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## The Cross Country Run Will Have Some of the Best Runners in Florida Parishes Entered, Being Considered As One of the Greatest Athletic Events of St. Paul's

During the last twelve months Covington has pulled off more high class athletic events than any town or city in the South. Covington is now the talk of the entire South and it is the general wonder, how a town with a population such as ours has been able to accomplish so much, with apparently so little resources. We have carried to a successful issue what some of the largest cities in the South did not even venture to undertake. The holding of the Southern A. A. U. Junior and Senior Championships, in June, 1914, the Southern A. A. U. All-Round Championship, and the basketball games between St. Paul's College and Mississippi A. & M., also the landing of the Cincinnati Reds for a seven day stay here, are amongst our greatest achievements. Now, what promises to rival our greatest undertaking, is the Cross Country Run, to be held Monday, February

22. The greatest runners in the Florida Parishes will compete in this race and some promises to be one of the most interesting athletic events ever held here or anywhere else. The course of the run is as follows: Start at Abita Springs at 2 p. m., sharp, run down the Abita road to the Claiborne bridge, across the Claiborne bridge to New Hampshire street, turn to the left, run one block to Rutland street, turn to the right one block to Louisiana Avenue (now Lahecke Avenue), out Louisiana Avenue to St. Paul's Stadium gate, thence twice around quarter mile track. This event was won last year by Richard Grimmer, a local boy, who negotiated the distance in the fast time of 23 minutes and 44 seconds. This year's competition is expected to be much closer, as Frank Whelpley, a high school boy, and J. Hayden, of Houltonville, E. Peters, of

Abita and Simoneaux and Prejean, of St. Paul, are expected to furnish the run of his life to the most interesting athletic events ever held here or anywhere else. Another high school boy, and Tyler, Lansing, Dugas, Summers and Moise, of St. Paul, are also running well and are pretty apt to upset the dope. The prizes to be offered for this race are the finest ever given out for a race of this sort in this section. They comprise five handsome loving cups and five bronze medals. The first five men finishing will receive cups and the next five medals. The race is now on exhibition in the window of Schonberg's Pharmacy, and have caused the admiration of all who have seen them. The cups have been donated by the following parties, who have on more than one occasion shown their great desire to do all in their power to help boost Covington and have generously gone down into their pockets

to show their loyalty: Mr. E. J. Domergue, Mr. E. G. Davis, of the Covington Bank & Trust Company; Mr. Harvey E. Ellis, of the St. Tammany Banking Co. & Savings Bank; Mr. L. M. Bourgeois, Mr. Nall, manager A. G. Spalding & Bro., New Orleans. Medals by St. Paul's College. The following gentlemen will be asked to serve as officials: Mayor P. J. Lacroix, Starter; E. J. Domergue, Referee; Harvey E. Ellis, E. G. Davis, L. M. Bourgeois, Timers. Prof. E. E. Lyon, D. H. Mason, T. E. Browster, D. I. Addison, Frank Patecek, A. D. Schwartz, Fred J. Heintz, Arthur L. Bear, Finish Judges. N. H. FitzSimons, Prof. A. J. Park, Prof. Guy A. Smith, J. E. Nilson, Julian H. Smith, J. L. Smith, Dr. H. E. Gautreaux, Dr. J. F. Bouquet, W. N. Patrick, C. E. Schonberg, F. F. Plancher, R. L. Aubert, Dr. A. H. Grimmer, Robt. Badon, W.

H. Kentzel, C. C. Korfeld, Inspectors. All those who will be kind enough to offer their automobiles to carry officials and runners while following the race are requested to be at the college at 1:15 p. m., sharp. It is hoped that a great many cars will be available, as there will be ample need of them. All officials are requested to report at the college at 1 p. m., sharp, that their various duties may be designated to them. Cross country running is one of the leading branches of athletics in the North and East and it is Mr. Commadore's desire to try to encourage same down here. He feels that we have an abundance of magnificent material in these parts and it only requires a little scientific training to bring out athletes that will be able to bring lots of honor and glory to Covington. This five mile run is a beautiful illustration of the limits of physical

endurance and what can be accomplished by a brainy and well trained athlete. The distance is apparently a long one, but the man who has been properly coached becomes an automaton and covers the distance in a mechanical manner that makes its accomplishment look ridiculously easy. It is hoped that all who can will turn out to see this race, as those who will have the misfortune of missing it will pass up one of the greatest athletic events ever held in these parts. Immediately after the race the trophies will be presented by Mayor Lacroix to the lucky winners on the college grounds. Nathan Tyler, a Hammond boy, who is one of the entrants in the race, is one of the greatest athletes at St. Paul's College and probably the most remarkable all around college athlete in the South. In the All-Around meet held here in December, he piled up the highest amount of points ever gathered by any other athlete down South, with the exception of Champion Ritchie, to whom he finished second. Ritchie has been competing as an all-around athlete for the past four years, while this youngster had only been under the care of Coach Commadore for three months before entering this

meet and was absolutely green in that sort of competition previous to that time. As a football player he was easily the star of the St. Paul team, and proved a holy terror to opponent lines. He played at guard and not only made big holes through two, three and four men, but on the defensive would break up the enemy's attacks and time and again either bring down the man with the ball or break through and intercept forward passes, which is practically and unheard of feat for a man playing the position of guard. At basketball he is the unanimous choice of all Southern coaches as the best center in the entire South. In the recent games with Mississippi A. & M. he made their big center, Mo Arthur, who outweighed him by over 25 pounds, look ridiculous. This boy's versatility is amazing; besides he possesses a cool determination and indomitable will that easily stamps him as the greatest all around athlete in the South. Covington, as well as Hammond, is proud of him and great things can be looked for from him this coming spring. Though he is not essentially a long distance runner, it is expected that he will be one of the first five men to finish and that he will add a loving cup to his already long string of trophies.

## ABITA SPRINGS AND MANDEVILLE PETITION THE RAILROAD COMMISSION TO HAVE THE RECENTLY REMOVED PASSENGER TRAIN REPLACED, BUT COVINGTON TAKES NO ACTION, PENDING DECISION OF THE I. C.

The Baton Rouge State-Times of February 15 has the following news item: "Following the petition of the citizens of Mandeville and Abita Springs to have N. O. G. N. trains Nos. 21 and 22 reinstated so that their mail and passenger service will be more efficient, the railroad commission has appointed a hearing for February 24, at which time the claims of the citizens who want the trains reinstated and the N. O. G. N. railroad, which emphatically opposes any reinstatement on account of the supposedly poor business conditions and lack of sufficient traffic to justify more service than it is now rendering. "Several months ago the N. O. G. N. headed the movement on the part of a number of southern railroads to reduce their passenger service. Among the petitions granted by the railroad commission was the one of the New Orleans Great Northern, wherein the shore line passenger trains Nos. 21 and 22 were cut out. "Then the Mandeville and Abita Springs citizens complained to the railroad commission, and petitioned that the trains be put back on the schedule. "The railroad claims that business does not justify it, and the case is to be decided by the commission on February 24."—State-Times.

Abita Springs is in a distressed condition because of the removal of the N. O. G. N. afternoon train. It is served by no other railroad and has no means of obtaining other service in the near future. Hence its efforts to have the train put back. The citizens of Covington worked hard to have this train kept on. They appealed to that body for protection; but when they failed to get this protection they wasted no time in weeping but went directly to the Illinois Central Railroad and offered that road all the business of Covington if it would help them out in this emergency. The people of Covington are now awaiting action by the Illinois Central, with a strong probability that good service will soon be given us by that road. In the meantime the people of Covington bitterly resent the treatment given this town by the N. O. G. N., and while a representative of a New Orleans newspaper came to Covington to interview the people in an effort to secure an order from the Commission to have the train reinstated, he found public opinion so strongly in favor of sticking to the Illinois Central that he recognized the futility of further endeavor. Covington will always remember the indignities of giving her a railroad, and the sentimental obligation that clings to this service might have become a part of the transfer when the East Louisiana was merged

into the N. O. G. N., but this feeling of loyalty has been thrust aside as not worth having. In consequence the Illinois Central is today getting nearly all the business to and from Covington. In other words, we suggest that the Commission might be shown that the earnings of the N. O. G. N. are three times less today than when they took the train off. In fact, that instead of making money by the operation they have actually lost by it. Hon. Shelby Taylor and Hon. Jno. T. Michel, members of the Railroad Commission, were in Covington Thursday afternoon, looking into the situation created by the removal of the N. O. G. N. trains, and attended a meeting of the citizens at the courthouse about 4 o'clock. The general sentiment seemed to be that the people of Covington would be pleased to have the Illinois Central would be carried out if that company put on the service asked for. That the people had done all they could to keep the train from being taken off, and falling in this had gone to the I. C. The more railroads the merrier—but the I. C. had the pledge. The Commission members carried Wednesday morning's paper as they had not yet reached Covington. Then the honorable commissioners found it rather inconvenient in transacting their business in time to avoid remaining over. Only the R. E. H. & E. to get opt on.

## Matter of Establishing a Permanent Fair Association Will Be Taken Up Shortly

A good many inquiries have been coming in as to what is being done in the matter of preparation for the parish fair. As was stated some time ago, sentiment seems to be in favor of establishing and incorporating a regular fair association, issuing stock at one dollar a share so that everybody that wishes may be

come associated with the fair and become an active working unit in its success. It is believed that the farmers of the parish, whose interests, more than any other, are involved in its success or failure, would appreciate this opportunity, and that such an association would not only be an improvement but would insure the permanency of the fair. Heretofore a few individuals have assumed

the responsibility of the fair, and while it has never failed to meet the financial requirements, had it done so it would have considerably embarrassed these parties. Next Monday a committee of men will meet a committee of the W. F. U. and talk over the matter of cooperation in putting on foot this new movement. It is proposed that in the near future a meeting of the

citizens of St. Tammany parish shall be held at the Parkview Theatre, when the sentiments of many of the people in this respect may be thrown on the screen before the meeting is opened for business. There is no doubt that the fair is a popular institution in St. Tammany parish and that it has come to stay, but the most successful method should be adopted for carrying it on.

## THE COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS STRONGER PUBLIC INTEREST AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BRING THE RESULTS REQUIRED

The several narrow escapes from another fire in Covington that have occurred recently bring forcibly to mind that we may expect at any time a recurrence of the destruction of the business portion of our town. We have seen a while since we have had a serious fire, but this is not due to our foresight or efficiency in fire protection. While in the matter of equipment we are better pre-

pared than ever before, our escape is due more to lucky circumstances than to the actual work of the department. The Smith water tank, the ice company's well and the big drainage ditch give a water supply that would be quite ample, and on a still day even a fire that had reached headway might be controlled. But with a strong wind blowing it is doubtful that a fire under full headway could be prevented from de-

stroying considerable property. We do not bring up this subject for the purpose of criticizing the men who give their services to the property holders free of charge—who climb out of their warm beds to answer alarms and spoil their clothing as well as their rest in a spirit of fortitude to the town—but to call attention to the very important fact that something should be done to awaken new interest in the department.

Probably the most discouraging part of the whole business is that the men are not only giving their services free, but are going into their own pockets to help defray the expenses of maintenance. This state of affairs is necessarily weakening and some plan should be devised to do away with this handicap. There should be an honorary membership sufficient to raise the funds to the required proportions to relieve the volunteer members from this personal expense. There are quite a number who could afford an annual fee of five dollars—enough, with the dues paid by the members, to encourage the department to build up and maintain its efficiency. It is better to look the matter squarely in the face now than to weep regrets later on.

## Police Jury Proceedings Meeting of February 15

Covington, La., Feb. 15, 1915. The police jury met in regular session on above date. Present: Herman Schultz, president; Louis Peters, Wm. Bruhl, Geo. F. Bjerhorst, E. E. Talley, A. D. Crawford, Jno. A. Todd, J. B. Howze and F. L. Dutsch. Absent: B. A. Schneider. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted. The following petition was read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish: We the undersigned residents of the 8th and 9th wards petition your honorable body to have a public road built between the village of Pearl River, La., and Mandat station on the N. O. G. N. Railroad, a distance of about two miles. Signed by J. E. Pierce and 68 others. Moved by J. B. Howze and seconded by Geo. F. Bjerhorst, that the above road be granted. Carried. The following communication was read: Madisonville, La., Feb. 15, 1915. To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, La. We would like to state that our constable, George Young, is employed on Steamer New Camelia as mate of said boat. The Camelia leaves Madisonville at 5 o'clock a. m. every day and returns about 8:30 p. m. the same day, as you it is impossible to have him to serve any process whatever. We are practically with one constable in the first ward. We would beg of your honorable body to take some action in this matter. Respectfully, O. J. OULLIBER, Justice of Peace. A. J. RICHARDS, Justice of Peace. It was moved and duly seconded that the secretary be and he is hereby instructed to write Mr. Young and ask him to tender his resignation as

constable of the first ward. Carried. The following petition was read: Covington, La., July 10, 1914. To the Honorable Members of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, La.: We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers petition your honorable body to grant us a public road running from the bridge on Savannah branch, on Bennett road, to Folsom, said road will cross the following named land owners' property, whose signatures are hereto signed: Salmen Brick & Lumber Co., Warren Willie, John Lee, Guy Willis, W. T. Wallis, Norman Fendlasson, Norman Core, Jos. Brown. It was moved and duly seconded that the above petition be granted. Carried. At a meeting of the police jury of St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, held at the courthouse, Covington, La., this 15th day of February, 1915, a quorum being present, the following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved by the police jury of St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, That its president, Herman Schultz, and the chairman of the Good Roads Committee of St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, E. J. Domergue, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, sign and execute contracts with the following named persons for the construction of the following public highways, to-wit: Covington-Ponchatoula Highway, via Madisonville—a distance of 11 miles, more or less, to J. I. Walker, at the prices and according to bid, plans and specifications, as accepted by Good Roads Committee this 15th day of February, 1915. Taisheek-Bush Highway—a distance of 6.8 miles, more or less, to Henry Keller, at prices and according to bid, plans and specifications, as accepted by Good Roads Committee this 15th day of February, 1915. Be it further resolved, That the said Herman Schultz, president, and the said E. J. Domergue, chairman,

are hereby further authorized and empowered to sign the necessary documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary to properly carry out the foregoing. Carried. I certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the police jury this 15th day of February, 1915. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary of Police Jury. By Mr. Louis Peters: Whereas, the police jury of St. Tammany parish, State of Louisiana, has made formal application and petition to the State Highway Department of the Board of State Engineers for monetary aid under the provisions of Act 49 of 1910, for the construction of a highway extending from Covington, Louisiana, to Slidell, Louisiana, under date of September 21, 1914; and, Whereas, the construction of this highway will necessitate the construction of a swing-bridge across Bayou LaCombe, at the town of LaCombe, Louisiana; and, Whereas, the State Highway Engineer, acting under authority of Article 291 of the Constitution of 1913 of the State of Louisiana, and under authority of Act 49 of 1910, and under authority of resolution and petition of the police jury of St. Tammany parish, State of Louisiana, as herein referred to, has made surveys, plans, maps, sections, etc., for the construction of the proposed swing-bridge across Bayou LaCombe, at the town of LaCombe, Louisiana; and, Whereas, the State Highway Department of the Board of State Engineers, through the State Highway Engineer, has made formal request and application to Major Edward H. Boyd & Bradshaw, at the price and according to bid, plans and specifications, as accepted by Good Roads Committee this 15th day of February, 1915, for permission to construct the said swing-bridge across Bayou LaCombe, at the town of LaCombe, Louisiana; and, Be it resolved, That the police jury of St. Tammany parish, State of Louisiana, go on record as approving and concurring, and do hereby approve and concur in the application for permission made by the State Highway Engineer of the State Highway Department of the Board of

State Engineers, State of Louisiana, for the construction of a swing-bridge across Bayou LaCombe, St. Tammany parish, State of Louisiana, as herein recited. By Mr. Jno. A. Todd: Be it resolved by the police jury of St. Tammany parish, That President Herman Schultz, and E. J. Domergue, chairman, Good Roads Committee, St. Tammany parish, be and they are hereby instructed, authorized and empowered to sign, make and execute contract for the construction of the Covington-Slidell Highway, extending from the town of Covington to the town of Slidell, a distance of about twenty-six (26) miles, in the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, on such terms and conditions as they may deem proper and in conjunction with the State Highway Department, and to do any and things necessary in the premises; That Herman Schultz, president of the police jury of St. Tammany parish, and E. J. Domergue, chairman of Good Roads Committee, St. Tammany parish, be and they are hereby instructed, authorized and empowered to accept the offer made by the State of Louisiana, through the State Highway Department, Board of State Engineers, for the construction of the Covington-Slidell Highway, parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, which offer is as follows: The proportion for which the State under any contract entered into for the construction of the above highway, exclusive of the cost of the proposed swing-bridge across Bayou LaCombe, is liable, is six thousand (\$6,000) dollars, this amount of six thousand dollars being approximately one-tenth the total cost of construction, it being agreed and understood that the parish of St. Tammany shall bear all additional cost of construction, and all other expenses necessary for the proper construction and completion of the aforesaid highway. Be it further resolved, etc., That the president of the police jury of St. Tammany parish, inform the State Highway Department, Board of State Engineers, that the parish of St. Tammany, through the police jury of said parish, guarantees to secure and have available when required, its proportion of the funds necessary for the construction and completion of the aforesaid highway. Be it further resolved, etc., That the president of the police jury make

## Members of Parish School Board Sign Personal Note, Taking Up School Bonds

The parish school board fell short \$220 in meeting the payment of the first two bonds and semi-annual interest of \$1875, due March 1. In order to make good the deficit a note for this amount was signed by E. J. Domergue, Jr., J. E. Smith, A. C. McCormack, T. E. Brewster, N. H. FitzSimons and Elmer E. Lyon. This unfortunate situation is brought about by a decrease in the assessment of the third ward from \$1,359,788 when the tax was voted, to \$1,174,320 in 1914, a decrease of \$175,568. Also the State appropriation for accredited high schools is \$200 now, when it was formerly \$500. The only remedy seems to be either an increase in the assessment or in the millage. Two and one-half mills were set aside for the payment of the bonds and one and one-half mills for maintenance. A mill and one-half is not sufficient for maintenance. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of February, 1915. W. E. BLOSSMAN, Dy. Clerk of Court. It was moved and duly seconded that the sheriff's report be accepted as read. The following bills were ordered paid: W. J. Warren, hauling, .50 W. H. Kentzel, printing, license register, \$8.50 1000 summons \$8.75 St. Tammany Farmer, to publishing proceeding Jan. 18, \$22.00; jury list, \$37.50 . . . . . 25.75 H. Rockenshuh, repairs in jail . . . . . 6.00 E. E. Porter, registrar of vital statistics . . . . . 1.25 Cum Tel Co., service for month of January . . . . . 5.75 Louis J. Foucher, board of prisoners . . . . . 1.75 Jake Levy, juror at inquest Jules Solomen Miss Annie Ouliber registrar of vital statistics . . . . . 1.00 Ben Commenge, repairs in jail . . . . . 3.00 T. E. Brewster, bill rendered . . . . . 234.17 Mrs. L. Miles, feeding prisoners from Jan. 17 to Feb. 14 . . . . . 148.20 P. J. Lacroix, comforts, blankets, etc., for jail . . . . . 14.20

formal request upon the State Highway Department, Board of State Engineers, to proceed to advertise for bids and prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the above mentioned highway. The following report was read: Statement of T. E. Brewster, Tax Collector, for the month of January, 1915: Parish Tax. Criminal fund . . . . . 1994.46 Road fund . . . . . 977.23 School fund . . . . . 1495.95 General fund . . . . . 459.62 4988.16 Corporation Tax. Criminal fund . . . . . 822.64 Road fund . . . . . 411.32 School fund . . . . . 616.97 1850.93 Poll tax . . . . . 297.35 Railroad tax . . . . . 1175.45 School tax 2d ward . . . . . 115.59 School tax ward 5 . . . . . 138.11 School tax ward 6 . . . . . 124.23 School tax ward 8 . . . . . 199.88 Per capita tax . . . . . 62.70 Parish license . . . . . 42.71 Special road tax . . . . . 1405.94 Rent . . . . . 50.00 Overpayment . . . . . 38.00 11523.93 Amounts available to each fund: Criminal fund . . . . . 2817.10 Road fund . . . . . 1471.25 School fund . . . . . 4024.82 General fund . . . . . 429.37 Railroad fund . . . . . 1175.45 Special road fund . . . . . 1405.94 11523.93 I certify the above to be a true and correct statement of all amounts collected by me for the above mentioned funds from the 1st day of January, 1915, to the 31st day of January, 1915, inclusive. T. E. BREWSTER, Tax Collector.

John Dix, juror at inquest of Julius Solomen . . . . . 2.00 Jas. W. Reynolds, for special officers detailed at Charity Hospital . . . . . 50.48 W. M. Poole, auto hire for coroner . . . . . 10.00 Jos. F. Crawford, bringing Mamie Grissom to Covington, and board for prisoner at Pearl River . . . . . 10.00 Monroe Davis, bringing R. Morris from Pearl River to Covington . . . . . 7.00 The following report was read: To the Honorable President and Members of the Police Jury: We, the Finance Committee of the parish of St. Tammany, have examined the treasurer's books and checked warrants against same and find same correct, and also examine the sheriff's report and find same correct, and have approved bills to the amount of \$639.25. Respectfully submitted, GEO. F. BIERHORST, J. E. HOWZE, On motion, duly seconded, the above report was accepted as read. There being no further business the police jury adjourned until the next regular meeting. HERMAN SCHULTZ, President. E. D. KENTZEL, Secretary.