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DRAINAGE ONLY KEY TO SUCCESS ON RICE FARM SAYS PLANCHE

Experience In Wet Land An Object Lesson In His Own Farm Work.

WITH IT SUCCESS, WITHOUT, FAILURE

Drainage Appeals to Him As a Wonderful Thing For St. Tammany.

Covington, La., Aug. 25, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

I am fully in favor of drainage.

Being born and raised in St. Tammany parish, with all my interests centered here, it is only natural that I should like to see her prosper, therefore, I give to that wonderful project — "drainage" — my full endorsement.

As a boy on my father's farm, I can well remember what great trouble he had to harvest rice crops, due to low lands and the heavy rains that are so frequent in this part of the country. To save his crop from utter ruin, I have seen him bail every bundle of rice. What work that was only one who has used the same process could appreciate. I can remember how we boys, after a heavy rain, would take any kind of old raft, pull it over to the big road near Ramsay and go sailing down it as far as the Mile Branch. Drainage was the only question that would have solved our trouble. But back in those days drainage was little spoken of and had not been put to the test as it has to-day. The consequences were we had to abandon our farm.

I want to call your attention, right here, to Mr. Patrick's place near the Ramsay road, formerly known as "Mud River." It is a good example of what partial drainage will do. Several years ago when Mr. Schultz was a member of the Police Jury he proposed cutting a ditch 8 feet wide and 18 inches deep. He asked my opinon of such an undertaking and as I thought it was the only practical thing to do I advised him to carry out his plans and gave him every assistance I possibly could. In a short time he had a well drained piece of land on which Mr. Patrick to-day can plant and raise a good crop. A greater benefit could have been derived if the ditching had continued, but just about that time Mr. Schultz's term as a member of the Police Jury expired and nothing more was said about it.

After many years the old feeling for "farm life" returned, and I thought I would give it another trial. The same difficulties were again encountered and my success was little more than that of my father before me. Conditions had been somewhat improved, owing to several large ditches being cut by the parish similar to the one made by Mr. Schultz, but not enough to do much good. The question is, shall our sons be doomed to the same fate, if the farm is to be his calling in life? Shall we trust upon his young shoulders the same drawback that we have carried for life? My answer is NO! What is yours?

I am not as well versed in drainage as some are, but I know enough from actual experience to convince me that drainage is the only logical thing for St. Tammany parish—until that important step is taken we cannot expect to succeed any more than in the past.

We have the opportunity to-day to make or mar our future. Shall we remain in the rut we have been in for the past fifty years, and more, or shall we awaken to the fact that success, through drainage, is knocking at our door ready to enter and distribute among us an equal share of this world's riches.

The key-note to success throughout the West has been drainage and irrigation. If thousands of acres of their barren waste lands can be converted into beautiful productive fields by the same methods they are urging us to adopt, why should we hesitate in accepting the same privilege when our beautiful Southland boasts of more advantages than our Western neighbors?

Hon. James Cox, Democratic nominee for president of the United States, in his acceptance speech, stressed the great need of drainage and irrigation. He said common prudence would suggest that we increase to our utmost our acres of tillable land. There are still vast empires in extent in our country performing no service to humanity. It is only through such projects as drainage and irrigation, he says, that will convert them into prosperous farms. Every dollar spent will yield compensating results.

With words of such encouragement as these let us all get together and put old St. Tammany on the "map of Progress."

Yours truly,
MAURICE P. PLANCHE.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all thoes who untiringly helped up with the care of our sick wife and mother, Mrs. J. E. Davis, and especially do we thank Bro. Martin and Bro. Toney for reilgious services rendered at her bedside and funeral.

HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

NEGRO BUILDING ON THE FAIR GROUNDS IS ASSURED

Influential Colored Citizens Get Together and Form Plan.

TO RAISE $500 FOR BUILDING

Committees Appointed and Plans Mapped Out for the Campaign.

The Board of Directors of the St. Tammany Parish Fair Association, of which President J. H. Warner, Mr. H. A. Mackie and Mayor Root, W. Badon are members, conferred with Prof. T. F. Dickerson, of Madisonville, Dr. J. L. Johnson, of Slidell; J. R. Vaughan of Mandeville; Mrs. Delphine Heiser, of Madisonville, and Rev. I. Gilchrist, Rev. B. J. Bell, Prof. V. C. Thorton, Mrs. Josephine Moore, Miss Marion Bell, of Covington, and Peter Foster, of Indian Village, regarding the building to be erected for the colored people of St. Tammany parish.

The member of the board explained to the colored representatives that a separate building was necessary for the following reasons:

1. The persent buildings were too small to house all the exhibits.
2. The board realized that the colored people ought to have a place to amuse themselves with music, games and a restaurant.
3. That the colored people will be free to visit all exhibition booths.
4. That said building is to be erected at once near the race track and aviation field with a campus for ball games and other outdoor amusements.
5. That this building will be controlled jointly by the Board of Directors and the colored building committee.
6. Thaat the colored people of the parish are to raise $500 and the Board of Directors will have the building and grounds ready for the fair.

The colored representatives expressed their appreciation to President Warner, Mr. Mackie and Mayor Badon for the interest, past and present, that the board had taken in the colored people, and pledged themselves to raise the $500 as soon as possible.

The colored committeemen organized with Prof. T. F. Nickerson, chairman; Prof. V. C. Thornton, secretary, and Rev. B. J. Bell, treasurer.

It was moved by Prof. Dickerosn, seconded by Rev. Bell, that this organization will be known as the Colored Division of the St. Tammany Parish Fair Association, and that a membership fee of one dollar be levied. Carried.

Moved by Prof. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that each representative present be appointed chairman of the local committee in his community, and that the local committee be empowered to raise funds for the association. Carried.

The following committees were appointed:

Building and Grounds—Rev. I. Gilchrist, Prof. V. C. Thornton and Rev. B. J. Bell.

Agriculture—Pete Foster, Robert Brown, Isiaah Penn, Steven Pierce, Charlie Beard, Wallace Pichon, Hy Williams, A. Izidore, J. R. Vaughan, Joe Taylor, Francois Flot, Antoine Pierre and Foster Green.

The following committees will be appointed in a few days: Committees on Textile, Culinary and Live Stock.

The following members paid one dollar: Pete Foster, Prof. T. F. Dickerson, Rev. B. J. Bell, Rev. I. Gilchrist, Dr. J. L. Johnson, J. R. Vaughan, John Heisser, V. C. Thornton, Mrs. Josephine Moore and Miss Marion Bell.

Seventy cents was collected for stationery.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned subject to call.

V. C. THORNTON,
Secretary.

TEACHERS IN COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

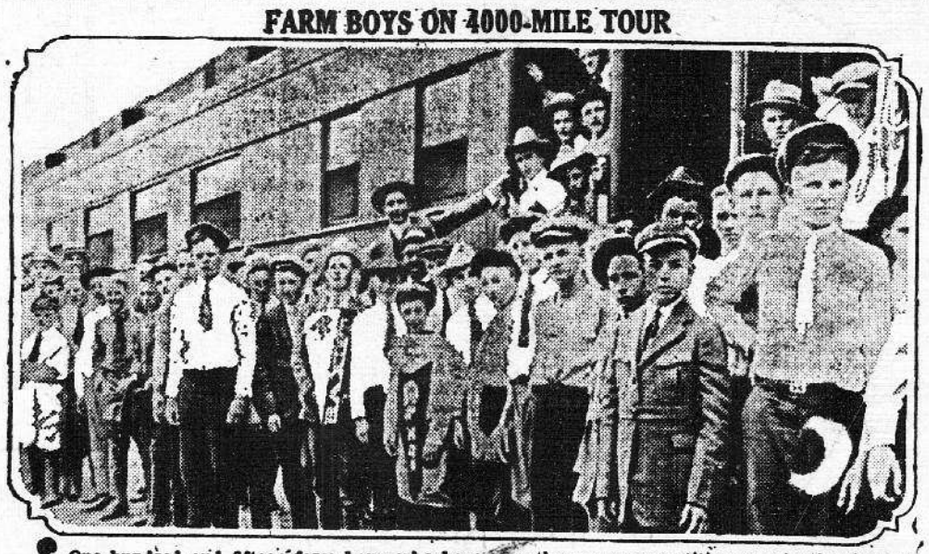
Following are the teachers in the Covington High Schol for the 1920-1921 session:

Prof. A. J. Park, principal; Miss Maime Paysinger, Science and Mathematics; Miss Lois Musick, English and Latin; Miss Mina King, English and Latin; Miss Ruth Burns, Home Economics; Miss Pearl Grantham, 7th grade; Miss Nettie Sojourner, 7th grade; Miss Mabel Burch, 6th grade; Miss Edna Close, 5th grade; Miss Anna Elichal, 5th grade; Miss Christien FitzSimons, 4th grade; Mrs. V. Z. Young, 3d grade; Miss Eliza Stockton, 2d grade; Miss Laurance Derveloy, 1st grade; Mrs. E. D. Evans, 1st grade.

MRS. FLORENCE L. DAVIS.

Died, at Pearl River, La., Mrs. Florence L. Davis aged 64 years, on Wednesday, August 18, 1920, after an illness of three weeks. She has been an invalid for eight years, and in that time has not walked a step. She trusted in God, realizing that He would care for her. She was a devoted wife and untiring mother. To know her was to love her. She was laid to rest in the Audubon Cemetery on Thursday, August 19, at 3 p. m., where a host of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect.

FARM BOYS ON 4000-MILE TOUR



One hundred and fifteen farm boys, who have recently won a competitive examination in agricultural subjects, were rewarded with a 4000-mile tour through the principal farming regions of the country. The trip took them through New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Washington, ending at College Station, Tex. The tour was financed by the business men of Texas. Its purpose was to broaden the viewpoint of the future farmer boy and to enable him to meet agriculture problems with more intelligence.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS OF AUG. 20

Covington, La., Aug. 20, 1920.

The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in regular session at the courthouse in Covington, La., on the above date with the president, N. H. FitzSimons, in the chair, and the following members present: T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. FitzSimons, ward 3; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; I. H. Keller, ward 7; Geo. Banks, ward 8; W. J. Sebastian, ward 9; Wm. Oswald, ward 10. Those absent were H. H. Levy, ward 4; Geo. R. Dutsch, ward 1.

Upon motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Oswald, the minutes of the preceding meeting were accepted as published in The St. Tammany Farmer, the official journal.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. O'Keefe, seconded by Mr. Keller, and unanimously carried, to-wit:

Be it resolved, That the St. Tammany Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., now proceed to open the ballot boxes used at the special election held in School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., on August 18, 1920, examine and count the votes cast at said election contained in said ballot boxes, both in number and amount; examine and canvass the returns made by the commissioners and clerks serving at said election as shown by the tally sheet, poll list and compiled statements of the votes made by said commissioners and clerks presiding at said election; all in accordance with a resolution of this board ordering said election dated July 9, 1920.

The School Board then proceeded in the presence of three competent witnesses to count the ballots contained in the boxes used at said election and examined the same as to number and amounts, inspected the statement of voters made by the commissioners and clerks presiding at said election, and after said inspection, examination and canvassing were made the following resolution was introduced by Mr. Oswald, duly seconded by Mr. Talley, and unanimously carried, to-wit:

Be it remembered, that we, the School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., acting as a board of commissioners for the election held in and for the School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La. on August 18, 1920, met to-day in open session at the office of the Parish School Board in the Town of Covington, Louisiana, at the hour of 10 a. m., for the purpose of counting the votes cast at said election and examining the same, both as to number and amount, and inspecting and examining the same both as to number and amount, and inspecting and examining and compiling the returns sent in by the commissioners and clerks presiding at said election in said School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., on the 18th day of August, 1920, for and against the proposition submitted to the property tax payers, qualified as electors under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, conformably to a resolution adopted on the 9th day of July, 1920, by the St. Tammany Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La.

The meeting having been regularly called to order by N. H. FitzSimons, president, and all members being present except Geo. R. Dutsch, ward 1, and H. H. Levy, ward 4, did in open session and in the presence of Alex Taylor and F. F. Wigginton and J. W. Blackwell, three competent witnesses, and in the presence of as many others as chose to attend the examination, inspection and compilation of the returns of said election; and having ascertained from said inspection and compilation that the votes in number and amount cast at the aforesaid election held in School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., for and against the proposition submitted to the taxpayers of said School District No. 2 by a resolution of the School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., adopted July 9, 1920, to-wit:

Proposition to levy a three mill tax on all property subject to taxation in School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., for a period of ten years for the purpose of giving additional aid to the public schools in said School District No. 2.

For, or in favor of said proposition there were cast Fifty-two (52) votes, representing a taxable assessed property valuation of forty-three thousand four hundred and forty-seven ($43,447) dollars.

Against, or in opposition to said proposition there were cast twenty-seven (27) votes, representing a taxable assessed valuation of forty-two thousand four hundred and sixty-one ($42,461) dollars.

And after counting the votes, inspecting and exaamining the same as to number and amount, and having inspected and examined and canvassed the poll list, talley sheets and compiled statements of votes made by the commissioners and clerks presiding at said election and compiling the returns of said election we replaced in the ballot boxes the ballots, the poll lists, talley sheets and compiled statements of votes cast at said election and after having sealed the same we deposited the boxes with the secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., and having satisfied ourselves that the returns made by the commissioners and clerks presiding at said election are true and correct, and that the proposition submitted to the taxpayers qualified as electors under the law and Constitution of the State of Louisiana to vote at said election held in School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., on August 18, 1920, was carried by a majority of votes in number and amount of assessed valuation of the property taxpayers voting at said election.

The St. Tammany Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., acting as commissioners of the aforesaid election held in School District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., in open session assembled as aforesaid, hereby declare that the said proposition submitted to the property taxpayers of School District No. 2 by a resolution of the St. Tammany School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., adopted on the 9th day of July, 1920, as aforesaid, is carried, as evidenced by the compilation of the votes as hereinabove set forth, and having made public proclamation of the above resolution we have closed this process verbal of the compilation of the votes as hereinabove set forth at the aforesaid election in number and amount, which is made in triplicate, one copy of which the secretary is oredred to file with the Secretary of the State of Louisiana another copy with the Clerk of Court of the Parish of St. Tammany, La., and the third copy to deposit in the archives of the office of the St. Tammany Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Tammany, La.

In evidence whereof, we, the president of said board, and the members thereof, have signed this process verbal on the 20th day of August, 1920, now in regular session held at the courthouse in the town of Covington, La. St. Tammany parish, in the presence of the aforesaid three competent witnesses, who have signed and witnessed this process verbal with the president and members of the said board.

Signed:
N. H. FITZSIMONS,
Third Ward and President.
T. J. O'KEEFE,
Second Ward.
W. W. TALLEY,
Fifth Ward.
DAVE EVANS,
Sixth Ward.
ISOM H. KELLER,
Seventh Ward.
GEO. F. BANCKS,
Eighth Ward.
W. J. SEBASTIAN,
Ninth Ward.
W. OSWALD,
Tenth Ward.

Witnesses:
ALEX TAYLOR.
F. F. WIGGINTON.
J. W. BLACKWELL.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, it was voted to adjourn for dinner until 1:30 p. m.

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BOGUE FALAYA COMMISSION REPORTS

Covington, La., Aug. 24, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the transactions of the new Park Commission, with a request that it be published in The St. Tammany Farmer for the information of the general public, the real owner of the Bogue Falaya Park and Pavilion.

Respectfully,
BOGUE FALAYA PARK COMMISSION,
Per A. G. Maylie, Sec.

Receipts.

F. J. Heintz, old depot fund	400.00
F. J. Heintz, donations from the public	416.60
A. V. Smith, balance old Park Commissioon	221.61
Dr. W. L. Stevenson, for old lumber	61.80
B. P. Fontan, pavilion rental	12.50
Daughters of Isabella, pavilion rental	5.00
Druids, pavilion rental	12.50
W. P. U., net receipts of "Manless Weding"	236.17
Total receipts	1366.18
Advanced by the town of Covington from general fund to meet incurred obligations, to be returned from the special fund	1687.51
	$3053.69

Expenditures.

T. Roscoe, labor, building pavilion	603.00
Smith Hdw. Co., lumber and material	1213.35
B. Commenge, galvanized roofing and laying same	482.00
W. W. Carre Lbr. Co., lumber	373.92
L. T. Ragan, wiring pavilion and lamps	117.60
Geo. Lasseigne, labor on pavilion and grounds	34.82
R. L. Aubert Co., insurance	97.50
Pechon & Lamar, laying pipe and material	115.00
St. Tammany Ice & Mfg. Co., electric globes	15.60
Total expenditures	$3053.69

The following have donated concrete benches or swings:

Mayor Robt. W. Badon, Lawrence M. Bourgeois, Covington Bank & Trust Co., Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Walter Galatas, Dr. G. R. Tolson, J. A. Domergue, Covington Grocery & Grain Co., Harry Piguet, S. J. Newman, H. J. Smith's Sons, Methodist Sunday School, Episcopal Sunday School, Presbyterian Sunday School, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge No. 188, F. & A. M., Bogue Falaya Grove No. 21 U. A. O. D., Women's Progressive Union, C. E. Schonberg, Burns Furniture Company, Mackie Pine Products Co.

FOR THE COMMUNITY HOUSE.

Denver, Col., Aug. 20, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

We received your valuable paper in which we see you good people have converted the M. C. B. Library into a Community House. This is what Mrs. Margie has been advocating for a long time and she is highly elated over this undertaking and wishes to say to you good people upon her return she will do all in her power to push things along. Inclosed you will find $10.00 which please turn over to the proper person.

We have been here in Denver about fifteen days and will leave here Sept. 12th for Ft. Smith, Ark., to spend about ten days with our son, Dr. H. H. Smith, then home.

Hoping everything is lovely with you and yours, we are,

Yours truly,
MR. & MRS. H. H. SMITH.

FOR ABITA SPRINGS FANCY WORKERS.

Abita Springs fancy workers will no doubt carry off many prizes at the Annual Pasish Fair to be held in Covington in October. I have been appointed to receive entries for the ladies of Abita Springs and vicinity in the fancy work department, and shall take personal care of all the entries made through me.

Please prepare your very best entries and send them to my home in Abita Springs.

MRS. O. W. LUECKE.

NOTICE.

Extract from minutes of meeting of police jury of August 10, 1920.

It was moved by C. M. Poole, seconded by M. P. Schneider, that all bills must be sent in to the office of the police jury not later than four days previous to the regular meeting day, as it delays the meetings when bills are brought in later, and especially when they are brought in on meeting day, it makes confusion and likely errors in the secretary's reports as they have to be ready before the police jury meets for business, and under no circumstances will any bills be paid coming in after the above mentioned time, but will be filed to be paid the following meeting, bills brought in by officials not excepted.

Carried.

F. J. MARTINDALE
Secretary.

POITEVENT SAYS NOT SPOKESMAN FOR TIMBER INTERESTS

Quotes Letter to Show He Was Protected In Plan of the Districts.

DON'T APPROVE DRAINAGE NOW

Expects to Stump and Sell Land In Near Future. Not to Reforest.

New Orleans, Aug. 24, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

Dear Sir:—It would appear from letters and statements published in your paper, that the timber interests, and particularly the Poitevent & Favre Lumber Company, are being held responsible for the recent defeat of the proposed drainage project in St. Tammany parish. It was our idea to ignore these statements and communications, but as each issue of your paper continues connecting us with this matter, and in order to set the facts straight before the general public, we wish to make the following statement:

In your issue of July 31 you published, on your front page, an open letter in which Mr. Eugene Arnett, of Oklahoma, is quoted as having made the statement that I was acting as "spokesman" for the timber interests of St. Tammany parish. Any statement that I represented or was the "spokesman" of the timber interests of St. Tammany parish is without foundation. Mr. Arnett called at our office in New Orleans in order to discuss drainage in St. Tammany parish, and I distinctly told Mr. Arnett, when he asked for an expression of the views of the timber interests of St. Tammany parish, that I did not represent the timber interests of St. Tammany parish, and that I could only speak for the Poitevent & Favre Lumber Company. If I had been "spokesman" of the timber interests of this parish, why should Mr. Arnett have called on the other timber interests in order to secure their co-operation and support of his plan for drainage?

Mr. Arnett further assured me that they would either leave our lands entirely out of the drainage districts, or that they would put them in separate drainage districts, and assist us in securing the appointment of commissioners who were satisfactory to us. These statements were confirmed in the following letter and other letters, which we received from Mr. W. E. Moorriss, secretary of a committee of the St. Tammany Progressive League, which committee was sponsoring this drainage project.

Covington, La., July 15, 1920.

Mr. John Poitevent, Poitevent & Favre Lbr. Co., New Orleans.

Dear Mr. Poitevent:—Mr. Arnett will deliver to you personally Friday morning a copy of the ordinance passed by the Police Jury on the 13th inst., together with a map showing the 25 drainage districts thereby designated.

The districts named Great Southern, Pineland and Chinchuba, so far as we have been able to ascertain, contain practically all the growing timber belonging to the three large lumber corporations operating in this parish. If in checking over the map or descriptions it is ascertained that you have growing timber not included in the three districts aforesaid, please so advise, and at the next regular meeting of the Police Jury, as per understanding with them, we will change the lines to protect the property of yourself or any other timber owner whose interests are to any extent jeopardized by the arrangement of districts as now designated.

The commitee in charge of this work is absolutely sincere in an unanimous endeavor to measure its relations with the timber interests by the golden rule; yet, if through lack of knowledge of your interests, as you see the situation, our plans in any respect fail to meet your desires, we wish you would say so with full assurance that we will co-operate with you in either of the following plans:

First—Organization of the districts containing growing timber with Commissioners of your own selection (thereby assuring your control of your districts so that they may remain undrained as long as you wish).

Second—Rescission of the action of the Police Jury as to the districts in which you are vitally interested.

We hereby place ourselves on record as recommending the former plan. However, we propose to respect your desires whatsoever they may be and to that end it may be entirely unnecessary for you to at any expense whatever to protect your personal interests, which are so considerable that we want you to be assured that they are also the interests of every proper thinking citizen of the parish.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) W. E. MORRISS,
Secretary.

You can therefore see that the Poitevent & Favre Lbr. Co's. lands are fully protected by those who are advocating drainage, and therefore they have nothing to fear from the establishment of drainage, other than the reflex action that would have followed from the carrying out of such a project.

The Poitevent & Favre Lbr. Co. believes that the interests of the large and small land holders, in a matter of this kind, are identical, and what affects the one affects the other, and all of the small as well as the large interests, should have been consulted by Mr. Arnett and their views obtainied and their rights considered and protected before any action was taken. This was not done.

We are opposed to the drainage project covering the entire parish, as a large portion of our parish needs no drainage, and this would be placing the burden of taxes on some of our citizens, without any resulting benefits. And, we are opposed to drainage, at this time, of the other portions of the parish for many and obvious reasons—among them being the fact that the drainage districts were laid out by almost a total stranger to this parish, without surveys being made, lines run or levels taken; that the people, as a whole, were not consulted as to their views in the matter; that we are still in the shadow of a great war, and the Government is opposed to the launching of any projects at this time; that the bonds could not be sold, as required by law, except at a heavy discount, which would be in violation of the law, in order to make funds available for the carrying out of this project; that, even if the funds were available the necessary machinery and supplies for carrying out of such work are almoost unpurchaseable.

If we had drainage throughout the parish, it would cost over eleven million ($11,000,000) dollars, according to the estimate made by Mr. Frank J. Coleman, a drainage engineer of national reputation. And, then, there would have to be a maintenance tax, even on a gravity system, of approximately two hundred and seventy-five thousand ($275,000) dollars per year, and each year the taxpayer would have to pay this tax to maintain the system and a drainage tax to provide for the interest on the bonds and a sinking fund to retire the same. This would be true, whether our lands were in cultivation or not. We believe that the representations that are being made that by having drainage we would increase the value of our lands from one hundred and fifty ($150) dollars to two hundred ($200) dollars, or more, per acre, are misleading and visionary. If this were true, why is it that we have thousands of acres of land, well drained, a large portion of which is under cultivation, which can be bought for twenty-five ($25) dollars, or perhaps even less, per acre?

Now a word in regard to the policy of the Poitevent & Favre Lbr. Co. in St. Tammany parish. It is not our intention to reforest our lands. We expect to start, in the immediate future, taking the stumps out and putting our lands into cultivation, in order to show just what these lands can do agriculturally. We propose to sell these lands, at a reasonable price, first to our home people and second to our neighbors from other States, for agricultural purposes. And, it is our desire to assist them in profitably marketing their products.

The Poitevent & Favre Lbr. Co. is owned by home people, practically everything they have is invested in this parish, and they are deeply interested in the development and future of St. Tammany parish, and its people, and they will do nothing to retard its growth or interfere with its development and prosperity.

In conclusion, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to express my thanks to the Police Jury of St. Tammany parish for their fair and impartial attitude in which they have handled this entire matter.

Very respectfully,
JOHN S. POITEVENT.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE TO GIVE AN OPENING DANCE

Affair Promises to be One of the Most Popular of the Season.

COMMUNITY HOUSE GREAT PUBLIC NEED

Big Things are Anticipated Of Its Social Influence in the Community.

The Community House will be opened to the public on September 8th, and the opening will be celebrated with a dance. There will be a good band and it is hoped to make the occasion one that will be enjoyed by every one. There will be refreshments served.

Community House is bound to be an institution that will win a warm place in public appreciation and esteem. Everything will be done that can be done, with the means obtainable, to make it serve the purpose intended, which is to exert an influence that will strengthen the community socialy and to offer conveniences to the visitor to Covington and too those coming in from the country that have heretofore been lacking.

This opening dance should be popular with the young folks as well as with the parents, who may feel that all the surroundings are perfectly clean and wholesome.

Mr. H. H. Bell, of New Orleans, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Anderson.

Hon. Don Caffery and Amos L. Ponder spoke to good audiences in Covington last Thursday evening.