A prominent business personality...Ivan J. Bourque

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One of Kaplan's most outstanding business personalities is Mr. Ivan J. Bourque, who began his working career as a shoe shine boy, then a delivery boy, next and employee of O.G. Hebert's Grocery, and finally the sole owner of Lafitte Wholesale Company.

Mr. Bourque is one of seven children, his father, Ulysses Bourque, now being one of his employees. Mr. Bourque stated something that may be of interest to the younger generation (the largest pay that I have received before I opened my own business, was $15 a week).

Mr. Ivan Bourque certainly accomplished a rapid climb to businessman. He began in the wholesale business on May 15, 1939, when he was only 19 years old. About a year and a half later, on the day that he was 21 years old, Dec. 5, 1940, he married the former Mary Louise Romero. Today, with the help of this three children, Charles, a graduate of USL with a business degree, Genny, now Mrs. Russell Pierce of Houma, who works part time dur-