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## TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

The topography of most of the area is that of typical gently rolling western plains. The gypsum hills occupy the northwestern part of Canadian County and their topography is fairly rough, presenting many dissected escarpments peculiar to the gypsum hills region of western Oklahoma.

The Cimarron River crosses Kingfisher County in a northwest southeast direction and with its tributaries drains the entire county. The lowest elevation in Kingfisher County, 960 feet, is in the bed of Cimarron River on the eastern border of the county and the highest elevation, 1,440 feet, is in the southwestern part of the county.

Most of Canadian County is drained by the North and South Canadian rivers with their tributaries. The northeastern part of the county is drained by the tributaries of Cimarron River.

## GEOLOGY

## SURFACE FORMATIONS

Surface formations in the counties are Permian, Tertiary (?), Quaternary (?) terrace deposits and dunes, and river alluvium. The valleys of the North and South Canadian and Cimarron rivers are chiefly alluvium. Bordering the alluvium deposits of the Cimarron River along its northern border is a wide band of Quaternary (?) terrace and dune sand deposits. Tertiary (?) sands and gravel cap some of the hills in western Canadian County.

The formations exposed in the eastern part of Kingfisher and northeastern Canadian counties belong to the lower Enid formation and are mostly soft red shales. The lower Enid exposed in the northeastern part of Kingfisher County correlates with Clark and Cooper's Hennessey formation of Garfield County. The southwestern part of Kingfisher County and most of the eastern half of Canadian County is composed of the upper Enid formation, which is mostly red shales and lenticular sands. Farther south, the upper Enid is sub-divided into the Chickasha formation and the Duncan sandstone. The latter has been traced across Canadian and Kingfisher counties to connect with Clark and Cooper's Duncan formation of western Garfield County. The Chickasha and Duncan are not readily distinguished in the area here discussed.

The Blaine formation outcrops in a bed three to five miles wide and crosses the extreme southwestern corner of Kingfisher County and extends to the southeast across Canadian County, and consists of gypsum, red clay and shale. Its gypsum beds in northwestern Canadian

County are classified by Gould as Shimer, Medicine Lodge and Ferguson, members; the Ferguson, which is the lowest of the three, being the thickest and most conspicuous. These beds thin to the southeast with the escarpments fading into flat plains so that they often become difficult to trace.

Just above the Blaine is the Dog Creek formation, consisting of red clay and shales. It crosses the North Canadian River at Fort Reno. Its thickness is hard to estimate in this territory but is probably less than 300 feet.

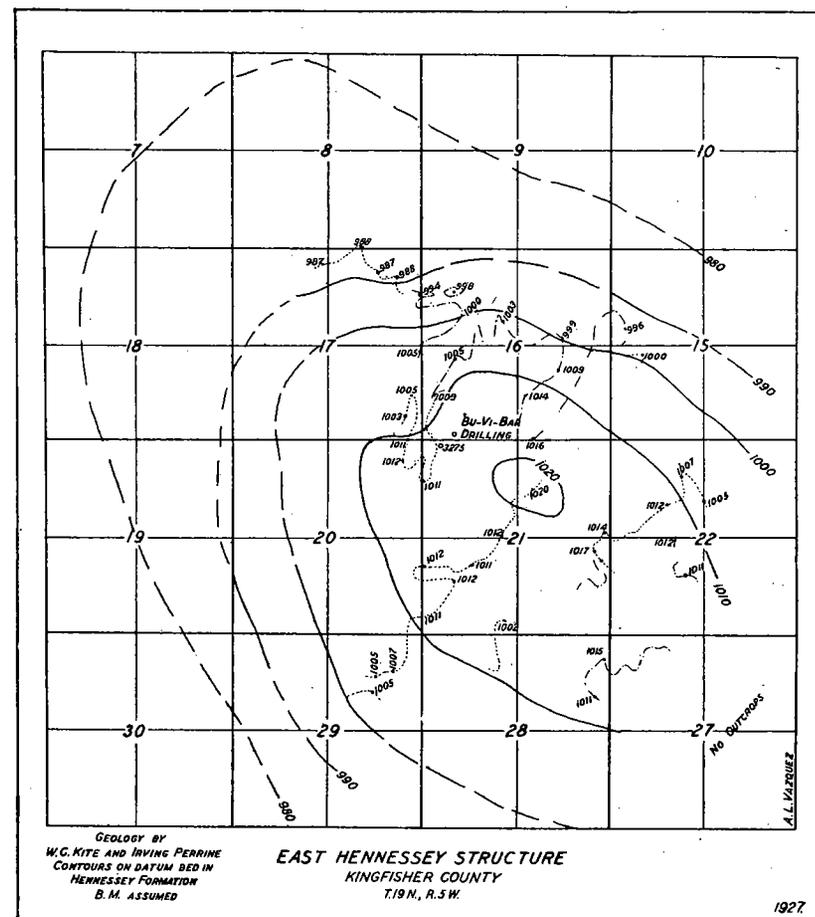


Figure 2. East Hennessey Structure.

1. Clark, G. C., and Cooper, C. L., Geology of Kay, Grant, Garfield and Noble counties: Oklahoma Geol. Survey, Bull. 40-H, 1927.

The lower Whitehorse sandstone outcrops in about six townships in southwestern Canadian County. It is just above the Dog Creek shales and apparently lies unconformably on them. The Whitehorse is made up of fine red, frequently highly cross-bedded sandstones.

#### SUBSURFACE FORMATIONS

Various geologists in interpreting subsurface stratigraphy from studying the log of the Bu-Vi-Bar well in sec. 16, T. 19 N., R. 5 W., northeastern Kingfisher County, place the base of the Garber formation at about 840 feet, the base of the Permian at 2,400 feet and estimate that the Layton sand will be found at around 4,950 feet, with the Wilcox probably below 6,000 feet.

#### STRUCTURE

The general dip of the surface formations in Kingfisher and Canadian counties is about 15 to 20 feet per mile to the southwest and toward the axis of the Anadarko basin. There are possibly variations in this general dip but little evidence is found at the surface of anticlinal folding, due to the presence of much sand and shales in the Enid and Blaine formations. However, a few calcareous beds do occur in the lower Enid formation in the northeastern part of Kingfisher County, by means of which local structural conditions can be partly determined. A small plunging anticline occurs in secs. 16, 17, 20 and 21, T. 19 N., R. 5 W. The high point on this fold is in section 21, just to the southeast of the Bu-Vi-Bar well.

Meager well log information suggests thickening of the upper formations to the southwest so that the rate of the dip increases with depth. The base of the red beds probably dips more than twice as fast as the surface formations. The Pennsylvanian formations probably thin toward the northwest across the area as they do in the region to the east and north of the two counties.

In the Marland-Garber test in sec. 19, T. 23 N., R. 3 W., the interval from the top of the Layton to the top of the Wilcox is 1,050 feet, while the Roxana-Brunken well in sec. 29, T. 23 N., R. 4 W., this interval is 1,700 feet. With these changes in mind it is difficult to estimate what may occur below the Layton.

#### OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

In 1922 the Fensland Oil Company drilled a test in the NW. cor. sec. 21, T. 19 N., R. 5 W., to a total depth of 3,275 feet and encountered only small showings of oil and gas. The Bu-Vi-Bar Petroleum Corporation is now drilling around 4,750 feet in section 16, just to the northeast of the old Fensland test. The following is a list of the wells drilled in the two counties, as reported to the Corporation Commission:

#### Wells drilled in Kingfisher and Canadian Counties

Location	Depth (feet)	Company
NW ¼ sec. 21, T. 19 N., R. 5 W.	3,275	Fensland Oil Co.
SW ¼ SW ¼ NW ¼ sec. 12, T. 18 N., R. 5 W.	4,502	Peerless Oil & Gas Co.
SW ¼ NE ¼ SW ¼ sec. 31, T. 15 N., R. 7 W.	3,012	F. & N. Oil Co.
SE. cor. NW ¼ sec. 7, T. 17 N., R. 8 W.	3,471	Plover Drilling Co.
Sen. NW ¼ SE ¼ sec. 1, T. 18 N., R. 8 W.	2,400	
NW cor. NE ¼ sec. 13, T. 11 N., R. 10 W.	2,850	O. R. Howard
SE. cor. SE ¼ sec. 25, T. 17 N., R. 5 W.	2,317	Carson-Malernee et al
NW ¼ sec. 12, T. 11 N., R. 6 W.	3,073	Yukon Co-operative Co.
SE ¼ sec. 6, T. 13 N., R. 5 W.	2,270	Deer Creek Oil & Gas Co.
NW cor. NW ¼ sec. 13, T. 14 N., R. 10 W.	2,400	Gladys Bell Oil & Gas Co.
NE. cor. sec. 34, T. 13 N., R. 9 W.	3,619	T. E. Revels

#### Log of Hannum-Franks-Slick-Pazoureck No. 1.

SW ¼ NE ¼ sec. 29 T. 13 N., R. 5 W., Canadian County, Oklahoma.  
Elevation 1,280 feet. Drilling commenced June 30, 1926. Contract depth 4,000 feet reached 11-17-26. Still drilling by T. B. Slick Nov. 20, 26.

Formation	Top	Bottom	Formation	Top	Bottom
Surface soil	0	50	Sticky shale	1920	1930
Sand	20	100	Lime	1930	1932
Red bed	50	20	Slate and hard shale	1932	1940
Sand	100	110	White chalky lime	1940	1945
Red bed	110	175	Shale	1945	1960
Sand	175	200	Lime and slate, broken	1960	1985
Red bed	200	565	Lime	1985	1995
Hard shale and shells	565	700	Brown shale	1995	2001
No record	700	831	Lime, sandy	2001	2003
Hard shale and shells	831	941	Broken lime	2003	2013
Broken lime	941	951	Sticky shale	2013	2028
Hard shale	951	1091	Broken lime	2028	2038
Sandy shale	1091	1151	Shale and lime	2038	2045
Broken lime shells and hard sandy shale	1151	1191	Lime	2043	2045
Broken lime	1191	1200	Hard shale and lime shell	2045	2065
Hard shale	1200	1246	Shale	2065	2180
Red bed	1246	1350	Broken lime	2180	2190
Lime	1350	1352	Hard shale and slate	2190	2220
Red bed	1352	1400	Hard shale	2220	2237
Hard shale	1400	1450	Lime	2237	2238
Red bed	1450	1507	Shale	2238	2245
Red bed and boulders	1507	1617	Lime	2245	2246
Blue shale and beds	1617	1667	Shale and gumbo	2246	2340
Blue shale and boulders	1667	1742	Sand and slate	2340	2347
Blue shale	1742	1775	Tough shale	2347	2357
Lime	1775	1777	Sticky shale	2357	2372
Blue shale and boulders	1777	1814	Broken lime	2372	2382
Hard sand	1814	1817	Hard shale and shells	2382	2407
Gumbo strkd. with brown shale	1817	1835	Shale	2407	2422
Gray gumbo	1835	1855	Tough shale	2422	2434
sandy	1855	1860	Sand, salt water	2434	2435
Hard sand	1860	1880	Hard sandy lime	2435	2438
Brown shale	1880	1890	Hard sand	2438	2450
Shale and shells	1890	1896	Shale	2450	2460
Sandy lime	1896	1904	Lime	2460	2475
Gumbo	1904	1920	Sticky shale	2475	2510
Slate and lime, broken	1904	1920	Broken lime	2510	2515
			Sticky shale	2515	2540
			Sticky shale, red	2540	2575
			Lime shell	2575	2577

Formation	Top	Bottom	Formation	Top	Bottom
Tough shale	2577	2600	Hard slate	3464	3481
Hard shale	2600	2609	Lime	3481	3492
Sticky shale	2609	2620	Sand and hard shale, broken	3492	3502
Broken lime	2620	2630	Hard blue shale	3502	3514
Sandy lime	2630	2644	Hard black slate	3514	3525
Sticky shale	2644	2660	Lime	3525	3549
Gumbo	2660	2695	Sand water	3549	3569
Shale, blue and brown	2695	2730	Blue shale	3569	3573
Lime, gray	2730	2732	Red Rock	3573	3577
Shale	2732	2755	Hard shale	3577	3593
Soft brown sand	2755	2762	Sandy shale	3593	3610
Sticky shale	2762	2800	Sticky shale	3610	3622
Broken lime	2800	2810	Hard shale	3622	3649
Hard shale	2810	2830	Water sand and shale	3649	3654
Sticky shale	2830	2833	Shale	3654	3668
Sandy lime			Hard shale	3668	3701
—Show some oil	2833	2840	Water sand and shale	3701	3704
Broken lime	2840	2850	Hard shale	3704	3720
Hard sandy lime	2850	2857	Shale	3720	3735
Sticky shale	2857	2882	Lime	3735	3741
Hard shale and shells	2882	2902			
Sticky shale and shells	2902	2922			
Lime	2922	2942			
Hard lime	2942	2952			
Shale and slate broken	2952	2974			
Sticky shale	2974	2994			
Shale	2994	3030			
Tough shale	3030	3038			
Sand, hard	3038	3046			
Tough shale	3046	3050			
Broken lime	3050	3060			
Lime	3060	3070			
Slate and lime, broken	3070	3075			
Lime	3075	3086			
Shale	3086	3106			
Lime	3106	3126			
Hard sand	3126	3134			
Broken lime	3134	3136			
Gumbo	3136	3149			
Hard gray lime	3149	3154			
Gumbo	3154	3160			
Blue slate	3160	3168			
Slate	3168	3178			
Hard shale	3178	3188			
Broken slate and shale	3188	3196			
Lime	3196	3198			
Lime, hard, gray					
Gumbo	3198	3203			
Hard shale and lime	3203	3210			
Hard slate	3210	3226			
Lime	3226	3238			
Hard slate	3238	3243			
Broken lime	3243	3251			
Tough gumbo	3251	3261			
Hard shale	3261	3291			
Lime	3291	3318			
Slate	3318	3325			
Hard gray sand	3325	3327			
Hard sandy lime	3327	3334			
Hard sand	3334	3355			
Slate and sand	3355	3375			
Hard gray sand	3375	3385			
Slate and sand	3385	3415			
Hard sand	3415	3417			
Tough shale	3417	3430			
Shale and slate	3430	3464			

## Standard Tools

Black shale	3746	3750
Shale	3750	3757
White lime	3757	3761
Sand	3761	3767
Shale	3767	3787
Sand	3787	3803
Shale	3803	3821
Sand	3821	3828
Shale	3828	3888
Hard white lime	3888	3935
Shale	3935	3942
Lime	3942	3952
Water sand		
with water	3952	3959
Water sand	3959	3967
Sand	3967	3970
Sandy shale	3970	3973
Shale and sand	3973	3978
Sand water	3978	3980
Shale	3980	3982
Lime, black	3982	3984
Sand	3984	3986
Shale	3986	3990
Shale, blue	3990	4000
Blue shale	4000	4010
Sand	4010	4013
Sandy shale	4013	4015
Sand	4015	4020
Blue shale	4020	4077
Brown shale	4077	4081
Blue shale	4081	4095
Sandy lime	4095	4105
Blue shale	4105	4170
Sandy lime	4170	4183
Blue shale	4183	4200
Sandy shale	4200	4210
Sand	4210	4215
Lime	4215	4220
Sand	4220	4225
Blue shale	4225	4245
Sandy shale	4245	4247
Sand, water	4247	4271
Blue shale	4271	4285
Lime	4285	4288
Blue shale	4288	4313
Shale	4313	4318
Broken lime	4318	4338
Water sand	4338	4372

Formation	Top	Bottom	Formation	Top	Bottom
Shale, sand	4372	4375	Correction		
Sand	4375	4393	Total depth of hole		4468
Sand	4393	4412	Black shale	4468	4470
Shale	4412	4420	Lime	4470	4472
Shale	4420	4431	B. shale	4472	4476
Sandy lime	4431	4439	Red rock	4476	4498
Sand	4439	4445	Green sand	4498	4505
Shale	4445	4452	Gray sand	4505	4515
Lime	4452	4454	Dark shale	4515	4533
			Water sand	4533	4537

## Log of Fenland Oil Co.'s Henry No. 1.

NW. ¼ NW. ¼ NW. ¼ sec. 21 T. 19 N., R. 5 W., Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.  
Drilling commenced Feb. 1, 1922. Completed July 15, 1922.

Formation	Top	Bottom	Formation	Top	Bottom
Shale, red	0	40	Gray lime	2242	2247
Red shale	40	130	White slate	2247	2280
Red rock	130	250	Red rock	2280	2350
Red shale	250	270	White slate	2350	2360
Wtr. sand	270	295	Red rock	2360	2368
Shale, red	295	310	Lime	2368	2390
Red rock	310	355	Slate	2390	2395
Red shale	355	430	Black sandy lime	2395	2400
Wtr. sand	430	455	White slate	2400	2410
Red rock	455	470	Black sand	2410	2415
Coarse gravel, wtr.	470	480	White slate	2415	2420
Red rock	480	615	White lime	2420	2440
Sand, wtr.	615	620	Black slate	2440	2445
Pink rock	620	630	White lime	2445	2460
Red rock	630	690	Blue slate	2460	2500
Red shale	690	790	White lime	2500	2510
Sand, no wtr.	790	830	Slate	2510	2625
Blue shale	830	840	Lime	2625	2635
White slate	840	1185	Red rock	2635	2695
White lime	1185	1200	White slate	2695	2700
White shale	1200	1230	Gray lime	2700	2705
Gray slate	1230	1300	White slate	2705	2730
Blue slate	1300	1320	Brown slate	2730	2820
White hd. lime	1320	1330	White slate	2820	2825
Broken lime shells	1330	1345	White lime	2825	2835
Blue slate	1345	1365	Red rock	2835	2840
Broken shale	1365	1375	Gravel, wtr, red	2840	2850
Broken lime	1375	1460	Sand, wtr.	2850	2855
White shale	1460	1475	White slate	2855	2860
Broken lime	1475	1535	Sandy lime, black	2860	2870
Gray slate	1535	1610	White slate	2870	2875
Red rock	1610	1660	Blue slate	2875	2885
White slate	1660	1665	Red rock	2885	2890
Lime	1665	1685	Dry sand	2890	2910
Red rock	1685	1765	Blue slate	2910	2918
Sand, wtr.	1765	1770	Black slate, hd.	2918	2938
Sand	1770	1775	White sandy lime	2938	2945
Slate	1775	1785	Hd. rock	2945	2950
White slate	1785	1835	Broken gravel	2950	2960
Hd. white lime	1835	1845	Slate	2960	2970
White slate	1845	1860	Lime	2970	2980
Red rock	1860	1910	Black slate	2980	3000
Sand, water, show gas	1910	1915	Broken lime	3000	3020
Gravel, wtr. red	1915	1925	Red rock	3020	3050
Sand, wtr.	1925	1935	Broken lime shell	3050	3065
Blue slate	1935	1965	White lime	3065	3085
Gray lime	1965	1985	Slate	3085	3100
Brown shale	1985	2010	Broken lime shells	3100	3115
Red rock	2010	2135	Gray slate	3115	3150
Gray lime	2135	2155	Black slate	3150	3170
White shale	2155	2175	Red rock	3170	3210
Red rock	2175	2200	Blue slate	3210	3240
Sand, wtr. show gas	2200	2225	Sandy lime	3240	3245
Red rock	2225	2242	Shale	3245	3250
			Sandy lime	3250	3270

Formation	Top	Bottom	Formation	Top	Bottom
Blue shale	3270	3275	shells	3935	3945
T. D.**			Lime	3945	3952
Lime and slate	3275	3280	Sand	3952	3980
Lime	3280	3300	Sandy lime	3980	4005
Broken lime	3300	3305	Broken lime	4005	4015
Hard shale	3305	3320	Broken sand and		
Sand and shale	3320	3325	red shale	4015	4025
Water sand	3325	3355	Slate and shale	4025	4045
Hard shale	3335	3345	Sand	4045	4061
Slate	3345	3355	Shale, blue	4061	4065
Sand	3355	3365	Red rock	4065	4072
Blue shale	3365	3375	Blue shale	4072	4075
Lime	3375	3385	Lime, blue	4075	4077
White sand	3385	3390	Blue shale	4077	4085
Sandy lime	3390	3395	Red rock	4085	4094
Hard lime	3395	3410	Blue shale	4094	4114
Lime	3410	3415	White lime	4114	4120
Hard shale	3415	3430	Blue shale	4120	4154
Slate and lime			Sandy shale	4154	4160
shells	3430	3450	Blue shale	4160	4170
Broken lime and			Sandy shale	4170	4174
slate	3450	3470	Sand	4174	4180
Broken lime	3470	3475	Blue shale	4180	4190
Sand	3475	3487	Sandy shale	4190	4218
Slate	3487	3500	Black shale	4218	4228
Hard sand	3500	3530	White shale	4228	4233
Slate	3530	3540	Blue shale	4233	4239
Blue shale	3540	3555	Sand	4239	4245
Lime	3555	3565	White shale	4245	4250
Hard sandy lime	3565	3575	Blue shale	4250	4253
Lime, hard	3575	3585	White shale	4253	4258
Brown slate and			Blue shale	4258	4260
lime shells	3585	3595	White shale	4260	4265
Broken lime	3595	3600	Blue shale	4265	4269
Shale and slate	3600	3610	White shale	4269	4271
Hard sandy lime	3610	3620	Shale	4271	4276
Lime and hard			White shale	4276	4278
sand	3620	3635	Blue shale	4278	4282
Hard sand	3635	3655	Blue lime	4282	4284
Hard shale,			Blue shale	4284	4304
sandy	3655	3665	Blue shale	4304	4339
Slate and shale	3665	3685	Sandy shale	4339	4368
Hard shale	3685	3700	Sandy lime	4368	4370
Shale	3700	3710	Lime	4370	4374
Hard sand	3710	3720	Blue shale	4374	4380
Sharp sand	3720	3725	Water sand	4380	4405
Hard sand	3725	3730	Lime	4405	4410
Slate and shale	3730	3740	Blue shale	4410	4430
Slate	3740	3760	Broken sand	4430	4437
Red and brown shale with			Blue shale	4437	4444
lime shells	3760	3770	White water sand	4444	4473
Slate	3770	3775	Hard sand	4473	4479
Sand	3775	3785	Sand	4479	4484
Hard shale	3785	3800	Blue shale	4484	4501
Slate	3800	3805	Sand, hard	4501	4505
Sandy lime	3805	3810	Blue shale	4505	4514
Black slate	3810	3815	Lime	4514	4516
Shale	3815	3825	Blue shale	4516	4530
Sand	3825	3860	Sand	4530	4542
Sandy lime	3860	3870	White water sand	4542	4556
Sand	3870	3880	Sand	4556	4565
Hard shale	3880	3885	Blue shale	4565	4572
Shale	3885	3890	Blue slate	4572	4595
Lime	3890	3905	Blue shale	4595	4609
Hard shale and			Blue shale	4609	4691
shells, sandy	3905	3925	Lime	4691	4696
Lime	3925	3930	Blue shale	4696	4702
Red shale	3930	3935	Lime	4702	4703
Shale and lime					

Depth Feb. 25, 1927.

## CONCLUSIONS

So few wells have been drilled to the deeper formations in this area that it is impossible at this time to determine the presence of any pronounced subsurface folding. With the normal dip of the formations to the southwest, the Wilcox sand would occur too deep for drilling under present methods. However, with the trend of folding in Kay, Noble and Garfield counties being generally northeast-southwest and with the arching of the deeper formations being very much more pronounced than the surface folding, as in the case of the Garber field where the Wilcox sand is arched more than 1,700 feet, it is possible that some extension of that line of folding will be found in the region here discussed and that folding in the Wilcox sand may be high enough to bring it within reach of the drill.

The few well logs obtainable in northeastern Canadian county seem to have less red beds than do some of the wells farther north, which suggests that the line of folding here mentioned may come into the territory from the northeast near the northeastern corner of Kingfisher County. However, the logs in that vicinity show considerable thickness of shale which may be red, but logged by drillers merely as "shale".

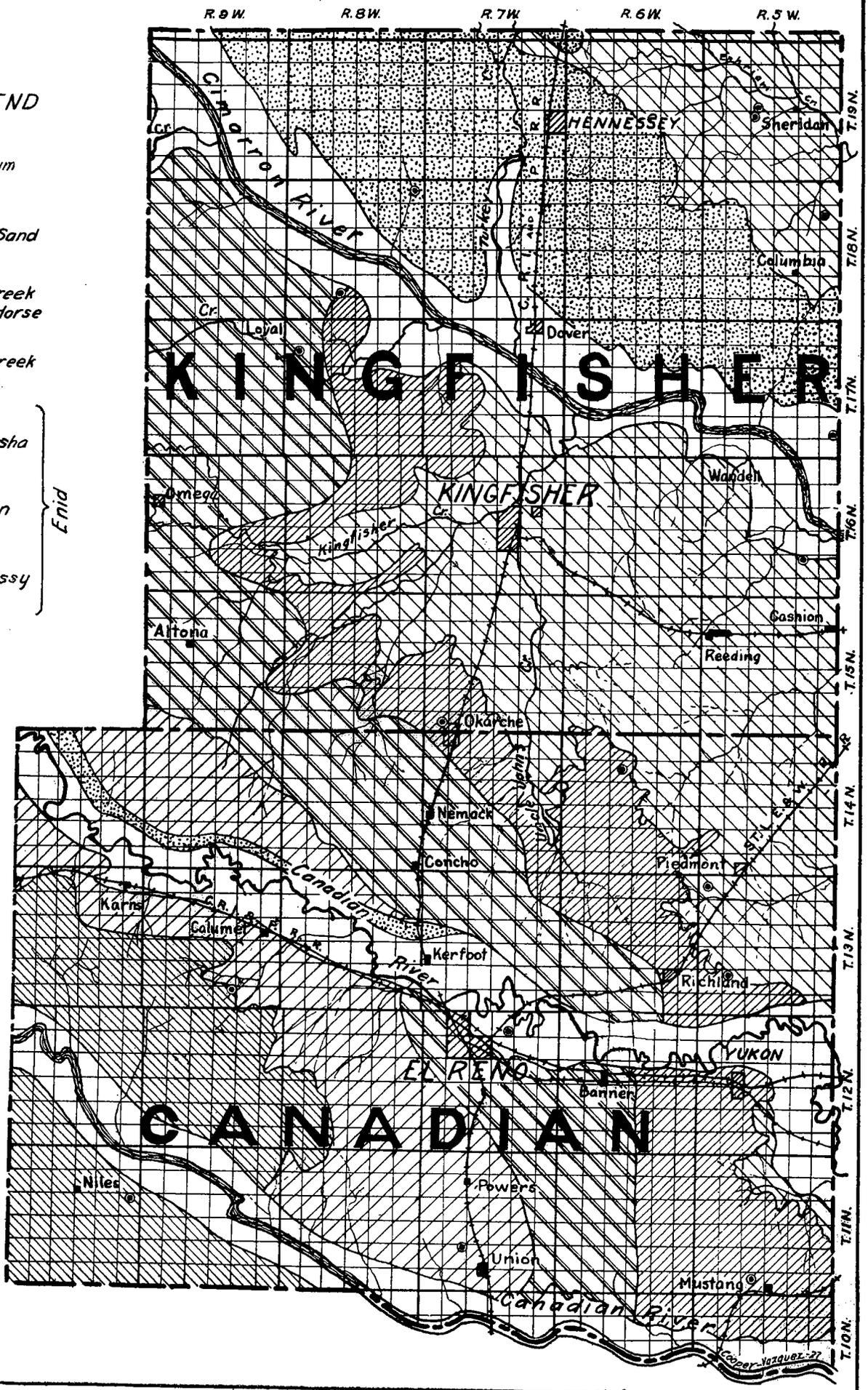
Any well-defined surface fold is a good possibility for oil production in the shallow formations of the lower Permian and Pennsylvanian. Producing horizons underlie the area and it is very likely that sufficient folding to trap oil is present. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect oil to be produced in these counties.

\*\*The first 3275 feet shown above is the Fensland log, which was drilled with standard tools. The balance of the log from 3275 feet to 4703 feet is log of the Bu-Vi-Bar Petroleum Corporation's drilling Well No. 1 School Land, in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 16, T. 19 N., R. 5 W., Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.

LEGEND

- |            |   |                          |
|------------|---|--------------------------|
| Quaternary |  | Alluvium                 |
|            |  | Dune Sand                |
| Permian    |  | Day Creek<br>White Horse |
|            |  | Dog Creek<br>Blaine      |
|            |  | Chickasha                |
|            |  | Duncan                   |
|            |  | Hennessey                |
|            |   |                          |

⊙ Wells drilled



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