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STRAWBERRY PICKERS AND PACKERS ATTENTION.

The St. Tammany Farmers' Association members will need at least 500 pickers and packers to move the coming crop. Experienced hands will be paid top wages. Send your name and address to the Association secretary so that you can be enrolled on the employment committee's list.

Dipping Cattle in Quick Time at the Wertz-Poole Dip Vat

Carl Wertz, with the assistance of one man, dipped forty head of cattle at his place, in the Wertz-Poole dipping vat, in fifty minutes. With the short time and the little expense required in the dipping process, and with so much to be gained, nobody's cattle should be allowed to be tick infested. Birmingham is one of the cities that has come to the front in this matter, and it is an up-to-date city in other ways, too. Fall in line, everybody.

Representatives of Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Co. Talk to St. Tammany Growers

CHARRED REMAINS OF EUG. SMITH, COLORED, FOUND IN RUINS, ABITA

The charred remains of Eugene Smith (colored) were taken from the crumbled remains of the Bogan residence, at Abita Springs, Tuesday, when Coroner Heintz held an inquest. The fire occurred at 9:20 p. m. Monday night, the building being completely destroyed. The body was burned to a crisp and lay beneath the chimney, which had fallen on it when the fierce flames had eaten away all support. According to the testimony, Smith, who had come from New Orleans, was caretaker of the place. He was living there with his two

children, aged eight and ten years. His wife was in New Orleans. He had been argued by the fire and got his children out of the building, but returned to get his clothing. He was not seen alive afterwards. He must have miscalculated his danger or thought that he could escape through some of the windows and been unable to open them. His wife, who is said to be living at 783 North Roman street, in New Orleans, was notified of what had happened. Mr. H. Bogan, who formerly lived in Abita, was the owner of the residence. The loss is about \$1800.

Instructions Given as to Manner of Packing, Handling and Shipping, and an Urgent Plea Made For the Establishment of a Reputation For Our Berries.

P. W. Diendorf, chief inspector, and M. E. Varnado, both of the Louisiana Strawberry Distributing Co. (that will handle the St. Tammany strawberry crop, were met at the courthouse Tuesday morning by quite a number of the growers at the request of Secretary Warner. The object of the meeting was to gain information as to the manner of handling berries for shipment. Abita, Springs, Madenville and Madisonville were well represented, and no doubt all felt fully repaid for the trip. Messrs. Diendorf and Varnado soon made it apparent that the average grower, if uninstructed, would make mistakes that would greatly reduce the selling price of the berries in the market, and at the same time render it difficult for subsequent shipments to be received favorably.

In illustrating the manner and requirements for selecting berries for shipment a few boxes were selected from a crate brought in from Madisonville and re-sorted. While the crate presented a very neat appearance, from the few boxes selected a pint of berries unfit for market were obtained, and it was calculated that under inspection, had that crate been selected for examination, the price would have dropped to an unprofitable figure and the whole shipment been placed under suspicion. In other words, that if the shipper would throw such berries away he would be the gainer by half the price of the whole crate. This loss would represent the risk taken to get paid for a pint of inferior berries.

The advice was given: Don't pick fruit in the evening for shipment next day, for it will not be fit for shipment. Get into the field early in the morning. The dew will not hurt anything. But do not touch the berry; pick by the stem, and remember that the packer is the best inspector. If he puts no inferior berries in the box the inspector will never find any. When sorting berries they should have a cloth under them so they will not get bruised, and they should be more than absolutely necessary, being placed directly in the box. Ridded to the top, but not so high as to crush the berries when the lid is fastened down. Do not put in cold storage or on ice. Start packing early in the morning, as soon as it is light enough to see, and pick until about 11 a. m. Then get them to the cars by time of shipment, about 2 p. m. The best berry is pretty evenly tinted with red, but firm and solid, such a berry as you would pick for your own table to day, yet that with good warm weather would be ripe in twenty-four hours. The further the season advances the greener the berries may be picked. The handling should be done in a spring wagon and it should be covered. If a cloth is used, it should be white. Do not use black, as it absorbs heat and heats the berry. Do not use a carrier that holds more than six or eight boxes, as it keeps the berries out too long. Keep the berries in the shade as much as possible. Do not nail cover in center. Nail on the outer edges and use a number 3 nail. Drive slowly and avoid jolting and shaking of berries as much as possible when hauling. A special plea is made to start the business right. The reputation that is earned now is the one that will stick. Care in packing and selecting will give a standing that will bring good prices this season and next. A good reputation for the St. Tammany berry means money in pocket for the seasons to come. A bad reputation now means a poor market price for berries next season. This is an important matter, and it was especially urged that attention be given to it. The Ponchatoula berry always has preference and the highest price in the market because it is dependable. We have every opportunity to sit right in the same chair with Ponchatoula. It is a business proposition and it's up to us to do or to crumple up. No excuse for failure. It is a good idea to number the packers, because in that way the responsibility for poor work may be placed. Otherwise there is no way of telling. Have the packer put his number on his work. Mr. Varnado is at the Southern Hotel, and he announced that he would be pleased to have any one call on him for information or instruction. That's his business here. So don't hesitate. You will find him pleasant and willing, for the company is anxious to make the St. Tammany berry a success.

NEW ORLEANS GETS A BASEBALL HUNCH ON FOR BIG CROWD HEINAMANN PARK

While There Was a Record Breaking Crowd for New Orleans, Birmingham Went Several Better and Captured the Trophy.

New Orleans, April 14.—Ten thousand six hundred and ten persons paid admission to the opening game of the Southern League season at Heinemann Park yesterday afternoon. Of these, according to President Heinemann last night, only eight remained away from the park, for a check of the attendance showed ten thousand, six hundred and two "cash fares" passing the turnstiles during the afternoon. And ten thousand six hundred and ten persons, in addition to the very few who went on passes and the employees, saw the New Orleans Pelicans defeat the Barons of Birmingham, the champions of 1914, by the score of seven to four, in a rather long-drawn-out but interesting game, in which errors and heavy hitting combined to score many runs and provide almost continuous action.

The picture presented by that great mass of people, who filled every seat in the big new grandstand and the bleachers and then overflowed to the aisles, the spaces back of the last row of seats in these spaces were filled, pushed on beyond the confines of the formal seating spaces to the borders of the playing field, was one long to be remembered by all who saw it. It was a typical holiday crowd, one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in New Orleans to view any sporting event, and, according to President Heinemann, the largest "money crowd" ever assembled to view a baseball game in the Southern League. The latter statement is made on the best authority, for, regardless of the fact that Birmingham, at the opening game last season had more than twelve thousand paid admissions, two-thirds of these were bleacher seats at bleacher prices, while at yesterday's game here sixty-five per cent were with grandstand seats at grandstand prices, with only the remaining thirty-five per cent bleacher seats at corresponding prices.

Whether New Orleans "Kops the Kup," however, remains to be seen. This will not be known until tonight, when the returns from Birmingham and Atlanta are known. Both of these clubs played away from their home grounds this afternoon, but will have their formal opening here today. Then, and only then, will the final result be known. Last night the entire city was grieved over the contest, and the newspaper offices were besieged with telephonic requests for the figures. At the same time, it was interesting to note the various guesses as to the actual attendance. These varied by many

thousands, ranging, in fact, from ten to twenty thousand. Spectacle Inspiring. The picture presented by that great mass of people, who filled every seat in the big new grandstand and the bleachers and then overflowed to the aisles, the spaces back of the last row of seats in these spaces were filled, pushed on beyond the confines of the formal seating spaces to the borders of the playing field, was one long to be remembered by all who saw it. It was a typical holiday crowd, one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in New Orleans to view any sporting event, and, according to President Heinemann, the largest "money crowd" ever assembled to view a baseball game in the Southern League. The latter statement is made on the best authority, for, regardless of the fact that Birmingham, at the opening game last season had more than twelve thousand paid admissions, two-thirds of these were bleacher seats at bleacher prices, while at yesterday's game here sixty-five per cent were with grandstand seats at grandstand prices, with only the remaining thirty-five per cent bleacher seats at corresponding prices. The game itself was only a part of the day's attractions, the dedication of the new park being one of the big features of the program. Heinemann Park, the new home of the Pelicans, is a fixture in the circuit of the Southern League. The dedication ceremonies opened the program of the afternoon. The address was made by Charles Rosen. Mr. Rosen's talk was, in part, a tribute to President A. J. Heinemann for the great work done by the latter in aiding the many charitable and educational enterprises. (Continued on page 6)

One of the Oldest Negroes of Ante-Bellum Days Dies in Covington at the Age of 110 Years. Came Here from Mississippi; A Native of Hinds County

Celia Wilson, probably one of the oldest negroes in the South, died in Covington last Sunday, April 11. She was born in Hinds County, Miss., March 4, 1805, being 110 years of age. Many incidents of her life could no doubt be of interest, but there is no one to tell of them, whose memory reaches back into the stirring times through which she had passed. Celia Wilson was owned by Gus Pope of the Pope plantation in Hinds County, Miss., on which she was born. She remembers Gen. Scott, when he was commander of the army in the Mexican War, he having been guest of Mr. Pope. After Mr. Pope's death she became the property of James Ford, of Columbus, Marion

County, Miss., who married a daughter of Mr. Ford, and was employed as a weaver of cloth, using the old fashioned spinning wheel and loom so common on the plantations before the Civil War. Here she met many of the officers of the Confederate army. Ford's son, Fletcher Ford, who died in camp, being in one of the regiments. She had been heard to tell of being given a box of money to hide, during the invasion of the Federals. She buried it on a slope beside Pearl River. As the Federals remained on the east side of the river, however, the Fords were not molested and the money was dug up again. She remained with the Fords one year after the war, when she and her husband, Peter Wilson, rented a piece of land from Robert Patien, farming on shares. Afterwards

they bought a place at Summit, Miss., where her husband died. Celia Wilson is survived by eight sons and three daughters. The oldest living child, a daughter, is 84 years of age. The oldest child is dead. Her son, Morris Wilson, who is now living in Covington, is 68 years of age. He has two brothers and one sister living older than he. She had eighteen children. Celia came to Covington about seven years ago and enjoyed good health until about three months ago, when she moved to another house. The change seemed to upset her and her health declined, terminating in her death last Sunday, April 11, 1915. She was buried in the Covington Cemetery Monday, Rev. Bell, of the African Methodist Church, conducting the services.

Some Vandal Shoots Valuable Cow Belonging to Carl Wertz, of Oaks Dairy. Reward for Apprehension

Wednesday, April 17, some vandal shot and killed one of Mr. Carl Wertz's fine cows at the Oaks Dairy, in the Garden District. The act was not only a piece of wanton cruelty, but the lawlessness of the deed is hurtful to the community and every good citizen will be glad to have the culprit captured and punished. Mr. Wertz has done much to im-

prove the cattle of this section, having brought here some very fine breeds, among them being some excellent Holsteins. He has just recently purchased two fine bull yearlings from the experiment farm of this State, which will be brought here shortly. Mr. Wallace M. Poole also has some fine stock, both horses and cattle, and he and Mr. Wertz have

recently built a dipping vat, the use of which has been offered to any one who wishes to dip his cattle, at a cost just sufficient to pay for the fluid used, 15 cents a head or 35 cents a head for the year, dipping as many times as desired. The following card is issued by Mr. Wertz: \$100 REWARD. I will give \$100 to any one who will give information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who shot one of my Holstein cattle at my place April 17, 1915; or I will give \$50 to any one giving information that will lead to the arrest of said party or parties. CARL WERTZ.

Burning Chicken Coop Creates Some Excitement On Boston St. Saturday

There was some little excitement on Boston street, near the Farmer office, last Saturday, about one o'clock. A clean-up of the chicken house was taking place at the Blattner residence. During the fumigation process the straw in the coop caught fire, and for a few moments the lurid glare of the flames as they climbed up towards the roof looked vindictive and furious enough to set their way through and to consume things generally in the neighborhood.

Fortunately the roof was tin. Everybody, including two members of the Swan Show that were stopping at Pharis' rushed to the scene with water and other firefighting apparatus to lend assistance. Meantime some one got hold of a hoe and raked the straw out of the coop, so that everything was over except the remnants of the shock to nerves that usually causes the mattresses to be set down carefully and the china and glassware to be thrown out of the window. The tin roof saved the day.

Henry Emile J. Hoffman Dies at His Home Near Abita Springs

Mr. Henry Emile J. Hoffman died at his home near Abita Springs, Tuesday, April 13, 1915, at 2:30 a. m. He was 83 years of age, and was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Hauck. He has been a resident of this parish a good number of

years and was a successful horticulturist. He is survived by a daughter, Lizette. The funeral took place from the family residence, Rev. Jos. Koegerl officiating. Interment was made in the Covington Cemetery.

School Notes: Covington, Slidell

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL. At a meeting of the Junior class, on Tuesday, Bonnie Moses was elected president. The closing exercises of the grammar school will be held in the high school auditorium on Monday, May 4 at 2 p. m. The class has prepared a splendid program, to which everybody is invited to attend. Mr. A. L. Bear, Esq., has again shown his interest in the cause of education, by presenting the school with a set of ten volumes of Junior Classics, by Collier & Sons. Not long since, Mr. Bear presented the school with a full set of Stoddard's Lectures. Thanks, Mr. Bear, your gifts are appreciated by all. Prof. Johnson, of Isabel, Washington parish, was a visitor on Monday. A new curtain has just been placed

in the auditorium. It's a beauty. Miss O'Brien is busy working up a cantata, which will be given soon. Miss Eastman had her class visit Mr. Haller's flower garden on Tuesday, in the interest of agriculture and botany. Roll of honor for first grade is as follows: Irma Cooper, Josie Frederick, Dorothy Dietz, Mary E. Gillis, Helen Greer, Isabelle Hull, Oramay Kramer, Frances Loyd, Evelyn Mullally, Frances Second, Emma C. Thibodeaux, Ruby Park, Lydia Smith, Odile Vergez, Earl Otto, Joe Sirmon, Aubrey Sharp, Scallian Walsh, Chas. Babington, John Murphy, James Cannon, Wilbert Cannon, John Cannon. Roll of honor of fourth and fifth grades is as follows: Dorothy Blossman, Annie Schultz, Frances Payne, Eva Burns, Olive Wadsworth, Lucy Glass, Mildred Smith, Pearl Grubbs,

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters will meet at the M. C. B. Library next Monday, April 19, at 4 o'clock. As this will be the last meeting of the King's Daughters before the convention all members are urged to be present. MRS. L. I. ADDISON, Leader.

Everything in Readiness for the Convention of King's Daughters

All arrangements have been completed for the King's Daughters Convention. The busy committees have reported that provision for the entertainment of guests and delegates has been made and it is thought that a very pleasant time for everybody will be the result. There will be two hundred visiting delegates and there are 128 home members of the Circle. It is expected that the Hammond delegation will arrive Thursday night. The dinner will be served on the grounds at Bogue Bay Park, in the open air.

Annual Inspection of Sheriff's Accounts Shows All O. K.

The Covington high school has carried off the honors in basketball, the Covington High basketball team having won the beautiful silver cup offered by the Covington Grocery and Grain Company for the best public school team in the Florida parishes. The cup has inscribed on it the following legend: Donated by Covington Grocery and Grain Co. Championship Cup of Florida Parishes, Basketball Won by Covington High School, 1914-1915. Bryan Burns, Octave Smith, Sam Lansing, Albert Lansing, L. Smith, Rudolph Sharp, Guy A. Smith Coach, A. J. Park Principal.

The Handsome Silver Cup Given by the Covington Grocery and Grain Company for Best Basketball in Florida Parishes Won by Covington High School

The names on the cup are the members of the team that worked so hard for the victory and that expect next year to repeat the championship stunt.

The District Court at Baton Rouge Refuses to Grant the Injunction Prayed for by N. O. G. N. Railroad

The District Court at Baton Rouge denied the petition of the New Orleans Great Northern for an injunction restraining the Railroad Commission from enforcing its order for the reinstatement of trains numbered 21 and 22 on the Shore Line. The

case will now be tried on its merits with a good chance of affirmation of the order. In that case, it may be that the company will take an appeal to the Supreme Court, in which case it will probably be June before the trains will be again running, providing there is no reversal in the decision. It is to be hoped that no such step will be taken by the company, however, as the good will of the people should be worth more than can be gained by the policy that has been pursued.

John Destrue's Death Follows Quickly That of His Lamented Father-in-law

Contracting the Gripp at Mr. Labat's Funeral, Added to Complications, Brought the End. The death of Mr. John Destrue, following so closely upon that of his father-in-law, Mr. Labat, was a great shock. Mr. Destrue had not been in the best of health for some time. He was a sufferer from asthma, jointly with a complication of diseases. When he attended the funeral of Mr. Labat he was suffering from gripp and threatened pneumonia, which subsequently developed fatally. His weakened condition paved the way for galloping consumption, which already had a strong hold upon him. When he became confined to his bed it was known

good physical condition there should be a good chance for winning another cup next season, besides developing some good new material for an emergency.

Federal Law On Migratory Birds

The Federal law for the protection of migratory birds prohibits the following acts: 1. Killing migratory game birds during the close season. 2. Killing migratory game birds between sunset and sunrise. 3. Killing migratory insectivorous birds at any time. 4. Killing swans, cranes or any birds of the snipe and plover families (shore birds) except woodcock, Wilson or Jack snipe, yellow-legs and black-breasted and golden plovers, until 1918. Migratory game birds include ducks, geese, rails or marsh hens, gallinules or mud hens, coots or poules d'eau, woodcock, Wilson or Jack snipe, yellow-legs and black-

breasted and golden plovers. The open season on these birds in Louisiana is Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, except on woodcock, for which the open season is Nov. 15 to Jan. 1. Migratory insectivorous birds include all species feeding chiefly or entirely on insects and occurring only principally at certain seasons. Some of the more important migratory insectivorous birds are the cuckoo or rain crow, certain species of woodpeckers, night-hawk or ballbat, whip-poor-will, kingbird or bee martin, meadowlark, oriole, cedarbird or waxwing, martin, swallows, catbird, thrasher, wren, thrushes and robin. Birds protected until 1918 include principally curlews, upland plover or papabotte, killdeer, and all the sandpipers and smaller species of plover.