

August 24, 1942.

Dear Mr. Simons:

Mr. W. D. Ratliff called yesterday with the enclosed leases already filled out. He represents the McCloughlin Developing Co. that is doing all the drilling at McLouth. I think the lease is self explanatory and should you want to sign it, it should be signed both by you and Mrs. Simons. The drawing attached shows the territory covered by their plan to drill and the check mark in the circle is where they have tentatively planned to drill and this is on the White Farm.

You will note the last paragraph in the lease that states that if drilling is not commenced by October 1st in this territory that the lease is null and void.

I told the gentleman that I had no authority to state what our attitude toward this would be but that in the past you had been inclined not to sign any leases for drilling oil and gas wells.

Nothing of particular importance has happened since Dolph left Saturday night. Woeste tells me he is bidding on 5 jobs for approximately \$200.00 today and received one small job yesterday.

It has been cold the last two days and looks like it might rain today.

If you care to sign the leases, please sign both copies and I will notarize them for you retaining one copy for our files.

With kindest regards to all, remain

Sincerely

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