Much Oil Drilling Activity In Vicinity of Ashdown.

Special to the Gazette.

Ashdown, July 14.—Oil well drilling and cementing and steel derrick are being moved here from Dallas, Tex., by J. P. Petron, son of Oklahoma oil man, and drilling will be started on a well two miles north of Ashdown at once.

D. L. Herriot places to have all leases financed and drilling started near Waldrop on a gas well next week. Arrangements are being made with operators from Wichita, Kan., to advance.

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

The Joe Shorab 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.

Special to the Gazette. 7-16-39

Ashdown, Oct. 1.—Drilling of a test well for oil has been started on the W. J. Waldrop farm, seven miles east of Foreman. Fred U. Smith and Mike Herriot are the 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 Dinos 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. 1.—Drilling has been resumed on the Smith-Herriot-Waldrop No. 1 well, 11 miles west of Ashdown. The well was shut down at 1,084 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, Tex., have the contract for the well, with Robert Cady as charge of the drilling. Oil wells already have been penetrated at both 1,084 and 1,200 feet.

A modern设计的井, the first of its kind in Little River county, is being used. The drillers expect to come into sands soon that carried gas and oil into the Goods well, and completion on the well is expected within two weeks at 3,200 feet, unless oil or gas is encountered sooner.

P. L. Wood, state geologist of Okla., has checked the well, and R. E. Peck, of Denver, Col., is checking it. Both reported it checked favorably.

In Little River county, Herriot & Smith's Waldrop No. 1, section 4T, T25N, 21W, was waiting orders at 3,400 feet after running electrical survey. The hole may be deepened to Permian lime, due to be picked up within the next 300 feet.

In McCurtain county, Benjamin R. Jones' Waldrop No. 1, section 11T, T25N, 21W, drilled ahead below 2,250 feet.

New Derrick for Waldrop Oil Test Near Ashdown.

Special to the Gazette. 7-19-39

Ashdown, Nov. 18.—A new derrick has been ordered for the Waldrop oil well being drilled by Herriot & Smith near here, which has reached 2,100 feet.

The larger machine, which will replace the derrick now being dismantled, will enable the operators to reach the contract depth of 2,200 feet, unless grading is too much. Although the test at the present depth was unfavorable, operators said they had made sufficient efforts to justify the expense of installing the new equipment.

Wood Derrick Erected; Waldrop Well to Be Deepened.

Special to the Gazette. 7-22-39

Ashdown, Jan. 21.—Drilling will be resumed soon by Herriot and Smith on the Waldrop well. Drilling was stopped when the test reached 2,100 feet and the derrick was unable to go down faster. Operators are erecting a wood derrick 125 feet high, and the test will be taken to 2,200 feet. Gas showing already had been made.

The Joe Shorab well, which has reached 2,000 feet, will resume operations soon and will be drilled to 2,300 feet. This well is five miles east of Ashdown.

The Colby-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 shunt pit has been completed, and a 94-foot slant derrick is being erected.

Showing of Oil Reported in Well Near Horror.

Special to the Gazette. 5-30-39

Hororia, May 29.—Development was being watched closely at the Capps-Leat test well. Five miles southwest of here, in Little River county, today as hauling and swabbing operations were continued. Casing was cut at 1,600 feet and since then the well has been considerable shoving of oil as it was reported. The well will be pumped to tear water. If it does not come in it will be drilled to 2,000 feet if necessary. R. A. McArthur and associates opened in a last eight miles west of 'hororia in the eastern county, this week, and are installing a supply of fuel oil and casing.

Drilling Resumed on Test Well in Little River County.

Special to the Gazette. 1-15-39

Ashdown, Jan. 17.—The Ada Miles No. 1 oil test well, being made one mile south of Wilton along highway 11 has resumed drilling after having been closed down since the Christmas holidays for freezing weather. The well is down to 3,500 feet. Completion of the 4,900-foot test is expected soon.

Should this test fail to produce, the arrangements are being completed to pick up the hole at 4,900 feet with a larger 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 an electric-survey for oil in Little River county. There are 24 men in the crew.

Another Oil Test in Little River County.

Special to the Gazette. 4-8-42

Ashdown, April 7.—Another oil test well is being drilled in Little River county, on a tract of the Teagles land, on the Waldrop tract in the southeast of the northeast of section 25T. Surface casing has been set and a 50-foot steel derrick erected.

The well is promoted by William S. King of Tuscaloosa and will be known as the King No. 1. Joe Herriot is drilling the contracts.

Wildcat Oil Test Drilling in Little River County.

Special to the Gazette. 5-11-43

De Queen, June 11.—Drilling operations were started at the Rippee oil test in Little River county this week and drilling was around 1,000 feet. J. L. Rippee of Walter, Col., said. Mr. Rippee opened up a hole sunk by Maletti and associates about two years ago and abandoned at about 1,300 feet. The new operator said he had leased 7,000 acres in the vicinity.

The well is located about six miles southwest of Horroria, near the Little River Country Club, and 15 miles south of De Queen. Joseph Guthrie of Tulea, Okla., is the driller.
BONUS FOR OIL WELL

Ashdown Chamber of Commerce
Stimulates Drilling:

Recent at Ashdown, Aug. 23—A bonus of $15,000 has been offered the drilling crew that brings in the first oil 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 new drilling: Hale No. 1, Block No. 1, Troy No. 2, and the Brookshire well. Two of these wells, Hale No. 1 and the Brookshire well, are down 1,200 feet and Steel No. 1 is down almost 3,000 feet. The Chamber of Commerce agrees that one-half of this amount will be paid to the crew bringing in the first well of this proportion anywhere in the county.

DELLING HAS STOPPED

Recent in the Gazette.

Ashdown, Aug. 23—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-inch was set at 285 feet. The well is 650 feet and it was at first planned to set 10-inch at this depth, but when the very best tool seemed it was decided to go on with the 12 1/2-inch. A thousand feet of 12 1/2-inch casing was ordered. A California rig is being used with a day and night shift. People are very optimistic as to this well. The well is located four miles south of Ashdown in 29-15-32.

REPORTS OIL SHOWING

Driller Near Ashdown Is Bat-Setting Through Lime Rock.

Recent in the Gazette.

Ashdown, Aug. 23—Excitement prevails 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 29-15-32, 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 not holding 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.

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 to commence to file its application to operate for the issuance of the franchise and is stipulated that operation is limited to the construction and laying of the pipe lines and other work necessary for carrying on its business. The franchise must be begun and prosecuted with diligence within a year of this date.

A. A. McChesney, representing the company, assured the council that the company expected to commence operations as soon as possible and that it was planned to be ready for service here before the beginning of another winter.

In Little River County.

In Little River County, Joe C. Strahan has started drilling operations on a wildcat lease in section 21-15-23. The lease 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 not started, but the depth could not be readed.

Drilling on Oil Test in

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 best location in Little River county. It is reported that the well is now down about 500 feet.

M. B. Sanderson has erected a derrick in the northwest quarter of section 6, township 14, range 28, and it is said that drilling will be resumed on or about January 13. The well is now down about 100 feet.

The leasing and drilling of oil increase in Little River county is quiet at present.