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the correct sounds of the vowels and consonants; (2) give special attention to those words that are spelled differently than they sound; (3) give thorough training in clear speaking, for poor pronunciation will lead to poor spelling; (4) give the child thorough training in dictionary study; (5) give attention to the definition of words while we are teaching spelling, because we seldom use a word unless we know the meaning of it.

In my visits to the schools I find that some teachers have failed to make out their schedules, even though they have been repeatedly told that they must do so. In some instances the desk and book cases are not neatly kept, while other teachers fail to keep their registers up to date.

I am urging upon the schools the idea of saving the best of their school work to be placed on exhibition for our parish fair next year.

I cannot close without expressing my appreciation for the many little courtesies shown me by those whom I meet, and especially do I appreciate the co-operation and willingness to take suggestions that is shown by all of the teachers in the parish.

Respectfully submitted,
 MARY H. SUGG.

Spelling Test Results.

School	3	4	5	6	7
Covington	67	77	82	79	91
Slidell	81	68	70	73	84
Madisonville	82	68	74	81	81
Maandeville	86	85	82	93	78
Sun	73	67	58	61	73
Folsom	76	60	46	72	89
Robert	78	85	73	76	..
Lacombe	63	79	73	75	..
Lewisburg	90
Audubon	82	65	44	90	55
Pearl River	65	56	65	77	85
Abita Springs	74	69	70	63	70
Central	68	76	..	80	93
Savannah Branch	51	51	58
Union Grove	0	62	70	88	..
Sand Hill	75	60	90

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 In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the assistance and co-operation given me by each member of your board, and trust that I may always be found deserving of this help.

I beg to remain,
 Yours respectfully,
 ELMER E. LYON,
 Superintendent.

Cash on Hand Feb. 1, 1920.

District No. 1—

Bank balance 359.15
 Warrants outstanding.. 2.24

True balance 256.91

District No. 1 Bond Fund—

True balance 1477.34

Second Ward Special—

True balance 5659.01

District No. 2—

True balance 3945.39

District No. 3 Bond Fund—

True balance 1178.99

District No. 4—

Bank balance 3670.61
 Warrants outstanding.. 49.83

True balance 3620.78

District No. 4 Bond Fund—

True balance 1646.96

Fifth Ward Special—

Bank balance 4190.55
 Warrants outstanding.. 2.17

True balance 4188.38

Fifth Ward Bond Fund—

True balance 1397.42

Fifth Ward Bond Proceeds—

True balance 1.76

Sixth Ward Special—

Bank balance 6696.57
 Warrants outstanding.. 19.48

True balance 6676.89

District No. 8—

True balance 2055.55

District No. 9—

Bank balance 4825.70
 Warrants outstanding.. 104.00

True balance 4721.70

District No. 10—

True balance 1119.46

District No. 10 Bldg. Fund—

True balance 970.52

District No. 11—

True balance 330.13

District No. 11 Bond Fund—

True balance 278.56

Oak Grove School—

True balance 97.25

Sun Special—

True balance 225.58

Library Fund—

True balance 381.09

Slidell High School—

True balance 232.20

Slidell Special—

True balance 3332.14

Text Book Fund—

True balance 4.22

General Fund—

Bank balance 6521.42
 Warrants outstanding.. 730.20

True balance 5791.22

Madisonville Colored School—

True balance 1028.11

Covington Colored School—

True balance 161.38

Sand Hill School—

True balance 12.27

Sun Colored School—

True balance 1129.96

Hay Hollow School—

True balance 150.91

Total bank balance 53022.43

Total outstanding warrants 902.22

Total true balance 52120.21

PLANT QUICK-MATURING FRUIT. DO SO BEFORE SPRING SETS IN.

(by Dr. W. L. Stevenson)

Different varieties of figs, mandarines, quinquats, peaches and dwarf pears planted in the same garden will produce a succession of crops over a long period. They do well locally. In the language of a farm demonstration agent, "this soil is the best yet for figs and grapes." Young trees are liable to damage from frost and insects, but the damage does not extend beyond the ground, and the old root system brings new trees into bearing in a few months.

Hardy, quick-maturing fruits recommended are: Plums, persimmons, mulberries, blackberries, pomegranates, crab-apples, grapes, scuppermons, strawberries and raspberries. To illustrate their less known uses, the Tuskegee Experiment Station has issued a bulletin entitled, "43 Ways to Save the Plum Crop," and the federal government shows methods of drying, salting and preserving persimmons, and of making preserves, wine, pickles and vinegar from pomegranates, grapes and scuppermons. Other uses are as short-cake, soup, lozenges, dumplings and short-cake.

The despoiled mulberry is a valuable food for chickens and hogs, and a splendid filler for blackberry preserves and pies, as it can be added to the more costly blackberries in large proportion without altering their taste or appearance.

Failure with the raspberry locally is general, but the secret is, "much and never cultivate." Get particular and plant this luscious and profitable fruit.

Most plants grow from cuttings, and no acquaintance growing them will refuse to give you some. There is here no item of cost. Plant a few. Also get some rooted plants. Of pears, the Chinese Sand is the most blight-resistant. Of Japan persimmons, the Tane-Nashi is the only one that will fruit without the near presence of a special pollen bearing tree.

THE GREATER AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Baton Rouge, Feb. 17.—Prosperity and financial success are the things that most people are striving for at this time, and this should also apply to our ambition for our state. Louisiana can never measure up to the high standing she should have by right of her wonderful natural resources until some provision is made for up-to-date agricultural development. The Greater Agricultural Association is now working out plans for a state-wide educational campaign. A Greater Agricultural College will mean the proper agricultural training and inspiration of our young men and women, resulting ultimately in prosperous and happy rural homes, good roads, better schools, and the real and lasting improvement of every part of the state. The Association is promised the cooperation of the Commercial Associations, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, Women's Clubs, ministers and traveling men. We are going to have a Greater Agricultural College, but we want the backing of the entire state in this important enterprise. Help us arouse the interests of the children in agriculture and stock raising; the interest of the women in the splendid living conditions made possible by scientific agriculture; the wonderful results obtained by the vocational agricultural schools throughout Louisiana in the last year point the way to what may be obtained through a Greater Agricultural

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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C. H. Culbertson to St. Tammany Naval Stores Co., 718 acres in sec 35 tp 8 range 13 and in sections 2 and 39 tp 9 range 13, \$6131.61.

H. R. Lochte to W. A. Lochte, the Alexander property on Military road, \$3000.00.

J. J. Dubuisson to Firmals Durham, w hf of lot 16 square A, and improvement, Slidell, \$12,000.

Walter Parker to F. W. Fatheree, land in Talisheek, \$400.

E. A. Crawford to F. W. Fatheree, 17.75 acres sec 15 tp 6 range 13, \$300.00.

Philip C. Smith et als to W. R. Smith, lot 8 square 18, and improvements, \$800.

Mrs. Mary Beck to Annie Denham, lots 11, to 20 square 87, Sulphur Springs, \$400.

E. J. Frederick to Frederick-Blanchard Lumber Co., s hf of sw qr and sw qr of se qr sec 24 tp 7 range 10, \$7500.00.

John G. Lacroix to Mrs. Sarah F. Petzsch, square 1607 and improvements, New Covington, \$3000.

WELFARE WORK AND PUBLIC NURSE OF RED CROSS.

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ing conducted. The posters must all be in by the last day of April. Various prizes will be offered as a reward to the successful contestant. The picture of the winner, together with a photograph of the poster, will be published in The St. Tammany Farmer. This will be interesting work. The various posters will also be exhibited at the Parish Fair, when the winner will be decided.

SCHOOL BOARD.

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respond with the domestic science work for the girls.

The Lewisburg and Mandeville schools in the fourth ward are running smoothly. I believe that we should build a school house for the colored people at Mandeville just as soon as possible.

In the fifth ward the schools are running smoothly, and the same may be said for the sixth, seventh and eighth wards.

In the ninth ward I have again been able to open the Bonfouca school by employing two new teachers. The Slidell high school is working successfully, although the blackboards at the school are causing trouble, and I have ordered new black board slating for them. In the Bonfouca school I forgot to mention that new shades and a new teacher's desk and chair have been purchased.

In the tenth ward the Waldheim school is running smoothly, although the transfer operating from the Military Road has met with a great deal of trouble during the past month because of the bad roads. In Abita Springs the teachers are doing as well as perhaps we can expect in the unsatisfactory building. Investigations have been made by the tenth ward school director, the Abita school trustees, and your superintendent, with a view of finding out what the probable cost would be for a new school building at Abita which will satisfy the demand. We have gotten estimates from two architect firms in New Orleans and I may say we are convinced that such a building as we all want cannot be built for less than \$30000 to \$35000. It is now up to the people of Abita and the tenth school district to decide whether they care to authorize the issuing of bonds to that amount.

I would like to recommend that the school board appoint the directors of the fourth and seventh wards, together with some third party, as a committee to represent the board in selling the timber on section 25, tp 8 south range 12 east. I find by reading Section 539 of Act 120 of 1916, as amended by Act 142 of 1918, the parish board has the right to sell timber on 16th section land by resolution of the board without the authority of a vote by the electors of

the township in which the lands are located.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that we have been paying our part of the Assessor's salary as soon as the rate of commission and the amount due the Assessor was determined upon and reported by the State Supervisor of Public Accounts. Now, you understand that experience has shown us that erroneous, or double assessments, are sure to appear to a certain amount, and when we pay the commission upon the face value of the school tax assessed, we are undoubtedly paying a commission on a larger amount than we will receive. In examining Act 120 of 1916, I find it reads as follows: "Be it further enacted, etc. That the assessors and tax collectors shall receive fees allowed by law for assessing and collecting taxes on only the poll, and other taxes, actually collected. The School Board shall pay no commission to assessor or tax collector on poll, or other taxes, not actually collected and paid over to the school treasurer."

In view of this fact it would appear that we should pay to the assessor his commission in monthly payments at a rate decided upon by the Supervisor of Public Accounts, and if, at the end of the tax collecting period, a balance is still due him for his year's salary, it should be prorated and paid by all of the taxed bodies that he has done work for in any event, I believe that this matter should be thoroughly investigated in order that we may be able to know what to do next year.

The Department of Superintendents of the National Educational Association will hold its annual meeting in the city of Cleveland from February 23 to 28. This meeting you remember, was held last year in Chicago. I quote the following paragraph from a letter recently received from State Supt. Harris:

"There are two educational meetings which, in my judgment, every superintendent in the state should, if possible, attend every year—our annual conference of state and parish officials, and the National Department of Superintendents. I hope that you will find it possible to attend the Cleveland meeting, and should you decide to do so, you should arrange immediately for hotel reservations."

As to whether your board is in a position to have the superintendent attend this meeting must be decided by yourselves.

I herewith submit the Elementary School Supervisor's report: Elmer E. Lyon, Supt., Covington, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:—I beg to submit the following as my report as the Elementary School Supervisor for the period from January 9 to date.

During this time I have visited the following schools: Central Audubon, Pearl River, Slidell, Sun, Lacombe, Robert, Ridge, Talisheek, Folsom, Ramsay, Lewisburg, Mandeville, Covington, Savannah Branch, Sand Hill, Union Grove. In some of these schools I have spent only two or three hours, while in others I have spent three days. In all schools I have given the Ayer's spelling test and the results are shown in the tabulation accompanying this report. This test begins with the second year and is supposed to contain the most common words in the English language; they are supposed to be mastered first, as they are more often used in writing. The question of economy of time is, perhaps, the most important thing that the rural school teacher with many grades has to meet, and for this reason the problem of teaching spelling with a minimum expenditure of time deserves the very best thought of school people. No subject can be made a real success unless life, enthusiasm and interest are aroused in the pupil. We often find that spelling is being taught simply by assigning to the class a list of words to study, without calling attention to the peculiar difficulties of various words in the assignment. Teachers should call the pupils attention to the sound of the letters and show how this sound may be of material assistance in the matter of learning how to spell. Perhaps this may be summed up under the following five headings: (1) Give the child a thorough training in phonics, because many words are spelled as they sound and for that reason the child should know

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this standing timber be sold, and

Whereas, by Section 59 of Act 120 of the session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of 1916, as amended by Act 140 of the session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of 1918, this board is specially authorized to sell timber on 16th section lands without the authority of a vote of the electors of the township, therefore be it

Resolved, That Mr. I. H. Keller, school board director from the seventh ward, be hereby appointed a special committee to represent this board in the advertising for sale, and in the selling of this standing timber, to the best interests of the parish, with instructions to report at each meeting of the board such actions as they may have taken.

Upon roll call all members voted in the affirmative.

Moved by Mr. Talley, seconded by Mr. Keller, that the trustees of the Progress school be authorized and instructed to have a shed built at the Progress school for the benefit of the principal, and teachers in the teacherage at that school.

Carried.

Mr. Evans reported that the patrons of the Central school had subscribed the amount of \$324 toward the cost of driving a flowing well on their school grounds, and he asked that the school board appropriate enough from the sixth ward special tax fund, when put with this subscription from the patrons, to pay for the expenses of the well as requested. Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Talley, that Mr. Evans and the Superintendent be appointed as a committee to represent the parish board in attending to all business matters as may be necessary in having a flowing well driven at the Central school. It is understood that the contract for this work shall not be let until after the above mentioned \$324 has been collected and turned over to the school board, and that the cash to be advanced by the parish school board shall be taken from the sixth ward special tax fund.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Banks, that \$2000.00 be taken from the fourth ward special maintenance fund and set aside for the purpose of purchasing a site, and building a public school house, for the colored children of the town of Madisonville. Upon roll call the following voted in the affirmative: O'Keefe, Levy, Talley, Evans, Keller, Banks and Oswald. Those voting in the negative: None.

Moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Oswald, that the superintendent be authorized to secure an additional teacher for the Onward and Pearl River schools, and authority also be given to rent buildings for the use of these schools is necessary.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Banks, that the superintendent and president be authorized and instructed to take such action as may be necessary to get the contractor who repaired the Folsom school house roof recently to fulfill the conditions of his contract by repairing the roof so that it will not leak for two years.

Carried.

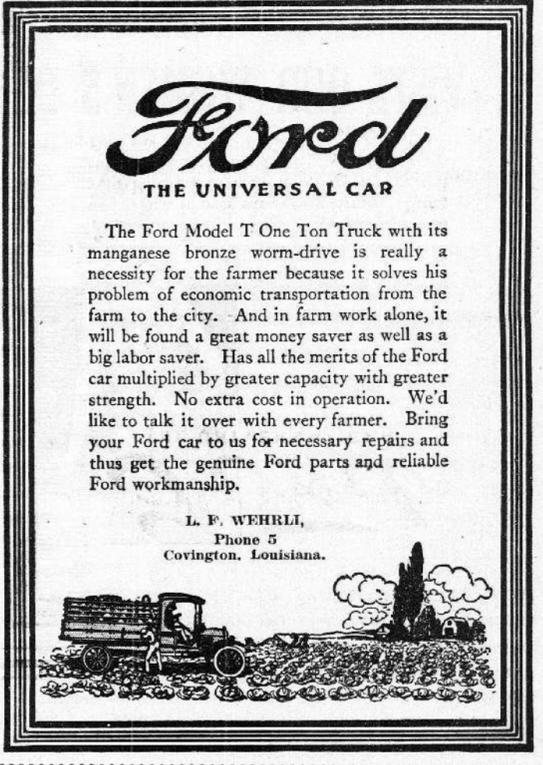
Moved by Mr. Talley, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the following be appointed as trustees for the Progress school: S. E. Fauntleroy, Ben. Williams, Ira Fauntleroy.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe, that Mr. Eugene Equinance be paid the sum of \$5.00 for the operating of the Lewisburg-Mandeville school transfer two extra trips during the month ending December 19, in taking the children to a school entertainment held at the Mandeville school, and that this amount be taken from the fourth ward special three mill tax fund.

Carried.

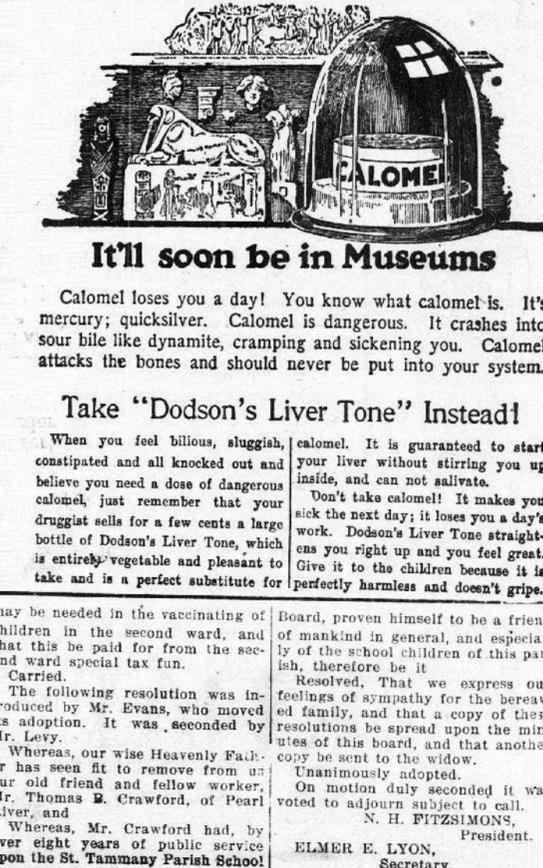
Moved by Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Keller, that the superintendent buy such smallpox vaccine as



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Board, proven himself to be a friend of mankind in general, and especially of the school children of this parish, therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our feelings of sympathy for the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this board, and that another copy be sent to the widow.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion duly seconded it was voted to adjourn subject to call.

N. H. FITZSIMONS,
President.
ELMER E. LYON,
Secretary.