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## Mr. Alexander and Conservation

[Mrs. Mattie M. Bodebender.]

To some people of St. Tammany parish (not many, 't'ope) Mr. M. L. Alexander does not exist at all—they have never heard of him nor the Conservation Commission either.

To others (again I hope not many) Mr. Alexander is but a name, and a very troublesome one too, at times, to many hunters, for it means "don't shoot," and dire consequences if they do. Notwithstanding this regrettable misimpression, Mr. Alexander is an actuality, and a forcible one, too.

This is how I came to know.

After having written several letters to Mr. Alexander, and having received as many courteous and interesting replies, about Game and Tree Protection, I thought I would like to see and know this man, into whose capable hands had been given the great work of saving from total destruction the sadly diminished wild life of Louisiana, and the valuable pine forests of our State.

So, I called at the office of the Louisiana Conservation Commission, and was ushered into a big, cheerful room, occupied by a half dozen men, busily engaged, no doubt, in devising plans and methods of what, ultimately, will mean "fine" or "jail" to law-breakers in the killing of game, burning of forests, etc.

As I sat there, looking first at the busy men, and wondering if it helped me to think to keep their hats on

and then at the stuffed figure of the generous, if somewhat ungainly bird, whose fame and a place in the noble seal of our Pelican State by feeding her young with bits from her own bleeding breast, I became aware of some one approaching, who was to challenge my interest far more than the stuffed deer, hats or pelican. A big man, with a strong, rugged but friendly face, was advancing to where I sat, and soon was standing near me, with outstretched hand and encouraging smile (the kind that wins friends, and makes the man behind it easy to talk to) and he was inviting me into the sanctum of the Commission.

This was Mr. M. L. Alexander.

Most patiently did this busy man listen to the scribe's account of how she had been made chairman of the Conservation Committee in the La. Federation of Women's Clubs, and how anxious she was to help in the great work of which he was the head and front. To all this Mr. Alexander replied, "Education and co-operation are the two great things that will help us most in our work, and we will be glad of any assistance the ladies can give us, especially along these lines."

Mr. Alexander is eminently well fitted for the work that has been entrusted to him (if I may add my humble opinion to that of greater ones), for he is a Southern man, with Southern training and Southern

## Abita Springs Contested Election Case Decided By Court of Appeals Bordes Declared Elected Mayor

At last, it is all over!

There will be sighs of relief and sighs of despair. Clapping of hands will be interspersed with groans of disapproval, and while the strains of "Moving Day" echo in the distance, atmosphere the "Indian Maiden" will pluck the tall feathers from the "Rooster" and wear them in her hair. But let us hope that her smile may have no trace of the rule of conquest and that her gratitude may be conservative of the blessings of good will, good government, and an impartial distribution of favors.

The decision in the Abita Springs contested election case was reported in the New Orleans papers of Wednesday, January 20, as follows: Court of Appeals decisions—By Judge Leche: Joseph Bordes vs. J. E. Gilson, appeal from St. Tammany, affirmed.

This means that Joseph Bordes and his council will take charge of the municipal government of Abita Springs.

The fight for the offices of mayor and aldermen of Abita Springs has been a remarkably bitter one, partly by reason of a supposed effect it might have on the damage suit arising from the impeachment proceedings against Mayor Gilson, in which he sued citizens of Abita Springs for fifty thousand dollars, and which was taken to the Supreme Court by Mayor Gilson on an appeal from

the decision of the District Court. The fight gathered its incentive from the first administration of Mayor Gilson, during all the vindictiveness of a split in the council into the following election, literally dividing the vote of the town into as nearly two equal parts as possible and still leaving a majority to one party; for according to the decision of the court Joseph Bordes becomes mayor by a majority of one vote.

The election returns made Gilson, the then mayor, re-elected by two or three votes. The election was contested in the District Court, Judge Lancaster presiding, on the grounds that Gilson's majority was secured by illegal votes. Miller & Bear were employed as attorneys by the Bordes faction, and handled the case with admirable legal shrewdness. The case was tried by jury and the verdict disqualified a sufficient number of votes to reverse the election returns, and the Court based the decision on the finding. Appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the decision of the District Court.

This election will be remembered as the most bitter factional fight in the history of the municipal affairs of Abita Springs. The Gilson faction adopted the rooster as the emblem of its ticket and the Bordes faction selected an Indian maiden, emblematic of the curative power of

the waters of Abita Springs, from which the town takes its name, her life having been saved, according to the legend, by the use of its waters.

There is a possibility that an appeal may be taken to the Supreme Court; but if this is not done, then the case is finally settled. There was some talk of bets being offered at Abita Springs that Gilson would remain in the office until the expiration of his term; that \$2000 was available for this purpose by the Gilson faction and that several hundreds of dollars of this money had already been bet; but an investigation failed to show that either side were looking for any bets.

There is a disposition on the part of most citizens of Abita Springs to get down to business and cut out the bitterness that has caused so much factional strife. Abita is one of the prettiest and healthiest of the towns of the State and her people are anxious to build it up and make it the resort it should be. The water of the Abita Springs is exceptionally valuable in the treatment of kidney, bladder and stomach troubles and in the treatment of nervous troubles. The town has recently put in an electric plant and it is now electric lighted. If all would pull together there is no reason why the town could not be made a favorite resort. It is expected that there will be a big crowd there next summer.

Criminal fund	12884.74
Road fund	7078.70
School fund	21698.13
General fund	2948.18
Railroad fund	2428.10
Special road fund	4407.31

Grand total ..... 53276.24

I certify the above to be a true and correct statement of all amounts collected by me for above mentioned funds, from December 1, 1914, to December 31, 1914, inclusive.

T. E. BREWSTER,  
Tax Collector.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1915.

W. E. BLOSSMAN,  
Deputy Clerk of Court.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the sheriff was accepted as read.

The following report was read: Covington, La., Jan. 18, 1915. To the Honorable Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, Gentlemen:—We, your Finance committee, beg leave to report that we have checked up warrants and approved bills to the amount of \$647.84.

Respectfully,  
GEO. F. BIERHORST,  
JOHN A. TODD,  
J. B. HOWZE.

On motion, duly seconded, the above report was accepted as read. The following bills were ordered to be paid:

## As Others See Us.

The Supreme Court of the State recently handed down a decision upholding the action of the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt when that Board named as their Fiscal Agents a certain syndicate of banks which had put in a bid at a lower rate of interest than the independent banks had bid for the use of the State's money. Leaving out the merits of the case, as to whether the action of the Board was right or not, it is interesting locally to know that one of St. Tammany's financial institutions, the Covington Bank & Trust Company, was one of the independent bidders for a portion of the contract. After the lower court had ruled in favor of the independent banks, and before the higher court's ruling, the Covington Bank & Trust Company, in order to be prepared to qualify as fiscal agents, applied to one of the largest bonding companies in the country for a bond to the amount of \$50,000.00, which company after an investigation offered to write said bond at the usual rates without requiring any security from the bank. This was indeed a compliment to our local institution, as we understand that there are many very large banks in the country which are required to give indemnity when so bonded, as the risk run by the bonding companies is exactly equal to that taken by the ordinary depositors, this means that this particular company would not have feared to deposit with the Covington Bank the sum of \$50,000.00. The fact that this large northern bonding company has such faith in the condition of said bank ought to be a source of great satisfaction to its many customers.—Adv.

## Covington and Ponchatoula Play Fine Game Basketball

On Friday, January 15, Covington high school added another game to its long string of victories by defeating the strong Ponchatoula team. Ponchatoula ranks as one of the strongest in the State. Coach Smith feels very enthusiastic over this game and is now planning to invade Baton Rouge with his dynamite squad and make a strong fight for the State championship during the rally. We all are aware that Covington has a good team this year and feel confident that the boys will make a creditable showing.

The game Friday was the fastest and most exciting of the season. Ponchatoula took an early start and remained ahead for about ten minutes. The score was then tied and at no time during the rest of the game was there a difference of two points. The first half ended 14 to 14. The final score was 24 to 23 in favor of Covington.

Wood played a star game for the visitors. His work was very noticeable. After the game a dance and reception followed at the M. C. B. Library.

Today the team will go to Ponchatoula and play a return game.

Line-Up of Teams.

Ponchatoula: Wood and Cowan, forward; Jackson, center; Varnado and Wright, guard.

Covington: Burns and Lansing, forward; O. Smith, center; Sharp and A. Smith, guard.

Summary.

Covington field goals: Burns 2, Lansing 2, O. Smith 2, A. Smith 1. Foul goals: Burns 7, Lansing 2, A. Smith 1. Total, 24.

Ponchatoula field goals: Wood 3, Cowan 1, Jackson 2, Varnado 1. Foul goals: Wood 9, Total, 23.

Referee, Commenge; Umpire, Tucker; Timekeeper, Smith; Scorer, Park.

G. A. SMITH.

## Slidell Boys and Mississippi Team Play at Slidell Saturday

The examination questions sent out by the State department, arrived Wednesday morning, and all classes were kept busy for the three days, as these examinations are to count one-fourth of the first term's work.

On last Saturday the boys' basketball team played a game at this place with the Carver's, Miss., team, the score being thirty-nine to fourteen in favor of Slidell.

A very creditable set of commercial books, made and designed by the pupils, have just been completed by the girls of the tenth and eleventh grades.

The eighth and ninth grade girls are quite proud of the waste-paper baskets which they designed and constructed.

A very interesting Indian village is being built in sand, by the pupils of the high first grade, all decorations for same being made by the children.

The Ladies' School Improvement League held their monthly meeting at the school house on Tuesday afternoon. An address was made by Mr. C. M. Liddle, who also read a circular sent out by Supt. L. J. Alleman, of Lafayette, suggesting ways whereby the various school leagues might assist the school. A new president was elected, Mrs. W. H. Morris, who has announced that an entertainment will be given at an early date for the benefit of the League.

## Police Jury Proceedings January 19

Covington, La., Jan. 18, 1915.

The police jury met in regular session on above date.

Present: Herman Schultz, president; Louis Peters, Geo. F. Bierhorst, E. E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, J. B. Howze and F. L. Dutsch.

Absent: Wm. Bruhl and B. A. Schneider.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The following communication was read:

Pearl River, La., Jan. 14, 1915.

Hon. A. D. Crawford, Police Juror Sixth Ward, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:—At next meeting of the police jury of St. Tammany parish, on Monday, Jan. 18, will you, with other members of said body, kindly use your efforts in having the parish of St. Tammany appropriate sufficient funds so as to furnish each and every justice of their respective wards with all the necessary blanks as may be needed in criminal matters, viz: Affidavits, warrants to arrest, subpoenas, bonds for appearance, commitments, etc. Of which as matters now stand each justice is to supply all of above papers out of the small paltry sum of \$40.00 per annum, which amount each justice new receives.

Another complaint I wish to make and have your aid in having the parish of St. Tammany appropriate sufficient funds so as to furnish each and every justice of their respective wards with all the necessary blanks as may be needed in criminal matters, viz: Affidavits, warrants to arrest, subpoenas, bonds for appearance, commitments, etc. Of which as matters now stand each justice is to supply all of above papers out of the small paltry sum of \$40.00 per annum, which amount each justice new receives.

It was moved and duly seconded that the police jury furnish the necessary blanks for each justice of the peace of the parish, and that \$7.00 be allowed for conveying prisoners from Pearl River to Covington.

Carried.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the police jury in regular session convened, That the appropriation proceedings be taken up in the matter of a drainage and right of way through the lands of A. Dasher, for a public road, as per plat of M. C. Huckaby, surveyor.

The following petition was read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana.

The petitioner, John Lopez, a resident of St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, with respect represents:

He desires to obtain a permit to conduct the business of saloon keeper and retail liquor dealer within the limits of the eighth ward of the parish of St. Tammany, on a barge on Pearl River on the Louisiana side of the river;

That he is not disqualified under the laws from running and conducting said business;

Wherefore he submits his petition and asks your honorable body to grant him such permit to operate and conduct said business.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LOPEZ,  
State of Mississippi,  
Hancock County.

John Lopez, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: that he is the petitioner named above, and that all of the facts therein are true and correct, and further, that the place where he is desirous of operating has been and is at present an established saloon, and that he is only buying out Eugene Badon, the present owner.

JOHN LOPEZ,  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1915.

F. C. BORDAGES, SR.,  
Notary Public  
State of Mississippi,  
Hancock County.

Daniel Green and Emanuel Garcia being duly sworn deposed and say: that they know John Lopez, and that he is an honest, responsible and reputable citizen of the parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, and that his character is above reproach.

DANIEL GREEN,  
EMANUEL GARCIA,  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1915.

F. C. BORDAGES, SR.,  
Notary Public.

On motion, duly seconded, the above petition was granted.

Mr. Grover C. Lewis, farm demonstrator, appeared before the police jury and asked that the police jury purchase at least \$25.00 worth of anti-hog cholera serum.

It was moved and duly seconded that the police jury purchase \$25.00 worth of anti-hog cholera serum to be used throughout the parish whenever necessary.

Carried.

The following report was read: Statement of T. E. Brewster, Tax Collector, for Month of December, 1914.

Parish Tax	11792.78
Criminal fund	11792.78
Road fund	5896.35
School fund	844.52
General fund	2948.18
	29481.78

Corporation Tax:	
Criminal fund	1019.26
Road fund	509.60
School fund	784.42
	2292.28

Special road tax	1451.60
Special road tax	6407.31
Railroad tax	2420.14
Per capita tax	194.75
Special tax ward 2	1835.38
Special tax ward 3	1286.20
Special tax ward 5	1010.28
Special tax ward 6	2679.84
Special tax ward 8	958.84
Special tax ward 9	1699.04
Court costs	4.77
Fines	138.00
List Tax, costs	10.00
Liquor license	475.00
	21601.15

Grand total ..... 53276.24

Amounts available to each fund:

## German Zeppelins Make a Raid On England; Do Little Damage

London, Jan. 19, 11:20 p. m.—The Zeppelins made their first attack upon England tonight. Like the recent German naval demonstration off Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough, it apparently was more in the nature of a raid intended to terrify the people than part of the well defined military operation looking to a possible invasion of the island.

Towns in Norfolk received the brunt of the attack and several of them suffered heavily. The loss of life was nothing like that due to the aerial attack, although a number of persons, including women and children, seem to have been killed.

Reports differ as to the number of the aerial dreadnoughts, but the consensus of opinion indicates that there were three Zeppelins, accompanied by aeroplanes.

Out of a foggy North Sea night came the flying death messengers and the explosion of bombs dropped by them gave the populace its first warning that it was under the gun of the Zeppelins. The lights, not already out, quickly were extinguished and anti-aircraft guns, wherever available, were brought into action. Warships of the coast appear to have taken a considerable part in the affair and are said to have brought down one of the Zeppelins. The other raiders apparently made their escape.

Records are Heavy Sufferers.

The heaviest sufferers were the towns of Yarmouth, Sandringham,

Kings Lynn, Buxton and Cromer, in the province of Norfolk, which abuts the North Sea about 150 miles north-east of London.

Yarmouth, known as Great Yarmouth, and Cromer, are favorite winter resorts, while Sandringham contains the country palace of the late King Edward. Kings Lynn is a seaport and market town. It contains shipbuilding yards, iron foundries, machine shops and other industries.

King George and Queen Mary, who have been staying at Sandringham with their family, only yesterday returned to London.

If the aircraft which made the attack were the ones which passed over the island of Ameland they probably started from the vicinity of Cuxhaven. In this case they would have had to fly about 150 miles across the North Sea to reach England.

Four Persons Killed at Yarmouth.

The correspondent of the Central News at Yarmouth says it is reported that four persons were killed by the bombs dropped there.

A Zeppelin has been brought down by a warship at Hunstanton, a few miles north of Sandringham, according to a dispatch from Kings Lynn to the Central News.

A dispatch to the Press Association from Kings Lynn says that definite news has been received there that a Zeppelin dropped a bomb not far from Sandringham Palace, but that no damage was done the royal residence.

The Press Association's Kings Lynn correspondent says it was a Zeppelin that dropped the bombs on that town and near Sandringham. The attack occurred at 10:45 p. m.

A Yarmouth dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is believed it was an aeroplane and not a Zeppelin which attacked that city. The machine later visited Sandringham, five miles from Cromer, and dropped two bombs. No damage was done at Sandringham.

## MAMDEVILLE W. P. U. GIVES PUBLIC RECEPTION

The Women's Progressive Union of Mamdeville, like other women's organizations of St. Tammany parish, have done excellent work, both in the securing of financial assistance for the carrying out of public improvements and in awakening interest in progressive movements. Celebration of the opening of their new hall, the Union will give a public reception in the hall tonight, at 7:30 p. m. (Saturday, January 23.) The car will leave Mamdeville at 9:30 or 9:45 p. m.

The officers of the Union are: Mrs. W. S. Fassman, president; Mrs. C. S. Galbraith, vice president; Mrs. C. Barthelemy, recording secretary; Mrs. F. Edward Vix, treasurer; Miss F. Lavelle, corresponding secretary.

The Home Mission lesson was conducted by Mrs. Menetro and proved very interesting and instructive. The meeting then adjourned and the hostess was assisted by Miss Menetro and Malloy in serving salad sandwiches, cake and hot tea. The welcome guest of the afternoon was Mrs. Malloy.

Meeting will be held once a month at the different homes. Anyone wishing to join will be welcome and all members are urged to be present at the next meeting.

A very interesting and pleasant meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary was held Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. G. Delcorral as hostess. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Preston Burns leading the usual devotional exercises. Miss Cox read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted as read, and Mrs. Burns collected monthly dues.

A PUPIL.

Alberta Solomon, an old colored woman 75 years of age, was found dead in the woods near the boundary line of the seventh and ninth wards, last Friday. Not far from her a sack of potatoes hung on a tree. She was lying three or four hundred feet from a deserted house. She had left her home near Lacombe, Sunday, going for the potatoes. She had evidently been overcome by the cold and died from exposure. Her body was frozen, and although it had laid in the woods since the day she left her home it was in a perfectly preserved condition. The body was found by one of the Cousins and reported to Coroner Heintz, who held the inquest.

Join the St. Tammany Banking Company & Savings Bank Christmas Savings Club. It pays 4 per cent interest.

## Central School Notes.

Mr. H. Q. Parker, our ward director, gave us permission to change the name of our school. It is no longer K. C.

We are playing basketball every day, and every one seems to enjoy themselves.

The children are taking more interest in school.

Some of our large boys who have been absent for some time, have come back to school.

We are getting up money to buy a pretty banner for our school, and some other things we need.

They finished painting our school house the first of the week. It is very pretty now.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Moran last Friday evening in honor of their son, George. A large number of friends

HERMAN SCHULTZ,  
President.

E. D. KENTZEL,  
Secretary.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION AT SLIDELL.

On January 8, 1915, Lake Shore Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, installed their officers for the year, as follows:

Mrs. W. T. Tippin, W. M.  
Mrs. Lydia Miles, Ass't. M.  
Mrs. R. F. Buckley, Conductress.  
Miss Bourgeois, Assistant Conductress.

Mr. Shelton Carr, W. P.  
Mrs. S. B. Swetman, Secretary.  
Dr. Folk, Chaplain.  
Mrs. L. V. Cooley, Organist.  
Mrs. Maud McMath, Treasurer.  
Mrs. Carrie Comfort, Warder.  
Mr. L. V. Cooley, Marshal.  
Mr. R. F. Buckley, Sentinel.  
Mrs. Ozella Whitfield, Ada.  
Miss Ella Spears, Rota.  
Miss Ella Scoggins, Estha.  
Mrs. Dr. Farmer, Electa.

The installation was conducted by Mr. F. S. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. G. S. Hughes.

For prickly heat, insect bites, mosquitoes, etc., try BLUE LABEL ANTISEPTIC, ask DR. J. & WATKINS, drug store.