

*Guided Citizens State Bank Through 50 years*



PICTURED HERE are the three men who have served and are serving as president of the Citizens State Bank of Giddings which this year is observing its 50th anniversary of the issuance of its charter. Top left is the late W. A. Knox, pioneer Giddings merchant prior to the organization of the bank, who served as its first president, from Jan. 9, 1906, to June 12, 1926. Top right is the late I. J. Fariss, who had experienced 14 years in the banking business in Giddings prior to the organization of the Citizens State Bank on Jan. 9, 1906. Mr. Fariss served as cashier from the opening date to Jan. 9, 1923, then as vice-president to June 12, 1926, when he became president and served in that capacity until June 1, 1934. Bottom right is Paul Neger, present chief executive of the bank, who has held that position since June 12, 1934. Mr. Neger, employed by W. A. Knox in the mercantile business prior to the organization of the bank, served as assistant cashier from Oct. 9, 1906, to Jan. 9, 1923; as cashier until June 12, 1926; and as vice-president until June 12, 1934 when he became president. He is a director of the bank since Nov. 10, 1919.

