

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

It was intended, at the meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday to vote a sufficient tax to carry the school nine months, and the failure to do this was not due to any lack of support on the part of the members, but to a question of legal right. It may be depended upon, however, that the Council will find ways and means for the support of the school, and the doubt of financing a nine months school has disappeared, as well as the contemplated pay term.

One of the best advertisements of the substantial standing and progressiveness of a community is the interest shown by its people in the cause of education. With this statement undisputed, it is pleasing to note the attitude of the Mayor and Town Council in bridging over the difficulty that was so menacing to the success of our school.

The best method of supporting our schools is by taxation, and if possible this method should be pursued. It is a much better disposition of the matter than the raising of funds by private subscription, because it gives an immediate certainty as to the status of the school and faith in its ability to carry out its contracts, while at the same time it enforces an equitable distribution of the support of the school among those who are able and should be willing to bear the expense.

It is true that some property-holders may have no children and that some parents who send children to school may have no property, but the system is in accordance with our democratic principles—a government in the best interest of all the people. Those who are possessed of the means to take advantage of the opportunities of life should not shirk the duty of assisting the less fortunate child to become a useful member of society.

Aside from the duty that man owes to society, there are reasons why good schools should be supported that will appeal to those who consider only the material side of the question. As Superintendent Harris remarked in his talk on the school question at the pavilion last Friday, land is valuable in proportion to the enlightenment and education of its inhabitants. This is a comprehensive statement that carries its arguments on the surface. In fostering education the property-holder is adding value to his possessions, and the man who has no children to send to school is building up conditions that give to life its greatest happiness and contentment—health and opportunity for getting the best out of life that there is in it.

In examining the courses of study in our high schools, Superintendent Harris was highly pleased, and remarked that if art and music could be added we would be entitled to membership in the approved or affiliated high schools, which would place us among the very best in the State.

THE TWO NORTH POLES.

Father Chas. M. Charroppin, S. J., the astronomer of St. Louis, while not doubting that Dr. Cook has discovered the North Pole, suggests the possibility of inaccuracy of the instruments in taking bearings. In a long interview in the St. Louis Republic he states that aboard ship variations in the reading of the sextant have frequently occurred. "I would not be surprised," he said, "if it were found that Dr. Cook had missed the pole by about twenty or thirty miles."

Since Commander Peary's discovery of the North Pole and his statement that he had come across no indications of anyone else having preceded him, some doubts seem to have arisen in the mind of the public, especially abroad, as to the accuracy of Dr. Cook's observations, and it may develop that Father Charroppin's suggestion of a discrepancy of twenty or thirty miles in the situation of the pole may be the cause of so many poles being discovered.

Father Charroppin is an uncle of Mr. E. L. Charroppin, of Covington.

Judging from the reports of statements made by Peary, he does not believe that Dr. Cook ever reached the pole, while the Doctor claims that he will produce ample proof, in due-time, to substantiate his claim.

Covington Society Notes.

BY OUR SOCIETY EDITOR.

Mrs. Fontaine Poole and little daughter Elinor who have been in Covington for the past few days, left Monday for her home in Bogalusa.

Mrs. C. E. McDonald and little daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. McDonald's parents in Meridian, arrived Thursday night to spend a while in Covington. They will reside with Mrs. C. V. Quave for the present.

Mrs. W. W. Ventress and family, of Sunshine, La., are being welcomed by their many Covington friends since their recent arrival in Covington. They are situated in their old home on Old Landing road. Mrs. Ventress and family expect to remain several months.

Mr. Octave Legier spent Friday in New Orleans.

Mrs. E. D. Kentzel spent a few days this week with her cousin, Mrs. J. Core, in Onville.

Mr. S. Garcia, who has been to New York

and other northern points buying fall and winter stock for his store returned on Thursday of last week.

Mr. J. L. Smith and sister, Miss Annie, who spent a couple of weeks in the North and East visiting relatives and buying fall and winter goods for the firm of H. J. Smith & Sons, returned last week.

State Superintendent of Public Education, T. H. Harris, of Baton Rouge, was a Covington visitor Friday.

Mr. Bert Jones was a week-end visitor to New Orleans.

Miss Ellice Kiefe, of New Orleans, was delightfully entertained Wednesday evening with a hay ride given in her honor by Miss Georgie Huddleston. Those who enjoyed the ride were: Misses E. Kiefe, A. Field, L. Williams, R. Samuels and Georgie Huddleston, Messrs. E. Fielding Chris. Everett, J. A. Atkinson, E. Durel, E. Santenac, Ralph Menetre and H. Huddleston.

Master Eldridge Poole, assisted by his mother, Mrs. Landauer, Mrs. P. Herndon and Miss Annie Poole, entertained many of his young friends at a party on Thursday of last week, in honor of his fourth birthday. Many games were played, but the one "Feeding the Teddy Bear" was enjoyed the most. As each child was blindfolded a cherry was placed in their hand and they were to put it in the Teddy Bear's mouth. Loyd Ray, as most successful, won a little game, while the little host Eldridge Poole was the second best in feeding the bear, and was given a picture drawing slate. Miss Ida Poole was the most successful among the girls, and won a brass doll bed, while Corinne Poole as second best won a doll tea set. After the games the little folks played the piano, sang and recited. Delicious refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Elleanor and Louise Herndon, Rose Landauer, Ida, Isabella and Corinne Poole, Erma Domergue, Laura, Lelia and Martha Bodebender, also Masters L. Ray, L. Domergue, A. and E. Landauer, H. Mount, Tom Poole, C. Herndon and C. and M. Sweeney.

Rev. John M. Williams is spending this week in Slidell, attending revival services, held by Rev. Mourse and Mr. Jeffries.

Mrs. Gladys Renshaw was Crescent City visitor last week.

Miss Adele Pizzini, of Crowley, La., is the guest of Mrs. Ernest Domergue.

Mrs. J. Stern spent last week in New Orleans.

An important meeting of the town ladies was held at the pavilion in the park Friday afternoon with the object of trying to have a school term of nine months in Covington. Prof. Elmer E. Lyon, State Superintendent Harris and Mr. W. G. Evans, all gave interesting and instructive talks, and it was decided to send a committee consisting of Dr. Pigott, Mrs. Prague, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. C. L. Smith and others to see the Town Council and ask their help, to keep the school open the entire nine months.

Miss Jamie Carruth, of McComb City is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. W. Alford.

Mr. Oliver Richard left Monday for Bogalusa after spending his vacation with his parents in Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sweeney had as their guest last Sunday Mr. A. Keinaghan.

Miss Edwina Moore was a Crescent City visitor several days this week.

Mr. Claude Champagne spent Sunday in New Orleans.

Mrs. Crasson and children who have been the guests of Mrs. Chas. Thiery for several weeks left Sunday for New Orleans.

Mrs. M. Mercedal has as her guest Miss Juanita Mercedal, of New Orleans.

Mrs. Ernest Wailes, who has been out West for a month or more, returned to Covington last week delighted with her trip.

Mr. Meek and son of New Orleans, were visitors to relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Cal Hadden left Monday for New Orleans, after a month's visit to his mother, in Louisiana Street.

Mr. Dan Mouldoux was a visitor to Edgar Cottage last week to see his sisters.

Miss Ellice Kiefe who has been the guest of Miss Georgie Huddleston for some time left Sunday for her home in New Orleans.

A most delightful hay ride to Abita Springs was enjoyed Saturday night. Those that went were: Misses David, Marguerite Champagne, Esther Combel, Pauline and Bertha Theobald, Amelia and Annie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lajouane, Messrs. Frank Kentzel, Louis Wehrli, Frank Cundall, James Connaughton, Thomas Champagne and Leslie Smith. The crowd was chaperoned by Mrs. A. Miller.

Misses Pauline and Bertha Theobald have returned to their home in New Orleans after spending two weeks here the guests of Mrs. A. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muller and family left for New Orleans after spending the summer at their summer home in Claiborne. Mrs. Muller's brother, Arthur Gaudet also returned with them.

Mrs. P. E. Theriot Elmire Theriot and Mrs. Louis Theriot and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dutsch were among the Sunday visitors to Mandeville.

Mrs. Chavigny and two grandsons, who have been spending some time at Mrs. Chavigney's house in Louisiana Street, left Wednesday for New Orleans.

Mr. Joseph Moulton, of New Orleans, arrived Sunday to spend a week at Dr. Tolson's place.

Messrs. George Sears and Felix Bachemin returned Tuesday from a few days spent near Mandeville on a camping trip.

Miss Louise Cazes, of Port Allen, arrived Tuesday evening to spend the winter with the Misses Pharis. Miss Cazes is one of the most popular of the Covington public school teachers.

Mrs. Dr. Pigott has as her guest Miss Katie Wheat, of Picayune Miss.

Miss Daisy Joor, President of the T. T. G. Club, delightfully entertained the members on Saturday, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Williams. A favor of a pretty book was won by Miss Amelia Loyd. After many pleasant games delicious refreshments were served to the following members by Miss Joor: Amy Hufft, Lola Christoffer, L. Patch, Amelia Loyd, Emma Hufft, Katie Houghton, Etta Walker and Miriam Watkins.

Mrs. Neil Sweeney entertained delightfully Monday afternoon at a eu-shere at her pretty home. A number of visitors were present and added much to the pleasure of the evening. The first prize, a bottle of Agurea was won by Mrs. M. Mercedal, Mrs.

TO OUR LADY FRIENDS PARTICULARLY.

For nearly thirty-five years the Farmer has enjoyed the confidence and support of the people of St. Tammany parish. It has seen new towns spring up and older towns grow beyond recognition, and it has taken pride in this growth and earnestly endeavored to assist in the development of the parish. In recognition of this, the friends of the Farmer have given it a generous support without special solicitation for either subscriptions or advertising.

At the present price of paper, the yearly subscription price of one dollar little more than pays the cost of production, and had it not been for the recent hard times the price would have been raised. Our liberal advertising patronage has enabled us to issue the paper at this price, and in order that we may be of still more value as an advertising medium we have determined to double our circulation within the next thirty days. The expense of doing this will more than eat up the profits of the increased subscriptions, but as once a subscriber means always a subscriber to the farmer, we will extend our usefulness to our patrons and ultimately reap the reward.

We have always upheld the ladies in their undertakings, and as this is to be a ladies' contest, and as five per cent of the gross receipts are to go to the school fund, we ask them especially, and all our friends in general, to help to make the contest a success.

W. J. Warren, was a lucky second and was given a dainty chocolate pitcher, Mrs. Sweeney, as third successful, won a crystal powder bowl, and Miss Sarah Willis won a Japanese Plate and Miss Angella Sweeney won the consolation, a Bohemian glass powder bowl. Mrs. Sweeney is a very pleasant hostess and all enjoyed the evening very much. Among those present were Mesdames A. Coig, N. Sweeney, N. Burtell, J. Delery, W. Poole, W. J. Warren and E. Wailes, Misses Sarah Willis, A. Sweeney, M. Delery, Z. Planche, A. Willis and L. Delery.

Mrs. C. B. Reames entertained at a delightful outing to Mandeville during the week, in honor of Misses Sallie Finan and Fay Duncan, of New Orleans.

NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Progressive Union will be held at Cantrelle's Hall Monday, September 13, at 5 o'clock p. m. Besides the election of officers, there will be important matters to discuss, and all members are requested to be present.

Just received a carload of brick and shingles. See us before buying. ALEXIUS BROS. & CO.

Mandeville Notes

Mrs. Schwab and daughter spent several days in Mandeville.

Mr. Alfred Wolf is spending a few days in Mandeville with his parents. He is a naval cadet of Annapolis, Maryland.

Mrs. S. Daussas (nee Givens) left Monday for Morgan City, to join her husband, whose business is in that town.

Miss Nellie Seymour, of Ramsay, is a guest of Miss Irene Picton.

Mrs. W. Picton and children, Mrs. Marie Dyer and Miss Alice Copedewine returned from Ramsay, where they had gone to attend the entertainment given at that place for the public school fund.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage Mr. Lucas Lola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonia Lola, and Miss Katie Wendling, of Mandeville, to take place September 15, 1909, at St. Mary's Archdiocesan in New Orleans, at 9 o'clock nuptial mass.

Mrs. Clinton Bordelon, of Avoyelles Parish is spending a few days with Mrs. M. Dyer.

One of the interesting affairs of the past week was the reception given to honor the engagement of Miss Simon and Mr. Cote of this place.

Mrs. James Castell is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. Livandais.

Mr. N. Mannoni and his charming wife spent the day here last Sunday, guests of Mugnier Hotel.

Mrs. W. Pugh and pretty bride visited New Orleans Wednesday.

Mrs. and Miss Schelhaas were visitors to New Orleans this week.

Mrs. L. Rosenthal was a guest of her sister Mrs. Aron in New Orleans Wednesday.

Among the young persons enjoying a ride on the motor car last Saturday to Covington were Misses Ruth and Ida Hotsream and Wilhelmina Sharp, Messrs. Jos. Smith, Jr., Nick Smith, Mrs. Kern, Mrs. Sharp and Alfred Phillips.

Mr. Tarantino, of New Orleans, was the guest of Miss Sharp and Miss Marie Cardona last Sunday.

Mrs. Emile Sanctro, of New Orleans, is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prieto.

Mr. M. Rouquette, of Bogalusa, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. J. T. Miller, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. C. E. Heyd and little daughter Irma and Mrs. Anthony Heyd with her accomplished neices Carrie and Rosie Kriebel accompanied friends in Covington and spent a pleasant day in the beautiful and picturesque woods of Covington.

The Daily States publishes the following account of the yacht race at Mandeville last Sunday: The three-cornered match race sailed here by the Commodore, Esma and the Cricket resulted in a clever victory for the former craft, Emile Cousin, skipper was content to drop in behind the Esma until the second round, where he sent his craft after the Esma. The Commodore did not experience any difficulty in overtaking the Esma and crossed the finish line with two minutes and 17 seconds to the good.

The Cricket finished in second place but the time allowance, when figured down eliminated the Cricket from that position. The Cricket was allowed six seconds by the Commodore, while the Esma was handed one minute and forty-seven seconds.

The race was held under Southern Yacht Club rules and Joseph Pugh served as official measurer.

The course was made in one hour, 43 minutes and 58 seconds by the Commodore; the Esma in one hour, 48 minutes and 2 seconds; and the Cricket in one hour, 47 minutes and 53 seconds.

After the race Mayor Borey, in a neat speech, presented the Mugnier-Arcenaux cup to Mr. Cousin, who accepted the trophy on behalf of the Commodore's crew. The officials were Mayor Borey, Charles David, judges; J. Pugh and M. Mugnier and Ben Daley, timers; committed course, J. F. Williams, J. C. Hunter, H. Iquesne, M. H. Hoffman, Jr., W. Seagravand L. Di-Benedetto; starter, Buddy Nehausler.

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Folsom Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. Czoy, of Ellisville, Miss., spent last week with relatives at Onville and friends at Folsom.

Preparations are being made for a revival at the Baptist church, to begin Wednesday. The pastor, Rev. M. M. Voyles, will be assisted by visiting ministers.

Mrs. H. Webb and Mr. L. Jenkins spent Tuesday afternoon in Covington.

Mr. Lewis Jenkins has opened a dry goods and grocery store near the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. George Razier are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a girl, born September 3, 1909.

The Folsom grist mill started operation Monday.

Mr. Wm. Wallace has moved his family here for the winter.

Mr. John Ragan, of Abita Springs, has accepted a position with the Folsom Exporting Company.

Miss Beulah Word is visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. F. Poole, a Bogalusa.

Mrs. Roquette, of Mandeville, is the guest of Mrs. T. Guzman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hamett left Monday to visit relatives in Shreveport, Raton and Arcadia, La.

Abita News and Society Notes.

BY OUR ABITA CORRESPONDENT.

Mrs. S. Biggio and daughter, Celestine, have returned from New Orleans, after several days spent there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hassinger and children and other friends enjoyed fishing trip out at Old landing last week.

Mr. L. Artigue spent Sunday in Abita, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. Riedel.

Misses M. and B. Schmidt and brother, Master Charles, enjoyed the evening Mandeville Sunday. L. C. Eddy was among our Abita visitors Friday.

T. Cahill, W. Michaelis and Kahn were visitors to Mandeville Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Paillet and children spent Sunday evening in Mandeville.

Mr. W. Hall and sister were the guests of relatives here Sunday.

Misses Estelle Von de Haar and Mae Hewson left Sunday for their home in Gretna City, after having been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Rausch.

Mrs. C. Henderson is among the guests of Mutti's Hotel.

Mr. V. Henry and Misses C. Garcia and A. Bergeron spent Sunday evening in Abita.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard and children were visitors here on Sunday, guests of Mrs. H. Welsh.

Master George Welsh left Sunday for New Orleans where he will attend Jesuits' College.

Miss J. Hall was a Covington visitor on Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Schmidt is visiting in New Orleans.

Mr. Sam Poole, of Covington, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Val Fabain, of New Orleans, was in Abita on Tuesday.

Mr. E. M. Levy spent Saturday evening in Abita.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Henry left Sunday to take possession of their future home in Hona, La.

Miss Celestine Biggio, of Abita, is attending St. Scholastica's Academy, after several months vacation spent with relatives.

After a week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. L. Darring left for her home in New Orleans.

J. A. Alpeute visited Abita on Tuesday.

Miss Aimee Nickles and R. Suidrox were visitors to Mandeville on last Friday.

Messrs. E. Delabreton, C. Cooper and A. Dulion enjoyed Saturday in Abita.

Mr. A. Anderson is on a few days visit here.

Mr. W. Fazende was among our Sunday visitors.

Mrs. G. H. Tichenor, Jr., and children who have been summering here for some time, have returned to take possession of their home in New Orleans.

Mr. G. Leonard visited Covington Monday.

Master C. Schmidt was a Covington visitor on Monday.

Miss H. Harder, of New Orleans, is being entertained by her cousins, Misses M. and B. Schmidt.

Mr. C. Jaurouff, of Covington, visited Abita on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh are on a few days visit here.

Mrs. G. Detroit was the guest of Mrs. S. H. Smith Wednesday.

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For the information of the public the announced schedules of the New Camelia are printed below: NEW CAMELIA—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, leaves Mandeville at 6:30 a. m. Arrives 6:40 p. m. Wednesday and Sunday, arrives 10:45 a. m. Leaves 4:40 p. m. Ozone leaves Mandeville at 6:30 a. m. and arrives at 6:30 p. m., except Sundays.

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