

### Much Oil Drilling Activity In Vicinity of Ashdown.

Special to the Gazette.

7-16-38

Ashdown, July 15.—Oil drilling equipment and steel derricks are being moved here from Dallas, Tex., by Jack Patterson of Oklahoma City, and drilling will be started on a well two miles north of Ashdown at once.

D. L. Herzer plans to have all leases finished and drilling started near Waldrip on a gas well next week. Arrival of the operators from Wichita, Kan., is awaited.

Mallett Clark plans to start drilling in the northwest part of the county near the Little River Country Club immediately.

The Joe Strahan well has been shut down due to lack of water, but is expected to resume drilling soon after water lines have been laid.

### Drilling Started on Oil-Gas Test Well Near Foreman.

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Ashdown, Oct. 1.—Drilling of a test well for oil has been started on the W. D. Waldrop farm, seven miles east of Freeman. Fred U. Smith and Mike Herzer are owners of the well. Carey & Norbury, drilling contractors, have a contract to drill to 3,500 feet unless oil or gas is found at a shallower depth. The contractors are using a Diesel oil engine.

Another test well will be drilled in Little River county on the completion of the Waldrop test. The derrick has been installed between Wilton and Ashdown.

### Drilling Resumed on Oil Well West of Ashdown.

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Ashdown, Oct. 7.—Drilling has been resumed on the Smith-Herzer-Waldrop No. 1 well, 11 miles west of Ashdown. The well was shut down at 1,304 feet to straighten out leases. Drilling will be continued day and night by shifts of five men until the well is completed.

Cary and Norbury of Tyler, Tex., have the contracts for the well, with Robert Casby in charge of the drilling. Gas sands already have been penetrated at 850 and 1,060 feet.

A modern Diesel rig, the first of its kind used in Little River county, is being used. The drillers expect to core into sands soon that carried gas and oil in the Grote well, and completion of the well is expected within two weeks at 3,500 feet, unless oil or gas is encountered sooner.

F. C. Wood, state geologist of Oklahoma has checked the well, and Loyd Farr of Denver, Col., now is checking it. Both reported it checked favorably.

In Little River county, Herzer & Smith's Waldrop No. 1, section 4-13-31, was waiting orders at 3,446 feet after running electrical survey. The hole may be deepened to Permian lime, due to be picked up within the next 500 feet. In Mississippi county, Benedum & Trees' Mack No. 1, section 3-15-12, drilled ahead below 3,085 feet. 11-13-38

### New Derrick for Waldrop Oil Test Near Ashdown.

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11-19-38

Ashdown, Nov. 18.—A new derrick has been ordered for the Waldrop oil well being drilled by Herzer & Smith near here, which has reached 3,400 feet. The larger machine, which will replace the derrick now being dismantled, will enable the operators to reach the contract depth of 3,500 feet, unless granite is struck. Although a test at the present depth was unfavorable, operators said they still had sufficient assurance to justify the expense of installing the new equipment.

### Wood Derrick Erected; Waldrop Well to Be Deepened.

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Ashdown, Jan. 21.—Drilling will be resumed soon by Herzer and Smith on the Waldrop well. Drilling was stopped when the test reached 3,400 feet and the derrick was unable to go down farther. Operators are erecting a wood derrick 125 feet high, and the test will be taken to 4,500 feet. Gas showing already been made.

The Joe Strahan well, which has reached 3,000 feet, will resume operations soon and will be drilled to 3,500 feet. This well is five miles east of Ashdown.

The Cobb-Sanderson well, which has reached 1,825 feet, will resume operations within the next few days, operators said.

A fourth well, located between Ashdown and Wilton, will be drilled soon. A slush pit has been completed, and a 94-foot steel derrick is being erected.

### Showing of Oil Reported in Well Near Horatio.

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5-20-39

Horatio, May 20.—Developments were being watched closely at the Clarke-Melet test well, five miles southwest of here, in Little River county, today as bailing and swabbing operations were continued. Casing was set at 1,600 feet, and since the plug was drilled there has been considerable showing of oil, it was reported. The well will be pumped clear of water tomorrow. If the well does not come in it will be drilled to 2,000 feet if necessary. R. A. McArthur and associates spud'ed in a test eight miles west of Horatio, in Sevier county, this week, and are awaiting a supply of fuel oil and casing.

### Drilling Resumed on Test in Little River County.

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1-18-42

Ashdown, Jan. 17.—The Ada Mills No. 1 oil test being made one mile south of Winton along Highway 71 has resumed drilling after having been closed down since the Christmas holidays because of freezing weather. The well is down to 3,400 feet. Completion of the 4,500-foot test is expected soon.

Should this test fail to produce, arrangements are being completed to pick up the hole at 4,500 feet with a large drilling rig and make a deep test. Several leading oil men of Dallas, Tex., including G. H. Vaughan, are interested in a deep test for this section of Little River county.

A crew from the Petty Geophysical Engineering Company of San Antonio, Tex., is making a seismograph survey for oil in Little River county. There are 14 men in the crew.

### Another Oil Test in Little River County.

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4-8-42

Ashdown, April 7.—Another oil test well is being drilled in Little River county, on a tract of the Tootle lands, on the Waldrop lateral in the southeast of the northeast of section 8-13-31. Surface casing has been set and a 95-foot steel derrick erected. The well is promoted by William S. King of Texarkana and will be known as King No. 1. Joe Strahan is drilling contractor.

### Wildcat Oil Test Drilling in Little River County.

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6-12-43

De Queen, June 11.—Drilling operations were started at the Ripply oil test in Little River county this week and drilling was around 1,800 feet yesterday, J. F. Ripply of Whittier, Cal., said.

Mr. Ripply opened up a hole sunk by Malett and associates about two

years ago and abandoned at about 1,700 feet. The new operator said he had leased 7,000 acres in the vicinity.

The well is located about six miles southwest of Horatio, near the Little River Country Club, and 15 miles south of De Queen. Joseph Guthrie of Tulsa, Okla., is the driller.

## BONUS FOR OIL WELL

Ashdown Chamber of Commerce Stimulates Drilling.

Special to the Gazette. *8-22-21*  
Ashdown, Aug. 21.—A bonus of \$15,000 has been offered the drilling crew that brings in the first 100-barrel well in a radius of 10 miles of Ashdown. This bonus was raised by the Chamber of Commerce and is to be apportioned by a committee appointed by it. It applies to the following wells now drilling: Hale No. 1, Steel No. 1, Grote No. 1 and the Brokshire well. Two of these wells, Hale No. 1 and the Brokshire well, are down 1,200 feet and Steel No. 1 is down almost 1,000 feet. The Chamber of Commerce agrees that one-half of this amount will be paid to the crew bringing in the first well of like proportions anywhere in the county.

### DRILLING HAS STOPPED.

Special to the Gazette. *1921*  
Ashdown, Aug. 25.—Drilling at Steele well No. 1 of the Red River Valley Oil and Gas Leasing Company has temporarily ceased awaiting the arrival of casing. This well was started with 15 1-2-inch casing and 12 1-2 was set at 235 feet. The well is 840 feet and it was at first planned to set 10-inch at this depth, but to make the very best test possible it was decided to go on with the 12 1-2-inch. A thousand feet of 12 1-2 casing was ordered. A California rig is being used with a day and night shift. People are very optimistic as to this test. The well is located four miles south of Ashdown in 29-13-29.

### REPORTS OIL SHOWING

Driller Near Ashdown Is Rat-Holing Through Lime Rock.

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Ashdown, Aug. 25.—Excitement prevailed on the streets Tuesday following the announcement that there was a showing at the Hale No. 1 well, being drilled by the Roberts Oil Corporation in 22-13-29, two miles east of Ashdown. The showing was found at 1,367 feet in broken lime rock with a little sand showing. A small showing of both gas and oil was found. The showing is not sufficient for a test, but the driller is rat-holing through the lime rock, and if indications are favorable will make a test when he goes through this.

## GAS FRANCHISE AT ASHDOWN GRANTED

Public Utilities Corporation Is Given 90 Days to File Acceptance.

Special to the Gazette. *12/24/28*  
Ashdown, Dec. 21.—The Ashdown City Council granted to the Public Utilities Corporation of Arkansas, a franchise to furnish Ashdown with a supply of natural gas. The company was given 90 days from the passing of the franchise ordinance to file its acceptance and it is stipulated that operations for the construction and laying of the pipe lines and other work necessary for carrying out the franchise must be begun and prosecuted with due diligence within a year of this date.

S. A. McCune, representing the company, advised the council that the company expected to complete the line as soon as possible and that it was planned to be ready for service here before the beginning of another winter.

*402* Little River County. *12-28-26*  
In Little River county, Joe G. Strahan has started drilling operations on a wildcat test in section 21-12-28. The test is the Dierks Lumber and Coal Company No. 1 and is located in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the section. Operations have been started, but the depth could not be learned.

### Drilling on Oil Test in Little River Resumed

Ashdown—After a delay, drilling has begun again at the Strahan oil test in the southwest quarter of southeast quarter section 21, township 12, range 28, about eight miles east of Ashdown. The well has the first steel derrick ever to be used in Little River county. It is reported that the well is now down about 700 feet.

M. E. Sanderson has erected a derrick in the northwest quarter of section 6, township 13, range 30, and it is said that drilling will be resumed on or about January 15. The well is now down about 160 feet. The leasing and blocking of oil acreage in Little River county is quiet at present.