

operating contract was made, wherein the shallow sands were leased for development.

The new test will be drilled by Durbin Bond of Little Rock and Robert Milam of Smackover. It will be on the John Robinson tract in Section 6-15-18, a half-mile east of the Arkansas deep test. They will move a large rig onto the location within 10 days.

Lease activity in Ouachita county has been greater recently than at any other time during the last 10 years, due to the discovery of the Midway field. Should the shallow sands in the new Ogemaw test prove commercially productive, the well may be carried to the Lewisville lime.

Ogemaw Wildcat Test Held Up By Unfavorable Weather.

Special to the Gazette. 2-15-42
Camden, Feb. 14.—Delay in starting the Ogemaw wildcat test was experienced this week due to the boggy condition of the bottom land caused by recent rains. Machinery was not moved to the location until a day or two ago. Road conditions have improved in the past few days and actual operations are expected to get under way by February 20, Jack Carnes, oil operator, said. This is the Durbin Bond test well.

Robert Milam, drilling contractor, obtained a permit for this test a few days ago, and since then lease and royalty activity has been accelerated.

Spurt in drilling activity in Ouachita county is due to the results of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Co. test which sought a shallow sand a few months ago. This company is reported to have cored 11 feet of rich oil sand in the Tokio formation at 2,300 feet. The Arkansas Oil Co. test was a lime test and was drilled before the Lewisville lime field was discovered. It is reported that additional Lewisville lime tests will be drilled in this section soon.

Bond is a new operator in the South Arkansas area. However, he has holdings in Texas and Louisiana and drilled the discovery well in Jack county, Tex., several years ago. This area is now producing from three formations.

Oil men learned here today that Bond is assembling another block in South Arkansas, and plans to drill some deep lime tests. Many other operators are interested in this area since the Midway discovery well was brought in a few weeks ago.

New Test Due Soon In Ouachita County

Democrat 2-15-42
Camden—The Durbin Bond oil test, to be drilled in the Ogemaw area has been delayed the past few days owing to boggy condition to bottom land. However, within the last few days road conditions have improved and operations should be started by February 20.

Since Robert Milam, drilling contractor, was issued a permit to drill this well last week, trading in royalties and leases by south Arkansas operators has been quite extensive.

The interest in this location for shallow production is the result of the Arkansas Fuel Oil Company test, drilled several months ago, which is reported to have cored 11 feet of rich sand in the Tokio formation at 2,300 feet. However, the Arkansas Fuel Co. test was a Smackover lime test drilled before the Lewisville lime field was discovered, and it is rumored that additional Lewisville lime wells will be drilled in this territory within the near future.

Durbin Bond is a new operator in the South Arkansas field. His holdings in Texas and Louisiana are extensive and the discovery well in Jack County, Texas, was drilled by Bond several years ago, and the area is now producing from three formations.

It is reported that Bond is assembling another block in south Arkansas, and contemplating the drilling to deep lime tests.

Oil Activity Increases In Ouachita

Special to the Gazette. 3-6-42
Camden, March 5.—Oil activity in Ouachita county continues to pick up as good showings are being made in the southern part of the county. One Camden operator plans to drill soon in Sections 7 and 9, and several business men are interested in this part of the Smart field, near Stephens.

Five feet of saturated oil sand was found in the Hayes B. Ownby Company's J. F. Smart No. 1, in the

northwest of the northeast of Section 13-15-20, just across the line in Columbia county. The depth was 3,416 to 3,421 feet. This is the company's first test in this area, but other locations have been made and it expects to drill seven wells.

Well Former Producer.
This Ownby test connects the Smart field eastward to the Stratton-Bourgeois Westley No. 1, in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7-15-19, Ouachita county. The well came in during December as a good producer but experienced much trouble. It has been re-shot and now indicates a heavy producer, making clean oil free from water and may take top spot in production. This connection opens up a vast area for drilling activity.

Seismograph crews are working out of Camden making daily "shots" in various parts of Ouachita county.

Smart Field Active Despite Heavy Rains

Democrat 4-12-42
Stephens—Torrential rains that converted roads into slush pits greatly hampered oil activity in the Stephens area during the week.

Ownby-Turner-Kieth's D. E. Wilson No. 1, SW, NE, section 26-15-18, Ouachita County, seven miles east of Stephens, has been unable to get a rig on the ground but it is now indicated the test may spud in tomorrow.

In the Smart field, Grady Vaughan is reported moving in for the J. W. Smart No. 1, southwest corner of the SW, SE, section 11-15-20, Columbia County. This is a farmout from the Darby Petroleum Company of Tulsa.

Vaughan has another location waiting in the SE, SE, section 12-15-20. Ownby has one waiting in the SW, NW, of section 7-15-19, Ouachita County, east extension of the Smart field.

Ownby and Turner's J. W. Smart No. 1, NW, SE, section 12-15-20, Columbia County, was put on the pump the middle of the week and, although it had not been permitted to run at full capacity, was making the field allowable and is counted the best well of the Smart sector.

In the Mt. Holly sector, three tests set surface casing the latter part of the week and are now making progress. They are the Placid (H. L. Hunt) Oil Company's J. C. Moody No. 1, SE, SE, section 9-17-18; the W. T. Lewis No. 1, NW, NW, section 10-17-18; and Atlantic's C. L. Johnson No. 1, SW, NE, section 15-17-18, all in Union County. These are all deep lime tests scheduled for about 7,000 feet.

Stephens Area Oil Activity Increases.

Special to the Gazette. 4-24-42
Camden, April 23.—Renewed activity was reported in the Stephens oil field sector of Ouachita and Columbia counties today. The Smart field is holding attention of the oil fraternity. Grady Vaughan is drilling at 3,000 feet on his K. W. Smart No. 1, in the southwest of the southeast of Section 11-15-20. A producer would widen the field toward the north.

Crow Drilling Company has spudded in a well on the J. F. Smart tract in the northeast southeast of Section 12-15-20. It is near the Ouachita county line and would extend the field northeast into Ouachita county.

The Travis peak sand is being cored by Ownby-Turner-Keith in their Wilson No. 1. This well is at 3,400 feet. It is in Ouachita county, line and would extend the field northeast into Ouachita county.

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Mount Holly has three wells that are holding spotlight. They are Placid Oil Company's W. T. Lewis No. 1, in Section 10-17-18, down about 4,500 feet; the J. C. Moody No. 1, in Section 9-17-18, about the same depth and Atlantic's C. L. Johnson No. 1, in Section 15-17-18, around 6,000 feet.

Stephens reported an influx of oil scouts as new wells and locations are being reported. Lease and royalty activity again is high.

Stephens May Get New Producer This Week

Democrat 5-10-42
Stephens—Ownby and Turner's T. E. Boyce No. 1, SW, NW, section 7-15-19, Ouachita County, set surface casing Thursday night and is now drilling ahead. The well should be ready to test by the middle of the week.

Just over the line in Columbia County Grady Vaughan's J. F. Smart No. 1, SE, SE, section 12-15-20, is ready to set surface casing.

Crow's J. F. Smart, NE, SE, section 12-15-20, has been shut down for a week awaiting orders but is

now reported to be ready to set casing. This test, drilled to 3,700 feet, is said to have made a show of oil in several sands.

New Producer Completed In Stephens Area

Special to the Gazette. 5-21-42
Camden, May 20.—Another producer for the Stephens area of Ouachita county is assured with the bringing in of the Ownby & Turner Boyce No. 1, in section 7-15-19, four miles north of Stephens. This may be one of the best wells in this field. More than 650 feet of oil, free of water, was found in a 17-minute drill stem test at 3,446 feet.

Operators believe the well is good for 1,000 barrels a day. They said that more than 60 feet of rich oil sand had been found. The formations showed 48 feet higher than in the discovery well, and about 40 feet higher than in a previous well in this area. The other well is about a half mile southwest of the Boyce No. 1.

Casing has been set and operators plan a new test at once. The new offset will be in Columbia county, in section 12-15-20, southwest of the Boyce producer.

The field was extended a half mile northeast by the Boyce well, which means a new field of operation in Ouachita county. Lease and royalty activity in this new area is spurring.

1,000-Barrel Well Near Stephens

Special to the Gazette. 5-28-42
Camden, May 27.—Swabbing in of the Turner & Ownby T. E. Boyce No. 1 in the Stephens field was completed today and operators said the well is good for at least 1,000 barrels daily for the largest producer in this Ouachita county sector. They believe it will flow of its own accord after it has been cleaned out.

The well is four miles north of Stephens, in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 7-15-19, and opens up a new proven territory. It is the second producer in that area, and the leader of the Smart field which has gotten a big play the past few months.

The well was swabbed in at 3,446 feet after having been cored into the Travis peak sand several days ago. Allowable for this field is only 200 barrels a day.

There were 650 feet of oil in the pipe during drill stem test. The oil was free of water.

Business Starts Humming.
Because of this rich producer oil men are rushing to acquire royalties and leases in this area, and three new locations for wells have been made.

Oil men believe now that the main pool of the Smart field lies in Ouachita county. Heretofore most of the play has been on the southern edge of the county and in Columbia county.

Grady Vaughan has set casing in his J. F. Smart No. 1, in Section 12-15-20, Columbia county, a half-mile southwest of the Turner & Ownby well. Vaughan may drill in this well tomorrow.

To Seek Oil In New Area Of Ouachita

Special to the Gazette. 6-24-42
Camden, June 23.—Several Camden men plan to drill an oil test, in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of 6-15-19, Ouachita county, as a result of new producers found in that area in recent weeks. The group is said to consist of Henry L. Berg, Ben and Fred Laney, J. D. Reynolds, Dan Reynolds, M. L. Turner and J. F. Fraser.

The well will be spudded in Thursday, according to present plans. Ownby Drilling Co. has the contract. This test is about a half mile north and east of proven pro-

ducers in the Smart field. Last two producers in the Smart field indicate the trend is in this direction.

Site of the new well was bought from Gurvis W. Haltom.
Test Spudded In.
A well was spudded in the first of the week. It is the T. E. Boyce No. 1, in the southwest corner of the southeast of northwest, section 7-15-19, and is being sunk by Crow, Turner & Farrell. This is the second test on the Boyce tract and is below the 1,000-foot level. It is an east extension of the field.

The Southwood Oil Co., will make a test on the G. W. Taylor tract, in the southeast corner of the northeast of the northwest of section 12-15-20, Columbia county.

Democrat 6-7-43 Deep Test To Be Drilled

Camden—Location for a deep lime test in Ouachita County near Camden has been made by engineers and permit granted for the well on the Henry L. and Mike Berg land. The well is in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31-13-16, southeast of Camden. Drilling will start soon.

This block has been formed by Bill Turner, Camden and has been farmed out to the DeKalb Agricultural Association of Lubbock, Tex.

The test will be one half mile from the old well, known as the Mike Berg No. 1 drilled by Pat Marr in 1921.

New Smart Field Well Drilled In

Democrat 12-19-44
Stephens—Sam Gilardi's H. W. D. Westley No. 2 well in the NE, SW, SW, section 7-15-19, Ouachita County sector of the Smart oil field was drilled in from a total depth of 3,931 feet Saturday, and made a good show of oil through open hole. Casing was perforated again Sunday at 3,900 feet to increase production.

No gauge has been announced but the well is regarded good for the field allowable of 200 barrels or better. Nine different production sands were noted in the test.

Crow and O'Farrell's Henry Brown No. 1, NW, NW, NW, section 18-15-19, waiting on cement after setting production pipe.

The same firm's J. F. Smart B-2, NE, NE, NW, section 13-15-20, Columbia County sector, is waiting on a cable tool rig to drill in.

Other locations in the field waiting for drilling rigs are J. B. Warmack's J. R. Williams No. 1, SE, SE, NE, section 2-15-20; Haynes B. Ownby's J. W. Smart B-2, SE, NW, SE, section 12-15-20, and Ownby's J. W. Smart B-3, NE, NW, SE, section 12.

Twelve miles north of Stephens the Big West Drilling Co. spudded in the Pauline Medennal No. 1, NWC, section 1-14-20, Nevada County, and set surface casing Sunday night. This is to be a deep test and is just north of the Waterloo field.

O. F. Whitaker's Jack Carnes No. 1, NE, NE, NE, section 34-13-17, Ouachita County, a wildcat near Camden, is drilling near 1,500 feet.

Gazette 11-8-36

Ouachita County.
 Drilling operations on a test west of the Snow Hill sector of the Smackover oil field in Ouachita county has again brought a little attention to the deep sand production area in Ouachita county, where five wells are producing about 350 barrels of oil daily from the Permian lime formation.

Though nothing definite has been announced by any company as yet, it is rumored that "operators are not through at Snow Hill yet" and that further exploration of the "highs" located there in seismograph shooting tests are to be expected.

The new test west of the Snow Hill area is the McKenzie No. 2 of J. D. Reynolds, Camden operator. The well is located in the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 36-15-16 in Ouachita county. Surface casing has been set.

Gazette 11-15-36

Ouachita County.
 In Ouachita county west of the Snow Hill sector, J. D. Reynolds is drilling below surface casing in his Lenehan No. 2 test in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 36-15-16.

The Gulf Refining Company obtained permits to plug and abandon four tests in Ouachita county. They were the Ben Goodwin No. 8 located 2,440 feet south and 200 feet west of the center of section 32-15-15; the Ben Goodwin No. 12, located 1,200 feet east and 300 feet north of the southwest corner of section 32-15-15; the A. Meakins et al No. 6, located 660 feet south and 200 feet west of the northeast corner of section 29-15-16 and the S. L. Johnson No. 3, located 330 feet north and 330 feet west of the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of section 29-15-15, all in Ouachita county.

J. D. Reynolds obtained permit for the Lenehan No. 2, located 500 feet east and 150 feet south of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 36-15-16 in Ouachita county.

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The Ouachita county tests are the Edna Umsted "C" 13 located 2,315 feet north and 200 feet east of the Umsted No. 21 located 330 feet south and 200 feet east of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 33-15-15; the Sid Umsted "B" located 210 feet north and 210 feet east of the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 32-15-15 and the J. Goodwin "B" 9 located 510 feet north and 150 feet east of the southwest corner of lot three in the northwest quarter of section 5-16-15.

Gazette 12-6-36

Ouachita County.
 In the southwestern part of Ouachita county, J. D. Reynolds, Camden operator, is rigging up for a test to be drilled in the town of Stephens. The test will be the P. C. Grayson No. 2 and is located in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21-15-19.

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Permits Issued.
 Only two permits were issued this week by the state Conservation Department. Log of one well was also filed.

J. D. Reynolds of Camden obtained permit for the P. C. Garyson No. 2, located in lot four, block 11, of the town of Stephens in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21-15-19 in Ouachita county.

Burford & Company obtained permit to plug and abandon the Riley Kendrick No. 1 test 330 feet south and 330 feet east of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of Section 7-19-18, in Columbia county.

J. D. Reynolds of Camden filed log for the Lenehan No. 2 test located 500 feet east and 150 feet south of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36-15-16 in Ouachita county.

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C. M. Crotty obtained permit to plug and abandon the Myar estate No. 2 test located 300 feet east and 200 feet south of the northwest corner of the east half of the northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 32-15-16 in Ouachita county.

Drilling May Be Resumed At Snow Hill
Democrat 1-3-36
Indications Are Deep Field to Be Given Another Tryout.

El Dorado—Bright prospects for renewed activity in the Snow Hill sector of the Smackover field, in Ouachita county, appeared on the horizon at the outset of the new year in the El Dorado oil territory. At least one new test is reported assured for the Snow Hill area and it is understood that additional tests are planned by two companies.

The Lion Oil Refining Company is reported planning to drill a well in section 21-15-15. Materials for a derrick are reported being moved to the location. The new test is three-quarters of a mile northwest of the small oil producer and gasser completed by the company in the Permian lime formation at the 4,800-foot level. The Lion and the Phillips Petroleum Company, the latter the firm that drilled the first producer near Snow Hill, are reported to have made locations for several other tests.

Another development was the report that work will be resumed on a deep test in the Shuler area of west Union county. The well was drilled to below 4,000 feet by the Phillips Petroleum Company several months ago. It is reported that the Lion Oil Company is contemplating deepening of the Morgan tests, and it is believed likely that the well will be taken to a depth of 8,000 feet.

New activity also looms in the Urbana field to the southeast of El Dorado. One new test is being started and others are expected. Permit has been issued by the state conservation department to the McCreslenn Oil Company for a well in section 3-18-13.

Drilling Resumed in Snow Hill Area of Ouachita County.

Gazette 7-7-37
 Special to the Gazette.
 El Dorado, Jan. 6.—Activities have been resumed in the Snow Hill deep sand area of the Smackover field in Ouachita county with operations under way today on one old test and drilling expected to start soon on another.

The Phillips Petroleum Company this morning began rigging up on the E. Gette (Rose) No. 1 test in Section 28-15-15, for setting of casing at 4,920 feet. The test had been drilled to that depth early in 1936, but oil string of casing never was set. The test is located in the northeast corner of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 28-15-15.

The Lion Oil Refining Company is rigging up and is expected to start operations soon on the Blanche Levy No. 1 test in Section 21-15-15, also in the Snow Hill area. The test is located 660 feet north and 330 feet east of the southwest corner of the section.

The McCreslenn Oil Company is reported to have started operations on the Atkins No. 1 test in Section 3-18-13, in the Urbana field. The test is located in the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the section.

There are five producers of small amounts of oil and large amounts of gas in the Snow Hill sector from the Permian lime formation, and reports are that the Lion and Phillips companies plan to make extensive tests.

The Lion company also is planning to deepen an old test west of El Dorado drilled several months ago by the Phillips company. The Morgan test in the Shuler area was drilled to a depth of about 4,500 feet by the Phillips company, and the Lion is reported planning to take the test to a depth of approximately 7,500 or 8,000 feet in search of the Permian lime formation for completion of a producer.

Wildcat Test to Be Drilled West Of Camden.

Gazette 4-21-37
 Special to the Gazette.

Camden, April 20.—The derrick has been erected and drilling is expected to be started before May 1 on a wildcat test, 16 miles west of Camden, on the Joe McCree (Negro) lease. H. H. Taylor of Tulsa, Okla., discoverer of the Seminole (Okla.) field, has blocked the acreage and will sink the well.

The first test will be in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 21, in the Liberty community.

Casing Set in McCree No. 1 Deep Test in Ouachita.

Gazette 4-29-37
 Special to the Gazette.

Camden, April 28.—Surface casing was set yesterday in the Joe McCree No. 1 wildcat test, 14 miles west of Camden, by H. H. Taylor of Tulsa. This test, first in this Liberty area, is in section 21-13-19.

H. Stewart is drilling contractor for the test and contract calls for a deep test. Formations checked to date are running higher than any well drilled in this area.

Research Company to Make Survey in Monroe

Democrat 4-25-37
 Brinkley—The Geophysical Research Company of Tulsa, Okla., has transferred J. A. Gilmore and his corps of helpers which consists of 14 men from Clarksdale, Miss., to Brinkley to look for structures which might indicate oil.

Mr. Gilmore states that thorough tests will be made throughout this territory, the results of which will be turned over to oil companies, who in turn will drill for oil, provided the tests prove favorable.

Joe McCree Test in Ouachita Makes Good Showing.

Gazette 5-7-37
 Special to the Gazette.
 Camden, May 6.—The Wilcox sand was struck today in the Joe McCree wildcat test at Liberty, 14 miles west of Camden, and a good showing of oil was made well officials said. This well is in Section 21-14-19 near Adam's Chapel community. Much interest has been shown in this first wildcat test to be drilled in this area.

Monroe