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POLICE JURY AS GOVERNING AUTHORITY DISTRICT 1

Supervisors Appointed To Handle Building of Roads.

BONDS ORDERED TO BE PRINTED

Report of Sheriff and Other Proceedings of Meeting.

Covington, La., Aug. 29, 1918. Minutes of the meeting of the police jury of the parish of St. Tammany, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany.

The police jury of the parish of St. Tammany met in special session at the District Court house in Covington, La., on this 29th day of August, 1918, at 10 a. m., as the governing authority of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance of said police jury passed on July 18, 1918. Present, Messrs. Howze, Smith, Koepff, Fendliason, Davis and Abney. Absent, Messrs. Robert, Demergue, Crawford and Cowart.

The police jury having been duly convened as the governing authority of the said Road District No. 1, it was moved by Mr. J. M. Smith, seconded by Mr. Geo. H. Koepff,

Whereas a special election as called by this police jury as the governing authority of Road District No. 1, was held in the said Road District No. 1 on August 27th, 1918; and

Whereas, it is the duty of this police jury as the governing authority of said Road District to open the ballot boxes used at said special election, examine and count the ballots and canvass and declare the result of said election;

Be it ordained, That this police jury as the governing authority of Road District No. 1 do now proceed to open the ballot boxes used at the said special election, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election; and that the president appoint two tellers to count the votes and compile the result.

And be it ordained, That a process verbal of the opening of the said ballot boxes be made and that the canvass of the returns and the result thereof be shown on the said process verbal, and that said process verbal be signed by all the members of the police jury, the tellers and the officers thereof.

This motion was put to a vote, and the motion was declared carried, and the ordinance adopted.

Whereupon the president announced the appointment of Messrs. W. H. Davis and R. C. Abney as tellers, and in open session the tellers, in the presence of all of the members of the police jury, proceeded to open the ballot boxes and count the votes cast at the election held on the 27th day of August, 1918, in Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, each box from each polling place in the said Road District being opened separately, and thereupon this governing authority proceeded to examine and count the ballots in each box, and examined and canvassed the returns made by the officers of the said special election at each polling place and verified the said returns, with the result which is declared as follows: In the ballot boxes from the following place the result was as follows:

Ward One, Madisonville, La., there were found 59 votes representing an assessed valuation of \$223,033.50 cast in favor of the proposition: To authorize the police jury of the parish of St. Tammany, acting as the governing authority of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, to incur debt on behalf of and in the name of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, to the amount of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars, and to issue and sell negotiable and semi-annual interest bearing coupon bonds evidencing the said indebtedness being less than 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in the said Road District; said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the interest and principal of said bonds to be payable in such amounts and at such places as the governing authority may determine, in twenty-seven years from the date of the bonds, and in a less time, if the governing authority in its discretion, deems it to the best interest of the Road District; and both the principal and interest of said bonds to be secured by a sufficient tax to be levied and collected each year in accordance with Article 381 of the Constitution of and the laws of the State of Louisiana, the proceeds from the sale of the said bonds at not less than par to be used in constructing, improving and maintaining the public roads and highways within Road District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La.

And there were found no votes, representing an assessed valuation of nothing cast against the proposition above set forth.

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PARISH COUNCIL DEFENSE MEETS WEDNESDAY IN COVINGTON

Report From Pearl River Community Council, But No Others Report.

COVINGTON COUNCIL REPORTED ORGANIZED

Mr. Haller Reports Serious Results from Removing Farm Demonstrator.

Regular meeting of the Council of Defense was held September 11, the following members being present: E. G. Davis, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Bear, secretary; Messrs. Wood, Millar, Mackie, Lyon, Haller and Warner and Mrs. J. B. Wortham and Miss Martha Williams.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No reports of committees. Slidell Community Council—no report. Abita Community Council—no report.

Mr. Davis announced that two community councils had been formed in the past month, one at Pearl River, of which Mr. Clement B. Penrose is chairman, and one at Covington, of which Mr. H. A. Mackie is chairman, with the following directors and officers: Miss Kate Eastman, Mrs. J. B. Wortham, Mrs. L. L. Morgan, Messrs. J. Seiler, J. H. Warner, Robt. Badon, Chas. Sheffield and D. H. Mason.

The Pearl River Community Council reported having caused the arrest of negro women selling liquor, and is formulating plans to improve labor conditions there.

Mr. Davis reported that the Parish Council had also caused the arrest of several saloonmen in Abita and Covington for violation of laws; had four soldiers who were here in disguise placed in jail over night, and then returned to camp; had taken action to prevent a labor agent from carrying out a plan to engage about 150 workmen from St. Tammany to work elsewhere.

Mr. Haller, Food Administrator, reported that his department is working satisfactorily, but reminded the Council of Defense of the serious effect on the food situation which will result from the discharge of the Farm Demonstrator, and of the transfer of the Boys' Club Agent, Mr. Bachemin, to another parish without replacing him. Resolutions of protest in the latter case were ordered to be drawn by Mr. Lyon, a copy of which is to be sent to Dr. W. R. Perkins, of the Extension Department.

Mr. Davis urged all Council of Defense members to offer their assistance on Registration Day, Sept. 12th, and in the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

Meeting adjourned in regular order.

MRS. A. L. BEAR, Secretary.

Boys' Working Reserve To Have Uniforms

Baton Rouge, Sept. 10.—The War Department has sanctioned a national uniform for the United States Boys' Working Reserve, according to information received by State Director Harris from H. W. Wells, associate national director of the organization. This uniform will be both durable and attractive, and its distinctive features will make it easily recognized as the uniform of patriotism for those Louisiana boys who are so situated that they can enroll in the Reserve and render valuable agricultural assistance to the Government in its prosecution of the war.

Assistant Director Wells' letter to State Director Harris, describing the uniform in detail, follows: "This will inform you that the War Department has sanctioned a national uniform for the United States Boys' Working Reserve consisting of hat, coat, belt, breeches, leggings and shirt.

"The material of the uniform is a twilled cotton of an olive drab. On the right sleeve of the coat is emblazoned in red silk 'U. S.'. The same design appears in red upon the shirt.

"There is a green band around the hat to signify agricultural service, and a maroon band around the hat to signify industrial service.

"The cost of this summer uniform is \$9.90. We are asking for bids upon a winter uniform to be made of moleskin. Therefore the cost of the winter uniform cannot be estimated at this writing.

"At present the War Department will not pay for the uniform, but we are in hopes that ultimately the Department will decide to pay for them, and we have some reason to believe that it will.

"We are having sample uniforms made to be sent to every Federal State Director, and you will receive your sample uniform in the near future.

"Please inform all the officials of your organization, including the county directors and enrolling officers, of this action of the War Department."

"WRITING HOME"



When the soldier is off duty he may employ and amuse himself in many ways, but one of the first things he is sure to do is to write to home folks. Writing paper, envelopes, ink and pens are furnished free to the men by the Army Y. M. C. A.

This is a picture of a "rush hour" of letter writing and magazine reading in a "Y" building in a large camp of the Southern Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEDICAL SOCIETY

By Dr. A. G. Maylie.

The St. Tammany Parish Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Southern Hotel last Wednesday.

It being the annual business session, scientific papers and report of cases were dispensed with, only business matters were considered, the most important of which was the unanimous adoption by the society of following minimum fee schedule:

Office consultation, \$2.00; day calls, \$3.00; night calls, \$5.00; obstetrical cases, \$25.00; consultation with other physicians, \$10.00; calls out of town or city limits, \$1.00 per mile.

In commenting on the above it must be remembered that the doctor has to pay as much for the necessities of life as the layman, that drugs, medical supplies and instruments have risen in cost from 25 to 300 per cent, that a doctor, especially in the country, must be prepared to properly handle and treat any and every case in an emergency, to do which his medicine case must be well stocked with fresh and active drugs, and in view of the fact that the majority of drugs deteriorate and become inert very rapidly, the constant renewal of same is quite an item of expense in itself. It was shown that two years ago a doctor, by adding one dollar to the price of two visits could buy a barrel of flour, to-day he must add two dollars to the price of four visits to buy that same barrel of flour, and so it is with all other commodities of life. Again, the doctor has many another expense forced on him by his position and standing in the community, to say nothing of his social obligations.

At the expense of becoming stale and a "has been" in his calling, a doctor must keep in touch with the progress, advances and new discoveries in his profession, to do which means the constant buying of medical books and journals, which have risen 100 per cent in price. Among those who took an active part in the discussion were Doctors Van Zandt, Falno, Polk, F. F. Young, Jr., Gautreaux and Maylie.

The application of Dr. Fred R. Jones, of Madisonville, was referred to the membership committee. The next meeting will be held at Mandeville on October 9, 1918.

JNO. M. PARKER, Food Administrator of Louisiana.

RAMSAY NOTES.

Mrs. G. B. Coffee has returned to Gulfport, Miss., after a brief visit to relatives in Ramsay.

H. A. Galsner is with us again after a fortnight spent with homefolk in Princeton, Ind.

Mrs. S. J. Lasseigne has as her guest her sister, Miss Castelle, of Breauz Bridge.

Miss Ruby Sweeney has returned to her home in Independence after visiting relatives in Ramsay.

Messrs. Alfred Sweeney and John Lloyd have been called to the colors and are now at Camp Beauregard.

Miss Vera Pittman, of Bogalusa, is spending a while with Miss Ethel Sanders.

Miss Edna Strain spent the week end with homefolks in Abita.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Guillot have as their guests Mr. Guillot's sisters, Miss Guillot and Mrs. Boudreaux, of Patterson.

Mrs. O. S. Limbaugh is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Box, of Shubuta, Miss.

Mr. L. J. Lasseigne and son are visiting at Breauz Bridge.

Mrs. Alice Givens and daughter, Miss Lillie Bennett, spent a few days in Mt. Herman with relatives.

Mr. Eugene Box has resigned his position as timekeeper for the St. Tammany Lumber Mfg. Co., and returned to his home as he is expecting a call from Uncle Sam.

PEYRONI-ULM.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, 1918, Mr. B. Peyroni and Mrs. Magdalena Ulm were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, at Helenburg, La.

CONNELL-MASON.

The marriage of Mr. Wm. T. Connell, of Houston, Texas, and Miss Poem Mason, of New Orleans, was quietly solemnized at the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Barr, officiating. The marriage was a very quiet affair owing to the serious illness of the bride's mother. After a brief honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Connell will return to Houston, where they will make their home.

PRICE OF SUGAR EXPLAINED BY FOOD COMR.

To All District and Parish Food Administrators:

The new seaboard price of nine cents ex-refinery basis bulk granulated sugar, works out as follows:

The wholesaler receives thirty-five cents per cwt. margin for his service. The retailer receives one dollar per cwt. margin, and therefore, the total margins between seaboard price and the consumer should be a maximum of one dollar and thirty-five cents per cwt. plus actual freight. Therefore, you should, through your city and county administrators, fix a maximum price to the consumer for bulk upon above basis. This only applies to sugar sold by refineries after September 9th.

Neither wholesaler or retailer will be permitted to average cost on any old sugar with any new sugar. They should not be allowed to advance prices until present stock at old prices are exhausted, and you should require any person who advances the price to new basis to justify it to your agents.

An example of price on bulk granulated is as follows: Chicago freight is about 48 cents per cwt. plus seaboard basis of nine cents, plus wholesaler and retailer margin of \$1.35 equals \$1.083 cost to customer.

The regulations limiting persons to two pounds in city and five pounds in country may now be rescinded, and you may allow the purchase of one week's family supply in large cities and more in sparsely settled districts according to decision of the zone boards, but in no event to exceed one month's supply.

Please notify all retail dealers that this rule is fair and must be adhered to literally. Cost of sugar must not exceed actual invoice cost, plus actual freight to receiving point. No other cost item to be added. Violators of this rule will not be given a second chance. Please make clear and impressive that proper price is as important as the limitation per capita. Administrators please fix definite maximum price for your territory and see that it is adhered to. Give all publicity possible.

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MUSICAL RECITAL.

Vernon Dalhart, the popular lyric tenor, will be heard in an unique recital at Parkview Theatre on the evening of Monday, October 14, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Dalhart is one of the growing body of splendid singers who boasts of his American birth and training. Until he was sixteen Mr. Dalhart lived and worked on a Texas cattle ranch. He then went to Dallas to work in a hardware store where he was overheard singing by a vocal teacher. He was induced to cultivate the gift that nature gave him, and after extensive study in New York, he made his debut in "The Girl of the Golden West." He created such a favorable impression that he was engaged to sing the leading role in the light opera "Pinafore" at the New York Hippodrome. There are few singers of either sex who can sing the charming old southern melodies as well as Mr. Dalhart.

Admittance to the recital will be by card only.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To Owners of Automobiles and Motor Cars:

We beg to advise that we have succeeded in securing the services of several first class mechanics, in fact, the best to be had, having added to our present force Mr. W. J. Drews, of Morgan City, La., who has been operating a general garage for himself. Mr. L. E. Theriot, of New Orleans, La., has had charge of the Grunewald Garages, also Mr. W. H. Harmon, of New Orleans, who has had charge of the Service Department for Mr. Testard. With the addition of these gentlemen to our force we can assure you of efficient and prompt service.

You will also find our Parts Department well filled. We carry a full line of genuine Ford parts for Ford cars. Also a large stock of tires, tubes, etc., of the best make. Let us fix up your old car and keep it in shape. We have the mechanics and parts to do it with, and, as you know, it is very hard to get new cars and may soon be an impossibility.

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SLIDELL GARAGE CO., INC., By T. J. Eddins, Socy.-Treas.

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Capacity of the Plant To Be One Million Pounds of Powder a Day.

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Some powder is now being made here, but the final capacity will be one million pounds a day. Cost of the entire works to be one hundred million dollars. Some money!

The location is in a beautiful valley between mountains, and on the east side of the Kanawha river. The reservation is fourteen miles square. Secretary of War Baker is authority for the statement that "more building work has been completed per day in Nitro than has ever been accomplished on a like operation in the history of the world."

At present there is a shortage of labor, although twenty thousand men are on the job. The majority live in barracks, many occupy dwellings in Nitro and vicinity, and a few thousand are brought in from Charleston, fifteen miles, on three special trains daily. The city just named, is a big, rich small one, the state capital of only forty thousand population. Has fourteen banks and is the seat of coal mining, natural gas and oil industries.

West Virginia produces forty per cent of all the natural gas, and sixteen per cent of the coal in the United States. It is strange to me to note that natural gas is used for heating buildings instead of coal or wood. It is also used entirely for all cooking purposes.

I see substantial evidence of our W. S. S. and Liberty Bonds and Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross subscriptions. They are all here and in the best of working order.

The hospital is immense and among the many doctors and internes, I found Dr. Albert Thomas, the son of our own Warren Thomas, of Talliehook.

In some of the thousands of buildings there is Bogalusa and Salmen lumber, also Salmen brick. Looks good to me.

This state has been dry by law for six years, and Uncle Sam chooses wisely in the selection of dry conditions for a powder plant.

Have just had word from Fritz Salmen to meet him in New York with Joe Bousquet.

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DINNER SERVED ON THE "DINAH"

Biggest Wood Vessel Plant on Atlantic and Gulf Coast.

While the people of St. Tammany parish have a general idea that the shipbuilding industry has added largely to the prosperity of St. Tammany parish, few have an exact knowledge of the enormity of the industry, the immense amount of labor and material and the importance of good roads and transportation facilities in connection therewith. A feeling that the good roads campaign was in the interest of the plans of the War Department called forth patriotic support of the measure, with probably little realization of its real importance to shipbuilding or the exact and immediate benefit to localities within the district.

The result of this road building will be that more men will take up residence in Mandeville as soon as the road is completed. If 100 cottages were built in Madisonville right now each one could be filled with a desirable tenant. The shipyard has completed about twenty cottages and three hotels for the accommodation of the workmen, and about fifty apartments for colored workmen are now being fitted out.

Eight hundred workmen make the trip each day from Covington to the shipyard and return and 200 men go to Mandeville and Houltonville. There are now 1600 men employed, and this force will be increased to 2500. The wages paid are the highest which have ever been paid in the United States and are exactly the same wages that are paid in the shipyards of New England, New York and the Atlantic States.

An instruction Department is maintained, with competent instructors to teach the art of shipbuilding and for the general improvement of the men. Hundreds of ordinary laborers, used to other work than shipbuilding, and men with other trades have been converted into excellent shipbuilders. This department has been started within the past month, and in addition to taking over part of the work, will fit young men for a useful trade or occupation.

The immensity of the undertaking of shipbuilding becomes better realized by an inspection of the work, and the need of co-operation and moral support is seriously impressed on the mind. The huge machinery of war, the intellect back of it, dependence upon the faithful performance of the humblest toiler, the wonderful significance of the common expression, "morale," abide with you in strong conviction after you pass beyond the walls that shut in the busy hum of construction work in the Jahncke shipyards at Madisonville.

This yard ranks among the best on the Gulf and Atlantic Coast for rapidity of work, while the American Bureau of Shipping has given the ships built an A-1, 15-year rating, which is the highest rating the Bureau gives for wooden ships. Shipping men from all over the country have complimented the Jahncke Company on the neat appearance and substantial workmanship of their vessels.

The Jahncke yard is now the biggest wooden shipbuilding yard on the Gulf and Atlantic Coast. It has eight ways devoted entirely to wooden ship construction. The first vessel is practically completed and five more are well under way. The yard has under contract twenty vessels. These are known as the 3500-ton Ferris type wooden steamship of 232 feet length, 46 feet beam, with a depth of 23 feet. The cost of each vessel will be in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. Approximately half of this is being spent at the yard for labor.

The efficiency and morale of the workmen are good and are continually getting better, each succeeding vessel being built in considerably shorter time than the one preceding it.

Last Monday the parish officials and a few invited guests visited the yards and were taken through the plant and shown all its workings. The party was taken around in divided squads, being conducted by Walter F. Jahncke, E. V. Heughan, yard superintendent; F. W. Bell, resident auditor for the Emergency Fleet Corporation; E. T. Malloy, general superintendent.

This paper is specially indebted to Supt. Malloy for courtesies shown in representative in inspecting ship work and the extensive machinery of the shops, which is very complete in every detail, much of the work being simplified by expensive and up-to-date machinery.

After the inspection of the yard and vessels the party was invited to an excellent dinner served on the houseboat, "Aunt Dinah," where Mr. Clarke, superintendent of the housing division of the shipyard, made it exceedingly pleasant for all.

There were present, besides the officials named, Jas. B. Howze, president of the Police Jury, and members Geo. H. Koepff, Jr., H. N. Fendliason, S. R. Cowart, Fletcher Crawford, Robt. C. Abney, E. P. Robert, J. M. Smith, W. H. Davis, Secretary

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND IN ST. TAMMANY REGISTER

All Places of Business Close and Work Suspended.

ESTIMATE OF GOV'T. UNDER REGISTRATION

Thirteen Million Men Added To Eleven Million Already Registered.

Registration day was observed all over the parish by closing of all places of business.

The registration went over the top, inasmuch as the Government apportionment was placed at 2934, while 2980 were registered.

Following is the registration, classified:

Native-born citizens, 2837; naturalized citizens, 27; citizens by father's naturalization, 9; declarant aliens, 26; non-declarant aliens, 67. Race—whites, 1867; negroes, 1109; Orientals, 3.

The day passed off especially quiet. There were no disturbances and registrants seemed to be in a happy frame of mind, without exception.

Thirteen million men were added to the ten million already registered in the United States. It is said that more than forty thousand registered in New Orleans.

The Election.

The election passed off without disturbance and there was little betting. Hall led, Overton being third with 99 votes. There were 253 cast. Sanders got the largest number of votes cast for any one candidate, nearly three to one over Schwing.

Following are the returns, as gathered from reports as they came in at night, and probably are very nearly correct:

	Gay	Hall	Overton	Schwing
1—	54	24	9	64
2—	39	25	23	25
3—	113	113		