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PUBLIC MEETING GOOD ROADS COMMISSION COVINGTON

Engineer Huckaby Makes
Excellent Talk, Explaining
Work Being Done

MEETING CALLED BY ASSN. COMMERCE

Resolutions Unanimously
Passed Expressing Con-
fidence In Board.

Engineer Huckaby made an excel-
lent talk to the people at the meet-
ing called by the Covington Associa-
tion of Commerce and held at the
courthouse Monday.

The object of the meeting was to
give the public a better understand-
ing of the road building now being
conducted by the Good Roads Com-
mission, composed of J. D. Grant, of
Slidell, Wm. Oswald, of the Tenth
Ward, and F. W. Pathersee, of Tali-
sheek. Mr. Huckaby is the engineer
in charge, Mr. Frank Comfort the
secretary.

Some criticism had been made as
to the progress of the work, and also
it had been reported that some of
the employees of the survey were
seen sitting down smoking cigarettes.
Some, too, seemed to think that it
was not necessary to resurvey roads
that were already built, just to hard
surface them.

Mr. Warner, president of the As-
sociation of Commerce, was chair-
man of the meeting, but as he could
not remain Mr. Treen acted for him.
Mr. Huckaby made a very conserva-
tive statement of the facts in the
case, answered all questions put to
him and was given a unanimous vote
of confidence, which was proposed
by Dr. Durell. Dr. Durell said that the
incident reminded him of the physi-
cians experience in the sick-room,
when members of the family and
visitors, offered suggestions as to
what should be done for the patient.
He felt that the technical work of
roadbuilding was better compre-
hended by the engineer than by the
laymen, and he felt confident, after
Mr. Huckaby's explanation, that all
was being done that could be done
and he moved that a vote of confi-
dence be extended to him and the
Commission. As stated above, this
vote was unanimous.

Mr. Oswald also spoke relative to
the authority and power of the Com-
mission, the solving of its problems
and its desire to do the best that can
be done with the people's money.
Mr. Huckaby spoke as follows:
The object of this meeting was
just explained by the president of the
Association of Commerce, and the
Good Roads Commission deems it a
privilege to have the opportunity to
take these matters up with you gen-
tlemen and explain in detail the
various points about which there seems
to be a lack of understanding by the
public with regard to the work the
Commission is now doing.

Before taking up the main part of
this discussion you will pardon me if
I read a few lines herefrom an article
in this Handbook of Highway
Engineering which is written by one
of the most eminent highway au-
thorities in the country. I read this
to show you gentlemen that this is
not an unusual meeting and that con-
ditions are often very similar even
though at widely different sections
of the country:

"The physical improvements of
roads and streets is not the first
work to be undertaken or the first
expense to be incurred. When a
general scheme of improvement has
been decided upon there is usually a
feverish desire to begin work on the
ground or to 'make the dirt fly.'
The public and the press are insis-
tent that something shall be done
that they can see and that apparently
fall to understanding that, if the
money is to be wisely expended,
thorough preliminary studies are
necessary. If a state is to devote
millions of dollars to general high-
way improvement the first thing to
be undertaken is a thorough study
of the organization best suited to
carry out the work; then should
come a careful examination of the
existing highway system with a view
to the selection of the route which
would be of the greatest benefit to
the public. Following this will come
investigations and studies to de-
termine where and to what extent
modification of alignment and grade
are needed. Before contracts are
made there should be a careful in-
vestigation of the materials which
are available in order to determine
whether it would be cheaper in the
end to use native material or to
bring others from a distance, even
though the cost of construction be
increased."

Passing on the question of sur-
veys, I will illustrate the necessity of
this work in this way: suppose any
one of you gentlemen should buy
out a mercantile business, would you
go in and offer to put up a certain
sum of any old stock of goods with-
out first taking an inventory? Sure-
ly you would not. Neither would
you sell your business without tak-
ing an inventory of your stock. Some
big concerns can tell every night
what their assets and liabilities are.
In the Army Quartermaster Depart-
ment an inventory is taken every
month and this is a very common
procedure in the commercial world
while perhaps some departments
might take only one inventory and
that at the end of the fiscal year.

PARISH FAIR TO OPEN WITH BIG AUTO PARADE THURSDAY

More Interest Than Usual
Manifested In Making
It a Success.

PARKER AND STUBBS ANNOUNCED TO SPEAK

Parade, Races, Athletics,
and Aeroplane Flights
Among Amusements

The opening of the Parish Fair has
more than usual interest, this year,
not alone because of the special fea-
tures, but because there seems to be
a fuller realization of its importance
to both farmer and merchant. All
over the state, fairs have attracted
more than usual attention and have
been above the mark of excellence
usually attained. The importance
of the farmer has greatly increased
and he feels his responsibility more,
and is taking greater pride in the
success of his home fair.

President Warner, Secretary Treen
and the Fair management generally
have worked diligently to make the
Tenth Annual Fair the greatest fair
we have had. The exhibits are said
to be good and the special attrac-
tions in racing, athletic sports and
amusements, as well as the speaking
and parade will make the fair season
lively and attractive. There are
many who have seen neither Mr.
Parker nor Mr. Stubbs but will glad-
ly take advantage of the opportunity.
Quite a number, perhaps, have not
seen the aeroplane soar into the air,
except in the movies. They will now
not only have a chance to see one,
but to take a ride in one if they wish
to pay the fee.

Mr. Morrell, of Covington, took the
blue ribbon at the Tennessee Fair,
for his fine chickens. This shows
that St. Tammany has some good
birds to exhibit, and there are some
fine cups to win, for poultry and
other exhibits.

Fair Cup—For visiting school mak-
ing best showing.
Covington Grocery & Grain Cup—
Best pen chickens, American class.
The St. Tammany Farmer Cup—
For best pen of chickens, Mediter-
ranean class.

American Duroc-Jersey Record As-
sociation Cup—For best boar above
breed, subject to registration.
W. H. Kentel Cup—For best sow.
On display at Surgi Jewelry
Store.

The first three cups will be at
P. E. Smith's Jewelry Store.
One quart of pecans, hickory nuts
or walnuts in glass jars, may be ex-
hibited instead of a peck of each, as
called for in the catalogue and prem-
ium list.
The Fair will offer \$10.00 for the
best display from any one farm, \$5
for second, and \$2.50 for third best,
provided there be that many worthy
entries, in the opinion of the judges.
A lady from D. H. Holmes store,
Stubbs will speak on Saturday, as
Louisiana State University will judge
the culinary work.

The announcement made in the
page advertisement in this issue of
The Farmer, that Mr. Parker will
speak on Saturday, is wrong. Mr.
Parker will speak on Friday. Mr.
Stubbs will speak on Saturday, as
announced.

Shifting now to the engineering
world, we use the term of survey in-
stead of inventory. The Commis-
sion has the task of properly expend-
ing nearly a million dollars of your
money and they have a great road
mileage on which to spend it. They
must first know just what they have
in the way of roads as to their con-
dition, etc. They must know what
and how much is to be done to the
roads; how much dirt is needed and
where it is needed. The surveys or
inventories are now being made to
ascertain this.

Then we hear of State and Federal
aid, two terms which when explain-
ed are very similar to the college
boys scholarship. A boy has a limited
amount of money but wants to go
to college. The parish offers him a
scholarship which will make up his
deficit if it can be had, but he must
first meet certain requirements which
have been previously described and
about which he had nothing to say
in the framing. With State and Fed-
eral aid the parish takes the place
of the boy. Then, too, after having
been out of the state for the past
three years, I come back and find
that the state laws have changed to
where now this work is required by
state law.
I will read to you here from Sec-
tion 7 Act 30 of Extra Session 1919:
"That whenever any road con-
struction is to be let for account of
any road or sub-road district, the
contract whereof will exceed in value
\$2,000, the governing authority or
the supervising board, if one there
be, must determine the character of
road to be constructed, and they
shall proceed to provide through the
parish surveyor, or any other sur-
veyor selected by said board, proper
specifications for the construction of
said road or highway, which speci-
fications before they shall be an-
nounced as the official specifications
of said subdivision as to the charac-
ter of road desired, will receive the
sanction and approval of the Board
of State Engineers through the High-
way Department thereof, and after
the adoption of said specifications
thus approved, shall be advertised

FOOD FOR TURKS ARRIVING ON CAMELS



Under the direction of a French officer this camel transport, carrying load after load of wheat and grain, is being brought into Constantinople, where the food riots are reported to have taken on a serious aspect.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Covington, La., Oct. 3, 1919.
The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in regular session at the courthouse in Covington, La., on the above date with Vice President Dave Evans in the chair, and the following members present: George R. Dutsch, ward 1; H. H. Levy, ward 4; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; Geo. F. Bancks, ward 8, and Wm. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. Fitz-Simons, ward 3; H. W. Woodruff, Jr., ward 9; Berry W. Todd, of ward 7, having resigned. A quorum was declared present.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Levy, who moved its adoption. It was seconded by Mr. Bancks.

Whereas, the citizens of School District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., under special election are now paying a special school tax of five mills, and it now appearing that the said five mill tax is in excess of the amount required for the maintenance of the schools of the said district, and the citizens of said district claiming that a special tax of 2 1/2 mills on the dollar in said district would provide ample and sufficient funds for the proper maintenance of the schools of said district.

Therefore, be it ordained by the St. Tammany Parish School Board, that a special election be and is hereby ordered to be held in School District No. 6 of St. Tammany parish, La., on the 12th day of November, 1919, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said School District entitled to vote thereat, the question of a levy of a

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for bids to do the work according to the plans and specifications prepared.

And again let me read to you a few lines from the Federal law covering the Federal Aid in Public No. 138-6A Congress, Section 6:

"That any State desiring to avail itself of the benefits of this Act shall, by its state highway department, submit to the Secretary of Agriculture project statements setting forth proposed construction of any rural post road or roads therein. If the Secretary of Agriculture approve a project, the state highway department shall furnish to him such surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates therefor as he may require. Provided, however, that the Secretary of Agriculture shall approve only such projects as may be substantial in character and the expenditure of funds hereby authorized shall be applied only to such improvements. Items included for engineering, inspection and unforeseen contingencies shall not exceed ten per centum of the total estimated cost of the work. If the Secretary of Agriculture approve the plans, specifications and estimates, he shall notify the state highway department and immediately certify the fact to the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon set aside the share of the United States payable under this Act on account of such project, which shall not exceed fifty per centum of the total estimated cost thereof. No payment of any money apportioned under this Act shall be made on any project until such statement of the project, and the plans, specifications, and estimates therefor, shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture."

It will be noted here that the law requires that this work be under and through the control of the State Highway Department. This clause is fulfilled in that Mr. Bule deputizes me to represent the State and that my work will be approved by him as of having been made by a regular state employee. The state's staff is limited and this act is necessary in order to expedite this work.

It is intended to make application for Federal aid on some 115 or 120 miles of road and the sooner these applications are in the better the chances are for the aid. This year the state is entitled to about one million dollars, but of course there are other parishes coming in for some of this if they can get in on time. The money not consumed by the end of the fiscal year reverts back to the general fund and is redistributed to all states alike. So it behooves us to rush this matter of the surveys and get in on time for our part; and, for the sake of argument, let us suppose we can get only fifty or a hundred thousand dol-

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF COVINGTON

Covington, La., Oct. 7, 1919.
The town council met in regular session on the above date. Present: Robt. W. Badon, Mayor; A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie, C. E. Schonberg, C. H. Sheffield, Emile Frederick, M. P. Planche. Absent: None.
The minutes of the regular meeting of August 2d and the special meeting of August 9th were read, and on motion of C. E. Schonberg, seconded by C. H. Sheffield, and carried, approved as read.

The reports of the secretary for the months of August and September were read, as follows:

Report for August.	
Receipts:	
Licenses	75.00
Taxes, 1918	42.00
Taxes, 1917	22.43
Taxes, 1916	32.42
Cometary lots	5.00
Fines	72.00
Lights	25.00
Auto tax license	33.80
Street tax	20.00
	\$327.65
Cash on hand July 31.	701.40
	\$1029.05
Disbursements:	
Aug. 2, check to V. Z. young treasurer	626.25
Aug. 8, same	262.63
Aug. 25, same	119.07
Cash on hand Aug. 31.	21.10
	\$1029.05

Report for September.	
Receipts:	
Licenses	475.00
Taxes, 1918	268.56
Taxes, 1917	8.24
Cometary lots	7.50
Fines	20.00
Lights	25.00
Auto licenses	66.56
Sundries	7.40
Costs	.25
	\$878.61
Cash on hand Aug 30.	21.10
	\$899.71
Disbursements:	
Aug. 8, check to V. Z. Young, treasurer	83.96
August 12, same	262.30
August 20, same	199.49
August 22, same	92.40
August 27, same	241.56
	\$879.71
Cash on hand Sept. 30.	20.00
	\$899.71

L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.

It was moved by M. P. Planche, seconded by A. R. Smith, that the reports be received and referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Report of the audit of town books from July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1919, was submitted for examination and accepted.

The bill of the American Audit Company for audit of books, and forms and specifications for new records, was, on motion of H. A. Mackie, seconded by C. H. Sheffield, and carried, ordered paid out of the Special Account Funds.

The bills of Dr. B. B. Warren and Dr. J. F. Bouquet, for professional services on Sept. 20, 1917, inspecting school children, were read. It was moved by A. R. Smith, seconded by H. A. Mackie, that the town council is not responsible for the above bills and that they be not paid. Carried.

The City Attorney was instructed to write Jahneke Navigation Co. in regard to return of certificate of indebtedness No. 2.

Communication of J. J. York, driver of the municipal team, for straight time of six days at \$3.00 per day, rain or fair, was read. On motion, duly seconded, and carried, same was rejected.
There being no further business he council adjourned.
ROBT. W. BADON, Mayor.
L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.

CHEF MENTEUR ROAD MATTER TAKEN UP BY POLICE JURY

Griffith and Wigginton Ap-
pear Before Board
With Request.

ASK RESOLUTIONS BE SENT TO BUIE

Dr. Griffith, F. Salmen and
L. V. Cooley, Jr., Made
Permanent Committee

Covington, La., Oct. 3, 1919.
The police jury met in special session with the following members present: Theo. Dendinger, E. J. Domergue, J. M. Smith, W. H. Davis, E. P. Robert, J. B. Howze, A. J. Bennett, H. N. Fenderson. Absent: Fletcher Crawford, S. K. Cowart.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the Chef Menteur Highway project with the committee from Slidell, composed of J. K. Griffith and F. F. Wigginton, who appeared before the meeting and spoke in the interest of the Chef Menteur-Mississippi State Line Highway, and requested that the State Highway Engineer be sent all resolutions and applications for construction of this road, etc., pertaining to this project, which was done, as is shown by the following:

The following was addressed to Mr. Duncan Bule, State Highway Engineer, New Orleans, La.:

Dear Sir:—We hand you herewith on behalf of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, the following resolution for your consideration:

First—Resolution adopted by the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish at its special session on June 24, 1919, which is self explanatory. Second—Application for construction of State Highway between the Rigolets and Mississippi state line in St. Tammany Parish.

Third—Resolution of Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, passed Oct. 3, 1919, appointing a committee of citizens to secure right-of-way necessary to build a highway to be constructed by the State between the Rigolets and Mississippi state line.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these communications, and oblige,
Yours truly,
ST. TAMMANY POLICE JURY,
F. J. Martindale, Secretary.

On motion of E. J. Domergue, seconded by J. M. Smith, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously carried:

Resolved, That Dr. John K. Griffith, Mr. Fritz Salmen and Mr. L. V. Cooley, Jr., be and they are hereby appointed a permanent committee of three citizens to secure, on behalf of the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, rights-of-way from Rigolets to Mississippi State Line, at a point opposite or nearly opposite Logtown, Miss., necessary for the connection of the New Orleans-Chef Menteur-Mississippi State Line Highway to be built by the State Highway Department of Louisiana.

The Police Jury adjourned to meet at its session Tuesday, October 14, 1919.
J. B. HOWZE, President.
F. J. MARTINDALE, Secretary.
POLICE JURY.

The Police Jury will meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 1919, the meeting advertised for last Tuesday, October 7, having been an error.

F. J. MARTINDALE, Secretary.
position for the bonds was launched. In work of this sort, the mileage should be a direct factor in amount of bonds. That is, the business way to work a proposition of this kind is to get all the funds available, decide on the proper type of pavement required and build that type as far as the money will go. Then when more funds are available extend the system and add more mileage. The fault of the most of the parish work in the state is that people insist on an extensive instead of an intensive system.

"PATTER" BY OUR MADISONVILLE CORRESPONDENT

By D. H. Vinet.

Alabama is noted for the pretty girls that live there. I met one of the first girls in the state, that is, one of the first you run into. Her name was Auto. I think she was from Mobile. She sure was pretty, but there was just one thing about her I didn't like. That was her feet. They were just as long behind as they were in front. You could never tell whether she was going or coming. She was the most bashful young lady I ever met. She would not pass a lumber yard where there was any undressed lumber. She wouldn't look at a band playing if they had a bass drum. She told me she couldn't stand to see any man beat his bear-skin. She never wore undressed kids. She even had pants made for the legs of her dining table. We went out one evening and she exposed her ignorance. We went into a place where they had a soda fountain. I called for an egg phosphate. She said she would take hers scrambled. We went to a theatre. We were sitting in a back seat, when a man came out on the stage and began to sweep it off. All the boys in the house began to holler "Supe."

Why is September Morn the wisest of women? Because they have never been able to get anything on her.

I understand that Covington is going to pass an ordinance to make Fords run on the sidewalks so there will be room in the streets for the automobiles.

Billy Sunday is a great prophet—albeit profit.

Nowadays the weaker sex don't show their love for men like they used to, but they show some things that are just as exciting.

While a crowd of tourists were looking into the crater of Vesuvius and American gentleman remarked, "It looks like h—." An Englishman, hearing the remark, said, "My, how those Americans do travel."

The girls used to hold their skirts up to keep them from getting dirty. Now you see them hold the skirt down in order to keep it from knocking off their hats.

Thursday, October 16th, will be the Opening Day of the St. Tammany Parish Fair, an institution that is of great educational and agricultural value. It is fitting that the occasion be marked by demonstrations of appreciation of its importance. It is therefore requested that stores be closed in the forenoon and that buildings be decorated accordingly.
ROBERT W. BADON, Mayor.
L. A. PERREAND, Secretary.
EYE SHOT OUT.

Wm. Long, colored, living on 28th avenue, Covington, shot himself, Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, while handling a shotgun. The shot tore the left eye out. Dr. Bulloch dressed the wound and then had him sent to the Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Long said it was an accident, but there is a report that a quarrel was heard in the house before the report of the gun. The direction of the shot, however, corroborates Long's statement that it was purely accidental.

Mr. Barclay Smith is visiting his parents in Covington for ten days or so, before returning to his occupation in New Orleans.

WANTED—Man to remove stumps. Apply D. Mahoney, at Postoffice.

Vice President W. E. Morris, of the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call Campaign. The selection is an excellent one.

GIVE ATTENTION TO THIS.
The Women's Division of the St. Tammany Parish Fair Association requests that in all sections throughout the parish where the Parish Chairmen of the different departments have been unable to get the ladies to accept local chairmanship, should there be any one who desires to send exhibits to the Fair, if they will ask them well, address them to Mrs. J. B. Wortham, Chairman of Women's Division, Covington, La., she will be glad to receive them, attend personally to placing them in the proper department, and after the Fair pack them up and return to owner.

The generous donation of all the coffee to be used at the cafeteria and sandwich booth at the Fair, by the Columbia Coffee & Syrup Co., of New Orleans, is greatly appreciated by the Women's Division, and as woman is given to talk as well as select brands of foot stuff for table use, we should remember to talk up the many merits of this coffee and through appreciation of this donation call for the Columbia brand when purchasing coffee for home use, thereby giving them an advertisement that will repay them honorably for their kindness.

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Mr. Davis: There are rumors that the boys out in the surveying party spending the most of their time sitting around and smoking. I would like to hear a statement on that.

Mr. Huckaby: In running a survey line of this nature, the instrument man directs the line of location and the men can only work when the instrument is set on a line, and after the party has worked off a certain distance in advance the instrument has to be moved forward, reset and oriented on the previous station occupied, during which time there is nothing for the chairman and helpers to do.

There is no doubt but that during this time they do sit down and smoke. I have been on jobs where a man would be fired if caught sitting down any time during the day regardless of whether there was anything he could be doing or not, this being done in an effort to promote public sentiment. This practice I have never adopted as I have my doubts as to the benefit derived as compared to the good feeling and good will maintained in the party by allowing the men to be as comfortable as possible when not actually at work.

There is one of these houses in St. Tammany parish. An attempt was made by the Great Southern Lumber Company to put some houses in this section, and one at Covington, but for some reason the correct plans were not used and the house was not built right. Even then they would have succeeded had they been operated rightly, but they were not, consequently were not successful.

The Association of Commerce is going to remodel the house at Covington and supervise the curing of the potatoes this year. The house will be absolutely safe. Farmers will be invited to bring their potatoes and store them until next March. April or May, for twenty cents a bushel. Potatoes will have to be graded according to instructions which the Association will furnish, and the potatoes brought in in crates which the Association will furnish. For further information farmers should write the undersigned.
A man near Amite handled 24 car loads of sweet potatoes last year using the storage house and is remodeling the brick storage building in Amite this year, which will more than double his storage capacity.
KARL TRENN, Secretary.

She said, "They are serving soup. Let's go and get some."

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There is no doubt but that during this time they do sit down and smoke. I have been on jobs where a man would be fired if caught sitting down any time during the day regardless of whether there was anything he could be doing or not, this being done in an effort to promote public sentiment. This practice I have never adopted as I have my doubts as to the benefit derived as compared to the good feeling and good will maintained in the party by allowing the men to be as comfortable as possible when not actually at work.

There is one of these houses in St. Tammany parish. An attempt was made by the Great Southern Lumber Company to put some houses in this section, and one at Covington, but for some reason the correct plans were not used and the house was not built right. Even then they would have succeeded had they been operated rightly, but they were not, consequently were not successful.

The Association of Commerce is going to remodel the house at Covington