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## COVINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, ACTING ON REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE, INCREASES TAX

Covington, La., Feb. 18, 1919. The town council met in special session on the above date for the purpose of fixing the budget for the year 1919.

The following answered roll call: P. J. Lacroix, mayor; E. Frederick, H. A. Mackie, C. E. Schonberg, A. R. Smith, A. D. Schwartz, M. P. Planche. Absent: None.

After some discussion, it was moved by C. E. Schonberg, seconded by A. R. Smith, that the council adjourn to some further day in order to give the Finance Committee an opportunity to go over the figures submitted as a basis for the budget.

Amendment offered by A. D. Schwartz, seconded by M. P. Planche, that Finance Committee meet Thursday, Feb. 19, 1919, and that the council adjourn to Friday evening

at 7:30 p. m., to hear the report of the Finance Committee and to proceed with the business of the meeting.

Amendment was accepted by Mr. Schonberg, and upon a vote being taken was carried.

The council then adjourned. P. J. LACROIX, Mayor. L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.

Covington, La., Feb. 21, 1919. Pursuant to adjournment the council met on this date with the following members present: P. J. Lacroix, mayor; A. D. Schwartz, Emilie Frederick, A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie, S. E. Schonberg.

Absent: M. P. Planche. Report of the Finance Committee was read, as follows:

Salaries, officers and employees	4616.00
Lights	4275.00
Water	312.00
Street work, labor	2400.00
Street maintenance, material	2000.00
Donations, Fire Association	800.00
Cemetery Auxiliary Committee	100.00
Feed, municipal teams	480.00
Incidentals (office) stationery, stamps, etc.	144.00
Rent, Mayor's Court	200.00
Bills payable, St. Tammany Bank, payment on park note	200.00
Covington Ban, payment on pavilion	385.00
Waterous Engine Company, payment on notes	75.00
Eureka Hose Co., payment on notes	96.00
Interest, Covington Bank, pavilion note	32.00
St. Tammany Bank, park note	138.00
Waterous Engine Co., on notes	13.00
Eureka Hose Co., on note	300.00
Covington Bank, interest on bonds (\$6000)	270.00
St. Tammany Ice Co., interest on bonds (\$3400)	28.36
Jahncke Navigation Co., interest on bonds (\$283.66)	1000.00
Bonds, Covington Bank, to be retired	600.00
St. Tammany Ice Co., to be retired	283.66
Jahncke Navigation Co., to be retired	2419.56
Outstanding accounts	453.12
Warrants outstanding	2551.95
Refund, monies borrowed from special fund	327.30
Salaries unpaid 1918	24599.95

From the above statement, it will be seen that the only new obligations incurred by the present administration on this year's budget are the following sums:

Fire Department	800.00
Madisonville road bonds with principal and interest for 1919	1300.00
Increase cost of labor, materials and operating expenses on account of war price during the year	2551.95

We further submit the following indebtedness carried over from past administration will be eliminated this year:

Outstanding accounts	2419.00
Outstanding warrants	453.12
Borrowed amount	2551.95

Making a total of \$424.63 for which no provisions will be necessary in the future.

In order to meet the above requirements, the following recommendations are deemed necessary:

First, that a tax of ten (10) mills on the full assessment of 1918 be levied subject to the correction of any errors or omissions in the rolls which may exist, and the equalization of about one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars of taxable property in the town, which appears from the rolls, at present, not to be bearing its just proportion of taxation.

These rolls will provide a revenue of \$16,000.00.

We further recommend that all mercantile licenses be returned according to law instead of the minimum of five (\$5.00) dollars, and ten (\$10.00) dollars hereto accepted. This will give additional revenue of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

The present returns from the saloon license show that the revenue from this source is fixed at three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

We further recommend that the provisions of the town charter relative to street license tax of two (\$2.00) dollars per capita on all males between eighteen and forty-five be enforced. This will provide two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

We further recommend that the minimum license tax of fifteen (15) cents per horsepower be imposed on all motor vehicles in the town of Covington, and that a minimum tax of two (\$2.00) dollars be imposed on all other four-wheel vehicles operated in the town. This revenue should net the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

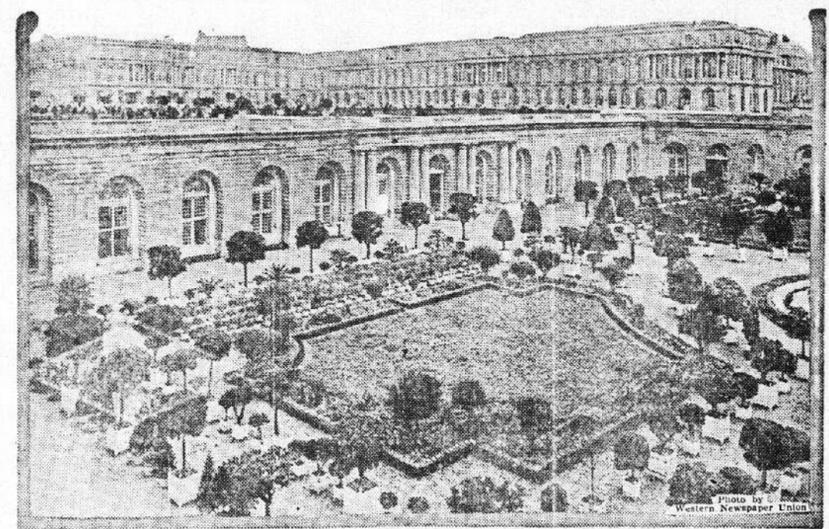
We further recommend that the average fine in the Mayor's Court as approximate seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50). This source of revenue should produce the sum of eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars.

We find the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for light due by the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad as fixed, making a total of twenty-four thousand six hundred (\$24,600.00) dollars anticipated revenue for the year 1919.

The above revenues will be sufficient, not only to cover the operating expenses, the fixed charges and the funding debt, but will also take care of the necessary street improvements this year, which the Improvement Committee fixes at forty-two hundred (\$4200.00) dollars.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. MACKIE, C. E. SCHONBERG, A. D. SCHWARTZ, Financial Committee.

## WHERE THE WORLD PEACE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED



In this beautiful palace of Versailles, just outside of Paris, the treaty that is expected to bring peace to all the world will be signed.

### PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON



President Woodrow Wilson is head of the American delegation to the peace conference.

## INCOME TAX TO COME HIGH TO MAN WHO DODGES

Washington, Feb. 16.—How does Uncle Sam deal with tax dodgers? The inquiry, which was prompted by the severe penalties provided in the new revenue bill, has brought from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper a frank statement as to the Internal Revenue Bureau's attitude toward those who attempt to evade taxation.

## SHOT TO DEATH BY WOMAN

At 10:30 a. m., Sunday, February 23, Hillary Jackson was shot to death, at Ramsay, by Mary Grayson. Weapon used was a 38 special. Both are colored. Coroner Bulloch held an inquest, resulting in a verdict of murder. Deputy Lacroix arrested Mary and she was lodged in the parish jail pending action of the grand jury.

According to the testimony, Mary made a demand upon Hillary for his money. Hillary wanted to talk the matter over and attempted to approach Mary, but she would have none of it. As soon as she found the money was not forthcoming, Mary went back to the quarters where her brother lives and got the gun and a razor, and returning to her place renewed the demand for the money, but as Hillary did not produce, she opened fire. As the two shots sounded the alarm to Hillary, he made a break for the outside, but Mary was not inclined to let him get away. She followed him swiftly, firing the third shot, which penetrated the left breast and entering the heart caused instant death. It is said that before firing Mary tossed the razor at Hillary's feet, but he did not pick it up.

## RED CROSS TO ROAD BONDS TO WORKERS SOLD AT A PREMIUM

Red Cross workers in the jurisdiction of the St. Tammany Parish Chapter are to be awarded certificates in recognition of loyal services to the Nation. To that end John L. Haller, chairman of the Parish Chapter, American Red Cross, has appointed a committee on award composed of Mrs. N. H. FitzSimons, as chairman, and Dr. A. G. Maylie, L. A. Perreand, secretary; Mrs. J. B. Wortham, Mrs. H. A. Mackie and Mrs. E. S. Wharton. This committee met in the chapter headquarters the early part of the week and formulated plans whereby all Red Cross workers in the parish will be given an opportunity to lay claim for the distinction that is to be conferred by National Headquarters.

The distribution of blanks will be through the chapter headquarters, and in the branches at Covington, Slidell, Mandeville, Sun, Bush, LaCombe, Madisonville, Folsom and other towns, the distribution will be made to the individual workers by the recommendation committee appointed for each locality. In adopting this plan, the chapter committee was careful that no worker would be overlooked in the award. All volunteers and paid help, both men and women, who can meet the requirements of national headquarters in the award, will be given a certificate. These certificates of merit carry with them the privilege of the worker so honored to purchase a Red Cross service insignia. This will be done through chapter headquarters after the award is made.

Following are the conditions governing the award:

Certificates in recognition of loyal service to the Nation through the Red Cross shall be awarded to all persons who have given regular service during a period of not less than six consecutive months, in which period the actual work done shall be equivalent to at least four days a week or approximately 800 hours, or for eight months service of not less than three days a week or approximately 800 hours, or for twelve months of service of not less than two days a week or approximately 800 hours, or for eighteen months of approximately 800 hours.

In no case will an award be made to a worker whose period of enrollment in service has been less than six consecutive months, and with a minimum of 800 hours of service. The period of service begins April 6, 1917, and ends January 6, 1919. The workers at all branches in the jurisdiction of the St. Tammany Parish Chapter are requested to apply to their local committee.

"St. Tammany parish should make a splendid showing in the award," said Chairman Haller, "and it is the hope of the chapter executive committee that many Red Cross service insignias appear on the coats of the men workers and the bosoms of our fair women who are directly and in the main responsible for the splendid record of achievements credited to the St. Tammany Parish Chapter. Our workers, in filling in their blanks, are not to overlook their period of service while the parish was under the jurisdiction of the New Orleans Chapter, for, it will be recalled, that during the many months we were connected with the parent body in the southern metropolis, the women and men of St. Tammany parish rendered most efficient service and helped, to a marked degree, to win the award."

## TO LECTURE AT THE PARKVIEW MONDAY NIGHT

Elwood T. Bailey, just back from six months in France, England and Italy, comes to tell a story of personal experiences involving phase after phase of the great war. Life on the transport, and in and behind the trenches, air and submarine attacks, all figure vividly in his great lecture, "From Transport to Trench."

The Commercial Bank & Trust Co. did not bid, because its president, Mr. Domergue, being a member of the police jury, had a moral restraint in the matter. When the other banks learned of the reason why the Commercial did not bid, after bids were awarded, it was decided to give that bank a share of the deposits.

The price received for the bonds is looked upon as unusually good, much better than was thought possible at this time. With public sentiment so strong for good roads, there does not seem to be anything in the way of putting St. Tammany parish on the map as a desirable place in which to travel. The commission chosen for building the roads also gives great satisfaction. That we shall soon be prepared to share in the business boom that is predicted by the big men everywhere is predicted by many of our people here.

## MRS. DR. GEO. R. TOLSON

Died at Covington, La., on Tuesday, February 25, 1919, at 8 o'clock a. m., Elmer Theresa Morgan, wife of Dr. Geo. R. Tolson, aged 67 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Interment in Covington Cemetery, Rev. J. O. Miller officiating. Mrs. Tolson was a woman of literary attainments and a fine conversationalist. She had a store of knowledge that made moments passed in her company very enjoyable. Those who knew her well appreciated the value of her friendship.

Mrs. Tolson was fond of Covington and looked forward with pleasure to the time when its development would be in accord with the opportunities it offered. She had lived here quite a length of time.

## GASTON GAIMICHE

Died at Covington, La., on Thursday, February 27, 1919, at 1:40 a. m., Gaston Gaimiche, aged 38 years, 11 months and 9 days, son of Mrs. A. Gaimiche, and a native of Covington. Funeral services took place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Wallace M. Poole, in Jackson street, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, interment being made in the Covington Cemetery.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST AT JAHNCKE SHIPYARDS IN MADISONVILLE

Items of interest to the shipbuilders and public in general will be published in this column each week, and those who have interesting news and local notes can forward same to the Editorial Department Jahncke Shipbuilding Corporation, and they will be handled by them. Notes should be in so as to be mailed every Wednesday, otherwise they will be held over until the next week. E. F. CADDIN, Editor-in-Chief.

Mrs. D. H. Williams, the district manager, wants better and cheaper ships. Mr. Anthon is helping Mr. Williams get the kind of ships that he wants. Mr. Anthon is teaching the class in blue print reading which meets twice a week in a room that has been set aside for this purpose by the Jahncke Recreation Club.

Just a word about Mr. Anthon before we talk about the school. Mr. Anthon formerly taught the Commercial Course and Agriculture at the Hammond high school. About a year ago he decided to try his hand at shipbuilding. He came to this yard a stranger, taking the first job offered him, which happened to be a job as a laborer. It was not long after he went to work before the bosses became aware of the fact that Anthon would and could deliver the goods.

To make a long story short he is now a layout man on hull 21, and if you wish to see some good work, ask Joe Cardone, the boss of this hull, to show you some of the jobs that have been done by Anthon.

About thirty men are enrolled for the present course in blueprint reading. This is about all that can be accommodated at the present time. Another class will be started soon as there are any number of men who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to become better workmen.

As the course proceeds the lines of a small boat will be put on the floor by the students enabling them to understand the work which is done in the mold loft. Rufus Parrin will have charge of this part of the training.

Students and teachers are working, with the belief that if Mr. Williams is to get his better and cheaper ships, they as individual workers must, and will, more thoroughly understand the art of shipbuilding. Men who are willing to improve themselves by study and close application to their work are the men who will make possible the campaign for better and cheaper ships.

Messrs. Stern and Ferris, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, Philadelphia, arrived in Madisonville at 9:30 a. m., February 21st, on board the Aunt Dinah, accompanied by Commodore Ernest Lee Jahncke.

The object of their visit here was to inspect the shipyard and obtain first hand information, from personal observation, of every detail of ship construction.

From the expression of satisfaction depicted on their countenances, it was easily discernible, the Jahncke Ship Yard was found to be in a state of high efficiency.

Commodore Jahncke is known throughout the South to be a prince among men, and when his guests partook of his hospitality on board the Aunt Dinah, they too realized his title had been fittingly bestowed.

We feel it is only just that we mention the name of Calvin, the trusted old chef who prepares the repasts for our Commodore in such style as to maintain the reputation of ante bellum southern hospitality.

The youngest son of Mr. E. V. Heughan, superintendent of the shipyard, was run into and knocked down by an auto driver on February 22, but very fortunately escaped injury, except for a slight abrasion of the skin on the forehead and a slight bruise of the leg.

Keep a sharp lookout in the future, Ernest Lee, and remember Madisonville is full of liars. We have been told that liars, like war profiteers, have no conscience.

What might have been a serious automobile accident occurred Friday, Feb. 21st, at 9:30 p. m., when the car carrying Louis Stockfleth, Dan Vinet, H. Faller, Jas. Devanney and Douglas Pons from Madisonville to Covington ran into a ditch and capsized. The accident was caused by the auto driver steering to avoid the numerous holes in the street. As the accident was no fault of the driver, but was due to the bad condition of the streets, we are confident no such accidents will happen in the future as Mayor Oulliber is actively rushing the work of street improvement, which is under his personal supervision.

We have tried to obtain something in the way of information concerning our friend, Mr. Marcelin Rouseau, chief time keeper of the shipyard, whereby our readers could enjoy themselves at his expense, but for some reason or other we have not been able to do so. As far as we know he leads an exemplary life, but be patient dear readers, we are watching every move he makes and when we do get something we solemnly promise you it will be worth your while to read it.

Colorite, the wonderful liquid magnets, gave a performance for some of the Covington lassies. He demonstrated, on Feb. 20th, that he could change Brown into White and White into Brown. The dear girls came all the way to Madisonville to see the performance.

Warning: Do not use for the complexion.

Oh you mistletoe! Well, it might just as well have been called that, for he is named Holly. He told us his name was Dan Vinet. We found out that the girls call him "Holly."

Oh you Holly!

Did he run? Did he run? Why Louis, of course, and that was Godfred

that made him do it. Godfred suddenly became wild and woolly, and Louis realizing the danger he was in ran for dear life.

We take this means to apologize to Mr. Baxter for advising him in our last issue as to what he should do if he encountered a shop with a red and white pole in front of it. It seems that Mr. Baxter met with an accident that rendered him unconscious and when he came to he found himself in a chair and a man that had a pair of clippers in his hand had already cut his shaggy locks. We profusely apologize for having called Mr. Baxter a barber dodger, even though it was no fault of his that he lost his locks.

About the meanest thing that we know of is for a young man to take a young lady to an ice cream parlor for refreshments when he knew all the time that the place was closed for the winter.

Charlie, where did you get the hat?

The Pine Knot Vamp and the Hill Billy Vamp met the other night. We had looked forward to this meeting with a feeling that was apprehensive. We thought it would start off with a hair pulling match but, instead, they smiled and conversed as if they were the best of friends.

On February 21st, the day before George Washington's birthday, two young ladies and Noble Eyes walked out of the shipyard office and from the way they acted we thought that a game of ring-around-rosie was to be started, instead they just held hands. Of course, we have no objection to this but one of the young ladies squeezed Noble's hand so hard that it was bruised in such a way he was unable to write his other girlfriends.

Jim Devanney wants to know who rang the breakfast bell in his room at 4 a. m.

Dan Cooper, the boy of checkered suit fame, is so fond of bread that he has decided to take to studying the art of baking. Dan is at present taking up a night course and can be seen hanging around the bakery all hours of the night. His class nights are, as a rule, the same as the picture show nights. We hope Dan's new business will be the means of him making a lot of dough.

The village cut-up has broken loose again. No matter what we may advise for his good it seems he will not take heed. Yesterday he bought a package of chewing gum and immediately began to dissipate. He chewed the whole pack up in one day.

With deep regret we learn that our popular druggist, Mr. J. J. Broders was a party to the Cut-Up's wild dissipation for it was he who sold the chewing gum to our Cut-Up.

Dan Vinet is so fond of music that he even wears musical shoes.

Last Sunday they rode around in an auto, the four of them. The "fucking" was in the back seat and it looked as if he was trying to out-do the Village Cut-Up.

LOST OR STOLEN—One Hudspeth fox and wolfhound bitch, white and black spotted, with a tan head and ears, white blaze face, big ears, two years old, weight about 40 pounds, has scar from being cut on a wire fence on her left hind leg. Reward will be paid for any information leading to her recovery. J. B. Oarsou Houltenville, La.

Our friend, Wilbur Dutsch, seems to be a little worried because ship No. 3 is nearing completion, but do not worry, Wilbur, there will be a job here when No. 3 is in the city. How about it, Thaxton?

Fred Wilmot says if there is anything he likes it is to cut iron grooves over strap iron. Hold your temper Fred.

What is the matter with our faster foreman, Mr. Whitney? There are no flies on him, as he had so many nails under the bottom of ship No. 3 that he tried to break them off with his head. But just the same Mr. Whitney can always produce the goods.

If our friend Homer Perrin was not handicapped for lumber there would be no reason why he could not launch hull 262 about the same time as hull 264, with the assistance of Mr. E. T. Knight, who is certainly some hustler. If you do not believe that his motto is "Watch My Smoke" you only have to watch his men for a short time.

And how about our friend Paul Oulliber? His greatest trouble seems to be to keep the other foremen from stealing his lumber, but we are sure that he is able to take care of himself, and will show them all a thing or two.

If you do not believe that Mr. E. H. V. Oulliber has his eyes open just stand around ship No. 7 and watch him.

Mr. Anthony Koepf has a hard time keeping his men busy, because Mr. Ed. Koepf seems to be on his trail all day long.

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