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TOWN COUNCIL PROVIDES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS

Ordinance Passed for Issuing 75 Serial Bonds \$100 Each.

1 3/4 MILLS OF AVAILS OF 10 MILL TAX

Budget for the Year 1920 Is Made and Feet Up Sum of \$19,625.

Covington, La., Sept. 7, 1920. A regular session of the Town Council was held on the above date and the following members answered roll call: Robt. W. Badon, mayor; C. E. Schonberg, A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie, C. H. Sheffield, Emile Frederick, M. P. Planche.

The minutes of special session of August 31, on motion of C. E. Schonberg, seconded by A. R. Smith, and carried were adopted as read.

It was moved and seconded that a copy of the notice, as published in The St. Tammany Farmer, be spread on the minutes of the meeting.

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington of the intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to fund 1 3/4 mills of the avails of the 10 mill tax, provided for by Article 232 of the Constitution, or so much thereof as may be necessary, into Covington Improvement Bonds, under and by virtue of the provisions of Paragraph Four of Article 281 of the Constitution, and in compliance with Act No. 96 of 1916 of the General Assembly, at 7:30 p. m. on the 7th day of September, 1920, at the office of the municipality, which bonded indebtedness is proposed for the purpose of improving the streets and public places of the Town of Covington, Louisiana.

It was moved and seconded that the following budget be and it is hereby adopted for the year 1920:

Budget for the Year 1920.

10 mills on the assessed valuation of town	14,500.00
Licenses mercantile and professional	3,000.00
Auto and vehicle license	875.00
Street tax	200.00
Fines	750.00
Lights (N. O. G. N.)	300.00
	\$19,625.00
Disbursements:	
Salaries, officers and employees	4,616.00
Lights	4,275.00
Water	312.00
Street work (labor etc)	2,500.00
Donations:	
Fire Ass'n	800.00
Cemetery	100.00
Feed (municipal team)	520.00
Incidentals (stationary, stamps and office supplies)	100.00
Rent	144.00
Bonds to be retired:	
Cov. B & T Co 1000.00	
St. Tam. Ice Co 600.00	
Jahneke Nav Co 283.66	1,883.66
Interest:	
Cov. Bk & T Co on note	1000.00
Com. Bk & T Co on note	400.00
Jahneke Nav Co on bond	283.66
Cov. Bk & T Co on bond	3500.00
St. Tam. Ice Co 304800.00	240.00
Waterworks Eng Co on notes	1155.00
Eureka Hose Co on notes	150.00
Total	16,135.72
Receipts	19,625.00
Disbursements	16,135.72
Bal. to general fund	\$3,489.28

The following ordinance was introduced:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of seventy-five serial, negotiable, interest bearing, coupon bonds of one hundred denomination each, maturing from seven to ten years in an increasing ratio, and setting aside into a separate trust fund the avails of the surplus, dedicated and pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Whereas, the Town Council has this day convened, pursuant to a notice published in The St. Tammany Farmer, the official journal for the Parish of St. Tammany, on September 4, 1920, and,

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have carefully inspected and considered the budget for the year 1920 and ordered the same spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and,

Whereas, it appears that said budget shows a surplus of one and three-fourths mills, and,

Whereas, it is desirable to make certain constitutional improvements for the benefit of the Town of Covington and to issue bonds for the purpose of paying for such improvements, particularly the shelling of the principal streets of the said Town of Covington and the improvement of Bogne Falaya Park, and,

Whereas, by a conservative funding of said one and three-fourths mills, a series of seventy-five bonds of the denomination of \$100.00 each can be issued and paid for, as pro-

THE COMMUNITY HALL OPENING FORECASTS A BIG FUTURE

Crowds of Young Folks Enjoy the Dancing Until After Midnight.

MASTER ADDRESS BY REV. VAUGHAN

Ceremonies Opened by Mr. Huckaby in Warm Welcome to All.

On the night of September 8th the Community House was formally opened to the public.

There was a short program, as follows:

Talk by Mr. M. C. Huckaby on rules and regulations governing the Community House.

Vocal Solo, by Mrs. A. R. McCormack, accompanied by Miss Levy.

Address by Mr. A. F. Vaughan, who explained the purpose and value of a Community House.

Vocal Solo, by Mrs. Unglesby, accompanied by Miss Levy.

This ended the program, after which dancing and games of various kinds were enjoyed by a large crowd. Sandwiches and punch were served in abundance.

The Community House will continue to be open every day and until 10:30 every night. All are welcome to come and enjoy the privileges of the House and such entertainment as may be provided by the hostess in charge.

Mr. Vaughan's Address

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Some time ago a prominent business man died in New York City. His death was a shock to the entire country. He was prominent in commercial life and during the war rendered a very patriotic and helpful service to the nation. Commenting on his death one of the newspapers made this statement: "He died at the age of 58—he didn't play." No man has a right to die at that age. He is too young. He has just reached the prime of life in his career. But, here he was, a plodding slave to just one thing in life—business. Of course, he made a success of that, but what of it? He lived in a closed house—the windows were down, the door was shut, locked and barred against intrusion. His associates played golf and tennis—he stuck to his desk. Other men sought pleasure and physical rebuilding by going forth into God's great sanctuaries—in the mountains, upon the lakes, and into the country—he couldn't spare the time from his business. His friends had their social gatherings—he shut himself up in a room with close-fitted and shrewd business men. Then, at this very time in life when he should have been at his best—he died. Everybody agreed that he made a mistake and his life could have been prolonged to good old age, if he had given part of his time to something else beside business.

Now the point in the story is simply this: every one of us should remember that play is as essential to life as work. The biggest asset to anyone's life is the ability to play the game of life with a joyous heart and a happy spirit. An eminent physician, Dr. Cabot, has written a wonderful book entitled "What Men Live By." He says it is work, play, love and worship. To neglect any one of these four elements of life is to imperil one's usefulness and shorten life itself. Therefore, we owe it to the community in which we live; we owe it to our families; we owe it to ourselves, to cultivate the habit of play in our own lives and encourage it as a community necessity.

That means to live on the sunny side of life—to laugh, play, tell funny anecdotes and to imagine that no matter how many years we have spent in this world we are still boys and girls.

The Community House is an organization which has come into existence after many years of careful study by social experts. It is regarded by leaders in every realm of life to be an absolute necessity, not only for the training of children but for the benefit of people of all ages. Its underlying principle is that it is worth while to live and to live well. The name itself is suggestive—Community House. A house, or center, owned, controlled and used by the people of the community for purposes of social, moral, recreational, intellectual and physical development and diversion. It really supplements the school room and is a post graduate course in the art of living.

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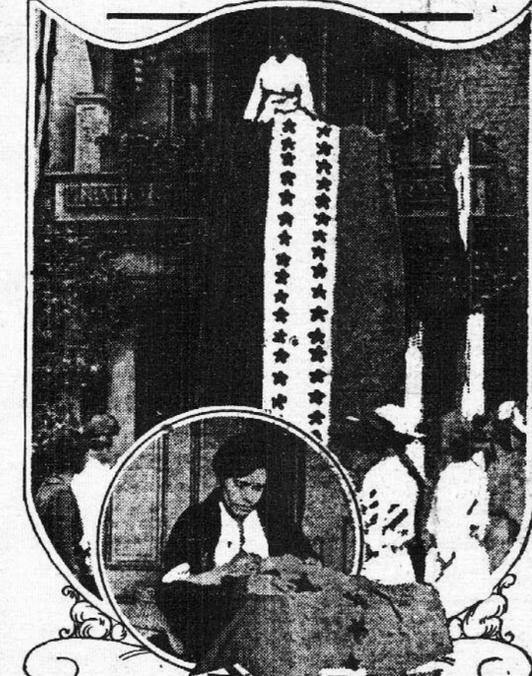
vided for by existing laws, and,

Whereas, said Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to irrevocably pledge and dedicate the said surplus, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of said bonds in accordance with Act 96 of 1916.

Therefore, it is ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Covington in legal session convened, that the Mayor of said Town be and he is hereby directed, empowered and authorized to issue, under Act 96 of the General Assembly, under Act 96 of the General Assembly,

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THE STAR THAT COMPLETED THE BANNER



No job of sewing was ever looked upon with more interest by women than the sewing of the 26th star on the suffragists' banner at the National Women's Party of Washington. Miss Alice Paul is shown below putting on the finishing touch and again above unfurling the beloved banner in the balcony.

THE KNIGHTS ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS

During the past week there was organized under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus in Covington, a new troop of Boy Scouts, known as Covington Scout Troop No. 2.

E. C. Bergeron, field secretary, from Washington, D. C., came to Covington for that purpose at the request of Scout Headquarters in New Orleans.

A Citizens Committee composed of Geo. Kent, Felix Bachemin, Homer Perrin, Jacob Selter, Julian Smith, F. N. Boudonquie, C. H. Hebert, Ben Fontain, H. J. Ostendorf, R. A. McCormack, A. D. Schwartz, A. J. Finney, R. C. Moise, Dr. Bouquet and Rev. B. Keating, was appointed.

A. D. Schwartz was selected Troop Chairman; Felix Bachemin, Scout Master.

A full size troop with complete equipment has already been assembled by the Knights. The enthusiasm of the boys in taking hold of this work has been more than inspiring. All plans for building a permanent lodge for the accommodation of all boys interested in Scouting, have been provided for and will be completed forthwith.

Covington, for the past several years, on account of its fine facilities and healthy environment, has been looked upon as ideal for this work.

The main object of the new Scout Troop is to provide for and recruit raw material in Scout Craft, and to co-operate in every way possible with the troop already organized.

It is a mistake on the part of parents who neglect the business of encouraging their boys in becoming Scouts. No expenses are attached to the movement other than those the boys desire to create and pay for by their own efforts. The movement is non-partisan in character. The average boy between the ages of twelve and eighteen has the advantage of affiliation, either with Troop No. 1 or Troop No. 2, as occasion may suggest.

For the present, Troop meetings are being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday nights, between seven and nine o'clock.

After all of the patrols are perfected, the personnel of the troop will be published.

BORN.

To Mrs. Alvin G. King, on Friday, September 3, 1920, a boy.

To Mrs. James F. Smith, on Friday, September 3, 1920, a girl.

To Mrs. Lucian Ragan, on Saturday, September 4, 1920, a girl.

POLICE JURY.

The police jury will meet in regular session next Thursday, September 16, having been postponed from Tuesday on account of election that day.

F. J. MARTINDALE, Secretary.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF POPULATION—SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

Minor civil division	1920	1910	1900
St. Tammany parish	26,545	18,917	13,335
Ward 1, including Madisonville town	2,004	1,946	1,543
Ward 2	2,042	1,898	1,512
Ward 3, including Covington, Ramsay	4,231	5,163	3,060
Ward 4, including Mandeville	2,072	1,947	1,783
Ward 5	1,062	1,130	1,709
Ward 6	1,263	934	665
Ward 7	911	874	611
Ward 8, including Pearl River	1,479	1,382	1,494
Ward 9, including Slidell	4,539	3,643	2,017
Ward 10, including Abita Springs	492		
Incorporated place	1920	1910	1900
Abita Springs town	388	365	
Covington town	2,942	2,601	1,205
Madisonville town	103	1,028	779
Mandeville town	1,130	1,166	11,029
Pearl River village	364	277	
Ramsay village	139	425	
Slidell town	2,958	2,188	1,129

REPORT OF RED CROSS NURSE

To the Nursing Committee, St. Tammany Chapter, A. R. C.

I submit herewith my report for the month of August.

I was away on a two week's vacation, from the 15th to 29th, so the report really covers only two weeks of my work.

The first week of the month was taken up with Covington Baby Week. This was opened at the Parkview Theatre on Monday night, the 2nd, with a talk by Mayor Badon, Mr. Vaughan, president of the Parish Anti-Tuberculosis League, a health pageant, and a moving picture. Dr. Maylie, chairman of the chapter, made the introductions, and explained the program of the baby week.

The examinations were all made by Dr. Bouquet and Dr. Gautreaux, and afternoon for the remainder of the week, until Saturday. The weather was so bad on Friday, the day set aside for the colored babies, that only 16 were brought, but the total for the week was 139 babies. Several babies have already been benefited. One mother took her child to New Orleans the following week and had her tonsils removed. Several babies are brought weekly, to be weighed, and all are improving very rapidly.

August 2, reported to Home Service Secretary case of three sick negroes in one family. Six month old baby very sick with pneumonia, and her mother and grandmother both in an almost dying condition, with tuberculosis. They were strangers and had nothing in the house—but two beds. No stove. The care of the three sick, and the cooking and washing all falling on the oldest child. Took the baby to Charity Hospital and got a woman to go regularly and give some help to the girl. Got physician to prescribe for the sick.

Aug. 3, reported case of febrile-minded child to Home Service Secretary. Was told of her condition in a personal letter from a lady in Madisonville.

I have been very much interested in the Home Lunches for the school children, and have had interviews with Supt. Lyon, with the President of the School League, and with the Domestic Science teacher here regarding same. Have also had talks with the Home Demonstration Agent as to her help and co-operation. Procured an invitation for her and myself to meet the School Improvement League at their next meeting, when they will take up the subject for the Covington school. Mrs. Davis, the Home Demonstration Agent, will be very glad to help any of the parish schools in making plans for hot lunches.

On the 12th I took five children over to get eye treatment at the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, and went to see about two children who have been receiving medical attention at Touros since June. Took colored baby to hospital at the same time.

DRAINAGE FROM VIEWPOINT OF MISSISSIPPI GROWERS

F. H. Adams Tells of Advantages Recognized by Better Farmers.

BIGGEST THING THAT CAME TO COMMUNITY Usual Amount of Skepticism By Those Who Had Never Seen.

GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Long Beach, Miss., Aug. 11. Mr. W. E. Morris, Covington, La. Dear Sir:—Our good friend, Mr. J. A. Bandl, of New Orleans, tells me that some of your folks are contemplating some drainage work, and suggests that perhaps some of our experience might interest you.

I suppose that every farming community, in its early periods of development, passes through certain stages; where the farmers do not know what to do, in matters of crop apportionment, fertilizer, marketing, drainage, roads and schools. Questions of policy are intimately connected with finance.

It takes time for a farming community to find itself. During the early years, especially, money comes hard, farmers are cautious, not daring to make mistakes. If members of a community have had perhaps their first good season, they are careful how any hard earned money is invested. And if they have never had a good season it takes a great deal of faith for them to invest thousands of dollars in what is to them an untried project.

But so far as I know, in every state and in every community, the best lands are hardest to get, and to make available. This seems true with perhaps most things in life. The best is always difficult. The biggest stumps are always on the best lands, and our richest soils are our lowlands, many times are swampy or overflow lands. And much expenditure of labor and money is necessary to bring this fertility into use. In some sections it costs more than others to establish a drainage system. In a flat country it is sometimes necessary to travel quite a distance to get a suitable outlet. Drainage is of course only possible where there is a certain amount of fall—down grade. There are few places where this cannot be found.

So, it is believed, the very best soils are usually located in those countries where drainage is necessary. And drainage of a large territory is only possible in a co-operative way. After a preliminary survey a district is formed and district or township bonds are issued. Most states now have enabling laws, based on experience of thirty or forty years of states or communities that are older in these matters. The best experience and advice is sought and laws framed accordingly. For instance, the state of Indiana has been doing this work at least forty years, in a large way. Likewise Ohio and Illinois. Northern Mississippi is doing it. Our Mississippi laws are framed based on the experience of older communities and are very good.

Here near Long Beach we are constructing a small drainage system of about thirteen miles. Our farm land about here is flat, a maximum of thirty-one feet and a minimum of about sixteen feet above tide water. After a preliminary survey we created, under the law, a Drainage District, and after a more careful survey the yardage was estimated, and the probable cost. We advertised simultaneously for bids on the work, and on the bonds, using of course different media for such advertising. The work was let to the lowest bidder, and the bonds sold to the highest bidder. Owing to transportation conditions there was some delay in arrival of machinery, but in due time everything was ready, the right of way cleared, the dredge boat and the house boat in position, and today the work is more than half completed.

We had the usual amount of skepticism with the folks that had never seen such work done—most of our farmers had not. One would be surprised at the lack of information encountered. "Water would not run up-hill." "No machine on earth will cut through those big gum stumps." "Water will come down too fast, everybody will be swamped." "The live stock will fall in and be drowned." The last few days we have actually had a petition presented to the board, in which a farmer represents that his VALUABLE swamp pasture land will be ruined and wholly worthless, as it will be impossible because of the expense to build a continuous bridge.

Number of new cases under care first of month, 26; new cases, 13; re-admitted cases, 2; total number of cases during month, 41; number of cases remaining at end of month, 33; number of visits, 73; infant welfare visits, 11; prenatal visits, 2; tuberculosis visits, 26; home visits to school children, 26; office treatment, 2; attendance at clinics, 2; other visits 13. Total visits 155.

Respectfully submitted,

JANELLA LANSING,
St. Tammany Parish Public Health Nurse.

SCHOOL OPENS WITH BIGGEST ENROLLMENT IN HISTORY

Outlook for a Prosperous School Year Is Filled With Encouragement

TO WORK FOR A SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Plan Started by Mr. Haller In Talk To The Pupils Opening Day.

Covington High School opened last Tuesday with the most encouraging prospects in the history of the school. There were 475 pupils enrolled. The faculty is an efficient and high graded one.

The large audience seated in the school auditorium listened to talks by Prof. Park, the principal; Mr. John Haller, Mr. Bryan Burns, Prof. Lyon, Mrs. C. H. Sheffield and Mrs. J. C. Burns. All spoke with confidence of the winning fight education was making and with hope for the promises of the present year.

Mr. Haller's suggestion for a school gymnasium attracted much favorable comment and is especially supported by Prof. Park. There has been general interest awakened outside the school and the movement promises to be the most popular one presented to the consideration of both pupils and teachers. The usefulness of a gymnasium is not confined to physical development. It brings more interest into school work generally and adds to the health and strength of body a mental attitude that creates loyalty and pride in the school and respect and consideration for the teacher. Class spirit, devotion to school and pride in the town all follow athletic achievement of the pupil. Just as the red, white and blue of the flag quickens the pulse and adds value to the citizenship of the American, so is the loyal impulse of the pupil quickened and strengthened by the pleasurable things of the school. It all means let's have the gymnasium.

Prof. Park is also considering a commercial course for the school.

MANDEVILLE SCHOOL OPENS.

The public school of Mandeville opened September 6th with a very good attendance. The teachers and pupils seemed anxious to get back to work. The School Improvement League is also ready for work and will hold its first regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14. We urgently request the parents and others interested in the school to come to our meeting, join the League and not only assist us financially but give us advice and opinions.

Everybody will be welcome.

MRS. R. E. PAINE,
President.

MRS. J. E. LEMIEUX,
Secretary.

over the ditch through his farm, to protect his live stock, etc."

The better farmers are however now beginning to see that this drainage project is the biggest thing that has come to the community during their experience, and are elated over the fact that the surplus water will most surely be disposed of, and that not only will the surface water readily get away, but that sub-surface water will be quickly lowered to a safe point, and it will be possible to use more drain tile where necessary.

In short, our ditch will in its effect exceed the expectations of those who planned it, and those who were objectors at the beginning are now becoming ditch enthusiasts. They want the system extended and enlarged to cover a larger territory, all of which will doubtless be done as soon as possible. And our neighboring counties are getting interested.

In another year I am confident it will be possible to tell some wonderful stories of more and better crops, larger yields, lower costs, and enormously lessened risks from flood causes. If our experience will interest you or your friends, we shall be glad to tell you anything there is to tell.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours very truly,
F. H. ADAMS.

Lake Charles, Aug. 5, 1920.

To the St. Tammany Parish Progressive League, Covington, La. Gentlemen:—It has come to my attention that your parish is at this time interested in a movement to increase the productivity and value of its land through drainage and irrigation.

I have at no time in my life been a planter, nor have I ever been personally interested in a drainage movement, but it is a well known fact that proper drainage is one of the vital needs of any agricultural community, and this is especially true of any such community in Southern Louisiana.

I do not hesitate, therefore, to say that drainage of the proper kind, carried on by men who know their business, will be of benefit to your parish.

Yours very truly,
N. E. NORTH,
Vice-President and Cashier of First National Bank of Lake Charles.

WOMEN TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT IN NOV. MUST REGISTER

Women Must State Age, Party Affiliation and Be 21 Years of Age.

OTHER PROVISIONS TO TAKE NOTICE OF

Registrar Blossman Addresses Notice of Appearances to Ladies

In the November election quite a number of Covington women will vote, but they must be registered in order to do so. Dates and places of registration will be found in another column in this issue of The Farmer.

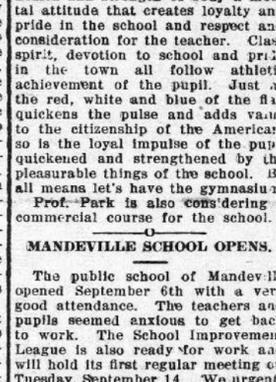
You must be a citizen of the State and a resident for two years; in the parish one year; in the precinct six months next preceding Nov. 2d.

You can register under the educational clause; under the property clause (not less than \$300); if personal property, 1919 taxes must have been paid; must state your party affiliation; must sign your name in full; don't use the prefix Miss or Mrs.; must be 21 years of age (by Nov. 2, 1920); must state your age. Read the registration blank carefully before filling out.

It is said that two women have been made deputies to serve at the polls.

JUDGE PRENTISS B. CARTER.

A CARD.



To the Voters of the Parish of St. Tammany:

The election at which you and the people of this District will select their District Judge to serve them for the next four years, will be held next Tuesday.

This is the most important office in the gift of the people of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District. And, it is the duty of every man, who has the interest of his people and his home at heart, to go to the polls and vote. The office is too important to allow prejudice and partisanship to influence your choice. You should vote for the man that you HONESTLY believe will serve the best interests of the people of this District.

I have made every effort to see each of my constituents personally, but time and my official duties have made this impossible. However, my record as Judge for the past four years is before you, and it is on that record that I come to you and ask that you elect me for a second term. I have made mistakes, but this is not unusual for a Judge serving his first term. But, by these very mistakes, I feel that I have gained much experience, and am better qualified to serve my people as a Judge.

I have conducted my campaign for re-election without criticism or bitterness and on a plane which has the highest office to which I again aspire would dictate. My cause is in your hands, and with all confidence I await your decision.

Sincerely yours,
PRENTISS B. CARTER.

GRAND DANCE AT ABITA.

There will be a grand dance given by the Abita Springs members of the Bogue Falaya Grove No. 21, U. A. O. D., on Sunday, September 12, at the Abita Springs pavilion for the benefit of the Widow and Orphan Fund. Admission, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.

MR. TREEN GOES TO BASIL.

Mr. Karl Treen, formerly secretary of the Association of Commerce and identified prominently with civic and promotion work of Covington, has accepted a position that takes him to Basil, La. Mr. Treen will have hearty good wishes for his future, and while we regret to lose him, we feel that he will win recognition in his new field of work.

WANTED—The Home Service

Sedition of the American Red Cross, St. Tammany Parish Chapter, wants old clothes of every description. Please ring phone 3 or 364 whenever you have anything and some will call if you cannot send them.