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MR. GRANT NOT SATISFIED WITH ACTION TAKEN IN ROAD BIDS

Writes Letter to Farmer Explaining Reason for Dissatisfaction.

LETTER WRITTEN BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS

Who Defends Action and Tells Why Bids Should Be Accepted.

Slidell, La., Nov. 22, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:
Referring to resolutions adopted by the Police Jury November 19th, 1920, authorizing the acceptance of "bids for roads A, D and C."
Some of the record, bearing on these bids and their acceptance, has never been published, so far as I am aware, and as I want it published, so that the whole record may be nearer complete and correct, I ask that you publish this statement. If you do not consider it a matter of sufficient importance to justify its publication without charge, you are at liberty to publish it in your next issue on the front page of your paper at your regular advertising rate, and send me your bill, which will be promptly paid by me individually.
When the bids referred to were considered by the Police Jury at their meeting November 9th, 1920, a letter from the St. Tammany Parish Good Roads Commission was also presented to the Police Jury and read aloud to that body by Mr. Lewis L. Morgan. That letter reads as follows:
To the Honorable Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish:
Gentlemen:—Referring to bids submitted by the State Highway Department for construction of the following Federal Aid roads in St. Tammany parish, namely:
Section "A"—Covington-Hammond road.
Section "C"—Covington-Lacombe road.
Section "D"—Lacombe to Slidell.
Upon examination of these bids, dated October 25th, 1920, we find that even if the State Highway Department will furnish one-half of the total costs of construction, there is not sufficient money in our parish road fund, after providing for obligations now outstanding, to pay the other half of the total on all three projects.
These bids show a total cost for all three sections A, C and D of \$443,196.27.
One-half to be paid by St. Tammany parish, \$221,598.13
Amt. reserved by St. Tammany for these projects 171,550.00
Making a deficit for St. Tammany as against reserve 50,048.13
If only sections C and D be considered, the total cost is \$309,172.10
One-half to be paid by St. Tammany parish, 154,586.05
Amt. reserved by St. Tammany parish for these projects 113,300.00
Making a deficit for St. Tammany as against reserve 41,286.05
It has been stated that the State Highway Engineer has said he would furnish the funds to pay one-half the total cost, but we have no official information on that point. So far as we know, the parish is obligated to pay all the costs of these roads in excess of the amounts stipulated as a portion to be paid by the State Highway Department, in the applications for Federal Aid originally filed by your body. If payment must be made by the parish on this basis, the deficit which the parish must pay will be increased at least twice as much as the figures shown above.
We would further advise that we have every reason to believe that if new bids are called for, lower prices will be made. Reductions in cost of construction and materials are being reported, and this does not seem to be the time for rushing into contracts.
In view of the foregoing, we recommend that these bids be rejected, and a new bidding be advertised for at least thirty days.
ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOOD ROADS COMMISSION,
(Signed)
J. D. GRANT, Chairman.
E. G. DAVIS, Vice-Chairman.
F. W. FATHERREE, Secretary.
In considering these bids at their November 19th meeting, the Police Jury disregarded entirely the recommendation of the Good Roads Commission as embodied in the letter quoted above. That is the particular point to which I wish to call the attention of the citizens and taxpayers of the parish. I do not wish that there shall be left open any cause for doubt or confusion in the minds of the people as to where the responsibility should be placed for acceptance of the bids so much higher than could have been obtained by

SCHOOL LEAGUE JOINS KING'S DAUGHTERS IN GIVING

Help To Give Thanksgiving Its True Meaning to the Poor.

OVER 300 GIFTS SCHOOL CHILDREN

Entertainment of Excellent Program in the School Auditorium.

The schools have been in the habit of each year contributing to the Thanksgiving dinner of the poor, and this year a very liberal supply of packages were delivered to the King's Daughters to be given out in their annual distribution. Some three hundred gifts were contributed, practically every school child participating.
Wednesday evening a Thanksgiving program was carried out in the school auditorium. A playlet was put on and an excellent arrangement of songs were rendered. The program included fourteen numbers.
Mrs. Gailliger accepted the presents in behalf of the King's Daughters, with a few appreciative remarks as to the work and the generosity of the school and the Thanksgiving custom.
The exercises were well attended and the entertainment was enjoyed by all.
CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to publicly express our thanks to the Covington Fire Department and citizens who worked so faithfully and saved our house from fire last Tuesday.
P. J. LABORDE and FAMILY.
Dr. F. F. Young, Jr., of Covington, after an absence of nearly two years, has again resumed his practice in Covington and vicinity. Dr. Young, in the next thirty or sixty days, if his plans materialize, expects to open a surgical sanitarium in Covington where he will have associated with him one of the competent surgeons of this State.
WILLIAM A. SMITH.
William A. Smith died in Mandeville, Tuesday, November 23, 1920, at the age of 67 years. Mr. Smith was an old-time resident and prominent citizen of Mandeville and was mayor of that city for many years, having served nine terms. He has very large family connections. He is survived by his widow and six children: Herbert W. Smith, Estelle, Corinne, Mrs. Vivian Rosenthal, Hilda and Marjann Smith, all residents of Mandeville.
Funeral was held Wednesday, November 24th. Services were conducted by Rev. Father Thomas, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, and were very largely attended. Interment in the Mandeville Cemetery. His death is deeply mourned by the entire community.
re-advertising for 30 days—or even 15 days. The Good Roads Commission's recommendation was, as shown in the above quoted letter, that the bids be rejected and re-advertised for 30 days.
No matter how figures may be juggled by taking funds from one pocket and putting in another, and then finally paying to a contractor, there must still remain the fact that every dollar paid for the work in excess of the amount it would have been necessary to pay under a re-advertisement, is just that much money lost from the road building resources of the Parish and State.
I want the people of the parish to know that the St. Tammany Good Roads Commission, of which I am a member, did not approve the acceptance of the bids, but on the contrary, recommended their rejection.
Yours very truly,
J. D. GRANT.
Mr. Davis' Letter.
Covington, La., Nov. 25, 1920.
Editor St. Tammany Farmer:
Dear Sir:—In this issue of your paper is published a letter from Mr. J. D. Grant, chairman of the St. Tammany Parish Good Roads Commission, relative to the advisability of letting contracts for the construction of the main highway through our parish, namely, the Slidell, via Tangipahoa parish line to Slidell, via Covington, Mandeville and Lacombe. The last paragraph of Mr. Grant's letter reads as follows: "I want the people of the parish to know that the St. Tammany Parish Good Roads Commission, of which I am a member, did not approve the acceptance of these bids, but on the contrary, recommended their rejection."
At their meeting on November 9, the Police Jury had before them the Road Commission's recommendation to reject these bids, for which the commission gave the following reasons: The total lowest bids for the

7,000 Illinois Wool Growers Pool 1920 Clip



A cooperative wool pool last year by 3500 sheep men of Illinois, supervised by the Illinois Agricultural Association, saved them about \$50,000. This year twice as many wool-growers from 87 counties are following the same plan, which consists of shipping, grading and storing the wool until the most favorable market is presented. The middleman is eliminated, the growers selling direct to the mills. The local pools are called by the Farm Bureau advisors in each county. Thirteen middle-western states have 30 million pounds of wool in pool storages. It is estimated.

ONE IS TWO AND PARISH JAIL IS SINGLE IS DOUBLE EMPTY FIRST IN YEARS

(By Dr. Stevenson.)
One is Two, and Single is Double.
Federal censure during the war robbed us of free speech, and made us submit to many wrongs. When a baker handed us a loaf of bread and said that it was two, our oppressed imagination made us believe that, because the price had been doubled, one loaf was really two. When a dairyman offered cream cheese at 2 for 15 cents, and charged for four, we realized that our mathematics was upset.
We must call a halt upon those and similar autocratic relics of the war. Wheat is 30 per cent lower than pre-war prices, and the time for a reduction in the price of bread is here if you will demand it. If you cry cream cheese, pay by the piece. It is unlawful, and an imposition upon the purse, for one to advertise and sell a single cheese at a double price.
Cotton is Dead—Cane is King.
St. Tammany won first prize for cane at the State Fair. This has revived suggestions for a central syrup mill, and the project will receive the consideration of the Association of Commerce. The current syrup crop is estimated at 600,000 gallons—the largest in the history of the parish—and fear is expressed that growers are sacrificing a part of the cane that should be reserved for planting. Mr. Planter, let not the \$500 an acre profit, nor the past high price for syrup, tempt you to grind all your cane. Keep a large part for seed. It is your bank account.
We regret to learn that Mr. John P. Rausch, of Abita Springs, has been quite ill this week.
PRESBYTERIAN THANKSGIVING DINNER.
The Thanksgiving dinner given by the Presbyterian Church at the southern Hotel was well served and prepared and was enjoyed by every one who partook of it. Some gave up their home Thanksgiving to enjoy this dinner and many who were visitors here took this opportunity of having a home-like dinner.
construction of this entire road aggregated \$443,982.77, half of which was to be borne by the parish, and amounted to \$221,991.38. To meet this latter amount the parish had set aside \$171,550.00, making a deficit of \$50,048.13. Under these conditions the Road Commission could not have made any other recommendation.
The Police Jury met again on Nov. 19th, to consider these bids, having been advised by Mr. Duncan Bule, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, that unless these bids were accepted, he would feel compelled to allot the Federal Aid to some other parish and withdraw his offer to St. Tammany. Mr. Bule himself appeared before the Police Jury at this last mentioned meeting and offered to give the parish of St. Tammany \$42,000 additional Federal Aid, with which to make up the deficit, and the contractors present reduced their bids to the amount of \$8,000. The entire deficit thus being provided for, there was no reason left for the Police Jury to reject the bids, nor do I think there was any reason left for the Road Commission to stand by their first recommendation.
The duty of the Road Commission and of the Police Jury, as I see it, is to get roads as quickly and cheaply as possible. If Mr. Bule is willing to make up the larger part of our deficit, and thereby enable us to enter contracts without delay, it would be a very serious mistake to reject his offer. By its rejection we could very possibly have lost the chief highway of the parish.
As a member of the Road Commission and as a taxpayer, I think it is entirely proper for the Police Jury to accept the State Highway Department's offer, rather than take the great chance of losing Federal Aid, which would mean losing our main and chief thoroughfare.
Respectfully,
E. G. DAVIS.

"GOOD MORNIN' JUDGE" FOR BALL PLAYERS



The historic "Good mornin' Judge" will be literal for major league ball players for the next seven years at least. The new deal in baseball which resulted in the naming of Judge Landis of Chicago as supreme dictator in baseball—and his acceptance—makes this so. The two big leagues will attempt to settle all questions by club vote, but when this fails, presidents of the league will go to Judge Landis.

MADISONVILLE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATED FOR SCHOOL

Crowds Attend From All Over the Parish to Enjoy the Occasion.

ENTERTAINMENT FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Association of Commerce and School Improvement League Combine.

The Thanksgiving Day entertainment given at Madisonville by the Association of Commerce of that place and the School Improvement League was an occasion that calls for congratulations. The success of the entertainment met all anticipation, both for the pleasure it gave and for the financial result. Something over \$300 was made. The grand parade of school children and decorated automobiles was a fine sight, both from the point of attractiveness and display, and the spirit of civic loyalty and devotion exhibited was a reason in the value of progressiveness that may be learned with profit.
The Thanksgiving dinner was immensely enjoyed, the turkey being served with cranberries and the usual things that go to make a first-class dressing. The excellent service and kind attention of the ladies added to the pleasure of this excellent dinner.
Speeches were made by Adrian D. Schwartz, who gave a very interesting and historical account of the origin of the day and the circumstances that have made it a celebration that reaches to the hearts of the people and into the home of rich and the humble alike; by Felix Bachemin, Jr., parish farm agent and club worker for St. Tammany, who talked very interestingly on agricultural and club work, and by Roland Morgan, who spoke on "Education." Mr. Morgan illustrated his speech by a chart showing two roads branching from the pathway of childhood, one leading to the white house, illustrative of wealth, social position, happiness, success and honor, called the Roadway of Education; the other leading to the penitentiary, illustrative of poverty, sorrow, crime, failure and dishonor, called the Roadway of Ignorance. He made a strong plea for education, and one that was impressive.
Mr. Morgan, dressed in suitable costume, searched for and found the jug that had been extensively advertised. But here was no booze in it. For all its misleading sound, it answered for quite a different purpose, and soon the tinkling coin, that sounded nothing like the gloock, gloock of white lightning, flowing out from the moonshine receptacle, began to reduce the empty sound of its hollowness to the dead sound of a fast filling vacuum, as liberal and loyal patrons dropped their money into its rapacious maw.
The three prizes for the best decorated automobile were won by Paul Polcar, first; Henry Menance, second; Joseph Cardone, third.
The races, games and children's contests all provided amusement, and the excellent band made the evening's dancing very pleasant indeed, while refreshments and candies gave enjoyment to those who had a sweet tooth and a sweet girl to care for.
One hundred pounds of Grand Dame coffee will be sold for the benefit of the School Improvement League.
In a pocket. He drew forth a pair of gloves.
"Not mine," he said, inspecting them.
"Why, no, they are mine," spoke Walter. "How did they ever come in your coat?"
"And, hello!" commented the guest further, "I had a little roll of money. Gone! Any dishonest servants around, Ballin?"
Cora's cheeks were burning. She discovered her double error. She made a move to search over the rug and arose with the missing money in the clasp of her trembling fingers.
"Is this the money?" she asked as naturally as she could.
"Why, yes," was the reply, after an inspection.
The guest departed. Walter coming back into the hall found Cora hysterical and in tears.
"Why, Cora, dear, whatever is the trouble?" he inquired solicitously.
"Oh, Walter!" she sobbed, clinging to him frightened and contrite. "I have been a willful, wicked creature!" Her face hidden upon his shoulder Cora faltered forth her story. Walter Ballin laughed as he cheered and comforted her.
"I think you are right in wanting more money," he said generously, "but I never risk any money at the club, so don't rely upon my gains, as they call it. Eschew your advisers as to how to train a husband. Just keep on giving me your love and your confidence and I will always meet you half way."
"Oh, I am cured of my folly after my escape from becoming an actual thief!" insisted Cora thankfully.

FROM A PORTRAIT OF MRS. BRAND WHITLOCK



An excellent portrait of Mrs. Brand Whitlock wife of the ambassador to Belgium painted by the famous Belgian artist, Frits Van Bree.

BACHEMIN WILL MAKE UP CAR OF SYRUP

Parish Agent Bachemin this week mailed out the following letter to a number of farmers. Those who did not receive one of these letters, and are desirous of getting in on shipments, should take it up with him immediately.
Several farmers have asked for assistance in the marketing of sugar cane syrup. In order to get bids, it is necessary to find just what you have, therefore, knowing that you are interested, we are addressing you this letter.
You realize that we will get you all that we can. At present the market is from seventy-five to one dollar per gallon, depending on the quality and grade.
It is our aim and purpose to market this syrup as soon as possible taking advantage of the high price but is always offered on early market. We would suggest that if you are interested in disposing of your crop, that you submit an average sample giving us an idea of what class your syrup would grade, which will determine the price.
If enough farmers will co-operate in different communities, it will enable us to assemble syrup in car lots, and we feel certain that we can get the buyers to take the syrup at the cars.
If you are interested, you must by all means give us the information asked for.
Yours truly,
F. BACHEMIN, JR.,
Parish Agent.
A. G. HAMILTON,
Extension Agent in Marketing.
Mr. Allie Davenport was in Covington several days this week and left Friday for Toledo, Ohio, where he has been living for a number of years. He has a position with a railroad company there and is very nicely situated.
There were union services held at the Episcopal Church Thanksgiving.
Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Morgan, of Abita Springs, were visitors to Covington, Friday.
BODIES OF ANIMALS DYING OF THAT DISEASE SHOULD BE BURNED OR BURIED QUITE DEEPLY.
Carcasses of animals dying of blackleg should either be burned or buried deeply. The bodies of such animals constitute the main source of blackleg infection, and it is a dangerous practice to allow a carcass to decay where it falls or merely haul it to some out of the way place. Likewise, skinning or opening a carcass increases the danger of infection.

INTEREST IN FOOTBALL

The feeling at the Naval Academy is that the coming football season will be one of the greatest in the history of the institution. The game against the eleven of the Military Academy on the New York polo grounds November 27 is anticipated with the keenest interest, but the schedule as a whole is the best in a dozen years, and affords an opportunity by which the naval team can be measured in comparison with the strongest teams in the country.

AVOID BLACKLEG INFECTION

Bodies of animals dying of that disease should be burned or buried quite deeply.
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