Kansas Oil Man Abandons Test
Near Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro, May 11.—H. M. Beckwith, Kansas oil man who had been prospecting for oil here more than a year, abandoned his last test here today and left for his home. Beckett was a partner of I. E. Cross, also of Kansas, who was killed in an automobile wreck near Waldron last week.
PIKE COUNTY HAS SHOWINGS OF OIL

Crude Wellings Up to Surface in Deserted Well Near Delight.

HOLE WILL BE DEEPENED

In New Down Less Than 600 Feet—Standby Rig to Be Brought from Oklahoma.

By a Staff Correspondent

Delight, Oct. 30—The first of Arkansas' shallow oil wells seems to have been discovered near Delight. Where, at less than 600 feet, oil is coming up through the burs of the Delight mud, and is being taken in buckets by residents of the vicinity. Shallow wells producing as much as 30 barrels per day have given promise of profitable Samplings propositions.

The Kelly well, plowed two years ago, was broken into last week after a long dry spell, and oil drill last week. A standard rig will be put to work on the well as soon as it can be gotten from Oklahoma.

The well has this evening ceased to flow. The original operator of the well was named Kizer, a former resident of Delight who had moved from the company several years previously. He had been a resident of the vicinity for over four years ago with the idea that oil might be found in the vicinity. He obtained leases on 3,000 acres about Delight and sent to Oklahoma for a drilling outfit. A well was sunk to a depth of about 417 feet, and four wells were developed over the lease. The drillers plugged the well with cement and left.

Before leaving, one of them said they had a barrel of oil as that shallow depth.

In the meantime Kizer, who has been out of state a short time ago, some one living near the well informed Elmo Elwood, oil was coming up through the casing. Young Elwood started operations with an ordinary water well rig and drilled through the cement plug. With the abstraction of oil, the well is now flowing to the surface. Although there is no water on the company is steady, and the thick, black oil is easily lifted out in bunches.

KELLEY WELL IS "SHOT"

Much Better Oil Showing Results. Reports Say.

Special to the Gazette.

Delight, Nov. 2.—The Kelley well, three miles west of Delight, which has been the subject of considerable excitement, was the first of the "big" oil strikes, and a much better showing of oil resulted.

The oil well has been within a small area of about 250 feet and the well is now flowing to the surface. However, if the drillers are successful, the possibility of a much larger well is indicated.

On Monday morning, the well was started, and after a few hours of drilling the oil well reached a depth of about 115 feet and was said to be through the sandstone. The well was then shut in and the drilling was continued.

The well is now flowing to the surface and is expected to produce a considerable amount of oil.

PLANNING TO DRILL

Special to the Gazette.

Marshalltown, Nov. 15.—K. V. Benitz, proprietor of the Kelley well, said that the wells would be drilled in the vicinity of Delight.

SEEK CONTRACTS IN PIKE COUNTY

One Test Started Two Years Ago, but With Only 700 Feet Down.

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—Oil Company's drilling machine arrived here for the second time yesterday. The drillers have been here for several days and their first test was started immediately. A second test will be started immediately by a local company headed by E. S. Mahan of Idaho Falls.

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—The report showing gas and oil in a vertical well being drilled four miles northeast of here was followed today by announcement that another test will be started immediately by a local company headed by E. S. Mahan of Idaho Falls.

SEVEN CONTRACTS IN PIKE COUNTY

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—One test started two years ago, but with only 700 feet down. There are seven contracts now in the hands of the company.

SOME FORMATION IN PAYING FIELDS

Well is Being Watched With More Interest Than Ever by Scouts and Geologists From Leading Oil Companies Of Several Other States.

After successfully piercing one of the hardest rocks to be found in the present day of the well, is the same formation encountered just above the sand in the Lens discovery well, now being drilled for high gravity oil and gas.

The formation now in the well consists of red shale and breaks, of which, in most of the larger fields, makes up the formation of the Trinity sand.

This formation, commonly called "red bed," has been penetrated for several feet, and the company geologists and engineers are to what they call "red bed." The rock which is expected before drilling is the formation of the Trinity sand.

On Monday morning, the well was drilled to about 700 feet, and was abandoned, due to its effectiveness in the field of importance.

DRILLERS STRIKE OIL NEAR DELIGHT

Four-Foot Low Gravity Strata Penetrated in Henderson-Tiyu Test.

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—The drillers have started operations on the Henderson-Tiyu test, which is being drilled by the Continental Oil Company.

Yesterday and today the drillers were busy returning to the surface after testing the oil for a second time. The drillers are busy returning to the surface after testing the oil for a second time. The drillers are busy returning to the surface after testing the oil for a second time.

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Hard Rock Formation Found in New Well Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—One of the hardest rock formations ever encountered in the drilling of an oil well is claimed by the crew pushing the test of the Henderson oil No. 1 near Delight. Drilling has progressed slowly but steadily, and the crew is expected to reach the bottom of the formation within a few weeks.

The well is now flowing to the surface, and, according to Mr. Henderson, a large producer is expected soon.

Gas Indications Found in Test Near Delight.

Special to the Gazette.

Fairfield, Nov. 14.—The Henderson oil No. 1 oil test near Delight, which is drilling in limestone at a depth of about 417 feet, and officials of the Kentucky-Arkansas Oil and Gas Company, here to examine this test, say that they have indications of the past two weeks, when the gas was more concentrated and showed, strange test that is being made on perfect structures.

Buy Farm Near Delight

And May Drill For Oil.

Harvey K. Kelley of Amherst, Tex., has purchased the Gillett Keller farm, three miles northeast of town, which has been leased for the past two years, for the purpose of drilling for oil. The drilling rig will be moved to the farm, in which the company is looking for oil, and which oil showings were had, thus encouraging the venture.

Gillgit Kelley recently lost his home on a farm near this town, and has purchased a stock of oil, and his wife and son has moved to the town to spend his declining years.

There are 1,700 acres of oil on the farm by the belief that it is a future oil field.
Pike County May Get Real Test for Oil

Acreage Blocked and Drilling of Several Wells Expected

Murfreesboro—Oil activity in Pike county crystallized this week following the announcement of a location made on what is known as the Duncan-Johnson block, centering about three miles south of Murfreesboro.

J. L. Duncan and associates of Texas purchased from Duncan and Johnson, (Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Johnson, local residents), the acreage block, and are reported to have made a drilling contract with Satterfield Interests and the Pittsburgh, Peps and Supply Company to drill a test.

The exact location will be made by C. R. Wilson, geologist for the Duncan interests from Colorado. Two applications for state permits have been made for tests on the Duncan block.

It is reported authoritatively that several major operators from Texas and Oklahoma are interested in the oil possibilities of this section. One company has contracted to purchase a "spread" in the block.

22 Feet of Water Sand Found in Drilling Oil Test

Arkadelphia, Aug. 31.—Twenty-two feet of water sand, when added to a big artesian water flow, has been encountered in what is thought to be the first oil test well east of the Mississippi range.

The well, named "McDonald" in honor of B. L. McDonald, is east of Murfreesboro and north of the Clark county line. It is known as the Howard East well and is in township 9 south, range 33 west, section 13.

After the artesian flow, which is 235 feet, was called out, drilling will resume. It is announced by the McDonald Interests, west Texas operators, that three wells of oil interest were encountered.

In Near Diamond Mine

Murfreesboro—The J. T. Beckett Oil Company, operators of the Beckett test, have pulled a good oil test west of the "diamond mine," and plans are being made to test the southwest of the same property.

The test is known as the "Southwest" test and is just south of the "diamond mine" where oil was reported by the late A. C. Beckett.

Test for Oil Spudded

Arkadelphia, Aug. 29—Spudded in.

Near Murfreesboro

Murfreesboro—Mrs. W. D. Duncan of Murfreesboro has staked 5,000 acres of land, under oil lease, practically blockading the community south of the Little Missouri River.

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Test to Be Made

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Murfreesboro has never had a well drilled here for oil.