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STRENGTH

Capital and surplus do not always denote the strength of a bank. A Bank of real strength has character, experience; a record for sound finance and service to its patrons.

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ARCADIA AND WARD 1 "OVER THE TOP" IN VICTORY LOAN

Arcadia and Ward 1, of Bienville Parish, have more than subscribed their quota in the Victory Loan drive. In fact practically half of the quota allotted to the entire parish being subscribed in Ward 1. As yet nothing definite has been heard as to the progress that has been made by other wards of the parish in raising their quota.

Dr. W. B. Allums, chairman for Ward 4, stated Saturday that he entertained no doubt but that his ward would easily subscribe its quota.

Mr. Jno. Harrison, of Bienville, has agreed to act as chairman for Ward 3, and says that he does not anticipate any difficulty in raising the amount allotted to that ward.

POTATO CURING PLANT PROJECT POSTPONED FOR PRESENT

Thos. H. Ewton, president of the Great Southern Preserving Co., was in Arcadia Tuesday in the interest of a potato curing plant for this place. As has been previously stated by the Democrat, the Great Southern Preserving Company owns the Farmers Union Warehouse building, which was purchased for the purpose of converting it into a curing and storage plant. Mr. Ewton stated that since viewing the situation personally in this territory, nothing further will be done here for the promotion of the project for the present.

GIBSLAND LOCALS

Mr. L. M. Phillips was a visitor to Shreveport Saturday.

Many of our citizens had the pleasure of attending the "Home-Coming" service at Mt. Lebanon Sunday.

Mrs. P. C. Taylor is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Hammett, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tooke, of Ringgold were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Howard Parnell, this week.

Mr. J. H. Houck represented the Columbian Woodman here, at the convention in Shreveport last week.

Little Miss Pauline Jones spent the week-end with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Colbert, in Mt. Lebanon.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Walker have had the pleasure of a visit from their son, Mr. Henry Walker, of Abilene, Texas and their sister, Mrs. Green, of Lincoln Parish.

Dr. Henry, presiding elder of the Ruston district, M. E. Church South, conducted quarterly meeting at Bear Creek Sunday. Rev. E. L. Cargill and quite a number from the Methodist Church here attended.

At the home of the groom's parents here, the marriage of Mr. Kerlin Walker and Miss Carrie Dell Dawson, of Lisbon was solemnized Saturday evening. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Grover Dennis, of Simsboro. We wish for this happy couple much happiness through the journey of life.

Mr. W. J. Broadwell, our fellow townsman, was a delegate to the T. P. A. convention in Alexandria Friday, the 25th. Mr. Broadwell is one of the oldest members of the traveling men's association in North Louisiana, having been a member for 32 years. His daughter, Miss Irma Broadwell, joined him at DeRidder, at which place she is one of the faculty of the DeRidder High School.

Friday was a great day in Gibsland, and the honor given the returned soldiers will long be remembered. Many teachers from different parts of the parish came for the day. The beautiful new school building, the pride of the town, was ready for inspection. A very interesting program was given at the auditorium in the afternoon and among the prominent speakers were Supt. Fuller of Webster Parish and Supt. E. H. Fisher.

A large audience gathered early for the night program which was indeed fine. Dr. Dodd thrilled his hearers by relating his experiences on the battle front. He is an eloquent speaker and a rare treat was enjoyed.

ARDMORE NATURAL GAS COMPANY MAKES LOCATION

The Ardmore Natural Gas Co., has made a location about one-half mile south of H. J. James' place near Madden Crossing on Black Lake, and the timbers are now on the grounds for derrick. It is reported that actual drilling will begin as soon as the machinery arrives and can be set up. This company has many thousands of acres leased in Bienville Parish and will no doubt do extensive wildcatting.

Are you interested in what is going on in your own parish? Then subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

NORTH LOUISIANA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Minden To Entertain The Baptist Of North Louisiana In A Three Days Convention

Beginning Monday, May 5 and continuing for three days, Minden will entertain the North Louisiana Baptist Sunday School Convention. This will be a noted occasion among the Baptist and a large number from the northern portion of the State is expected to attend.

There are several prominent men and women from all over the State on the program, and it will no doubt be a very enjoyable as well as profitable meeting.

There will be provided free entertainment for the delegates, and there are many musical numbers on the program of the meeting that will be well worth hearing.

EVERY PERSON SHOULD OWN A VICTORY LIBERTY BOND

There follow two recent statements by Frank M. Smith, Federal Director of War Loans, which are well worthy of attention:

"Let no one imagine that because the Victory Liberty Loan eventually will go over that therefore they need not do their part. When America entered this war we knew that we were going to win it but we only knew this because we were absolutely certain that every American soldier would act as a hero, that every working man would put his shoulder to the wheel and produce the supplies needed and last but not least that every true American would pledge his past and future earnings in loans to the Government. It was because we did these things and only because we did these things that the war ended as it did. It is nothing but a repetition of these methods and a continuation of this spirit that will put over the Victory Liberty Loan. I call upon every man, woman, and even child to do his or her part and do it promptly.

Another aspect of the matter," said Mr. Smith, "which I want to bring very clearly before the public is this—short term Liberty Notes are not likely to be subject to the fluctuation which long term bonds have suffered from. It was with this idea in mind that securities should never sell at less than par that the Treasury Department decided to put out these notes instead of bonds. It is my personal opinion, in which I am supported by a good many financial people, that these bonds will maintain their value from the very start."

NEWS FROM HOPE

Miss Maggie Frye was a visitor to Jamestown Wednesday.

Mr. M. P. Graham made a flying trip to Jamestown Saturday.

Mrs. B. O. Gary, of Shreveport, has been visiting homefolks this week-end.

Mrs. Rushing, of Madden, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. M. P. Graham.

Mrs. J. J. Wall is the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Tucker, at Heflin.

Messrs. Charlie Wedgworth and Ed Jacks made a business trip to Heflin Saturday.

Mr. Arrealous Fields is suffering from a broken arm, caused by a baseball hitting him.

Mr. M. P. Graham and grand daughter, Gertrude, made a business trip to Bryceland Monday.

Mrs. Alvin Harrison has been spending a few weeks with her mother-in-law, Mrs. N. T. Harrison.

Private Jeanne Stewart, one of our boys that has been overseas, is enjoying a furlough with homefolks.

Misses Madden, Chandler and Brown and Messrs. Pew and O. D. Madden motored to Minden Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Graham and children, of Ringgold, were the honored guest of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Graham, Sunday.

Misses Fannie Mae Taylor and Ada Smith spent the time between trains at Heflin Saturday with their aunt Mrs. C. P. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Poland, of Coushatta, have been spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. C. T. Reeves.

A buggy in which Misses Salena Ward and Ollie B. Smith and Mr. Robt. Tooke were riding was overturned Saturday afternoon. No one was injured, but the buggy was slightly damaged.

Quite a crowd attended the ball games between Hope and Castor, played here Saturday. The game played in morning resulted in a victory for the Castor team, but Hope was victorious in the afternoon.

RINGGOLD TERRITORY WILL GET ANOTHER TEST WELL

It is reported that in the immediate future a test well will be drilled by Mrs. Jim Bell and T. K. Gibbons, Jr., on their acreage southwest of Ringgold. This location is a few miles south and slightly west of the location to be drilled by the Ringgold Oil and Gas Co.

Much interest is centered in this territory, since it is a proven gas field, a very strong gas pressure having been found in the Butler well drilled near these locations. The Ringgold Oil & Gas Co. practically has the required amount of stock sold to begin operations, and have already purchased some of the material necessary.

It is also reported that the Pardee Company will drill on their holdings in the vicinity of Ringgold at an early date.

PRICE LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mr. T. P. Streeter was a business visitor to Bienville Wednesday.

Mr. Edd Streeter was a visitor to Bienville Friday.

Messrs. E. H. Williams, W. H. Williams and T. P. Streeter motored to Arcadia Friday.

Mr. Author Caskey, of Gansville, was the guest of his brother, Mr. Till Caskey Friday and Saturday.

Among those who attended the dance at Driskill Saturday night, were Messrs. Ira, Carl, Johnnie and Burtis Caskey.

Mrs. Till Caskey left Wednesday for Shreveport to undergo a serious operation. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. T. Reeves and Mr. Jim Roberson, of Arcadia, and Mr. Sterenson, of Monroe, were business visitors throughout this community Tuesday.

Rev. G. C. Dennis has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church. Rev. W. T. Strain is serving as pastor at present.

The weather has been beautiful in this community for several days and the people have certainly been busy on their farms.

LIBERTY HILL LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Earl Parker and Mr. Ray Martin paid a visit to Bienville Saturday.

Mr. Ed R. Lee, of Bienville, transacted business here one day last week.

Mr. W. J. Lee and daughter, Miss Leslie, attended church at Union Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Curley visited in the home of Mr. J. E. Roden Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Shively, who is attending school at Arcadia, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smitherman visited Mrs. Smitherman's mother at Quitman Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Grigg and daughter Miss Lillian, and Miss Ollie Ricks, visited in the home of Mr. Phk Grigg, of Union, Saturday.

The Sunday School at the Baptist Church under the leadership of Supt. H. F. Brown, appears to be growing in both interest and attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison carried their little son, W. C., Jr., to Jonesboro Friday to Dr. Simonton for a slight operation.

Mr. W. H. Whitley, mechanic at Brown's Garage, is about the busiest man in all our community. He is working overtime almost every day, and yet the work comes faster than he can dispose of it.

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THE OIL DEVELOPMENT IN BIENVILLE PARISH

The following article was taken from today's issue of Shreveport Journal gives a report on some of the actions in this territory:

The next oil excitement is due to develop in the northern portion of Bienville parish and the southeastern of Webster parish. It is the declaration made Monday afternoon by a known oil operator who is interested with a company having extensive holdings in that section.

With no flourish of trumpets and without consulting anybody except geologists," said the Journal informant, "the Ardmore Oil and Gas Company has secured leases on approximately 25,000 acres of land located in townships 16 and 17 and ranges 8 and 9, in Webster parish, and township 16, range 8, in Bienville parish.

The Midway Oil and Gas Company, her organization backed by heavy capital has leased over 2,500 acres in same vicinity, principally in Bienville parish, and active development is inaugurated within a short time. All of this new territory is south of the V. S. & P. railroad, and between the towns of Sibley and Gibsland, and others have deposited \$3,000 in a bank at Minden as a bonus for a well to be drilled in section 3-17-18, Webster parish, and the location has been made for the well and the derrick is being erected.

H. H. Pardue and others have made a location in section 12-16-8, eight miles southwest of Gibsland in Bienville parish, and drilling will be in progress on this location before the end of the present week.

It was stated that the Ardmore Oil and Gas Company is composed of millionaire oil operators who have made fortunes in the Healdton field, and other capitalists of wide reputation, and they have invested in holdings in an entirely new section of North Louisiana with the view of opening up a new oil and gas field. They have been induced to select the lands in Bienville and Webster parishes as the result of negotiations and surveys made by geologists of unquestioned repute, and it is declared that the development of the new field is a question of only a few weeks at most.

SERVICES AT UNION CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 3 AND 4

There will be services at Union Church, Daville, La., on Saturday night at 8:30 U. S. time, and Sunday 11:00 a. m., and Sunday night at 8:30 p. m., May 3 and 4, 1919.

Remember the services will commence on time by Uncle Sam's time. Everybody invited to come and worship with us. COME!

REV. A. E. LAINE, Pastor.

Prominent Citizens Have Difficulty

A difficulty which occurred between S. W. Anders and Will Howell here shortly before noon Tuesday morning, resulted in the latter receiving a knife cut in the left side, which though quite severe, should not necessarily prove serious.

As nearly as can be ascertained, the trouble began at the compress, where Mr. Anders was employed as weigher. It seems that Mr. Howell had sent a bale of cotton to be weighed and stored and that some of the cotton was slightly damaged and in accordance with the rules of the compress the damaged cotton had to be picked from the rest of the bale before weighing.

It seems that the two men failed to agree over some point in regard to the charges or settlement for the damaged cotton, and a personal encounter followed, in which Mr. Howell used an axe handle and Mr. Anders a pocket knife for a weapon.

Both are prominent citizens, and the affair is regretted by their many friends here.

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SALE—at this office.

ESTRAY SALE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville, Third Ward.
Estrayed before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace by Henry Murphy one dam heifer yearling about 3 years old, marked crop split under half crop in right and swallow fork in left ear. Appraised by L. R. Davidson and J. C. Ham at \$20.00. Unless the owner comes and proves property and pays cost, this yearling will be sold to the last and highest bidder at public sale on

Saturday the 17 day of May, 1919 at Henry Murphy residents near Sparta, La.
This the 15th day of April, 1919.
W. J. HUCKABAY, J. P.

ESTRAY SALE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville.
Personally appeared before me at Ringgold, La., on April 12th, 1919, J. M. Woodard, living five miles South of Ringgold, and estrayed one steer yearling described as follows: Black, with white feet and showing of white on head; and white switch of tail; no marks or brands; appraised at \$7.50 by H. M. Davis.
The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take yearling away, or same will be sold at public sale

MAY 17th, 1919
at Marshal Woodard's residence, in Ward Four, Bienville Parish, La.
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