

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE TO ASK FARMERS FOR BIG PLANT

Mrs. Doolittle, Arraigned For Murder, In Fenwick Sanitarium

PROCEEDINGS OF POLICE JURY FEBRUARY 12TH

Riggs and Bradley To Inspect Gravel For Surfacing Roads. HOOD ASKED TO RECONSIDER RESIGNING Improvement League Gets Appropriation For School Grounds.

Covington, La., Feb. 12, 1918. The police jury met on the above date with the following members present: Geo. Koopp, Jr., E. J. Domergue, J. M. Smith, S. R. Cowart, W. H. Davis, J. B. Howze, Robert Abney, Fletcher Crawford, Absent: E. P. Robert, W. A. Hood.

It was moved by E. J. Domergue and seconded by W. H. Davis, that Whittaker Riggs and Chas. T. Bradley be appointed a committee of two to inspect, in connection with an engineer from the State Highway Department, the grade of gravel and clay in this parish available to use for surfacing the public roads.

It was moved and seconded that the Finance Committee be authorized to employ Mr. A. D. Schwartz, attorney, as to the liability of the parish for stationery and office supplies for parish offices.

It was moved by E. J. Domergue, seconded by J. M. Smith, that the police jury donate the sum of \$25.00 toward establishment of a hospital in New Orleans for the care of the colored race.

It was moved and seconded that the police secretary be authorized to get bids on the rollers and machines belonging to the parish that are unfit for use, to be sold by weight as junk.

It was moved and carried that the meeting adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session. It was moved by M. Smith, seconded by Robt. Abney, that the police jury donate the sum of \$300 to the ladies of the School Improvement League to be used to improve the grounds of the Covington high school, warrant to be given to Mrs. Chas. Schetfield, chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF COVINGTON

Certificates Issued to Liquidate Judgment of St. Tammany Ice Co. TAX RATE FOR 1917 FIXED AT 10 MILLS. Bond Issue Adjudicated To Covington Bank & Trust Co.

Covington, La., Jan. 4, 1918. The town council met in special session on this date. Present: P. J. Lacroix, Mayor; S. D. Anderson, H. A. Mackie, A. D. Schwartz, A. R. Smith, M. P. Planche, Emile Frederick. Absent: None.

The minutes of December 4, 1917, were read and on motion of A. R. Smith, seconded by H. A. Mackie, and carried, were adopted as read.

The secretary submitted his report for the month of December, 1917, as follows: Receipts: Licenses 2519.00 Taxes 411.33 Cemetery lots 7.50 Fines 4.69 Lights 25.00 Chair rent 7.50 Cots 4.25 Cash on hand Nov 30 7.15 \$3012.73

On motion of H. A. Mackie, seconded by J. D. Schwartz, and carried, was referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of A. R. Smith, seconded by S. D. Anderson, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas, a judgment having been obtained by the St. Tammany Ice & Mfg. Co. against the Town of Covington, 1917, and said judgment having been duly signed on the said date and became final on the 4th day of January, 1918, in the suit entitled St. Tammany Ice & Mfg. Co. vs. Town of Covington, No. 2888, on the docket of the 26th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, which judgment was for the sum of six thousand dollars, with five per cent per annum interest from date until paid, the consideration of said judgment being the liquidation of the sum of \$6000 due for lighting service to the town, which indebtedness was contracted by the said Town prior to the first day of May, 1915; and

Whereas, it is the duty and purpose of this board to liquidate said judgment by the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, covering the said amount, and to mature annually, in the sum of \$600 each year until the full amount of said certificates are paid in principal and interest; and

Whereas, it is the duty and purpose of this board to create a fund, as provided by Act 35 of the Extra Session of 1915, with which to retire the said indebtedness in principal and interest, in ten annual payments. Now therefore be it resolved, That the Mayor and the Secretary of the Town of Covington be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to issue ten certificates of indebtedness, bearing five per cent semi-annual interest, which interest is payable respectively on the first day of July, and the 31st day of December of each year, until the principal of the said bonds is retired, which certificates (Continued on page 5)

WOMEN RUN VETERINARY HOSPITAL



In many districts English women are taking the places of the men who are at war, and now a big veterinary hospital in London is run entirely by women. The photograph shows the horse doctors removing the shoes from a patient.

SEVY INVITES RED CROSS ORGANIZED AT ABITA

Abita Springs, Feb. 14 1918. Last Saturday afternoon five ladies from Covington—Mrs. R. N. Leonard, Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, Miss Kate Eastman, Mrs. J. B. Wortham, Mrs. L. A. Perreand—came to Abita Springs to help the ladies there organize for Red Cross sewing, knitting, etc.

The visiting ladies were introduced to the assembly by Miss Bertha Muttli. Then followed a short address by Rev. O. W. Luecke, reminding all that this is a time of sacrifice for all loyal citizens, and that Abita Springs is glad to have this opportunity to bear its little share of the national burden.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. E. Terrebone, Sr., chairman; Miss Anna Muttli, vice chairman; Miss Jessie Mae Rayne, secretary; Miss Edith Luecke, treasurer; Miss Bertha Muttli, chairman of supplies; Miss Anna Knieper, captain of gauze; Miss Lillie Hardouin, captain of knitting; Mrs. N. A. Privette, captain of knitting.

Among those present at the meeting were: Misses Hilda and Lois Abney, Rachel Keen, Eleanor Rayne, and Mmes. Anthony, Roberts, Henry Pons and Mott, and Miss Rita Santos.

The chairman, vice chairman, chairman of supplies, and the three captains visited Red Cross rooms in Covington Tuesday evening, gaining very interesting and helpful information as to proper fitting out of working rooms. Prospects of getting centrally located rooms, with convenient locker, in the next few days, and meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 o'clock, beginning with next week, are pleasing and encouraging to all.

At the second meeting on Wednesday afternoon, there were some present, who had not been able to attend the first meeting, and the unit is going to make every effort to enlist every gifted woman in this community, who has a few minutes a week to spare for her government, and for herself.

FALLS FROM N. O. N. E. BRIDGE AND DROWNS

M. O. Walker, one of the bridge gang working on the New Orleans & Northeastern bridge lost his balance and fell into the lake and was drowned, February 4th, at 1:30 p. m., while loosening a bolt, preparatory to removing one of the rails. Mr. Walker was a good swimmer, but the tide was strong, there were no means at hand to assist him and he finally gave up the struggle and went down. Several hours search was made for the body, but it was not discovered until next day, about 8:25 in the morning.

THE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE TAKES UP MATTER OF PRODUCTION

Arrangements To Be Made To Get In Closer Touch With the Farmer. PERKINS MAKES EXCELLENT TALK War Cannot Be Won Unless Farmer Raises Food for Soldiers and Allies.

Notwithstanding the extensive advertisement of the speaking to take place at the courthouse Wednesday, February 13, the crowd was very small. It was especially desired that the farmers of the parish should be informed on the topics discussed, because upon their co-operation and industry largely depends the successful carrying on of the war.

Col. T. Sambola Jones, who was announced to speak, was detained in New Orleans, and Mr. W. R. Perkins, of the State Experiment Station and representing the Federal Government, was sent in his stead. He gave an interesting and practical talk on increased food production and urged especially the raising of hay and velvet beans.

Judge Prentiss B. Carter spoke on patriotic lines, and there was much in his talk that touched the hearts of his hearers and brought a realization of what a wonderful thing true patriotism is and what wonderful sacrifices can be cheerfully made under its influence.

The Council then went into business session and Mrs. A. L. Bear was made secretary of the meeting. The Social Service and Relief Committee gave a lengthy report on work accomplished and impressed every one with the importance and need of this committee. The relief work being done is far beyond expectations, numerous cases being cited; but the needs of funds is urgent, and a motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Bendinger, requesting that letters be sent to all banks and corporations in the parish asking them to place their contributions on their pay roll for a small sum each month.

Capt. Millar reported having done good work in the Tenth Ward by addressing the school children. Mr. Felix Bachemin, Jr., of the Agricultural Committee, reported that he has just completed a drive for memberships in the Boys' Corp Club which was very encouraging. He now has enrolled 750 members—150 to raise corn, 300 to raise hay, and the remainder to raise poultry.

Mrs. J. C. Burns reported on the work of the Women's Committee. They have made active campaigns for food conservation, pledge cards, home gardens, Red Cross, U. M. C. A., etc. Their big work since the last meeting was their assistance to the Draft Boards in filing out questionnaires.

LADIES OF WALDHEIM ORGANIZE AUXILIARY RED CROSS.

On February 12 the ladies of Waldheim met at the Waldheim consolidated school for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Auxiliary. All present were members of patriotic families and were anxious to have the work started. The following officers were elected: Mrs. H. A. Dutsch, chairman; Miss Hattie Cook, secretary; Miss Edith Heath, treasurer; Mrs. R. Schultz, captain of supplies; Miss Cooper, captain of knitting; Miss Annie Martin, captain of gauze; Miss Jessie Dutsch, captain of garments.

MRS. DOOLITTLE TOWN COUNCIL

ARRAIGNED IN COURT FOR MURDER Judge Carter Fixes Bond at \$5000 Account of Physical Condition. INSANITY WILL BE PROBABLE DEFENSE Drs. Bulloch, Maylie, Gautreaux Appointed as Commission.

The bringing of Mrs. Newton Doolittle into court at Covington, last Thursday, brought to notice the fact that there is to be a woman tried for her life in the District Court here soon, and that it is probably to be a bitterly fought case for the freedom of Mrs. Doolittle. Attorney U. J. Burke, prominently known in New Orleans as a criminal lawyer, is Mrs. Doolittle's attorney, and he will probably have associated with him some prominent attorney of this town.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Doolittle shot her husband in Slidell, recently, using the .32 revolver of Mr. Dunn, which she got from under his pillow in a room which he occupied in the house, he having recently rented it. Mrs. Doolittle fired from the bed while her husband was standing at the fireplace with his back to her, and as he ran for the door she fired again, both bullets taking effect in his arm and body. This is the statement, it is said, that was made at inquest. How far the testimony is correct will probably be brought out in the trial. The only eye witness is said to be the little child of the Doolittes, who is about 6 years of age. There are some who believe Mrs. Doolittle was temporarily insane at the time she fired the fatal shots; there are others who believe it was a deliberate murder.

No statement has been made as to the defense, but indications are that insanity will be pleaded. The Daily States of last Monday has the following: "The insane actions of Mrs. Newton Doolittle, of Slidell, La., held in the parish prison pending disposition of a charge of murder against her, which caused intense excitement at church services in the chapel, has convinced many that the frail little woman who shot her husband to death in Slidell, is on the verge of a complete mental collapse."

"Her removal from the parish prison to a sanitarium of some kind, where she can receive proper medical attention, is expected this week. This was advised by Dr. Jos. O'Hara, coroner, after he examined Mrs. Doolittle last week. Dr. O'Hara stated at the time that Mrs. Doolittle was bordering on a nervous breakdown, which threatened to unbalance her mind, and advised that further confinement in prison would probably wreck her mind completely. He informed Dr. Bulloch, coroner, of Covington, who came to New Orleans two days later. Dr. Bulloch withheld an opinion as to Mrs. Doolittle's mental condition, saying that he would return within a few days and make further examination of the prisoner.

"During the church service in the little chapel on the third floor, adjoining the woman's department, Sunday morning, Mrs. Doolittle suddenly went into a frenzy, and climbing to the coping of one of the barred windows, began shouting to passers-by. Mrs. Doolittle cried out: 'Murder! Come and get me out of this place.' It was with difficulty that Mrs. Rolle, the night prison matron, quieted her."

The case has called for a good deal of attention from Coroner Bulloch of late, he having been called to New Orleans by the defense to make an examination as to her physical condition, it being the contention that her condition was such as to entitle her to release on bond. The coroner deferred his report in this matter until such time as he could base his conclusions on more thorough investigation. Tuesday, February 12, he gave a certificate recommending that she be released on bond, which was fixed by Judge Carter at \$5,000. Her bond was signed and approved and Mrs. Doolittle sent to the Fenwick Sanitarium.

The grand jury took up the case Wednesday, February 13, and brought in an indictment for murder, and she was brought before the Court for arraignment Thursday, February 14.

When Mrs. Doolittle arrived on the morning train she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and another lady. She is small, rather nice looking and of good figure. Among the few who were aware of her coming there was considerable curiosity to see her. She went into the court-

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MANDEVILLE FEB. 5TH

Appropriation To School League To Drain Yard of the School. DEPREE'S RESIGNATION TENDERED, ACCEPTED W. A. Griffin's Name Suggested for Councilman.

Mandeville, La., Feb. 5, 1918. The board of aldermen met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: Hon. W. G. Davis, Mayor; Dr. A. G. Maylie, Mr. Jas. Band, Mr. E. Dubourg and Mr. A. Hartman. Absent: Mr. A. Depree.

It was moved by Mr. Band and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the minutes of the meeting of January 22 be adopted as read. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the reports of the mayor, marshal and tax collector be received and filed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Band and seconded by Mr. Hartman, that the Finance Committee's report be accepted and warrants for all bills approved be drawn. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Dubourg, that the treasurer's report for January be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report for January. Jan. 1, balance 2534.92 Jan. 3, fines 5.90 Jan. 3, interest 29.99 Jan. 31, miscellaneous 8.00 Jan. 31, license 55.00 Jan. 31, taxes 1040.03 \$3672.84

Disbursements: Jan. 2, Black & Laird, balance on sea wall 1367.72 Jan. 3, December street lighting 742.58 Jan. 13, third note on fire engine and hose 500.43 Jan. 31, gen. expenses 14.60 Jan. 31, to streets and bridges 20.75 Jan. 31, Jan. salaries 132.30 \$2878.88 Jan. 31, balance 993.16 J. M. HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.

Moved by Dr. Maylie, seconded by Mr. Dubourg, that \$50.00 be appropriated to the School League for ditching and grading the new public school yard. Roll Call: For, Maylie, Dubourg, Band and Hartman. Four for. Carried.