To Push Work On Shallow Gas Well

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Peytonville, April 19. - Donald Trumbo, whose gas well near Benton, Madison county, blew in at the unusually shallow depth of 166 feet Monday, said today that the difficulty of connecting pipe to the well and preventing further development of the gas well located near the head of War Eagle river in the southeastern part of Madison county, about 40 miles southeast of Peytonville, which has recently started work on the mountain streams, which must be forced to reach the well, making it difficult to get pipe to the location. However, work is being expedited as much as possible Mr. Trumbo said that the production estimate of 20,000,000 cubic feet per day for all gas after approximately three years geological study of the area of the Boston mountains is in southern Madison county. The well is the No. 1 Oger, located in the center of the northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4, northeast 1/4, section 17, 143. Gas tapped at 166 Feet.

The structure is also on a pronounced magnetic dip high which makes its the first geophysical test in south Arkansas, Mr. Trumbo said. This geological information has been supplemented with extensive field work by geologists on the surface rocks of Pennsylvanian and Mississippian age. A shallow well drilled on the structure last spring for subsurface geological data next year at the unusually shallow depth of 166 feet, making a heavy flow of gas estimated at 20,000,000 cubic feet daily.

The gas was unexpectedly good and with no provisions having been made to protect a shallow gas deposit, it soon lowered itself to the ground from the adjacent War Eagle river, which heads on the hills to the west. In addition to the two structures at the War Eagle, there are also those of the White river and Kansas river, which flow into the river on the opposite bank.

Since December the producers have been acquiring oil and gas leases steadily until now approximately 13,000 acres are under lease. Title holders have been busy the past six months raising and straightening ties to what is principally wild mountain land, with many breaks in the title claims.

The well is located in the rugged mountains of the Boston mountains several miles from the nearest roads or highways. It is near the village of Benton, which has an elevation of 2,000 feet above sea level and believed for many years to be the highest point in the Ozarks.

Approach to Well Difficult.

The bringing in of heavy oil field equipment by the Garrett Drilling Company of Muskogee, Okla., has proved a difficult task. One of the approaches calls for feeding the War Eagle river seven times, while the other is over a steep, narrow mountain pass from Patigrow post office as an indication of the primitive character of the country, is delivered on horseback.

The present contract with land owners calls for touting strata of Mississippian, Devonian, Silurian and Ordovician geological ages, all of which produce oil and gas in nearby Oklahoma and Kansas and have yielded good showings so far in the few wells drilled in northern Arkansas. The last important test in the general area was the Carter Oil Company's, the Shell Petroleum Company and Donald Trumbo at Mountainburg, Crawford county, about 50 miles southeast of the new test.

Gravel Marking Course of Old River Channel Found.

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Peytonville, Oct. 18 - Gravel marking the course of an old river channel has been encountered at 50 feet by the Lion Oil Refining Company and Donald Trumbo in their exploratory test for oil. All 30 miles southeast of here in Madison county, Mr. Trumbo reported today.

A large diameter pipe is being set through the gravel bed so that drilling can proceed unimpeded. The well is near the highest point in the Boston mountains and is the first geophysical test to be drilled in north Arkansas.

Stratigraphic samples of cuttings from the bit have been sought eagerly by representatives of several of the major oil companies in Tulsa. Oil and gas royalty in land that previously went begging at $1 an acre has been bringing $5 and more an acre. The location is more than 300 miles from the oil fields in south Arkansas.
SETTING UP RIGS NEAR HUNTSVILLE

Aided in the work of getting ready to start drilling for oil in Madison county has been the drilling machine on the farm of J. D. Cogburn, located near Huntsville, Madison county. The machine, which was shipped from Muenster, Texas, arrived in Huntsville on Saturday, and the crew is already at work laying the necessary equipment for the drilling operation. It is expected that the well will be completed within a few weeks.

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Drilling Operations Will Begin Soon in Madison County.

SHEFFIELD, Aug. 21—The White Eagle Oil and Gas Company, which has leased 3,000 acres in surrounding counties for oil and gas exploration, is ready to begin drilling operations. The company has already purchased the necessary equipment and is preparing to commence operations soon. 

Tulsa Oil Interests Block Acreage in Madison County.

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Huntington, Jan. 26—Large oil interests of Tulsa Oil Company, headed by Fred. Moss of Tulsa, have been securing leases on a block of several thousand acres at the mouth of Bear Creek, near the Eufaula line. Several wells have been drilled in this area, and the company expects to begin operations soon.

Phillips Company to Spud In Madison County Test.

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Peytonville, Aug. 19—The Phillips Petroleum Company has begun drilling operations in Madison County, near the town of Thompson. The company has leased several thousand acres in the area and plans to complete several wells by the end of the year.

Strong Gas Flow in Craver Test Reported.

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Peytonville, Oct. 17—Drilling is being continued at the Phillips Petroleum Company well, situated on the west side of Thompson. The company has drilled a depth of 1,586 feet, and is now drilling a new test well nearby. The company plans to complete the new well in the near future.

Phillips Test in Madison County to Be Abandoned.

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