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While it is not possible for all of us to have the foresight with which Thomas Jefferson was gifted when he made the purchase of the vast tract of land known as the Louisiana Purchase, nevertheless we can in our way look into the future with much greater confidence if we are prepared to meet whatever conditions may arise.

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"CLEAN-UP" CAMPAIGN IN- AUGURATED BY LADIES

For some time there has been agitation for a "Clean-Up Day," but the city health officer and other authorities failed to get the cooperation the occasion demanded though dates were set for the work.

The movement now on foot promises to be more successful, the details of the campaign having been worked out by some of the good ladies of the town, who are backed by the various women's societies, the civic committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the high school and faculty, and the city authorities. An effort will be made to have all the business houses close during the greater part of the day in order that all may take part in the work.

It has been suggested that in order to keep the streets clean that every business house be required to obtain garbage cans as a receptacle for rubbish instead of sweeping it on the street.

Next Tuesday, April 12th is the date set for clean-up. Let's all co-operate.

PROCLAMATION

Arcadia, La., April 6, 1921
I, Bertram F. Barnette, Mayor of the Town of Arcadia, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, hereby designate Tuesday, April 12, 1921 as "CLEAN-UP DAY" and every citizen of the Town is requested to clean-up his premises on or by said date.

Let's start early and get an even start with the weeds and get our town in as sanitary condition as possible and thereby save a great amount of sickness during the summer. Not only that, but with tin cans and other rubbish scattered over the town, our city is very unsightly.

Please bear this in mind and let's do all we can to clean-up. Make war on filth. I feel sure that the citizenship of Arcadia will co-operate in this movement for the good of the Town. We should not stop at cleaning up our own premises, but should go after the vacant property as well.

Let every citizen note this proclamation and co-operate to the fullest extent.

BERTRAM F. BARNETTE, Mayor, Arcadia, La.

ATTENTION

As next Tuesday has been designated by the Mayor as "CLEAN-UP DAY," I, as Health Officer, request that everyone clean-up their premises and place them in an absolutely sanitary condition. The various ladies' clubs have offered their assistance and cooperation, so let's everyone get together and help make Arcadia one of the State.

W. L. ATKINS, Health Officer.

FIELDS WELL NO 2 MAY BE DRILLED

A new well is likely to be drilled near Fields well No. 1 in the very near future according to information given the Democrat. And there is every reason for placing confidence in the statement since the oil showing in Fields No. 1 which has been observed by hundreds of visitors while the well was being bailed, has attracted wide spread attention. Oil men connected with the large companies have been here and have bought acreage as near the well as possible.

Everything looked most favorable Sunday morning for the bringing in of Fields No. 1, and the showing of oil was growing better every time the bailer was emptied, and everything was going fine until the casing broke about 700 feet down and the test had to be abandoned.

Those who have watched both tests say that the history of Fields No. 1 is a parallel to that of the first test at Haynesville, and that the oil showing here was even better than at Haynesville before the final test made in Taylor No. 2.

It is firmly believed by those familiar with the many accidents and delays connected with this test, that if the proper procedure had been followed from the outset, that to-day Arcadia would be enjoying the prosperity incident to an oil strike.

Leasing continues active in all directions from the abandoned well. Some leases bringing twice to three times as much as before the well was abandoned.

Reports from Calhoun No. 2, being drilled near Gibsland are meager as to detail, as those in charge are not giving out any information, but leasing in that territory has taken on noticeable activity and good prices are being offered.

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NATIVE OF BIENVILLE PARISH GETS FIRST PRODUCER AT HAYNESVILLE

Although Bienville parish has not yet entered the realm of proven oil fields, one of its native sons, Mr. James E. Smitherman, who was born and raised in this parish and whose parents now reside at Liberty Hill was last week changed from a promoter to a successful oil operator, having engineered the drilling and bringing in of the first well in the new Haynesville Oil Field. From statements made by men who are pioneers in the oil game, we feel safe in predicting that the bringing in of this well marks the opening of one of the greatest fields in this section of the country. The Haynesville well is flowing from 5000 to 7000 barrels of high gravity oil and according to reports there is a greater market for this oil than any other that is now being produced in either Louisiana or Arkansas.

Mrs. Howell Jones, of Arcadia, is a sister of Mr. Smitherman, and it is useless to say that she is very much elated over his success. He also has scores of friends in this parish who are glad of his good fortune.

Sunday's Shreveport Times has the following to say regarding the history of Mr. Smitherman's operations and success in the Haynesville field:

"After rising to the heights of eminence in the legal profession through years of application and hard work, James E. Smitherman, of Smitherman & Tucker, attorneys, of Shreveport, visions another pinnacle, the result of application to a fixed purpose and the courage of his convictions.

"A little more than a year ago, Mr. Smitherman decided to enter the ranks of oil explorers. He made a minute study of the locality near Haynesville. He consulted with John Y. Snyder, geologist, of Shreveport, who made the first detail survey of the field. He was convinced that this part of the state, about 15 miles from the wonder field near Homer, had potentialities of duplicating the marvelous record of the discovery pool in Calhoun parish. He was given the aid and support of E. G. Palmer and Mrs. R. T. Layne, of Shreveport.

He frankly stated his plans to the people of Haynesville and enlisted their co-operation. Mr. Smitherman secured this co-operation to the extent that the little community which has sprung into fame overnight looked upon him as a partner in a mutual adventure. Sid Beene, a faithful friend of Mr. Smitherman, gave valuable assistance, aiding in the blocking out of acreage and otherwise smoothing the path for the undertaking.

"Mr. Smitherman and his associates took over the Taylor No. 1, a well which had been drilled, but held unprofitable by the original driller. They consulted the operation and although they did not meet with success, nevertheless indications were such as to warrant a second test. The first well showed oil, but was finally abandoned.

"The venturesome operators met with the obstacles which usually arise in the path of the pioneer. But through all the people of Haynesville, and especially Mr. Beene, stayed loyally by the side of Mr. Smitherman and lent every encouragement in the venture. Mr. Smitherman said frankly that he and his associates could not have succeeded without the loyal support of the people of

DRILLING BEGINS ON LAKE-SIDE WELL NO. 2-WARD 1

It will be of interest to those interested in the development of the Lake Bienville territory to know that drilling of a new well was begun in that district Monday. The new location is only a few hundred yards northwest of the Lakeside gas well brought in a few weeks ago.

This test will be closely watched and every possible precaution taken against accidents. Paul Weeks, driller of Lakeside No. 1 is in charge of the crew.

The location is about eight miles west of Ringgold, and will mean much to the people of that place if the test is a success.

Another test in Bienville parish which is being closely watched is that of the Pratt's Hill well near Bayou Land. This well is now between 250 and 2900 feet.

the community which now certainly will reap the reward of one of the greatest virtues of mankind—trust in fellowman.

Smitherman and McDonald were the drillers. R. G. Smitherman and C. H. Smitherman are brothers of the man who dreamed a great dream to awaken to its realization. The other member of the drilling firm is L. L. McDonald. The drillers considered the operation as their own. The Taylor well, which has started the world, is one of the few wildcats which has been drilled without the mistakes customarily found in hitherto unexplored districts.

"The success of Mr. Smitherman and his associates represents one of the finest examples in industrial life of loyal co-operation of an explorer and the people whose land might benefit by his venture."

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. H. N. Brown, Pastor.
J. E. Reynolds, Supt. S. S.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching by the pastor.
6:45 p. m.—Epworth League.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching by the Pastor.
3:00 p. m.—Every Monday—W. M. U. Sunday School attendance 300.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. C. Cox, Pastor
W. D. Goff, Supt. S. S.

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages.
Preaching services every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday evening at 6:45
Teachers' meeting and prayer services Wednesday night at 7:30.
W. M. S. Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.
Sunday School attendance 235.

NUMBERS OF ARCADIA PEOPLE VISIT HAYNESVILLE OIL FIELD

Lined by the possibility of becoming rich overnight or becoming a millionaire to look upon a man of wealth of "mans" who had been made millions between snoring and snoring many citizens of Arcadia have visited Haynesville within the last few days and have returned home with interesting stories that sound stronger than fiction, but having visited the scene where the source of the riches is located, we feel safe in verifying any statement made regarding the wealth and growth of Haynesville during the past week.

Never before have we had the opportunity of visiting an oil town during the first days of the boom, and we frankly admit that the scenes enacted during the young days of an oil field

are beyond our ability to paint. There was money—lots of it; there was a spirit of good feeling; there was excitement of being made rich within a few hours time; there was trading, buying and selling; there was the process of transforming a small country town into a modern city of wealth within the space of a few hours, and there was the dollar that had, in the first lost its value, and men were wild to buy that, which only a few hours before had been worthless.

Among those who visited Haynesville were: J. S. McConathy, John Stanley, E. W. Patecoast, Howell Jones, Dr. B. T. Ferguson, Jack Davis, J. M. Hays, Dr. C. W. Williams, C. A. Tooke, E. P. Woodman, J. E. Reynolds, Tom Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cook, C. C. Travis, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Peirs and others.

Sale Continues!

Special Announcement

We are pleased to announce to our trade that instead of leaving Arcadia, a plan we have been considering, we have decided to remain here and continue our business in the midst of our friends of many years standing. Arcadia is our home and will continue to be.

Being forced to vacate our present quarters, we have leased the FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING soon to be vacated, and which will soon become our new business home.

As this building is much smaller than the one we now occupy, we shall be forced to reduce our stock considerably before moving into our new quarters. We will therefore continue our BIG MONEY SAVING SALE a short time longer.

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MISS MARY MIMS TO PRESIDE AT TEACHERS' MEETING

Miss Mary Mims, principal of the Bienville High School, will preside at the Louisiana Teachers' Association which convenes at Alexandria this week. To serve in the capacity of president of this association is a signal honor, bearing with it a load of responsibility. The honor has been in no way misplaced however, as it would be difficult task to find one who is better qualified to serve.

Miss Mims has devoted her best efforts to educational work during her career as a teacher, and has been wonderfully successful in the various capacities in which she has served, from the primary room to principal. She is ever a leading figure in the community in which her work lies, and is primarily a worker and a builder. The remarkable growth of the Ringgold High School from a place far down on the list as a graded school is evidence of this. This school was brought up to the requirements of a high school, and under her principled leadership grew until the commodious frame building became inadequate, and a drive was started for a new building—a bond issue voted for this purpose, and a commodious brick structure, modern in every respect will soon take the place of the present building.

Miss Mims is now serving her second year as principal of the Bienville High School where her efforts are equally as successful.

As stated in the Democrat last week, several others prominent in educational affairs from this parish will take part in the program.

THE "DORCAS BAND"

The "Dorcas Band" which is composed of the young matrons of the Baptist Sunday School was organized a month ago with sixteen members, all of whom are alert and enthusiastic workers. Last Sunday the secretary, Mrs. Phillip Anders, made the first monthly report, showing a good increase in membership. Names of those who have been present each Sunday during the month were placed on the roll.

The monthly class social will be given this month by Mrs. Bill Grigsby and Mrs. Alwyn Hightower in the home of Mrs. Grigsby.

We are very glad to have new members and assure everyone a hearty welcome. We feel sure that Mrs. B. Brewer, our efficient teacher will be able to give you additional light upon the lesson topics. Sunday school is a very pleasant place to be, so come and be with us each Sunday.—Reporter.

Yea, Verily.

It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways and that is as true of the Golden Rule as any other.—Boston American

STOP AND CONSIDER WELL!

LOOKOUT for Robbers and Thieves! Hardly a day passes without some bank or business house being robbed, and it is nothing to hear of of homes and individuals being robbed of most anything they possess.

These banks are prepared to take care of your Money, Liberty Bonds, Stamps and Moneys. We have a Manganese Steel Triple Time Lock Safe, as good as you find in large city banks. We carry a large burglary policy covering daylight hood-ups and robberies at night. We also have the best Mosler Safety Deposit Boxes. These boxes are our vault.

Every officer of these banks are bonded to protect the interest of the banks. Besides, Arcadia has good police both night and day, and we don't have any robberies here. These men are well paid and a robber doesn't stand much show as they are not allowed to linger long in our little city. Our bank is well equipped with electric lights which enables the police to see what is going on every minute of the night. Now don't put off bringing in your Money and other Valuables and depositing them with us for we are prepared to take care of them and our ample Capital, Surplus and Profits of over \$167,500.00 should be large enough to assure you of protection on our part. DON'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER

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