New Limestone Mill Producing Farm 'Vitamin'

Black Rock Plant Has Good Market.

Black Rock, Nov. 25.—The Lawrence County Limestone Company, headed by W. E. Verkerk 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 poor tene- dency. Ground limestone improves the nature of such soils so that they will produce alfalfa and other crops more successfully.

The plant now is running full time and furnishing this product to farmers all over the 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 equipment consists of a large hammer mill with a daily capacity of 30 tons, in which the limestone is pulverized, and a 50-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 brought in, it is crushed in a ball mill, pulled with a steam cable belt 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 products 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 here and the remains are still in evidence. Many houses in Lawrence county were built with lime from this plant.

Mr. Verkerk said the company had been able to sell all the ground limes- tone it could manufacture since it put the plant in operation.

Smackover Wildcat Watched

El Dorado, Nov. 25.—White oil activity in Union county laged this week. Operators continued to watch the Cameron No. 1 of the Barndall Oil Company in Section 18-17, near Junction City on the Arkansas-Louisiana line.

The Cameron, a rank wildcat, is drilling at 3,400 feet after testing at 3,300 shallow levels early in the week. Operations already have set 10 3-4 inch casing and have run a Schlumberger test at 2,273 feet in the top of the Madison sand.

Telegraph reports show several additional locations in the Cameron vicinity. A successful completion probably would result in considerable drilling in that area.

Directly south of El Dorado in Section 21-17-14, Paron Anthony is drilling at about 2,400 feet on his Jerry No. 1, an offset to the Jerry test drilled last summer in the same section by Dean although. The test is expected to be tested early next week.

The R. B. Axon No. 1 test in Section 31-17-13 near Lavon was reported ceasing this week-end at about 3,000 feet, but results were not announced. Edgar Johnson and others are drilling the well, which is a line- ment to the slim well of the Lipog and the Delta's drill test.

Operations of the Delta's Bull No. 1 are expected to start pumping opera- tions this week-end following in- stallation of standard rig. Located in Section 31-17-13, the test has shown a little oil. Operators decided to start pumping after the Lion Oil Refining Company encountered success in running its Bull No. 1 in the same section.
TO DRILL FOR OIL.
Special to the Gazette.
Walmart Ridge, Aug. 26.—Mr. Haw-
kins, experienced oil prospector and
driller from Illinois, is in Poinsettia
today negotiating with local people in
an effort to secure a contract to
drill for oil in Randolph county. The
local business men are organizing a
company and will probably drill for
oil in some suitable place to be
selected later on the same basis as
the contract with Old River Oil and
Gas Company at Walmart Ridge.

LOCATION IS SELECTED.
Special to the Gazette.
Walmart Ridge, Aug. 29.—The location
for the first test well of the Old
River Oil & Gas Company has been
selected and is in the SE 1/4 of the
SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 15,
North, Range 1 East, about a quarter
of a mile north of the Holland store
at Masson on the Poinsettia road.
The work of the erection of a
derrick has begun and it will be ready
in a week. At the last meeting of
the Board of Directors, James E.
Sterns resigned as secretary. He said
he would have to devote his entire
time to his law practice.

TO "SPUD IN" SEPT. 8
Old River Oil and Gas Company Is
Preparing to Drill.
Special to the Gazette.
Walmart Ridge, Aug. 30.—| The Old
River Oil & Gas Company will
"spud in" Holland No. 1 September
8. It is on the southwest one-fourth
of the southwest one-fourth section
15, Township 15, north, Range 1 East,
about 60 yards west of the road be-
tween Walnut Ridge and Poinsettia.
The company is capitalized at $355,
000 and has 12,500 acres of leases in
Randolph and Lawrence counties.
Stock is being sold at $10 a share per
value, no premium fees or com-
missions being allowed to any stock
agents. All money paid in will be used
in the actual drilling of test wells.
The derrick is under construction
by Mr. Miller of Little Rock, a
well known rig builder, and will be
completed by August 31. Machinery
and casing is on the ground. This
well will be drilled with one of the
heaviest standard rigs now in use, and
will be drilled to a depth of 3,000 feet,
unless oil or gas is found at a lesser
depth.

CROWD AT SPUDDING IN
More Than 200 Witness Start of
Test Near Walmart Ridge.

Special to the Gazette.
Walmart Ridge, Sept. 8.—Spudding
in of Holland well No. 1 today at-
tracted the largest crowd in the his-
tory of this section. The well is lo-
eated at Masson on the farm of W.
J. Holland. The derrick was com-
pleted Thursday, speeches were made
by Ben. W. A. Jackson, H. L. Ponder
and others, after which the drilling
was started about 8 o'clock. The
crowd was estimated at 2,000 and
after the celebration automobiles
were crowded on the road ad-
painting the well so that it was dif-
ficult for any of them to get out. The
cherokees had concessions on the
ground serving lunches and drinks.
Automobiles also made round trips
from thecompanies park, charging
$1, which proceeds went to the
cherokees.

It is expected to complete the well
in 90 days and if oil or gas is found
several more wells will be drilled.
The company has 12,500 acres of
leases and is capitalized at $355,000.

WELL IS DOWN 200 FEET.
Walmart Ridge, Nov. 4.—Holland
No 1 well, being drilled near Man-
son is down 200 feet. Much diffi-
cultly has been experienced. The last
100 feet were drilled through solid
rock, and drillers expect little trou-
ble and hope to drill 3,000 feet by
January.

DRILLING AT NOLAND.
Special to the Gazette.
Walmart Ridge, Nov. 11.—Residents
of Walmart Ridge, Lawrence and Ran-
don counties are elated over the
progress at Holland No. 1 well, which
is being drilled at Nolane. It was
reported by E. B. Cooper, an offi-
cer of the company, that the drilling
has reached a depth of 225 feet.

Drilling Rig for Oil Test Near
Hoxie Received.

Special to the Gazette.
Hoxie, Nov. 18.—The Marquette De-
velopment Company of Los Angeles,
Cal., which has a large acreage under
lease contract for oil drilling, received
its drilling rig yesterday. It is re-
ported that the drill will be located
one and a half miles northwest of
Hoxie.