

OIL IN SURREY.

This may look like Texas, but as a matter of fact, it's deep in the heart of Surrey, only two miles outside Guildford. A quiet village called Littleton. But in spite of the thoroughly English atmosphere, they really are drilling for oil. You may be surprised to know that 82,000 tons of crude oil were produced in Britain last year - and with drillings like the Littleton project, oil companies hope to step the figure up to 120,000 tons by 1960. Mr. A.P. Ferris, London scientist in charge of the drilling shows a party of Guildford Royal Grammar School boys round the site.

This drill already reaches nearly 3,000 feet down. Chances of striking oil on any new site are five-to-one against, but other useful facts may be learned from the rock brought up by these wicked-looking bits; for example, oil prospectors in Lincolnshire discovered a new deep coalfield. Work at Littleton goes on night and day - for every chance of finding oil in our own country has to be investigated - With the Middle East in turmoil, every ton we can find at home is well worth the effort.