Oil Drilling Planned in Searcy and Van Buren Counties.

Larry, March 25—Indications point to the early testing of this section of Searcy, and the northern part of Van Buren county for oil and gas. B. H. Daugherty of Denver, Colo., who has been exploring this section, will have a rig at this point next week. He and his geologist have spent considerable time in this section during the last few months getting leases blocked up and making a survey. Graver and Gillum of Tulsa, Okla., who leased 25,000 acres here two years ago, and who have been paying annual rentals on the leases since that time, have written that they expect to begin active operations by April 1.

Drilling Equipment Unloaded for Searcy County Test

Larry, June 4—MacKensy and equipment have been unloaded for the oil drilling project planned 16 miles southeast of Leslie on the Marcus West farm by H. H. Daugherty of Denver, Colo. Daugherty has blocked 14,000 acres for leasing with an agreement that he will drill there. The project is financed by Colorado capital.

Oil Lease Activity Reported Near Leslie

Larry, Jan. 28—Tracing in oil and gas leases in this section is very active. Approximately 10 acre blocks have been leased in Van Buren, Conway, Cleburne, Newton, Pope and Stone counties, and in some of these counties drilling is in progress. The Coleson Company is making a test near Hope in Cleburne county, and near Hector in Pope, Dr. Martin, and others, are drilling a well near Heber Springs. Graver and Walker are drilling near Heber Springs, and the Arkansas Natural Gas near Dover. Some of these blocks are adjacent to Leslie, and acreage is held by parties here.