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PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MEET OF JANUARY SEVENTH

Lyon Re-elected Supt., and FitzSimons President, Dutsch Vice-Pres.

SCHOOL INTERESTS IN CONSTITUTION

Committee Appointed To Confer With Mr. Heintz In Changes of Laws.

ST. TAMMANY'S ADVANTAGES UNRIVALED NATURALLY

Only Thru Proper Drainage Lands Can Be Gotten In Good State.

CLAY SOILS AND HARDPAN

Little Land in Humid Regions Not Benefitted by Proper Drainage.

Covington, La., Jan. 7, 1921.

The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in the office of the Superintendent on the above date with the following present: N. H. FitzSimons, in the chair, and Geo. R. Dutsch, ward 1; T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. FitzSimons, ward 3; H. H. Levy, ward 4; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; I. H. Keller, ward 7; Geo. F. Bancks, ward 8; W. J. Sebastian, ward 9; W. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: None.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion of Mr. Sebastian, seconded by Mr. Levy, they were approved as read.

The following reports of the Superintendent and Elementary School Supervisor were read, and upon motion by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Sebastian, they were received and ordered placed upon the minutes:

Covington, La., Jan. 7, 1921.

Honorable President and Members St. Tammany Parish School Board, Covington, La.

Gentlemen:—I wish to begin my report with a strong recommendation that your attention be given, as soon as possible, to the matter of improving and enlarging the scope of our high schools. The people of Madisonville are full of school enthusiasm at present, and are very anxious that their school be enlarged and developed into a senior high school. The same reasons and conditions apply to the Madisonville school as did the one at Mandeville, where the people there made a similar request. In order for it to be possible that the Madisonville school should qualify as a senior high school, it will be necessary that additional class and laboratory space be provided. In order to provide these additional rooms, the First Ward School Director will undoubtedly make a request upon you that you, to-day, call a special tax election for the purpose of giving the taxpayers of District No. 1 an opportunity to vote upon the proposition of raising enough funds to support such a school as they demand, and also, to provide the necessary money to build the needed rooms. The people of our parish are beginning to realize that it is much cheaper and better to provide the proper schools at home where their children may be under home care and supervision, rather than paying tuition and board at some school away and out of the parish.

I have, before this, mentioned the need of adding a commercial course to our senior high schools. I wish again to present this subject for your consideration, and to state that I shall advocate the same as soon as it is added. Upon examining the roll in our high schools we find some interesting facts. For example: Out of 500 children in the Covington high school there are 101 in the high school department and nine in the senior class. Out of these nine, if we judge from past records, not more than two or three, at the most can be expected to enter college. Our course offered in this school, the same as in the senior high school in Slidell, is designed to entice a number of pupils for the purpose of preparing pupils for entering college, when, as a matter of fact, not more than two or three per cent of those taking high school courses actually do enter. It is my opinion, therefore, that instead of offering a course that is intended only for the three per cent, we should care for the 97 per cent. Now, by no means would I want to discontinue the present high school course, but what I do recommend is the adding of one teacher to our present number who is qualified to teach commercial branches, and then substitute these commercial branches for some subject that is required in the college preparatory course. I should make our commercial course four years, and have it include about three-fourths of the same subjects as are now taught in the present literary course. If we were to follow some such plan as this we would still be preparing pupils for college, who desire to go, and also those for the business world who desire such training. The Covington school now has some of its graduates pursuing a commercial course in New Orleans. A thing that would not be necessary if we could put into operation the scheme and plans that I am now advocating. Of course, everything that applies to the Covington school will apply to the one at Slidell, so far as the need of a commercial course is concerned. The most serious obstacle in our way is the lack of sufficient class room space. Our school here in Covington is now occupying seven more class rooms than was occupied six years ago, and if we expect even one-half the growth for the next six years it is absolutely necessary that funds be provided to make such an addition to our building possible.

The Mandeville high school building is already too small. From a three-teacher school we have grown

(By A. E. Briggs)

It is often assumed that the great majority of people will stupidly persist in acting contrary to their personal interests, and therefore it is useless and vain to attempt to show any man the error of his ways. I think it is true that most men hate being preached at and dislike the preacher, but that is a very different thing from being so pig-headed as to refuse to take advantage of opportunities when we come to know what they are. Besides, I do not think this oft-repeated assumption is pertinent to the situation in St. Tammany. The difficulty here is not that any one is in the wrong, but that St. Tammany parish is suddenly brought face to face with conditions which are rather new, although they have been a long time coming. But heretofore the timber industry has been the main business of this parish; in the future it must be some form of farming for the most part, and right now we must begin to make it over into a farming community in order that these out-overs lands may increase in value and be made greatly productive, so that hereafter the parish and the people in it may be more prosperous than they have ever been before.

St. Tammany's Unrivaled Natural Advantages.

For farming, truck gardening, or orcharding, St. Tammany parish has exceptional advantages and opportunities. (1) As compared with rich lands in the North, we quoted expert authority our last letter to the effect that our multi-cropping system extending over every month of the year more than makes up for the low fertility of these pine lands. (2) Comparing our poor lands with the rich and fertile lands elsewhere in the South, still we have the advantage of nearness to the greatest local Southern market, and can easily have equal or better access to Northern markets. (3) The soil of

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ORDER FIFTY CARLOADS OF THEIR SIMPLE INCOME TAX BLANKS



These men ordered the largest printing job ever handled printers. They are income tax Form Committee members who claim they have worked out a simple income tax form blank for 1921. They ordered 27,000,000 sheets requiring 50 car loads of paper and costing \$350,000. They are, standing, D. W. Bell and H. C. Weston, sitting, left to right, H. C. Armstrong, Z. M. Smith secretary Oliver Kinzel chairman, and J. C. Remy.

Poultry Club Agent From Baton Rouge Visits Clubs Here.

Miss Esther Wilson, Poultry Club Agent from Baton Rouge, is with Mrs. W. J. Davis, Parish Home Demonstration Agent, this week, visiting the Poultry Clubs.

The two main points stressed by Miss Wilson in the meetings were: early hatching and the keeping of the poultry club record.

The Poultry Club members were made to feel that their work was a real business, and each one was being counted on to make a success of his work. To begin their eggs now. They were urged to hatch their eggs now. The Poultry Club members were required to have pure bred stock, and some of the reasons for early hatching were: to obtain pullets that would lay during the season when the other hens were moulting, also when the eggs were high, during the fall months. Early hatching means more chicks raising before the long growing season and the more favorable climatic conditions, as hot weather weakens the young chicks, and early hatched pullets raised thru the same condition will be much larger and stronger than a later hatched pullet.

The second point expressed was to keep the poultry club record. This is the more business and systematic way to ascertain just what each member is making from his work. Each member is required to keep an accurate record, all costs and sales, and in this way the net profit can be easily ascertained.

There are sixty poultry club members in St. Tammany parish, who will raise pure bred poultry. This should mean much more to the poultry industry in this parish.

THE END OF A PERFECT DAY.

Sunday was a beautiful day. The gravel highway from Amite City to Hammond was dotted here and there with cars moving according to their mood and temperament of drivers, some sauntering lazily in dreamy enjoyment and some whirling by in the passion of motive glee. A mile or two from Amite, going toward Hammond, a car occupied by a lady and a little girl drove down the center of the road, going probably 25 miles an hour. A hundred feet behind a Nash Sport Model, clipping off 35 miles an hour, sounded its horn for road to pass, but the car in front held the road; then it swerved in slightly, but resumed its course as the Nash shot by and the Nash had to take the edge of the gravel in the soft dirt to prevent a collision. The driver released the clutch and attempted to regain the road, but the rear wheels skidded and the car shot across the road to the opposite ditch at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and in the swinging curve plunged sideways into the creek of mud and water. The momentum rolled it over partly on the top, and the crunching glass of the wind shield, as the top mashed flat to the body, sounded the signal of the last spent force of a monarch of the road. The car then settled back on its side and the four imprisoned occupants breathed a sigh of relief on finding that they were whole and uninjured. As the curtains were all up, no one was thrown out, but Miss Grantham was thrust beneath a curtain and was caught beneath the car as it settled back. The foot was protected by the soft mud and was uninjured.

Quite a crowd rapidly gathered and willing hands soon tore the curtains apart and helped the inmates from dark imprisonment into the bright sunshine. There were some plucky girls in this wreck. Not a squeal from any one. Not a hysterical sound. Not a word of complaint. And there were some fine men that made up the rest of the party. There was no thought of bruised hands or muddy clothing as they gave their service of relief. And if any of them see this account of the accident, we want them to know that if they ever get into trouble any where near Covington they can call up the editor of this paper with full confidence that help will reach them in short order. And we wish to thank the gentlemen of the Automotive Service Company of Hammond for their kind consideration. It is the kind of service that pays.

The speedy Nash Sport Six, with its beautiful lines buried in the mud of the ditch, lay crumpled on its side. It did not look as if it would ever again respond to the throttle or glide with graceful speed and strength to the humor of its driver. The crowd of men and women looked on with regret at its ending. But at least the effort seemed worth while, and everybody lent a hand and tipped it back on its wheels. Some of the mud was washed off and the top was thrust back. Mr. Mason then got in and stepped on the start-ers. Without a moment's hesitation the soft purr of the engine announced that it was ready to move again. After getting it out of the ditch, the ladies climbed in and the trip was made back to Hammond at 25 miles an hour, where the 5 o'clock train to Covington was boarded. Mr. W. G. G. of the Automotive Company brought the party to the train and took the car back to the garage. Mr. N. H. FitzSimons, of the F. G. C. Auto Company going after it Monday and bringing it back to Covington, where Mr. Millaudon, chief mechanic of that Company has put it in perfect order. When the new top arrives you will not know that anything ever happened to it.

But everybody will want to know who the girls were that could go through such a grueling experience without losing a smile or dropping a tear. They are teachers in the Covington High School: Miss Nina King, Miss Nettie Sojourner and Miss Pearl Grantham. The trip was made from Covington to Amite, where luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. Dr. Stewart, a sister of Miss King. Mr. Mason drove the car.

As a final to this account of the accident, the editor wants to say that he has always been a careful driver and has not had an accident in four years previous driving, but he is not a slow driver, except in town or heavy traffic. The Sport Nash is one of the speediest and one of the safest cars on the market, and Alex Taylor and Robt. Voss have some mammoth purple top turnups on exhibition at the Covington Bank & Trust Company. They will weigh about 7 pounds apiece.

Negro Boy Caught Selling Booze From Basket Is Arrested.

Saturday week Mr. Hansbrough phoned to Sheriff Galatas that a negro boy was disposing of white lightning, near Abita. The sheriff placed the matter in the hands of Deputy John Stire, and Mr. Stire found the boy near the "Dump," out from Abita, and arrested him. He gave his name as Otto Grantham, and when locked up said he was handling the stuff for two negro men. He had five bottles of the illicit in a basket and seemed to be peddling it out.

Later in the day Mack Ellis (col.) asked the sheriff permission to see young Otto. That he had his gun and he wanted to get it. When Otto was subsequently questioned he changed his statement and said that white men had given him the whisky to sell.

Otto was taken to New Orleans Sunday by a prohibition officer and it is said that he was placed under \$1000 bond. No other arrests were made.

OH DADDY, LOOK!

Madisonville Movies From Real Life.

(By Prof. Roland Morgan)

Mister Editor, I was told that every dog has his day, and I believe if that is true I must have had mine when I was a puppy.

At a spiritualist meeting last night I overheard a spirit conversation between Old Father Noah, Cain, Abel, Daniel and Lot and his wife. Father Noah was telling them if they ever came back to Louisiana the only place they would recognize would be St. Tammany parish.

Before a man is married he generally has to have an eye-opener in the morning, but after he is married a year or two he is up all hours of the night looking for the can opener. Madisonville's police force has gone off on a short vacation. We wish him much pleasure.

When kind words and kind deeds are rewarded with cold indifference it seems the soul of sympathy would be crushed to earth and patience cease to be a virtue. But is it? I say no. Was not Christ crucified by those he sought to save?

I told friend Joe Quave, who won one of the K. C. Rex cars, it was better to be born lucky than good looking, and with a smile that pushed his eye-brows way up on top of his head and his chin down in his collar bone, he said he had both, and a good coon dog besides. "Some Joe!"

Necessity may be the mother of invention but it seems to me she wasted a precious lot of time when she produced a bustle.

I was over in New Orleans last week and boys, the old city reminds me of a coo-cola egg-nog—a helluva lot of foam and bubbles but no kick in it.

Corns between the toes are caused by friction. To remove the friction and cure the corn prop the toes as far apart as possible with a toothpick. Guaranteed.

If silence is golden, deaf and dumb sweethearts riding through a cemetery driving a blind horse hitched to a ball-bearing rubber-tired buggy must be 18 karat.

There are several young couples trotting around Madisonville. Guess they will soon be lopeing to Covington. Stand by, mates.

It is a pity so many men and women have a 40-horsepower brain and a 10-horsepower head.

I was told at school every American boy has a chance to be president of these United States. I will sell my chance to anybody, cheap. Send in your bids you speculators and bond profiteers. Bids accepted from editors and drummers also.

35 miles or even 45 miles is not unsafe on good roads. The accident should be a warning to people who will not give the road to a car that wishes to pass. In justice to the lady who was driving the car that caused the accident, we wish to state that she said she did not hear the horn. We, too, have learned a little lesson. We have criticized reckless driving, and we realize by our own experience in this instance that we may not have looked earnestly enough for an excuse for the unfortunate man in the ditch. But there should be traffic laws and they should be enforced. Otherwise accidents cannot be avoided. The greatest blessing of the trip is that no one was hurt.

DISTRICT COURT.

District Court has had quite a criminal calendar to take care of this week and is in session as we go to press, Judge Carter on the bench and District Attorney J. Vol Brock prosecuting.

The sensation of the session was Judge Carter's charge to the grand jury relative to the sale of white lightning or illicit whisky. He said he had been approached by citizens on the train and asked if something could not be done to stop it. That boys were drinking it and its sale was evident everywhere. Judge Carter charged the jury that it was their duty to investigate it. That he could do nothing without their help. He hoped they would give him this aid and that if they did he assured them that the iron heel of justice would be set upon it.

The jury made no report on the matter.

The court proceedings will be published next week.

MAY BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



The secretary of agriculture in the Harding administration may come out of the south, according to reports from high Republican sources. The man is A. T. Hert of Kentucky, one of the most successful "dirt" farmers of the Louisville area and operates a large farm and plantation near Louisville. Mr. Hert was a member of the Republican National Committee and was very active in the recent campaign.

COMING TO THE PARKVIEW.

The celebrated Swift Bell Singers, for nine years a feature with the Redpath Chautauqua, have been engaged to appear at the Parkview Theatre, Monday week. They have a very entertaining program—well worth attending.

COMMUNITY HOUSE.

For the next two or three months the Community House will change its all-day opening program and will open only from 3 p. m. till 8 p. m., and the hostess days will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Books may be obtained from the library during these hours.

This change has been made because it is found that the people from the country, during the winter months, more frequently take advantage of the conveniences offered during these hours as well as the school children, and city visitors are not as frequent as during the excursion times. This arrangement will considerably cut the cost of maintenance without diminishing the service rendered by the Community House materially.

DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF "ST. TAMMANY'S BIG BANK" DINE AT GABE'S.

The directors and employees of the Covington Bank & Trust Company had a get-together dinner at Gabe's Tavern last Friday evening. While it was a quiet affair, no one being present outside of the board and staff, excepting our genial Mayor Badon, everyone enjoyed themselves. This old and strong institution, known as "St. Tammany's Big Bank," has an enviable reputation for conservatism and fair dealing. By its policy of conservatism with just enough liberality and courage, it has built up a banking business that is second to none among the country banks of the state. Those present were T. M. Burns, W. R. Badon, Theo. Dendinger, Emile Freilerick, Walker Galatas, P. J. Laborde, A. J. Planeche, Walter Parker, H. J. Smith, Julian H. Smith, Robert H. Dutsch, E. G. Davis, Edgar Menetre and Felts Polkes.

NOTICE TO LICENSE PAYERS.

State and parish license are due and become delinquent on the 1st day of March, 1921. Interest at the rate of 2 per cent per month will be added.

WALTER GALATAS, Tax Collector.

NOTICE.

The assessment rolls have been filed and taxes for 1920 are now being collected. Same will become delinquent in 30 days. A penalty of 10 per cent per annum will be added.

WALTER GALATAS, Tax Collector.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the exclusive privilege of operating a ferry within a radius of two miles of the point where the Houtonville Ferry is now being operated by Ernest Guitteau shall be let for a period of thirty days advertisement in The St. Tammany Farmer.

P. J. MARTINDALE, Secretary Police Jury.

PROCEEDINGS OF POLICE JURY JANUARY 11TH

Ordinance Ordering Election in Road Dist. No. 2 To Issue Bonds.

ISSUE TO BE FOR \$250,000.00

Minutes and Proceedings of the Session, Official Reports, Etc.

Covington, La., Jan. 11, 1921.

The police jury met on the above date in regular session with the following members present: Theo. Dendinger, H. N. Fenderson, C. M. Poole, J. M. Smith, R. C. Cooper, Emile Singletary, W. H. Davis, M. P. Schneider, J. B. Howze, Emile Burkstock. Absent: None.

It was moved and seconded that the St. Tammany Parish Good Roads Commission be authorized to sell their road outfit consisting of mules, wagons, etc., and to advertise the same for sale in The St. Tammany Farmer. Carried.

Moved by M. P. Schneider, seconded by J. M. Smith, that the St. Tammany Good Roads Commission be authorized to have their engineer make a survey from Pearl River station direct to a point in East Pearl River known as the Tracy Landing, and make up an estimate and turn this over to the president of the police jury as soon as possible. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Dolphus McLain be given the contract to repair the Covington bridge, as per his bid of one hundred and fourteen dollars. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that claim of the St. Tammany Construction Company, in regard to contract of Salt Bayou road, be referred to the St. Tammany Good Roads Commission for settlement. Carried by a vote of 6 to 4.

It was moved by M. P. Schneider, seconded by W. H. Davis, that the motion seconded and carried at a previous meeting of the police jury to December 15, 1920, discontinuing the payment of \$45.00 per month to the amount of \$500.00, payable to the Red Cross Chapter, be rescinded, and that payment be continued and monthly at \$45.00 per month, to the amount of \$500.00. Carried.

The meeting adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The following report was read: Statement of Walter Galatas, tax collector, for the month of December, 1920:

State Tax—	
Regular	18702.23
Veteran	282.50
School	5343.50
Parish Tax—	
Criminal fund	2573.22
Road fund	10292.90
School fund	15439.37
General fund	5146.45
Corporation Tax—	
Criminal fund	99.04
Road fund	395.17
School fund	625.55
School tax ward 1	1.14
School tax ward 2	3721.37
School tax ward 3	1468.08
School tax ward 4	2301.31
School tax ward 5	2237.22
School tax ward 6	5903.51
School tax ward 8	131.17
School tax ward 9	3307.52
School tax ward 10	769.64
Special road tax	18691.82
State license	54.83
Int. on state license	1.90
Parish license	9.50
Hunting license, 1920	161.50
Per capita tax	169.24
Serventice license	517.73
Hire	5.00
Fines	22.60
Sheriff's costs	173.58
Poll tax	1391.45
Commissions	5261.38
Total	\$108195.41
Amounts available to each fund:	
Criminal	2677.26

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PROPOSAL.

The Good Roads Commission of St. Tammany Parish has for sale a road outfit consisting of:

- 16 mules, fully equipped with harness.
- 2 saddles.
- 1 camp car on an 8-wheel log wagon.
- 1 camp car on a horse (heavy) wagon.
- 1 medium two-horse wagon.
- 1 8-foot blade grader.
- 5 slips.
- 2 tents with flies.
- 5 wheelbarrows.
- 1 tool box with necessary shovels, axes, saw and other small tools to go with the above outfit.

Bids will be received at the office of the Good Roads Commission on the above outfit, in complete, up to 10 o'clock, January 27th, 1921, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud, and the outfit sold to the highest bidder, if satisfactory. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

GOOD ROADS COMMISSION.
Jan 15-21 Covington, La.

Mrs. F. J. Selzo and sister, Miss Rosa Selzo, of Boston, Mass., have arrived in Covington for several several weeks stay as the guests of Mrs. N. T. Siron and family.