

TAX SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED ON 16TH OF MAY

Judge Milling of State Board of Affairs, Members of Police Jury and Citizens Will Meet and Official Notice of Same Expected To Be Given

Shipyards at Madisonville Building Ships for Government

J. Y. SANDERS GIVES TIMELY SUGGESTIONS AS TO FOOD

Important That Every Available Acre Should Be Planted.

WE MUST RAISE
OUR FOOD STUFFS.

Proposition of Dry Kiln for Potatoes Is a Most Important One.

Washington, D. C., April 10.
Mr. D. H. Mason, Editor St. Tammany Farmer, Covington, La.
Dear Mr. Mason:—I cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance of impressing upon our people the necessity of raising food crops this year. Feed of all kinds is high now, and unless all indications are at fault, will go much higher in the near future.

Every available acre should be planted in corn, cane, beans, sweet potatoes, etc. We should prepare to feed not only ourselves (this is absolutely necessary), but we should raise a surplus which others will need and gladly buy. Grains of all kind is higher than it has ever been, and meats are now out of reach. Every community should put up a dry kiln, in order to preserve the sweet potato crop. There are several of these kilns in Louisiana today, and they absolutely preserve the potato from decay. They are comparatively inexpensive, and can be made to accommodate thousands of bushels of potatoes. I have one on my farm, and have not lost a potato since I have had it. I raised a large crop last year, and have my potato house now about half full of potatoes, perfectly cured, and not one spoiled.

It is absolutely necessary that we realize that we MUST raise our food stuffs in the future, and never will this be more imperative than now, with war laying its increased demands upon us.

FARMERS' MEET TO BE HELD AT PROGRESS SCHOOL

There will be a farmer's meeting at Progress school, Saturday (today) at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing diversified farming and the saving of all waste on the farm. Several speakers will attend, among whom will be Farm Demonstrator Lewis, and the importance of the meeting should urge all to attend.

PROPHETIC EGG CAUSES SOME EXCITEMENT

The following has been sent to The Farmer for publication:—
"A GREAT MYSTERY."
There is a great mystery in the "little town of Lacombe, La. An egg was found in the yard of the postmaster on the date Saturday, April 14, 1917. Printing on it: "The end of time is near at hand." It has raised a great excitement."
—A READER.
"Please publish."
Inquiry resulted in establishing the truthfulness of the above report. There are really some who give importance to the event, believing that it is a warning from above. Others say that there are signs of the scraping of a knife blade and that the acid solution, softened the words inscribed and the shell again hardened. However, in the meantime, there is really some excitement.

MRS. FRANK E. HARRIS



Mrs. Frank E. Harris of Philadelphia, who helped to place the women of the Laconia in lifeboats. Mrs. Harris was on her way to be a Red Cross nurse in England. She won the admiration and praise of the officers of the Laconia by her coolness and bravery in the face of death.

HOME GUARD ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Covington, La., April 19, 1917.
The second meeting of the Home Guard was called to order by Captain H. A. Mackie, at 8 p. m., Thursday, with thirty-one members present.
The secretary read the rules and regulations in order, and each of discussed and adopted in sections, as follows:
The officers of the organization will consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, five sergeants, eight corporals and one bugler, also a secret service squad of five to do scout duty and to be known only to the commanding officers, Mayor, Chief of Police and Sheriff.
All special details will be appointed and assigned to duty by the officer in command.
The authority and duties of the duly elected and appointed officers will be the same as prescribed in the army regulations; the term of service of all officers will be one year, subject to a recall by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members. All sergeants, corporals and details will be subject to change at the discretion of the commanding officer.
The U. S. drill regulations will be used for the handling of the men and arms, but only so much as in the discretion of the commanding officer may be necessary for the local service this organization is intended for.
The drills will be held every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock by the commanding officers for the proper instruction of the members of the organization.
Failure to attend three consecutive drills by any member, without a reasonable excuse to the commanding officers, will be sufficient cause for such member to be dropped from the active roll.
For the maintenance of the organization a fine of fifteen cents will be charged to all members for missing drills from any cause. Fines for being late at drills will be ten cents. Failure to pay fine within fifteen days will be sufficient cause for dropping a member from the roll.
As a signal for assembling for call to duty, the commanding officer will notify the lieutenants, the sergeants, and they the corporals, who will in turn notify his squad to assemble at headquarters with all haste.
Commanding Officers—Captain, H. A. Mackie; First Lieut., J. H. Warner; Second Lieut., Jos. Delery.
Names of non-commissioned officers selected by staff officers were read by secretary, as follows: First sergeant, Carl Bourgeois; second sergeant, Francis FitzSimons; third sergeant, Fred J. Heinz; fourth sergeant, Robt. White; fifth sergeant, Monroe Simmons; Bugler, F. F. J. Monroe; First corporal, Leon E. Beauchamp; second corporal, E. G. Davis; third corporal, Louis M. Bourgeois; fourth corporal, R. H. Dutach; fifth corporal, C. H. Sheffield; sixth corporal, Tony Gabriel; seventh corporal, W. E. Boes; eighth corporal, Frank N. Boudousque.

MADISONVILLE BUILDING SHIPS FOR UNITED STATES GOVT.

Naval Officers of War Department Inspect the Yards.

WELL PLEASED WITH
THEIR SITUATION.

New Baseball Team Organized and Will Play St. Paul Sunday.

Naval officers of the War Department were in Madisonville, this week, inspecting the shipyards of the St. Tammany Ship Building Company. The Jahnce people have there one of the finest situations for shipbuilding in the country and the naval men were greatly impressed with the usefulness of this shipyard to the Government. The company now has contract for building two submarine chasers and two vessels of three thousand tons capacity. It is being urged upon the company to take contracts for three more of these vessels, and its seems probable the contract will be accepted.
Viewing the fact that more work will be tendered than can be taken care of the company has purchased more land each side of the river and will enlarge the yards. The boats now under contract are larger by one thousand tons than those built at the Slidell yards.
Madisonville will be one of the busiest towns in the South from now on. There will be labor for more men than can probably be obtained in the shipbuilding business. The Jahnces are enterprising people, and patriotic people, and it may be expected that they will make things hum in the ship building line.

The New Baseball Team.
Madisonville has always held its own and a little more in the baseball field. Therefore the announcement that a team has been organized for the coming season, with A. C. Lions as manager, will be received with pleasure by baseball fans and the public generally. The Madisonville Amusement Company is at the head of this movement and has opened up a new baseball park in the center of the town, just in the rear of the bank building.

The first practice game was played with Pochatoula last Sunday and resulted in the defeat of the Madisonville boys by the score of 9 to 2, but the regular battery was not in the game and the result is not indicative of the strength of the team. A good game is expected with the St. Paul's, Sunday, April 22. There will be a string band in attendance and it is expected that the new grand stand will be packed.

The secret service squad of five to be known only to commanding officers.
Captain Mackie brought up for discussion the nights best suited for drilling.
Motion made by C. S. Frederick that drill night be Wednesday, at 8 p. m., at Association of Commerce rooms. Carried.

Lieut. Delery appointed to purchase ammunition for the members at wholesale prices.
E. J. Heinz moved that the sergeants require the corporals in their sections to see that the men in his squad has twenty-five rounds of ammunition suited to his gun. Shotgun ammunition to be No. 4 buckshot.

Captain Mackie stated that the commissioned officers will be required to carry only side arms and that non-commissioned officers would carry side arms and guns.
After the meeting had adjourned Captain Mackie drilled the men through some preliminary exercises and line formation.

The object of the organization is that assistance may be given to the sheriff and town officials in case of need, such as frequently arises in times of war, and the active members will respond instantly to orders that may be given to them. The guard will be of great service should mobs or riots require a larger force than usually may be promptly obtained, readily armed, for service.

Beside this active guard there will be a reserve guard, subject to duty in case a still larger force is needed, and they will be subject to orders and must take the oath of allegiance just the same as the active members, but they will not be compelled to report for drill service.

The list is still open for those who wish to join the Home Guard and may be found in charge of Postmaster Sellar, who will be glad to enroll any one who desires it.

Four of the Slidell Boys Enlisted in Marines



Winner Quave, Frank Richardson, Jr., Theo. Koepf, Robt. Taylor.

SLIDELL STILL IS GIVING YOUNG MEN TO ARMY PROCLAMATION OF SHERIFF BREWSTER

(By Staff Correspondent)
Slidell, April 19.—The 6th Div. of La. Naval Volunteers returned on Saturday evening having been granted a forty-eight-hour furlough in order to make last arrangements and say good-bye to friends and relatives preparatory to leaving for somewhere in America, probably Charleston, S. C. The departure of our boys has cast a shadow of gloom over a great many homes, but has not dampened the ardor or patriotism of others and recruiting goes right along. Mr. John Olivier, now Sergeant Olivier, a volunteer of the recent Mexican border trouble, is here enlisting men for the Washington Artillery, and secured nine men today, as follows: Edward Hanson, Hiram A. Gains, Jas. Facaine, Benny Keyser, Joe Broom, Mat Broom, Chas. Luther. These men will be mustered into Battery B, under Capt. Jas. Edwards, a veteran who will, no doubt, train them to render good account of themselves.

Should present plans carry, Sergeant Olivier will probably cover the whole of St. Tammany parish seeking recruits and will give demonstrations of artillery work with a gun and squad of men, and it is hoped that a great many will enlist together that we may watch and follow their fortunes with a strong community interest, and it will be possible in this way to render them better support and do more for them than if they were scattered through several commands. The Washington Artillery has a proud name in Louisiana military history, having earned the sobriquet of the "Louisiana Tigers" when they almost annihilated a crack New York regiment during the early part of the Civil War.

If St. Tammany parish contributes as many men, in proportion as Slidell has there certainly will be a record made that will compare favorably with any section of the U. S. A., and there will be no necessity for the selective draft or universal conscription applied in this neck of the woods.

The patriotic association for citizens is going rapidly ahead with organization plans, securing subscriptions and getting data systematically recorded, and the meeting called for the 24th will find all committees ready to report and permanent organization will be had probably under charter.

A branch sewing circle of Red Cross Association was inaugurated here today at the home of Mrs. T. J. Eddins with the following officers and members: Mrs. W. T. Tippin, president; Mrs. G. B. Harrison, vice president; Miss Beniah Bourgeois, secretary; Mrs. B. C. Langston, treasurer; Mrs. B. H. Gardner, Mrs. T. J. Eddins, Mrs. J. K. Griffith, Mrs. J. H. Dunstan, Mrs. Francis S. Dix, Miss Hazel Hartly, Miss Eva Hartly, Miss Hazel Martin, Mrs. F. F. Wigginton. Ladies desiring to join may do so by applying to officers or Miss Hazel Martin. They will meet weekly for the purpose of making bandages, aprons, etc., for distribution through the American Red Cross at New Orleans.

The regular meeting of the School Improvement League was held Tuesday evening. Gardening, live stock, poultry raising and general farming and methods of meeting the "high cost of living" discussions took place of the regular order of business.

Slidell High School.
Names of pupils in Slidell high school scoring 100 per cent in the 1917 state spelling contest:
Third Grade—H. C. Cleveland and Audrey Murphy.
Fourth Grade—Archie Rist, Genard Hoyer, Verner Wharton, Hal Simmons.
Fifth Grade—Janice Everitt, Char-

BRITISH NATION APPRECIATES ACTION OF AMERICA

Expresses It In Resolutions By Both Branches of Government.

OCCASION ONE OF
GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

Action of America Considered Most Disinterested In History.

London, April 18.—Today's sitting of the British Parliament will be a historical landmark. Both the legislative houses adopted—the house of Lords unanimously and the house of Commons with one dissenting vote—resolutions expressing the profound appreciation of the British nation for the action of the United States government and people in entering the world war in defense of the high cause of freedom and the rights of humanity.
The unusual importance of the occasion (Continued on page 5)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE FOOD PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION

Governor and Official of the State Organize for Preparedness.

FOOD CAMPAIGN AND
WORK MAPPED OUT.

List of Committees Appointed, Including those of the Parishes.

Excerpts from the proceedings of the State Food Preparedness Commission of Louisiana, April 14, 1917. In response to a summons from Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant, the State Food Preparedness Commission, composed of the following, met at the Isthmian Hotel, Baton Rouge, La., at 11 a. m., April 14, to arrange their work looking to a state-wide preparedness to meet the possible food shortage that we may face in the near future. Mr. Harry D. Wilson was designated as chairman. (Continued on page 5.)

"The Fall of a Nation," To Be Presented at Parkview Theatre Thursday



Russell Sharp.
Fifth Grade—Ruth Wigginton, Myrtle Ruth Cotten, Janice Everitt, Bernice McGinty, Alva Fendall, Kate Lalumia, Grover Lampley, Jay Liddle, Marion Newpman, Floyd Pendley, Christine Hansbrough, Helen Taylor, Mary Taylor, Horatio Fogg.

Sixth Grade—Eva Abel, Iona Buckley, John Moore Redden, Lloyd Vial, Julius Levy, Edward Redmond, Marie Morgan, Nina Vial, Brunette Levy, Laura Leonard, Virginia Dunham, Sophie Schmidt, Alice Bouquet.

Seventh Grade—Eleanor Wigginton, Myrl McMahon, Agnes Abel, Lucy Glass, Bertha Sollberger, Thy-ozza Woodruff.

Eighth Grade—Glenn Miles, Miller Redden, Leland Snider, Irving Thibodeaux, Francis Abel, Lois Arnold, Ella Baker, Irma Cannon, Bertha Keller, Gertrude Levy, Frankie Olivier, Agnes Olivier, Marguerite Sollberger.

Ninth Grade—Lloyd Gisch, Chas. Gladys Dunham, Viola Facaine, Lydia Gardere, Juanita Tabary, Lemmie Snider.
Dufour, Russell Dunham, Clyde Pook, Georgia Crawford, Elise Rousseaux.
Tenth Grade—Charles Fritchie, Helen Crawford, Louise Crawford, Mary Dunham, Francis Howze.
Eleventh Grade—John Sebastian, Isabel Swetman.

charging an extra admission on all Clara Kimball Young subjects, due to the excessive cost of the picture, but on this occasion we will present it at the regular price of 5 and 10 cents. Doors will be open at 6 p. m.

On Sunday the third episode of Patria will be presented in connection with a five part Vitagraph feature, entitled "The Devil's Prize," featuring Antonio Moreno. Doors will open as usual at 3 p. m. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Monday and Tuesday will be presented the famous Japanese actor, Senze Hayakawa, in a five part Paramount feature entitled "Each to His Kind." On Monday, in connection with the regular program, will be presented the second series of official British war pictures, in two parts. The pictures are absolutely real and authentic and are worth every cent of the money it takes to see them. They will be presented every Monday night with the regular program for 10 and 15 cents. Prices Tuesday night will be 5 and 10 cents without the war pictures.

Wednesday will be presented Lenore Ulrich in "Her Own People," in five parts. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Thursday, April 26, will be the big feature night of the week when the management will present Thomas Dixon's mighty message of warning to the American people, "The Fall of a Nation," in seven massive parts. The theatre will open on this day at 4 p. m. Admission will be as follows: 10 cents for children under 12 years of age, and 20 cents for adults or children over 12.

Friday, April 27th, the big Vitagraph serial, "The Secret Kingdom," will be started. Along with this serial will be presented a two part drama featuring Earle Williams, and a single reel comedy. Admission 5 and 10 cents. This serial is booked especially for the pleasure of the kiddies, and adults will find it a program that will not fall short of pleasing them.

AT PARKVIEW

The picture program at the Parkview this Saturday will be a five part feature starring Clara Kimball Young in "Marriage a la Carte." The management has been in the habit of