The brief history of any town or community cannot be adequately written without giving a history of its newspaper. Vivian, in its infancy, was fortunate in having a few men who had printer's ink in their blood, even before the community was firmly established a newspaper was being published to bind the factions together so that an aggressive community would be evolved.

The first known newspaper in Vivian was called the Vivianite. It was established in 1902 and published every Saturday. The editor of this paper was known as Tom Watson. Reports show that he did much to mold the public character of the community and its citizens.

The newspaper, printed on an old type hand press, gave a weekly account of the happenings in the community and the life of its citizens.

Due to the lack of financial backing, this paper soon played out, to be replaced by the Tri-State Sun, which was established in 1904, and its editor was Charles W. Taylor and its publishing headquarters was in an abandoned school house. This paper lasted until 1910.

When the Tri-State Sun bowed out, the Vivian Times made its debut. J. W. Fletcher edited the Times. He immediately began a drive for a stock law.

He kept the presses turning until 1913 when again a financial stress hit and there was a period until 1919 that Vivian was totally without any type of newspaper.

H. H. Fant and Charles Zimmerman established the Vivian Reporter which put out a paper comparable to the now modern weekly.

The paper flourished for the next three years when again financial adversities set in and the paper began changing hands until in 1927 it was abandoned. However, the public-minded citizens of the community, realizing the importance of a newspaper for the growth of a community and with the Lions' Club taking the initiative, set out to establish another paper. So in 1930 once again the newspaper began circulating under the name of the Caddo Citizen.

The plant has constantly undergone improvement to be able to furnish the needs of an ever-growing town.

Wife: Mr. Meek has been married for 25 years and spends every evening at home. That's what I call real love.

Hubby: The doctor calls it paralysis.

Doctor: Did that medicine I gave your husband straighten him out all right?

Wife of Patient: Yes, we buried him yesterday.

Helen: How did you stop your husband from staying out late?

Mable: When he came in late I called out, Is that you, Jack?

Helen: How did that stop him?

Mable: His name is Bill.

OWNER OF THE LARGEST OIL WELL
Robert H. (Bob) Harrell, right, of Vivian, owned the property on which the largest oil well ever drilled in Caddo parish was sunk.

The well was brought in about 1910. Today it is known to be producing on the pump.