

MANDEVILLE AWARDS CONTRACT FOR THE SEA WALL

The Democratic Social Club, Abita, Passes Publicity Resolutions

Important Work Accomplished by Police Jury, Road Funds Pooled, Road to be Built to Connect With State Highway

POLICE JURY IN SESSION AS A BOARD OF REVIEW

Quite a Number of Property Holders Ask to Have Their Assessments Lowered.

VERY FEW OF THE REQUESTS GRANTED

Idea is to Equalize Assessments, Changes Being Made by Committee.

Covington, La., June 22, 1916. The police jury met on the above date as a Board of Reviewers and took up whatever business that came before them.

Present: J. B. Howze, president; Louis Peters, W. A. Hood, H. J. Schneider, Robt. Abney, Fletcher Crawford, S. R. Cowart, E. J. Domergue, W. H. Davis, J. M. Smith. Mr. Riggs appeared before the board and asked that the assessment of W. F. Sorin, town of Covington, was \$1800 and asked for a reduction. He asked for a reduction on the assessment of Richard & Riggs assessed at \$900. It was moved and seconded that the above assessments stand as assessed.

Mr. H. B. Ayers appeared before the board and asked for a reduction on his property in Covington, which was raised to \$2650, the present assessment being \$1800, a raise of \$850. He asked for a reduction on four squares across the Abita river, the present assessment is \$150. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of Mr. Ayers stand as assessed.

Mr. W. A. Hood appeared before the board and asked for a reduction on his property in Abita Springs. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of J. Wies stand as assessed. B. Labat appeared before the board and asked for a reduction on his property in Covington. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of B. Labat stand as assessed.

A. B. Smith appeared before the board and made protest that his assessment was increased on his property in Covington from \$1185 to \$1500. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of A. B. Smith be \$1250.

L. P. Rice appeared before the board and asked for a reduction on his assessment on his property in the parish. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of L. P. Rice stand as assessed.

Judge Pons appeared before the board in behalf of Augusta Labat and asked that his assessment on his property in Abita Springs be reduced from \$600 to \$500. It was moved and seconded that Augusta Labat's assessment be \$500.

Judge Pons appeared before the board in behalf of S. J. Couder and asked that his assessment on his property in Abita Springs be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of S. J. Couder stand as assessed.

A communication was read before the board from Maggie Pritchard asking for a reduction on her assessment of her property in Covington. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of Maggie Pritchard stand as assessed.

Joe Derman appeared before the board and made complaint that his assessment on his property in Abita is assessed for \$1200, and stated that the buildings have burned down and asked that his assessment be reduced to \$600. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of Joe Derman be \$600.

A. A. Cooley appeared before the board and asked that his assessment on his property in the parish be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of A. A. Cooley stand as assessed.

Ernest Jones appeared before the board and asked that his assessment be reduced on his property in Covington. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of Ernest Jones stand as assessed.

Mrs. G. R. Dutch, represented by F. L. Dutch, appeared before the board and asked that her assessment on her property in Covington be re-

duced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of Mrs. G. R. Dutch stand as assessed.

H. A. and F. L. Dutch, represented by F. L. Dutch, appeared before the board and asked that their assessment on their property in Covington be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment stand as assessed.

W. R. Badon appeared before the board and stated that there is an assessment in the name of Badon & Ayers, and says there was an error in the assessment on his ground in square 2903 on which there was assessed a house which was not the case as there is no improvements on the land. It was moved and seconded that his assessment be reduced from \$390 to \$90.

W. R. Badon appeared before the board and asked that his assessment on lot 10 square 2703, New Covington, is too high, being \$795, and asked for a reduction. After hearing the town assessors the board fixed his assessment at \$300.

W. R. Badon appeared before the board and asked that his assessment be reduced on his brick building on corner of Gibson and Columbia street. It was moved and seconded that the present assessment of W. R. Badon stand as assessed.

Robt. Abney, representing C. R. Gralle, appeared before the board and asked that the assessment on his property in Abita Springs be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of C. R. Gralle be \$300.

Robt. Abney, representing S. Biggio, appeared before the board, and stated that his assessment on property in Abita Springs was raised from \$300 to \$450, and asked for a reduction. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of S. Biggio be \$300.

Judge Burns, representing the Peoples' Building & Loan Association, appeared before the board and stated that the assessment was raised from \$500 to \$680, and asked for a reduction. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of the Peoples' Building & Loan Association be \$300.00.

Judge Burns, representing the estate of Jack Lyons, appeared before the board and asked that the assessment on the property of the estate of Jack Lyons, in the parish, be reduced from \$5000 to \$3000. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of the estate of Jack Lyons be \$3000.

Mr. Warren Thomas, representing Harry Mackie, appeared before the board and asked that his assessment on his property in Covington be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of Harry Mackie stand as assessed.

Karl Kohne, representing Hester Armstead, appeared before the board and asked that the assessment of Hester Armstead, in Covington, be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of Hester Armstead stand as assessed.

Karl Kohne, representing Miss M. Brennan, appeared before the board and asked that her assessment, in Covington, be reduced. It was moved and seconded that the assessment of Miss Brennan stand as assessed.

It was moved and seconded that after having made the above mentioned corrections on the assessment rolls that they be accepted as turned in by the assessor. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the board adjourn as a board of police jurors and meet as a board of police jurors.

It was moved by W. A. Hood and seconded by Jos. Smith, that the police jury meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Carried.

It was moved by H. J. Schneider and seconded by H. J. Schneider, that the business of dipping vats be deferred until next meeting. Carried.

It was moved by H. J. Schneider and seconded by E. J. Domergue, that they put on a maintenance contract from Covington to Bayou LaCombe and from Slidell to the lake and the Singletary road. Carried.

It was moved by W. A. Hood and seconded by E. J. Domergue that all the road funds be pooled and handled as a whole. Carried.

A committee of two consisting of W. A. Hood and E. J. Domergue has been appointed to collect the interest from the St. Tammany Bank on daily balances.

It was moved by H. J. Schneider and seconded by W. A. Hood that the Robert road be built first. Carried.

It was moved by H. J. Schneider and seconded by W. A. Hood that bids on the Robert road be made and presented at the next meeting of the police jury. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that a road be built from the state highway to intersect the St. Tammany road and that the culverts and bridges be repaired, and ask that bids for same be presented at the next meeting of the police jury on July 5, 1916. Carried.

ALTON SMITH, WHO WILL GO WITH BOGALUSA TROOP



Mr. Alton Smith is among the young Covington men who may be required to fall in line with the troops that are to go to Mexico. Mr. Miller-Simmons, who will be captain of the Slidell contingent, now has sixty of the required seventy-five members of his company. Mr. Smith was to have been one of them, but he went to Bogalusa Friday, to join that troop as a volunteer.

Two Women Arrested for Violating Ordinance.

When the restricted district was removed from Covington by ordinance of the town council, there was a general clean-up. Public sentiment had been thoroughly aroused against conditions that existed at that time, and it was thought that a pretty thorough job had been made of it. Later it began to be rumored that there were some places under suspicion, being ostensibly private residences. Recently a real estate agency rented a house to a woman who said she was Mrs. Ollie Smith; that her husband worked in the Ramay saw mill and would be home every night and that she might take a few boarders. Everything seemed all right and the lease was closed.

Saturday night, June 17, Deputy Ed. Lacroix arrested the woman and her companion, charging them with running a house of ill-repute. They gave the names of Ollie and Mamie Ard. They were brought before Mayor Lacroix and the agent who rented them the house was called in and asked if he did not know the woman for such a purpose. He answered that he did, but he was not aware that the house was to be used for a disreputable purpose, but accepted the woman as given above. Under the circumstances he was exonerated.

Each woman was fined \$25 and costs or thirty days in jail. They were not able to pay their fines and were placed in the town jail, but were later transferred to the parish jail as the town jail was not considered to be just the place in which to keep them thirty days.

Mayor Lacroix announced that he would not stand for a violation of the ordinance, and that every woman brought before him, with evidence to convict, would be punished.

The following bills were ordered paid at the previous meeting of the police jury:

E. J. Frederick, issuing warrants making general index, etc., \$191.62
Smith Hardware Co., furnishing oil and gasoline to supervisor \$36.07.

Mrs. L. Miles, feeding prisoners \$121.00.
Houlton-Johnson Co., furnishing provisions to small pox camp \$239.68
Leon's Pharmacy, fumigation for jail, \$3.85.

Dr. C. A. Pennington, board of health, \$132.00.
Ideal Pharmacy, furnishing medicine to small pox camp, \$26.55.

Dr. E. W. Ney, vaccinations and services ordered \$12.00.
Dr. C. W. Davidson, vaccinations at Houltonville by order of Dr. J. F. Folk, \$14.50.

Tom Turk, guarding small pox patients, 31 days, \$38.75.
A. Smith, same, 30 days, \$37.50.
A. Martin, same, 12 days, \$15.40.

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MANDEVILLE TO BUILD THE SEA WALL RIGHT AWAY

Responsible Contractor Has Taken Job and All Arrangements Made.

PROPOSITION MEETS APPROVAL OF TOWN

Mount Mariah Lodge No. 59 F. and A. M. Hold Outing at Jackson Park.

Last Wednesday afternoon at a meeting especially called for the purpose, the town council, with Mayor W. E. Davis presiding, James Hutchinsin at his desk, Messrs. Jno. L. Smith, James Band, A. Hartman, A. Depe, present, and C. B. Willis absent, assembled with rolled up sleeves, blood in their eyes and clenched fists, determined to take a stranger's hold on the sea wall flax and relocate it to the demarcation low-woods.

Among the large audience present were many property-holders, engineers, contractors and builders, both local and foreign. Sea wall propositions of various kinds were submitted and discussed from every angle when, like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, there came an offer, that after being dissected and thoroughly digested, was admitted an ideal proposition, and everybody present, even competitors, advocated its acceptance. Thus this Mr. Black, senior member of the Black-Laird Construction Co., in a well modulated and Irish accentuated voice, said: "Gentlemen, I will complete (and he dwelled on complete) you sea wall in from three to six months, depending on weather conditions, according to the original specifications, for \$20,800.00, payable in cash as the work progresses, and I'll give you a gilt edge bond for your protection."

The deal was closed, conditioned on the approval of the respective attorneys, who met yesterday, and as the reader scans this article the sea wall will again be a going concern on its last lap to completion.

As the good news rapidly spread through the town it was greeted with expressions of hearty approval and exultation.

In about fifteen days the work will commence at the eastward, and on the new lines to give a much needed protection to property at the end when the entire beach and some part of the streets has been washed away depriving the east end residents of a public highway.

Some of the beach front property owners have been hemming, hawing and even refusing to agree to the extra contribution to the sea wall fund unless given positive proof of a finished sea wall. Now they can no longer say "No," the props have been unexpectedly knocked from under them. They can offer no tangible reason for not agreeing to pay their share of the assessment and thereby assist and encourage the officials, contractors and other property holders, for nothing short of a miracle and those times have passed, can prevent the early completion of the sea wall.

And who are the contractors? The Black-Laird Construction Co., of New Orleans, has a national reputation for good work and fair dealing. Its opinion and advice is sought on many large engineering and construction jobs. It built the New Orleans water purification plant, the best of its kind in the South, requiring three years to build, and involving millions of dollars. It also built 40 miles of sewerage in New Orleans. Its good name requires that the company complete the job win or lose, and it is the consensus of opinion that it will do it.

Then off, the contractors in the lead, the council second by a nose and the taxpayer a close third by a neck, in the sea wall race to a finish. Ours the prize! Eureka!

Mount Mariah Lodge, No. 59, F. and A. M., is today holding its annual outing at Jackson Park. An elaborate program consisting of dancing, baseball, races, contests and many new stunts, has been prepared and from early morn until late at night there will be one continual round of pleasure. The members with their families, of the Covington Lodge, No. 189, F. and A. M., and all visiting Masons in the parish are to

DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS IN MEMORY OF JUDGE LANCASTER

Judge and Members of Bar Join in Honorable Mention of Deceased.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED TUESDAY

Grand Jury Indicts Former Secretary of Police Jury for Embezzlement.

District Court opened Monday with Judge Prentis B. Carter on the bench and District Attorney J. Vol Brock prosecuting.

The legal business of the court was set aside and the opening of the session was devoted to the memory of Judge Jos. B. Lancaster, deceased.

The following resolutions were presented to the Court by Mr. Adrian D. Schwartz, of the Covington bar: Inasmuch as that all wise Providence, which commands the destinies of men, has suddenly ordered from our midst, at the full tide of his powers, one whose qualities as a citizen and gentleman, husband and parent, lawyer and jurist, commended him to the esteem of his fellow men, beyond the shadow of reproach, and at a time when his services as judge of this district were of the highest civil importance to the people.

Therefore it is resolved to be the wish of the members of this meeting assembled for the purpose, to take this form of expressing to the relatives and members of the family of the late Joseph B. Lancaster their profoundest sympathy in their hour of bereavement, and to reassert: to those who were dearest to him the declaration of their strongest and highest esteem. It is further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be engrossed and delivered to Mrs. Amanda Doest, widow of the late Joseph B. Lancaster, and also that copies of the same be presented at the next regular session of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court in both parishes for inscription on the minutes of the Court, and that same be forwarded to the press in both the parish of Washington and St. Tammany for publication.

C. ELLIS OTT,
A. L. BEAR,
J. VOL BROCK,
T. M. BURNS,
A. D. SCHWARTZ,
Committee.

After presenting the resolutions Mr. Schwartz addressed the Court and members of the bar briefly, as

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be the special guests of the day. The committee in charge, headed by Edward H. Waldorf, P. M., as chairman, and Henry V. Boudreau, as master of ceremonies. Any one who has never met, seen or heard Henry V. going at full tilt on a clear track with a wide open throttle, has much to thank—beg pardon, sorrowful for—he out Chaplain's the original. He always begins by arresting the Town Marshal, then the town is his, and royal hand never ruled more generously, genially and graciously than King Boube with his scepter of horn.

The Mount Morilians have been here before and were so well pleased with their hearty reception and treatment, as also with the location, surroundings and beauty of the town that they adopted it as a summer home, many members residing here during the entire season.

To the anticipated 1000 joy-seekers we extend heartfelt wishes for a grand old time.

Miss Eleanora Borey, the charming daughter of Mr. "Bud" and Mrs. H. Borey, was one of the graduates of St. Scholastica's Academy, last Wednesday, in Covington. Ever since her return, with a shower of beautiful flowers, she has been busy receiving the congratulations of many friends, the more intimate of whom with member of the family, she entertained last Thursday night at an informal "at home."

To Miss Eleanora we extend our personal wishes for a successful and roseate career through life's journey.

Miss Bernadine Smith, of Mandeville, and Mr. A. C. Deibel, Jr., of New Orleans, a valued employee of the T. & P. Railroad, were gaily married last Wednesday at Covington, by Judge Louis Pechon. The marriage was blessed to-day by Rev. Father Ollie, O. S. B., at the church of Our Lady of the Lake. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Deibel with a fervent godspeed.

St. Scholastica's Academy, Covington



Commencement Exercises of St. Scholastica's Academy.

The commencement exercises last Wednesday, June 21, formed an appropriate close for one of the most successful terms in the history of the institution. Every figure on the program was rendered with grace and efficiency. Despite the distance, the spacious hall was crowded to the utmost by appreciative friends and relatives.

Nineteen fair young graduates received honors for the completion of their respective courses. Wilmath Warren, Eleanora Borey, Gladys Hall Thomas, Carmelite Garcia and Marie Mutti, academic course; Sadie LeBlanc, music course; Estelle Evans, Angie Blanche Addison, Lydia Kornfeld, Louise Langenstein, Eleanor Aouelle and Eva Frederick, shorthand and typewriting courses; Angela Robinson, Louise Langenstein, Anita Garcia, Clarice Larigue, Nell Marguerite Basile, Hyacinthe Richard, Isabel Hansbrough, May Marie Basile, grammar course. All the graduates are residents of Covington, with the exception of Eleanora Borey of Baton Rouge, Marie Mutti of Abita Springs, and Louise Marie Langenstein of New Orleans.

Gold class ring and diploma, Academic Course, awarded to Wilmath Warren, Eleanora Borey, Gladys Hall Thomas, Carmelite Garcia, Marie Mutti.

Gold medal and diploma, Music Course, awarded to Sadie LeBlanc.

Gold medal and diploma, Shorthand and Typewriting course, awarded to Estelle Evans, Angie Addison, Lydia Kornfeld, Louise Marie Langenstein, Eleanor Aouelle, Eva A. Frederick.

Gold medal and diploma, Grammar Course, awarded to Angela Robinson.

Gold medal for conduct, fifth and sixth grade, boys, drawn by Fabian Houquet; merited by Bradford Lanaster, Lawrence Heints, Alvin Basile, Russell Meale, Jules Barrios, Raymond Trepanier.

Gold medal for conduct, third and fourth grade, girls, drawn by Cecile Baxter; merited by Dorothy Langenstein, Elisabeth Lamothon, Helen Frederick, Marion Darst, Amelia Bardon, Margaret Sellar, Claire Gushman.

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Gold medal for conduct, tenth grade, drawn by Aline Bernard; merited by Marie Louise Stevesson, Ines Lanson, Cecile Routon, Emily Hansbrough, Laura Bodebender.

Gold medal for conduct, eighth grade, drawn by Angela Robinson; merited by Clarice Larigue, Nell and May Basile, Anita Garcia, Louise Langenstein, Hyacinthe Richard.

Gold medal for conduct, seventh grade, drawn by Heloise Aouelle; merited by Annie Reseter, Elma Frederick, Ida Barrios, Rose Rausch.

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The Democratic Social Club, of Abita Springs, Asks That the Expenses of Running Town Be Made Public.

The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting held June 21, 1916, by the members of the Democratic Social Club, 10th ward of Abita Springs, St. Tammany parish: Be it resolved, That we request the administration of the town of Abita Springs to find the ways and means to give the coming school term nine months schooling for the girls and boys of Abita.

Be it further resolved, That the administration of the town of Abita Springs should cause the proceedings of each monthly meeting to be published in the St. Tammany Farmer giving detailed items of credits and debits, etc. This course would be of valuable information to the taxpayers and others. As it is now, they are in darkness. The administration should make a budget of revenues in the month of December of each year.

Be it further resolved, That said resolutions be published in the St. Tammany Farmer.

Be it further resolved, That if such a policy is adopted and rigidly

adhered to it will be found the way of wisdom; therefore we cordially invite the ladies of the Mothers' Club, the taxpayers and all having at heart the welfare of Abita Springs to cooperate with us.

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A. C. McCormack Will Furnish Fresh Roasted Coffee Right At Store.

Covington is getting more up to date all the time, and A. C. McCormack has been among those who have introduced thoroughly sanitary measures for the protection of those who buy food products, believing that the prevention of disease is the greatest question before the public today. It has also been a hobby of his to palatable foods are much more easily assimilated and have greater food value.

The aroma of good coffee will start the gastric juices working in the stomach of any coffee lover, and the

pleasure of drinking good coffee adds to its effect as a stimulant and bracer for the day's work. He therefore concluded that people would be pleased if they could get their coffee freshly roasted and appealing, and in order to please them he put in a fine coffee roaster, and he will roast your coffee for you so that you may always have it fresh, and what is more at a less cost than you have been able to buy it put up in packages. Call and see the roaster work and test the coffee. Every progressive movement deserves a boost.

Druids and W. O. W. Will Entertain

The Druids and W. O. W. will entertain on the 14th of July promises to be one of the big things of the

season. There will be more about it next week. Watch for details in this paper.