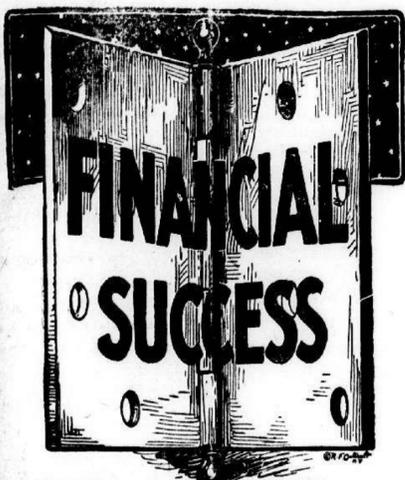


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hinges on having Money at the right time.

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LOCAL CITIZENS MAY DRILL FOR OIL —ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING HELD

O. D. Mitchell Makes Prop- osition To Furnish Rig And Part Of Labor.

A meeting of a number of citizens of Arcadia and surrounding territory was held at the courthouse on Tues- day night of this week for the purpose of devising some plan to drill an oil well within the corporation limits of the town of Arcadia.

After a short explanation made by Mayor B. F. Barnette, stating the ob- ject of the meeting, L. M. Tooke was made chairman and H. L. Mitchell sec- retary.

Mr. O. D. Mitchell explained to those present that he would furnish his labor and his rig for drilling a well in Arcadia to the depth of 1700 feet if the people of the town and sur- rounding country would furnish leases, labor and fuel, for the drilling, agree- ing to work on a 40 per cent and 60 per cent basis, he getting 40 per cent and the people 60 per cent. Mr. Mitchell stated that the cost would be around \$5,000.00 dollars to go to a depth of 1700 feet. The amount of acreage necessary to be secured be- fore the operations begin is about 2,000 acres.

Short talks on the subject were made by F. W. Pentecost, F. E. Wilkerson, D. E. Brown, T. M. Byrd and others.

A committee consisting of W. N. Conger, M. Y. Caskey, T. M. Bird, B. B. Robinson, J. N. Smelley, Malcolm Currie, W. S. Howell and Fletcher Oakley was appointed to secure leases outside the corporate limits. Y. M. Lyons, J. S. Andrews, Joe Dryer, J. S. Williams and Dave Hoffman were ap- pointed as a committee to secure leases inside the corporate limits of the town of Arcadia and to confer with the mayor and aldermen.

A finance committee consisting of F. E. Wilkerson, R. L. Taylor, Lamar Ozley and Dr. J. N. Jones was appoint- ed, and R. L. Taylor and F. E. Wilker- son were appointed as trustees.

B. F. Barnette, P. A. McGuire, and R. L. Williams were appoint- ed as a committee to draw up a charter, fix the size of the units and do such other things as is necessary to perfect the syndicate.

The plan, as we understand it, is to organize a syndicate and sell units.

The men interested in this project are among our most active 'business men and are capable of putting the proposition over, and it is through such activity that an oil field will be eventu- ally discovered somewhere in this territory. Everyone attending the meeting Tuesday was very enthusiastic and we are sure that the plans outlin- ed will soon be put into action.

GIBSLAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

On Friday, January 13th, the girls' and boys' basket ball teams from Bien- ville played the Gibsland teams on Gibsland's court. The Gibsland boys were victorious by a score of 19 to 15. The Gibsland girls lost by one point, the score being 11 to 10. Both were splendid games and for some time it seemed that the girls would "mop up."

This week is "exam" week and some of the faces you see are very long, while others are all smiles. All "ex- ams" will be over by Friday and the regular meeting of the Philothean Literary Society will be held in the high school auditorium at 3:00 o'clock.

Miss Fay Holstun, English and Latin instructor, spent last week-end in Was- kom, Texas, visiting friends. Miss Holstun reports having had a splendid time.

Misses Elvie and Shirley Harvill spent last week-end in Minden, and Miss Anne Johnston at her home in Ruston.

Thursday night, January 19th, the last number of the Lyceum course will be given by Dr. Rader, a lecturer.

ANOTHER MOONSHINE STILL DESTROYED BY SHERIFF AND DEPUTY

Sheriff Currie and deputy Henderson Jordan located and destroyed another moonshine still on Friday night of last week. The still was found south- east of town in Ward 1, near Union church, and though it showed signs of recent use, the operators were not to be found, and no arrests have been made.

This is merely the beginning of the war on moonshine stills and Sheriff Currie deserves the co-operation of every good citizen in the parish in his efforts to stamp out this class of law violation.

TWO RURAL HOMES DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST WEEK

The residence on the farm of Mr. Geo. Shields near Bethel church, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night of last week, together with all out- houses, farm implements, etc. It is the opinion of some that the fire was the work of fire bugs. The total loss to Mr. Shields amounted to about \$10,000.00.

Last Sunday morning while Mr. Ben Spears and family, of the Hurri- cane neighborhood were attending the funeral of Tom Greer, their home and contents were totally destroyed by fire. Their loss is estimated at \$5,000.00 with \$1,500.00 insurance.

BIENVILLE NEWS

H. T. Cummings, of Homer, visited his family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Grier and little son are spending several days in Shreveport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Boone spent last week-end here with homefolks.

Hardy Black, of Shreveport, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. Ray Huckaby, of Chestnut spent a few days here last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Poole.

Miss Bessie Miller spent the week- end in Saline.

Miss Bernice McDonald left last Wednesday for an extended visit to relatives in Stamps, Ark.

Miss Marie Wilson spent the week- end in Gibsland the guest of Miss Ruby Tilley.

Mr. D. Q. Lucky spent the week-end here with homefolks. He was accom- panied on Monday to Shreveport by Mrs. Lucky, who will spend several weeks there with him.

Mrs. S. A. Warren has been quite ill this week. We are glad to report her condition somewhat improved.

Misses Jo Johnson and Nova Holland spent the week-end in Lucky with homefolks.

A marriage that came as quite a sur- prise to their friends was that of John Hayes and Miss Iva Farrell, which happy event occurred last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's grandfather, near here. Rev. W. T. Strain officiating. The bride and groom are both students in the high school here, and have many friends who wish them much joy and happi- ness in their married life.

Ganges River 1,557 Miles Long.

The Ganges, India's most important river, is 1,557 miles long, and is nav- igable for a distance of 850 miles from the sea.

"Light of the World."

The "Light of the World" was a title conferred upon Sigismund (1411-1497), emperor of Germany, because of his enlightenment and intelligence.

On Life's Journey.

At forty a man doesn't think he knows as much as he thought he knew at twenty, but he knows that he knows more.

YOUNG MAN GETS 5 YEARS IN PEN FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY

W. H. Simmons, a young white man, who was wanted here on a charge of highway robbery was apprehended in Haynesville this week and brought to Arcadia and placed in jail.

About three months ago Simmons with two other men held up and rob- bed a negro in Gibsland of a little over \$51.00. Sheriff Currie was notified and began a search for the guilty parties, seemingly without a clue, which re- sulted in Simmons' arrest a few days ago. After being placed in jail Mr. Currie secured a confession from Sim- mons, who implicated two others, one of the men has been arrested in Terrell Tex., and is being held at that place pending arrival of an officer to return him to Arcadia. The other party is still at large.

Simmons was arraigned before Judge Reynolds Tuesday in the District Court and plead guilty as charged. He re- ceived a sentence of 5 years in the State penitentiary, and Sheriff Currie left Wednesday afternoon for Baton Rouge with the prisoner.

We frequently compliment Mr. Cur- rie for his ability to apprehend crimi- nals and bring them to justice, and this is indeed another of those cases where the sheriff is due much credit for his success.

JOHN C. HAYES, SR., DIES AT HOME OF SON

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. John C. Hayes, at the home of his son, Elzie, at Bien- ville, and will be buried tomorrow (Friday) at 2:00 o'clock at Liberty Hill. We were unable to learn any of the particulars regarding Mr. Hayes' death, but understand it was caused from pneumonia. A full report will appear in next week's Democrat.

ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

The following concise report of the work of the Arcadia Fire Department for the year 1921 was made by the secretary at their last regular meet- ing:

Total number of alarms.....	17
Classified	
Dwelling fires.....	12
Cotton warehouse fires.....	1
Out buildings.....	1
Grass fires.....	3
TOTAL VALUE OF PROPER- TY INVOLVED.....	\$172,825.00
Classified	
Value of dwellings.....	\$ 37,725.00
Contents of dwellings.....	25,100.00
Commercial buildings.....	10,000.00
Contents of commercial buildings.....	100,000.00
TOTAL LOSS BY FIRE AND WATER DAMAGE.....	\$110,391.10
Classified	
Dwellings.....	\$ 498.10
Contents of dwellings.....	193.00
Commercial buildings.....	10,000.00
Contents of commercial buildings.....	99,700.00
TOTAL INSURANCE CAR- RIED.....	\$151,100.00
Classified	
Buildings.....	31,000.00
Contents.....	119,500.00
TOTAL INSURANCE PAID.....	\$100,774.41
Classified	
On buildings.....	\$ 6,308.10
On contents.....	94,466.31
Number of active firemen.....	15
Number of drills.....	12
Number of business meetings.....	7
Average number present at fires, drills and meetings.....	12
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1921.....	\$ 14.01
Collected during year of 1921.....	272.49
Total cash.....	286.50
Expended during year.....	257.74
Bal. in treasury Dec. 31, 1921.....	28.76
Chemicals	
Seven dwelling fires extinguished	

Don't Fail to Attend The Big Semi-An- nual

CLEARANCE SALE

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Dawidoff & Co.
Ardadia, Louisiana

Remember
Free Ticket to Saturday Matinee at Victory Theatre

With Each Cash Purchase Amounting to 50c or More.

WIRE! WIRE!

We have just received another car load of Field Fence, Barbed Wire and Nails and can save you money on any of the above. Buying in quantity helps us keep prices down. Let us figure with you.

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Arcadia, Louisiana

WELL STAGE CAMPAIGN TO IN- crease USE OF MILK IN LA.

A demonstration milk campaign will be held in New Orleans, April 10-22, under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Dairy Depart- ment of the State University Exten- sion Division. This campaign will be in charge of Miss Jessie M. Hoover, utilization specialist, U. S. De- partment of Agriculture, C. H. Staples and Miss Mary E. Thomas, of the State University Dairy Division, and home demonstration agents who will carry the message to their respective parish- es. Louisiana will be one of five south- west states to have a campaign of this kind.

The object of this campaign is to im- prove the health of growing children as well as adults through the greater consumption of milk, as milk contains the essentials to building and re- pair- ing tissues, both muscular and nervous, supplies energy, and promotes health.

Various methods will be employed throughout the campaign for getting educational information to the peo- ple, among which will be short talks, school children, bulletins and cir- culars, news stories in the press, ex- hibits in store windows, demonstra- tions in show windows, motion pic- tures, pageants, posters and cooking demonstrations utilizing dairy pro- ducts.

New Orleans has been selected as the ideal place for the demonstration campaign, as it is the largest city in the south and for the reason that the consumption in that city is very low. The 400,000 people in New Or- leans drink only 20,000 gallons of milk each day, averaging 2.5 of a pint a day per individual. This is very low as the minimum consumption per person should be a pint a day.

Under the campaign Miss Thomas will make a survey of the state to determine the percentage of under- consumption, by localities. Similar surveys in other states have shown that children are getting less than 1-2 pints of milk each day and that large percentages of the children, conse- quently, are underweight. Information has proved without exception that children drink more milk than the general children do. It is felt that due to the fact that more educa- tion work along this line is carried on in the cities and towns.

The promise for a successful health campaign is very flattering. The asso- ciation of commerce as well as other organizations in New Orleans have already given their services to putting the campaign over and carried through cooperation.

PERSONAL MENTION

I. E. Sutton, Justice of the Peace, Ward 2, was in town this week trans- acting business.

Dr. O. L. Kidd, of Gibsland, was a business visitor to Arcadia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Randol, of Gibs- land, were in town on Monday of this week.

Mr. W. S. Row, of Gibsland, was a business visitor to Arcadia on Thurs- day.

CONSTABLE SALE

W. W. Kimball Co. Vs. Mary Griffin, No. 79, State of Louisiana, Parish of Bienville, in First Justice Court, Ward 2.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias 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 for cash with the benefit of appraisement at the principal front door of the First Justice of the Peace office at Gibs- land, Bienville parish, La., within legal sale hours on

Saturday, January 28th, 1922 the following described property to- wit:

One Kimball Organ and stool. The above described property seized as belonging to the defendant, Mary Griffin, and will be sold to satisfy said Writ of Seizure and sale and all cost. This the 9th day of January, 1922. P. C. BURNETTE, Constable.

For Pedestrians.

"Look out for loose motor car nuts," warns a motor journal. We always do before crossing the street.—Boston Transcript.

Condensed Statement of the First National Bank as Furnished to the Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business on Dec. 31, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$270,616.93
Overdrafts.....	N-O-N-E
Stocks and bonds.....	128,198.95
Bienville Parish School Warrants.....	45,450.36
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures.....	55,182.09
Cash and Sight Exchange and cash in cotton.....	73,205.20
TOTAL.....	\$572,653.53

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and profits.....	55,257.06
Circulation.....	50,000.00
Bills payable.....	N-O-N-E
Bills rediscounted.....	N-O-N-E
Deposits.....	417,396.47
TOTAL.....	\$572,653.53

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