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TO DRILL FOR OIL NEAR HERE

THE ARCADIA FAIR

ARCADIA, LOUISIANA



New Arrivals
in Dress Goods

Voiles,
Organdies,
Silks
and other fabrics.

Special Reduced Prices

on Ladies' Skirts and Shirt Waists. Come in and get you a new WELWORTH or WIRTH-MOR Blouse.

Just received Ladies' Oxfords and Slippers in Black and White.

Jos. Dawidoff & Co.

We have W. S. S. and Thrift Stamps for you. Come in and invest and begin to save and prosper.

Who Is Your Banker?

Did it ever occur to you that this bank was organized because there was a real necessity for such an institution in our community? That because of our existence many are privileged to the benefits of a HOME BANK?

Patronize home industry by making use of this bank. We offer you every consideration possible, found in good sound banking.

Commercial Bank

Arcadia, La.

THERE IS NO ARGUMENT AGAINST IT



If you are without insurance, it is either carelessness, neglect or oversight. We are trying here to call your attention to a most important matter. Best Companies Represented.

NO ARGUMENT OVER LIFE INSURANCE

DANIEL, AGENT "INSURANCE OF EVERY KIND KNOWN TO MAN"

LOUISIANA'S PART IN THE GREAT WAR

filled to the covers with... the state when the war... Louisiana soldiers, sailors... is completed under the... State Council of Na... An active campaign... New Orleans Chapter... red Cross, with A. R. Tebo... has resulted in a num... being turned in already... committee is urging a more... to make the record... of Louisiana's part in... war.

FIRST CHURCH NEARING COMPLETION

Baptist church which was... immediately after the first... was destroyed by fire is... completion. Several... have been made in the... and it will be a more... structure than the one that... of the improvements is... roof. The flooring and... better grade material, be... minor improvements.

MAN FINED FOR NOT OBSERVING "GO TO THE RIGHT" LAW

Acting mayor E. H. Fisher, who was serving in that capacity on last Saturday in the absence of Mayor Barnette, placed a fine of \$10.00 and cost on a man, an alleged "whiskey runner" en route from Monroe to some point in Texas, for going to the left of the post placed in the business section of Arcadia in conformity with an ordinance of the town council.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of ARCADIA, L.A.

Big, Strong
Safe and
Progressive

This bank will do as much or more for its customers than any good bank will do, and its not hard to do a banking business with us. If you will stop and think for a minute the safe guards thrown around your business when it is with us, you will increase your business. There are many reasons why you should bank with a National Bank. First of all they are all safe and your deposits absolutely guaranteed. Think it over and give the First National your account.

WE KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

L. M. TOOKE, President

Capital Stock . . . \$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits . . . 40,000.00
Stockholders Liability 50,000.00

TOTAL . . . \$140,000.00

HUNS SUBMIT TO PEACE TERMS OF THE ALLIES

The Imperial German Government has placed its official signature to the peace treaty as submitted by the allied nations, and this act will no doubt be recorded as the greatest event in modern history. The signing of the peace treaty took place in the famous Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, France, on Friday, June 28, and from the facts disclosed in press dispatches, we would judge that the Germans protested to the last minute. Those signing for the United States were President Woodrow Wilson, and Messrs. Lansing, White, House and Bliss, who composed the American peace delegation.

AGED NEGRO WOMAN GUILTY OF BOOTLEGGING

Several days ago city marshal John Boddie entered the home of Ella Burns, an aged negro woman, and secured a gallon or so of wine that she had manufactured. The negro woman stated that she made the wine for "sacramental" purposes and the revenue derived therefrom was used to pay her church dues, but upon investigation the city marshal decided that the wine had a little too much "kick" for those who observe sacrament. A quantity sufficient for a test was forwarded to Dr. Willis P. Butler, of Shreveport, who made the test and reported that the wine tested a little over 13 per cent alcohol.

Upon receiving this information from Dr. Butler, Marshal Boddie immediately placed Ella on trial before Mayor Barnette, and the mayor being thoroughly convinced that the wine was made for "sacramental" purposes instead of "sacramental," asked Ella to sacrifice \$100.00 and the cost of the court, which she did.

While Mr. Boddie was looking around Ella's residence he found that she had on hand one barrel of sugar, and from this, one would judge that she was evidently engaged in the wholesale business of making sacramental wines.

This negro woman, it is stated, has had a "blind tiger" under captivity for several years, and is one of the "old timers" at the game, and Mr. Boddie is to be commended on his success in apprehending these offenders and bringing them to justice. We also wish to compliment our mayor for the price he charges the violators of the law.

FOR SALE.—Second-hand, five passenger, Dodge car, in first-class running order. A bargain.—J. S. McConathy.

TEXAS' FIRST BALE OF COTTON SELLS FOR \$1,000

From press dispatches appearing in Tuesday's dailies we learn that the first bale of cotton marketed in Texas this year was sold at Houston for the handsome price of \$1,000. The bale weighed 471 pounds and brought \$2.12 per pound.

HOMER TOMS MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR ASSESSOR

Mr. Tom Toms, of Ward 6, was in Arcadia Saturday, meeting old friends and acquaintances, and attending to business. We were glad to have him stop in for a chat with us while in town. He says the outlook for a cotton crop in his section is very poor indeed, owing to excessive rains, which have prevented proper cultivation. He states that the grass sowed by the boll weevils will get the major portion of the crop. The corn crop is quite promising however. Mr. Toms informed us that his son, Mr. Homer Toms, is a probable candidate for assessor, having been strongly solicited by his friends in various sections of the parish to make the race. He feels that he is thoroughly qualified for the place and will no doubt meet most of the voters between this and election time to solicit their support.

MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT BEAR CREEK

The Democrat was informed this week by J. W. Sutton, of Bear Creek, that next Saturday, July 5th, would be observed as memorial day at that place. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket, and especially those who have friends or relatives buried in the Bear Creek cemetery.

Daily Thought.
The best of prophets of the future is the past.—Byron.

GRAND JURY RETURNS 23 TRUE BILLS

The Grand Jury which was in session here this week completed their work Wednesday morning, which was a record session as there were 64 charges before the body for investigation. Out of this number 23 true bills were returned; 38 cases ignored and 3 complaints were placed in the hands of the district attorney so that bills of information may be filed. 4 of the true bills were for carrying concealed weapons, and 5 for retelling liquor without license, the remainder were for minor offenses.

T. J. Cummings acted as foreman and Bert Davis clerk, and the business was handled without any delay, and the examination of the several cases was carried out in record breaking time.

ARCADIA COMPRESS SOLD TO DALLAS CONCERN

The sale of the compress, consisting of all machinery, boilers, etc., was made by the Arcadia Compress Co., to Earl Fain & Co., of Dallas, Texas, last Saturday. The Dallas concern was represented by Mr. Drewery. The sale was a cash consideration, but we are not informed as to the amount.

The compress machinery will be removed to Dallas or some point in Texas. The lots, building, etc., to remain the property of the Arcadia Compress Co., and will be utilized for a cotton yard and storage house until further disposition may be decided upon.

The large storage building would make an excellent potato storage plant if remodeled inside, or perhaps it could be utilized by the town as a water and light plant building if this style of building would be practical for the purpose. There is a splendid deep well which could no doubt be utilized.

We regret very much to see the compress removed from Arcadia, as it was an asset to the town. We cannot blame the owners for disposing of it however, if the amount of business here was not sufficient to justify the investment.

ESTRAY SALE

Taken up, four miles east of Liberty Hill, by Dee Vail and estrayed before me on the 3rd day of June, 1919, one Dun Mare with dark Main and Tail, about 15 years old and branded "S" on the left fore shoulder, weighs about 800 pounds.

Appraised by A. H. Knotts and Ed Vail at \$25. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove ownership and pay charges or said mare will be sold on the

7th day of July, 1919 at public auction at the front of J. S. Vernons store at Liberty Hill, La. This June 3rd, 1919.
R. J. MOSTILLER,
Justice of the Peace.

WORK ON WATER AND LIGHT PLANT TO BEGIN AT ONCE

In an interview with Mayor Barnette this week it was learned that the work on the water and light plant would be in progress in a short time, and that the material was already arriving. He stated that some of the electrical supplies had been received and that the pump was en route.

Mr. Andrews who has the contract for building the house for the plant will no doubt begin work the latter part of next week. The plant will be built on the location of the present light plant.

LOCAL NEWS FROM SAILES

Mr. Otis Cole was a visitor to Gibsland Saturday.

Messrs. E. P. and J. T. Cole were visitors to Bryceland Saturday.

Mrs. Gertrude Jeter, of South Mausfield, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Aubrey.

The many friends of Mrs. J. L. Cole, who has been ill, are glad to know that she is slowly improving and wish for her a speedy recovery.

The heavy rains that have fallen in this community for the past week, have done great damage to the crops. Boll weevils are injuring the cotton very much.

Mrs. W. R. Garrett has received a telegram from her husband, Corporal Wm. R. Garrett telling of his arrival in Newport News, June 24th, after ten months service in France.

Location Made 1 Mile South Of Town—Drilling To Be Started Within 30 Days.

The first oil well to be drilled in the vicinity of Arcadia will be begun within the next thirty days. The well will be located about 1 mile south of town, but we are unable to state at present on what tract the location has been made.

Messrs. J. E. and J. N. Lummus, of Miami, Fla., who will do the prospecting have already let the contract, and the work on the derrick will be started within the next ten days. Mr. J. N. Lummus stated to a Democrat reporter that there would be no one interested in the putting down of this well except he and his brother, and that they were doing it strictly on their own hook, and after satisfactory investigation as to the probability of locating oil in this vicinity. He further stated that they intended making a thorough test.

Mr. J. E. Lummus, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Callie Brown Herring, with his family, is at present the guest in Mrs. Herring's home here, but after a short stay in Hot Springs, Ark., will return to his home in Miami, where he is president of the Southern Bank & Trust Co., and very prominently connected in other business circles. Mr. J. N. Lummus, who is a prominent real estate dealer of the same city, after a short trip to his home will return to Arcadia and take charge of the work of prospecting for oil.

The fact that these prominent business men have undertaken this task without the organization of a company or any outside capital is further assurance that there is a great deal of faith placed in the possibility of finding oil in the vicinity of Arcadia. We sincerely hope that these men have the best of luck as pioneer operators in the Arcadia field.

PETIT JURY TO MEET FOURTH MONDAY IN JULY

District court issued an order this week setting over the meeting of the Petit Jury from the third Monday in July until the fourth Monday in July.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN INTEREST

President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson left France Sunday afternoon aboard the U. S. S. George Washington, and are expected to arrive in New York by Monday of next week.

Conditions revealed by the war call for unprecedented exertions to check the progress of tuberculosis. The National Tuberculosis Association adopted resolutions providing for a \$6,000,000 Red Cross seal campaign in December.

Again, the authorities of New York State are haunting Harry K. Thaw, and extradition papers have been issued with the intention of taking him from Pennsylvania to New York to face charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, of Kansas City, Mo., in New York several years ago.

According to reports issued the wheat crop of Kansas for 1919 practically equals the wheat crops for the three previous years, viz: 1916, 1917, and 1918, combined. The 1919 production is estimated at 229,217,000 bushels and is 48,292,000 more than the state's yield in 1914.

China refused to sign the peace treaty with Germany because China would not be allowed to make reservations concerning the province of Shantung and also had been refused the privilege of making a declaration at the time of the signing of the treaty. Failure of China to sign the peace treaty will probably exclude her from the League of Nations, as well as work to her detriment in the resumption of trade.

The roads over which the American Red Cross commission to the Balkans is trying to get its automobiles, loaded with Red Cross supplies for the underfed of central Serbia are almost impassable and present shocking views for many miles. Between Saloniki and Belgrade they are lined with tens of thousands of skeletons and rotting carcasses of animals, and soldiers' graves thickly screened with earth, skirt the highways.

In proclaiming peace we hesitate for a moment, and call to mind the fact that at present there are at least eighteen wars raging in Europe. These wars would have been considered important had it not been for the enormity of the great war between the Allies and Germany. From these figures

Cypress Shingles

We will have a solid car load of Genuine Cypress Shingles here this week and at prices that will make you sit up and take notice. These are the first Cypress Shingles that we have been able to get in a long time and they are sure to go quickly. Better put in your order before they are all gone.

THE PEOPLES HARDWARE Co., Inc.
"The place to find what you want"

IDEAL FURNITURE

Nothing contributes more to the comfort and attractiveness of the home than good Furniture, and our line of Furniture was never more complete. We have some attractive Bedroom Suites, Dining Room and Library Sets, and many separate pieces such as Dressers, Vanity Dressers, Beds, Easy Rockers, etc. Prices within the reach of all. Also a good line of Refrigerators.

S. A. CONGER THE OLD RELIABLE FURNITURE MAN

LOCAL NEWS FROM HOPE

Mr. L. L. Smith went to Haughton on business Friday.

Miss Eura Frye went to Minden shopping Thursday.

Mr. Jay Reeves spent Sunday afternoon at Jamestown.

Mr. Fred Ledbetter visited relatives at Haughton Sunday.

Hope defeated Minden in a game of base ball at Minden Thursday.

Mrs. H. B. Scott left last week to visit relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Joe Wedgeworth and sister, Susie Mae, of Shreveport, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Everybody welcomes Mr. William Murphy back home. He arrived last Saturday afternoon.

Dubberly and Hope played base ball here Saturday. The score was 6 to 14 in favor of Hope.

Mr. Arthur Scott, of Winnfield, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott Saturday and Sunday.

We are all very sorry to hear that Miss Nita Rogers will have to undergo an operation.

Each Works to Some End.
The ease, the luxury, and the abundance of the highest state of civilization, are as productive of selfishness as the difficulties, the privations, and the sterilities of the lowest.—Cotton