm for storage.

A seismograph crew is charting the area northeast of the McKamie block.

Sales of leases and mineral interests have shown increased activity east of the discovery well, extending well into Columbia county.

'Miracle' Happened When Oil Test at McKamie Failed.

Special to the Gazette. 6-16-40

Stamps, June 15.—Since the much publicized Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, Atlantic Refining Company's wildcat test in Lafayette county, came in a distillate producer last week, instead of the important discovery as was anticipated after cores had shown nearly 100 feet of excellent saturation, many persons have asked, "What is distillate?" and "What is the difference between distillate and crude oil?"

Distillate is a condensation of oil vapors formed by gas under atmospheric pressure. To the average person, distillate appears to be a diluted gasoline of kerosene or very thin crude oil. It varies in color, sometimes being snow white, straw, green, brown and yellow, but most of it is water clear. It has been used successfully in automobile motors without further refining. However, this practice is unlawful and persons found guilty are liable for a penitentiary sentence.

The saturation is encountered in a well can very easily be mistaken for crude oil as the odor is the same, and can cause quite a flurry in the lease and royalty business, as did that in the Bodcaw well. Oil men said that nothing short of a miracle could keep the Bodcaw well from being an excellent oil producer. The well is a producer all right, but the aforesaid "miracle" occurred, and instead of oil there was an excellent flow of distillate.

The prospects of further development in the area are not so discouraging, however, as oil authorities point out from experience in other fields that a wildcat test in an unproved area can just barely miss the oil section due to the way the fault lies. The next well drilled only a few feet distant, often will encounter the oil sand and produce oil of good quality.

A distillate producer is not a loss to the operators. However, as conservation laws of this state stipulate that only a million feet of gas can be burned or wasted, and the gas must be removed before the distillate can be obtained, it is difficult to produce enough distillate for a large profit. The price is \$1.30 per barrel, while the price for crude ranges from 73 cents up to \$1.29 per barrel. Distillate can be used only for gasoline and kerosene, while the by-products from crude oil number as many as 12 or more, making the profits much greater to the operator than those obtained from a distillate producer.

Hope Still Held for Oil In McKamie Area

Special to the Gazette. 6-16-40

Stamps, June 15.—Oil activity in Lafayette county this week has been rather quiet, due to the keen disappointment felt over Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, Section 29-17-23, McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, which, after showing nearly 100 feet of excellent saturation, was expected to be one of the most important new field openers in the state.

The well began flowing last Saturday, but it was a straw colored distillate of 58.5 gravity. First gauge was 13 barrels per hour on 14-64 inch choke with tubing and casing pressure, 2,750 and 900 pounds respectively. A temporary allowable of 300 barrels daily has been set by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission and Atlantic officials have agreed to the temporary allowable, pending a statewide hearing in El Dorado Thursday. The well is making 20 barrels per hour on 12-64 inch choke with pressure equalized at 2,800 pounds on

tubing and casing. Gas-oil ratio is 7,800 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil. Storage tanks are being erected about two miles north of the location and pipe lines constructed. The distillate will be trucked to Buckner to the Standard's loading rack at the Cotton Belt railroad.

Further Drilling Planned. Although the distillate proved a disappointment to many, it is rumored that further development will be made in that area in 60 days, and oil authorities say that it is probable that the next well will produce good quality low gravity oil. The fluid from the Bodcaw well is gradually becoming darker in color, and oil men believe that a fair crude content eventually will increase the value of the distillate.

Several major oil companies have holdings near the new distillate producer, and one of the most expensive lease and royalty buying campaigns in recent months took place last week before the completion of the well, on the strength of the excellent saturation. Some quiet trading has been reported this week, with prices much lower than those offered during the height of the campaign.

Other activities in the county consist of East Texas Refining Company's new location, Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2, Section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, which rigged up Thursday, spudded in and set surface casing Friday. Drilling operations will proceed the first of the week. This location is east of Bodcaw creek. The J. & J. Oil Company's Barnes No. 1, wildcat test in Section 4-16-24, two miles north of Lewisville, reported that 37 feet of oil and gas sand was encountered in the Wilcox at 860 feet on a Schlumberger survey. Operators expect to drill to the Paluxy, which they expect to top around 2,800 feet. Total depth is 2,160 feet.

Bodcaw No. 2 Flowing Oil And Some Salt Water.

Special to the Gazette. 6-30-40

Stamps, June 29.—East Texas Refining Company's Bodcaw 2, in Section 19-16-23, Stamps-Lewisville field, drilled plug Wednesday. This was followed by swabbing. The well was acidized with 5,000 gallons yesterday and was flowing oil and some salt water today. Operators will install a pumping unit next week. Porosity was topped at 3,416-38 feet, while the total depth is 3,451.

The rig is being moved today to a new location, the Judy Bell No. 3, 175 feet south and west of the northeast corner southeast northwest Section 19-16-23.

New Location Announced For Lafayette County Test.

Special to the Gazette. 7-14-40

Stamps, July 13.—Atlantic Refining Company announced a new location for a test which will be known as the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2 in the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps in the center of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 29-17-23. It is a diagonal off-set to their Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1, new gas distillate discovery completed about a month ago. Plank roads were constructed and location cleared this week. Operators expect to spud in Tuesday.

Activity in the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville has been at a standstill the past two weeks due to the high water from Bodcaw creek. East Texas Refining Company expects to begin work soon on one of three new locations in the field, known as the Judy Bell No. 3 in Section 19-16-23. Drilling was resumed last week at the J. & J. Oil Company's Barnes No. 1 in Section 4-16-24, two miles northwest of Lewisville, after a shutdown of several weeks. Operators reported that cores taken around 2,400 feet showed fair oil saturation.

Stamps Well Re-Cemented

Democrat 8-4-40

Stamps—Erwin and Leach and the East Texas Refining Company re-cemented their Bell B-2, in section 19-16-23, Saturday after salt water broke through the first cement job.

This well is near Stamps in the shallow Stamps-Lewisville field and when completed will be the sixteenth producer in the area. Production is from an average depth of 3,450 feet and the oil is of high gravity.

In the McKamie field, six miles south of Stamps, Atlantic Refining Company is drilling ahead at below 5,000 feet in Bodcaw No. 2. Production is from 9,190 feet, the deepest in the state. The discovery well, the only completion to date, is producing distillate which is being hauled to Buckner by truck for Standard's pipe line.

In the Buckner field, George Scott Hammond is drilling below surface casing on the S. T. Crone lease, in section 9-16-22. This is a farm-out from the Standard Oil Company. Operators in the Stamps-Lewisville field will begin a new well

next week, immediately following completion of the Bell B-2. The location will also be in the east end of the field.

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Special to the Gazette. 8-11-40
Stamps, Aug. 10.—Oil activity in Lafayette county has been quiet this week, due to much rain and bad roads.

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Oil Activity in Lafayette Also At Low Ebb.

Special to the Gazette. 8-18-40

Stamps, Aug. 17.—Oil activity in Lafayette county remained quiet this week.

East Texas Refining Co. completed reworking a cement job at its latest operation, scheduled for completion three weeks ago. It is the Judy Bell B-2, Section 19-16-23, in the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville. Encountering a strong flow of salt water at the completion depth of 3,400 feet, operators plugged back to 3,314 feet and cemented in an effort to seal off the flow. The cement failed to hold, and efforts during the past two weeks have consisted of swabbing, testing and pouring more cement. Operations now are at a standstill, but operators plan to resume completion efforts next week.

In the McKamie area of Lafayette county, Atlantic Refining Co. is nearing an interesting depth at its Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 2 in Section 29-17-23. Operators are drilling below 7,200 feet. Contract depth for this well is around 9,200 feet.

Hope Held New McKamie Test May Produce Oil.

Special to the Gazette. 9-1-40

Stamps, Aug. 31.—As Atlantic Refining Company nears coring stage at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2 in the McKamie area of Lafayette county, section 29-17-23, oil men are watching the well with much interest. Operators today were drilling below 8,400 feet in sandy shale. They expect to start coring around 9,040 feet, which probably will be reached by the last of next week. Contract depth is 9,500 feet. It has checked thus far with the company's first operation in that area, the Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 1, which became as gas distillate producer, but oil men say that there is a possibility that this second well may produce a good quality crude oil. If it does, an extensive drilling campaign will follow, as the area surrounding the two wells is owned almost entirely by major oil companies who acquired the leases last spring in one of the most expensive lease and royalty buying campaigns ever seen in this county, after cores in the gas distillate well showed almost 100 feet of saturation.

In the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, East Texas Refining Company is installing a pumping unit at its latest producer, the Judy Bell B-2, in section 19-16-23, which began flowing last week-end after much effort toward completion. Wells in the new field are producing from the lime zone, but the gas pressure is too low to force

the oil out naturally, most of the wells have to be placed on pumps. Unofficial estimate of the daily production of the Bell is 150 barrels, but an official gauge will be determined after the pumping unit is completed. The Judy Bell is the company's 16th producer for the shallow area.

Skelly Gets East Texas Wells.

There are 26 producing wells in Lafayette county. Further activity in the shallow field has not been announced due to the reorganization of the East Texas Refining Company. It now will be operated as a subsidiary of the Skelly Oil Company of Tulsa, Okla. W. G. Skelly of Tulsa has been elected president, succeeding Freeman W. Burford of Dallas, resigned. Mr. Burford became involved in the Louisiana hot oil probe last year and was indicted along with former Gov. Richard Leche of Louisiana and Seymour Weiss.

Interest in Lafayette Test Keen After Oil Show.

Special to the Gazette. 9-8-40

Stamps, Sept. 7.—Since the first core taken at Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2, in Lafayette county has shown oil saturation and interest is keen in outcome of the well. It is in the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, in section 29-17-23. Operators have reached 9,075 feet. The Buckner lime was topped at 8,913 feet, 14 feet lower than in the company's first operation in that area, which proved to be a gas distillate producer. The dense lime was encountered at 9,039 feet, and the first core was taken from 9,055-75 feet, with only two feet recovery, due to trouble in getting in and out of the hole. However this core showed excellent oil saturation. Operators plan to continue coring and the outcome should be determined within two weeks.

East Texas Refining Co. has spudded in on a location in the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville. It will be known as the Robert Buchanan No. 1 in section 19-16-23. Operators are drilling ahead below 2,000 feet in shale.

Atlantic Tops Main Porosity At Its Bodcaw No. 2.

Special to the Gazette. 9-10-40

Stamps, Sept. 9.—Atlantic Refining Company topped the main porosity at 9,148 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2, McKamie area, in section 29-17-23, after coring from 9,154-74. It will continue coring to determine extent of the porosity. Operators are jubilant over prospects.

In the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, East Texas Refining Company is drilling below 3,233 in lime and shale at its Buchanan No. 1, in section 19-16-23. The test was cored at 2,733-53 and 2,868-88 feet in sand. The outcome may be determined the last of this week.

Two New Producers Loom In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 9-15-40

Stamps, Sept. 14.—Two new producers loom for Lafayette county, possibly next week. In the McKamie area Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 2

in Section 29-17-23, second well for that area, topped the main porosity at 9,123 feet. This is 23 feet lower than the depth at which it was encountered in its first well. Coring was continued from that depth to 9,284 feet, where the salt water level was encountered. Cores were saturated throughout with amber color distillate. A Schlumberger survey was made Thursday night, and operators were preparing to run production pipe today. A production test probably will be attempted the first of the week. It was hoped by lease owners in the vicinity of the well that this operation would prove a good crude oil producer, but cores have checked almost identical to those of the first well, which proved a gas distillate producer. The production test will settle the question.

In the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, East Texas Refining Company has set production pipe at its 17th operation for that area, known as the Robert Buchanan No. 1 in section 19-16-23. Cores and Schlumberger survey revealed favorable saturation. Total depth is 3,450 feet with porosity topped around 2,800 feet.

M'Kamie Area Test Flows Distillate

9-19-40

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Sept. 18.—Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 2, McKamie area, section 29-17-23, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, began flowing an amber-colored distillate today after casing was perforated with 210 shots from 9,200-40 last night. No gauge has been made. Total depth is 9,284.

It is the second distillate producer in the new field, and the 27th oil well in the county.

In the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville East Texas Refining Co. is working toward completion of its Buchanan No. 1, section 19-16-23. The well was acidized and swabbing is progressing. Total depth is 3,450. Propensity was topped 2,800.

Fafayette County Well Total Grows to 27.

Special to the Gazette. 9-22-40

Stamps, Sept. 21.—Lafayette county registered one completion this week in its steadily increasing number of oil wells, bringing the total to 27. Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 2, McKamie area, section 29-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, began flowing amber-colored distillate Wednesday after the casing had been perforated with 210 shots from 9,200-9,240 feet. It was gauged Thursday at 25 barrels per hour on quarter-inch choke. Tubing and casing pressures were 2,500 pounds. It is the second distillate producer for the Atlantic company in the new McKamie area. Total depth is 9,284.

A third location by the same company had been staked and is awaiting permit from the state commission. It is in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29-17-23, about a mile west of the discovery well in the same section.

It is rumored that Standard Oil Co. plans to drill an offset to this location in its adjoining section of 30. In the shallow field of Lafayette county, between Stamps and Lewisville, East Texas Refining Company's Buchanan No. 1, in section 19-16-23, began flowing by heads Tuesday, but as the gas pressure is too weak to force the oil out, a pumping unit will be installed. The Buchanan is the company's seventeenth producer for the new shallow field. Total depth is 3,450.

Lafayette County Gets Two Producers

Stamps, Sept. 22.—Two good producing wells were added to the Lafayette county oil field the past week, one in the McKamie deep sector and one in the Stamps-Lewisville shallow field.

In the former area Atlantic Refining Company completed its Bodcaw No. 2, section 29-17-23, as the second producer in the field. Both are distillate wells.

Total depth of the well is 9,284 feet. Production casing was set to bottom of hole after which casing was perforated with 210 shots at 9,200 to 9,240 feet. The well began

flowing 25 barrels per hour.

Drilling in the field will proceed but no new location has been officially announced.

In the Stamps-Lewisville shallow field East Texas Refining Co. completed its Buchanan No. 2 as the seventeenth producer, one of the best wells in the area. Total depth is 3,405 feet. Location is in section 19-16-23, one mile west of Stamps.

Test Planned Inside Town Limits of Buckner.

Special to the Gazette. 10-16-40

Magnolia, Oct. 15.—Two new locations for oil wells have been announced, one in Magnolia field and the other in Buckner field, Lafayette county.

The Magnolia location is A. W. Gunnels B-2, by Louark, northeast northwest of section 20-17-19, northeast edge of the area.

The Buckner location is J. W. Love's Eddy No. 1, southwest southeast of section 12-16-23 in the town of Buckner, extreme west end of the Columbia-Lafayette field.

Oil Activities in Lafayette County Resumed.

Special to the Gazette. 10-17-40

Stamps, Oct. 16.—Oil interest in Lafayette county revived this week after month of inactivity. East Texas Refining Company began work again in the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville with rigging up and surface casing set at the E. P. Davis No. 3, in section 19-16-23, and will continue drilling operations tomorrow. It is the eighteenth operation for the new field.

In the town of Buckner, only three miles east of Stamps, location was being surveyed and cleared for J. W. Love's Eddy No. 1, in section 12-16-23.

Derrick at 10-20-40 Drilling Operations In Lafayette Gain

Stamps — Drilling operations in Lafayette county increased slightly during the week as lease and mineral sales mounted to the greatest volume in recent weeks.

In the Stamps-Lewisville shallow field East Texas Refining Company is drilling ahead at 2,800 feet in its Davis No. 3, section 19-16-23.

In the Buckner field George Scott Hammond is drilling below second string casing in his Standard Oil farm out on the St. Crone lease, in section 9-16-22.

Also the Crow Drilling Company is erecting derrick in the city limits of Buckner for a test to be known as Love-Eddy No. 1, a unitized Standard lease offsetting the Eddy No. 2. The latter well is a good producer and is on the western edge of production.

Another Test Planned in New McKamie Field.

Special to the Gazette. 10-27-40

Stamps, Oct. 26.—Interest throughout Lafayette county was created by the announcement by Normandie Oil Company yesterday of a new location in the new McKamie field. The test, the R. Cornelius No. 1, is in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 28-17-23, approximately a half-mile east of the discovery well, in the adjoining section 29 and exactly eight miles south of Stamps.

Two Distillate Wells Producing.

Two wells are producing gas distillate in the area now, both owned by the Atlantic Refining Company, the only company to drill in the new area, although all major oil companies have holdings in the vicinity. The Normandie operation is located on the famous Cornelius rice farms, where the company owns about 340 acres, all in section 28. The deal involved approximately \$100,000 last spring, when leasing in the area was at fever heat, due to excellent saturation encountered in the discovery well. The drilling contract for the Normandie operation has been let to Grady Vaughn. This drilling company owns leases covering about 100 acres in section 21, which is just north of section 28. Barnsdall Oil Company also owns acreage nearby.

A flurry in leasing activity during the past month in the vicinity has been noted, and seismograph companies have been studying areas which heretofore had not been considered. If the Normandie operation proves successful, an intensive drilling campaign will follow.

Davis No. 3 Due in Soon.

In the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, East Texas Refining Company set production pipe to 3,410 feet at its eighteenth operation in the new field, known as the E. P. Davis No. 3, in section 19-16-23. Cores showed excellent saturation. Porosity was topped at

3,429 feet. Total depth is 3,450 feet. A production test is scheduled for next week. In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, the new location made by J. W. Love, known as the Eddy Unit No. 1, in section 12-16-23, is waiting on contractors. It is expected operators will begin moving in rig next week.

29th Lafayette County Well Makes Good Production.

Special to the Gazette. 11-3-40

Stamps, Nov. 2.—The 29th producer for Lafayette county was recorded this week as East Texas Refining Company's E. P. Davis No. 3 in the Stamps-Lewisville field, section 19-16-23, began flowing by heads after acidizing. Operators said that the well will be a good one, as the quality of oil is as good as the best in the field. No production gauge is available, as the well, like all others in the field, lacks gas pressure and the well is being placed on a pumping unit. A gauge will be obtained when the unit is completed.

The Davis is the East Texas Refining Company's 18th producer in the new field. One other well in the same section is owned by Boswell, et al, of Magnolia.

Normandie Oil Company spudded in Wednesday at its new operation in the McKamie field, known as the Rube Cornelius No. 1, in section 28-17-23, and set surface casing to 350 feet. Operators began drilling ahead today and are below 1,000 feet.

Leasing activity continues rather brisk in the McKamie area. A tract of 450 acres in section 4-18-23 was leased to H. C. Barnett for approximately \$9,000. W. H. Witke owns the land, which is about one and a half miles south of the discovery well. It is rumored that drilling operations will begin on this tract soon.

In the Buckner area of Lafayette county, J. W. Love's Eddy No. 1 in section 12-16-23 is moving in derrick. This location is inside the Buckner city limits.

Rube Cornelius No. 1 Well Below 4,000 Feet.

Special to the Gazette. 11-10-40

Stamps, Nov. 9.—Operations at Normandie Oil Company's Rube Cornelius No. 1, in the new McKamie field, section 28-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, are drilling ahead at 4,000 feet. Preparations are being made to spud in at J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1, Buckner field, section 12-16-23. The Eddy well is the first to be drilled inside the Buckner city limits and is a west extension of the Buckner field, which extends far over into Columbia county. A pumping unit is being completed at East Texas Refining Company's E. P. Davis No. 3, Stamps-Lewisville field, section 28-17-23, the company's eighteenth and most recent producer for that area.

McKamie Well Now Drilling Below 4,800.

Special to the Gazette. 11-17-40

Stamps, Nov. 16.—Oil activity in Lafayette county for the week-end includes only one drilling operation, that at Normandie Oil Corporation's Rube Cornelius No. 1, McKamie field, section 28-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps. It is deepening after setting second string casing to 4,132 feet. Total depth is 4,800 feet.

In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1, section 12-16-23, was spudded in Tuesday and surface casing set to 180 feet. Operators are drilling below 1,000 feet. This location is inside the Buckner city limits, three miles east of Stamps. On the west in the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville activity is quiet. Nineteen wells are producing in that area with a daily output of about 1,000 barrels.

Third McKamie Test Watched As It Nears Contract Depth.

Special to the Gazette. 11-24-40

Stamps, Nov. 23.—Normandie Oil Corporation is drilling below 7,000 feet in lime and shale at the Rube Cornelius No. 1, McKamie field, section 28-17-23, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps. The Cornelius is the third operation for the McKamie field. The first two were drilled by Atlantic Refining Co. and are producing gas distillate. There is great interest in the Cornelius well, as it nears the contract depth of 9,300 feet. Leasing in the area continues, but no new locations have been announced. In the Buckner field, on the Lafayette county side, and inside the Buckner city limits J. W. Love is drilling below 4,500 feet at the Eddy Unit No. 1, section 12-16-23.

Two Lafayette County Wells Near Completion.

Special to the Gazette. 12-1-40

Stamps, Nov. 30.—Two wells are drilling ahead in Lafayette county and are due to be completed about the same time. In the new McKamie field where two gas distillate wells are producing, Normandie Oil Corporation's Rube Cornelius No. 1, section 28-17-23, is drilling below 7,400 feet in hard lime and shale. The Cotton Valley series was topped around 6,800 feet. Operators expect to begin coring in about two weeks. Drilling is expected to be rather slow from now on, due to the hard rock formation.

Leasing continues in the McKamie field and a new seismograph crew of 18 men from Tulsa, Okla., is making Stamps its headquarters while shooting the area. In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1 in section 12-16-23 is drilling below 6,500 feet in shale and sand. Contract depth is around 7,300 feet. The Eddy well is inside the Buckner city limits, and is the western outpost of the Buckner two county field.

A mineral survey project was begun in Lafayette county today, E. E. Castleberry, state supervisor, announced. W. Redwine will be supervisor here and WPA labor will be used. Various types of clay and minerals which are found in quantities in this county will be studied to see if they can be used in defense and commercial purposes.

Eddy No. 1 Refuses to Flow After Acidizing.

Special to the Gazette. 12-12-40

Stamps, Dec. 11.—J. W. Love's Eddy No. 1, section 12-16-23, Buckner field, Lafayette county, refused to flow after being acidized with 2,500 gallons yesterday. Operators were continuing efforts toward completion by swabbing today.

Normandie's Rube Cornelius No. 1, section 28-17-23, McKamie field, is drilling below 8,700 in sandy shale and lime.

Operators More Hopeful For Eddy No. 1, Buckner Field.

Special to the Gazette. 12-13-40

Stamps, Dec. 12.—Operators were more optimistic today over Love's Eddy No. 1 oil test well in section 12-16-18, Buckner field. Faulty acid used yesterday was believed to be the reason the well failed to flow. Operators were swabbing today.

Normandie's Cornelius No. 1, McKamie field, is drilling below 8,700 feet and operators expect to core tomorrow or Saturday.

Well Inside Buckner City Limits In

Special to the Gazette. 12-13-40

Stamps, Dec. 17.—J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1, section 12-16-23, inside the Buckner city limits, began flowing last night after swabbing and second acid treatment. On two-hour test the well made 19 barrels per hour on quarter-inch choke. Casing and tubing pressure is 300 and 350. Operators said the well is good for 500 barrels daily.

Total depth is 7,305. Production pipe was set to 7,280. The Buckner series was topped at 7,050, or 11 feet higher than other wells in the area. The well is a western outpost and the twenty-third for the two-county field. A gravity test has not been made.

Normandie's Cornelius No. 1, McKamie field, section 29-17-22, still is coring at 9,238-58, showing gas distillate.

Oil Prospects for Lafayette County Next Year Bright.

Special to the Gazette. 12-22-40

Stamps, Dec. 21.—Prospects of increased oil activity in Lafayette county during the next year are unusually bright.

This week's developments include one completion and a second operation nearing that stage. J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1 inside the Buckner city limits in section 12-16-23, began flowing Monday night after being acidized twice. The well made 19 barrels per hour on a quarter-inch choke on a first test. Operators shut the well in today, as storage tanks were full. A pipe line is being constructed and a gravity test will be made when the oil is allowed to flow through the pipe line. A Bs test showed that the oil contained only 1.2 per cent impurities, and operators say the

well is good for 500 barrels daily. The oil is considered the best in the field. Casing and tubing pressure are 200 and 375 pounds respectively. Total depth is 7,305, with production pipe set at 7,280 feet. The Buckner series was topped at 7,050 feet, 11 feet higher than in other wells in that area. The Eddy is the 23d well for the Buckner two-county field and extends the field a half-mile into Lafayette county. J. W. Love plans to drill an offset to his Eddy well about a half-mile south in the northwest quarter of section 13-16-23, which is also inside the Buckner city limits. No permit for this well has been allowed.

The Eddy well is located in the center of a unitized 40 acres, on a 15-acre plot belonging to B. C. Burns, 83-year-old retired farmer and gin operator. Five widows also have small plots in the 40. Royalties will be divided according to the acreage each owns.

In the new McKamie gas-distillate field, eight miles south of Stamps, Normandie Oil Corporation's Rube Cornelius No. 1, section 28-17-23, looks as the third producer for that area. Coring began a week ago after porosity was topped at 9,218 feet, 67 feet lower than in the other two wells. The first core was from 9,218-38 and continued to 9,318, all showing gas distillate, until the lowest level, which began to show a hard slightly porous formation. Operators decided to drill deeper for information on the hard sand. Nothing promising was discovered, however, after the 9,318-foot level. A Schlumberger survey was made yesterday and production pipe set to bottom today. Total depth is 9,366 feet. A production test will be attempted Thursday.

Atlantic Refining Company plans to drill two offsets to the Normandie operation immediately following completion, but locations have not been announced.

BUCKNER COUPLE, 83 AND 97, OWNS SITE OF NEW PRODUCER

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Burns of Buckner, known to their friends as "Uncle Ben" and "Grandma," probably will receive most of the royalty income from the Eddy No. 1 well, completed recently inside the Buckner city limits. Mr. Burns is 83, his wife 97. She is believed to be the oldest resident of Lafayette county.

Mr. Burns owns the 15-acre tract on which the well was drilled. It is in the center of a unitized 40 acres, assembled a year ago by Ben Owens, former cashier of a Buckner bank. Many persons own small plots in the 40, among them five widows, but "Uncle Ben's" tract is the largest. Royalties will be divided according to the acreage each owns. Mr. Burns acquired the land in 1895, paying \$1,300 for it and a gin, which he operated many years.

In fencing in the acreage and digging postholes, Mr. Burns accidentally opened a grave and uncovered many skulls and bones. As no record could be found of the identity of those buried, it was supposed that they were skeletons of soldiers buried, perhaps hurriedly, during some early war.

Mr. Burns is in excellent health and active. Mrs. Burns also is in good health, but is not so active, due to her age.

Remarking that a marriage in which the woman was 15 years her husband's senior, was unusual, Mr. Burns said: "Yes, I know it, but ours has been ideal and a success every way." They have been married 51 years and both had been married before.

"I needed a mother for my little girl, and I didn't need a young, inexperienced girl for a wife," "Uncle Ben" asserted. He said that he and Mrs. Burns' first husband were partners in the gin business.

Mrs. Burns is the mother of six children, 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. She doesn't believe in women voting. Her father was one of the first settlers in north Georgia. She was 15 when the Civil war began. She saw many soldiers but no actual fighting.

"There are a lot of thrills in living 97 years in this world," said Mrs. Burns. "It's a dizzy world



MR. AND MRS. B. C. BURNS.

that doesn't seem to know where it's going, and it's fun to watch it go by."

Mr. Burns was a stockholder in a bank at Buckner which failed several years ago, and the failure caused him to lose \$4,500. Things have been a little hard at times for the couple, but "Uncle Ben" is thrifty and raises most of their food on his small place in Buckner. A daughter, Mrs. Effie Greenwood, lives with them. Asked what they intended to do with their newfound wealth, Mr. Burns replied: "Well, there's not much me and the old woman want, but it will make things a little more comfortable for us, and help the kids out after we're gone."

McKamie Field's Third Well A Good Producer.

Special to the Gazette. 12-29-40

Stamps, Dec. 28.—A third producer for the new McKamie gas-distillate field in Lafayette county was completed yesterday. It is Normandie Oil Corporation's Rube Cornelius No. 1 in Section 28-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps. Production pipe was set at 9,347 feet. Porosity was topped at 9,218 feet. The casing was perforated with 24 shots from 9,285 to 9,293 feet, and after the well cleaned itself, it began to flow steadily a straw colored gas distillate. Operators said that the well will be as good or better than the other two.

Smackover lime was topped at 9,115 feet, 67 feet lower than in the discovery well, Atlantic's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1 in the adjoining section of 29. Total depth of the Cornelius is 9,365 feet. No announcements for offsets were made by Normandie, but Atlantic Refining Company will drill two wells within 15 days in the McKamie area, but officials declined to make public definite locations. In the Buckner field a pipe line had been completed to J. W. Love's Eddy Unit No. 1, Section 12-16-23, completed two weeks ago.

New Drilling Slated For M'Kamie Area

1-5-41

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Jan. 4.—Major drilling campaign for the deep stillate McKamie field of Lafayette county was foreshadowed here this week by three announcements of plans to drill immediately in the area. The first to get started is the Barnsdall Refining Company which will drill the Rube Cornelius No. 2 in Section 28-17-23. Plank roads are being constructed and operators expect to start building derrick tomorrow.

The other two locations were made by Atlantic Refining Company and will be in Section 29-17-23. They will be known as the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 2 and No. 3. Derrick was moved in today to the No. 2 well, with expectations of completing derrick and spudding in by the last of next week. Grady Vaughn will drill the Barnsdall operation and Crescent Drilling Company of Monroe, La., the two Atlantic wells.

It was rumored here today that Normandie will drill another operation soon on its holdings in Section 28.

The Normandie's Rube Cornelius No. 1, which was completed last week in Section 28-17-23, was gauged Monday at 12 barrels of straw-

colored distillate an hour through 12-16-inch choke, with casing pressure 3,000 and tubing 2,600 pounds. Gas-oil ratio was 8,000-to-1. The new Barnsdall operation is an offset. There are three wells in the new field, each producing a good quality gas-distillate. The field is exactly eight miles south of Stamps. The Buckner field also is slated for another operation within the city limits. This is in Lafayette county. J. W. Love plans to drill an offset to his Eddy Unit No. 1 in Section 12-16-23, and will be on a unitized 40 acres, known as the Waters Unit No. 1.

Three Tests Spudded In New McKamie Field.

Special to the Gazette. 1-12-41

Stamps, Jan. 11.—Three new wells spudded in today in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county.

They are Barnsdall Oil Company's R. R. Cornelius No. 1, center southwest northwest section 28-17-23, and Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company's No. 3, center northeast southeast, and No. 4, center southeast northwest, the latter two in section 29-17-23. Surface casing was set at approximately 250 feet in each well.

Drilling has been delayed by wet weather and bad roads. Plank roads have had to be constructed to all three locations. There are three producers in the 9,000-foot field, which yields a rich straw colored distillate from the Smackover lime. Work will begin soon on J. W. Love's Waters Unit No. 1, center northeast northeast, section 13-16-23, inside the Buckner city limits.

McKamie Gas May Be Used For Defense Industry.

Special to the Gazette. 1-19-41

Stamps, Jan. 18.—Reports have been current here the past week that the Louisiana-Nevada Gas Company was contemplating buying the gas from the McKamie field to supply a huge plant producing material for national defense, but nothing official has been announced.

Three wells are drilling in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, and a fourth in the Buckner field is preparing to spud in over the week-end.

Barnsdall Oil Company's R. R. Cornelius No. 1 in Section 28-17-23, is down to 4,090 feet, with second string casing set last night. A two-day delay at the Cornelius operation was caused this week by a stuck drill pipe. In the same field in Section 29-17-23, Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3 is drilling at 3,850 and their No. 4 is below 2,800 feet. Operators expect to set second string pipe on both wells tomorrow. Inside the Buckner city limits J. W. Love is completing rigging up at his Waters Unit No. 1 in Section 13-16-23 and expects to spud in over the week-end. The Waters well will be the second drilled on the Buckner town side.

Location Surveyed for Fifth Lafayette Test.

Special to the Gazette. 1-26-41

Stamps, Jan. 25.—Four tests are drilling in Lafayette county and a location for a fifth is being surveyed. In the new McKamie field, where three operations went down almost simultaneously, Barnsdall Oil Company's R. R. Cornelius No. 1 in the center of southwest northwest of Section 29-17-23, was setting the pace for drilling time at a depth of 5,610 feet in shale and lime, Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 3 in Section 28-17-23, is drilling ahead below 4,800 feet in shale. Second string casing was set to 4,175 feet the first of the week. The same company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 4

in the same section set second string pipe today at 4,180 feet in anhydrite. Drilling will be resumed tomorrow.

In the Buckner field, inside the city limits, Love and Owen's Waters Unit No. 1 in the center of northeast northeast of Section 13-16-23, ran second string pipe at 2,100 feet Thursday. Operators are drilling ahead below 2,500 feet.

Another well will be drilled in the northwest northeast of Section 13-16-23 by the same company following completion of their Waters operation. It will be known as the Snyder Unit No. 1. The new well will be drilled in another unitized 40 acres, as was the present operation and the most recent one for that field. These unitized forties are made up of small tracts covering from 15 acres down to the smallest city lots, the owners donating the leases in order that the 40 acres can be assembled. The profit will come from royalties if a producer is completed on the unitized acreage.

Lafayette Has Four Operations

Special to the Gazette. 2-2-41

Stamps, Feb. 1.—Four operations are drilling ahead in Lafayette county. Barnsdall Oil Company's R. R. Cornelius No. 1 in the new McKamie field eight miles south of Stamps in section 28-17-23 continues to set the pace in drilling time at 7,500 feet in sand and lime. An informative core was taken from 6,830 to 6,850 feet. Coring does not usually begin on the deep tests in the field until around 9,100 feet.

In the same field in the adjoining section of 29-17-23, Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 6,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3 and below 5,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 4.

Hearing For New Field Tuesday.

Oil men believe that the McKamie field, where there are three producers of gas-distillate, will become the most active in this part of the state. Many persons in this vicinity holding royalty in the new field will attend the hearing Tuesday at El Dorado before the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission to determine whether waste of oil or gas is taking place in the McKamie field. The commission will set field rules, which include the spacing pattern for wells to be drilled, rules for the completion of wells, and the maximum volume of gas which may be produced from one productive acre in one day. Testimony will be offered by all producers in the pool pertaining to the question of the liquid produced in the McKamie pool being "condensate"; whether the gas produced in its natural state is unfit for use in generating heat, light and power for domestic purposes; the record of bottom hole pressures and gas liquid ratios, and the bearing this has on the prevention of waste and ultimate recovery. Testimony also will be heard on the maximum area which efficiently and economically may be drained by one well in the McKamie pool, assuming all parts of the area to be productive.

One lone operation in the Buckner field, known as Love and Owens Waters Unit No. 1, section 13-16-23, inside the city limits, is drilling below 4,000 feet.

Three McKamie Wells Going Down; Fourth Planned.

Special to the Gazette. 2-9-41

Stamps, Feb. 8.—Oil activity in Lafayette county consists of three operations drilling in the new McKamie gas field, one in the Buckner field, and the announcement by Louark Producing Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co., that it will drill in the deep McKamie field.

The operation will be the Cornelius No. 1, center of the southeast quarter of section 30-17-23. It will be the first 160-acre test in the state. Roads are being built to the location.

Grady Vaughn has announced he will drill a test in section 21-17-23, and Normandie Oil corporation has requested a 160-acre spacing test in section 28-17-23.

The three tests now drilling rapidly are nearing the pay zones. Barnsdall Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1 in section 28-17-23 continues to lead in drilling time at a depth of 7,900 feet. Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 3 in section 29-17-23 is below 7,000 feet, and that company's Bodcaw No. 4 is below 6,600 feet.

In the Buckner field, Love and Owens have reached 6,000 feet at their Waters Unit No. 1 in section 13-16-23.

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission Wednesday ordered a governmental 160-acre spacing rule placed in effect at McKamie and also ordered an immediate investigation of the feasibility of a recycling program in the McKamie field and authorized experiments with the gas in this field for possible use in the production of acids and dry ice. An analysis of the gas from the wells show that 7.5 per cent is hydrogen sulphide and 5.4 per cent is carbon dioxide.

W. A. Delaney of Ada, Okla., president of the Nevada Transit Company, expressed the belief that the hydrogen sulphide could be removed at low operating costs, and a market could be found for the gas if it could be stored. He said that his proposed project could be made a profitable venture if 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas could be made available daily. Mr. Delaney is said to be considering a large expenditure, possibly including an acid plant, a dry ice plant and perhaps use the gas for defense purposes.

Experts estimated that the McKamie field would cover approximately 4,200 acres, and estimated its gas reserve was 400 billion cubic feet of gas and distillate reserve 40,000,000 barrels.

Third Buckner Field Well Completed

Special to the Gazette. 2-12-41

Stamps, Feb. 20.—Love, Owens & Whitwell's Unit No. 1, third oil test well completed inside the city limits of Buckner, Lafayette county, began flowing late yesterday after it had been acidized. It is the 24th well in the county.

Drilled to 7,262 feet, the well showed porosity at 7,247. Operators estimated it was as good as other wells in the section.

Five Other Tests Planned.

The same company will drill an offset in the same section, 13-16-23, three miles east of Stamps.

Four other wells will be drilled soon in the Pelt land of the same field by the El Dorado Oil Company. They will be in Section 7-16-22.

In the McKamie field, operators of Barnsdall's Cornelius No. 1, Section 28-17-23, cored at 9,120-40 and found the Buckner Anhydrite. A second core at 9,185-9,205 showed dense Oolitic lime with gas odor, and a third core, 9,205-21, the same. Operators will resume drilling until the Smackover lime series is encountered.

Atlantic's Bodcaw 3 and 4 are below 8,200 and 7,700, respectively. Louark is moving in derrick to new location in Section 30-17-24, same field.

Second Producer Looms Inside Buckner City Limits.

Special to the Gazette. 2-16-41

Stamps, Feb. 15.—The 31st producer looms for Lafayette county as production pipe was set today at Love, Owens and Whitwell's Waters Unit No. 1, Buckner field, Section 13-16-23, began flowing Wednesday night after acidizing with 3,000 gallons, but the well did not clean itself satisfactorily. Operators decided to recalcify and swab yesterday. An accurate gauge probably will be obtained the first of the week. Depth is 7,262 feet, with porosity topped at 7,147 feet. The Waters is the third well in-

feet. The Buckner series was topped around 7,000 feet, slightly higher than in the well recently completed in Section 12. Top of porosity was encountered at 7,247 feet. A production test probably will be attempted Tuesday or Wednesday. The Waters operation is the second to be drilled inside the Buckner city limits, and is on a unitized 40 acres, as was the other city well. The Waters will be the 24th for the Buckner field, which lies in Lafayette and Columbia counties.

Five Others Planned.

Following completion of the operation the same company will drill a NW NE offset in the same section on another unitized 40, to be known as the Snyder Unit No. 1. Arrangements have been made for four additional wells to be drilled soon in Section 7-16-22, in the same field on the Lafayette county side, on acreage owned and controlled by L. Pelt, Buckner. Contract has been awarded to an oil company to begin drilling operations immediately, but as permits have not been issued, Mr. Pelt declined to reveal the name of the company.

Other activities in this county consist of three operations nearing the pay zone in the new McKamie gas-distillate field, eight miles south of Stamps. They are Barnsdall oil company's R. Cornelius No. 1 Section 28-17-23, drilling below 8,500 feet in sand and shale. Atlantic Refining Company is below 7,700 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3 in Section 29-17-23, and at its No. 4 Bodcaw, same section, a depth of 7,300 feet has been reached.

Two new locations have been made in the McKamie field and will begin operations soon. Louark Producing Company is building roads to its first test in the new field, Cornelius No. 1, Section 30-17-24, and Atlantic will begin on its new location, known as the Bodcaw No. 5, Section 29-17-23, following completion of its two present operations.

Buckner And McKamie Pools Get Big Play

Democrat 2-16-41

Stamps—Prospects for increased drilling activity in Lafayette county were in evidence this week as four deep tests in two fields neared completion.

In the McKamie gas-distillate field, seven miles south of Stamps, Barnsdall Oil Co. is nearing the pay zone at below 9,000 feet in the Rube Cornelius No. 1, center sw. nw. section 28-17-23. In the same area Atlantic Refining Co. is drilling below 7,600 and 7,400 feet, respectively, in the Bodcaw Lumber Co. Nos 3 and 4. The latter wells are in section 29-17-23.

Louark Oil Co. is building a road and will soon begin drilling the R. Cornelius No. 1, section 30-17-23, also in McKamie field, and Atlantic has staked another location in section 29.

In the Buckner field, J. W. Love, William Owen et al. have set production casing in their Waters Unit No. 1, where saturated core was taken at 7,242 to 7,262 feet and operators expect a good well. This is a southeast offset to the same operators' Eddy Unit No. 1, and both wells are in the town of Buckner.

Love, Owens et al. will also drill another unitized well, west offset to their Waters unit, which will bring the field still nearer the center of the town.

Four Wells Contracted. Meanwhile contract has been signed for four wells on the Pelt lease in the north half of section 7, which will extend activity in the Buckner field in a new direction. One of these wells is to begin within 30 days.

It is reported that the shallow Stamps-Lewisville field will again see activity as Skelly Oil Co. prepares to drill on the Patten lease, in section 24-16-24.

It is also reported that the Grimes Brothers block south of Stamps has been assigned to Standard Oil Co. and it is expected that operations will begin there during the year.

32d Well in Lafayette County Due In This Week.

Special to the Gazette. 2-23-41

Stamps, Feb. 22.—The 31st producer for Lafayette county was flowing and a 32d loomed as the week ends. Love, Owens & Whitwell's Waters Unit No. 1, Buckner field, Section 13-16-23, began flowing Wednesday night after acidizing with 3,000 gallons, but the well did not clean itself satisfactorily. Operators decided to recalcify and swab yesterday. An accurate gauge probably will be obtained the first of the week. Depth is 7,262 feet, with porosity topped at 7,147 feet. The Waters is the third well in-

side the Buckner city limits and is the 24th for the field, which lies in Lafayette and Columbia counties.

The same company plans to begin work soon on a NW NE offset in the same section, to be known as the Snyder Unit No. 1.

Contract has been given to E. G. Bradham of El Dorado to drill four wells in Section 7-16-22 on the Lafayette county side of the Buckner field, on land owned by L. Pelt of Buckner. Another producer is assured for the new McKamie gas distillate field, eight miles south of Stamps, as Barnsdall Oil Company continued coring below 9,267 feet after topping porosity at 9,240 at the Cornelius No. 1, Section 28-17-23, with cores showing oolitic lime well saturated throughout. Coring will be continued until water level is reached. The Smackover lime series was encountered at 9,165 feet.

Outcome of the Cornelius probably will be determined the first of next week.

Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 8,300 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3 in Section 29-17-23, and is below 7,900 feet at the No. 4 Bodcaw, same section. Formations at that depth are hard shale and sand. Atlantic plans to begin work on its No. 5 Bodcaw same section following completion of the two present operations.

In the same field, Louark Refining Co. is moving equipment and derrick to its first location in the new field, to be known as the Cornelius No. 1, Section 30-17-24.

Fourth McKamie Field Well Due In This Week-End.

Special to the Gazette. 3-2-41

Stamps, March 1.—A fourth producer for the new McKamie gas-distillate field in Lafayette county is due this week-end, and two others in the same field are due to start coring stage next week. Barnsdall Oil Company set 51-2-inch production casing at 9,362 feet Tuesday at the Cornelius No. 1, Section 28-17-23 after cores and Schlumberger survey revealed more than 87 feet of soft porous lime, well saturated throughout. Result of production test today will be known tomorrow.

Atlantic Refining Company is below 9,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3, Section 29-17-23 and around 8,400 feet at its No. 4 Bodcaw in Section 28-17-23. In the same field Louark Producing Company is having difficulty moving in equipment, due to rain and mud.

Operators expect to begin erecting derrick at their Cornelius No. 1 in Section 30-17-23 next week. This well is the Standard's first operation in the new field, where that company owns approximately 3,000 acres.

In the Buckner field on Lafayette county side, E. G. Bradham, El Dorado oil man, is moving derrick to a new location in Section 7-16-22, which will be known as the Pelt No. 1. Mr. Bradham will drill four wells on the Pelt tract.

Love, Owens and Whitwell's Waters Unit No. 1, Section 13-16-23, completed last week, gauged 12 barrels per hour on 12-64 inch choke with casing and tubing pressures 600 and 225 pounds respectively.

Deep McKamie Test Disappoints Scouts

Democrat 3-2-41

Stamps—Scores of oil officials, scouts, traders and others who had come to see the bringing in of the first "black oil" producer for the McKamie field, were disappointed yesterday afternoon when a drill stem test failed, because it was said, of a mechanical defect in the packer. The well, a Barnsdall operation, known as R. Cornelius No. 1, located in section 28-17-23, is the company's first for the area.

Atlantic Refining Company has completed two good gas-distillate producers and is now drilling two more, all in section 29. Normandie has one in section 28.

Barnsdall had drilled and cored to a total depth of 9,362 feet and Tuesday set casing to bottom of hole. Friday the casing was perforated near bottom in order to make a crude producer if possible. Many expect "black oil" due to the fact the total depth is considerably below that of the gas distillate producers.

Another packer will be installed and further attempts at a drill stem test will be made today. There is little doubt the well will be a good one as about 100 feet of good porous saturation was cored.

Atlantic Refining Company progressed slowly last week in its two McKamie operations, the Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 3 and 4, but both are around the 9,000-foot level. Bodcaw No. 3 will begin coring today.

Fourth Well In McKamie Field Flowing

Special to the Gazette 3-5-41
Stamps, March 4.—Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1, Section 28-17-23, McKamie field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, began flowing today after perforations from 9,295-9,328 feet with 101 shots. Its estimated flow was 20 barrels hourly on 12-64-inch choke.

Operators are unable to determine whether the well is producing distillate or crude oil, as flow is being turned into pits, due to danger of toxic gas from standing oil. Storage facilities have not been completed. The Cornelius is the fourth producer for the new field. Total depth is 9,362. Porosity was topped at 9,240.

In the same field Atlantic Refining Company began coring today at the Bodcaw No. 3, Section 28-17-23, at 9,050 feet. The company's No. 4, Section 28-17-23, is drilling below 8,500.

Oil companies and Stamps residents arranged today to finance rebuilding of the road from Stamps to the McKamie field. Work will begin immediately.

Crude or Distillate, Question At New McKamie Test.

Special to the Gazette 3-9-41
Stamps, March 8.—Oil interest in Lafayette county gained impetus this week when Barnsdall Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1, Section 28-17-23, McKamie field, began flowing a substance that resembles crude oil of 47 gravity. The field has been designated "gas-condensate," as the three wells already there are producing gas distillate. The Cornelius flowed Tuesday morning after some difficulty. Perforations were made from 8,295 to 9,328, using 101 shots, then again from 9,347 to 9,362 with 68 shots. An estimated flow of 20 barrels per hour was obtained on a 12-64 inch choke. An official gauge has not been obtained, due to lack of storage.

The question still remains whether the well, after cleaning itself, will produce distillate or a high gravity crude. Barnsdall officials say that the flow probably will be distillate. They said that the fluid now has a high crude content, and the gravity is much lower than in the other wells of the field.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3, Section 29-17-23, looks as a fifth producer for that area. Coring began at 9,062 feet. Smackover lime was encountered at 9,063 feet and porosity was topped at 9,148 feet. Operators plan to core the entire porous section and plan to take the well to the 9,350-foot level of the Barnsdall operation in hopes of encountering crude oil. Total depth is 9,250 feet. Outcome should be known next week.

The same company's No. 4 Bodcaw in Section 28-17-23 is drilling below 8,900 feet.

Louark Producing Company is rigging up at its Cornelius No. 1 in Section 30-17-23 after several delays due to bad weather and muddy roads. In the Buckner field of Lafayette county, E. G. Bradham's Pelt No. 1, Section 7-16-22, will spud in tomorrow.

McKamie Well Has Oil Men Guessing.

Special to the Gazette 3-16-41
Stamps—Barnsdall's Cornelius No. 1, northeast offset well in the McKamie gas-distillate field, produced the sensation of the week in Lafayette County oil fields when it came in as the first producer of crude oil in the area.

In addition it is the big question mark in the oil fraternity, since it alternates between crude oil and distillate. The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission must determine the proper classification before spacing rules can be standardized and future drilling permits be granted.

The commission is reported, therefore, to have ordered the operators to continue efforts to complete the well as a full-fledged oiler if possible.

Atlantic Refining Co. continues to core in its Bodcaw No. 3 at below 9,133 feet, and is drilling at 8,970 feet in Bodcaw No. 4. Both operations are in Section 29-17-23, as was the discovery well.

Louark Production Co., a unit of Standard Oil Co., has constructed derrick in Section 30-17-23 for its Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 1, but mud and rain have delayed moving in machinery.

E. B. Bradham is about to spud in his Pelt No. 1 in Section 7-16-22, Buckner field.

New McKamie Field Well Also A Distillate Producer.

Special to the Gazette 3-11-41
Stamps, March 11.—Barnsdall Oil Company announced today that its Cornelius No. 1, Section 28-17-23, McKamie field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, is distillate.

The official gauge is 23 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. Casing and tubing pressures are 3,000 and 2,900 pounds, respectively. The distillate is 56 gravity.

In the same field Atlantic is drilling below 9,370 after coring from 9,062 to 9,231 at the Bodcaw No. 3, Section 29-17-23. Operators expect to continue coring after the hard lime section breaks. Main porosity was topped at 9,148.

The same company is coring at the Bodcaw No. 4, Section 28-17-23, below 9,097. Lou-Ark is rigging up at its Cornelius No. 1, Section 30-17-23, in the Buckner field of Lafayette county. E. G. Bradham set surface pipe at the Pelt No. 1, Section 7-16-22 yesterday.

Two More McKamie Wells Loom

Special to the Gazette 3-16-41

Stamps, March 15.—Two additional producers loom for the new McKamie field of Lafayette county as the week ends. They are Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3 in Section 29-17-23 and Bodcaw No. 4 in Section 28-17-23. The No. 3 well is below 9,520 feet in hard lime, after drilling below the porous section of the Smackover lime series, topped at 9,063 feet, and main porosity, which was topped at 9,148 feet. A Schlumberger survey was made to 9,515 feet today, and operators decided to continue drilling and coring intermittently until water level is reached. The No. 3 well may be carried to the 10,000-foot level. The company's No. 4 Bodcaw is coring below 9,211 feet. Smackover lime was topped at 9,050 feet with main porosity encountered at 9,075 feet.

Both tests are watched with interest due to an excellent showing of oil in the Barnsdall's Cornelius No. 1 in Section 28-17-23, completed last week as a distillate producer from a depth of 9,362 feet. Some oil experts believe the McKamie field will produce crude oil from the lower strata below the distillate, but tests have not revealed the oil sections.

In the same field Louark is continuing preparations to spud in at its Cornelius No. 1, Section 30-17-23 after delays due to rain and bad roads.

Some royalty buying occurred during the week. One transaction, involved \$25,000 for a 70-acre tract and \$300 per acre was paid for others.

In the Buckner field of Lafayette county E. G. Bradham set second string casing to 2,255 feet at his Pelt No. 1 in Section 7-16-22, and is now drilling ahead below 3,000 feet.

Fifth Well In McKamie Field Due In

Special to the Gazette 3-23-41

Stamps, March 22.—Atlantic Refining Company set production casing to 9,300 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 4 test in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps in Section 28-17-23, Thursday, and the well looms as the fifth producer for the area. Smackover lime series was topped at 9,505 and main porosity, which was encountered at 9,075 feet, extends to 9,280 feet. A production test will be attempted the first of the week.

Atlantic continues to drill at its No. 3 Bodcaw in the adjoining Section of 29-17-23. A depth below 10,000 feet has been reached, making the well the deepest in the state. Operators are determined to find the salt water level, but the well has shown no indication of salt. When the water level is established, operators plan to plug back to 9,148 feet, where main porosity was encountered and extend to 9,278 feet, then complete the well as a distillate producer. Oil experts say the McKamie field discovery eventually will prove one of the most important discoveries in the country, even though it does continue to produce distillate, due to the enormous amount of porous sand encountered in the wells drilled thus far. Absence of salt water, as proven by the deep test now drilling, is also a favorable indication that oil producers with holdings in the field never will be bothered by the salt water menace.

In the same field Louark Producing Company is scheduled to get under way at its Cornelius No. 1 in Section 30-17-23, its first test in the new field. The Louark company owns approximately 3,000 acres in that area. In the Buckner field of Lafayette county E. G. Bradham is drilling below 5,080 feet at its Pelt No. 1 in Section 7-16-22.

Royalty Prices Rise.

Testimony at the oil hearing in Magnolia yesterday concerning the field disclosed that the findings in the No. 4 Bodcaw, now drilling, is decisive toward extending the field to cover a much larger area than was first estimated. A flurry in royalty buying has occurred during the past two weeks, with prices ranging from \$350 up to \$500 per acre. Only further drilling can determine the field's possibilities, oil men believe.

Sixth Well In McKamie Field In

Special to the Gazette 3-28-41
Stamps, March 27.—Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 3, McKamie field, Lafayette county, section 29-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, began flowing amber-colored distillate today after it had been perforated with 260 shots. An official gauge is not available.

The well is producing from 9,148 to 9,278 feet. It is the deepest in the state, at 9,978 feet. It was drilled as an experimental test in search of the salt water level, which never was established. Operators decided to plug back to the higher level and complete it as a distillate producer. It is the sixth for the new field.

McKamie Field Has New Wells

Special to the Gazette 3-30-41
Stamps, March 29.—Two completions were recorded in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county this week, bringing the number of producers for that area to six and increasing the total number for this county to 33.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 4, section 28-17-23, began flowing amber-colored distillate Monday after perforations between 9,254-90 feet with 180 shots. Official gauge is 17 barrels per hour through 9-64 inch choke. Gas-oil ratio is 8,000-to-1. Casing and tubing pressures were not available. This well showed a total of 205 feet of soft permeable porosity. Total depth is 9,350 feet.

The same company's Bodcaw No. 3, section 29-17-23, was completed Thursday. It flowed amber-colored distillate. Official gauge is not available. Two hundred sixty shots were used in perforating from 9,148-9,200 feet. The No. 3 well is the deepest in the state. It was drilled to 9,979 feet as an experimental test in search of the salt water level, although the salt water never was established. Operators decided to discontinue the costly quest and plugged back to 9,148 feet where main porosity was encountered, extending to 9,200 feet. They completed the well from that level. Atlantic plans to begin operations soon on its No. 5 Bodcaw in section 29-17-23.

In the same field Louark Producing Company began operations at its Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23, and is below 1,000 feet.

In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, E. G. Bradham is drilling below 6,000 feet at his Pelt No. 1, section 7-16-22. Drilling was delayed by a twisted-off

drill stem pipe this week, but a fishing job was successful Thursday and operations proceeded.

Louark Adds Acreage.

An encouraging announcement for Stamps and vicinity is that of the purchase of 2,500 acres by Louark Producing Company (Standard Oil Company) in township 15, range 23. This acreage extends virtually to the Stamps city limits near the city cemetery and back toward Buckner to the east. The company's drilling plans could not be learned.

Big Gasser Fire Feature In Louisiana

Democrat 3-30-41
Shreveport, La.—The 2,700-foot-thick, shallow Wilcox exploration campaign in LaSalle parish continued to hold chief interest last week in north Louisiana developments, although some other areas crowded into the spotlight.

Four miles northwest of oil production from the Wilcox at Nebo (Jena), LaSalle parish, Big West Drilling Company's (Grady Vaughn) No. 1 Whatley, NE, NE, Section 25-8n-20, after stowing eight million cubic feet of gas daily at 3,430-50 feet, plugged back to 3,165 feet for a test but caught fire, destroying derrick and damaging the rig, for a loss estimated at \$100,000. Oil well fire fighters imported from Houston extinguished the blaze two days after it started.

In the vicinity of this well, M. L. Meredith staked location for No. 1 Gray, NE, NE, section 36-8n-20, and Big West probably will drill another test in the vicinity of the No. 1 Whatley.

In the newly opened Wilcox oil area near Little Creek, also in LaSalle parish, H. L. Hunt, field discoverer, last week added a second oil well, No. 1 Doughty NE, SW, section 32-9n-20, making 200 barrels daily flowing, and immediately staked offset locations for two additional wells. In the Summerville area of the same parish, Landrith et al staked location for No. 2 Tremont, SW, SE, section 23-9n-20.

Delta Drilling Company, which last December completed a 2,600-foot 10 million-foot wildcat gasser in section 13-17-16, Caddo parish, near Greenwood, last week cored an oil showing below gas-distillate sand at 2,463-85 feet, and prepared to core to 2,700 feet and run electrical logging device. Present test is No. 1 Thigpen-Harold, south half of this section.

Dean Brothers continued to negotiate with Premier Investment Company, both firms being from Fort Worth, Tex., for the latter's 3,000 acres in and around the shallow Bellevue field, township 10 north, range 13 west, Dossier parish. Premier Investment Company's leases have approximately 100 wells, including 80 oil wells with a combined daily yield on the beam of about 320 barrels. Production is from the Nacatosh at 300 to 400 feet.

Tidewater Associated Oil Company is carrying out a successful repressuring project in Bellevue, using gas from four wells to place in nine injection wells, all in south half of section 10-19n-11w.

H. L. Hunt, who discovered the Bear Creek field, Bienville parish, several years ago, has added to his holdings there in recent months and plans a 7,000-foot test in or near section 31-15n-3w.

Considerable wildcat leasing is taking place in DeSoto parish as a result of recent developments at Logansport, across Sabine River from Joaquin, Shelby County, Texas. Some of the field's largest gassers have been on the DeSoto parish side. F. M. Gilliland of Memphis, Tenn., has secured 6,000 acres of wildcat leases for a 6,000-foot test in township 13 north, range 14 west. Schubert Oil Company has taken 1,500 acres and made location for a 3,000-foot wildcat test, No. 1 Scott, SE, section 29-14n-13w. At Logansport around section 3-11n-16w, Grady Vaughn is unitizing small tracts into 60-acre plots for a 5,000-foot test.

In the old abandoned Oakland field, in Union parish, discovered in 1923, W. S. Reinecke's No. 4 Hudson, section 7-23n-10, logged eight feet of broken Nacatosh sand with an oil showing at 2,342-50 feet and production string of casing has been set.

A new depth record for Arkansas was set last week when Atlantic Refining Company's No. 3 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 29-17-23, at McKamie, Lafayette County, drilled to total depth of 9,980 feet, going through the Smackover lime. It tested by seven feet the previous depth record for the state set in Gulf Refining Company's test in section 5-16-16 in the old Smackover field, drilled several years ago.

Buckner Well at 7,000; Space Rule in McKamie Protested.

Special to the Gazette 4-6-41
Stamps, April 5.—The Buckner field again holds chief oil interest in Lafayette county as the week ends.

E. G. Bradham et al's Pelt No. 1 in section 7-16-22 is drilling below 7,000 feet with expectations of topping that depth. Only a few hundred feet will remain before the big lime or pay sand is encountered. Operators say that the well has checked favorably with others in that field. Three other locations on the Pelt tract are awaiting completion of the present well. There are 24 producers in the Buckner field, 10 of which are on the Lafayette county side. Dorcheat creek divides the field, with Columbia county lying to the east. In the new McKamie gas-distillate area, eight miles south of Stamps, Louark Producing Company set second string casing below 4,300 feet at its Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23 and is waiting on cement.

Spacing Rule Held Handicap.

Activity in the new field has been quiet this week, due to pending negotiations between oil companies in utilizing acreage in adjoining sections which does not meet the 160-acre spacing ruling required by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission.

Much dissatisfaction is being voiced by both landowners and oil companies concerning the spacing method.

When testimony at the February meeting of the commission in El Dorado indicated that should the 160-acre spacing be adopted, a quick development of the field would follow, the proposal was approved. But now, after a two-month period, only one operation has been started in the new field, and permits have been denied which were requested by oil companies before the spacing order. A movement is under way by landowners and oil companies to protest this ruling as being unfair and disadvantageous.

Little Lafayette Activity While Unitizing Under Way.

Special to the Gazette 4-13-41

Stamps, April 12.—Oil activity in Lafayette county was quiet this week, due to negotiations between oil companies in an effort to unitize acreage in the new McKamie field. Only one operation is drilling in that area. It is Louark Producing Company's Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23, where a depth of below 6,000 feet has been reached.

Leasing continues in the McKamie area, with considerable activity reported on the south flank of the field by J. K. Wadley of Texarkana and other majors. A deep test for that section has been reported.

In the Buckner field of Lafayette county E. G. Bradham's Pelt No. 1 in section 7-16-23 looms as the 25th producer for that area. Operators are coring below 7,300 feet (or topping the Buckner series at 7,021 feet. Cores are reported well saturated throughout. Three additional wells will be drilled on the Pelt tract, following completion of the present operation.

The East Texas Refining Company is arranging for a right-of-way for a pipe line to take its oil from the shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville to connect with a pipe line in Buckner field owned by the Standard Oil Company. It is said that Standard had arranged to buy oil from the East Texas Company.

Three New Locations Reported In McKamie Field.

Special to the Gazette 4-20-41

Stamps, April 19.—The latest producer in this area is Bradham's Pelt No. 1, Buckner field, section 7-16-22, Lafayette county side. The well began flowing yesterday after one treatment of acid, and is estimated to be making 25 barrels an hour on a quarter inch choke. The oil is considered of excellent quality with no show of water. A definite gauge will be obtained as soon and storage facilities are constructed. Porosity was topped at 7,356 feet and total depth is 7,368 feet. The Pelt well is the 25th for the Buckner field.

Three new locations in the new McKamie field were announced. They are: Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5 and 6, located in sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively. Roads have been built to all three locations. The Bodcaw No. 5 will be the first to get under way. Derrick is being constructed and operators expect to spud in Wednesday. The third location is Louark Producing Company (Standard Oil Company) Cornelius Unit No. 1 in section 30-17-23. It and the Bodcaw

No. 6 will be ready for spudding the last of next week. Standard's Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23, only active operation in the field at present, is drilling below 6,900 feet after several delays due to tubing difficulty.

McKamie Field May Play Big Part in Defense Program.

Special to the Gazette 4-27-41

El Dorado, April 26.—The vast natural gas resources of the McKamie field of Lafayette county may become the nucleus of defense industries for south Arkansas soon if plans now under way are carried out.

Arkansas Power and Light Company recently filed application with the Federal Power Commission for authority to build a \$3,000,000 gas-fueled steam power plant of 30,000 kilowatt capacity designed to use the McKamie gas. It was reported here today that representatives of the Electric Bond and Share Company of New York, with which the power firm is affiliated, has taken option on a 160-acre tract embracing the mill pond of the Bodcaw Lumber Company, just south of the city limits of Stamps, six miles north of the McKamie field, for the proposed plant site. Engineers of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission and the E. B. & S. surveyed the site.

Carter Oil Company, subsidiary of Standard Oil, has announced plans for a treating plant to sweeten the sour gas, which is unfit for fuel as it is produced. The resultant sulphur can be used for manufacture of defense chemicals. Operators in the field also are rumored to have considered such a plant.

Engineers of the commission have calculated the field is one-third explored, with 300,000,000 feet already proven, including wells completed and those drilling, thus vastly enlarging the first estimate of 475,000,000,000 feet total reserve.

Rains and Mud Handicap Oil Operations in Lafayette.

Special to the Gazette 4-27-41

Stamps, April 26.—Rain and bad roads have reduced oil activity in Lafayette county this week.

Three new locations in the McKamie gas distillate field, eight miles south of Stamps, will spud in as soon as weather is favorable. Water now covers all acreage in that field. These locations are Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 in Sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively, and Louark Producing Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1 in Section 30-17-23. Roads have been built to all three.

The one operation drilling in that field is Louark's Cornelius No. 1 in Section 30-17-23, which is below 7,000 feet.

No activity has been announced for the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps since completion last week of Bradham's Pelt No. 1 in Section 7-16-23, although four locations have been staked, three on the Pelt tract and one in Section 13-16-23, known as the Snyder Unit No. 1. It will be drilled by Love, Owens & Whitwell.

Plans are under way to begin immediately on improving the road from Stamps direct to the McKamie field.

McKamie Field Test Nears Pay Zone.

Special to the Gazette 5-11-41

Stamps, May 10.—Oil activity in Lafayette county consists of one well nearing the pay zone in the new McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, five locations in the same area awaiting utilization negotiations and favorable weather conditions, four locations awaiting orders in the Buckner field three miles east of Stamps, and one new test announced by the Ohio Oil Company for a new area about a mile southeast of Stamps.

The lone operation in the McKamie field is Louark's Cornelius No. 1 in Section 30-17-23, which is below 8,200 feet. Operators report the well checking considerably higher than others in the area. This report has increased interest in the operations, as there is always the possibility of a crude producer for that field, which has yielded six distillate producers.

The next operation likely to get under way in the McKamie field is Louark's Cornelius Unit No. 1 in the same section. Operators completed rigging up and expect to spud next week.

Locations waiting there are Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 in Sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23 respectively. Louark also has staked a location on the McLendon tract in Section 30-17-23 and one on the Haynes tract in Section 25-17-23. The new test which was announced by the Ohio is in Section 15-16-23 almost in the city limits of Stamps. In the Buckner field, locations

waiting, are three on the Pelt tract in Section 7-16-22 and one on a unitized 40 known as the Snyder Unit No. 1 in Section 13-16-23.

Two Lafayette Wells Going Down, Nine Others Waiting.

5-18-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 17.—Oil activity in Lafayette county consists of two operations drilling and nine locations waiting.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company is drilling below 8,800 feet at its Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23, with expectations of reaching coring stage next week. The well has checked considerably higher than others in the field, lending hope that it may prove more than a distillate producer. In the same field, same section, the same company is below 3,000 feet at the Cornelius Unit No. 1, which was spudded in the first of the week.

Locations waiting in that field are Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 in sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23 respectively. Drilling operations have been held up at these locations due to unitization difficulties. The other two waiting there are Carter Oil Company's McClendon No. 1 in section 30-17-23 and the Haynes No. 1 in section 25-17-23.

Four locations are waiting in the Buckner field. Three are on the Pelt tract in section 7-16-22 and one on a unitized 40 in section 13-16-23.

The ninth location waiting is in section 15-17-23, about a mile southeast of Stamps. This test was announced recently by Ohio Oil Co. That section has had no oil activity, and should a well prove successful, would open a new and unexplored area.

New Producer In Lafayette County Looms

5-25-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 24.—Carter Oil Co.'s Cornelius No. 1, section 30-17-23, three-quarters mile outpost of the new McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, looms as the 35th producer for Lafayette county.

Topping the Buckner series at 8,910 feet, operators began coring at 9,080 feet. Oil saturation was encountered at 9,125 feet and coring has continued to below 9,180 feet. Operators will core the entire porous section before setting production pipe. Each core has shown excellent saturation, and the outcome of the well probably will be known next week.

This test is five-eighths of a mile west of the discovery well for that field. Formations have checked almost identical, leading observers to believe the south flank of the field may be extended a considerable distance. Top of the Smackover was 9,025 feet and top of the Reynolds was 9,033 feet. Elevation is 288 feet.

The same company's second active operation for the new area, Cornelius Unit No. 1, same section, is drilling below 4,700 feet after setting second string casing at 4,250 feet.

Atlantic to Drill.

Atlantic Refining Company is moving in rigs preparatory to getting under way at its Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6, in section 29-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively, having ironed out unitization difficulties satisfactorily.

Carter Oil Company is clearing location for a test to begin soon on a unitized 160 acres belonging to the Butler and Long estates in section 25-17-23. That company also has two locations waiting on the McClendon and Haynes tract in section 30-17-23.

A small flurry in leasing activity was noted during the past week due to findings in the Cornelius well now nearing completion.

Pooling Agreement Pending.

West of McKamie, Tidewater Associated Oil Company, Seaboard Oil Company, J. K. Wadley and Grady H. Vaughn are negotiating a pooling agreement for a development program centering around section 29-17-23. An advisory committee will be formed and will select all locations and approve all expenditures.

Rumors of other locations to be made soon in that field have been current.

Interest in the county's oil reserves is being observed by several major oil companies which have not yet begun operations here. The Brown Geophysical Company established headquarters here this week.

Oil Board to Have

Lewisville Office.
5-25-41
Gazette.
Lewisville.—J. W. Patton, business man of Lewisville, recently appointed by Governor Adkins as member of the Oil and Gas Commission, has been informed that an office will be open in Lewisville early in June with Engineer L. L. Jordan in charge.

Mr. Jordan will move to Lewisville about June 15. For the first time since the Oil and Gas Commission was created Lafayette County has been honored by having one of her citizens named a member of the commission.

Production Pipe Set to 9,280 Feet in Cornelius No. 1.

5-28-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 27.—Carter Oil Co. set production pipe to 9,280 feet at its Cornelius No. 1, section 30-17-23, McKamie Field, Lafayette county, after coring 75 feet of porous saturated sand today. A production test is scheduled for Thursday or Friday.

The same company is drilling below 5,300 feet at the Cornelius Unit No. 1, same section, and moving rig to new location known as Haynes No. 1, a mile west in the same section.

Atlantic Refining Co. is completing rigging up at Bodcaw Lumber Co. Nos. 5 and 6, in section 29-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively. It expects to spud in by last of the week.

McKamie Test Due In Today

6-1-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 31.—Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1, section 30-17-23, McKamie field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps is scheduled for completion tomorrow. Efforts to complete it today were thwarted by enormous gas pressure. Packer was set and mud reconditioned for another production attempt.

Production pipe was set to 9,280 feet after cores and schlumberger survey revealed more than 75 feet of porous, saturated sand. Top of porosity was 9,125 feet. This test is the western outpost of the new field and is five eighths mile west of the discovery well. Since formations have checked almost identically with those of the discovery observers believe the south flank of the field will be extended considerably.

The same company's second active operation for the new field, the Cornelius Unit No. 1, same section, is drilling below 6,500 feet.

Carter Oil Company is beginning a new test a mile west in Section 25-17-23, which will be known as the Marble Hanes No. 1. Derrick is being erected and plans are to spud in next week. Two other locations by the same company are waiting in Section 30-17-23, and another in Section 25-17-23. Observers believe the mile west operation indicates the Carter officials are anxious to define the new field. Should the Hanes well prove successful, the field will extend far beyond expectations of oil experts.

Atlantic Refining Company set 13 3/8-inch casing to 356 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 6 in Section 32-17-23 and are drilling head below 500 feet. The company set surface casing at the No. 5 Bodcaw Lumber Company in Section 29-17-23 and are waiting on cement. Tidewater Oil Company is expected to start soon on a wildcat about seven miles west of the McKamie field in Section 29-17-23 to be known as the Moore No. 1.

New McKamie Well Flowing Amber Colored Distillate.

6-2-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 1.—Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1, Section 30-17-23, McKamie Field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, began flowing an amber colored distillate late today after perforations with 50 shots from 9,200 to 9,220 feet. Flow is being turned into tanks and gauge is not available. Porosity was topped at 9,125. Total depth is 9,280 feet. The Cornelius is the seventh for the new field and extends production for that area five-eighths of a mile west.

McKamie Field Still Busiest In The State.

6-8-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 7.—The new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, with five active operations, is the busiest

in the state and probably the most interesting field in the United States.

Engineers have estimated the field is only a third explored, with 300,000,000 feet already proven, including the seven wells completed and those drilling, thus vastly enlarging the first estimate of 475,000,000,000 feet total reserve.

Experts have estimated the McKamie pool as containing about 500,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas, which at the current field market price of 3 cents per 1,000 feet, would make the gas reserve alone of the field valued from 12 to 15 million dollars.

Plant Awaits Field's Definement.

The gas is almost unique in the industry from the fact that it contains an exceedingly high concentration of hydrogen sulphide. Construction of the sulphur extraction plant recently announced for the field by Carter Oil Company probably will begin after the completion of the company's newest western outpost. Operators indicated they wished to define as near as possible the structure of the field before deciding on the exact location for the plant, as it is necessary for it to be in the center of the field.

The completion this week of Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1 in section 30-17-23, showing for an excellent producer of 400 barrels daily and extending the area five-eighths mile west, assures the field of an intensive drilling campaign. Porosity was topped at 9,125 feet and extended to below 9,280 feet.

The next important operation is the mile west outpost by the same company known as the Marble Hanes No. 1 in section 25-17-24. Rigging has been completed and operators expect to spud in Sunday. Carter's Cornelius Unit No. 1, section 30-17-23, slated as the next completion, is drilling below 7,000 feet.

Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 4,100 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5, section 29-17-23 and below 4,100 feet at its No. 6 Bodcaw in section 32-17-23.

Tidewater Seaboard Associated is clearing location and building roads to its Moore No. 1, wildcat in section 29-17-24, seven miles west of the McKamie field.

New McKamie Test Reported Checking High.

6-15-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 14.—In the McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, Section 30-17-23 is slated as the next producer for the new area. Operators are drilling below 7,500 and reported that the test is checking somewhat higher than the most recent producer a mile south. This was good news for lease and royalty owners north.

The same company is drilling below 2,800 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 1 in Section 25-17-24, mile west outpost.

Atlantic Refining Company is below 5,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 in Sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-24.

Tidewater Associated's Henry Moore No. 1, wildcat in Section 29-17-24 is waiting on awarding of the drilling contract for the test. Drilling is expected to get under way next week.

Four McKamie Wells Drilling; Fifth Rigging Up.

6-22-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, June 21.—Four operations drilling and rigging preparations at a fifth sums up activity in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps.

Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, in Section 30-17-23 east side of the field, is slated to be the first completion of the four active operations. A depth of below 8,300 feet was reported as the week ended. The test should be completed in two weeks.

The same company's Marble Hanes No. 1, western outpost in Section 25-17-24 is drilling ahead at 4,500 feet after a wait on a second cement job for second string casing. Due to soft sand encountered at 3,200 feet the first cement did not hold, making perforations with 10 shots at that depth necessary for a second cementing. This test is being watched with much interest due to its lengthy distance from the discovery well on the east. All formations are being watched closely and checked with those of other wells in the field. The Anhydrite was encountered at 4,212 feet, 12 feet lower than in the company's most recent Cornelius completion, one mile west.

Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 6,400 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5 in Section 29-17-23 and below 6,500 feet at its No. 6 Bodcaw in Section 32-17-23.

Tidewater Associated Oil Com-

pany has let contract for a Smackover lime deep test, seven miles west of the McKamie field in Section 29-17-24 to Big West Drilling Company (Grady H. Vaughn). This company owns leases in the surrounding area, and should the wildcat be successful, an extensive drilling campaign will follow in this untested area. The new well will be known as the Henry Moore No. 1.

Four McKamie Tests Going Down Rapidly

6-29-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 27.—Activity in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, continues brisk, as four operations drill ahead and two new locations prepare to get under way.

Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1 on the east edge of the field in section 30-17-23, is below 8,600 feet in hard rock formation. Operators reported the well was checking slightly higher than the nearest producer, one mile south.

The same company's Marble Hanes No. 1, section 25-17-24, western outpost of the McKamie area, is drilling below 5,800 feet in shale.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 in sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23 respectively, are below 7,100 feet.

A new location for that field was staked this week by Grady Vaughn et al. on a unitized long 160-acre tract and will be known as Frankell et al's. No. 2 Cornelius, center SE NW of sections 28-17-23. Grady Vaughn has the drilling contract and work will begin on the new test next week.

Tidewater Plans Wildcat.

Six miles west of the McKamie field near the community of Patton, Tidewater Associated Oil Company is building derrick and rigging up to begin drilling next week on its wildcat, the Henry Moore No. 1 in section 29-17-24. Grady Vaughn will drill.

In the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, Love and Owens obtained a permit for a test on a unitized 50-acre tract to be known as the Eddy No. 1-B, 330 feet north and 100 feet east of the SW corner NE SE of section 12-16-23. Drilling will be started by E. G. Bradham after the Lyon's No. 1 Henry in the Dorcheat field is completed.

Site For Gas Plant Surveyed.

Options have been taken on several hundred acres in this vicinity by the Arkansas Power and Light Company, and engineers took up headquarters here this week to begin preliminary surveys and tests for a site for the proposed \$3,000,000 steam power plant to be constructed soon. Officials say that ground formations must be able to withstand the enormous weight of machinery in a steam power plant.

Cornelius Unit No. 1 Nearing Smackover Lime.

7-6-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 5.—Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, section 30-17-23, McKamie field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, is drilling at 9,176 feet, expecting to encounter the Smackover lime in 24 hours.

A half-mile west the same company's Marble Hanes No. 1, section 25-17-24, is drilling below 7,300 feet in shale and sand.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 5 and 6 are drilling below 7,600 feet, in sections 29-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively. Carter's newest location, the Cornelius No. 1-B, in section 28-17-23, will begin operations following the completion of the Franks well in Columbia county, probably next week.

Six miles west of McKamie, in the Patton community, Tidewater Associated Oil is drilling below 3,000 feet at its Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in section 29-17-24.

In Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, location is being cleared and roads built to Love & Owens' newest venture, the Eddy Unit No. 1-A, in section 12-16-23.

Eighth Producer Looms in New McKamie Field.

7-8-41
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, July 7.—Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, section 30-17-23, McKamie field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, looms as the eighth producer for the new area. Porosity was topped today at 9,324 feet, and the Smackover lime was topped at 9,228, 54

feet lower than in nearest well. Total depth is 9,327 feet. Operators are preparing to core.

The same company's Marble Hanes No. 1, section 25-17-24, a half-mile east, is drilling below 7,400 feet. Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5, section 29-17-23, is drilling below 7,800 and its No. 6, section 32-17-23, is drilling below 7,750.

Tidewater Associated's Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in section 29-17-24, six miles west of McKamie near the Patton community, is drilling below 3,900 feet. Second string casing probably will be set tomorrow. Operators reported some oil saturation was encountered around 3,300 feet, and that will be disregarded and drilling will proceed to the Smackover lime.

Carter Expected to Add New Producer in McKamie Field.

7-14-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 13.—Production pipe was set today at Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1 section 30-17-23 in the McKamie Field, Lafayette county, after Schlumberger survey revealed a good saturation from 9,227 to 9,247 feet. Hopes of a commercial producer are more favorable now. Smackover was topped at 9,228 feet. Total depth is 9,412 feet.

Other activities in the McKamie include Carter's Marble Hanes section 25-17-23 drilling below 8,100 feet. Atlantic Refining Co. and Bodcaw Lumber Co. No's. 5 and 6 in section 29-17-23 and 32-17-23 are below 8,300 and 8,200 feet, respectively.

Cornelius Unit No. 1 Well Due For Test Today.

7-17-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 16.—Production attempt is scheduled for tomorrow morning at Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, in 30-17-23, McKamie Field, Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps. Production pipe was run to the bottom Monday after Schlumberger survey revealed good saturation from 9,327 to 9,347 feet. Total depth is 9,412. Smackover was topped at 9,228 feet.

Much interest is being shown in the outcome of the Cornelius well due to its checking much lower than the nearest producer. Some oil men believe it might produce crude instead of distillate, since it may be an edge well.

New Well in McKamie Field Flows Distillate.

7-20-41
Stamps, Ark., July 19 (AP).—Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 1 in McKamie Field of Lafayette county, which came in yesterday with a flow of straw-colored distillate, was gauged today at 16 barrels an hour on a 3-16-inch choke.

The well, located in Section 30-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, is the eighth producer for the field. The oil tested 46 2-10 corrected gravity but no computation had been made on the oil-gas ratio.

The casing was perforated from 9,324-55 feet and topped the Smackover lime at 9,228 feet. Porosity was encountered at 9,324 feet and extended 20 feet.

Three Wells Near Completion In McKamie Field.

7-21-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 26.—Three wells are nearing completion in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, with Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 6 in section 32-17-23, south side of the field, the most favorable.

Predictions, however, on the outcome of wells in the McKamie area are almost impossible, due to the freak formations encountered thus far. This fact was proven last week in the successful completion of Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit No. 1, Section 30-17-23. The test checked much lower than other wells in the field and cores did not look promising. It appeared the pool was playing out on the north side, but the test became one of the best producers in the field, making its allowable of 400 barrels per day from the beginning, and the flow is nearer crude oil than that of any other well in that area. Officials termed the fluid "straw colored distillate," although its gravity is 46.2 and the gas-oil ratio is 1.170-to-1. The gravity of the distillate produced in the other seven wells of the McKamie field ranges from 56 to 60. The flow from the Cornelius Unit resembles crude oil, except that it is slightly lighter in color and is thin, showing that there is a small distillate content. The outcome of the Cornelius has spurred interest of landowners and oil operators alike for further drilling.

Atlantic Test Due in Next. Slated for completion next is At-

lantic Refining Company's No. 5 in Section 29-17-23, which topped Smackover lime series at 9,185 feet, approximately 43 feet higher than in the Cornelius Unit, a half-mile due west. Coring began Wednesday night at 9,289-9,309 feet showing hard tight oolitic lime. A second core from 9,309-29 feet with 11-foot recovery revealed slightly porous to dense lime. A core at 9,329-44 feet with five-foot recovery showed the same; 9,344-63 feet revealed dense lime. Operators were reaming and a further decision as to a Schlumberger will result probably tomorrow. The outcome of the No. 5 well will be known early next week.

The same company's Bodcaw No. 6 in Section 32-17-23 topped Smackover at 9,062 feet and porosity at 9,100 feet. Coring began at that depth and operators said that coring probably will continue for the next few days or until dense lime is encountered.

On the west edge of the field, Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes in Section 25-17-24 is drilling ahead below 9,100 feet after topping the Buckner series at 9,015 feet. Smackover series is expected within 24 hours. The outcome of the Hanes well probably will determine further operations by Carter in that field.

Six miles west near Patton, Tidewater Associated drilled ahead below 6,000 feet at its Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in Section 29-17-24. Near the Stamps-Lewisville field, Ohio Oil Company spudded in and set surface casing at its Garner No. 1 wildcat in Section 13-16-23, and now is drilling below 1,160 feet. The test will be carried to Smackover deep lime.

The Buckner field three miles east of Stamps remains dormant, although four locations are awaiting drilling orders.

Ninth McKamie Test In Favorable Core.

7-29-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 28.—Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 1, New McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps in Section 25-17-24, important western outpost of the new area, cored porosity at 9,240 to 9,258 today, making a ninth producer certain for the field.

Operators have continued coring to 9,270 with very little recovery, but it is believed that formation is slightly porous. Operators reamed down and continued coring tonight. The Buckner series was encountered at 9,015, and Smackover was topped at 9,165 feet.

Atlantic Refining Company continued coring in porous lime at 9,180 at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 6, Section 32-17-23, after topping porosity at 9,100 feet. Coring will continue until water level is established. The same firm's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5 in Section 29-17-23 is waiting on orders whether to set production pipe, after cores and Schlumberger survey were unfavorable.

Tidewater Associated's Henry Moore No. 1, wildcat in Section 29-17-24, six miles west of McKamie, drilled ahead at 6,150 feet. Ohio Oil Company's Garner No. 1, Section 13-16-24, between Stamps and Lewisville, is drilling below 800 feet.

Three Wells Loom In McKamie

8-3-41
Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Aug. 2.—Three producers loom in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, which, if successful, would raise the total for that area to 11.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5 in Section 29-17-23 is due for completion tomorrow. Production pipe was set Tuesday despite unfavorable cores and a poor Schlumberger survey, but officials believe the 10 or 12 feet of porosity encountered between 9,309 and 9,344 feet will make a producer. Plugs were drilled yesterday, followed by considerable washing and an acid treatment today. The outcome of the well should be known Monday. The Smackover was topped at 9,158 feet, somewhat higher than in the Cornelius Unit well, a half-mile due west. Total depth is 9,363 feet.

The same company set production pipe today at its Bodcaw No. 6 in Section 32-17-23, south side of the field, which has encountered more than 200 feet of well saturated porous lime. Porosity was topped at 9,100 feet and extended below

9,300 feet. Smackover was topped at 9,062. Total depth is 9,340 feet.

Hanes No. 1 in Good Cone.

Perhaps the most important of the three tests slated for completion is Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 1, western outcrop in Section 25-17-24, which cored approximately 80 feet of porosity. Schlumberger survey was run Thursday and production pipe set last night. A production attempt is scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday. Smackover lime series in the Hanes well was topped at 8,208 with top of porosity encountered at 9,240 feet.

The Carter Company is clearing location and building roads to two new locations in that field, to be known as the R. R. Cornelius No. 2 and the Marble Hanes No. 2, both in Section 31-17-23. Drilling operations will begin at once.

Six miles west near Patton, Tidewater Associated Oil Company drilled below 7,000 feet at its Henry Moore No. 1 in Section 29-17-24. Near the Stamps-Lewisville shallow field, Ohio Oil Company is waiting on cement after setting second string pipe at 2,400 feet at its Garner No. 1 in Section 13-16-24.

Ninth Well In McKamie Completed

Special to the Gazette. 8-4-41

Stamps, Aug. 3.—A ninth producer for the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, was added last night when Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 5, Section 29-17-23, began flowing a straw colored distillate like that of the recently completed Cornelius unit well, a half-mile due west.

The casing was perforated from 9,295 to 9,311 feet with 96 shots. One acid treatment was given. As storage facilities are not completed, an accurate gauge was not available, but operators estimate the test will make its allowable of 400 barrels daily. Tubing and casing pressure are 1,000 and 1,800 pounds respectively. The Smackover series was topped at 9,185 and top of porosity was 9,295 feet. Total depth is 9,363 feet.

McKamie Has Two New Producers

Special to the Gazette. 8-7-41

Stamps, Aug. 6.—A tenth and eleventh producer were added in the McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, today.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 6, in section 32-17-23, flowed amber colored distillate after the casing was perforated with 196 shots between 9,050 to 9,130 feet and again at 9,150 to 9,170 feet. An accurate gauge was not available due to incomplete pipe line facilities. The well blew in after perforations. More than 200 feet of porosity was encountered.

Smackover sand was topped at 9,062 feet, top of porosity was 9,100 and total depth is 9,340 feet. Carter Oil Company's important western outcrop, Marble Hanes No. 1, section 25-17-24, came in for the second good producer after perforations at 9,626 to 9,282 feet with 100 shots. Approximately 80 feet of porosity was encountered. An accurate gauge will be available tomorrow.

Smackover was topped at 9,208 feet and porosity at 9,240, with total depth, 9,345 feet. The flow is straw colored distillate.

Pilot Plant to 'Sweeten' Gas For McKamie Field.

Special to the Gazette. 8-8-41

Stamps, Aug. 7.—A pilot plant capable of "sweetening" 100,000 cubic feet of gas daily is being constructed on the Carter Oil Company's No. 1 battery tank field on the Cornelius lease in the McKamie field.

The Girdler Corporation of Louisville, Ky., maker of the plant equipment, has two representatives, Jack Gordon and B. W. Groff, in charge of tests designed to offer

proof that the McKamie gas (one of the largest known reserves in the world) can be treated and made fit for both domestic and commercial purposes.

Atlantic Refining Company, discoverer of the field, also is interested in the results. If extraction of the sulphur from the gas is found feasible, Carter Oil Company plans to build a desulphurization plant in the field. The pilot plant is expected to be completed this week.

Two Wildcats In Lafayette Watched

Special to the Gazette. 8-17-41

Stamps, Aug. 16.—Oil interest in Lafayette county this week centered on two wildcat tests, one of which is nearing the pay zone. They are in different sections of the county but will be taken to the deep Smackover lime.

The first is Tidewater Associated et al's. Henry Moore No. 1, six miles west of the McKamie field near the community of Patton in Section 29-17-24. Operators are drilling below 8,400 feet in hard lime and shale. The test is said to be checking much like wells in the McKamie field, except that it runs about 60 feet lower in formations. Contract depth is around 9,200 feet, but operators said that it may be taken to the 10,000-foot level.

The second wildcat is Ohio Oil Company's Garner No. 1, in Section 13-16-24, about a half-mile north of the Stamps-Lewisville shallow field. A depth of 5,700 feet was reported today. One informational core was taken around 5,500 feet Tuesday, and operators said that the Anhydrite formation had been topped between 5,200 and 5,300 feet, slightly higher than was anticipated.

A small flurry in lease and royalty buying in that area was noted during the week. The wells in the shallow area just a half-mile south, average 3,400 feet in depth. Most of the land in and around the shallow section has been leased, but much remains to be leased in the northern section of the field. If the Garner test is successful, much leasing is expected.

McKamie Field Operations.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Frank Frankel et al's Cornelius No. 1-A is drilling ahead at 4,200 feet after setting second string casing. The test is in Section 28-17-23, a long 160-acre tract. Carter Oil Company is drilling below 3,000 feet at its Cornelius No. 2, Section 31-17-23, south side of the field.

Atlantic Refining Company is clearing location and building roads to its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, new location in Section 33-17-23.

Strike Halts Two Operations.

Two operations were halted this week by drilling crews of the Sultana Drilling Company, who struck for a restoration of a wage cut about eight weeks ago. The workers are demanding \$7 an eight-hour day for roughnecks and \$12 for drillers, the wage scale before the slash. Following the wage reduction roughnecks received \$6.40 a day and drillers, \$10.80.

Wells involved in this county are the Scott Hammond, McKean No. 1, Section 7-16-22, Buckner field, which is shut in after reaching 3,000 feet, and the Carter Oil Company's Hanes No. 2, in the McKamie field, Section 30-17-23, for which Sultana had the drilling contract. The test should have been under way, but work is at a standstill.

The experimental pilot plant for sweetening the sour gas in the McKamie field, now being constructed on the Carter Oil Company's tank battery lease, has not been put into operation due to the delay in receiving mechanical parts. Operators expect to get under way with the sulphur extraction and sweetening process early next week.

Wildcats Hold Interest In Lafayette

Special to the Gazette. 8-31-41

Stamps, Aug. 30.—Two deep wildcat tests in Lafayette county, along with successful tests for

"sweetening" the McKamie field sour gas claimed attention of oil men in Southwest Arkansas this week.

Foremost in interest is Tidewater Association et al's Henry Moore No. 1, six miles west of the McKamie field in Section 29-17-24, which was reaming down after coring from 9,277 to 9,327 feet. Three cores had been cut with about 13-foot recovery. Reliable sources reported hard, tight, dense oolitic lime with very slight porous oolitic lime with sulphur odor and taste. Operators were waiting on further orders before coring deeper. Smackover lime was topped at 9,261 feet.

Garner No. 1 at 6,914.

Second in importance is Ohio Oil Company's Garner No. 1 wildcat in Section 13-16-24 between Stamps and Lewisville, which is coring at 6,941 feet. Operators believe the next core will reveal top of the Smackover series. Cores thus far have been for informational purposes and revealed red shale and anhydrite.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Frank Frankel is drilling ahead at 7,500 feet at his Cornelius A-1, Section 28-17-23. Carter Oil Company is drilling at 5,700 feet at the Cornelius No. 2, Section 31-17-23. Two wells remain at a standstill in that field due to the continued strike of oil workers. One well in the Buckner field is shut in also, due to the strike, while one other operation got under way in that field this week. It is Love and Owens Eddy B-1, Section 12-16-23.

"Sweetening" Plant Successful.

The experimental pilot plant constructed in the McKamie field on the Carter Oil Company's tank lease began operations this week, "sweetening" the sour gas produced from wells in that area. R. A. Graff and Jack Gordon, engineers in charge of the tests, said that the plant's capacity of 100,000 cubic feet of gas per day was now being purified and 99.910 of the hydrogen sulphide was being removed successfully. The engineers said that the gas would pass any purity test after the sweetening process.

40th Test In Lafayette Field Due In

Special to the Gazette. 9-7-41

Stamps, Sept. 6.—A 40th producer looms for Lafayette county in Tidewater Associated et al's test located in wildcat territory six miles west of the deep McKamie gas-distillate field. It is the Henry Moore No. 1 in section 29-17-24.

Operators set production pipe today after coring approximately eight feet of slightly porous oolitic lime below 9,398 feet. A core from 9,327-49 feet also revealed about five feet of oil and gas saturation. A drill stem test was not successful, and operators decided to core deeper. Total depth now is 9,501 feet.

Near County's First Well.

Much interest has been centered on the Tidewater test because it is only three-quarters mile east of the first oil well drilled in this county. The first test was also on the Henry Moore estate and was drilled by Standard Oil Company in 1910. The test was abandoned at 2,408 feet. Landowners and oil men interested in the test always have held that the area was productive.

The second wildcat which has claimed attention the past three weeks is Ohio Oil Company's Garner No. 1 between Stamps and Lewisville in section 13-16-24. Operators are coring below 7,270 feet. The Smackover series was topped high in the Garner well at 6,950 feet. Cores revealed a distinct oil odor but were hard and tight with no permeability. Operators decided to core deeper in search of a more porous sand.

Big Builders' Strike Settled.

Activity in the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, increased this week with Atlantic Refining Company getting under way at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7 in section 33-17-23, after a delay of several weeks due to a rig builders' strike. The rig builders dispute was settled but Sultana drilling crews still are on strike holding up several tests scheduled to have been started several weeks ago. In that same field Frank Frankel is drilling ahead at 8,200 feet at the Cornelius No. 1-A in section

28-17-23, and Carter Oil Company is drilling below 7,000 feet at the Cornelius No. 2 in section 31-17-23.

In the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, Love and Owen's No. 1-B-Eddy Unit, section 12-16-23 is below 3,000 feet. One test remains at a standstill in the Buckner area due to the continued strike of drilling crews.

Lafayette Fields

Active Despite Strike

Democrat 8-7-41 Lafayette County increased this week with Atlantic Refining Company spudding in its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, in the new McKamie field, section 33-17-23. It has been held up for a month due to a rig builders strike.

Other activities in that area include a depth of 8,250 feet at Frank Frankel's Cornelius 1-A, section 28-17-23. Carter Oil Company is drilling below 7,000 feet in its Cornelius No. 2 section 31-17-23. Carter's Marble Hanes No. 2, has not begun drilling because of the strike of Sultana Drilling Company crews. It is in section 31-17-23. Two other locations in that field for which permits have been issued are awaiting drilling orders.

Near the small community of Patton, six miles west, Tidewater Associated is planning to set production pipe in its Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in section 29-17-24. A little doubt is held for the final outcome of the well, although about 13 feet of porosity has been encountered. Smackover lime was topped at 9,261 feet, and coring began at 9,277 and continued to below 9,498 feet. A drill stem test revealed only 15 stands of gas and distillate.

Near the East Texas shallow field, between Stamps and Lewisville, Ohio Oil Company continues to core below 7,109 feet in its No. 1 Garner, section 13-16-24. Smackover lime was topped at 6,950 feet. Cores have shown some oil saturation but were not very porous. Operators are in hopes of finding a more permeable formation deeper.

Only one well is drilling in the Buckner area of Lafayette County. It is Love and Owens Eddy No. 1-B, section 12-16-23. A depth of below 3,000 feet was reported at the end of the week. One test in that field, Scott Hammond's McKean No. 1, section 7-16-22, remains inactive, due to the strike.

Strike Over, Operations at Full Blast

Democrat 9-14-41

Magnolia—One deep wildcat in southwest Arkansas was perforating after drilling to 5,503 feet, and is next to the deepest hole in this area. It is Tidewater Associated Seaboard's Henry Moore No. 1, SW, SE, Section 29-17-24, five miles west of McKamie field production, Lafayette County. Pipe was set near bottom. Porosity showed in this hole at intervals, and operators are not sure of the results, but believe a producer is probable.

The most favorable item in this area this week was the settlement of the strike between Sultans Drilling Co. and the company's drillers and roughnecks, who struck about three weeks ago. They came to terms and the strikers went back to work in Lafayette County and at Jena, La., reports said.

The strikers received wages asked in the early part of the controversy, but the greatest difference was the employees' demand for a closed shop which was not granted. However, two other requests were given by the company, installment of first aid and safety devices on the rigs, and a seniority clause.

Wells resumed Wednesday of this week were Arkansas Fuel Oil Co.'s Curtis Barton No. 1, NW, NE, Section 14-18-22, Dorcheat field, which drilled to 7,620 before the strike. Operators reamed down to clear the hole.

Another nearby well that resumed drilling is Hammonds' McKean No. 1, Buckner field, Lafayette County, SE, NE, Section 7-16-22, which had drilled to 3,400 feet. Reaming had to be done before resumption.

In Dorcheat field one other operation is in progress. This is Southwoods Hunt No. 1, NE, NW, Section 14-18-22, down near 7,550 feet.

In Macedonia Field.

One operation in Macedonia's field, four and a half miles east of Dorcheat, is near 7,500 feet. This is McAlister Fuel Oil Co.'s Nipper No. 1, S 1-2 of SE, Section 16-18-21. McAlister opened this field. Three other tests are well started in the field. Atlantic Refining Co. has resumed under second string, set at 3,220, in R. S. Warnock jr. A-1, N 2 of SW, Section 15-18-21; General Crude is under first string in Clayton Franks No. 1, NW, NE, Section 21-18-21, set at 145. In the same field, Magnolia Petroleum Co. is under first string in Franks Norwood No. 1, N 1-2 of SE, Section 21-18-21. Surface pipe was set at 135 feet. Both these new starts were around

1,000 feet by the end of the week. In that area, another announced location is Atlantic's R. S. Warnock jr. No. 2, S 1-2 of the NW, Section 22-18-21, and is waiting.

On north side of Magnolia field, believed defined some months ago, one test is drilling part time. It is Wakefield Oil Co.'s A. Baker No. 1, SE, SE, Section 13-17-30, at 4,000 feet or deeper. This test found some signs of salt in the James sand, near 3,500 feet, and waited for orders. Drilling was resumed last half of the week.

Four McKamie Operations.

In Atlanta field, Tidewater Associated Co. is drilling near 3,650 in J. T. Beene No. 3, NE, NE, Section 15-18-19, the only operation there. This same company was perforating in the wildcat, Henry Moore No. 1, five miles west of McKamie field, SW, SE, Section 29-17-24, Patton community, Lafayette County. Total depth is 3,503 feet.

Carter's Marble Hanes unit, SW 1-4, Section 30-17-23, waiting some time, is expected to start operations immediately.

In the McKamie field, four operations are in progress. They include Frankel et al's Cornelius No. 1, SE, SW, Section 28-17-23, with three other quarters on the 160-acre tract, which is down near 9,050 feet and coring. Carter's Cornelius No. 2, NE, Section 31-17-23, is near 7,675. Atlantic's Bodcaw No. 7, NW 1-4, Section 33-17-23, is near 2,950, while the same firm's Bodcaw No. 8 set surface pipe Friday. This new location is in the NW 1-4, Section 32-17-23.

In the NW, SE, Section 13-16-22, Lafayette County, between Stamps and Lewisville, Ohio's Garner No. 1 wildcat was making Schlumberger test. The operators went to 7,500 feet and struck a hard, salty formation. It may go deeper if the Schlumberger does not show favorable signs.

On west end of Buckner field, Love & Owen are down near 5,700 feet and making satisfactory progress on Eddy Unit B-1, SW, NE, Section 12-16-23, on edge of town of Buckner. The only other operation in that field is the Hammond McKean, Section 7, which started Wednesday after strike was settled.

Lafayette Test May Open New Field

Special to the Gazette. 9-14-51

Stamps, Sept. 13.—Testing of an important Lafayette county wildcat, the assembling of 3,240 acres, considered a "hot spot," and increased activity in the new McKamie field due to settlement of Sultana Drilling Company's strike, were highlights of oil interest in this county as the week ended.

Tidewater Associated et al began production attempts at its Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in Section 29-17-24 yesterday. Perforations from 9,330-40 feet with 70 shots were made in the casing followed by considerable washing. The final outcome probably will be known tomorrow. The test cored three distinct oil shows at 7,160-67, 8-042-56 and 9,330-40 feet, the latter in the Smackover lime. Should the first test in the big lime fail, the other two levels will be tested. Operators expect to make a good producer, and its successful outcome either would extend the McKamie field six miles to the west or open an entirely new Smackover lime producing area. Total depth is 9,503 feet, making it the second deepest well in the state.

Huge Land Purchase Made.

Of special interest this week was the purchase of 1,760 acres by Barnsdall Oil Company from Eugene Goff, independent oil man, for a cash figure said to be in seven figures. This company agreed to start a Smackover test on the acreage by November 1. The acreage was assembled by Mr. Goff, whose leases placed on record last week covered 3,240 acres in Sections 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 all in township 15 S, range 24 west, all in Lafayette. Surveys made by geophysical and seismograph companies showed this acreage to be a favorable "high," and leasing and royalty activity during the week has been unusually brisk.

Activity in the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, is as follows: Frank Frankel is drilling below 8,900 feet at the Cornelius No. 1-A, Section 28-17-23. Carter Oil Company is below 7,600 feet at the Cornelius No. 2, Section 31-17-23, and rigging operations are under way at that company's Marble Hanes No. 1-B, Section 30-17-23. Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 3,000 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, Section 33-17-23, and the same com-

pany is rigging up at the Bodcaw No. 8 in Section 32-17-23.

In the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, Love and Owens are below 5,300 feet at the Eddy No. 1-D Unit in Section 12-16-23. Scott Hammond has resumed at the McKean No. 1, Section 7-16-22, after being delayed at 3,000 feet because of the strike.

Ohio Oil Company decided to abandon its Garner No. 1 wildcat in Section 13-16-24, near the East Texas shallow field between Stamps and Lewisville, after striking hard slate formation at 7,509 feet. Cores from a higher depth revealed oil odor but no permeability and operators decided it was useless to continue deeper.

Wildcat Near McKamie Field Comes in As Producer.

Special to the Gazette. 9-15-41

Stamps, Sept. 14.—Tidewater Associated et al. Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in Section 29-17-24, Lafayette county, six miles west of the McKamie field, came in late Saturday flowing an estimated 12 barrels hourly on 1-4 inch choke. Oil is 42 gravity crude. Production is from 9,330-40 feet in the Smackover lime. Oil men are undecided as to whether the Moore test is an extension of the McKamie field or an entirely new Smackover lime producing area.

Lafayette County Boasts New Smackover Lime Area.

Special to the Gazette. 9-21-41

Stamps, Sept. 20.—The discovery of a new Smackover lime producing area in Lafayette county, a 12th producer looming in the busy McKamie field, leasing and brisk royalty buying in the Midway community, and drilling of six tests were the week's oil activities for this county.

Tidewater Associated et al's Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in section 29-17-24, six miles west of the McKamie field, flowed 42 gravity crude from 9,330-40 feet early this week with an estimated flow of 12 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. The test developed a flow of salt water which for two days menaced the well, and operators made plans for plugging back to 9,310 feet for another test, but Thursday the salt flow decreased to such an extent that plugging back and retesting probably will not be necessary. The well is making nine barrels hourly through quarter-inch choke, with little water showing. Casing and tubing pressures are 2,750 and 1,600 pounds, respectively. Total depth is 9,503 feet.

Leasing and royalty buying was reported active in the Midway community in sections 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16, where 3,240 acres were assembled after a favorable "high" was revealed. A Smackover lime test will begin on the acreage by November 1 to be drilled by Barnsdall Oil Company, which bought 1,720 acres from Gene Goff, who assembled the blocks.

Cornelius A-1 Due In.

Eight miles south of Stamps in the consistently productive McKamie area, Frankel et al Cornelius A-1, section 28-17-23, is due for production test tomorrow. Schlumberger survey and cores from 9,320-34 feet showed six feet of porous oolitic lime, well saturated. Top of porosity was 9,326 feet. Smackover was topped at 9,261 feet, and total depth is 9,337 feet. Operators cemented six-inch casing to 9,311 feet Thursday. The test is on the northeast edge of the field. Second in drilling time is Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 2, section 31-17-23, which has reached 8,300 feet. The same company spudded in and set surface casing at the Marble Hanes in section 30-17-23. Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 5,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, section 33-17-23, and below 3,000 feet at its No. 8 Bodcaw in section 32-17-23.

In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, Love and Owens drilled below 6,800 feet at the Eddy No. 1-D Unit, section 12-16-23. Scott Hammond is drilling below 5,000 feet at the McKean No. 1 in section 7-16-22.

Frankel Well, McKamie Field, Due This Week

Democrat 9-21-41

Stamps—An important Lafayette County wildcat flowed 42 gravity crude this week, opening a possible new Smackover lime field for this county. It is Tidewater Associated Henry Moore No. 1, in the Patton Community, six miles west of the McKamie field, in section 29-17-24. Production is from the Smackover lime at 9,330-40 feet.

The test began making 30 per cent salt water Monday and operators

were uneasy about the well, but by Thursday the salt declined to only about 10 per cent, and operators say that the briny water may disappear entirely after a few days. The well is now making nine barrels per hour on a quarter-inch choke.

A 12th producer for the McKamie field will probably be completed Sunday or Monday. It is Frank Frankel's A-1 Cornelius, section 23-17-23, which topped porosity at 9,320 feet. Total depth is 9,334 feet. Smackover lime was topped at 9,260 feet. The test is on a long 160-acre tract on the northeast side of the field.

Other activities in that field include Carter Oil Company's No. 2 Cornelius, section 31-17-23, drilling below 8,250 feet. That company expected to be spudded in and has surface casing set by the last of the week at the Hanes No. 1-B, section 30-17-23.

On the south side of the field, Atlantic Refining Company drilled ahead at 4,290 feet in the No. 7 Bodcaw, in section 33-17-23, and in the No. 8 Bodcaw, Atlantic drilled below 2,900 feet. The No. 8 well is in section 32-17-23.

Three miles east of Stamps in the Buckner field, Love and Owens are drilling ahead at 6,900 feet at the Eddy 1-D unit, in section 12-16-23. Northwest of the Eddy test, Scott Hammond is progressing with the McKean No. 1, section 7-16-22, now 4,950 feet deep.

The McKamie field, along with the new Tidewater discovery, is scheduled to come in for discussion at the meeting of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission in Magnolia Wednesday. It has been reported that a drastic cut in the daily allowable from wells in the McKamie field will be demanded by the commission unless oil companies make some provisions to utilize the waste gas from the wells now producing.

Buckner Field Test Due In This Week

Special to the Gazette. 9-28-41

Stamps, Sept. 27.—The Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, again claims attention as operators prepare to complete Love and Owens' Eddy 1-D Unit in Section 13-16-23.

Topping porosity at 7,272 feet with a total depth of 7,287 feet, operations ran a Schlumberger survey, which revealed approximately 17 feet of oil saturation. Production pipe was cemented last night and a production test will be attempted the first of next week. There are 25 producers in the Buckner two-county field, with an average depth of 7,300 feet. Production is from the Smackover lime series. In that same field, also on the Lafayette county side, Scott Hammond is drilling below 6,300 feet at the McKean No. 1 in Section 7-16-22.

McKamie Test Obstinate.
In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Frank Frankel experienced difficulty in completing its Cornelius No. 1-A at 9,334 feet and plugged back to 8,090 feet for another test in the Cotton Valley series, where Schlumberger showed a small amount of oil saturation. The test is on a long 10-acre tract in Section 28-17-23.

Carter Oil Company is nearing the pay zones at its Cornelius No. 2 in Section 31-17-23 with a drilling depth of below 8,900 feet. That same company drilled below 3,900 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 1-B in Section 30-17-23.

Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 6,700 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7 in Section 33-17-23, south side of the field. The same company resumed drilling below 4,600 feet at its Bodcaw No. 8 after setting second string pipe to 4,223 feet. Location is in Section 32-17-23.

High Sulphide Content Found.
The most recent gauge on Tidewater Seaboard's new discovery, the Moore No. 1, new Patton field, Section 29-17-24, is 255 barrels daily on quarter-inch choke. Casing and tubing pressures are 1,650 and 1,100 pounds respectively. Gas-oil ratio is 2,900 to 1. Oil tested 45.2 gravity. Gas from the new Moore well contains 6,900 grains of hydrogen sulphide, said to be the highest of any test in the world. The hydrogen sulphide content of the McKamie field wells is 4,250 grains per 100 feet.

Lafayette Expecting Its 26th Producer
Stamps—Oil activity in Lafayette County includes a 26th producer looming for the Buckner two-county field. Love and Owens set production pipe in their Eddy Unit 1-D, section 13-16-23, after cores and a Schlumberger survey revealed 15 feet of porosity. Total depth is 7,287 feet. Top of porosity was 7,272 feet. An attempt to complete the well will be made early next week.

On the extreme northeast edge of the Buckner field, Scott Hammond is drilling a test known as the McKean No. 1, section 7-16-22. A depth of 6,400 feet was reported as the week ended.

Five operations are active in the new McKamie field, nine miles south of Stamps with Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 2 leading in drilling time. Located in section 31-17-23, the test is now below 8,800 feet. Carter also drilled below 3,800 feet in the No. 1-B Hanes in the adjoining section, 30-17-23. Atlantic Refining Company has reached 6,800 feet in its No. 7 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 33-17-23, and the same firm is drilling at 4,700 feet in the No. 8 Bodcaw, section 32-17-23.

A test scheduled for completion this week, but which failed to flow at 9,337 feet, is Frankel et al. No. 1-A Cornelius, section 28-17-23. Logging only three feet of saturation on first test, operators have plugged back to the Cotton Valley sand around 8,095 feet in hopes of making a completion from that depth where some saturation was encountered.

New locations are expected soon in the new Patton area, six miles west of McKamie where Tidewater Associated recently completed Henry Moore No. 1.

26th Buckner Field Well In Good Flow

Special to the Gazette. 9-30-41

Stamps, Sept. 29.—The 26th producer for the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, flowed steadily today after one acid treatment. It is Love Owens & Bradham's Eddy Unit No. 1 in Section 13-16-23, Lafayette county. Its estimated gauge is 25 barrels per hour on quarter-inch choke. The oil contained no water and is considered of excellent quality. Schlumberger survey revealed 17 feet of oil saturation. Total depth is 7,287 feet. Production is from the Smackover lime. No pressure gauge is available.

A 12th producer also looms for the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, as Carter Oil Company continues coring below 9,216 feet at the Cornelius No. 2, section 31-17-23. Smackover lime was topped at 8,970 feet, much higher than in other wells of that area. Porosity, topped at 9,015 feet, continued in broken formation. The same company is WOC after setting second string pipe to 4,300 feet at its Hanes D-1, Section 30-17-23. Atlantic Refining Company drilled below 6,900 feet at its Bodcaw No. 7, Section 33-17-23, and the same firm is below 4,900 feet at the No. 8 Bodcaw, Section 32-17-23.

Buckner Field Well Total Grows to 26

Special to the Gazette. 10-5-41

Stamps, Oct. 4.—A twenty-sixth producer was added in the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, with the completion Tuesday of Love, Owens & Bradham's Eddy 1-D unit in section 13-16-23, Lafayette county side. Topping porosity at 7,272 feet, Schlumberger survey revealed approximately 17 feet of oil saturation. The test flowed steadily after one acid treatment and gauged 342 barrels on 1-8 inch choke in 17 hours. Tubing pressure is 250 pounds. Casing pressure has not been reported. No gravity test has been announced, but operators say the oil is of excellent quality. Production is from the Smackover lime.

Three locations on the Pelt tract which have been waiting several months are expected to get under way soon in that field. Also in the Buckner area on the Lafayette county side, Scott Hammond is nearing the pay zones at the McKean No. 1, section 7-16-22. He now is below 7,300 feet.

Twelfth McKamie Well Looms.
In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, a twelfth producer looms in the Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 2, section 30-17-23. Smackover lime was encountered at 8,970 feet, which is much higher than in other wells of the McKamie area. Porosity was topped at 9,015 feet and continues to below 9,270 feet in broken formation. Operators were reaming

down to continue coring with expectations of running a Schlumberger survey and setting production pipe as the week ends. The final outcome probably will be determined next week. Other activities in that field include: Carter Oil Company drilling below 4,900 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 1-B, section 31-17-23. Atlanta Refining Company drilled below 7,300 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, section 33-17-23, and the same firm is below 5,800 feet at the Bodcaw No. 8 in section 32-17-23.

First McKamie Test.
The McKamie field had its first failure this week when Frankel et al. decided to plug and abandon its Cornelius 1-A, section 28-17-23, east edge of the field, thereby defining the area in that direction. Oil men believe the McKamie pool will extend south and west.

Although Schlumberger revealed three distinct oil shows at three different levels, the well refused to flow at each production attempt. Two more locations in the McKamie field await drilling operations, one is on the McClendon tract in section 31-17-23, and the other is on the Butler estate in section 25-17-24.

Two locations in the new Patton area are expected to be announced soon.

McKamie Field Producer Is Due This Week

Special to the Gazette. 10-5-41

Stamps—In the McKamie field, Lafayette County, a 12th producer is expected early this week. It is Carter Oil Company's No. 2 Cornelius, section 31-17-23. Coring began at 9,020 feet after oil saturation was encountered. A total depth of 9,269 feet was reported where coring is still in progress. Operators expect to set production pipe when water level is established.

Three other tests in that field are drilling ahead as follows: Carter Oil Company, below 5,000 feet in the Haynes B-1, section 31-17-23; Atlantic Refining Company drilling at 7,200 feet in the No. 7 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 33-17-23, and Atlantic drilling below 5,700 feet in the No. 3 Bodcaw, section 32-17-23.

Frank Frankel's Cornelius 1-A, on a long 160 acre tract in section 28-17-23, due the past week, refused to flow after test of three different sands, and operators plugged and abandoned the hole as a failure. The 1-A Cornelius was on the east side of the field.

In the Buckner field, also in Lafayette County, Love and Owens 1-D Eddy, section 13-16-23, was completed as the 26th producer for that two-county field. An accurate gauge has not been obtained but production is estimated at 25 barrels per hour through 1-4 inch choke. Porosity was topped at 7,272 feet and total depth is 7,287 feet.

Two Tests Due for Completion In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 10-12-41

Stamps, Oct. 11.—Oil activity in Lafayette county this week-end consists of two tests scheduled for completion and three others drilling.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 2, which was due for completion last Tuesday, is being delayed due to a faulty cement job. Operators are drilling cement out of the hole and said the test probably will be ready for completion in a week. Smackover lime was topped at 8,970 feet and top of porosity was encountered at 9,015, which extended in broken formation to 9,350 feet. If successful, the Cornelius two will make a total of 12 producers for the McKamie area. Other activities in that field include Carter Oil Company's Haynes No. B-1 Section 31-17-23, drilling below 5,900 feet. Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7 in Section 33-17-23, drilled below 8,000 feet. The same firm was below 7,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 8, Section 32-17-23.

In the Buckner field, Lafayette county side, three miles east of Stamps, a 27th producer looms in Scott Hammond's McKean No. 1, Section 7-16-22, which set production pipe to below 7,250 feet after coring about seven feet of porous colitic lime. Its outcome should be known the first of the week. Two locations are expected to be announced soon for the new Patton field six miles west of McKamie, where Tidewater Seaboard recently completed its Henry Moore No. 1 wildcat in Section 29-17-24.

Work also is expected to begin soon on Barnsdall Oil Company's new location in the Midway community.

Buckner Well Is Due Immediately

Special to the Gazette. 10-12-41

Stamps—The Buckner field on the Lafayette County side had a 27th producer looming over the week-end. It is Scott Hammonds No. 1 McKean, Section 7-16-22, northeast side of the field. The test cored some oil saturation at 7,241 to 7,244 feet and production pipe was run to bottom Thursday.

That area's 26th producer was completed last week when Bradhams No. 1 Eddy D unit flowed, and was gauged at 342 barrels in 17 hours on one-eighth-inch choke. Total depth is 7,287 feet.

In the new McKamie field of Lafayette County, a 12th producer was due for completion early this week. It is Carter Oil Co.'s Cornelius No. 2, Section 30-17-23. When production pipe was set, cement filled the hole, and it was necessary for operators to drill it out before a production test could be attempted, so it will be a week or 10 days before the Cornelius No. 2 will be finished. Approximately 200 feet of oil saturation was encountered in the test which is bottomed at 9,350 feet.

In the adjoining section, 31-17-23, Carter Oil Co.'s No. 1-B Hanes had reached a depth of 5,800 feet.

On the south side of the field, Atlantic Refining Co.'s Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 7, Section 33-17-23, was drilling ahead at 7,900 feet, and in Section 32-17-23, Atlantic drilled at 6,900 feet in its No. 8 Bodcaw.

McKean No. 1 Making 25 Barrels Hourly.

Special to the Gazette. 10-14-41

Stamps, Oct. 13.—Scott Hammond's McKean No. 1, Buckner field, Lafayette county, section 7-16-22, three miles east of Stamps, is flowing an excellent quality of crude from 7,241 feet. Total depth is 7,291 feet. Official gauge is not available, but it is estimated the well is making 25 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. The McKean test brings the total of producers for the Buckner field to 27.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company continues to drill out cement at 7,700 feet at the Cornelius No. 2, section 31-17-23, scheduled for early completion. The same company drilled below 6,300 feet at the Marble Hanes B-1, section 30-17-23.

Atlantic Refining Company drilled below 8,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, section 33-17-23, and is below 7,000 feet at the No. 8 Bodcaw in section 32-17-23. One new location was announced this week by Carter Oil Company for the McKamie field. It will be the Marble Hanes No. 2, section 31-17-23.

Site for Sour Gas Plant Studied

Special to the Gazette. 10-19-41

Stamps, Oct. 18.—Announcement of plans under way for the actual construction of a desulphurization and gasoline plant to utilize the sour gas produced in the McKamie field of Lafayette county by Carter Oil Company and Atlantic Oil Company officials highlighted oil activity for this part of the state this week.

J. R. McWilliams, Tulsa, Okla., production manager for Carter Oil Company; W. A. Watkins, Shreveport, La., division superintendent for Carter; J. A. Todd, Magnolia, production superintendent for this section, and Ralph Davidson, production superintendent for the Atlantic Refining Company, visited the McKamie field Thursday and discussed favorable location sites. Mr. Todd said that the plants will require about 40 acres and the exact location will depend on reasonable prices asked by landowners. The cost of construction of such a plant will be great, Mr. Todd said, and it will be necessary for oil companies to economize as much as possible. Mr. Todd said the construction was expected to get under way as soon as materials could be bought and the site decided on.

Twelfth Producer Due In.
A twelfth producer is expected to be completed tomorrow by Carter Oil Company in the McKamie field in its Cornelius No. 2, Section 31-17-23. The test scheduled for completion two weeks ago filled with cement when production pipe was set, and operators have had to drill out the cement before it could be completed. Perforations with 100 shots were made between 9,270-90 feet, followed by washing.

Its favorable outcome almost is assured, as more than 200 feet of oil saturation was encountered. An accurate gauge probably will be obtained tomorrow.

That same company's Marble Hanes No. 1-B in Section 30-17-23 was drilling below 7,000 feet.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company, Section 33-17-23 drilled below 8,000 feet and the same firm drilled below 7,600 feet at the Bodcaw No. 8 in Section 32-17-23.

Buckner Well Completed.

One completion was marked up for the Buckner field on the Lafayette side this week. It was Scott Hammond's McKean No. 1 in Section 7-16-22, northeast side of the field. The well flowed excellent quality crude after one acid treatment from a depth of 9,241 feet. Production is from the Smackover lime. Total depth is 9,290 feet. The McKean well brings the total for that area to 27.

Work is expected to begin next week on Carter Oil Company's newest location in the McKamie field. Derrick has been erected, and operators will spud in, following completion of their Cornelius No. 2. The new test will be known as the Marble Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23.

Carter Well Near Stamps Due to Flow

Special to the Gazette. 10-19-41

Stamps—One completion in the Buckner field of Lafayette County and another expected in the McKamie field, together with rumors of plans for beginning construction of the long talked of desulphurization plant for the McKamie field were chief topics among oil men this week.

The successful completion was Scott Hammond's No. 1 McKean, Buckner field, section 7-16-22. An official gauge has not been obtained but operators report the test flowed black oil with an estimated gauge of 25 barrels per hour through a quarter-inch choke. Bottomed at 9,300 feet porosity was topped around 9,240 feet which extended approximately five feet. There are now 27 producing wells in the Buckner field with an average depth of 7,300 feet.

The next completion expected during the week-end is Carter Oil Company's No. 2 Cornelius, McKamie field, section 20-17-23. Operators were washing after shooting the casing with 100 shots around 9,290 feet. Smackover lime formation was topped at 8,970 feet and porosity at 9,015 feet which extended to below 9,300 feet.

Other activities in the McKamie area include Atlantic Refining Company, drilling at 8,100 feet in Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, section 33-17-23 and in the adjoining section of 32-17-23 the same company making hole at 7,700 feet in the No. 8 Bodcaw.

Carter Oil Company was below 6,900 feet in No. 1-B Haynes, section 30-17-23. That company announced a new location on the Haynes tract, the Marble Haynes No. 2, in section 31-17-23. Drilling will probably begin there this week.

J. A. Todd, in charge of production for Carter Oil Company in this part of the state said his company and Atlantic Oil Company were seriously considering the early erection of a desulphurization plant for the McKamie field, but said its actual location had not been decided upon. He said that because of construction costs, the land acquired for the site of the plant must be purchased at a reasonable price.

12th M'Kamie Field Well Completed

Special to the Gazette. 10-20-41

Stamps, Oct. 19.—A 12th producer was added in the McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, today as Carter Oil Company's Cornelius No. 2 in Section 31-17-23 flowed after 100 casing perforations from 9,270-90 feet. The test cored more than 200 feet of oil saturation.

Smackover lime was topped at 8,970 feet, and top of porosity was 9,015 feet. Total depth is 9,307 feet. An official gauge was not available, but operators reported the well as good as any in the field.

Royalty Sales Spurred By M'Kamie Well

Special to the Gazette. 10-26-41

Stamps, Oct. 25.—Carter Oil Company completed its Cornelius No. 2 test this week in the new McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, raising the total number of producers for that area to 12.

The Smackover lime was topped at 8,970 feet and top of porosity was 9,015 feet. More than 200 feet of oil saturation was encountered with total depth at 9,350 feet. The test gauged 216 barrels in 24 hours on 13-64 inch tubing choke with tubing pressure reported at 1,900 pounds. Location is in Section 31-17-23.

\$300 Per Acre Paid.

A small flurry in royalty activity was noted following the completion of the Cornelius well this week on the south side of the field. Price paid for royalty was \$300 per acre.

Other activities in the McKamie area include Carter Oil Company's drilling ahead at its Hanes No. B-1, Section 30-17-23 at below 7,800 feet. Rigging operations are proceeding at the same company's Marble Hanes No. 2, newest location for the area in Section 31-17-23. Drilling operations are expected to get under way next week.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7 in Section 33-17-23 is next in line for completion as it nears the pay zones below 8,400 feet. The same company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 8 in Section 32-17-23 drilled below 8,000 feet.

Barnsdall Oil Company announced its wildcat venture in the Midway community will begin drilling operations by November 1. The test will be known as the Bond No. 1 and be located in Section 11-15-24.

Patton Location Not Announced.

No announcements have been made as to locations for the new Patton area, six miles west of the McKamie field, but it is known that two tests will be drilled there soon by Tidewater Associated Oil Company.

No further reports on the exact site for the proposed desulphurization plant to be constructed soon for the utilization of the sour gas in the McKamie field have been made public, but officials say they will be in a position soon to make those facts known.

Two McKamie Tests Expected In Soon.

Special to the Gazette. 11-9-41

Stamps, Nov. 8.—Thirteenth and fourteenth producers loom in the McKamie field of Lafayette county, eight miles south of Stamps, as Atlantic Refining Company cores ahead at its Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 7 and 8 in Sections 33-17-23 and 32-17-23 respectively.

More than 200 feet of porosity has been cored in the No. 7 test, which topped Smackover lime 8,950 and oil saturation at 9,080 feet. Depth is 9,257 and operators still are coring in the pay. Production pipe is expected to be set in 24 hours.

The No. 7 test extends the McKamie field a half-mile south and according to the extent of porosity encountered in the Bodcaw No. 7, the trend of the field must lead south, although wells on the west are also excellent producers. Only further drilling can determine the extent of the field.

Following close on the heels of the No. 7 test is the Bodcaw No. 8, which topped Buckner series at 8,956, and Smackover at 9,000 feet. Top of porosity was a 9,095, where coring began last night. Coring probably will continue for another week at the No. 8 well if saturation extends as far as in other wells nearby.

Other activity in the McKamie area includes Carter Oil Company's drilling below 8,500 feet at its Marble Hanes No. B-1 Section 30-17-23, west side of the field, and the same company's preparing to spud in at its Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23, most recent location for the field. Barnsdall Oil Company has been hindered in getting under way at its Bond No. 1 wildcat in Section 11-15-24, Midway community north of Lewisville, by rain and bad roads, but materials were being moved in today for an early start next week. J. I. Roberts, drilling contractor of Shreveport, La., will drill the Bond test.

Work is expected to begin soon in the Buckner field of this county at the No. 2 McKean in Section 8-16-22, for which permit was issued

last week to G. Scott Hammond by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission as an exception to spacing rules in the Buckner field.

Girdler May Build Sulphur Plant.

Bids are being submitted to the Carter Oil Company and the Atlantic Refining Company, chief producers in the McKamie field, for construction of the proposed desulphurization plant. Rumors afloat here are that the Girdler Corporation of Louisville, Ky., maker of the experimental pilot plant now in operation in the field, probably will get the contract for the erection of such a plant.

'Sour' Gas Plant Site Near Stamps

Special to the Gazette. 11-12-41

Stamps, Nov. 11.—A tentative location for the proposed desulphurization plant to be built in the McKamie field of Lafayette county, was announced today as two miles due south of McKamie, on acreage owned by the Cornelius estate. It once was part of a big rice farm.

J. A. Todd, production superintendent for the Carter Oil Company in this district, said that construction would begin soon and that contract for equipment would be given to the Girdler Corporation of Louisville, Ky. This firm manufactured the equipment used in the experimental pilot plant now in operation in that field. Experiments made by the pilot plant have proved that "sour" gas produced from wells in the McKamie area can be sweetened and used for both commercial and domestic use. Mr. Todd said that probably three or more plants would be erected in connection with the desulphurization plant.

Experimental Plant Going Up.
The Texas Gulf Sulphur Company of Houston is erecting an experimental plant near the pilot plant site, and expects to erect a large plant to utilize the hydrogen sulphur removed by the desulphurization plant and to convert it into free sulphur.

Oil Drilling Activities.
Oil activities in the field include: Production pipe set Monday at Atlantic Oil Company's No. 7, section 33-17-23, with production attempt scheduled for Thursday. The same company is coring below 9,187 feet at the Bodcaw No. 8, in section 32-17-23, in oil saturation.

Carter Oil Company is drilling below 8,800 feet at the Hanes B-1, section 20-17-23.

Barnsdall Oil Company spudded in its Bond No. 1 wildcat in section 11-15-24, north of Lewisville, Monday.

McKamie Plants Now Certainities.

Special to the Gazette. 11-16-41

Stamps, Nov. 15.—The most important development for south Arkansas sour gas fields was the announcement this week of the filing of incorporation articles by the McKamie Gas Cleaning Company, which will begin construction at once of a \$500,000 desulphurization plant on the Cornelius estate two miles due south of McKamie and eight miles south of Stamp of Lafayette county.

Incorporators include three directors of the Carter Oil Company, subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and three directors of the Atlantic Refining Company, of which the two companies are chief lease holders in the McKamie field.

Officials announced that the plant will furnish from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily for the Arkansas Power and Light Company's proposed generating plant, where location has not been decided. The sweetened gas from the desulphurization plant also will be sold to companies furnishing the proposed aluminum and alumina plants in Arkansas.

Following that announcement, the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company of Houston began erecting an experimental plant near the pilot plant site now operating in the field, for tests to determine the feasibility of recovering free sulphur from the hydrogen sulphide extracted from the sour gas.

13th Producer Added.

A thirteenth producer was added yesterday in that prolific field in the Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 7, section 33-17-23. Perforations were made in the casing last night, with

flow increasing today after the well cleaned itself. Operators estimated its flow at 500 barrels but said it would be choked down to the daily allowable of 200 barrels. Smackover was topped at 8,990 feet Porosity, topped at 9,080 feet, extends below 9,336 feet.

A fourteenth producer probably will be completed early next week by the same company in its Bodcaw No. 8, section 32-17-23, which topped porosity at 9,095 feet and extended below 9,300 feet. Operators set production pipe today.

A third well in the field also is nearing completion, as Carter Oil Company expects to begin coring in a day or two at the Marble Hanes B-1 section 30-17-23. A depth of below 9,000 feet was reported as the week ended. That same company is drilling below 2,900 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 2 section 31-17-23.

In the Midway community north of Lewisville, Barnsdall Oil Company set surface casing at its Bond No. 1 wildcat in section 11-15-24 and now is drilling below 2,000 feet.

14th Producer In McKamie Oil Field

Special to the Gazette. 11-20-41

Stamps, Nov. 19.—A fourteenth producer was added in the McKamie field of Lafayette county today when the Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 8, in Section 32-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, flowed about 500 barrels daily after casing perforations between 9,286-9,308 feet.

Production is from the Smackover lime. Oil saturation was encountered at 9,095 feet, which extended to below 9,300 feet. Total depth is 9,340 feet.

A fifteenth producer also looms in that field. Carter Oil Company set production pipe today at its Marble Hanes B-1, Section 30-17-23, after coring more than 200 feet of oil saturation. The same company set second string casing at its Hanes No. 2, Section 31-17-23, at 4,320 feet today.

Lafayette's Second Well Of Week Due

Special to the Gazette. 11-23-41

Stamps, Nov. 22.—Oil activity in Lafayette county this week includes one completion for the McKamie field and another due for completion over the week-end.

Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 8, Section 32-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, flowed Wednesday after casing perforations. The test made 251 barrels in 12 hours through 14-64-inch choke on tubing. Gas-oil ration was 8,160 to 1. Casing and tubing pressures were 3,100 and 2,900 pounds respectively. Production is from the Smackover lime. Oil saturation was topped at 9,095 and extended to below 9,300 feet. Oil experts say the extent of porosity in the McKamie field wells is phenomenal, considering the average oil well's producing sands usually extend from 12 to 15 feet. The No. 8 test raised the total number of producers for the field to 14, and together with the No. 7 test completed by the same company last week extends the field three-fourths of a mile south.

Carter Test Due In.

The next test due for completion is Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes B-I in Section 30-17-23, which cemented production casing Thursday afternoon, after Schlumberger survey revealed the Buckner series at 8,962, Smackover lime at 9,095 and main porosity at 9,181 feet. Total depth is 9,336 feet. A production attempt probably will be made tomorrow.

The same company set second string casing to 4,350 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 2 Section 31-17-23 Tuesday and now is drilling ahead at 4,700 feet.

Two new locations have been staked in the McKamie field by Atlantic Refining Company, but no permits have been issued and no announcement made as to when work will begin.

In the Midway community north of Lewisville, Barnsdall Oil Company resumed under surface casing at its Edgar Bond No. 1, important wildcat in Section 11-15-24, and now is drilling below 350 feet. Officials announced the well will be drilled "tight" and information is expected to be difficult to obtain. Much interest is being shown in the well because of its location on a favorable "high" in unproved territory.

In the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side, Scott Hammond spudded in Wednesday at his McKean No. 2, Section 8-16-22 and set surface casing today.

Stamps Field Well

Due Early This Week

Stamps—A 14th producer was completed Wednesday in the McKamie gas-distillate field of Lafayette County in Atlantic Oil Company's No. 8 Bodcaw, section 32-17-23. A first guage showed the well flowed 502 barrels on a 24-hour test through 14-64 inch choke. Gas-oil ratio is 8,160 to 1. Casing pressure was 3,100 pounds and tubing pressure 2,900 pounds. Smackover was topped at 8,990 feet, and porosity at 8,095 feet. Total depth is 9,340 feet.

A 15th producer also is expected to be brought in Sunday or Monday in Carter Oil Company's 1-B Haynes, section 30-17-23. Production pipe was set yesterday after cores showed about 156 feet of broken oil saturation. Total depth is 9,336 feet.

The same firm is drilling below 4,800 feet in its No. 2 Haynes, section 31-17-23.

Three miles east of Stamps in the Buckner field, Scott Hammond is drilling below 350 feet in the No. 2 McKean in section 8-16-22.

An important Lafayette County wildcat drilling ahead now is Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Bond, section 11-15-24, north of Lewisville. A depth of 4,000 feet was reported as the week ended.

McKamie Field Has 15th Producer

Special to the Gazette. 11-27-41

Stamps, Nov. 26.—A 15th producer was added in the McKamie field of Lafayette county today as Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes B-1 in Section 30-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, flowed 112 barrels of 60 gravity water-clear distillate in eight and a half hours on quarter-inch choke.

Casing was perforated from 9,250 to 9,270 and 9,286 to 9,306 feet with 200 shots. Production is from the Smackover lime. Oil saturation was topped at 9,095 feet. Total depth is 9,336 feet. Operations estimate that 156 feet of actual oil saturation was encountered. Tubing pressure is 2,600 pounds. Casing pressure was not available due to packer being set. Gas-oil ratio was not given.

The same company drilled ahead at 5,300 feet at its Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23.

Two new locations were made in the field this week by Atlantic Refining Company to be known as the Bodcaw Lumber Company Nos. 9 and 10, in Sections 33-17-23 and 32-17-23, respectively.

Routine Drilling Under Way In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 12-7-41

Stamps, Dec. 6.—Oil activity in Lafayette county consists of only routine drilling. In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company drilled below 7,100 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23.

Atlantic Refining Company spudded in and set surface casing Monday at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23 and is below 2,000 feet. The same company is moving in materials to begin drilling operations soon at its Bodcaw No. 10 in Section 32-17-23.

Carter Oil Company is expected to announce its drilling location for the field soon. Two locations made by the Carter company and for which permits were issued have been waiting for many weeks. There seems to be some doubt as to their productiveness, due to unfavorable locations, and it is not known whether these will be drilled. They are on the McLendon and Butler tracts.

In the Buckner field three miles east of Stamps, Hammond drilled ahead at 5,000 feet at the McKean No. 2 in Section 8-16-22. Another location probably will be announced soon for the Buckner field, to be drilled by E. G. Bradham on the Sue Keys land.

In the Midway community, north

of Lewisville, Barnsdall Oil Company drilled below 5,000 feet at the Edgar Bond No. 1 wildcat in Section 11-15-24. Information on the test is being withheld. A location for the Walker's Creek community, six miles south of the McKamie field is expected to be announced soon by the McAlester Fuel Oil Company, which holds extensive acreage in that vicinity.

Nothing further has been reported as to starting date for construction of the desulphurization plant by Carter and Atlantic Oil companies in the McKamie field. Incorporation articles were filed, naming the plant the McKamie Gas Cleaning Company. It is believed here, however, that when work begins on the aluminum plant in Hot Spring county, work also will begin on the desulphurization plant, as the sweetened gas from the McKamie field will be sold to the aluminum plant.

The Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, which is erecting an experimental plant in the field for the extraction of sulphur from the gas probably will be ready for operation next week.

Barnsdall's Well Has Oil Men Guessing

Democrat 12-7-41

Stamps—A wildcat test in the northwestern corner of Lafayette County is holding attention as various reports on its depth are given out. It is the No. 1 Bond, drilled by Barnsdall Oil Company of Oklahoma. Location is in section 11-15-24. Drilling crews have been ordered to withhold all information of the test, but reliable sources report the test as being well under 5,100 feet.

The bond well is the first to be drilled in that section of this county and much land in its vicinity remains to be leased, hence the secrecy pertaining to formation, etc.

Other activity in the county includes Carter Oil Company drilling at 7,200 feet in the No. 2 Haynes section 31-17-23, McKamie gas-distillate field Atlantic Oil Company, drilling at 2,100 feet in the No. 9 Bodcaw Lumber Company section 33-17-23, and rigging up preparations at the same firm's No. 10 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 32-17-23.

Only one well is drilling in the Buckner field on the Lafayette County side. It is S. Hammond's No. 2 McKean, east edge of the field, section 8-16-22.

Many persons here are interested in a test being drilled in the Dorcheat area of Columbia County close to Lafayette County. It is the Delta Drilling Company's No. 1 Hunt, section 11-18-22. An excellent showing of oil in the Cotton Valley series was obtained the first of the week, when a drill stem test at 6,957 feet recovered 300 feet of oil and 100 feet of oil and mud. Crude was 43 gravity.

Operators decided, however, to continue drilling to the contract depth in the Smackover lime, and if that should fail to produce, the test probably will be plugged back to the Cotton Valley.

Marble Hanes No. 2, McKamie Test, Making Good Time.

Special to the Gazette. 12-14-41

Stamps, Dec. 13.—Leading in drilling time for wells in Lafayette county this week was Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 2 in the McKamie field, Section 31-17-23, eight miles south of Stamps, which is below 7,400 feet.

In the same area Atlantic Refining Company drilled below 3,700 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23. The same company is due to spud in at its Bodcaw No. 10, but due to unitization difficulties, the test will be delayed. Location is in Section 32-17-23.

Carter Oil Company is expected to announce its next drilling location for the McKamie area soon. Because of the secrecy surrounding the wildcat being drilled by Barnsdall Oil Company in the Midway community north of Lewisville, interest is centered on that test, known as the Edgar Bond No. 1, located in Section 11-15-24. Information has been ordered withheld, but reliable sources report the well's depth now is around 5,000 feet. Drilling difficulty this week made the going rather slow. Contract depth on the wildcat is for the Smackover lime, which varies in depth. The Smackover series is encountered around 7,300 feet in the Buckner field, while in the McKamie area Smackover is not reached until around 9,000 to 9,300 feet.

The lone operation drilling in the Buckner field on the Lafayette county side is Scott Hammond's McKean No. 2 in Section 8-16-22, which is now below 5,500 feet.

Bond Wildcat Centers Stage In Lafayette

Gazette 12-14-41

Stamps—Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Bond, in wildcat territory, Lafayette County, north of Lewisville, in section 11-15-24, continues to hold interest of oil men as it drills below 5,400 feet. Bad weather and a stuck drill stem prevented the crew making much time on the test this week. Some show of oil was reported in the Paluxy around 3,400 feet, but it is thought the show was more asphalt than commercial crude.

Other activities in the county include Carter Oil Company, drilling at 7,460 feet in sand and shale in the No. 2 Haynes, section 31-17-23, McKamie Field.

Atlantic Oil Company was reported to be drilling at 3,600 feet in the No. 9 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 33-17-23. This company holds extensive acreage in the McKamie area and has not yet had a failure. The same firm will begin soon on its No. 10 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 32-17-23, for which location has been cleared and roads constructed.

In the Buckner field, east edge of this county, where there are now 26 producers, one test is nearing the pay zones in S. Hammond's No. 2 McKean, section 8-16-22, with a depth of around 5,600 feet reported as the week ended.

Lafayette County oil men are watching closely the Delta Drilling Company's No. 1 Hunt, section 11-18-22, Dorcheat field, across the line in Columbia County. The test is due to begin coring next week. An excellent showing of oil was encountered in the Cotton Valley series and if the Smackover fails to produce, operators will probably plug back to the Cotton Valley and complete the test from that depth.

New Wildcat Near M'Kamie Field Planned

Special to the Gazette. 12-21-41

Stamps, Dec. 20.—Four tests are drilling in Lafayette county, and an important new wildcat location has been announced Thursday by the McAlester Fuel Oil Company, to be drilled in unproved territory, near Taylor, about six miles south of the McKamie field in the Walker's Creek community.

The new wildcat will be the Jeffus No. 1, located in Section 4-19-23. Much interest is expected to be displayed in this test, due to the apparent southward trend of the McKamie field, which already has 15 producers, with its southern outposts averaging over 200 feet of porosity. The acreage on which the new test will be drilled was assembled by V. S. Parham of Magnolia. It covers approximately 4,000 acres in Section 31-32-33, and 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of township 19, range 23, on land owned by P. D. and J. M. Burton, extensive lumber dealers, Mrs. Cora Jeffus and Mrs. Delia Whitehead. Part of the leases have been taken by McAlester Fuel Oil Company and Grady H. Vaughan, drilling contractor. Derrick was being built today, and drilling is expected to get under way immediately.

In the McKamie field Carter Oil Company is drilling below 7,900 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 2 in section 21-17-323. Formation was hard lime. Atlantic Refining Company is below 5,100 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 13-17-23. Unitization difficulties delayed starting date on that company's Bodcaw No. 10 in Section 32-17-23. Operators may not begin on the No. 10 test until after the first of the year. Four other locations wait drilling orders in the McKamie field, and the new year is expected to see a spurt in oil activity in all fields of this county.

In the Midway community north of Lewisville, Barnsdall Oil Company is reported to be drilling around 6,000 feet at its Bond No. 1 wildcat in Section 11-15-24. Information is being withheld. Only one operation is drilling in the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps. It is Scott Hammond's McKean No. 2 in Section 8-16-22, which nears the pay zones at below 6,000 feet.

Delta's Hunt No. 1 Nears Completion

Democrat 12-21-41

Stamps—The second wildcat in the past six weeks has been announced

for Lafayette County. It is the McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, located in section 4-19-23, extreme south part of the county, near the small town of Taylor. Drilling operations are expected to begin in about two weeks. Lease and royalty activity is expected to be brisk in that community where approximately 4,000 acres were assembled recently by V. S. Parham, independent buyer of Magnolia.

The other wildcat is Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Bond, in the extreme northwestern part of the county in the Midway community, section 11-15-24. Drilling crews have been instructed to withhold all information, and drilling depth is questionable, but reliable sources report the test as being about 5,600 feet.

In the McKamie area, Carter Oil Company drilled below 7,800 feet in the No. 1 Haynes, section 31-17-23, and Atlantic Oil Company drilled below 5,200 feet in the No. 9 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 33-17-23.

Carter and Atlantic are expected to begin construction of the proposed desulphurization plant in that field soon after the first of January.

In the Buckner field on the east, Scott Hammond is drilling near 6,000 feet in his No. 2 McKean, section 8-16-22.

The Delta Drilling Company's test known as the No. 1 Hunt, section 11-18-22, just over the line in Columbia County, Dorcheat field, is nearing coring stage. The drilling has reached 8,200 feet. Lafayette County oil men are much interested in this test since it is close to operations in this county.

Lafayette Hopes For New Oil Field

Special to the Gazette. 12-23-41

Stamps, Dec. 22.—A new oil field for Lafayette county loomed as Barnsdall Oil Company set production pipe at its Bond No. 1 wildcat in Section 17-15N-24, in the Midway community north of Lewisville today. The well has been drilled tight and information has been ordered withheld, but reliable sources reported porosity was topped around 5,500 feet with pipe set to 6,300 feet.

Leasing and royalty activity was unusually brisk today, covering the Midway vicinity to the Hardis community north of Stamps, a distance of approximately 10 miles. Royalty prices have ranged from \$100 to \$125 an acre. The outcome should be determined by the last of the week.

Fifth Field In Lafayette County Looms

Special to the Gazette. 12-28-41

Stamps, Dec. 27.—A fifth oil field for Lafayette county looms as Barnsdall Oil Company continues to core, reportedly in the pay, at its Bond No. 1 wildcat, about 10 miles northwest of Stamps in the Midway community, Section 11-15-24.

Although information on the test had been ordered withheld, oil scouts obtained reliable reports that oil shows were obtained around 6,000 feet. Coring began at that level and will continue until water level is reached. Present depth is around 7,000 feet.

Immediately following the favorable reports, lease and royalty activity became extremely brisk. Land in the vicinity of the test not already leased was taken quickly, and all acreage east of the well extending approximately 10 miles to the Tatom's Chapel and Sardia communities was leased. Five dollars per acre was paid for leases while royalty prices ranged from \$100 to \$125 per acre. Should the test open a new field, which appears likely, it will be the fourth Smackover lime field for the county. The fifth field is the Stamps-Lewisville field opened in 1937, which produces from the shallow Glen Rose strata around 3,400 feet.

It also would be the shallowest Smackover lime area in the state, as contrasted with the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, which is the deepest. It was reported erroneously that production pipe had been set Monday.

McKean No. 2 Due In.

Second in importance in oil activity for the county is the Scott Hammond McKean No. 2 test in the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, which looms as the 27th producer for that field. Production pipe was set at the McKean test Tuesday to 7,314 feet. Total depth is 7,316 feet. A production attempt probably will be made over the week-end, and the final outcome will be determined next week. Location is in Section 8-16-22.

Other activity in the county includes Carter Oil Company's drilling below 8,300 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23, McKamie field, and Atlantic Refining Company's drilling below 6,500 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23.

The McAlester Fuel Oil Company's Jeffus No. 1 wildcat location in the Walker's creek community, six miles south of the McKamie field, Section 4-19-23, was rigging up in preparation to begin drilling operations soon.

One new location was announced for the Buckner field this week by E. G. Bradham to drill the Sue Keys No. 1 well in Section 7-16-22.

Lewisville Has Oil Lease Boom

Special to the Gazette. 12-30-41
Lewisville, Dec. 29.—The greatest rush of oil scouts and speculators in the history of south Arkansas has been witnessed the past three days as a result of the favorable showing of the Bond No. 1 test well, seven miles north of Lewisville in the Midway community.

Information on the well has been withheld, but it is said to be the richest strike since the Smackover lime was discovered.

Telephone exchange, drug stores, hotels and restaurants are jammed and cannot take care of the crowds. Royalties are bringing as high as \$1,200 an acre. Leases and royalty three miles from the well are bringing \$35 an acre.

Heralded Lafayette Well Due in Today.

Special to the Gazette. 1-2-42
Stamps, Jan. 1.—Operators of Barnsdall Oil Co.'s Bond No. 1 wildcat test in the Midway community of Lafayette county, Section 11-15-24, were perforating casing and testing tubing today. Officials believe final outcome will be determined tomorrow unless an acid treatment is required.

Storage tanks are on location, and indications point to the richest oil strike in this county. It was reported 215 feet of saturation was encountered. Smackover lime was topped at 6,300 feet.

Royalty prices have soared the last two days, with \$1,250 the highest paid per acre for land nearest the well. From \$100 to \$125 is being paid for land five and six miles from the test.

Barnsdall Plans Line To New Field

Special to the Gazette. 1-4-42
El Dorado, Jan. 3.—Barnsdall Oil Co. whose Bond No. 1 wildcat near Lewisville has opened a sensational new Midway oil field, already is planning a pipeline from the new field to the Ouachita river, a distance of 50 miles, it was reported tonight.

Until the line is completed, Lion Oil Refining Company will take the production either by truck or through a small line it would construct, it was reported.

In announcing a 400-barrel daily allowable for the No. 1 well and a 40-acre spacing rule, A. M. Crowell, director of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, pointed that the agreement was only tentative between himself and J. S. Noland of Barnsdall and J. F. Murrell of OPM. The commission chairman, O. C. Bailey of El Dorado, is en route home from the West coast and is expected to call a state-wide meeting about January 27, when the new field will be discussed in detail. The rules set up are subject to change. At the statewide meeting representatives of the OPM and the National Petroleum Administration will discuss the obtaining of vital drilling equipment.

First Permeability in Area.

The well is an "off-structure" producer, lying north of a well recognized fault line, across which the Smackover line was not considered productive. Engineers here scouted a published statement that no porosity previously has been found north of the line. They said that porosity had been found but not permeability, or the quality which releases the oil to flow.

Barnsdall owns about 5,000 acres in a northwest-southeast trend. Cap Roberts has south southwest 40 offset. Arkansas Fuel Oil Co. has a west 80 offset, and the Magnolia, Bodcaw Lumber Co., Sun and Hunt own acreage around the block.

New Field A Lease Owners' Paradise

Special to the Gazette. 1-4-42
Stamps, Jan. 3.—The new drilling area opened by the completion of Barnsdall Oil Company's Bond No. 1 wildcat as an 83-barrel-an-hour producer yesterday has proved a lease and royalty trading paradise, as there were so many small land owners in the field.

In other new fields in Lafayette county one or two major oil companies had had options on most of the favorable acreage, making it impossible for small traders to do much "cashing in."

When first word leaked out that the tests were proving favorable, leases were selling at \$5 an acre and royalty \$10 and \$15 an acre. Although reports were withheld, information concerning additional favorable reports continued to leak out, and lease and royalty prices soared to \$1,250 per acre for land nearest the well and to \$100 to \$125 per acre for land six miles distant.

Little Gas Encountered.
The latest gauge showed 83 barrels an hour through quarter-inch choke, with pressure on casing 840 and on tubing 860, with little gas. The well was perforated with 100 shots from 6,340 to 6,370 but flow was shut in after the three 1,000-barrel storage tanks were filled. The oil is of 34 gravity, and gas-oil ratio is 260 cubic feet of gas per barrel.

The well, in section 11-15-24, logged 215 feet of saturation, topping the Smackover lime at 6,300 feet, making the field the shallowest lime area in the state. Lying in the Midway community, the field has been designated the Midway field by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission.

The land on which the test was drilled was assembled about three months ago by Gene Goff, independent oil man. The leases placed on record covered 3,240 acres in sections 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Barnsdall Oil Company leased 1,760 acres from Mr. Goff and agreed to start a Smackover lime test November 1. Not much interest was shown in the test at first, as many believed there was little possibility in that area, since the territory to the south and east had seemed to be the most promising.

McKean No. 2 Nears Completion.
Other activities in this county includes Scott Hammond's McKean No. 2 in the Buckner field section 8-16-22 continuing to test towards completion. Some difficulty was encountered at the well this week delaying production attempts. It is expected the well will be completed early next week.

In the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company, drilled below 8,600 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 2 in section 31-17-23. Formation was very hard lime. Atlantic Refining Company drilled below 8,600 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in section 33-17-23. The same company's Bodcaw No. 10 still was waiting on drilling orders.

In the Walker's Creek area, six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company expects to get under way immediately at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in section 4-19-23.

Hammond Well Buckner Field, Due This Week

Democrat 1-4-42
Stamps—Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Edgar Bond, Lafayette County wildcat in the Midway community, north of Lewisville was completed Friday, opening a fourth Smackover lime field in this county.

The test has held the interest of the oil industry for the past two weeks. Lease and royalty trading immediately became unusually active. Prices have gone from \$5 for leases to \$100. Royalty prices have climbed from \$15 to over a \$1,000 an

acre for land close to the test.

The well is believed by oil experts to have tapped a major reservoir and much drilling is in prospect.

Oil men say the well is as good as any in this part of the state. It is also the shallowest Smackover lime well in the state. The first oil shows were obtained around 6,000 feet. Production pipe was set to 6,500 feet.

A second test in this county was also due for completion this week, but measurements in tubing were in error causing delay in perforating. This is the Hammond No. 2 McKean, Buckner field, section 8-16-22. The well probably will be completed this week. It will be the 27th producer for the prolific Buckner area.

One test in the McKamie area is nearing the pay zones as Carter Oil Company drills ahead at 8,700 feet in No. 2 Haynes, section 31-17-23. In the same field Atlantic Refining Company was drilling at 6,700 feet in its No. 9 Bodcaw Lumber Co. That field is expected to see much more activity during the new year, as Carter Oil Company plans to start construction soon on the desulphurization plant to be erected on the Cornelius estate.

The contract for equipment and desulphurizing processes has been let to the Girdler Corporation, Louisville, Ky., which built an experimental pilot plant in the field last spring, proving that the sour gas in the McKamie area could be sweetened and made fit for domestic and commercial use. The sweetened gas will be sold to the Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company for use in the proposed aluminum plant in Hot Spung County.

Hearing on New Lafayette Oil Field Rules Planned.

Special to the Gazette. 1-7-42
El Dorado, Jan. 6.—A hearing to discuss rules and regulations for the new Midway field in north Lafayette county will be held late this month at Lewisville, Director A. M. Crowell of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, said today. January 22 is the tentative date.

The eight permits granted last week for drilling of wells in the new fields are held in abeyance and not cancelled, as reported in some quarters yesterday, Mr. Crowell said. He added that firms planning to drill the new tests had not selected locations.

Prices Rise On Land Near Midway Well

Special to the Gazette. 1-11-42
Stamps, Jan. 10.—The enthusiasm over the successful completion of Barnsdall Oil Company's Bond No. 1 wildcat in Lafayette county in the Midway community as a 15,000-barrel producer has continued unabated all week in leasing and royalty activity. Prices have increased steadily since the well came in last Saturday. Every inch of land within 50 miles around the new test is leased or being negotiated for. An enormous amount of money has been released in this county during the past two weeks.

The test still is closed in, pending completion of pipe lines to the L. & A. railroad nearby. Lion Oil Company of El Dorado has contracted for the oil, which is excellent 38 gravity crude.

12 Permits To Be Sought.
Twelve permits will be asked for the new field on January 23 when a special hearing on spacing rules and other details for the new field will be held in Lewisville by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission. It is expected that further drilling in the area will be postponed until after that date.

In the McKamie area, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company began coring last night at the Marble Hanes No. 2 test in Section 31-17-23 after topping Smackover lime around 9,000 feet. In the same area, Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 8,000 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23. Other tests in the McKamie field are expected to get under way soon.

In the Buckner field, three miles east of Stamps, Scott Hammond continues efforts toward completion of his McKean No. 2 in Section 8-16-22, after perforations and other production attempts failed to get results. As the test flowed about five barrels of oil an hour without much gas pressure, operators are installing a gas lift to force the oil out. It is expected to become a good producer.

In the Walker's Creek area, six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company's Jef-

fus No. 1 is due to begin drilling this week-end. Location is in Section 4-19-23.

McKamie Plant To Be Started Soon.

Special to the Gazette. 1-18-42
Stamps, Jan. 17.—The McKamie Gas Cleaning Company plans to begin construction on its \$500,000 desulphurization plant soon.

The site will be on the Cornelius estate one mile south of McKamie. The land is being surveyed, and engineers of the Girdler Corporation which has the contract for construction of the plant, will begin next week to test the ground. The plant will be located in Section 23-17-23, and a gasoline extraction plant will be built in connection. Roger Howe, vice president and general manager, said that the cleaning plant will handle between 25 and 30 million cubic feet of gas daily.

An experimental sulphur extraction plant will be ready to operate next week to determine the feasibility of extracting free sulphur from the hydrogen sulphide removed from the sour gas. It is likely that a large sulphur extraction plant also will be built in connection with the gas cleaning plant.

16th Well In McKamie Field Due In

Special to the Gazette. 1-18-42
Stamps, Jan. 17.—The McKamie field of Lafayette county again is in the spotlight, due to a 16th producer looming for that area, and the prospects of 36 gravity crude being obtained from the higher Cotton Valley series after a retest job this week on a distillate producer completed from the deep Smackover lime.

The successful completion in the offing is Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 2 in section 31-17-23, which continues coring in the pay below 9,280 feet. Smackover was topped at 9,115 feet with oil saturation encountered at 9,130 feet. Formation has been broken. Operators expect to set production pipe over the week-end.

The retest job was on Carter's Cornelius Unit well in section 30-17-23, which was completed last July as a gas distillate producer. Although the fluid was 46 gravity and very dark in color, it became lighter as the test cleaned itself. A later flow of salt water from a bad cement job threatened the test and this week operators decided to plug back to the Cotton Valley series around 7,500 feet for a production attempt. The casing was perforated from 7,255-65 feet with 28 shots. The well began flowing by heads crude oil of 36 gravity at the rate of 20 barrels per hour. Salt water continues to encroach, however, and operators are attempting to overcome that difficulty and will test again over the week-end.

Spacing Pattern Affected.
If the Unit well continues to flow crude in commercial quantities, the entire spacing pattern for the McKamie field probably will be changed from the present 160 acres to a 40-acre spacing. The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission set the 160-acre spacing pattern after the field was declared a distillate area, but the commission ruled that should a crude producer be obtained in the field, a 40-acre spacing pattern would go into effect. Land owners living north of the test are elated over the prospects of a crude producer, since the trend of the field apparently had been going south and west.

In the same field, Atlantic Refining Company is drilling below 8,600 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in section 33-17-23.

Six miles south of the McKamie field in the Walker's Creek community McAlester Fuel Oil Company got under way this week at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in section 4-19-23 and now is drilling below 4,000 feet. The Buckner field added its 27th producer this week in Scott Hammond's McKean No. 2 in section 8-16-22. The test is not considered as good as others in the field, due to weak gas pressure, but operators are hoping to overcome the difficulty with a gas lift.

No official gauge is available. Location is being cleared for the Sue Keys No. 1 test in section 7-16-22, also in the Buckner field, which will be drilled by E. G. Bradham.

Midway Tests To Start Soon.
Although no drilling has been done in the new Midway field of this county since the completion of Barnsdall's Bond No. 1 wildcat Jan-

uary 3, much activity is taking place in the new area. Planks roads are being constructed to 13 locations, where operators expect to begin drilling in about two weeks. Pipe lines are being laid and other preparations are under way for one of the most intensive drilling campaigns ever seen in this county.

New Midway Field Combed By Scientists

Democrat 1-18-42
Stamps — Since the successful completion two weeks ago of Barnsdall Oil Co.'s No. 1 Edgar Bond in the Midway community, north of Lewisville, in Lafayette County, Section 11-15-24, seismograph companies have established headquarters in every town within 50 miles of the new test and all the surrounding area is being studied and "shot" in quest of new "highs."

All towns in this vicinity are jammed with oil people. Some are there strictly for business and others are hoping to pick up a little easy money. Activity in the new field at present consists of clearing locations, building roads and other construction necessary for developing a large area. Thirteen wells are expected to begin drilling soon after February 1 in the new field.

Interest shifts to the southern part of the county as Carter Oil Co. prepares to set production pipe in its No. 2 Haynes in the McKamie field, Section 31-17-23. Oil saturation was stopped at 9,130 feet and continued to below 9,270 feet. The Haynes well will be the 16th producer in that field.

A 17th test in the same area neared the pay zones as Atlantic Oil Co. drilled at 8,700 feet in the No. 9 Bodcaw, Section 33-17-23.

Oil men are watching a test in the McKamie field which was completed last summer by Carter Oil Co. in its Cornelius unit, Section 30-17-23. Officials were about to abandon the test after salt water threatened to ruin the flow, but decided that a last effort would be made to obtain something at a higher level. The test was plugged back to the Cotton Valley series, around 7,300 feet, and casing was perforated. The result was a flow of commercial crude of 36 gravity with an estimated flow of 20 barrels hourly through quarter-inch choke.

Carter officials reported that another week would be necessary to actually see what the well would do before making the accurate gauge. If the well should continue to flow black oil instead of the distillate produced in the other 16 wells of the field, there may be a mass plugging back to the Cotton Valley series and a complete change in spacing rules for the McKamie field.

Scott Hammond's No. 3 McKean well, Buckner field, Section 8-16-22, flowed about five barrels of oil after casing perforations, but results were not satisfactory, and operators continue efforts to obtain a better flow.

Another wildcat test for Lafayette County began drilling this week in the Walker's Creek area, near the small town of Taylor, in Section 4-19-23. It is McAlester Fuel Oil Co.'s No. 1 Jeffus, and a depth of below 3,900 feet was reported as the week ended.

Oil Board To Meet Today At Lewisville

Gazette 1-22-42

Lewisville, Ark., Jan. 21 (AP).—The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission will consider 14 applications for drilling permits in the new Midway field in Lafayette county at a hearing in the high school auditorium tomorrow.

Six permits are being sought by the Barnsdall Oil Company which completed the big discovery well in that area three weeks ago.

Purpose of the hearing is to develop testimony in connection with rules and regulations for the Midway field.

Oil men said it was unlikely that allowables would be discussed because Arkansas allowables were fixed for an indefinite period at a December hearing.

E. O. Buck, deputy oil co-ordinator for the Third district, will explain the new federal regulations affecting the oil industry.

More Midway Tests Ready To Start

Special to the Gazette. 1-25-42
Stamps, Jan. 24.—Barnsdall Oil Company moved in drilling equipment this week to begin four offsets to the Bond No. 1, discovery well of the new Midway field. Permits have been issued for 15 tests in the new area.

Testimony offered at the state-wide hearing at Lewisville Thursday revealed the discovery well has a dual production. It is producing from upper horizon around 6,304 feet. A dense lime separates the first and second producing zones extending from 6,373 to 6,419 feet. The second producing horizon is from 6,419 to 6,920 feet. This condition is found in no other field of Arkansas, the officials said. Barnsdall may complete its next test from the lower level. The gas-oil ratio of the new well was given as 1000 to 1.

Other activities in Lafayette county include Carter Oil Company's continued attempt at completion of its Marble Hanes No. 2 in the McKamie field, Section 31-17-23. The test was scheduled for a production attempt Thursday, but pipe became lodged in soft cement and operators are making efforts to release it by lubrication. The test is certain for a producer as more than 200 feet of porosity was encountered. Outcome probably will be determined next week. Nothing further has been accomplished at the company's Cornelius Unit well, which is due for a production attempt from the Cotton Valley series. A showing of excellent gravity crude was obtained from the test last week on a first perforation in the Cotton Valley, but salt water made it necessary for a second cementing and squeeze job. Location is in Section 30-17-23, north side of the field. In the same area, Atlantic Refining Company is nearing the pay zones at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23 with a depth of 9,000 feet.

Six miles south of the McKamie field in the Walker's Creek area, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled below 5,000 feet at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in Section 4-19-23. Location is ready in the Buckner field for the Sue Keys well, which will be drilled by E. G. Bradham in Section 7-16-22.

Leasing and royalty activity continues brisk in the county.

Barnsdall To Start 4 Wells In New Field

Democrat 1-25-42
Stamps—Fifteen permits will be issued for the Midway field north of Lewisville in Lafayette County, as a result of the 40-acre spacing ruling made by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission Thursday in Lewisville.

Six of the permits went to the Barnsdall Oil Company, discoverer of the new field, one to the Arkansas Fuel Oil Co., one to P. R. Rutherford, one to J. I. Roberts, one to E. P. Wingfield and four to Southwood Oil Company, Inc., and one to the Sun Oil Company.

Barnsdall expects to start on four of its offsets to the new well immediately. Drilling equipment has been moved in.

Technical evidence was offered by Ralph Curtis, production superintendent and C. B. Valerius, geologist for Barnsdall as to the underground structure of the new well. It was revealed that the well has two producing structures, and that a second well may be tested in the lower horizon. The discovery well is producing from the upper horizon which is 6,310 feet. Barnsdall officials also revealed that the company plans to construct a gasoline plant in the field.

A stuck pipe prevented completion this week of Carter Oil Company's No. 2 Haynes in the McKamie field, section 31-17-23. A few days delay will be necessary for operators to dislodge the pipe.

The only other operation in that field is Atlantic Oil Company's No. 9 Bodcaw Lumber Company, section 33-17-23, which reported a depth of 8,900 feet as the week ended.

Another interesting wildcat in this county which is expected to be watched closely is McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, in the Walker's Creek community near Taylor, drilling below 5,000 feet.

Much Oil Activity Reported In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 1-30-42
Stamps, Jan. 29.—Four operations

In the new Midway field of Lafayette county are under way and six others are rigging up to spud in the last of the week.

Roberts Bond No. 1, in Section 11-15-24, drilled under surface casing last night and now is below 800 feet. Barnsdall's Dobson No. 1 and No. 2, in Section 11-15-24 and 10-15-24, respectively, are working on casing at 640 feet. Others rigging up are Rutherford's Stamps Land Company No. 1, Section 3-15-24; Magnolia's Johnson No. 1, Section 11-15-24; Barnsdall's Bond Nos. 2 and 3, Section 11-15-24, and its creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, and Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24.

Carter Oil Company has dislodged a stuck pipe at its Marble Hanes No. 2, Section 31-17-23, and operators will pour new cement before production attempt the last of the week. Atlantic Refining Company is coring below 9,240 feet at its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9, Section 33-17-23. Efforts continue at Carter's Cornelius unit test in Section 30-17-23 to complete from the Cotton Valley.

Midway Test Spurs Leasing In Hempstead

Special to the Gazette. 2-1-42
Stamps, Jan. 31.—Ten operations are under way in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, and six others are expected to be ready to spud in the last of next week. The vast acreage being leased continues to be astonishing. Oil scouts reported leasing is unusually brisk around the small community of Bodcaw in Hempstead county, about 20 miles northeast of Stamps. Approval of leases covering approximately 3,875 acres in the bed of the Red river in Lafayette, Miller and Hempstead counties also were announced this week.

Activity in the Midway field includes: J. I. Roberts Bond No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 2,200 feet; Barnsdall Oil Company's Dobson No. 1 and No. 2 located in Sections 11-15-24 and 10-15-24, respectively, drilling around 1,000 feet; Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, waiting on cement after setting surface casing. The following tests are waiting on cement after completing rigging operations: Rutherford's Stamps Land Company No. 1, Section 3-15-24; Magnolia's Johnson No. 1, Section 10-15-24; Barnsdall's Bond No. 2 and No. 3 in Section 11-15-24, and Frank Frankel's Burns No. 1 in Section 10-15-24.

Hanes No. 2 Dislodges Pipe.
In the McKamie field of this county, Carter Oil Company succeeded in dislodging the stuck pipe which delayed completion of its Marble Hanes No. 2 in Section 31-17-23, and operators expect to make a production attempt this week-end. In the same area Atlantic Refining Company is coring below 9,300 feet at the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23. Formation has been broken. Production casing will probably be set in the next 24 hours. Several other locations are waiting in the McKamie field but the drilling date has not been announced.

Six miles south in the Walker's Creek area, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drills ahead at 6,000 feet at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in Section 4-19-23.

10 Wells In New Midway Field Drilling

Democrat 2-1-42
Stamps—Lafayette County appears to be most promising as to drilling operations, although leasing has extended over the greater part of four counties since the completion of the Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Edgar Bond in the Midway field, north of Lewisville. Ten wells were under way in that field the past week, all in the vicinity of sections 10 and 11, although locations have been made as far away as one-half mile.

Oil men will watch intently the next four or five wells drilled. Their successful completion will probably result in a feverish drilling campaign extending in all directions.

Roberts No. 1 Edgar Bond, section 11-15-24, led the 10 in spudding in. It is now drilling at 2,000 feet. Next is Barnsdall's No. 1 Dobson, section 11-15-24, and the same company's No.

2 Dobson, section 10-15-24, with depth of 1,200 feet each.

Other operations, with surface casing set include: Ark. Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Wayne Creek, section 10-15-23; Barnsdall's No. 2 and No. 3 Bond, section 11-15-24; Frankel's No. 1 Burns, section 10-15-24; Rutherford's No. 1 Stamps Land, section 3-15-24, and Magnolia's No. 1 Johnson, section 10-15-24.

Carter Oil Company will try again this week-end for completion of its No. 2 Haynes, McKamie field, section 31-17-23, after two weeks of effort at releasing production pipe which became lodged in soft cement.

That company is continuing efforts also to complete its Cornelius Unit well, brought in last summer from the Smackover lime, but which due to salt water, was plugged back to the Cotton Valley series for a try for crude. Location is in section 30-17-23.

Atlantic Oil Company expects to complete its No. 9 Bodcaw early this week. Intermittent coring and drilling has taken place at the test all week. Total depth is 9,300 feet. Location is in section 33-17-23.

Another wildcat which will be watched closely the next two or three weeks is McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, near Taylor and about six miles south of the McKamie field in section 4-19-23. A depth of about 6,100 feet was reported.

In the Buckner field of this county, E. G. Bradham expects to get under way this week on his No. 1 Keys, section 7-16-22.

16th Producer In McKamie Oil Field

Special to the Gazette. 2-4-42
Stamps, Feb. 3.—A sixteenth producer was added to the McKamie field of Lafayette county today as Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 2, Section 31-17-23, flowed 20 barrels hourly on 7-16 inch chokes after casing perforations from 9,308 to 9,370 feet. Flow is 50 gravity amber colored distillate. Oil saturation was encountered at 9,130 feet and extended to 9,308 feet in broken formation.

A total of 17 permits for the new Midway field has been issued. Drilling operations are progressing at six of the tests and rigging up operations are under way at six others.

12 Oil Tests Under Way In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette. 2-8-42
Stamps, Feb. 7.—Eighteen permits for the new Midway field of Lafayette county have been issued, with work under way at 12 of the tests, making the new area the most active in the state.

Two permits were issued this week to Barnsdall Oil Company to drill the Bond No. 4 in Section 11-15-24 and the Clyde Beck No. 1 in Section 14-15-24.

Activity in the Midway field follows: Roberts Bond No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 4,100 feet; Barnsdall's Dobson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 3,900 feet; Barnsdall's Dobson No. 2, Section 10-15-24, drilling below 3,800 feet; Barnsdall's Creek No. 1, waiting on cement at 620 feet in Section 10-15-24; Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24, WOC, at 620 feet; Bond No. 3, Section 11-15-24, drilling at 2,000 feet; Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, rigging up; Clyde Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, WOC at 620 feet; Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, drilling at 3,900 feet; Rutherford's Stamps Land No. 1, Section 3-15-24, drilling below 2,000 feet; Magnolia Petroleum Company's Johnson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling at 1,600 feet; Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24, drilling at 1,300 feet.

Other locations in the field have been made by Southwood Oil Company and E. P. Wingfield. These are expected to get under way soon.

16th McKamie Test Completed.

In the McKamie field of this county, a 16th producer was added this week in the Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 2, Section 31-17-23. The test flowed 253 barrels of amber colored distillate of 50 gravity in 18 hours on 7-23-inch choke. Tubing pressure was

2,350 pounds. Oil saturation was encountered at 9,130 feet and extended to 9,300 feet in broken formation.

In the same field, Atlantic Refining Co. has not decided definitely to abandon its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9, Section 33-17-23, although very little oil sand has been encountered. The test was drilled to 9,479 feet. Operators are waiting on orders.

Further drilling in the McKamie field at present is doubtful, due to governmental regulations on oil field materials and the spacing pattern of that area. Carter Oil Company ordered its drilling rigs stacked and many of their field employees are being transferred to other territories. Work progresses, however, on the McKamie gas cleaning plant, which is being constructed in the McKamie field to desulphurize the sour gas produced in that area.

Carter Well In, Midway Field Hums

Democrat 2-8-42
Stamps—Carter Oil Company completed its No. 2 Haynes in the McKamie field of Lafayette County this week, bringing the total number of producers for that area up to 16. Location is in section 31-17-23.

The test gauged 20 barrels per hour on 7-16-inch choke and flow was slightly darker in color than in other wells in that field, although officials termed it distillate of 50 gravity. More than 200 feet of porosity was encountered in the test which is bottomed at 9,380 feet.

The second failure for the McKamie area loomed as Atlantic Oil Company made preliminary preparations to abandon its No. 9 Bodcaw, southeast edge of the field, section 33-17-23. Schlumberger survey revealed very little porosity in the test which is bottomed at 9,480 feet.

Meanwhile, the new Midway field hums with activity. Drilling operations are under way on 12 of the 18 tests which will be sunk in that area soon. Cap Roberts leads in drilling time at his No. 1 Bond, in section 11-15-24, with a depth of 4,200 feet.

Barnsdall Oil Company follows with seven active operations all in sections 10 and 11. Depths of the seven vary from 4,000 feet in its No. 1 Dobson, 3,900 feet in the No. 2 Dobson, 2,000 feet in its No. 3 Bond, and rigging up operations at the others.

A depth of below 3,700 feet was reported by Arkansas Fuel Oil Company in its No. 1 Creek, section 10-13-24.

Other operations include Frankel's No. 1 Burns, section 10-15-24; Rutherford's No. 1 Stamps Land Inc., section 3-15-24; Magnolia's No. 1 Johnson, section 11-15-24, each with depth of around 1,700 feet.

Seismograph crews continue to study the area and every town in this vicinity is crowded with oil workers. Housing facilities is the chief problem, due to already crowded conditions resulting from the large migration of defense plant workers in nearby Hope and Texarkana.

In the Walker's Creek area in the southern part of Lafayette County, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drills ahead at 7,000 feet in the No. 1 Cora Jeffus, section 4-19-24, and in the Buckner field, the No. 1 Sue Keys, to be drilled by E. G. Bradham, in section 7-16-22, remained a location.

Carter Test In McKamie Now Success

Special to the Gazette. 2-15-42
Stamps, Feb. 14.—The Midway field of Lafayette county continues to hold the interest of the oil industry in south Arkansas, but the McKamie field came in for a share of the spotlight this week as Carter Oil Company completed its Cornelius Unit test in Section 30-17-23 for an excellent 34 gravity crude producer.

First a Distillate Producer.
The unit test has been a problem since it was completed last summer from the deep Smackover lime series as a distillate producer. Its flow at that time was darker in color than that of any other well in that field, raising an issue among oil circles as to whether the fluid was crude or distillate. Officials declared it distillate, however, and it was forgotten for a while. Salt water later threatened to ruin

the test completely and operators decided to plug back to the Cotton Valley series around 7,300 feet for another try. Perforations were made in the casing at various depths with favorable results, but salt water was a menace each time. Operators believe, however, that the test is ready to flow steadily without any further trouble. It is the first in the McKamie field completed from the Cotton Valley and just what effect it will have on other wells in that area as to spacing pattern and crude production remains a question. Government regulations on materials at present present a rather gloomy picture for gas fields.

In that same area Atlantic Refining Company has continued efforts toward completion of its Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 9 in Section 33-17-23. A drill stem test followed by Schlumberger survey over the week-end to a total depth of 9,623 feet will determine whether production pipe will be set. Operators report that the test has shown considerable oil odor, but very little porosity.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, also in this county, McAlester Fuel Oil Company's Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in Section 4-19-23 drilled ahead at 7,800 feet. In the new Midway field, Roberts Bond No. 1 in Section 11-15-24 is drilling below 5,400 feet, Barnsdall Oil Company has seven operations in that field, with depths as follows: Dobson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 5,300 feet; Dobson No. 2, Section 10-17-23, drilling below 5,200 feet; Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24, below 2,600 feet; Bond No. 3, Section 11-15-24, below 4,500 feet; Bond No. 4, Section 14-15-24, below 1,600 feet; Creek No. 1, section 10-15-24, below 2,400 feet; Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, below 3,200 feet.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company was drilling below 5,300 feet at its Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24. Rutherford's Stamps Land Company No. 1, Section 3-15-24, is drilling below 4,000 feet and Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24, below 4,400 feet, Magnolia Petroleum Company intermittently was drilling and coring at its Johnson No. 1 in Section 11-15-24 below 4,300 feet. E. P. Wingfield is preparing to move in rig to his Roberts No. 1 test in Section 1-15-24.

Nine New Locations Staked.
In addition to the 18 locations already made in the Midway field, nine additional locations were staked this week. They are as follows: Barnsdall Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24; Dobson No. 3, Section 11-15-24; Dobson No. 4, Section 10-15-24; Roberts Nos. 1-2-3, Section 11-15-24; Creek No. 2, Section 10-15-24; Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Burns No. 1, Section 3-15-24; Gene Goff's McLain et al. No. 2, Section 14-15-24.

South Lafayette Wildcat Watched

Democrat 2-15-42
Stamps—While routine drilling operations proceed at 12 tests in the sensational new Midway field of Lafayette County, attention was being turned also to the extreme southern part of the county as another possible field opener was drilling ahead, nearing pay sand, around 7,700 feet. This wildcat is McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, section 4-19-24.

Leasing and royalty activity in that vicinity has been reported rather brisk the past week, although major oil companies hold the surrounding acreage.

Four wheels in the Midway field were below 5,000 feet, with the other eight following close behind in drilling time. Cap Robert's No. 1 Bond led with a depth of 5,500 feet. Arkansas Fuel Company's No. 1 Wayne Creek was below 5,400 feet. Barnsdall Oil Company with seven active operations in the new field drilled ahead at 5,300 feet in the No. 1 Dobson, 5,300 feet in the No. 2 Dobson, and depths of from 2,500 feet to 4,600 feet in the other tests.

The first Cotton Valley sand producer to be completed in the McKamie field was marked up this week as Carter Oil Company swabbed in its No. 1 Cornelius Unit in section 30-17-23. The test flowed 34 gravity black oil and sweet gas late Wednesday with a tubing and casing pressure of 650 and 1,000 pounds, respectively, before being closed in. A production test was scheduled for the week-end.

Operators re-perforated the casing from 7,255 to 65 feet with 48 shots, after several efforts covering a period of two months. The test is a depleted Smackover well which was completed last summer from a depth of below 9,400 feet.

Atlantic Refining Company officials were undecided as to further production efforts at their No. 1 Bodcaw, in the same area, in section 33-17-23. Drilled below 9,600 feet, the test has failed to show much

saturation. The outcome probably will be determined early this week. The Sue Keys test, to be drilled by the Buckner field by E. G. Bradham, remains a location, pending the completion of the Columbia County test by Bradham.

McKamie's First Crude Producer In

Special to the Gazette. 2-18-42
Stamps, Feb. 17.—The first crude producer for the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, in Lafayette county, was flowing into tanks today at the rate of 12 barrels an hour through a quarter-inch choke.

It is Carter Oil Co's Cornelius Unit No. 1, section 30-17-23. Completed last summer from the deep Smackover series and threatened by salt water, it was plugged back to the higher Cotton Valley series around 7,300 feet. Flow from the Smackover was distillate while the present flow is 46.2 corrected gravity black oil without a trace of the sour gas produced from other wells in the McKamie area.

Casing and tubing pressures are 525 and 300 pounds, respectively. Gas-oil ratio is 134 to 1.

A temporary allowable of 200 barrels daily was granted by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission.

Two Wells Near Production In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 2-18-42
El Dorado, Feb. 17.—Conservation Director A. M. Crowell of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission said tonight two wells are coring near production sand in the Midway oil field in Lafayette county, while 10 other tests are drilling at various depths.

Barnsdall Oil Company is coring at 6,260 feet on its Dobson No. 2, a west offset to the Bond No. 1, after topping Buckner lime at 6,160. The Creek No. 1 of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Company is coring at 6,250 west of the discovery well.

The other wells, which will bring the total drilling wells in Midway to 14, will be spudded in this week. Texas has only 22 drilling wells in the entire state, Mr. Crowell said.

Four Midway Tests Near Completion

Special to the Gazette. 2-22-42
Stamps, Feb. 21.—Four tests near completion in the Midway field of Lafayette county, and completion of 12 others in the same field will follow within two weeks.

Oil men are watching anxiously the outcome of these next tests, as an enormous amount of money has been spent for leases and royalty in all directions.

The four nearing completion are Barnsdall Oil Company's Dobson No. 2 in Section 10-15-24, which set production pipe Thursday to 6,531 feet after topping porosity at 6,424 feet. The same company is coring below 6,440 feet at the Dobson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, after topping porosity at 6,417 feet. Arkansas Fuel Oil Company is coring below 6,470 feet at its Creek No. 1 in Section 10-15-24. Porosity was topped at 6,421 feet.

Roberts Bond No. 1 is coring below 6,300 feet in Section 11-15-24. Other activities in the field include Barnsdall's other five active operations as follows: Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 4,000 feet; Bond No. 3, Section 11-15-24 below 5,600 feet; Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, below 3,600 feet; Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24 below 4,200 feet; Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, below 4,400 feet.

Rutherford's Stamps Land No. 1, Section 3-15-24, is drilling below 5,200 feet. Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-25, is below 5,800 feet. Magnolia's Johnson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, is drilling below 5,900 feet in lime. The Johnson test is on the east side of the field and is reported to be checking slightly high. E. P. Wingfield is rigging up, planning to spud early next week at his Rogers No. 1 in Section 1-15-24.

Hempstead Wildcat Planned.
The first wildcat for the adjoining county of Hempstead was announced this week by A. C. Taylor, independent of Texarkana, who

built a block of several tracts three miles northeast of the discovery well. The test will be drilled by the Sylvester Brothers of New York city, recently active in the Tinsley field of Mississippi. Location of the new test will be the center of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32-15-24 on land owned by J. A. Copeland. Crescent Drilling Company of Monroe, La., has the drilling contract, and work is expected to begin immediately.

The McKamie field's first Cotton Valley producer was marked up this week as Carter Oil Company's Cornelius Unit settled down for a steady flow of 46.2 corrected gravity crude at the rate of 12 barrels hourly on a quarter-inch choke. Location is in Section 30-17-23, north side of the field. No further announcements have been made as to future drilling operation in that area.

Six miles south of the McKamie field McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled ahead at 7,900 feet at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in Section 4-19-23.

Midway Field Has Another Producer

Special to the Gazette. 2-26-42
Stamps, Feb. 25.—The Midway field of Lafayette county marked up its second producer today with a third due in tomorrow.

Barnsdall Oil Company's Dobson No. 2, section 10-15-24, north offset to the discovery well, flowed wash water and crude after casing perforations from 6,450 to 6,500 feet with 200 shots. An official gauge will be available tomorrow. Top of porosity was 6,424 with total depth 6,531 feet.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company was perforating this afternoon at its Creek No. 1, section 10-15-24, with expectations of completing tomorrow. Top of saturation was 6,421 feet. Total depth is 6,494 feet.

C. I. Roberts is running production casing at the Bond No. 1, section 11-15-24, direct east offset which topped porosity at 6,338 feet. Total depth is 6,501 feet.

Magnolia's Johnson No. 1, north-east offset in section 11-15-24, is waiting on orders after encountering a small amount of saturation at 6,564 feet.

Other Field Activities.

Other activities in the Midway area include Barnsdall's five other active operations with drilling depths as follows: Bond No. 2, 5,200 feet; Bond No. 3, below 6,362 feet; Bond No. 4, below 4,900 feet, all in section 11-15-24; Creek No. 1, section 10-15-24, below 5,800 feet; Beck No. 1, section 14-15-24, below 5,200 feet; Frankel's Burns No. 1, section 10-15-24, below 6,425 feet, and Rutherford's Stamps Land No. 1, section 3-15-24, below 6,200 feet.

Other operations in the field are awaiting outcome of present tests. In the Walker's creek area, six miles south of McKamie, McAlester Fuel Oil Company, drilled below 8,500 feet at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in section 4-19-23.

Midway Tests Hold Fate Of Future Wells

Special to the Gazette. 3-1-42
Stamps, Feb. 28.—Two wells flowed in the new Midway field of Lafayette county this week, and a third is expected to be completed over the week-end.

Although the tests promise to become fair producers, they did not show up nearly as well as the discovery, and oil men are showing concern over the fact that the north and west offsets have checked from 90 to 120 feet lower, which possibly could mean a much smaller area for the pool than was at first estimated. This has halted at least two dozen operations which had been planned to be under way by this time. Operators of outpost tests are waiting the final outcome of present wells before proceeding.

Dobson No. 2 Encounters Salt.
Salt water encroached at the Barnsdall's Dobson No. 2, first completion of the past week in Sec-

tion 10-15-24, direct north offset to the discovery well, after the test flowed wash water and crude for day and night. However, operators believe a squeeze job will seal off the brine and plans are under way to perforate higher. First perforations were from 6,450 to 6,500 feet. Top of saturation in the Dobson 2 was 6,424 feet.

The second completion was Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, direct west offset to the discovery, which is flowing into tanks after perforations from 6,420 feet to 6,450 feet. Official gauge is not available. Top of saturation in the Creek test was 6,421 feet.

The next well due is C. I. Roberts Bond No. 1, Section 11-15-24, direct east offset, which topped porosity at 6,338 feet, approximately 100 feet higher than in the north and west offsets. Production pipe was run to a total depth of 6,501 feet.

Other activity in the new field includes Barnsdall's other five operations as follows: Dobson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, waiting on cement after setting production pipe to a total depth 6,521 feet; Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24 drilling below 5,400 feet; Bond No. 3, Section 11-15-24, coring below 6,381 feet after topping porosity at 6,373 feet; Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 5,100 feet; Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, drilling below 5,600 feet; Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, shut down because of a stuck drill stem. Total depth is 5,183 feet.

Rutherford's Stamps Land No. 1, Section 3-15-24, is drilling below 6,372 feet after topping the Buckner series around 6,300 feet.

Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24, is coring after topping porosity at 6,497 feet.

Magnolia's Johnson No. 1, Section 11-15-24 northeast offset looks unfavorable, only a small amount of saturation having been encountered around 6,537 feet. However, operators are continuing efforts toward making a producer.

Rogers No. 1 Awaiting Orders.

Wingfield's Rogers No. 1, Section 1-15-24 spudded in and set surface casing and are waiting on orders, pending the final outcome of wells due in soon. Two new locations were announced for the McKamie field this week, but no date for drilling has been made public. The two are Atlantic's Armour-Bodcaw Unit No. 1 in Section 32-17-23 and Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 3 in Section 36-17-23.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled ahead at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat at 8,600. Location is in Section 4-19-24.

The Buckner field three miles east of Stamps is due to become active again, as E. G. Bradham moves in drilling rig to begin his Sue Keys test in Section 7-16-22, for which location has been made for some time.

New Well Flows In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette. 3-3-42
Stamps, March 2.—C. I. Roberts' Bond No. 1, Section 11-15-24, direct east offset to the discovery well in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, flowed today after perforations from 6,375 to 6,400 feet with 100 shots, making the third successful producer in the new area.

An official gauge is not available as the test was cleaning itself into pits, but operators are enthusiastic over the outcome declaring it to be as good as the discovery. Porosity was topped at 6,338 feet approximately 100 feet higher than in the north and west offsets. Leasing is beginning to extend towards the east now since the Roberts test has shown up favorably.

A fourth test for the field is expected to be completed tomorrow in the Barnsdall's Dobson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, north offset. The same company plans to re-perforate casing today in its Dobson No. 2, completed last week and threatened by salt water. Its location is in Section 10-15-24.

Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24, northwest offset, probably will be added to the field's growing number of producers during the week as operators set pipe yesterday after topping porosity at 6,497 feet. A drill stem test revealed excellent pipeline crude without a trace of water.

Other Activities. Other activities in the field include: Barnsdall's Bec No. 1, Section 14-15-24, drilling below 5,600

feet. Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24, below 5,800 feet. Bond No. 3, after setting production pipe to 6,390 porosity topped at 6,373 feet. The No. 3 test is a south offset. Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 5,500 feet. Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, below 6,100 feet. Magnolia abandoned its Johnson No. 1, Section 11-15-24, northeast offset, after all production attempts failed. Rutherford's Stamps Land No. 1, Section 3-15-24, extreme northwest outpost, apparently will be dry also as a total depth of 6,572 feet has revealed nothing favorable. Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, completed last week, was gauged at 170 barrels on a 12-hour test through 5-32 inch choke. Gravity of oil is 36.5 with no water. Tubing pressure is 750 pounds.

Barnsdall Has New Well In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette. 3-6-42
Stamps, March 5.—Barnsdall Oil Company completed its Dobson No. 3, section 11-15-24, Midway field of Lafayette county, as the fourth producer for the new area. The flow was turned into tanks today and gauged at 40 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. Gravity is 36.5, with tubing pressure 750 pounds. Porosity was topped at 6,417 feet.

The same company expects to complete its Bond No. 3, section 11-15-24, tomorrow. Production pipe was set to 6,390 feet after topping porosity at 6,373 feet. The No. 3 test is a south offset.

Frankel also expects to complete its Burns test in section 10-15-24 tomorrow. It is the extreme northwest outpost. A drill stem test revealed excellent pipe line crude without any water.

Midway Has Five Wells, Another Due

Democrat 3-8-42
Stamps.—Activity in the new Midway field of Lafayette County narrows down to only three wells drilling, after completion of three producers this week and a fourth expected in before the week is gone. The completions thus far bring the total in the field to five.

The first completion of the week was Cap Roberts No. 1 Bond, section 11-15-24, east offset, which flowed at the rate of 40 barrels hourly on a quarter-inch choke. Porosity was topped at 6,338 feet, a good 100 feet higher than in the north and west offsets.

The second completion for the week was Barnsdall's No. 1 Dobson, section 11-15-24, north offset, which flowed after casing perforations and a drill stem test at the rate of 26 barrels per hour on 3-16-inch choke.

Barnsdall's No. 2 Dobson was re-completed from 6,447 feet, after a squeeze job to seal off salt water. The test is now flowing 15 barrels per hour on 3-8-inch choke.

The latest completion is George and Frank Frankel's No. 1 Burns, extreme northwest corner of section 10-15-24. The test flowed Thursday after casing perforations from 6,490 to 6,500 feet.

The Frankel test is near the Hempstead County line and increases interest in that direction after two wells were abandoned in the field this week, each near the neighboring county's line. They were Rutherford's No. 1 Stamps Land Company, northwest corner of section 3-15-24, and Magnolia Petroleum Company's No. 1 Johnson, northeast corner of section 11-15-24.

Barnsdall Oil Company expects to complete its No. 3 Bond over the week-end. Location is in section 11-15-24. Production pipe was set to 6,380 feet. Oil saturation was encountered around 6,370 feet.

The same company is running production pipe in its No. 2 Bond, section 11-15-24, with saturation encountered at 6,457 feet. Completion is scheduled for early this week.

Barnsdall's No. 4 Bond was drilling at 6,200 feet, the No. 1 Creek at 6,500 feet, and the No. 1 Beck at 6,300 feet.

E. G. Bradham, independent of El Dorado, moved into the Buckner field this week, and spudded in his No. 1 Keys test, in section 7-16-22. The Buckner field has been quiet without a single active operation for about three months.

In the extreme southern part of Lafayette County, McAlester Fuel Oil Company is drilling below 8,650 feet in the lone wildcat, the No. 1 Cora Jeffus, section 4-19-23.

Bond No. 3 Completed By Barnsdall

Special to the Gazette. 3-10-42
Stamps, March 9.—Barnsdall Oil Company completed its Bond No. 3 in Midway field Lafayette county in Section 11-15-24 south offset today and the official gauge is 27 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressure 750 pounds, gravity is 36.5. The No. 3 test brings the total for the new field to seven. The same company set production pipe to 6,456 feet Sunday at the Bond No. 2, Section 11-15-24, top of porosity was 6,457 feet.

Barnsdall's Bond No. 4, in the same section is shut down on account of high water. Production pipe was set after topping porosity at 6,345 feet.

Barnsdall is running a production pipe today at the Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, after topping porosity at 6,397 feet. Total depth is 6,439 feet.

Schlumberger survey was being run today at the company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, before a decision is made to plug the hole. Prospects for a producer are unfavorable.

To Begin Three More Locations.

Barnsdall is preparing to begin on three more locations. They are the Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, Roberts No. 1 and 3 in Section 11-15-24, Frankel's Burns No. 1, Section 10-15-24 completed last week, was gauged at 17 barrels hourly on a quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressure 150 pounds. Gas to oil ratio was 376 to 1.

New Producer Completed In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette. 3-12-42
Stamps, March 11.—The eighth producer was completed today in the new Midway field of Lafayette county as Barnsdall Oil Company's Bond No. 2, in Section 11-15-24, flowed after casing perforations. Official gauge was not available as well was cleaning itself into pits. Top of saturation was 6,457 feet.

The same company is due to drill plug and complete its Beck No. 1, Section 14-15-24, tomorrow night. Production pipe was run to a total depth of 6,400 feet.

Barnsdall abandoned its Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, extreme southwest offset after all productive attempts failed. The company's Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, still is shut down on account of high water. Barnsdall is moving in and building derricks at three new locations in the field. Oil men believe the field will run in an eastward direction.

Nine Wells Flowing In Midway Field.

Special to the Gazette. 3-15-42
Stamps, March 14.—Nine producers are flowing in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, and a 10th is due in next week.

The two most recent completions are Barnsdall Oil Company's Bond No. 2, in Section 11-15-24, which flowed Thursday after casing perforations and a drill stem test, and the same company's Beck No. 1, in Section 14-15-24. Neither of the two wells has been officially gauged, but operators report them good. The Beck test flowed today and was cleaning itself into pits. Oil saturation in the Bond 2 was encountered at 6,457 feet, and in the Beck at 6,397 feet.

The next test scheduled for completion is the same company's Bond No. 4, in Section 11-15-24, which has been shut down for a week because of high water. Production pipe was being run today after porosity was topped at 6,345 feet.

Three New Barnsdall Tests.

Barnsdall is building roads and erecting derricks at three new locations in the area. They are: The Creek No. 1, southwest northeast of Section 10-15-24; the Roberts No. 1, northwest southwest of Section 11-15-24, and the Roberts No. 3, southwest southwest of section 11-15-24.

Three tests have been abandoned in the new field thus far, one on the northwest, one on the north-

east and the third this week on the southwest, each was an outpost well. Oil men believe the field is definitely defined in those directions.

Three miles east of Stamps in the Buckner field, E. G. Bradham was drilling below 3,000 feet at the Sue Keys test, in Section 7-16-22, and was moving in a rig to begin soon on the first test for Hempstead county just north of the Midway field. It will be the Hygrade Oil Company's Ford No. 1, in Section 32-14-23.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled below 8,860 feet at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in Section 4-19-23. The McKamie field is expected to resume drilling activity soon, since restrictions are being lifted on distillate fields.

Barnsdall To Drill Three Midway Wells

Democrat 3-15-42
Stamps.—Barnsdall Oil Co. was preparing to begin on three new locations in the new Midway field in Lafayette County as the week closed. They are the No. 1 Roberts, NW, SW, Section 11-15-24, and the No. 3 Roberts, SW, SW, Section 11-15-24, and the No. 1 Creek, SW, NE, Section 10-15-24.

Three tests were successfully completed in the field this week, bringing the total for the field to nine. One test was abandoned as dry, making three unsuccessful tests thus far. Each is an outpost in the extreme northwest, northeast and southwest directions.

The general opinion is the pool will run east and south, although one northwest completed last week near the Hempstead County line is looking better and causing interest in that county to increase. It is Frankel's No. 1 Burns, Section 10-15-24, which flowed 368 barrels per hour through 16-24-inch choke over a 24-hour period.

The completions in the field for the week were Barnsdall's No. 3 Bond and the No. 2 Bond, both in Section 11-15-24, and the same company's No. 1 Clyde Beck. Official gauge on the last two is not yet available, but the No. 3 test flowed at the rate of 12 barrels per hour through quarter-inch choke.

The same company was preparing to run production at 6,345 feet. Total depth is 6,436 feet. Top of porosity in the No. 2 Bond was 6,457 feet, and at the Beck test, 6,397 feet.

E. G. Bradham was moving in to the first location for Hempstead County, to be known as the Hygrade Oil Co.'s No. 1 Ford, Section 32-14-23, just over the county line.

Bradham is also drilling a test in the Buckner field known as the No. 1 Keys, Section 7-16-22. A depth of below 3,000 feet was reported.

The McAlester No. 1 Jeffus, Section 4-19-23, a wildcat, also in Lafayette County, was below 8,870 feet.

Drilling in Midway Field Accelerated.

Special to the Gazette. 3-22-42
Stamps, March 21.—Barnsdall Oil Company continues to accelerate oil activity in its new discovery, the Midway field of Lafayette county hailed by oil experts as one of the nation's principal oil discoveries on 1942.

A 10th producer is being finished over the week-end in that area Barnsdall's Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24, was completed yesterday as a good producer. Top of oil saturation was encountered at 6,345 feet. Total depth is 6,436 feet. It is the tenth producer in Midway field. No gauge is available but operators reported the test flowing pure pipe line crude without a trace of water.

One new test is rigging up to begin in the field by tomorrow. It is Gene Goff's Minnie McClain's No. 1, southeast southeast, Section 14-15-24.

The Beck No. 1, in Section 14-15-24, completed the first of the week by Barnsdall, was gauged at 30 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressure was 500 pounds with gravity of the oil 36. The Beck extends the field in a southeast direction, and since it proved a good well further drilling in that direction probably will take place soon.

Three New Tests.

Three new tests are under way in the field with Barnsdall's Roberts No. 1, Section 11-15-24, leading in drilling time with a depth of below 1,600 feet. The company's Roberts No. 2, same section, and the Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, are waiting on cement after spudding and setting surface casing.

That company continued production efforts at its Bond No. 2, completed last week, then de-

veloped a stubborn refusal to flow. E. G. Bradham spudded in and set surface casing at the first Hempstead county test this week, to be known as the Hygrade Oil Company's Ford No. 1, Section 32-14-23, just across the line about two and one-half miles north of the Midway field. Its outcome will be watched with interest.

Three miles east of Stamps, Bradham drilled below 4,250 feet at the Sue Keys No. 1, Section 7-16-22, Buckner field.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, in the Walker's Creek community, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled below 9,180 feet at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in Section 4-19-23. This test is being watched closely as it nears the pay zones, and should it prove successful an extensive leasing campaign is expected to take place in that vicinity.

New Barnsdall Well Gauged at 31 Barrels.

Special to the Gazette. 3-24-42
Stamps, March 23.—Barnsdall Oil Company, Bond No. 4, Section 11-15-24 in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, completed Friday as the 10th producer in the new area, was gauged today at 31 barrels hourly on a quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressure is 700 pounds. Gravity is 36.5. The No. 4 test is on the southeast edge of the field.

Five New Tests Under Way In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette. 3-29-42
Stamps, March 28.—Five new tests for the Midway field of Lafayette county and one for Hempstead county, two and a half miles north, were under way this week with Barnsdall Oil Company continuing to set the pace for drilling operations in that area.

Leading in drilling time are Barnsdall's Roberts No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling below 4,000 feet, and the Roberts No. 2, same section, below 3,700 feet. The same company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, north side of the field, drilled below 3,900 feet.

Gene Goff spudded in and set surface casing at 615 feet at the Minnie McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24, southeast edge of the field. Goff is an independent oil man who first assembled the block on which Barnsdall's sensational discovery well was drilled.

Barnsdall is building derrick for the Roberts No. 3, Section 14-15-24, newest location in the field, and will spud early next week.

Across the line in Hempstead county, Hygrade Oil Company is drilling under surface casing at approximately 1,000 feet, at the Ford No. 1, Section 32-14-24.

Other activity in Lafayette county include E. G. Bradham, drilling below 6,000 feet at the Sue Keys No. 1 Buckner field, Section 7-16-22.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, also in this county, McAlester Fuel Oil Company is drilling below 9,400 feet in hard sand and shale at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in Section 4-19-23.

Midway Now Has 10 Wells, Five Drilling

Democrat 3-29-42
Stamps.—Ten successful producers have been completed in the Midway field of Lafayette County. The most recent completion was Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 4 Bond, se, sw, section 11-15-24. Bottomed at 6,436 feet with porosity encountered at 6,345 feet, the test gauged 31 barrels per hour on 1-4-inch choke.

Aside from the 10 producing wells, there are five new tests drilling—or preparing to drill—immediately.

They are Barnsdall's No. 1 Roberts, with a depth of 4,100 feet; No. 2 Roberts, drilling at 3,800 feet, both in section 11-15-24; the No. 1 M. F. Creek, drilling at 3,800 feet, in section 10-15-24; Barnsdall's new location for No. 3 Roberts, in section 14-15-24, rigging up, and, by a new operator, the Gene Goff No. 1 McClain, se, se, section 14-15-24. Operators of this test are WOC after setting 9 5-8-inch casing to 600 feet.

Two miles north of the Midway field, the first test for Hempstead County was drilling at around 1,200 feet in the Hygrade Oil Company's No. 1 Ford, section 32-14-24.

McAlester Fuel Oil Company was drilling at 9,390 feet in the deep Smackover lime wildcat, No. 1 Cora Jeffus, section 4-19-23, extreme southern part of this county, near the town of Taylor.

One lone operation for the Buckner field was below 5,900 feet as E. G. Bradham drilled in his No. 1 Key Unit, section 7-16-22.

The McKamie field is likely to become active again soon as rumors of three wells to be drilled there immediately are current here.

Cora Jeffus Well Has Oil Men Anxious

Democrat 4-5-42

Stamps.—Interest last week centered on McAlester Fuel Oil Company's wildcat in the extreme southern part of Lafayette County, near the small town of Taylor. Known as the No. 1 Cora Jeffus, in section 4-19-23, the amazing depth of 9,700 feet has been drilled without encountering anything promising.

Operators say they do not expect to top porosity for perhaps another 100 feet. Lease and royalty traders are watching the test intently as its successful outcome will open an entirely new territory for this county, and it is expected that much activity will result from a producer in that area.

Five wells are drilling in the Midway field of this county and one in Hempstead County, two and a half miles north.

They are as follows: Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 1 Creek, with a depth of 5,800 feet, in section 10-15-24; No. 1 Roberts, down 5,400 feet, and the No. 2 Roberts, below 5,300 feet, both in section 11-15-24; Gene Goff, only independent in the field, below 3,200 feet in No. 1 Minnie McClain, section 14-15-24, and Barnsdall's No. 3 Roberts, same section, rigging up.

The Hempstead County test, known as the No. 1 Copeland, in section 32-14-24, was below 3,700 feet. Hygrade Oil Company is having the well drilled by E. G. Bradham of El Dorado.

One well nears the pay zones in the Buckner field as Bradham drills ahead in the Keys Unit No. 1, section 7-16-22. A depth of below 7,200 feet was reported as the week closed.

Nothing has yet been announced as to further drilling in the McKamie field, although several locations are waiting and permits have been issued.

Drilling Continues at Five Midway Operations.

Special to the Gazette. 4-6-42
Stamps, April 4.—Routine drilling was proceeding at five operations in the new Midway field of Lafayette county and one in Hempstead county, a short distance north, this week-end.

Barnsdall Oil Company continued to set the pace for drilling in the Midway area with activities as follows: Roberts No. 1 and Roberts No. 2, both in Section 11-15-24, are drilling below 5,600 and 5,300 feet, respectively; the Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24, was below 6,004 feet with expectations of striking pay in a few days, and Roberts No. 3, in Section 14-15-24, was moving in rig after a delay of several days caused by operators skidding derrick over 100 feet.

Gene Goff was drilling below 3,300 feet at the McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24, southeast side of the field.

In Hempstead county, Hygrade Oil Company's Z. A. Copeland No. 1, in Section 32-14-24 was drilling below 3,700 feet.

Three miles east of Stamps, in the Buckner field, E. G. Bradham was drilling below 7,150 feet at the Sue Keys No. 1, in Section 7-16-22, and six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company drilled below 9,700 feet at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in Section 4-19-23.

The next few days should determine the outcome of this test, which is much deeper than those of the McKamie field.

Operators Elated Over Two Midway Field Tests.

Special to the Gazette. 4-12-42
Stamps, April 11.—Oil men were elated over results of two wells nearing final stages in the new Midway field of Lafayette county this week.

Topping the pay 41 feet higher than in the nearest west offset, Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 2, Section 11-15-24, revived interest in the field which had begun to wane due to several tests checking low. Top of oil saturation in the Roberts 2 test was 6,313 feet. Operators cored a foot lower and were compelled to shut down on account of high water.

The same company's Creek No. 1, in Section 10-15-24, topped the porosity at 6,420 feet, approximately 60 feet higher than in Frankel's Burns No. 1, the north offset. Production pipe was run to 6,474 feet, and a production test is scheduled as soon as high water recedes. Other activities of Barnsdall in the Midway area include the Roberts No. 1, Section 11-15-24, drilling around 6,350 feet and expecting to top the pay tomorrow. The Roberts No. 3, Section 14-15-

24, is waiting on cement after setting surface casing at 615 feet. Gene Goff, only independent in the field, was drilling near 4,000 feet at his Minnie McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24.

Oil men believe that the first estimates of the field's productive-ness may prove accurate, since wells on different sides of the field have checked higher, revealing that the structure in the Midway area is freakish in nature as is that of the McKamie field.

One new location was announced for the field this week by Southwood Oil Company. It is the W. E. Hodnett No. 1, in Section 18-15-23. Activity there consists of road building at present.

Across the line in Hempstead county, a short distance north of the Midway field, Hygrade Producing Company was shut down at a depth of 5,260 feet because of high water at its Copeland No. 1, Section 14-32-24. Operators have ordered information withheld on this test, but it is difficult to drill a well "tight" when all interest is centered on that particular spot. The anhydrite formation was reported topped at 3,000 feet.

Six miles south of the McKamie field, McAlester Fuel Oil Company continued to drill at below 9,870 feet at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, in Section 4-19-23. Operators said the Cotton Valley formation in this test should have been depleted about 300 feet higher, but instead it has continued to the present depth. However, it was reported that the hard formation was beginning to break and the test may prove successful.

The Buckner field's lone operation, the Sue Keys No. 1, drilled by E. G. Bradham, proved a failure after all production attempts were unsuccessful, and the test was abandoned.

One test in the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, is rigging up to begin drilling as soon as high water recedes. It is Carter Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 3, in Section 36-17-24.

Two New Wells Due This Week In Midway

Democrat 4-12-42
Stamps—The Midway field of Lafayette County probably will add two more producers before the end of the coming week.

Barnsdall Oil Company set production pipe Thursday in its No. 1 M. F. Creek, section 10-15-24, after topping pay sand at 6,420 feet. Total depth is 6,470 feet.

The same company encountered pay at 6,313 feet in its No. 2 Roberts, section 11-15-24, much higher than in the nearest well on the west. Operators were continuing to core.

High water delayed operations somewhat, but activity was resumed Thursday with the following drilling depths:

Barnsdall's No. 1 Roberts, drilling at 6,350 feet, in section 11-15-24. The No. 3 Roberts, section 14-15-24, was WOC at 615 feet. Goff's No. 1 Minnie McClain, section 14-15-24 was drilling at 4,000 feet.

In Hempstead County, two and a half miles north of the Midway area, Hygrade Producing Company was drilling below 5,300 feet in the No. 1 Copeland, section 32-14-24.

One new test was announced by Southwood Oil Company to drill the No. 1 Hodnett, section 18-15-24. Roads are being built and location cleared.

The wildcat test in the extreme southern part of this county, known as McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus, section 4-19-23, was still drilling in the Cotton Valley at 9,853 feet. Operators say that only a few more days will be required to tell what the outcome of the Jeffus well will be. It is now one of the deepest wells in this state.

In the McKamie field, Carter Oil Company was rigging up its No. 3 Marble Hanes, section 32-17-23, first test for that area since the first of the year.

E. G. Bradham announced that his No. 1 Sue Keys, Buckner field, section 7-16-22, was a dry hole. Depth was 7,300 feet.

11th Producer Flowing In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette, 4-16-42
Stamps, April 15.—The eleventh producer for the Midway field of Lafayette county flowed today. It is the Barnsdall Oil Company's Creek No. 1, in Section 10-15-24. A gauge was not available tonight. The test was swabbed and clean-

ed into pits, then shut in to await construction of tanks.

Other activities for that field include: Barnsdall's Robert No. 1, Section 11-15-24, setting production pipe at 6,406 feet after topping porosity at 6,420 feet. Total depth is 6,475 feet. The company's Roberts No. 2, same section, which topped porosity at 6,313 feet, will take two more cores and probably set pipe tomorrow to a total depth of 6,470 feet. The Roberts No. 3, Section 14-15-24, is drilling below 2,700 feet.

Gene Goff's McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24, is drilling at 5,200 feet.

Hygrade Producing Company's Copeland No. 1, Section 32-14-24, Hempstead county, is drilling at 6,120 feet.

McAlester Fuel Oil Company's Jeffus No. 1, wildcat near Taylor, in Section 4-19-23, is down to 10,070 feet, with nothing favorable showing.

11th Producer for Midway Field of Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette, 4-19-42

Stamps, April 18.—An 11th successful producer was added this week in the Midway field of Lafayette county and a 12th is expected to be completed by Sunday. The completion was Barnsdall Oil Company's Creek No. 1, Section 10-15-24 which flowed Wednesday and was shut in without an official gauge to await construction of storage tanks. The test is on the north side of the field and a south offset to Frankel's Burns No. 1. Porosity was topped at 6,420.

The plug was being drilled today at Barnsdall's Roberts No. 1, Section 11-15-24, after porosity was encountered at 6,420 feet. Operators said that two or three days would be required before the test can be completed. Production pipe was being set today at the company's Roberts No. 2, east well which topped the porosity at 6,313 feet, much higher than other nearby wells. Location is in Section 10-15-24. Other activities in the Midway field include: Barnsdall's Roberts No. 3, Section 14-15-24 drilling at 3,800 feet. Gene Goff's Minnie McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24, drilling below 5,300 feet.

Three new locations were announced this week by Barnsdall, they are the J. B. Powell No. 1 in Section 10-15-24, Roberts No. 4 and 5 in Section 11-15-24. Roads are being constructed to begin as soon as other wells now drilling are completed. Southwood Oil Company's Hodnett No. 1 expects to spud in next week. Location is in Section 18-15-24.

Hempstead Test Watched.

Attention is centered on the Hempstead county test just north of the Midway field as reports were current here of operators encountering the Smackover lime rather high. It is Hygrade Producing Company's Copeland No. 1 in Section 32-14-24, the first well for that county. A depth of around 6,300 feet was reported. The Copeland's successful outcome will probably launch an extensive leasing campaign in that vicinity.

The McAlester Fuel Oil Company was drilled ahead at 10,218 feet at its Cora Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in the Walker's Creek community, six miles south of the McKamie field. No break in the formation has been indicated yet. The test is the deepest in this state. Location is in Section 4-19-23. Carter Oil Company expects to spud in, by the first of the week at its Marble Hanes No. 3 Section 36-17-23 in the McKamie field.

A new location was announced this week for the new Patton field, six miles west of the McKamie field, where only one well has been drilled thus far. The new test will be called A. S. Bendow No. 1 in Section 32-17-24, to be drilled by the Tidewater Associated Oil Company.

Barnsdall May Bring In Gusher Today

Democrat 4-19-42

Stamps—The Barnsdall Oil Company completed its No. 1 Creek in the new Midway field, Lafayette County, this week and the same company expects to finish its No. 1 Roberts before the week closes.

The Creek test, located in section 10-15-24, topped porosity at 6,420 feet. Production pipe was set to 6,470 feet. The test was swabbed and cleaned into pits, then shut in to await storage tanks. No official gauge is available.

The No. 1 Roberts, section 11-15-24, has drilled plug. Operators said it probably would be Sunday before the final outcome will be known. Porosity was topped at 6,420 feet.

An east well drilled by Barnsdall caused a small flurry in the leasing and royalty business last week, be-

cause of the oil saturation which was encountered approximately 40 feet higher than in the nearest west offset. The test is the No. 2 Roberts, section 11-15-24. Porosity was struck at 6,313 feet. Total depth is 6,462 feet. Production pipe is being run and completion should take place about the middle of the week.

Gene Goff's No. 1 McClain, section 14-15-24, is drilling at 5,300 feet. Barnsdall's No. 3 Roberts, same section, was below 3,800 feet. In Hempstead County, Hygrade Producing Company's No. 1 Copeland was drilling below 6,300 feet.

Barnsdall was building roads to three new locations in the Midway area. They are the Roberts No. 4 and Roberts No. 5, both in section 11-15-24, and the No. 1 Powell, section 10-15-24. Southwood Oil Company continues its road building to No. 1 Hodnett, section 18-15-24.

In the extreme southern part of Lafayette County, McAlester Fuel Oil Company has reached the record depth of 10,190 feet with nothing favorable showing yet. Operators are still hopeful of making a producer of the No. 1 Jeffus, wildcat in section 4-19-23.

12th Producer For New Midway Field.

Special to the Gazette, 4-21-42

Stamps, April 20.—A 12th producer was added in the new Midway field of Lafayette county today as Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 1, Section 11-15-24, flowed of its own accord. No gauge was available, but operators report the test to be as good as any in the field. Porosity was topped at 6,420 feet with total depth of 6,470 feet.

McAlester Fuel Oil Company topped the Buckner formation at 10,271 feet today at the Jeffus No. 1 wildcat near Taylor, Section 4-19-23, and operators are hopeful of making a producer of this deepest well in the state. Total depth is 10,301 feet.

Another New Well In Midway Field

Special to the Gazette, 4-22-42

Stamps, April 21.—Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 2, in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, flowed today, extending the field a quarter-mile towards the east and bringing the number of successful producers for that area to 13.

The well is in Section 11-15-24. Official gauge will not be available until storage tanks are completed.

Prosity was topped at 6,313 feet, approximately 41 feet higher than in the nearest west offset and only 11 feet lower than in discovery well.

Operators said it is the best well completed in the new field.

Lafayette Test Holds Oil Interest

Democrat 4-26-42

Stamps—McAlester Fuel Oil Company's No. 1 Cora Jeffus well, near Taylor, now down to 10,400 feet, continues to hold the interest of oil operators in this section. The well is located in Section 4-19-23 on the extreme southern portion of Lafayette County.

Lease and royalty operators are eyeing the test and another week of drilling may tell the results.

In the Midway field, two natural producers were completed this week by the Barnsdall Oil Company. They were the Roberts No. 1, 6,420 feet, and the Roberts No. 2, at 6,313 feet. An estimated gauge placed production of the wells at four to six hundred barrels daily.

Barnsdall also spudded in on its Barney Powell No. 1 well this week. This is one of three locations made by that company in this pool. Barnsdall is also rigging up on its Nos. 4 and 5, Roberts wells, in section 11-15-24.

In section 18 of the pool, Southwood Oil Company's No. 1, W. E. Hodnett, will be spudded in this week. With this week's reports, Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 3 Roberts, section 14-15-24, is drilling at 5,150 and Goff's No. 1 Minnie McClain, was nearing test stage at a depth of around 6,100 feet.

Hygrade Oil Company's No. 1 Copeland, in Hempstead County, was abandoned as a dry hole. The test was about 2 1/2 miles north of the Midway field in section 32-14-24.

In the McKamie field, Carter Oil Company was drilling around 900 feet on its No. 3 Marble Hanes in section 36-17-23, the first test in the area since drilling restrictions on gas distillate fields were lifted.

Tidewater Associated Oil Company is reported to be moving in equipment to begin drilling soon on the No. 1 Bendow in the new Patton field, section 32-17-23, six miles west of the McKamie field.

Smart Field Well Making 100 Barrels

Democrat 5-3-42

Stamps—A good new producer in the Smart field, Grady Vaughn's J. W. Smart No. 1, came in yesterday, after casing was shot Friday and swabbing was started, and is reported flowing at the rate of 100 barrels daily. This is a good flow and up to the average or better for that area.

The well is on the northwest edge of the Smart field. Casing was perforated at about 3,440 feet. Total depth is 3,480. The well was taken deep to eliminate salt water. Location is in section 11-15-20.

A new location announced yesterday is Grady Vaughn's John Smart No. 1, SE, SE, Sec. 12-15-20, coming week.

A wildcat test being watched with interest is M. E. Wakefield's Sanders-Rouse, near Sutton, Nevada County, in section 4-13-22.

A geophysical survey designated the area as a "hot spot" with the same formation as the new Midway field in Lafayette County. The area is about 15 miles northeast of Midway. Conway Drilling Company is rigging up.

Rains Hold Back New Operations

Democrat 5-3-42

Stamps—Activity in South Arkansas was curtailed considerably the past week by heavy rains and high water.

In the Midway field of Lafayette County several new locations are waiting for high water to recede.

Activity in that area is as follows: Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 3 Roberts, section 14-15-24, is drilling below 6,000 feet; Gene Goff's No. 1 McClain, same section, shut down because of drilling difficulties; Barnsdall's Powell No. 1, section 10-15-24, making hole at 3,000 feet.

Other operations which have completed rigging up and are waiting for dry ground are Barnsdall's No. 4 Roberts, section 14-15-24; its No. 5 Roberts, in section 11-15-24; the Charles McClain No. 1, section 13-15-24, and Southwood Oil Company's No. 1 Hodnett, section 18-15-23.

McAlester Fuel Oil Company abandoned its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat, southern part of Lafayette County, at total depth of 10,475 feet. Location was in section 4-19-23.

Tidewater Associated Oil Company was moving to its new location in the Patton field, south of Lewisville, to be known as the No. 1 Bendaw, section 32-17-24.

A test which is expected to be watched with interest got under way this week in Nevada County in the Sutton area. It is Wakefield's Sanders-Rouse Unit, section 4-13-22. Operators spudded in with a water well drilling rig, but are now moving in heavier equipment.

14th Well Will Be Completed Soon in Midway Field.

Special to the Gazette, 5-10-42

Stamps, May 9.—A 14th producer looms in the Midway field of Lafayette county as Barnsdall Oil Company plans to drill, plug and complete tomorrow or Monday its Roberts No. 3, in Section 14-15-24. Oil saturation was encountered at 6,353 feet which extended to 6,467 feet.

Other activities in that field include Barnsdall drilling below 5,200 feet at the J. B. Powell No. 1, Section 10-15-24, Roberts No. 4, Section 11-15-24 drilling below 3,100 feet, Roberts No. 5, Section 14-15-24 waiting on cement after setting second string pipe to 620 feet and the Charles McClain No. 1, Section 13-15-24, also waiting on cement.

One new location for the Midway area was announced today by Barnsdall to be named the Spencer Gunter No. 1, southwest southeast of Section 5-15-24. Work will begin immediately. Gene Goff, independent, still is shut down at his Minnie McClain No. 1, Section 14-15-24, due to drilling difficulties. Southwood Oil Company continues to wait on roads to its new location, the W. E. Hodnett No. 1 in Section 18-15-23.

In the McKamie field, south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company drilled ahead at below 5,200 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 3 in Section 36-17-23. A new location was announced for that area this week by Atlantic Refining Co., to drill the Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 10 in Section 32-17-23. In the Patton field south of Lewisville, Tidewater Associated Oil Co. was building roads to its Bendaw No. 1 in Section 32-17-24.

Acresage was being assembled this week, presumably for a drilling

block, in and around Sections 32, 33, 34, about three miles northeast of Stamps in the Shiloh community, and it is expected that important announcements will be made soon concerning drilling operations in that area.

About 18 miles north of Buckner, in the Sutton community of Nevada county, M. E. Wakefield's Saunders Rouse Unit, Section 4-13-22, is drilling under surface casing at 1,010 feet.

Barnsdall's Midway Well Near Finish

Democrat 5-10-42

Stamps—Barnsdall Oil Company expects to complete its Roberts No. 3 in the new Midway field of Lafayette County within the next few days.

The test is certain for a producer, as porosity was topped at 6,353 feet and production pipe was run Wednesday. Total depth is 6,467 feet. Exact location is c, sw, sw, section 14-15-24.

The same company drilled below 5,129 feet in its No. 1 Powell c, se, nw, section 10-15-24, and was below 3,057 feet in the Roberts No. 4, c, se, section 11-15-24.

At the No. 5 Roberts c, ne, ne, section 14-15-24, operators were WOC, after setting 9 5/8-inch pipe to 640 feet.

The Company's Charles McClain No. 1, c, nw, nw, section 13-15-24, spudded in and set surface pipe to 85 feet.

Gene Goff's Minnie McClain No. 1, c, sw, se, section 14-15-24, is still shut down because of a collapsed casing. Total depth is 6,000 feet.

One new location was announced for the Midway area this week by Barnsdall, it is the Spencer Gunter No. 1, sw, se, section 5-15-24.

Southwood Oil Company continues to wait on road completion to its location known as the No. 1 Hodnett, c, nw, nw, section 18-15-24.

In the McKamie field Carter Oil Company drilled below 5,000 feet in its Marble Hanes No. 3, section 36-17-23, and Atlantic Refining Company is building roads to its newest location for the McKamie area, the Bodcaw No. 10, section 32-17-23.

In Nevada County M. E. Wakefield is drilling under surface casing in the Saunders Rouse Unit, section 4-13-22. This test is expected to be watched with much interest.

New Producer Flows For Barnsdall

Special to the Gazette, 5-12-42

Stamps, May 11.—A 14th producer was added in the new Midway field of Lafayette county today as Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 3, section 14-15-24, flowed of its own accord and was gauged at 25 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressure is 700 pounds. Gravity is 36.5. Oil saturation was encountered at 6,353 feet extending to 6,467 feet.

Other activities in the field include Barnsdall's Powell No. 1, Section 10-15-24, drilling at 5,895 feet, Roberts No. 4, Section 14-15-24, drilling at 3,762 feet, Roberts No. 5, Section 11-15-24, drilling at 2,882 feet and the McClain No. 1, Section 13-15-24, drilling below 1,000 feet. Road construction continues to Barnsdall's Spencer Gunter No. 1, newest location in Section 5-15-24, about two miles west of the discovery.

Test Near Midway Field, In Lafayette, Attracts.

Special to the Gazette, 5-17-42

Stamps, May 16.—Interest of oil men in south Arkansas is expected to be centered the next few weeks on Barnsdall Oil Company's newest location, west of the Midway field in Lafayette county.

The test, known as the Spencer Gunter No. 1, in Section 5-15-24, is two miles west of the field proper. Much speculation as to that area's productiveness goes on in conversations with oil experts. Barnsdall owns a enormous amount of acreage in that vicinity. Should the Gunter well produce, an intensive drilling campaign will follow in the direction of Miller county.

Other activities in the Midway area include one completion this week by Barnsdall, in its Roberts No. 3 in Section 14-15-24. The test topped the oil saturation at 6,353 feet which extended to 6,467 feet. Flow was 25 barrels an hour on a quarter-inch choke. Gravity is the same excellent quality as that of the other wells in the field. 36.5.

Barnsdall was drilling below 6,480 feet at the Barney Powell No. 1, in

Section 10-15-24, northwest side of the field; at the Roberts No. 4, Section 11-15-24, at below 5,000 feet; at the Roberts No. 5, in Section 14-15-24, below 4,000 feet, and at the McClain No. 1, in Section 13-15-24, at below 3,800 feet.

Derrick was being moved in for the Gunter well, in Section 5-15-24. Gene Goff continues operations towards completion of his Minnie McClain No. 1, in Section 14-15-24. Southwood Oil Company's W. E. Hodnett No. 1, in Section 18-15-23, is waiting on completion of roads.

In the Patton field, Tidewater Associated Oil Company was building roads to the Bendaw No. 1, in Section 32-17-24.

In the McKamie field, Carter Oil Company drilled below 5,000 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 3, in Section 36-17-23. Atlantic Refining also is building roads to the Bodcaw Armour Unit No. 1 in Section 32-17-23.

In Nevada county, about 18 miles north of Buckner, M. E. Wakefield was preparing to get under way at the Saunders Rouse Unit No. 1, in Section 4-13-22.

15th Producing Well Added In McKamie Field.

Special to the Gazette, 5-24-42

Stamps, May 23.—A 15th producer was added in the new Midway field of Lafayette county yesterday when Barnsdall Oil Company's Barney Powell No. 1, Section 10-15-24, flowed of its own accord. An official gauge is not available. The top of porosity was 6,420 feet which extended to 6,490 feet.

Barnsdall announced a west offset to be drilled immediately, which will be known as the Barney Powell No. 2 in the same section.

Four other operations of Barnsdall's are drilling ahead in the Midway area. They are: The Roberts No. 4, Section 11-15-24, below 6,000 feet; the Roberts No. 5, Section 14-15-24, drilling at 6,100 feet; the Charles McClain No. 1, Section 13-14-24, below 5,400 feet, and two miles west of the Midway field, Barnsdall Oil Company's Spencer Gunter No. 1, Section 5-15-24, drilling under surface casing at 800 feet.

One well was abandoned in the field this week after much drilling difficulty. It is the Gene Goff Minnie McClain, Section 14-15-24. The test topped the Buckner lime, and it was believed a good producer would result, but operators decided to abandon at a total depth of 6,500 feet. Southwood Oil Company expects to get under way next week at its W. E. Hodnett No. 1, Section 18-15-24. Heavy rains and high water continue to hamper operations in all south Arkansas fields.

In the McKamie gas distillate field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company drilled below 7,300 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 3, Section 36-17-23. Atlantic Refining Company continues road building to its Bodcaw No. 10, Section 32-17-23.

In the Patton field, south of Lewisville, Tidewater Associated Oil Company's Amanda Bendaw No. 1, Section 32-17-24, remains a location.

Lafayette County Field Still Holds the Spotlight.

Special to the Gazette, 5-31-42

Stamps, May 30.—The Midway field of Lafayette county continues to hold attention as two additional producers are about to be completed. They are Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts Nos. 4 and 5, in sections 11-15-24 and 14-15-24, respectively. Porosity was topped in the No. 4 well at 6,333 feet, approximately 10 feet higher than in the nearest west offset. Total depth is 6,469 feet. Oil saturation was encountered in the No. 5 test at 6,373 feet, with a total depth of 6,470 feet.

One other test held attention today as it topped the porosity at 6,323 feet. It is Barnsdall's Charles McClain No. 1, in section 13-14-24, approximately a mile southeast of the discovery well. It checks only 10 feet lower than the discovery well in the Midway field. Oil experts contend that the trend of the pool will run in a south and east direction. Operators continued coring at the McClain test late today with expectations of running Schlumberger and setting pipe over the week-end.

Other activities in the field include Barnsdall's Spencer Gunter No. 1, in section 5-15-24, extreme western outpost drilling below 4,009 feet, and that company's Barney Powell No. 2, in section 10-15-24, north side of the field, was moving in rig.

Southwood Oil Company awaited outcome of pending completions before proceeding at their Hodnett No. 1, in section 18-15-24.

In the McKamie field, Carter Oil Company drilled below 8,000 feet at its Marble Hanes No. 3, in sec-

tion 36-17-23, and Atlantic Refining Company was building roads and clearing location at its Bodcaw Armour No. 10, in section 32-17-23. In the Patton field, about six miles west of the McKamie area, Tidewater Associated Oil Company was moving in rig to begin operations next week at its Amanda Bendaw No. 1, in section 32-17-24.

Leasing and royalty trading continues brisk in all parts of Lafayette county, with most of the trading being done by Oklahoma oil companies.

Barnsdall Active In Midway Field.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 6. — Barnsdall Oil Company continued to accelerate activity in the Midway field of Lafayette county with three producers added to the growing list this week.

The most recent completion is Barnsdall's Charles McClain No. 1 in Section 13-15-24 which flowed yesterday at an estimated 1,000 barrels per day. The test topped oil saturation at 6,323 feet which is only 10 feet lower than in the discovery well for that area. Official gauge is not yet available, but operators were jubilant over the fact that the successful completion of the McClain test extends the field approximately one mile to the east.

The same company's Roberts No. 4 and the Roberts No. 5 in Sections 11-15-24 and 14-15-24 were completed Monday. Official gauge on the two is 24 and 27 barrels per hour on quarter-inch choke. Tubing pressures were 600 and 650 pounds. Oil saturation was topped at 6,334 feet in the No. 4 and at 6,373 feet in the No. 5. Both topped the pay higher than in west offsets.

Three New Locations.

Barnsdall announced three new locations for the Midway field this week, they are the Dobson No. 3, center NE NE, Section 10-15-24, the Roberts No. 6 in center NE NE Section 11-15-25 and the Charles McClain No. 2 center SE SW Section 13-15-24. Derricks are up at all three and operators plan to spud early next week. The number of producing wells in the Midway field is now 18.

One other well for that Company is nearing pay sands as it drills below 5,400 feet, it is the Spencer Gunter No. 1 western outpost in Section 5-15-24. The company's Barney Powell No. 2 in Section 10-15-24 spudded this week and is now drilling below 2,000 feet.

In the new Patton field south of Lewisville, Tidewater Associated Oil Company also spudded in at their Amanda Bendaw No. 1 in Section 32-17-23 and are now waiting on concrete.

In the McKamie field, eight miles south of Stamps, Carter Oil Company drilled below 8,300 feet at the Marble Hanes No. 3, in Section 36-17-23, while Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw Armour No. 10, in Section 32-17-23, still was a location.

Well in McKamie Gas Field Nears Pay Sand.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 13.—Oil interest in Lafayette county shifts this week from the Midway field to the McKamie gas distillate field eight miles south of Stamps as Carter Oil Company nears the pay sand at its Marble Hanes No. 3, Section 36-17-23. Total depth is 9,100 feet. Oil saturation is usually encountered in wells of the McKamie area, around 9,300 feet. In that same area Atlantic Refining Company was waiting on orders before proceeding at its Bodcaw Armour No. 10, Section 32-17-23. Location has been cleared and derrick erected. Carter will probably announce another location for that field soon. There are 16 producing tests in the McKamie field.

In the new Midway field, Barnsdall Oil Company's Spencer Gunter No. 1 in Section 5-15-24, one mile west of the discovery test for that area was plugged and abandoned yesterday since a depth of 6,555 had been drilled with only a small showing of porosity mixed with salt water had been obtained. The Gunter test apparently defined the field on the west.

May Bring In McKamie Well Coming Week

Democrat 6-21-42

Stamps—There are 11 active operations in Lafayette County at present with the Midway field claiming eight. Two are in the McKamie field and one in the Patton field, south of Lewisville.

Carter Oil Company has a producer looming in its Marble Hanes No. 3C, NE, section 36-17-23, Mc-

Kamie area. Production pipe probably will be set to below 9,280 feet today, after operators topped porosity at 9,150 feet, only 27 feet lower than in the discovery well for that field.

Atlantic Refining Company expects to get under way soon on its No. 10 Bodcaw, section 32-17-23. Operators were moving in rig the past week. The location has been waiting on orders for some time.

Leading in drilling time in the Midway field is Barnsdall Oil Company's Community Powell No. 2, C, SE, NW, section 10-15-24, north side of the field, with a depth of 5,560 feet.

Barnsdall's No. 6 Roberts, C, NE, NE, section 11-15-24, is drilling at 3,880 feet; Dobson No. 3, C, NE, NE, section 10-15-24, making hole at 4,000 feet; No. 2 Charles McClain, C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24, drilling at 2,500 feet; McClain No. 3, newest location made by Barnsdall in the C, SW, NW, section 13-15-24, is clearing location and preparing to move in rig.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company also has a new location in the field, the No. 1 Turner, SW, SE, section 12-15-24. Roads are being constructed and location cleared. Southwood Oil Company is progressing rapidly with its No. 1 W. E. Hodnett, C, SW, NW, section 12-15-24. A depth of 4,600 feet was reported at the end of the week.

About six miles south of Lewisville in the Patton field, Tidewater Associated Oil Company was waiting on cement at its Amanda Bendaw No. 1, C, NE, NW, section 32-17-23, after drilling to 4,000 feet. This test will be watched with considerable interest, since only one well has been completed in that area.

Midway Field Completes 19th Producer

Gazette 7-1-42

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 30.—The Midway field of Lafayette county had its 19th producer today, as Barnsdall Oil Company's Barney Powell No. 2, in section 10-15-24, flowed into pits. Porosity was topped at 6,405 feet with total depth 6,475 feet. Official gauge is pending erection of storage tanks.

The same company expects to encounter the pay in two or three days in its Roberts No. 6, section 11-15-24, same field, which has reached a depth of 6,352 feet.

One new location for the Midway area was announced as Wakefield Southwood's Darnell No. 1, to be drilled in a long 40 of section 14-15-24.

Two Completions Announced In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 4.—Two completions, three new locations and routine drilling operations at 10 wells sum up oil activity in Lafayette county for the week.

The first completion was Carter

Oil Company's Marble Hanes No. 3 in the deep McKamie gas distillate field in Section 37-17-23 which flowed 192 barrels on 11-64 inch choke in 24 hours. More than 200 feet of oil saturation was encountered in the Hanes test which lies on the southwest side of that field. Top of porosity was 9,150 feet and total depth is 9,330 feet. In the same area, Atlantic Refining Company set 331 feet of surface pipe at its Bodcaw No. 10 in Section 32-17-23 and is now waiting on cement. One new location for the McKamie field announced this week is the Riddell Petroleum Corporation's Harris No. 1 C SW Section 31-17-23.

The second completion was in the active Midway field, the Barnsdall Oil Company's Powell No. 2 in Section 10-15-24 which flowed 24 barrels per hour on quarter-inch choke. Top of pay was 6,405 feet and total depth is 6,475 feet. The Powell test brings the total number for the Midway area to 19. Other activities in that field are:

Barnsdall's Roberts No. 6 Section 11-15-24 running pipe today after topping porosity at 6,405 feet with

a total depth of 6,499 feet. The same company's Dobson No. 3 Section 10-15-24 drilling at 6,322 feet; the McClain No. 2 Section 13-15-24 drilled below 5,600 feet; McClain No. 3 Section 13-15-24 drilled below 2,260 feet; Southwood Oil Company's Hodnett No. 1, Section 18-15-24 drilled below 6,462 feet; the same company's Turner same section was moving in rig; Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, Section 12-15-24 was drilling below 4,143 feet. Three new locations for the Midway area are: Barnsdall Oil Company's Powell No. 3 in Section 13-15-24. Frankel and Frankel and Riddell Petroleum Corporations' Bodcaw Lumber Company No. 1 in Section 17-15-23. Southwood-Wakefield's Minnie McClain et al. No. 1 Section 14-15-24. In the Patton field, south of Lewisville, Tidewater Oil Company is WOC after a squeeze job from 1,698 to 1,700 feet at the Amanda Bendaw No. 1, Section 32-17-24.

Two New Wells In Lafayette, Another Due

Democrat 7-5-42

Stamps—Two producers were added the past week to Lafayette Coun-

ty's growing list of successful oil tests, the first was in the McKamie field and the second in the Midway.

Carter Oil Company completed its No. 3 Hanes, section 36-17-23, after casing perforations, and the well flowed and was gauged at 192 barrels on 11-64-inch choke over a 24-hour period. Pay sand was encountered in the Hanes test at 9,150 feet, which extended to below 9,300 feet.

One other test in the McKamie field got under way this week. It is Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 10, section 32-17-23. Total depth is around 1,000 feet.

Six miles west of the McKamie field and south of Lewisville, Tidewater Oil Company continues to encounter difficulty in its No. 1 Bendaw, section 32-17-24 of the Patton field. Operators were waiting on cement after squeezing at 1,698 to 1,700 feet.

In the Midway field Barnsdall Oil Company added the 19th producer for that area last week in its No. 2 Barney Powell, which flowed at the rate of 27 barrels hourly through quarter-inch choke. Location is in section 10-15-24.

That company also has another producer in the offing for this week, as production pipe was being set to a depth of 6,499 feet in the No. 6 Roberts, section 11-15-24. Top to pay was encountered at 6,400 feet.

Barnsdall's other activities in that field include the Dobson No. 3, drilling 6,399 feet, section 10-15-24; the McClain No. 2, section 13-15-24, drilling below 5,700 feet; the McClain No. 3, same section, making hole at 2,300 feet.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's No. 1, Turner, section 12-15-24, was below 4,200 feet, while Southwood Oil Company's W. E. Hodnett No. 1, drilled at 6,465 feet and nothing favorable had shown up yet. Location is in section 18-15-24. That company's Turner No. 1, same section, was rigging up.

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission announced three new locations for the Midway area this week. They are Frankel & Frankel & Riddell Petroleum Corporation's No. 1 Bodcaw Lumber Company, c, se, nw, section 17-15-24, Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 3 Powell, ne, nw, section 13-15-24, and Southwood-Wakefield's No. 1 McClain c, n 1-2, s 1-2, section 14-15-24.

Midway Field Has 20th Completion

Gazette 7-10-42

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 9.—The 20th producer was added in the Midway field of Lafayette county today as Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 6, in Section 11-15-24, flowed of its own accord. Official gauge was not available. Top of porosity was 6,100 feet with a total depth of 6,429 feet.

Southwood Oil Company is scheduled to complete its Hodnett No. 1, in Section 18-15-24, in the next day or two. Casing was tested today after plug was drilled yesterday. Top of saturation was 6,477 feet and total depth, 6,499 feet.

Routine drilling operations proceeded at 11 other tests in the Midway field.

Midway Field Holds Interest In Lafayette County.

Gazette 7-12-42

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 11.—The Midway field of Lafayette county continues to hold interest of the oil industry as successful producers are consistently added each week. The 20th and 21st for the new area flowed this week. They are Barnsdall Oil Company's Roberts No. 6 in Section 11-15-24 and Southwood Oil Company's W. E. Hodnett No. 1 in Section 18-15-24. Porosity was topped at 6,400 feet in the Roberts test with a total depth of 6,499 feet, and in the Hodnett test, which is an eastern outpost, porosity was topped at 6,477 feet with a total depth of 6,499 feet. Official gauge is pending on each test until storage tanks are completed. Average gauge on most wells thus far in the Midway area has been from 24 to 27 barrels hourly on quarter-inch choke, with gravity of the crude about the same, 36.5.

Eight new locations for the field were announced this week, and drilling operations proceed at five other tests. The new locations are as follows: Barnsdall's Powell No. 3, Section 13-15-24, the McClain Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, all in Section 13-15-24; Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1 in Section 9-15-24, and Southwood Oil Company's Minnie McClain No. 1 in Section 14-15-24. Operations consist of clearing, building roads and moving

drilling equipment. Activities at the other five operations are as follows: Barnsdall's Dobson No. 3, Section 10-15-24, was running an Eastman survey at a total depth of 6,575 feet. The outcome was questionable. The same company drilled below 6,343 feet at the McClain No. 2, Section 13-15-24, and a depth of 3,900 feet had been reached at the McClain No. 3, Section 13-15-24. Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, Section 12-15-24, drilled below 5,300 feet. Southwood Oil Company's Turner No. 1, Section 12-15-24, drilled at 2,700 feet.

In the deep McKamie gas distil-

late field eight miles south of Stamps, Atlantic Refining Company is drilling at 1,600 feet at the Bodcaw No. 1, Section 32-17-23, while the Riddell Petroleum Corporation's Harris No. 1 in Section 31-17-23 remained a location. Six miles to the west and south of Lewisville in the Patton field, Tidewater Associated Oil Company drilled ahead at below 6,400 feet at the Amanda Bendaw No. 1 in Section 32-17-24.

Work Proceeds at 16 Tests In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 18.—Work progressing at 16 tests, sums up oil activity for Lafayette county during the week.

The Midway field continues to lead in number of operations and Barnsdall Oil Company continues to accelerate the pace in that field, although other major oil companies are beginning to drill at various sections of the new area. Scheduled as the next producer for the Midway field is Barnsdall's McCain No. 2 in Section 13-15-24 which topped porosity at 6,365 feet with a total depth of 6,459 feet. Completion is pending a stuck drill collar which operators are fishing for in efforts to dislodge. Other activity includes Barnsdall's McClain No. 3, Section 13-15-24, drilling below 5,325 feet. That company's McClaine Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 all in Section 13-15-24 are clearing location, building roads and erecting derricks. Barnsdall's F. C. Powell No. 3 Section 13-15-24 is drilling below 2,890 feet. The company abandoned as dry its Dobson No. 3 this week after taking the test to a total depth of 6,575 feet. Location is in Section 11-15-24.

Southwood Oil Company's W. E. Hodnett No. 1, Section 18-15-24, completed last week, was gauged at 30 barrels hourly on 14-64 inch choke. Southwood drilled ahead at 3,153 feet at its Turner No. 1, Section 13-15-24. Southwood-Wakefield's Minnie McClaine No. 1, Section 14-15-24 was waiting on cement at 643 feet.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, Section 12-15-24, drilled below 6,329 feet and its Turner No. 2 same section and Creek No. 1 Section 9-15-24 was clearing location and building roads. Tidewater Associated proceeds rapidly at its Amanda Bendaw No. 1 in the Patton field south of Lewisville with a depth of below 7,500 feet. Location is in Section 32-17-24. In the McKamie field, Atlantic Refining Company drilled at 600 feet at its Bodcaw No. 10 in Section 32-17-23 while Riddell Petroleum Corporation's W. S. Harris No. 1, Section 31-17-23, remained a location.

Stuck Collar Holding Up Completion

Stamps—Slated as the next completion in the new Midway field of Lafayette County in Barnsdall Oil Company's No. 2 McClaine, C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24, which topped porosity at 6,359 feet with a total depth of 6,465 feet.

Difficulty with a stuck drill collar at 2,312 feet, however, will probably delay the completion of the test. Operators were fishing for the drill collar.

Barnsdall was compelled to chalk up a dry hole for the field the past week when Dobson No. 3, C, NE, NE, section 11-15-24, refused to flow. Total depth is 6,575 feet.

Leading next in drilling time after the No. 2 McClaine is Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, section 12-15-24, which has reached a depth of 6,350 feet. That same company was clearing location and building roads to its No. 2 Turner, same section, and its No. 1 Creek, section 9-15-24.

Barnsdall continues to lead in number of operations for the Midway field as follows: No. 3 McClaine, C, SW, NW, section 13-15-24, drilling below 5,325 feet; McClaine No. 4, C, NW, NE, section 13-15-24, building derrick foundation; McClaine No. 5, C, NE, NE, same section, moving in derrick; McClaine No. 6, SW, NW, same section, clearing location; McClaine No. 7, SW, NE, section 13-15-24, building roads and clearing location; McClaine No. 8, SE, NE, same section, also clearing location.

Southwood Oil Company's completion for last week, the Hodnett No. 1, C, SW, NW, section 18-15-24, was officially gauged at 30 barrels per hour on 14-64 inch choke. That company's Turner No. 1, C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24, drilled below 3,153 feet.

Southwood-Wakefield's No. 1 Darnell, C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24, was WOC at 643 feet. In the same area, Frankel & Frankel & Riddell Petroleum Corporation's Bodcaw No. 1, C, SW, NW, section 17-15-24, was building board roads.

Other activity in fields of this county include one operation in the McKamie field, Atlantic Refining Company's Bodcaw No. 10, section 32-17-23, drilling at 600 feet, and one in the Patton field south of Lewisville, Tidewater Oil Company's No. 1 Bendaw, in section 32-17-24, which has reached 7,400 feet.

22d Producer For Midway Field.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, July 25.—The twenty-second successful producer was added in the Midway field of La-

yafayette county yesterday as Barnsdall Oil Company's McClaine No. 2, Section 13-15-24, flowed of its own accord. Official gauge is not yet available. Top of oil saturation was 6,359 feet with casing set to 6,355 feet. Total depth is 6,465 feet. The test was due for completion a week ago but was delayed because of a lodged drill collar.

Next in line for completion is Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, in Section 12-15-24, which encountered oil sand at 6,383 feet. Production pipe was set to 6,469 feet. Total depth is 6,470 feet. The test is likely to be completed over the week-end.

Other activities in the Midway field:

Barnsdall Oil Company topped the porosity in its McClaine No. 3, Section 13-15-24, at 6,500 feet. Coring continued to below 6,512 feet. That company's Powell No. 3, same section, was drilling below 4,583 feet. The McClaine Nos. 4 and 5, in Section 13-15-24, were moving in rig and drilling water wells. The

McClaine Nos. 6 and 7, same section, were clearing location, and the McClaine No. 8, also in the same section, was moving in rig and drilling water wells. All tests expect to begin operations next week. Barnsdall's most recent completion, the Roberts No. 6, in Section 11-15-24, was gauged officially and announced as flowing at the rate of 129 barrels every 24 hours on quarter-inch choke.

Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Creek No. 1, in Section 9-15-24,

was building roads and its Turner No. 2, in Section 12-15-24, was clearing location. Southwood Oil Company's Turner No. 1, Section 13-15-24, was drilling below 4,500 feet. Southwood-Wakefield's Darnell No. 1, Section 14-15-24, was drilling at 3,300 feet.

In the Patton field south of Lewisville Tidewater Associated Oil Company drilled ahead at 7,700 feet in hard sand at its Amanda Bendaw No. 1, in Section 32-17-24.

In the McKamie field, eight miles

south of Stamps, Atlantic Refining Company was moving in a new rig to its Bodcaw No. 10, Section 32-17-23, after difficulty with old drilling equipment. The test stands at a total depth of 400 feet.

A permit was issued by the State Oil and Gas Commission to Riddell Petroleum Corporation to change a location which formerly had been announced as the Harris No. 1. The new test will be known as the A. Olive & A. L. Layne No. 1, in Section 31-17-23.

Fuel Oil Due To Bring In Turner Well

Stamps—Barnsdall Oil Company completed its No. 2 McClaine Friday in the Midway field of Lafayette County, bringing the total number of producers in that area to 22. Location is C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24. A stuck drill collar delayed the test a week after porosity was topped at 6,359 feet. Total depth is 6,465 feet.

Due to be completed over the week-end was Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Turner No. 1, C, SW

SE, section 12-15-24, which encountered pay sand at 6,383 feet, with total depth of 6,470 feet. Casing was set to 6,469.

Other activities of Arkansas Fuel Oil Company in the Midway area include its Creek No. 1, C, SE, SE, section 9-15-24, building roads, and the Turner No. 2, SE, SE, same section, clearing location.

Barnsdall continues to lead with the largest number of operations for the new field. Barnsdall's activities are as follows: McClaine No. 3, C, SW, SW, section 13-15-24, encountered pay sand at 6,500 feet with total depth 6,512 feet, production pipe to be set; that company's McClaine Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, all in section 13-15-24, building roads, clearing location and moving in drilling equipment, with expectation of getting under way this week, and Barnsdall's Powell No. 3, C, NE, NW, section 13-15-24, drilling below 4,400 feet.

Frankel & Frankel & Riddell Petroleum Corporation's Bodcaw No. 1, C, SW, NW, section 17-15-24, is building plank roads.

Southwood Oil Company was drilling below 4,300 feet in its Turner No. 1 C, SE, SW, section 13-15-24.

Southwood-Wakefield's Minnie McClaine No. 1, N-S, NE, section 14-15-24, was drilling at 3,300 feet.

In the extreme southern part of this county in the McKamie gas distillate field, Atlantic Refining Company was moving in new rig to its Bodcaw No. 10, section 32-17-23. Six miles west and to the south of Lewisville in the Patton field, Tidewater Associated drilled below 7,596 feet in its Amanda Bendaw No. 1, C, NE, NW, section 32-17-24.

Interest Shown in Wildcat In Hempstead County.

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Oct. 31.—An interesting wildcat test is being drilled in Hempstead county, just north of the Midway field of Lafayette county, by Barnsdall Oil Company, known as the Shults No. 1, southwest, northeast of Section 20-14-24. A depth of below 3,000 feet was reported at the end of the week.

Activities in the Midway field continue slow, with only one well drilling and rigging operations at another. These are Southwood Oil Company's Hodnett No. 4, southeast, southwest of Section 18-15-24, which is making hole at below 4,000 feet, and the same company expects to spud in next week at its Hodnett No. 5, southeast, southwest of the same section. Barnsdall will begin soon on four more wells in the Midway field.

Another producer for the McKamie gas distillate field south of Stamps is expected to be flowing early next week. It is Carter Oil Company's McClendon No. 1, in Section 36-17-24. Casing perforations were made Thursday night from 9,240 to 9,280 feet with 181 shots. More than 100 feet of oil saturation has been encountered in the McClendon test, which topped porosity at 9,190 feet.

Wildcat Test In Lafayette Attracts

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Feb. 20. — Lafayette county oil interest is expected to be centered during the next month on the wildcat test southeast of Bradley, drilled by W. G. Ray Drilling Company and known as the Warnock-Lecroy No. 1, SW SW of Section 3-20-24. Present drilling depth is below 4,300 feet. The Warnock test is only two miles northeast of the most recent producer which was completed last week in Bossier parish, La., by Hunt Oil Company. If the Warnock test proves successful, an intensive leasing and drilling campaign will follow, since the well is in entirely unproven territory.

In the new Midway field of Lafayette county, Arkansas Fuel Oil Company spudded in this week and is now drilling ahead at its Luzenia Creek No. 2, Section 9-13-24. Barnsdall Oil Company is moving in rig to begin possibly next week at its Millard F. Creek No. 2, in Section 10-15-24. Four locations are waiting orders in the field which will be drilled by Southwood Oil Company soon.

Lion to Spud In.

In the McKamie gas distillate field south of Stamps, Lion Oil Refining Company was moving in materials and clearing location at its Wheat No. 1, Section 35-17-24.

Hunt Oil Company abandoned as dry its Stamps Land No. 1 wildcat test in Nevada county, northeast of the Buckner field in Lafayette and Columbia counties. Location was in Section 35-14-23. Operators refused to divulge information as to findings, but it was generally known the depth reached was below 6,000 feet and salt water was given as the reason for abandonment. West of the Midway field, Barnsdall Oil Company was drilling ahead at below 6,000 feet at its Grace No. 1, Section 4-15-27, Miller county.

at 11-22-42 Midway Well In Hempstead Disappointing

Stamps—Oil activity in Lafayette County for the week includes one completion for the Midway field.

It is Southwood Oil Company's No. 4 Hodnett SE1-2, NW1-4, section 18-15-23, flowing at the rate of 130 barrels per hour through quarter-inch choke choke. Porosity was encountered at 6,373 feet and extended to 6,404 feet.

A disappointing announcement for interested persons in the vicinity of Barnsdall Oil Company's Shults No. 1, Hempstead County, located in the SW1-4, NE1-4 of section 20-14-24, is that the test is a dry hole. Abandonment took place this week after a total depth of 6,101 feet had been drilled without encountering any of the oil producing sands. Oil men in this section express belief that major oil companies will probably confine their future drilling efforts to the defined limits of the Midway area, which lies just south of the Hempstead County line.

The only other active operation in the Midway field is Southwood Oil Company's No. 5 Hodnett, NW 1-4, NE1-4, section 18-15-23, which was drilling below 6,290 feet, expecting to top the pay at any moment. Southwood is building roads and clearing locations however, for six new tests announced by that company recently, and which will begin drilling following completion of their present operation in the field. The six new tests are located in section 7-15-23 and 18-15-23, all on the W. E. Hodnett land.

The McKamie gas distillate area of this county remains inactive, but rumors of locations to be announced for the area are current, and it is expected that several tests will go down by the first of the year.

Hodnett No. 7, in Lafayette County, Due Soon. Gazette-12-26-42

Special to the Gazette

Stamps, Dec. 26.—Southwood Oil Company's Hodnett No. 7, southwest southeast of section 18-15-23, New Midway field of Lafayette county looms as the 30th producer for that area. Operators were waiting on casing today after running production pipe Wednesday to total depth of 6,429 feet. Top of oil saturation was 6,311 feet. A production attempt is scheduled for early next week. The Hodnett test is the only active operation in the county at present.

One Producer For McKamie, 3 in Midway

Democrat-10-25-42

Stamps — An important producer was completed in the McKamie field of Lafayette County the past week. It is Atlantic Refining Company's No. 10 Bodcaw, Armour Unit No. 10, in section 32-17-23 which flowed good quality crude of 34 gravity. The test is now shut in, awaiting storage tanks and official gauge is not yet available. Top of porosity was 9,290 feet. Total depth is 9,400 feet.

Carter Oil Company also expects a good producer some time this week in its No. 1 Charlie McClendon, section 36-17-24, as oil sand was topped high at 9,190 feet and extends to 9,296 feet. Production pipe was cemented and operators are now waiting on cement.

The third test which had been drilling in the McKamie field was a failure and was abandoned as dry Thursday. It was Riddel Petroleum Corporation's Layne-Olive No. 1, section 31-17-23.

Three successful producers were also completed in the Midway area of this county during the week bringing the total number for that field to 30. The new wells are Southwood Oil Company's No. 2 Hodnett, NW, NW, section 18-15-24, gauged at 205 barrels in 181-2 hours on 12-64 inch choke, and that company's No. 3 Hodnett, NE, NW, section 18. No gauge was available but the estimated flow was 14 barrels hourly on 1-4 inch choke.

The third completion was Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's No. 2 Turner, SE, SE, section 12-15-24, gauged at 271 barrels in 22 hours on 18-64 inch choke.

Other activities in the Midway field include two tests being spudded in by Southwood Oil Company. These are the No. 4 and 5 Hodnett, SE, SW, and SE, SE, section 18-15-24.

North of the midway field, Barnsdall Oil Company is drilling at around 2,000 feet a wildcat test in section 20-14-24 of Hempstead County, called the Shultz No. 1.

Barnsdale to Resume In Midway Field.

Gazette-1-30-43

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, Jan. 30.—Barnsdall Oil Company, chief acreage holder in the new Midway field of Lafayette county, announced that it would resume operations in the field after a long period of inactivity. Several locations were announced by Barnsdall two months ago, but have been waiting drilling orders.

The new test will be the Millard F. Creek No. 2, 100 feet north of the center of the northeast of southwest, section 10-15-24. Road construction now is under way. Other activities in the Midway field include Southwood Oil Company's Modnett No. 8, northeast of southeast, Section 18-15-23, drilling below 5,000 feet. Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Luzenia Creek No. 2, east and north of Section 9-13-24, new location announced last week, continues road construction and location clearing.

West of the Midway field in Miller county, Barnsdall was drilling ahead at below 3,000 feet at its Grace No. 1 wildcat test in the southeast of northwest of Section 4-15-27.

In the opposite direction, northeast of the Buckner field, Hunt Oil Company was waiting on cement at its Stamps Land No. 1, northwest of, northwest, Section 35-14-23. Depth was reported to be around 6,000 feet.

Southeast of Bradley, in Lafayette county, W. G. Ray Drilling Company was rigging up at its Warnock-Lecroy No. 1 wildcat test in the center of southwest of southwest, Section 3-20-24, with expectations of spudding in early next week.

Some leasing activity was reported in the Oak Grove community south of Stamps, this week, but nothing definite has been announced as to a test well, although rumors are afloat here that one will be drilled in that vicinity soon.

New Midway Field Has 37th Producer Gazette 6-16-43

Special to the Gazette.

Stamps, June 15.—A 37th producer was added in the new Midway field of Lafayette county today as Barnsdall Oil Company's Darnell No. 1, northwest northeast section 9-15-24, flowed into pits. Official gauge is not available due to incomplete storage tanks, but operators described the test as "an excellent one."

Gravity of the crude is 36. Top of prosity was 6,466 feet extending to 6,482 feet.

Barnsdall spudded in this week at its Shultz No. 1 wildcat, in Hempstead county, north of the Midway field, in the northeast northeast section 34-13-26, and set surface casing at 400 feet.

WELL IS "SPUDDED IN"

1921
Development to Continue at Stamps
With McKamie No. 3.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 22.—McKamie No. 3, the third test well on the Arkansas Texas company's holding at McKamie was spudded in Thursday. Considerable trouble was had with quicksand the first 100 feet. Ten inch casing was set Friday at 375 feet and the well now is 700 feet deep. The former wells on this tract were lost. Every precaution will be used to save this one.

W. T. Knight, and others, drilling No. 3, say they will put it down in 20 days. It is only 300 feet north of No. 1 and having the complete log of that well they know what to expect. No. 1 had an excellent showing of both oil and gas at 2,700 feet. Water prevented a test of this well. It was believed had it been possible to bail the well dry, the pressure of

the gas would have blown in a producer.

Buchanan No. 1, in 30-16-23 is down 1,800 feet and the formation looks good. Driller Clifford, who has had much experience in drilling in Louisiana oil fields, says this well looks like the oil state wells and he believes he will get a producer.

One feature of the development here now is not an acre of lease is being offered for sale.

DRILLING IN LAFAYETTE.
Special to the Gazette.
Lewisville, Dec. 2.—A. I. Miller, vice president and general manager of the Ken-Saw Petroleum Corporation of Indianapolis, has let the contract for constructing a derrick on the company's holdings of over 2,000 acres in south Lafayette county, one and one-half miles north of the Louisiana line. The company has a well here over 2,000 feet deep. The showings of oil, one at 1,300 feet and one 1,800 feet, have been encountered, said.

MAY DRILL IN LAFAYETTE.
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, April 19.—Elihu Adams, president of the Trinity Petroleum Corporation of New York, now operating at El Dorado, was here yesterday with Walter L. Dobie of Tulsa, Okla., geologist, making a survey of the Nubbin Ridge territory between Stamps and Buckner with a view to sinking a well, provided the acreage can be blocked.

To Test Well Near Lewisville This Week.

1922
Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Feb. 8.—Casing has been set in the Reed well in 16-15-22, Lafayette county. The plug will be drilled and efforts made to bring in the well this week. Prospects are bright for a producing well.

The road from Stamps to the well, which is seven miles northwest, is filled with sightseeing cars.

Permit for Oil Test in Lafayette County Issued.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Sept. 19.—A permit has been issued Earl F. Fox and H. B. Langford, of Shreveport, La., to drill for oil in Lafayette county across Red river on Spirit Lake near the Fitzwater-Beck well, according to C. F. Harris for the state Department of Conservation.

Rigs have been placed on the Coleman brothers land and operations are expected to start this week.

Several oil scouts are making their headquarters at Stamps. They say that the oil pool lies in Lafayette county and several wells which have been capped are reported to have been producers and left until needed.

Locations for Three Oil Tests In Lafayette County Made.

Special to the Gazette.
Lewisville, Oct. 21.—Locations for three oil tests in Lafayette county have been made and oil field operators are showing much interest.

Frank Foster of Longview, Tex., has a derrick up and plans to start operations this week on Coleman Bros. No. 1, in Section 25, township 16, south, range 25 west, about three miles southwest of Lewisville.

C. M. McDonald will drill a test to 3,500 feet in the southwest quarter of section 2, township 19, south, range 26 west.

Sam Wilson Jr. has a location made and a derrick built for his test about two miles south of Bradley.

Trading in leases has been active here for the last two weeks.

Lafayette County Test Well Bought by Texans.

Special to the Gazette.
Texarkana, April 26.—C. H. McDonald and brother of Mount Pleasant, Tex., independent operators, have closed a deal for control of the Carroll-McDonald No. 1 J. G. Allen test well in 2-19-26, in Lafayette county, Ark., about 35 miles southeast of Texarkana, and about eight miles northwest of Bradley. The well is down to 3250 feet where a heavy showing of gas was found. Work was suspended several weeks ago. The new owners announced that the well will be completed without delay. They hope to make it a commercial gas well.

OIL SHOWING FOUND IN LAFAYETTE WELL

Drilling Operations to Begin on Two Locations Near Stamps.

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Stamps, Nov. 23.—Oil indications, promising a producer of about 100 barrels daily, were reported yesterday at the former George W. Harper well, located 13 miles north of here on the Falcon road, by Dr. D. C. Nichols, who owns land adjoining the well, and drillers today were awaiting the arrival of casing from Texas.

Dr. Nichols came here yesterday with showings of oil bailed from the well. He said that water is flowing into the well, but that casings will be brought here so that pumping can begin as soon as possible.

R. M. Olds took over the well after it had been abandoned by Harper. He estimated that the well will produce between 75 and 100 barrels daily if the water can be eliminated.

Preparations are under way here by the Thomas W. Leach and Andrew V. Erwin Company of Tulsa, Okla., to drill another well near the city limits. The location is reported to be near the old Bodcaw mill site.

R. E. Morris of Big Springs, Tex., has completed maps of Stamps and

probably will stay here to aid in the engineering work on the well which will be drilled to approximately 4,500 feet.

C. V. Lenz to Drill for Oil In Lafayette County.

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Texarkana, Ark., April 13.—(P)—C. V. Lenz, discoverer of oil in Miller county, today announced plans for a summer drilling campaign in Lafayette county northeast of the old Lenz pool. Lease renewals have been completed, Lenz said, insuring a solid drilling block of 5,500 acres in Lafayette county. The area recently was passed on by geologists representing major companies, it was said, and their opinion was reported to have been favorable.

Acreage Blocked for Oil Test In Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette.
Lafayette, April 19.—Earl F. Fox is blocking 5,000 acres of land in Lafayette county preparatory to drilling an oil well. Drilling will start May 15. The location will be south of the Coleman No. 1. Mr. Fox was driller of the Bradley oil field, 23 miles south of Lewisville.

Drilling Progresses on Well Near Stamps.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, May 13.—Full time drilling is being carried on at the Johnson-Camp test well, five and a half miles northeast of Stamps on the Camp farm, which is being drilled by Douglas Lown and Edward Erickson of Texarkana, Smackover and El Dorado, and associates. The casings were set in December, but drilling did not start until a few weeks ago. Workers have reached approximately 850 feet.

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Test Well Near Stamps 2,400-Foot Stage.

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Stamps, Aug. 11.—The Bodcaw No. 1 test well for gas and oil, one mile south of here, reached a depth of 2,400 feet yesterday. Approximately 250 feet being drilled daily. Broken lime and rock formations have been reached. E. O. Olds, drilling contractor, plans to drill to 4,500 feet unless oil is struck sooner.

Bodcaw Well No. 1 Abandoned, New Test Started.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Oct. 13.—Since abandoning the Bodcaw test well No. 1 here 10 days ago at 3,804 feet because the drill stem became stuck, E. O. Olds, contractor for Benedum-Trees oil operations in this territory, reported that a depth of 2,542 feet had been reached in the second well which is approximately a fourth mile from the abandoned hole.

Olds said that workmen were not drilling more than 200 feet a day. They are making many core tests. They now are drilling through oil sand, shale and heavy formations of gumbo, and approximately 20 core tests per day are being made.

Both wells are owned by Benedum & Trees, pioneer gas and oil promoters of Pittsburgh, with E. O. Olds of Texarkana in charge. Clyde Olds of Camden, assisted by W. B. Whitley and Emmett Davis, both of east Texas, are drillers.

Well Near Stamps Abandoned At Depth of 5,035 Feet.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 9.—Bodcaw Well No. 1, about one and one-half miles south of Stamps, was abandoned Friday at 5,035 feet. A. C. McNeil, contractor and owner of the rig used in the drilling, said that the rig would be torn down tomorrow and stored near the city limits until another location is made in this area.

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Location Made for Oil Test At Stamps.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Dec. 3.—Acreage has been blocked and the location for the Bodcaw No. 3 test well has been made, Andrew V. Ervin, oil and gas promoter, announced. The location is one-half mile south of Stamps, and is 900 feet northeast of the Bodcaw No. 1, which was drilled last year, with a fair showing of oil, but not enough for a producer.

The well will be spudded in about December 15 and drilling will be carried to approximately 8,000 feet, if a fair pay sand is not struck before. W. B. Hinton of Houston, has the drilling contract.

The location was made by Thomas J. Leach, well known geologist, who believes that this location will hit the 1 pool which geologists say underlies a portion of the Stamps-Bodcaw area, and which is in line with the Rodessa oil field.

Bodcaw Deep Oil Test May Be Plugged Back

Stamps.—With drilling continuing on the Bodcaw No. 3 wildcat here by Ervin and Leach on Bodcaw Lumber Company property, one mile south of the city, a depth of approximately 7,600 feet has been reached. The well will be drilled to a contract depth of 8,000 feet the deepest and most thorough test that has ever been made in this area.

Andrew V. Ervin, promoter who blocked the acreage, stated that if nothing "turned up" before the contract depth of 8,000 feet is reached that in all probability efforts will be made to make a producer at 3,480 feet by blowing the casings at that depth and running pipes.

At 3,460 feet a saturated core show 20 feet of oil but promoters hoped to find a bigger pay sand and for that reason a contract was let to drill to 7,500 feet. Last week another contract extended the depth to 8,000 feet. Approximately 90 feet is drilled away every 24 hours by the three crews. Workmen report that they are drilling so deep now that the cold water which is constantly pumped into the well does not sufficiently cool the drilling tools.

Final Test Planned of Deep Well in Lafayette

Stamps.—An immediate test is planned of Ervin and Leach's Bodcaw No. 3 well, in section 20-16-3, Lafayette county wildcat, one mile south of Stamps. This will be the final test. The well is the deepest ever to have been drilled in Arkansas and is 8,000 feet. The Ohio Oil Company financed the last thousand feet of operations.

Andrew Ervin plans to test the 20 feet of saturated lime cored at 3,468 feet. Workmen had already begun to dismantle the 122-foot steel rig when they were halted late Thursday by Ervin upon his return to the city. He notified the Ohio Oil Company that he was not yet through testing the well.

Ervin, who blocked the acreage here and holds a one-third interest in the well, reported that he had not been notified that the rig was being torn down. Earlier tests on the present well were of no avail and only salt water at around 8,000 feet developed.

The showing found at the shallow depth was coming from the upper part of the lower Glen Rise. This formation produced at Rodessa, La.

Drilling for Oil Begins In Lafayette County

Lewisville.—The Nivla Oil Corporation began drilling Monday on its contemplated 6,000-foot deep test five miles northwest of Lewisville, in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 19-15-24w, on land belonging to the DeLay heirs of Creston, Iowa. The test will be watched with much interest. Owners of the well have a nice block of acreage ranging in price from \$5 to \$12.50 per acre all taken upon commercial lease contracts. Lee J. Timberlake, with temporary offices in Texarkana, is in charge of the project.

8,000-Foot Test Is Planned Near Stamps

Stamps.—Preparations are under way here by J. K. Wadley of Shreveport and Andrew E. Erwin of Tulsa, Okla., pioneer gas and oil men, to drill a test to an approximate depth of 8,000 feet, if pay sand is not found before that depth is reached. The well has been announced for township 16 of La Fayette county, south of Stamps, range 23 west, and it probably will be within a radius of one or one and one-half miles of Stamps, and near two other wells which were abandoned here last year by Benedum and Trees of Pittsburgh, Penn. Spudding in of this well, deepest ever planned for this area, is expected to be under way within a few weeks. A giant all-steel rig, the largest ever to be assembled on a location in this county, is to be moved into Stamps soon. There is some probability that Harry Morgan of Shreveport will be the drilling contractor for the well here, although no definite announcement has been made.

Last year fair showings of oil were found in both test wells drilled on the Bodcaw Lumber Company property but not in sufficient quantities to make a big producer. Geologists claim that an oil pool underlies the slip in the earth's formation which runs south from Stamps, near the course of the Bodcaw lake and in direct line with large oil fields farther south.

Deep Test Well to Be Drilled Lafayette County.

Special to the Gazette.
Stamps, Aug. 3.—J. K. Wadley of Shreveport and Andrew E. Erwin of Tulsa, Okla., have announced plans to drill a deep test well to 7,000 or 8,000 feet on a block of approximately 6,000 acres, south of Stamps, in Lafayette county, on which they drilled a 5,000-foot test several months ago. With the completion of the blocking of acreage here this week, spudding in of the deep test wildcat well is expected to get under way soon.

NEW LIMESTONE MILL PRODUCING FARM 'VITAMIN'

Black Rock Plant Has Good Market.

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Black Rock, Nov. 25.—The Lawrence County Limestone Company, headed by W. E. Verkler of Black Rock, has placed a limestone plant in operation near here for the manufacturing of ground limestone for agricultural purposes. This product is used on soils deficient in lime which have a sour tendency. Ground limestone improves the nature of sour soils so they will produce alfalfa and other crops more successfully.

The plant now is running full time and furnishing this product to farmers all over this section.

Located on U. S. Highway Near Black Rock.

The plant is located about three miles north of Black Rock, on U. S. Highway 63, which makes it accessible to trucks. The mechanical equipment consists of a large hammer mill with a daily capacity of 30 tons, in which the limestone is pulverized, and a 40-horsepower steam engine which pulls it. Wood bought from farmers here is used as fuel under the boilers.

The quarry which supplies the plant with its raw material is located at the rear of the plant. After the stone is shot down, it is moved in tram cars, pulled with a steam cable hoist to the bins, and from the bins it goes by gravity into the mill.

Fine Grade of Burned Lime Also Produced.

The limestone used in the manufacture of the company's product is a fine grade stone, especially adapted to agricultural purposes. It also makes a fine grade of burned lime for use in construction. Many years ago a lime kiln was operated there and the remains are still in evidence. Many houses in Lawrence county were built with lime from this plant.

Mr. Verkler said the company had been able to sell all the ground limestone it could manufacture since it put the plant in operation.

Smackover Wildcat Watched

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Special to the Gazette.

El Dorado, Nov. 25.—While oil activity in Union county lagged this week, operators continued to watch the Cameron No. 1 of the Barnsdall Oil Company in Section 36-19-17, near Junction City on the Arkansas-Louisiana line.

The Cameron, a rank wildcat, is drilling at 3,400 feet after testing at more shallow levels early in the week. Operators already have set 10 3-4 inch casing and have run a Schlumberger test at 2,132 feet in the top of the Nacotosh sand.

Seismograph reports show several good highs in the Cameron vicinity. A successful completion probably would result in considerable drilling in that area.

Directly east of El Dorado in Section 21-17-14, Frank Anthony is drilling at about 2,000 feet on his Jerry No. 1, an offset to the Jerry tests drilled last summer in the same section by Sam Sifersky. The test is expected to be tested early next week.

The R. B. Axum No. 1 test in Section 31-17-13 near Lawson was reported coring this week-end at about 2,500 feet, but results were not announced. Edgar Johnston and others are drilling the well, which is adjacent to the Hill well of the Lion and the Delta's Bull test.

Operators of the Delta's Bull No. 1 are expected to start pumping operations this week-end, following installation of standard rig. Located in Section 6-18-13, the test has shown a little oil. Operators decided to start pumping after the Lion Oil Refining Company encountered success in pumping its Hill No. 1 in the same section.

E. G. Bradham, driller of the H. C. McKinney No. A-4 in Section 30-17-16, west of here, also is installing standard rig to start pumping. The McKinney is bottomed at 2,167.

Smackover Location Ade.

In Ouachita county, Smackover field, Sherry O'Brian has made location for the Cook Estate No. 2 in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27-15-18 and is preparing to drill. The well offsets the Cook estate No. 1, which was completed as a good gasser several weeks ago.

In the Shuler field, the Lion still has nine joints of drill stem to fish from its Morgan B-7 test in Section 18-18-17. Operators said they hoped to start work toward completion of the test in the Morgan sand at about 5,700 feet by next week. Operations have been delayed three weeks because of the drill stem trouble. Operators were forced to fish and cut several thousand feet of the stem from the test.

The Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission this week urged all Smackover field operators to check their leases for waste oil flow in order to check pollution of the Ouachita river. Waste oil has flowed into the river in several places and the commission believes that failure of some operators to dispose fully of waste in pits caused the pollution. Commission officials said that co-operation of Smackover operators in the past few months had cut pollution considerably in the Ouachita river and Smackover creek vicinity.

Six Drill Permits Issued.

Six permits to drill were issued this week by the commission. They went to:

Ouachita-Union Oil Corporation, to drill the Ramsey Estate No. 1, 330 feet south and west of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 26-17-14, Union county.

Edgar C. Johnston et al. to drill the Axum No. 1, 330 feet north, 250 feet east of the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31-17-13, Union county.

Benedum-Trees, to drill the Mary Jackson No. 3, 150 feet south, 330 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9-14-20, Nevada county.

Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, to drill the W. F. Merritt et al. Unit B-1, in Section 16-17-20, Columbia county.

G. H. Vaughn and L. A. Longino, to drill the Longino & Jones No. 1, in the center of 40 acres, comprised of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21-17-20 and the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22-17-20. Arkansas Fuel Oil Company to drill the Willie King B-2, in the center of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21-17-20, Columbia county.