

# Groundbreaking For New Sklar Company

Last Thursday Mayor Eugene Smith was joined by members of the Bienville Parish Police Jury, The Bienville Parish Chamber of Commerce, The Arcadia Zoning Board, Representatives of both local banks, The Northwest Louisiana Economic Development Foundation, members of The Arcadia Lions Club, one of our local pastors and others as he welcomed Marshall Jones and Kim Ramsey of Sklar Exploration Company to Arcadia. There was a ground breaking ceremony with refreshments served. After three months of negotiations, the deal to purchase a little over eight acres of land at the towns industrial site on Felts Road was recently closed and bull dozers, trucks and track-hoes appeared within a couple of days. The Mayor said, "These folks are serious and at the rate they're going will be up and running in no time. Thanks to everyone who came out on such short notice to help welcome Sklar Exploration Company to Arcadia.

Pictured left to right are; Chris Smith, Bro. Calvin Wortham, Kim Ramsey and Marshall Jones with Sklar, Billie Smith, Wayne Dring, Mayor Eugene Smith, Charles Butler, Sheriff John Ballance, Jim Pesnell with Entergy, Chamber President Deanna Curtis, Patrick Jefferson, Secretary of Chamber Virginia Becker, Layne Weeks with First National Bank, Patricia Mays with Gibsland Bank & Trust, Joey White with Claiborne Coop, Trisha Valentine and Liz McCain with Northwest Louisiana Economic Development Foundation.

