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## WAY ENGINEERS BUSY ON PRELIMINARY SURVEY

W. L. Stephens, who was re-elected Chief Highway Engineer of the police jury to supervise the construction of the system of highways in Jefferson Davis parish, arrived in Welsh Sunday with members of his engineering staff and spent Monday going over the territory preparatory to making his preliminary surveys. Stephens has engaged offices over the Calcasieu National bank and will have his headquarters here. Stephens is associated with Col. Stevens in the work of making the preliminary survey of the road north of Welsh. Besides the chief, Mr. Raymond, Messrs. E. J. and Henry Curry, Ford, B. D. Wood, Gabbert, Messrs. E. J. and J. LaCour are nephews of our chief.

## BROOKS-PROTHRO

Wedded Friday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Julia Gauthier. The bride is now employed in the capacity at Eunice, was visiting here Wednesday.

Ask for Automobile Votes with purchase made at the Journal Store or Greer Bros. Jewelry.

## MOVEMENT TO BRIDGE THE MERMENTAU RIVER

Plans for a bridge across the Mermentau river on the line between Acadia and Jefferson Davis parishes are being discussed by the police juries of the two parishes, and active steps looking to securing such a structure are soon to be taken. President John Marsh of the Acadia police jury stated a few days ago that he has authorized M. C. Huckaby, state highway engineer, who is now surveying the main artery of the Acadia parish highway system, to draw plans for a bridge across the Mermentau, the plans to be submitted, together with estimates of the cost, at the next meeting of the jury. The plans will also be submitted to the Jefferson Davis parish police jury and in case the bridge is built the expense will be shared by the two parishes.

The Jefferson Davis police jury has already started agitation for a bridge across the river near the location of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge, and their highway engineer, Col. W. L. Stevens, has volunteered to furnish plans for the structure. Roughly estimated, it is said a substantial draw-bridge could be built for a sum not exceeding \$50,000 and of this amount it is contended the state highway department is in a position to furnish the greater part. The bridge would be a connecting and important link in the great highway across the state, of which Calcasieu parish has already finished her part, for which Jefferson Davis has voted half a million dollar bond issue and for which Acadia is planning to appropriate \$600,000.

Mr. P. E. Louviere has been appointed City Marshall and Street Commissioner, by the Board of Trustees, to succeed Mr. A. G. Fontenot, who has resigned the position held by him for a number of years to engage in the warehouse business at Rice. Mr. Fontenot, during his tenure in office had made Welsh a very efficient peace officer, and it is our prediction that Mr. Louviere will protect the peace of the community with equal zeal.

## Our Automobile Contest Is Creating Considerable Interest The Prizes are Well Worth the Little Effort Required

Since the beginning of the Automobile Contest which was started only last week by the Welsh Printing Company and Greer Bros, a great deal of interest has been aroused. Quite a number of ladies, both old and young, married and single, have already entered the race, and a number of others have signified their intention to do so.

The contest is simply a trade boosting event for these firms in which a two-passenger automobile of the winners choice and a number of other valuable prizes will be given away absolutely free. The winning of any one of the valuable prizes offered does not entail the expenditure of one cent on the part of the contestant, nor his or her friends. The prizes are simply an award for the contestant's influence in securing new customers for these firms. It is open to any person in the parish who desires to enter, and is just as easy in the winning for one person as another.

Votes are given at the rate of 100 votes to the dollar on all cash purchases made by these firms. 1000 votes to the dollar on the sale of due bills. 2000 votes to the dollar on special sales days, which will be well advertised to give every contestant an equal opportunity. 1000 votes to the dollar on all accounts made before the beginning of the campaign. 1000 votes on the dollar on all advertising or job printing and on all subscriptions to the Journal, whether new or renewals. Beginning with this issue a coupon will be printed in each Rice Belt Journal, good on presentation at

the Journal office for 25 votes.

A suitable ballot box will be placed conveniently in store where the contestants and their friends will deposit their votes. The coupons if more than one in number should be tied in packages—not wrapped—with the contestant's number—not name—and the total number of votes plainly written on the outside of the package. No assistance will be given to anyone in marking the ballots or placing them in the ballot box by any employee of the firms, nor will anyone be allowed to solicit votes within the store. The first count of votes will be made on Thursday, August 24, and all votes should be in the ballot box not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening. The standing of the contestants will be announced on Friday and the forty-two piece dinner set awarded to the winner Saturday. The votes will be counted and dinner set awarded every two weeks thereafter. No contestant will be awarded more than one dinner set, and should the same contestant be high more than once then the next highest will be awarded the set, and so on.

Nomination blanks, good for 5,000 votes may be used to nominate any candidate, but will not be credited to any candidate who has already been nominated. You may nominate yourself or any friend whom you wish.

Remember that if you enter the contest and show a disposition to stay in it your friends will see that you win, providing you let them know you are in to win. The contest is just starting and we would suggest that those who desire to enter give their names in at the earliest possible time.

## THE RICE BELT JOURNAL TO BE CHANGED IN FORM

Beginning with the issue of Friday, August 25th, the Rice Belt Journal will be issued in the form of a seven column folio, instead of the present six column quarto. A number of causes are responsible for the necessity of this change, the chief of these reasons being constantly increasing demands resulting from a growing business.

While we need more room to accommodate local news, the high price of paper has put a ban on the issuance of a larger paper in its present form, therefore the management of the Journal has decided to discontinue the patent inside of the paper and increase the size of the home print section.

The Journal has enjoyed several expressions from patrons recently that has imbued it with a sense of pride and a desire for further improvements, and in this connection we are first seeking to increase the room for improvement. On the other hand we

desire to maintain the present popular price of one dollar per year, whereas almost all of the country newspapers are raising their subscription price to \$1.50 and \$2.00 on account of the increased cost of material and production. We believe that by discontinuing the patent inside and increasing the size of the home print section we can use a better grade of paper, print more home news, and in all furnish our patrons a more satisfactory paper, without increasing the price.

The remaining chapters of the serial story "The City of Numbered Days," will be published for the benefit of those who are interested.

We hope that the patrons of the Journal, many of whom have been its constant readers since its beginning over sixteen years ago, will appreciate the improvement, and will by their continued support and encouragement assist us in making other and more marked improvements.

### ONLY ONE CHANCE TO SEE "DAMAGED GOODS"

"Damaged Goods," a great photoplay of moral uplift in seven reels with an all star cast will be shown at the auditorium, both matinee and night, August 21st.

This vital drama has had excellent press comments everywhere that it has been shown and had also received the endorsement of many of the most prominent ministers and evangelists throughout the United States.

The matinee at 3:00 p. m. will be for ladies only and the evening show at 8:00 p. m. will be for men only. No children under sixteen years old will be admitted. Admission 25 cents.

Pauline Frederick, in a picturization of the celebrated novel, "Audrey," will be the bill for Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Blanche Sweet and Theodore Roberts will be seen Friday, Aug. 25th in a powerful play of political intrigue in Russia, entitled "The Sowers." On account of the special feature for Monday, the regular Tuesday program will be omitted.

Don't forget these dates as every one of these plays are well worth seeing.

### SCHOOL TERM BEGINS MONDAY, SEPT. 4TH.

Number of Changes in the Faculty and Text Books Mark Opening of This Term.

The opening of the school term in the Welsh High School Monday, September 4th, will be notable for the many changes, in faculty, in text books and in the attendance which occur this year. It is reasonable to expect that the initial attendance will be the greatest ever recorded in this school, and it is also reasonable to expect that the success that has marked the past terms will be outdone this term.

According to the announcement of the parish and local school board only four of the teachers who taught the past term are being returned to the school this year. They are Misses Ione Robinson, Rose Hardin, Elsie Reeve and Ruth McLees.

The new teachers are, besides the principal, Mr. Arnold L. Pearce, Misses Mabel Fontance, Louise Smith, Essa Johnson, Hettie Ecet and Irma Robinson.

We are unable to give the assignment of the teachers to their respective grades at this time.

## JENNINGS MOTOR CAR CO. SECURED FORD AGENCY

The Jennings Motor Car Company has secured the exclusive for Ford motor cars and repair parts in the entire parish of Jefferson Davis. This company has leased the south room of the Southern Mercantile building in Welsh and will within a few days be located there with a stock of cars and parts.

Mr. Proctor, of the firm of Proctor & Liddle, will have charge of the Welsh branch which will be operated throughout the coming year, and he has announced that they will carry, for the convenience of Ford owners here, a large and complete stock of repair parts for Ford cars, and extends a cordial invitation to the public to visit them there.

—Fred Maund, who was formerly employed as bookkeeper for the Welsh Carriage & Implement Company and is at present holding an important situation with a firm in Beaumont, Texas, passed through Welsh Wednesday on No. 10 en route to Jennings where he will visit home folks for a few days. Fred announced that he would call on his old friends in Welsh about Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dennett and son, Kilburn, who have been spending the past two weeks at the great southern watering place, Galveston, are now in Houston. Mr. Dennett announces that he will be home the latter part of the week.

—1000 Automobile votes with every \$1.00 due bill, good in making any purchase at the Journal Book Store, Welsh Printing Company or Greer Bros. Jewelry.

—Mr. T. E. Fletcher of Cordele, Ga., National Bank Examiner, made his periodical examination of the affairs of the Welsh branch of the Calcasieu National Bank Wednesday. Mr. Fletcher found this bank to be in a very satisfactory condition.

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## LOCAL FARMERS UNION ELECTED OFFICERS

Roanoke Local No. 383 of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union held its annual election of officers at Roanoke last Saturday night. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. W. Narrans, president; W. F. Lovett, vice-president; J. V. Diener, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was largely attended and very enthusiastic. Wives of the members were present, and after the business session refreshments were served.

### METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school at 9:45. Rally day will be observed October 1st. That day we shall celebrate to 150th anniversary of American Methodism.

Sermon subjects for Sunday, eleven o'clock, "How to Keep From Fainting." Eight o'clock, "The Banishment of Tears."

Epworth League devotional at 7 o'clock.

Interesting prayer service every Thursday. Cordial invitation extended to you.

### FONTENOT IS NOMINATED FOR ST. LANDRY SHERIFF

Darius M. Fontenot was nominated to be candidate on the Democratic ticket over Charles Thibodeaux for sheriff, to fill the vacancy left by the murder of Marion L. Swords, re-elected over Fontenot. General election has been called by Governor R. G. Pleasant for September 12. The Progressive party will choose its candidate—probably J. W. Bassett, of Eunice, August 24.

The vote was Fontenot, 1,681; Thibodeaux, 1,442, giving Fontenot a majority of 239 votes. Fontenot carried 13 out of the 25 polls.

—Mr. Zim W. Todd was in attendance at the meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish Board of School Directors held in Jennings Wednesday.

—Mr. A. W. Weiner, roadmaster for the Lafayette-Echo division of the Southern Pacific was looking after business matters here Wednesday.

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.....in.....

## "Audrey"

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5 and 15 cents

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## "The Sowers"

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