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## W. B. LANCASTER COMES BACK AT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BROCK AND REPEATS CHARGES OF VIOLATION OF THE LIQUOR LAWS

## ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE PUTS PLANS BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR SECURING FREE MAIL DELIVERY

The securing of free mail delivery in Covington is one of the most important things undertaken by the Association of Commerce. There is no doubt that we can secure this service, because we will be entitled to it after we have complied with the rules of the department relative to sidewalks. This matter of sidewalks can be arranged with very little burden to the taxpayer, much more cheaply and conveniently than if built individually by property holders by order of the council, which order is bound to come soon anyhow. The plan is to have all the sidewalks (Schillingers pavement) built by contract, the contractor to accept six per cent certificates of the town, payable in five years. The town will collect payments yearly from the property holders. The cost of putting down these three-foot-wide pavements will be one dollar per square yard. A thirty-foot front lot would cost but ten dollars, making annual payments two dollars.

In exchange for this outlay, the property owner, by making his place more convenient for tenants, both by reason of the sidewalks and the mail delivery, would increase the income of his property and save in rentals more than the cost of the pavement. Also his property would not be likely to stand vacant under such circumstances, because the convenience of free mail delivery and good sidewalks that avoid the discomfort of wet weather would cause renters to seek residences within this district.

Another feature of this proposition that should not be overlooked is the employment of several new postal clerks of mail carriers, thereby giving employment to Covington men or men who will live in Covington and put in circulation several thousand dollars annually. It would be a step forward and could not fail to affect the town favorably. It is among the things that are the accompaniment of growth and prosperity.

A special meeting of the council was held Thursday afternoon to receive the committee from the Association of Commerce requesting the council to take up the matter of free mail delivery and provide the means for putting down sidewalks in the district to be covered, but as no official notice of the meeting was given Alderman Emilie Frederick was not present. While he is said to be in favor of the proposition, no action could be taken under the circumstances. It was concluded to refer the matter to the improvement committee.

Mr. Jacob Sellen, of the committee, announced that a map had been drawn of the district and the members of the council had been invited to attend a meeting of the association last Monday, where all the details of the proposition had been explained, but only Aldermen Sanders and Nilson had availed themselves of this privilege. He also stated that all the requirements of law had been complied with, except the sidewalks. That it was not a heavy burden on property owners, as it would cost but \$1.00 per square yard, the sidewalks to be three feet wide, and there were five years to pay it in.

In answer to a question as to how the council could act in the matter, Town Attorney Simmons explained the matter, stating that it was a legal requirement that 50 per cent be required to be paid the contractor within ten days after the completion of the work. That the council authorizes the mayor to draw up and sign the certificates. These are made payable at stated yearly periods.

Mr. Warner, of the committee, stated that two carriers would be needed to deliver mail, and that this would put in circulation several thousand dollars yearly. Mr. Sellen here interposed that the salary would run from \$720 to \$1200, increasing to the higher sum by length of service. Mr. Warner then continued with the statement that it was a good thing, if only the increased value of the property and the looks and service of the walks were considered.

Judge Burns discussed the advisability of having the sidewalks conform in width to the size of the frontage for walks. That is, where the available space for walks is extra wide, have the full three feet of Schillingers pavement, but where the space was narrow, reduce to two feet. He thought this would make a nicer appearance. When informed that the law required three feet, he said he was in favor of the plan for free delivery and was not trying to throw cold water on it. He only made the suggestion because he had noticed, by seeing other towns, that the uniformity of sidewalks and lack of uniformity in sidewalk width did not look well. He said that towns that had put down the sidewalks had found it a good thing. When the Judge stated he was not a member of the association, Mr. Sellen chided him for this admission, and Secretary Barrios got busy and gathered him into the fold.

Mr. Barrios, of the committee, explained that the putting down of these sidewalks and the securing of free mail delivery was only a stepping stone to another proposition of great advantage to the town, but which it is not now wished to publish.

Alderman Smith thought it would be a good idea to hold a mass meeting so as to give everybody a chance to express an opinion on the matter. Mr. Warner replied that there was no attempt whatever to put anything

Asks Why, if Mr. Brock Was Honest in His Contentions, He Did Not Publish All the Correspondence Instead of Withholding Some. Says No One Can Throw Dust in the Eyes of the Public any Longer. That Saloons Were Open Again Last Sunday in Direct Violation of Law.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 9, 1915. Editor of the St. Tammany Farmer, Covington, La. Dear Sir: In reply to your first-page headline in your issue of Saturday, August 7, wherein Mr. Brock, district attorney, charges me with an attempt to discredit him by issuing circular letters to the law-abiding citizens of St. Tammany and Washington parishes, I wish to say that the circular letters that I sent out contain absolutely the truth. If the truth discredits the district attorney, that is his fault and not mine and he will have to stand discredited.

Again I will inform Mr. Brock that the saloons in Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, were open yesterday, Sunday, August 8, 1915, as usual, dispensing whisky and beer in open violation of the laws.

Furthermore, if Mr. Brock was honest in his intentions when he sent you our correspondence requesting you to publish same, why did he not publish it all. Why did he withhold some? Why did he not publish my second letter to him in which he did not even have the courtesy to reply? Mr. Brock, nor no one else, can throw dust in the eyes of the people any longer, as they are a little too wise for such tactics.

Now, in my letter of May 7 to Mr. Brock you do not find where I have promised Mr. Brock to come before the grand jury, do you, or do any of your readers? Therefore, how can Mr. Brock have the impudence to say that I promised to keep my promise. I never fail to keep any promise that I make.

As Messrs. Bechac & Mugnier failed to get a majority of the property holders on their petition for a bar on the beach at Mandeville, the town council of Mandeville could not grant a legal permit to them; therefore, they must be running a barroom illegally, and if they are running this bar illegally, I have been told by some very good lawyer

that it is the duty of the district attorney to close up such a place. Now, Mr. Brock, you did not need me to go before the grand jury for this matter, as all the particulars are of record and at your disposal. Did you act in this matter, or did you just pass the matter up. Tell the good people of St. Tammany and Washington Parishes, please.

Mr. Brock, you try and put the blame for non-enforcement of our laws on the sheriff, constables, etc. After getting the information of law violations in Mandeville by the whisky interests, did you, Mr. Brock call on the sheriff, constables, etc. to enforce the laws, or did you just pass the matter up?

In my second letter to Mr. Brock, which he failed to publish, I did tell Mr. Brock in substance that it was pretty tough to expect a private citizen to work up detailed information to place before the grand jury, but that if he could not or would not do it himself that I would do it at my own expense and without any cost to him, if I could but expect his sincere co-operation; but this was getting too serious for Mr. Brock. It looked as if I meant business and as if he was going to have to prosecute the whisky violators of the laws, and our Mr. Brock failed to even answer this letter.

Now, Mr. Brock wants to know if my circular letter was actuated by motives of patriotism or whether it was actuated by personal malice or for political reasons, and in reply to these questions I will say this, I know very little of Mr. Brock, I have seen him only twice in my life and then only for a few seconds each time, so there cannot possibly be under these circumstances, any personal malice in the matter. No, Mr. Brock, there is no personal malice in the matter. Second, Mr. Brock says himself that I am not a voter in St. Tammany and do not even live in the parish, which is true, therefore, I cannot have any political motive. No, Mr. Brock, I have no political axe to grind; I do not want any political office, nor am I backing any one for any political office.

But while I technically live in New Orleans, being there every day at my office, I am in Mandeville every night at my home where my wife and three sons reside, and my reasons in making Mandeville and keeping Mandeville morally clean is because I want my three sons and my fellow citizen's sons to be reared in as good and clean environments as possible, and while I am not a patriot, as Mr. Brock thinks I might be, or a saint, being only the average every-day mortal, I propose to do my duty and see that the laws of my State are upheld as far as I possibly can, and besides I have spent thousands of dollars helping to develop Mandeville and St. Tammany parish, where I have large holdings, and I do not propose to let the whisky interests ruin the value of my holdings by making a second Milneburg out of Mandeville. And if anyone, no matter who, say my motives are otherwise than these said party speaks an absolute false hood.

Furthermore, I want to say to Mr. Brock that the good people of Washington parish, as well as the good people of St. Tammany parish are very much interested in the violation of these laws, which are not local laws, as Mr. Brock says, but are State laws, and these same people are also very much interested in the punishment of the violators of these laws as well as very much interested in knowing if Mr. Brock is in strict regulation of whisky interest in Washington parish and in regulation of whisky interest in St. Tammany parish.

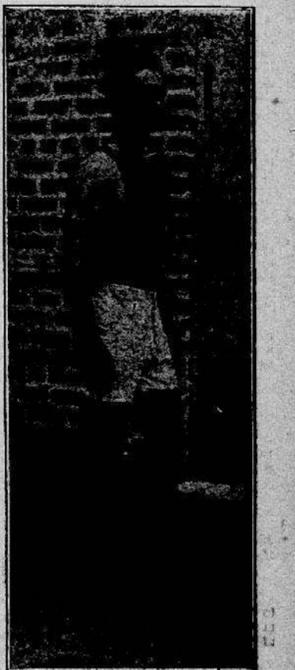
Now, Mr. Brock, do your duty as a man without fear or favor, or step down and out and let some one more able and fearless fill your position. I again remind you that the saloons were again open Sunday, August 8, 1915, as usual, in direct violation of our laws.

With best wishes for your personal welfare, I am,

Very truly yours,  
W. B. LANCASTER.

## Fassman Goes to Tulane University

J. W. Fassmann, great sprinter from Covington High School, also 220-yard junior champion of the South for 1915, and who represented Covington at Baton Rouge during the state rally, will attend Tulane next year. This lad of only 19 years of age,



J. W. FASSMANN

started athletics just eight months ago, during which he has won 13 medals and has brought Covington High School's name on the athletic field. His first experience on the field was when he competed at the St. Tammany Parish Fair. He was then green in knowledge about running, but showed his nerve by taking places in both the 100-yard and 440-yard runs. This surprised the famous coach, Foster Commager, who quickly took charge of him, and after two months of hard training, placed him a winner at the rally.

Undaunted by hard training, he then showed C. H. S. colors at the Preparatory School championship in New Orleans, and again was successful. There, still under the care of Coach Commager, one week later, he finished the 100-yard in fast time, and then turned around and won the 220-yard championship of the South. The next day he won medals in both the 100- and 220-yard dashes. This youngster deserves words of credit for his showing, and he says that all his success is due to the knowledge of Coach Commager.

This will be his beginning of college work, of which he will study electrical engineering, and we hope and wish him great success in whatever line he may enter. But one thing is certain, Tulane will be well represented in the dashes next year.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Covington, La., Aug. 12, 1915. List of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Covington post office:  
Ira F. Bloss.  
Elouise Bute.  
J. Condon.  
Felician Falgout.  
Thos. A. Goff.  
Cande Levy.  
Stella Montgomery.  
Varice Osborne.  
Leslie Pringee.  
Joe Prorsto.  
W. Ryan.  
George A. Ryan.  
Lillie Stegney.  
S. W. Sprague.  
Dorothy Sullivan.  
Morrie Tone Sutton.  
Eveline Urquhart.  
Mary Yergar.  
John Weston.  
Lily Wright.  
JACOB SEILER, Postmaster.

## PUBLIC BATHING PLACE ESTABLISHED FOR COVINGTONIANS AND VISITORS

Through the courtesy of Mr. Dodi a public bathing place has been made on his property on the Bogue Falays River, at Sulphur Springs. Separate bath houses for men and women will be built and all the details for convenience and pleasure will be attended to. There is already an excellent springboard for divers, and many people have taken advantage of the opportunity offered here for bathing. The Association of Commerce has been interested in making this a public bath.

Mr. F. F. Planche has rendered a public service of no small value by the work he has done in clearing all snags and sunken logs from the sandy bottom, so that diving and swimming is both safe and enjoyable. He had eight yoke of oxen employed in removing these obstacles, and in some cases it was necessary to use dynamite. All this he has done free of charge.

Last Wednesday there were about 150 bathers in the water, and an enterprising photographer took pictures of the scene. This bathing place promises to become a popular resort, and it will be kept free from rowdism and no disreputable characters will be allowed to use the baths or congregated near them.

## PROCEEDINGS OF PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AUGUST 5

Covington, La., Aug. 5, 1915. The Parish School Board met on the above date in adjourned session from July 3, 1915, and also in accordance with notice mailed to each member of the board on July 31, 1915.

The following members were present: Geo. R. Dutsch, First ward; T. J. O'Keefe, Second ward; N. H. FitzSimons, Third ward; C. B. Willis, Fourth Ward; W. H. Kahl, Fifth ward; H. Q. Parker, Sixth ward; Dr. C. F. Farmer, Seventh ward; T. P. Crawford, Eighth ward; C. M. Liddle, Ninth ward; G. E. Millar, Tenth ward. And a quorum being present.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Dutsch, who moved its adoption. It was seconded by Mr. Millar.

Whereas, in the opinion of this board it is necessary and advisable that a special election be ordered to be held in School District No. 1, of the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, at which there shall be submitted the following propositions, to-wit:

- To levy a special tax of five (.005) mills on the dollar on all property in School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, subject to State taxation, annually for a period of ten years, for the purpose of providing additional aid to the public schools of the said school district.
- To incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, to run not longer than ten years from date and to bear interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a public school building within School District No. 1, and if necessary, purchase a site for said school building, within the said district, title to which shall vest in the public.
- Be it resolved, by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 5th day of October 1915, at which there shall be submitted the following propositions to-wit:
  - To levy a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar on all property in School District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, subject to State taxation, annually for a period of ten (10) years, for the purpose of giving additional aid to public schools in said district.
  - To incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, to run not longer than ten years from date and to bear interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a public school building within School District No. 1, title to which shall vest in the public.
  - That the secretary of this board be and he is hereby instructed to have prepared for use at the said special election a sufficient number of ballots on each of which shall be printed all of the proposition mentioned in Sec. 1 of this resolution, arranged in such a manner as to enable the voters to vote on each one separately and in the following (\$6,000.00) Dollars, to run not longer than ten years from date and to bear interest not exceeding five (5) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a public school building within School District No. 1, title to which shall vest in the public.

## SOMETHING THAT MAY INTEREST EVERYBODY.

### Effort to Give Every Child in the Parish a Full Nine-Month Term.

Under the management of Supt. Lyon, and with a School Board that has exerted every energy to provide the means of developing the school system of St. Tammany parish, remarkable progress has been made in educational facilities and the working up of interest in educational matters. Today the youth of St. Tammany parish is being given an opportunity to prepare for a high station in life and to become useful citizens. The drudgery of inefficiency may now come to those only who refuse to take advantage of the opportunities offered. There is, however, a grave danger facing the future, by reason of the shortage of funds for school purposes. This shortage is not only being felt in this parish, but is a condition applying to the whole state. Other sections are providing for this lack of funds by the voting of special taxes

### A Big Sign on Beach at Mandeville Causes Association of Commerce To Get Busy and Remove It

A big sign with box-car letters, "Covington Tuberculosis Sanitarium," on beach at Mandeville near the landing wharf, created a great deal of indignation among the citizens. The

### Ladies' Auxiliary Entertainment

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment at the Park Pavilion, Aug. 31. Pantomimes of "Old Black Joe," "That Sweetheart of Mine," and "The Quarrel of the Flowers," "Uncle Ben" etc., will be features. Many beautiful children and some good grown ups will take part. Keep the date open.

ordered all signs removed from the beach and this order would be carried out shortly.

There is no tuberculosis sanitarium in Covington. The sign was misleading, and was considered to create the impression that Covington was the residing place of consumptives, when there are in fact very few here at this time. The healthfulness of Covington has given the idea that it is a resort for consumptives. This is not true. All the sanitariums are outside of Covington some distance.

Mayor Lacroix and Alderman Sanders, committee from council, made request of Mayor Davis of Mandeville.

### Poultry Demonstration to be Given By Prof. Rolf, a U. S. Dept. Expert

Mr. A. R. Rolf, poultry specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture, will give a poultry demonstration at the station farm of Chas. F. Bollwitt, in Claiborne, Thursday, August 19. Mr. Bollwitt is situated on the old Abney place, about 600 feet from Claiborne Station. The demonstration will take place at 10 a. m. Mr. Rolf has chosen Mr. Bollwitt's place for this demonstration because of the facilities offered there for giving a correct understanding of how chickens should be housed and raised, and the methods that should be adopted to make chicken raising profitable. Mr. Rolf is an expert in the business and has been employed by the Government for the purpose of making these demonstrations. The information he imparts will be of practical value and assistance in making the poultry business profitable. Every one interested is invited to be present.

### Abita Springs School Entertainment.

Sunday, August 22, Abita Springs will give an entertainment for the benefit of the public school. Every effort is being made to make the Abita school equal in every way to the present day demand for public education, and support should be given to the effort. A certain amount of recreation and pleasure is necessary to health. Go to this entertainment and enjoy yourself while you are at the same time aiding a worthy cause.