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## A Certain Refuge

In time of financial trouble there is nothing that will yield the protection to be had from a bank account.

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JUNE 4th

- 3 cans Gold Bar Pineapple \$1.00
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**Arcadia Grocery Company**  
Hancock & McClure, Proprietors

graduated as follows, to-wit:

Upon one-horse vehicles, a tax of one dollar (\$1.00); two-horse vehicles, a tax of one dollar (\$1.00) upon all log wagons, a tax of five dollars (\$5.00); upon all automobiles, a tax of five dollars (\$5.00); upon all one-ton trucks, a tax of ten dollars (\$10.00); upon all trucks over one-ton, the tax shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00); upon all tractors, a tax of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); upon all motorcycles, a tax of two and a half dollars (\$2.50).

Be It Further Ordained, etc.; That if any person shall fail or refuse to pay said license tax as specified above, on or before November 1st, 1921, he shall be deemed delinquent and the Sheriff and Tax Collector of the Parish of Bienville, Louisiana, is hereby authorized to proceed before any court of competent jurisdiction to sue and collect the same together with all cost of the proceedings.

Be It Further Ordained, etc.; That the Sheriff and Tax Collector of Bienville Parish, Louisiana, will collect all license tax as specified and turn same over to the Parish Treasurer as provided by law, same to be kept separate as to respective wards from which the license tax is collected.

Be It Further Ordained; That the Tax Assessor of the Parish of Bienville be and he is hereby authorized and required to list and assess upon his rolls for the year 1921 all vehicles, automobiles, trucks and motorcycles, as above mentioned and specified in resolution, subject to the license tax for the year, 1921.

Be It Further Ordained, etc.; That all laws and ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and that this ordinance take effect from and after due and legal promulgation.

On roll call the above ordinance was adopted by the following vote of the members:

Yeas—Bert Davis, J. H. Thurmond, J. F. Altums, W. H. Bogan, A. G. Whitlow and J. H. King.

Nays—None; Absent—None.

### DERRICK TIMBERS BEING PLACED FOR SECOND TEST

A location has been made for a second test well within about a half mile of the Fields well recently abandoned, and derrick timbers are now being placed on the ground. The new location is slightly northwest of the former test, and is about six or seven miles north of Arcadia in the edge of Claiborne parish. The well will be drilled by the Orleans Producing & Refining Co., under contract with the Arcadia-Ruston Oil Corporation.

It is a part of the contract that this well shall be drilled to a depth of 3000 feet unless oil or gas is found in paying quantities at a lesser depth.

E. Knox Elder, a well known geologist, made the location, and will make locations for all other wells that may be drilled under the contract.

The showing of oil obtained in the Fields No. 1 was of a quantity and grade to attract the attention of oil men throughout the state, and the new test will be watched very carefully from the beginning.

Reports of a reliable nature are to the effect that within the next few weeks two more locations will be made, one about 2 miles northwest of Arcadia in the W. D. Ray neighborhood and the other about 3 miles northeast of Arcadia on acreage being blocked in the neighborhood of F. W. Pentecost's land.

J. W. Cavanaugh and Mr. McReynolds of the Homer-Fields Oil Corporation, are in Arcadia this week in the interest of that company. Whether they will put down another test on their holdings here we have not been able to learn.

### THANK YOU

Having sold our grocery business to Messrs. Hancock & McClure, we take this occasion to thank our customers and friends, one and all for their generous patronage. We also bespeak for the new firm the same good will and patronage you have ever accorded us, feeling that your confidence will be fully justified and your patronage duly appreciated. Sincerely,  
DAVIS & SIMPSON.

### Hot Wells, La.

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—Correspondence solicited. CLARENCE PIERSON, M. D., President (6-16-4t.)

### MORE ABOUT GOOD ROADS

"Where is the parish's road fund going?"—Bienville Democrat, May 25th.

The editor asked this question and now answers it, "Wilson got it with Thurmond as accessory."

Ye Editor reminds me of an incident in old wagoning days. The roads were terrible. We had the necessary refreshments thought in those days to be essential. One of the party got loaded to the extent that any question put to him by those we met or lived on the road invariably received the same reply, "Up to the hub and sometimes over." When asked what you go for cotton or what you gave for flour, his answer was "Up to the hub and sometimes over."

You seem to be so intoxicated with the interest of the "Dear People," no matter what explanation or proposition is put up to you, you wind up with Wilson and Thurmond. Right here (without Wilson's knowledge or consent and I will state too that I have no advisory board, not even a word from any other member. Single handed and alone, if Wilson and Thurmond are subject to criminal prosecution have the District Attorney file a bill of information; bring them to court; have them give an account of their stewardship. It is not a criminal matter then apply counsel. The District Attorney if you see fit, bring suit to recover even to the amount—put with the funds now on hand—to make a full million once more. Go to it!

"We believe the people have the right to know inside facts." I agree with you, but every time I make a point that sticks one of your prompters you turn it on Wilson or Thurmond. As to the Police Jury getting any letters from the Attorney General or Governor Parker, you misquote me. I said Mr. Goff sent me letters marked "Copy." Not to us, but to Goff. It seems to me he is the one to get these letters from if you want to publish them. I would have no objection to sending them if I now had them. As to the document Mr. Goff wrote. Oh no, it's not a matter of record. If we were to record everything said and done in the Police Jury room, you would have to enlarge your paper to print the proceedings. In connection with this document, my question to Mr. Goff and his reply in reference to his being selected to represent the Police Jury in the bond sale, I quoted him and so stated. Mr. Goff is of age. He can deny, affirm or ignore this just to his liking. If he has no objections to the Democrat putting him in the "They said" class I certainly have no kick coming.

Who is my attorney? If when acknowledging you had prompters, you had given their names, then I would have been honor bound to have belched it up. As it is you have no more right to know or ask this of me than you would to ask me who my physician or pastor is. Did you ever notice Mr. Editor, that no one lawyer knows it all.

"Finance Committee of which Mr. Thurmond styles himself as Chairman." The records show this to be a fact without the "style." You are certainly an adept at dodging when the records show facts you can't use to your advantage, then you fail to find it.

Claiborne parish. There is no editorial fairness in publishing a part of what you knew. Add more to it, and then criticize for the full article. Strange Claiborne can build thirty miles or more under the supervision of the Highway Department for \$200,000. Bienville is required to up \$184,325.19 for seventeen miles. This estimate made not by Wilson but a representative of the Highway Department, et als (used for brevity). The style of the suit filed is W. L. Hamner, et als Vs. Police Jury. This is a courteous document. The first name contained in said document is W. L. Hamner, of Gibsland, following this is perhaps a dozen others, the last is B. P. Theus, of Sables.

Why! Oh why, didn't some of you patriots living under the shadow of the courthouse stop thief, ere this, even before Wards 4 and 6 got their quota?

(Mr. Secretary-Treasurer, what was that little word in the bond sale contract that cost this parish thirty thousand dollars?)

Now, Mr. Editor, as it has gotten down to an argument between you and I, I propose to sidetrack. If you have found out anything and who is responsible for said state of affairs let the dear people know. You have asked me what course I was going to pursue (or words to that effect). With the exception of Wards 4 and 6. The funds, roads, etc., are in the courts. I have nothing to say; no move to make until we are entirely clear of the courts. I said so. As stated before I am not the whole cheese. No other member is bound or responsible for anything written in these columns over my signature.

Without malice, prejudice or ill will to any one. Again I thank you.  
J. H. THURMOND.

Some weeks ago we wrote an article discussing the road question and the spending of the road money as we have done from time to time since July, 1919. Mr. Thurmond answered the article and began it by stating that "Fools enter where angels dare not tread." We presume that Mr. Thurmond threw this at the Democrat as we feel sure that he believes that he does not come under the ban of such a saying, and we would not be so unkind as to say that it applied to him. He could as easily and truthfully have said "the hit dog howls," and this would have been applicable to the Democrat, and possibly to a lot of the people in Bienville parish as the Democrat and the people have been hit with high taxes and the extravagant expenditure of the public funds until we feel like howling, and again, the Democrat would not be so unkind as to say that this saying of the "hit dog always howls" applies to Mr. Thurmond in the least.

We look upon the expenditure of one million dollars as a very serious proposition. It means that the people must pay about two million dollars in principle on bonds and interest on them. They have voted this debt on themselves for thirty years in order to have good roads built. How built? Not by the Police Jury, because plice juries are not road builders. No, the citizens and taxpayers of Bienville parish voted for the bond issue with the understanding that the roads would be built under the supervision of the Highway Department, and that the funds derived from the sale of the bonds would be supplemented by State and Federal aid. The Democrat believes that the ordinance calling the election with the stipulation therein is a contract between the taxpayers and the Police Jury—a contract in which the taxpayer has carried out his part, but which the Police Jury has so far evaded.

If we don't get good roads, the taxpayers must pay the debt anyway. Yes, we think this is a serious proposition.

Mr. Thurmond tries to evade this seriousness and makes light of everything that is said, either telling a story about some whiskey drinker who used to be a wagoner, or some old barber who carried his wool hat under his arm when it rained because the hat belonged to him, and his head to

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"ole Massa." We call your attention to the fact that Mr. Thurmond has not yet answered as to where he stood on the proposition of building the roads under the supervision of the State Highway Department and obtaining all the State and Federal aid possible, or under the supervision of Mr. Wilson, and thereby be deprived of State and Federal aid.

Neither has he answered who is his attorney whose advice the Police Jury acts upon contrary to the counsel of the Assistant Attorney General and

of the Police Jury's legal adviser, giving as his reasons, that the Democrat had not given the names of its prompters. The Democrat did not hesitate to state that it was prompted by a sense of duty to the people to discuss any and all public questions. We still think Mr. Thurmond owes it to the people to give the name of this attorney.

Mr. Thurmond thinks it strange that Claiborne is required to put up only \$200,000.00 for 30 miles of road and

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

G. Thomas Co., Vs. James Fields, No. 5578, Third Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from the above named Honorable Court and to me directed, I have seized and will offer for sale to the last and highest bidder in cash, with the benefit of appraisement, at the principal front door of the Courthouse at Arcadia, Bienville Parish, La., within legal sale hours

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the following described property, to-wit:

12 of NE 1-4, Sec. 29, Tp. 16, N., R. 4 W.

The above described property seized as belonging to the defendant, James Fields, and will be sold to satisfy said Writ of Execution and all costs.

This the 24th day of May, 1921.

J. E. CURRIE, Sheriff.

### NOTICE

Arcadia, La., May 10, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 5th, 1921, at 12:00 o'clock p. m., at their office in the Town of Arcadia, La., the Bienville Parish School Board will select a fiscal agent for said Board for the two year period, July 1921 to July, 1923.

P. F. WHITE,  
President Bienville Parish School Board.

### ESTRAY SALE

Taken up at my farm 3 1-2 miles southwest of Arcadia, La., on or about April 20th the following described cattle: 1 Mack cow about 4 or 5 years old; brand on side; 1 black cow about 2 years old without horns, brand on side with figure "8"; 1 red bull yearling about 2 years old without horns or brands; 1 bull yearling about 2 years old, of bluish color, without horns or brands. One red and white spotted bull about 2 years old. Owner hereby notified to call and prove ownership, pay keeper's fees and all other costs and take cattle away, or same will be sold at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash, subject to appraisement, within legal hours at my farm on

SATURDAY, June 18th, 1921

in accordance with the provisions of the stock laws of Ward One, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. For further in-