

SHELBINA DEMOCRAT

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Lentner, As Seen By the Editor

A Democrat representative attended the sale of lots at Lentner last Thursday along with quite a few others from Shelbina. The day was a very inauspicious one, but in spite of it a good crowd was there. It rained before the sale commenced and rained so hard during the sale that it was finally closed down before more than one third of the lots were sold. A report of the sale is in another column of the paper.

The Democrat man called on the Lentner merchants and found them very busy—almost too busy to talk. Lentner has three bustling general stores, J.A. Bilbro, J.L. O'Bryan and J.T. Dines. Besides these busy marts, Lentner has a post office, a concrete block bank, as substantial as its building material, with Dr. A.G. Wood as president and Tom Noel as cashier. Also there is a Christian Church. Ed Hixson has a concrete block factory and turns out all kinds of concrete work, including blocks and tile. Lentner boasts of one of the best mechanics in the country in W.E. Hollenbeck. Besides machine work of many kinds, he does considerable auto repairing. Lentner is also proud of having two of the best physicians, Drs. A.G. and A.M. Wood. Dr. A.G. Wood has practiced medicine for over 50 years, more than 30 of which has been in Lentner. He is just beginning to feel like he can take life a little easier and put some of the burdens on younger shoulders.

The Lentner Telephone Exchange is located in Dr. Wood's residence and the service rendered is prompt, efficient and very satisfactory.

Henry Clay has a livery stable and does considerable driving. He also takes care of transients, a service which is much appreciated.

Last, but not least, the people about Lentner, who contribute to her welfare and make her prosperous, are the good substantial farmers, the kind with whom it is a pleasure to do business, and whose names on any paper is as good as money in the bank and whose word is as good as their bond. For miles around, the land is the rich, gently rolling kind that makes good farms. A few miles north of Lentner is a community settled mostly with people of Holland descent. Their farms are noted for their productivity and their owners for their prosperity. They always have the best when it comes to land, buildings, and stock; and their buildings are numerous and well painted. Many of these people are mainstays in the Lentner Bank. Among them are Henry Arnold and Harmon von Thun, farmers who would be leaders in any community.

Lentner has three rural routes and each serves a wide territory. The carriers are Wes Byrum, Henry Moore and Fred Bollow and they take, among other mail, a great number of Democrats out each week. We expect to visit Lentner again from time to time and to report

her progress in these pages oftener. We rejoice with them in their prosperity.