

20,000,000-Foot Gas Well In Madison County.

Special to the Gazette.
Fayetteville, April 16.—Donald Trumbo reported here today that a test well for gas he was drilling near Boston, Madison county, blew in unexpectedly at 164 feet yesterday and was out of control for several hours. The gas came from the base of the Pitkin lime considerably above any of the regular sands known to be present in the area.

The well is located 15 miles east of one drilled by Phillips Petroleum Company in 1929, and above 30 miles northeast of a well drilled in 1936 by Carter Oil Company, Shell Petroleum Company and Mr. Trumbo. The well is estimated by Mr. Trumbo as producing at the rate of 20,000,000 cubic feet daily, unusually high for such shallow depth.

To Push Work On Shallow Gas Well

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Fayetteville, April 19.—Donald Trumbo, whose gas well near Boston, Madison county, blew in at the unusually shallow depth of 164 feet Monday, said tonight that the difficulty of transporting pipe to the well had prevented further development. The well is located near the head of War Eagle river in the southeastern part of Madison county, about 40 miles southeast of Fayetteville.

Heavy rains recently have swollen the mountain streams, which must be forded 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 daily seemed fairly accurate, although the figure is unusually high for so shallow a depth. He said that gas was so unexpected at that level that drillers had no casing materials and the well was plugged with heavy mud.

Force of the flow was so great that the heavy boulders were hurled 100 feet in the air, Mr. Trumbo said. The usual production from a well of such a shallow depth is only a few thousand feet daily. Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, said the average depth of wells in the Tate's Island field at Russellville, the shallowest in the state, is 1,300 to 1,400 feet.

Madison County Gasser Is Unusual

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A gas well which was reported to have blown in near Boston, Madison county, Monday at 164 feet and to be producing at a rate of 20,000,000 cubic feet daily was termed "extraordinary" by Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, yesterday. "Production at that depth in such quantity is most unusual," Dr. Branner said.

The well, reported by Donald Trumbo, is located 15 miles east of one drilled by Phillips Petroleum Company in 1929 and 30 miles northeast of a well drilled in 1936 by the Carter Oil Company, the Shell Petroleum Company and Mr. Trumbo.

Dr. Branner said the usual production from a well of that depth was "a few thousand cubic feet daily." He said the average depth of wells in the Tate's Island field near Russellville, the shallowest in the state, is from 1,300 to 1,400 feet.

Dr. Branner said the nearest proven field to the new well was at Alma, Crawford county. The Dora field north of Fort Smith had a "few miner" producers, he said.

Dr. Branner has not inspected the Trumbo well.

MADISON COUNTY GAS WELL TO TEST CREW'S INGENUITY

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Fayetteville, Sept. 21.—The Lion Oil Refining Company and Donald Trumbo, Fayetteville oil and gas operator, announced today the location of an exploratory test well for oil and gas after approximately three years geological study of the crest of the Boston mountains in southern Madison county. The well is the No. 1 Ogden, located in the center of the northeast 1-4 of northeast 1-4 of northeast 1-4, section 17-14-25.

Gas Tapped at 164 Feet.

The structure is also on a pronounced magnetometer high, which makes it the first geophysical test in north 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 sub-surface geological data blew out at the unusually shallow depth of 164 feet, making a heavy flow of gas estimated at 20,000,000 cubic feet daily.

The gas came unexpectedly, and with no provisions having been made to protect a shallow gas horizon, it soon was drowned out by water from the adjacent War Eagle river, which heads on the anticline. In addition to the headwaters of the War Eagle, there are also those of the White river and Kings river, which likewise originate on the big anticline.

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

The well is located in the rugged fastness of the Boston mountains several miles from the nearest roads or highways. It is near the village of Boston, which has an elevation of 2,353 feet above sea level and was 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 two approaches calls for fording the War Eagle river seven times, while the other route is over a steep, narrow mountain pass from Pettigrew postoffice. As an indication of the primitive character of the country, mail is delivered on horseback.

The present contract with land owners calls for testing stratas 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 by the Carter Oil Company, the Shell Petroleum Company and Donald Trumbo at Mountainburg, Crawford county, about 30 miles southwest of the new test.

Gravel Marking Course of Old River Channel Found.

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Fayetteville, Oct. 10.—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 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.

Drillers in Madison County Strike Gas Flow.

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Fayetteville, Oct. 26.—Gas sand with an unusually high rock pressure and a flow of a million cubic feet of gas, struck at 230 feet today, encouraged operators drilling the Donald Trumbo-Lion Oil Refining Company test well in southeastern Madison county. The test had had two previous showings and it was believed located on a structure which might cover a drainage area of 100 square miles.

Geologists from several major oil companies were on the scene to take samples of the sand. Operators said the gas showing was the best of any test in the area, and that the well will be a complete test of lower sand structures.

SETTING UP RIG NEAR HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville, Aug. 29.—The actual work of getting ready to start drilling for oil in Madison county has begun. The drill already is on the ground and the derrick is being erected. The location of the proposed well is a few miles south of Huntsville, near Eudora. A company composed largely of citizens of the county is behind the enterprise, which insures a thorough test and a reliable report as to findings.

OIL COMPANY FORMED

Gazette 8-31-21
Plans to Make Test on War Eagle Creek, Near Pettigrew.

Special to the Gazette.
Pettigrew, Aug. 30.—The War Eagle Oil and Gas Company, just or-

ganized among local men at Witter, with W. S. Sterritt of Oklahoma City, Okla., also interested, and with a capital stock of \$30,000, has placed the drilling machinery on the farm of Neal Farmer, on the banks of War Eagle creek, about thirteen miles northwest of Pettigrew, and expects to be ready to spud in within a few weeks.

Geologists have surveyed the country along War Eagle creek north of Aurora, and on to the Carroll county line, and claim the structure is promising for oil and gas. There is a strong gas leakage in a water well on Mr. Farmer's farm, and when a lighted match is thrown into the well there follows a big explosion and flames shoot up 10 feet above the top of the well, it is said. This is the first wildcat well in Madison county. About 25 miles southeast of Pettigrew a wildcat well is being drilled, and is at a depth of 1,500 feet or more near Harmony in Johnson county.

WILL SINK TEST WELL

Witter Farmer and Others to Start Operations at Once.

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Special to The Gazette.
Huntsville, Aug. 31.—C. M. Farmer, a wealthy farmer and timber dealer of Witter, will immediately begin drilling for oil on his farm at Witter. The drilling machinery is on the ground. Several Oklahoma oil men of experience are financially interested in the enterprise, and Mr. Farmer so strongly believes that oil exists in that locality that he is willing to expend all his wealth to prove the accuracy of his belief.

The Cayce Petroleum Company has leased several thousand acres in the Whitener and Hindsville valleys in this county. It is reported that a test well will soon be drilled on the farm of Elmer Roberts, two miles south of Hindsville. Oil men have visited this county recently and say they found many favorable indications of oil.

HAS LEASED 8,000 ACRES

Drilling Operations Will Begin Soon in Madison County.

Special to the Gazette.
Huntsville, Nov. 11.—R. D. Cogson of Dallas, Tex., general promoter of the Conservative Oil and Gas Company, has secured leases on 8,000 acres in Madison county. Drilling will begin in a few weeks. It is reported that a test well will be drilled on the Hallam farm, three miles southwest of Huntsville. Several oil men from other states have examined this territory recently, and all express confidence in ultimate success of oil ventures. The War Eagle Oil and Gas Company, an organization composed of Madison county men, has been drilling for several weeks near Witter, and has found very favorable indications of oil.

OIL COMPANY REORGANIZED.

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Pettigrew, March 15.—The Conservative Oil and Gas Company, which spudded in a test well for oil four miles west of Huntsville, recently, has been reorganized and the name changed to the Madison County Oil and Gas Company. The new officers are: President, A. A. Staneart of Pittsburg, Kan.; vice president, L. M. Coger, Huntsville; secretary-treasurer, W. L. Combs, Huntsville; general manager, W. A. Chum-

ley, Dallas, Tex. The drilling had reached 200 feet when operations ceased and the new officers say operations will be resumed as soon as some machinery is repaired.

Oklahoma Company Will Drill for Oil in Madison County.

Special to the Gazette. 7-2-28
Huntsville, Sept. 1.—Fred G. Moser, representing strong Mid-Continent oil companies at Tulsa, is here this week securing leases on lands adjoining Brush Creek two miles on both sides from Buckeye to Mount Pleasant. Land owners are signing leases on the assurance of Mr. Moser that heavy drilling machinery will immediately be shipped in on completion of the signing of the block of leases.

A test hole will be sunk in four months from starting of drilling operations, and a drill of sufficient power will be used to put the hole below 4,000 feet if necessary.

Tulsa Oil Interests Block Acreage in Madison County.

Special to the Gazette. 1/27/29
Huntsville, Jan. 26.—Large oil interests of Tulsa Okla., headed by Fred Mosser of Tulsa, have been securing leases on a block of several thousand acres at the head of Brush Creek, between here and Fayetteville for several months.

Mr. Mosser expects to have a drill in the field by March 1, it was said, and the drill will be of capacity to put a hole 4,000 feet, if necessary. Several wells have been drilled in this territory in the last 10 years, but engineers have settled on the five-mile strip now under lease as the most favorable.

Plans Completed for Drilling Near Whitener.

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Whitener, Feb. 5.—Fred Mosser of Tulsa, representing Mid-Continent oil interests has had men working on a block of leases covering an area about six miles long and four miles wide, along Brush creek from Mount Pleasant to Langley. Mr. Mosser has just completed the preliminaries for drilling.

Saturday geologists working for Mosser, selected the site for the drill to set on the Walter Phillips place, about a quarter mile from the banks of Brush creek, and above the Buckeye schoolhouse about a mile and three quarters. The site is about two and one-half miles west of the old well drilled on Bohannan mountain several years ago.

Phillips Company to Spud In Madison County Test.

Special to the Gazette. 8/28/29
Fayetteville, Aug. 22.—The Phillips Petroleum Carver oil and gas test well at Thompson in Madison county will be spudded in Wednesday, the second test well to be drilled in this vicinity by a large company.

The well drilled recently by the Independent Gas and Oil Company of Tulsa was closed when red granite was struck at a depth of 1,285 feet. A considerable showing of gas was found at slightly more than 300 feet, and this company plans to drill several more shallow wells in the same neighborhood, 20 miles east of here, in an attempt to find gas in sufficient quantities for commercial use.

Strong Gas Flow in Craver Test Reported.

Special to the Gazette. 9/1/29
Fayetteville, Aug. 31.—A strong flow of gas at a depth of 90 feet was reported today from the Phillips Petroleum Craver Oil and gas test well being drilled near Thompson, Madison county. The well was spudded in August 27. T. N. Rumbaugh of Tulsa who was in charge of the Independent Oil and Gas Company's recent test well also is in charge of this test.

Phillips Test in Madison County to Be Abandoned.

Special to the Gazette. 10/18/29
Fayetteville, Oct. 17.—Drilling will be abandoned at the Phillips Petroleum Craver test well. Work has been underway for some time near Thompson in Madison county, about 25 miles east of here.

No showing of oil or gas has been found and the well has reached a depth of 1,366 feet, Superintendent Marshall of the project says. Mr. Marshall did not know whether or not the company plans to make further attempts in the section.