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## St. Tammany Farmer

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### AS TO THE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX FOR THE COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

We are loath to believe that there is any one who does not appreciate the importance of good schools, because the most important of all public questions is that of education. Without educational progress there would be no other progress. Neither as individuals nor as a nation could we be successful without it.

The opposition to voting taxation for educational purposes arises not from a lack of realization of the importance of education, but from a misunderstanding of the absolute necessity of more money to maintain the required standard of education. Every citizen therefore owes it to himself, his children and to every other citizen that he shall be reliably and intelligently informed as to the condition and needs of his public school.

Is the superintendent capable and responsible and is he being paid too much salary? Are the teachers capable and responsible and are they being paid too much salary? Have we enough school funds now, if properly managed, to keep the schools going for the proper term?

There is but one way to answer these questions, and that is by investigation.

Jefferson Davis parish pays its superintendent \$1800.00, and the average length of term for one-room schools is 7.5 months. The highest tax in this parish is 18 mills.

Rapides parish pays its superintendent \$2500.00. The highest special tax is 10 mills. Average length of term of one-room schools is 7 months.

Natchitoches parish pays its superintendent \$2000.00. Highest rate of special tax is 25 mills. Length of school term for one-room schools is 5.8 months.

Avoyelles parish pays its superintendent \$1800.00. Highest rate of special tax 25 mills. Average term for one-room schools 6 months.

Thirty-two parishes have an average assessment of 12.75 mills and an average salary paid superintendents of \$1631.46. For the state, \$1609.44, which includes quite a number of parishes without accredited high schools.

St. Tammany parish pays its superintendent \$1800.00. Average length of school term for one-room schools 7.4 months. St. Tammany parish is not paying higher teachers' salaries than other parishes of equal educational standing, and the parish stands among the most rapidly advancing in education.

The value of a competent superintendent has been shown by the great strides that have been made in education under the supervision of Supt. Lyon. We believe he earns his salary and we do not believe teachers' salaries are high. Prof. Park, principal of the high school, came to us after we had tried others in his place, and we were glad to get him back at the \$1500 he asked. If we fail to carry the 2-1-3 mill tax at the coming election in August, the school will be able to keep open but seven months. It will open in November instead of September. Under the law, to be an accredited high school it must be shown that the school has met all the requirements for three years previous to the time it makes request to become an accredited school, which means that if the tax does not carry it will be four years before it may again become an accredited school, because it must show that it has been doing approved work one year before it may make application to be put on the list.

If it becomes known that graduates from our high school can not be eligible for entrance into college by virtue of the diploma issued, it will not only work an injury to the graduates of this school, but people who wish their children to receive a college education will not come here to live, and many who are now here will move away. This was shown before we had our high school building, when we lost citizens who returned to us when we built the high school.

The average cost to the pupil for education in the state is \$26.86; the average cost to the pupil in this parish is \$22.04. Looked at from every angle it appears that the expenses of running the school are due to efficient service and not waste of money, and that if the cost is to be reduced it must be done at the expense of educational efficiency.

If the tax does not carry and we have only a seven months term, Prof. Park will not remain, neither will Miss Paysinger, Miss Melancon, Miss Murphy nor Miss Cases, because a seven-months salary will not pay them to do so. We will simply be compelled to accept such teachers as are not capable of earning a greater salary.

We do not believe the people of Covington will be willing to sacrifice the position we have attained as to our high school—surely not if they investigate thoroughly the cost and the consequences.

### THERE WILL BE NO SYMPATHY FOR STRIKERS WHO DELIBERATELY REFUSE EVERY ALTERNATIVE.

It looks very much as if the United States was on the verge of a calamity such as has not visited this country in a good many years. If the brotherhood of railway employees persist in their refusal to arbitrate the question of an eight hour day, and strike, it will throw the whole country into a relapse, when we are just congratulating ourselves that we had recovered from the severe depression that had lasted a number of years. If labor was poorly paid and without other redress; if railroads were prosperous beyond reason; then public sympathy might be with the strikers. But it does not seem to be so.

We have just passed through a war upon corporations, because they used their might regardless of the interests of others. The result has been that the other extreme was reached. All kinds of laws were passed; it mattered not whether they were just if they accomplished the purpose of restriction. The natural result of this was to curtail operations and to bring business distress. The railroads have had their share of punishment, and there has been little new development or extension of railroad operations. It may be that they brought this upon themselves. If so, they have suffered by receiverships and liquidations and depreciated property. It is time to let them recuperate. We know that extensive railroad operations mean good business for the whole country. Whether they are the cause or the result of good times, we know that if these operations cease there will be hard times.

On the other hand, labor is also an immense corporation with immense opportunities for working injury. The fact that the units of this great body live modestly and without demonstration of wealth and power shields them from the criticism that is showered upon corporations whose business transactions are watched from every quarter. Their right to fair wages is recognized by every fairminded man. Their right to organize and protect themselves is also beyond dispute. A fair strike always wins the sympathy of the public. But beyond this, the tying up of business to enforce unfair demands, or the refusal to argue or submit to arbitration or to be governed by anything except their own desires, and this in the face of the fact that better wages are being earned than in most occupations requiring equal ability and learning, will take from them the greatest power that can be wielded—public sympathy. Public opinion makes laws. Public opinion holds up or tears down. There should be no fear of arbitration if right is with you. But it is a fearful thing to throw the whole country into a state of distress, if it can be avoided.

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Miss Janie Whitlow, of New Orleans, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Rennie.

Mrs. S. L. Belknap and little son Logan, were the guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Smith.

Mr. Rixford Lincoln, of New Orleans, spent the week end here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Sengora.

Miss Ruth Collins, of Lake Charles, La., is the guest of Miss Grace Blossman.

Miss Jessie Evans returned last Sunday morning from New Orleans, where she spent a month.

Mr. Irving Clark, of New Orleans, spent the week end here as the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons.

Miss Emily Galmiche has returned from New Orleans, after several weeks spent there.

Miss A. Raymond, of New Orleans, is the guest of Miss A. Muller.

Mr. L. Raymond, of New Orleans, was the guest of Miss A. Muller last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardy and family, of New Orleans, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leonval.

Mrs. G. H. Evans and daughter, Miss Estelle, left Friday for Palestine, Texas, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lofton for several weeks.

Miss Elisabeth Lancaster, of New Orleans, is visiting Mrs. J. B. Lancaster and family.

Miss Myrtle Brunet, of New Orleans, is spending some time here as the guest of Misses Retta and Bonnie Moses.

Mrs. F. F. Plache and children visited Bogalusa last Sunday.

Miss Sule M. Smith, of New Orleans, and Pointe Coupee, is now the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Glass.

Mrs. Juliette H. Helois and Miss Lizzie Guillot have returned from New Orleans, after several days spent there.

Miss Mimi Prevost returned last Tuesday from Bay St. Louis, where she spent a week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Mazarat and family.

Sister Augustine, of St. Joseph's Convent, Baton Rouge, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Prevost and family.

Miss Miriam Watkins left last Saturday for Terrell, Texas, where she will spend a month with friends.

Mrs. Warren Smith and Mrs. Ida Heimer have returned from Hattiesburg, Miss., after a month spent there.

Miss Ivy Barrios is on her vacation and is spending a few days in New Orleans with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Goodwyn returned Wednesday morning from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, where they spent part of their honeymoon.

Misses Lella Santon and DeGruy, of New Orleans, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ray and family.

Miss Blossom Meyers has returned to her home in New Orleans, after two weeks spent here as the guest of Miss Ethel Robinson.

Mrs. J. Todaver, of New Orleans, is the guest of Mrs. Louisa Clark.

Mrs. W. J. Warren and children have returned from New Orleans, after two weeks spent there visiting relatives.

Miss Wilmuth Warren returned Wednesday from New Orleans and Filoli, where she spent the past month as the guest of Mrs. Wheaton Skilton.

Mrs. J. F. Grady and family, have as their guests at present Mr. and Mrs. E. Gaudin, Misses E. Ellis Dorothy Gaudin, A. Schick, A. Jauchler, K. Fanning, Messrs. Jac. Conway, Julius Schick and Phil Monteilepre.

Quite a nice time was given a merry crowd at Mandeville on Monday composed of Misses E. Ella, E. Acouelle, L. Acouelle, Marietta Acouelle, Loyola Grady, A. Fontain, Adel Fontain, A. Morrell, Messrs. Phil Monteilepre, J. Acouelle, B. Acouelle Jos. Champagne, Jno. Conway, Thos Grady, Julius Schick.

Mrs. C. H. Dutch and little son, of Mineral Wells, Texas, have returned home after spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dutch and family.

Miss Emily Dutch left Wednesday evening for Bogalusa, after a week spent with home folks.

Mr. H. H. Walsh has returned home for a few months vacation from the British West Indies, via New York, where he is connected with a large English sugar company as chief chemist.

Misses Myra and Imogene Frasier, of LaPlace, La., are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. W. P. Thoburn, on Military Road. Miss Myra is pleasantly remembered here as a high school pupil of 1915.

The Jones & Pickett commissary is now in full swing and doing business in the Selter building, on Columbia street. It is under the management of Mr. Hart, a pleasant gentleman who will make friends here.

Miss Ruth Warner, who has been on a visit of several weeks at Sorrento, La., as the guest of Mrs. D. H. Seario, has returned home, having had a very pleasant time.

A most enjoyable watermelon party was given on the 31st of July by Mrs. Morris Lacroix in honor of Miss Olivia Becker of New Orleans, now visiting in Covington. The grounds of the home were illuminated with Japanese lanterns and the effect was quite pleasing. The young people enjoyed dancing and games until the stars blinked and waked as pleasant spectators of the little folk beneath the cable dome they lighted. There were present quite a number of friends.

### A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER IN HONOR OF MISS EVA KENNEDY.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week was the miscellaneous shower tendered Miss Eva Kennedy, a prospective bride, by Miss Clarice Frederick, Thursday afternoon. The dining room was beautifully decorated in pink streamers and pink roses, the centerpiece on the table consisting of a large pink basket containing the presents. At each guest's place was a pink streamer to which was attached an appropriate motto, the guest of honor's card, entitling her to the contents of the basket. Delicious refreshments were served, and during the evening toasts were drunk to the future health and happiness of the bride and groom. Miss Lucille Wilbur presided at the piano.

Miss Kennedy was remembered with many useful and handsome presents, and accepted them in a very graceful manner, thanking her many friends for their thoughtfulness and friendship.

### AS YOU LIKE IT CLUB.

Mrs. Claude Smith entertained the club at its meeting last Tuesday. Five Hundred was played, the first prize being awarded Miss Estelle Evans, second Miss Julie Charropin, consolation Mrs. A. S. Burns, and sweet prize, Miss Carrie Addison. Among the guests present were Misses Carrie and Angie Addison, Sula Rose and Joyce White. The club will be entertained at its next meeting by Mrs. Warren H. Smith.

The Des Moines Register of Sunday, July 23, has a picture of little Mary Louise Muller, daughter of Mrs. J. D. Lambert, of Covington, announcing the celebration of her fourth birthday. Also the society columns show that Louise is having a good time there.

Private P. T. Rayner, of the recruiting staff of the United States Army, has opened a recruiting office in the courthouse in Covington. It is said, however, that recruits are not making a rush for the office. Perhaps he will have more applicants today. All the recruits were working at the park Thursday in the patriotic duty of restoring it from the effects of the flood.

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### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to our friends, to all the people of Covington, for their kind assistance and sympathy during the long illness of our little daughter, Flossie. Especial thanks to our physician, Dr. Gautreaux, for his untiring attention, and to Rev. Boykin for comforting words. Also to all the dear friends for the beautiful floral offerings. All have the everlasting gratitude of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and family.

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### BASEBALL.

The baseball game at St. Paul's, last Sunday, between the Covingtons and the Tokay Teas was as fine as professional playing. Everybody enjoyed the game, and everybody enjoyed the excellent music of the Covington Municipal Band.

The pitching of Park for the Covingtons and Hoffman for the Tokay Teas was excellent, and Joe Woods did some star playing at left field. With a little more friendly umpiring on one or two decisions the game would have been won by Covington, although on the whole the umpire decided very fairly. The score was 2 and 2. No time to play another inning, because the visitors had to catch the train for New Orleans.

Ramsay and Covington also played a game that evening which resulted in a score of 6 to 3 in favor of Covington. Prevost and Sanchez worked for the locals, Alford and Ouliber for the visitors.

Covington plays the Nortons from New Orleans, tomorrow.

Mrs. H. A. Gabert, of Mandeville, was a visitor to Covington this week. Mrs. Gabert now has with her at her summer home in Mandeville her sons Arthur and August, and will have her four daughters with her from New Orleans soon, where all will spend the summer.

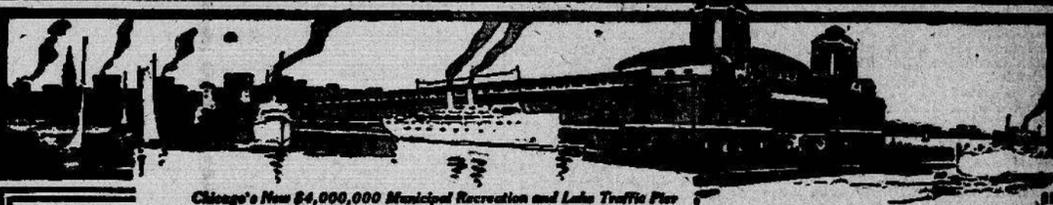
Mr. Louis Kammer is now connected with the J. E. Stanga Auto Repair Shop.

### IN MEMORIAM.

We, the committee appointed from the Methodist Sunday School to prepare a memorial on the death of our member, Flossie Snowdown Leonard, submit the following: "Not only withered stalks the Master needs, But flowers in their bud." And so our member in the bud of His Home. Our Sunday School thrived and strengthened by close association with her, for so pure and ennobling was her influence that none could be with her and not feel an inspiration toward the true and good things of life. Her gentle manner towards her associates, her loving aid in sympathy to those in distress made her indeed a golden link in our Sunday School. But our Heavenly Father hath need of her; therefore be it resolved, That we, the members of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of Covington, La., bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and in our common loss tender the strictest family and heartfelt sympathy, with the prayer that in this dark hour He who has promised to care for the sorrowing will throw the arm of love and protection around them and teach them that "to live in the hearts of those we leave is not to die;" And be it further resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed in our records and a copy be sent to her bereaved family.

EMMA DOMERGUE,  
TERRELLA LANGWORTHY,  
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