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SCHOOL BOARD REINSTATES MR. McAFEE AS HI PRINCIPAL

As Slidell Principal He Is Endorsed By a Large Majority of Citizens

PROMINENT CITIZENS WAIT ON BOARD

List of Additional Teachers Appointed Through the Parish.

Covington, La., July 22, 1921. The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in special call session in the office of the Superintendent on the above date with N. H. FitzSimons, president, in the chair, and the following members present: George R. Dutsch, ward 1; T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. FitzSimons, ward 3; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; Geo. F. Bancks, ward 8; W. J. Sebastian, ward 9; W. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: H. H. Kelly, Ward 4; L. H. Keller, ward 7. The superintendent reported that on the night of July 8 he sent the following telegram to J. C. Orr, who had been elected as the principal of the Slidell school at the meeting held on July 8: "Parish School Board elected you today principal of Slidell High School at \$2700. It is too late wire acceptance. Contract will follow. Expect wire as soon as can answer, positively." On July 17 he reported that he received a telegram from Mr. Orr that read as follows: "Considering proposition no longer. Accepted another position." In view of this decision of Mr. Orr's he felt it necessary that the Board proceed to elect another principal for the Slidell High School. Moved by Mr. Oswald, seconded by Mr. Bancks, that the superintendent proceed to nominate a principal for the Slidell High School for the year 1921-22. The superintendent then read the following letter received from prominent citizens of Slidell, and stated that he was willing to accept this evidence that the objections to the reappointment of Mr. T. H. McAfee was not as general as he had once feared, and that he, therefore, would nominate Mr. T. H. McAfee for reappointment. Slidell, La., July 13, 1921. Supt. E. E. Lyon, Covington, La. Dear Sir:—We understand that at the St. Tammany Parish School Board meeting held in your office on Friday, July 8th, you stated that you were afraid that the number of Slidell people who were opposed to the reappointment of Prof. T. H. McAfee, as the principal of the Slidell High School, was large enough to interfere with the success of the school, for another year, should he be reappointed, and that their feelings against him would prevent him from receiving the proper co-operation necessary to guarantee a successful school session. We respect your judgment in this matter and if the facts were such as you mention above, we would agree with you that you were justified in withholding his nomination and would not press the matter further. Having been citizens of Slidell for years, we are naturally acquainted with the people of this town, and we are personally acquainted with each person opposing Mr. McAfee's reappointment. Because of this reason so far as we know, we can state that the number objecting to his reappointment is not over six or seven. (Continued on page 4)

Slidell Savings and Home-Stead Association. The statements of the Slidell Savings & Homestead Association, published in The Farmer last week, shows assets of \$207,644.01, and net profits of \$7,683.18. In view of the conditions in building operations, this is a showing that Slidell should be proud of. It shows activity in the development of the town and liberal and progressive spirit in aiding the homeseeker.

Gov. Len Small. Dispatches from Chicago of July 28 say that Gov. Small, the Illinois governor indicted for embezzlement of some \$700,000, has dropped from sight. It is believed friends have advised him to seek seclusion for a few days rest from his fight against court order for his arrest.



GOV. LEN SMALL

BODY OF ROBT. H. BURNS DAYS LATE, BURIED FRIDAY P. M.

Funeral Took Place From Courthouse at 1:00 p. m. As Scheduled

FULL MILITARY HONORS GIVEN

Impressive Ceremonies Conducted by Commander Lieutenant Miller.

The war is over, but our dead still come to us. The heroes who made the great sacrifice; the boys who slipped from the loving embrace of dear ones at home and climbed over the top of the trenches in France to meet bullet and shell and deadly gas and passed into the long sleep whose awakening no one knows are bringing back with their bodies memories that the scarlet poppies of France hid from view as they bent low and



Robert H. Burns

whispered of patriotism and loyalty and bravery. The solemn last moment with our dead comes late, but the reality of death has its most perfect conception as the body is committed to the earth from which it came. Robert H. Burns was one of the heroes in the greatest war of history. He was born in St. Tammany parish, near Madisonville, October 8, 1889. He went over to the top with his regiment in France November 10, 1918. The day before the armistice was declared and received the wounds from which he died in an emergency hospital on Armistice Day, when all the world was rejoicing that peace was near. He was the son of Capt. and Mrs. Edward Burns. Capt. Burns did not live to see the return of his son's body, he having died November 18, 1918, just seven days after the death of his son. His mother, four brothers, A. Sidney, Clyde, Frank, Vandendor, and one sister, Miss Eba, survive him. Robert Burns' body was to have lain in state 48 hours at the courthouse in Covington, but it did not arrive until Friday forenoon and the funeral services were scheduled for 1 o'clock p. m. and the program was carried out. Rev. F. C. Talmage officiated as civilian chaplain. Commander Benj. W. Miller of the American Legion, Robt. H. Burns Post No. 16, conducted the services for the Legion, at the courthouse and at the grave. The firing squad of the Regular Army stood at attention during the ceremonies and bugle call was sounded. The pallbearers were: Bernard Aouelle, Walter Lasseigne, George Johnson, Leroy Haynes, Arthur J. Finney, Bernard Fontan. At the Covington Cemetery the military ceremonies were carried out, Commander Lieutenant Miller conducting the ceremony. After reading of the service three volleys were fired by the firing squad and taps was sounded. The bugle sounded the assembly call for the formation of the procession and the announcement of the funeral services. As the body left the courthouse church call was sounded. The funeral procession was headed by the bugle and drum corps, followed by the firing squad, under command of Vice Commander Lieutenant Bryan D. Burns; American Legion, and guests, consisting of ex-service men not members, under command of Adjutant Oliver J. Herbert; Baton Rouge Boy Scouts, under command of Scoutmaster Friend Holt; Local Boy Scouts, under command of Vice Scoutmaster Lawrence Frederick; Civilian Chaplain F. C. Talmage; bears and attendant pallbearers; mourners, civilians. The whole under the command of Post Commander Lieut. Benj. W. Miller. In his services Commander Lieut. Miller deliver the following eulogy, a touching appeal to the sentiments that make death "unfeared by the hero who gives his life to his country's defense. "It is glorious to die for one's country, for if the body mingles with the clouds and dust, the soul goes marching on. The price of liberty is the pain and sacrifice and the reward of sacrifice in the happiness of endless generations. Thrice blessed is he who smiles at fear when the destiny of free peoples hangs in the balance. Out of heroes and service comes the health of nations. "Speech cannot utter the subtleties of what was done by the departed. It remains for us to take increased rotation from that for which he died. It remains for us to

AND STILL THEY COME



They are still coming home—the boys of ours who fought for us over there. We cheered for all, sympathized with some, and mourn for these. U. S. officers in Antwerp are checking shipment detail on row after row of flag-draped caskets where "old glory guards with solemn round the bivouac of the dead."

DINNER GIVEN BY FORMER STUDENTS

New Orleans, July 25.—The reunion dinner of the students of the Christian Brothers was held at Holmes Restaurant on Thursday and was a great success, no less than eight Christian Brothers being guests on the occasion. The banquet hall was surrounded by beautiful flowering plants, the faultless cuisine and service was characteristic of the Holmes establishment, and the menu both unique and attractive. Max Fink's orchestra opened, just after grace, with "Auld Land Syne," and all during the meal discoursed most delightful music (one jazz). The most grand part of the entertainment was opened by Dr. J. Rollo Knapp, the toastmaster, with a brief statement in regard to the Order of the Christian Brothers. He said it was founded about three hundred years ago by Saint LaSalle. Since that time countless educational institutions have been established in all the countries of the globe, the headquarters of the Order being in Belgium. In this country there are schools and colleges in all the large and many of the smaller cities. New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore and St. Louis are noted for their large, well-equipped and up-to-date institutions. In the South, the Brothers' College in Memphis has the most excellent and wide-spread reputation. Nearer home we have the benefit of St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Stephen's schools, as also the well-known Pass Christian College. Lately the Christian Brothers have obtained in Covington, from the Benedictine Fathers the fine school established some years ago by Prof. B. V. Dixon. The good Brothers have made this institution so successful and popular as to have had its list of students for the coming year filled entirely in last April, so that they can take no more. It is doubtless he surprising to some to know that the Christian Brothers have educated many priests and dignitaries of the church; judges of the Supreme Court; Governor of States; U. S. Senators; members of the legislatures; distinguished members of the legal and other professions, as well as leading men in all the industrial pursuits.

ROBBERY STORY GIVEN BY BOY IS A FAKE

The story given out last week by Charles Middleton proved to be a fake all the way through. When arrested for the robberies committed at Oaklawn and Camp Hygea, Middleton stated that he knew the right parties; that he was to have been in it but they would not let him in and told him they would kill him if he squealed. He gave the names of Willie Middleton, Alvin Bassler, Red Shelby and Robt. Doiset, and stated that Bassler and Shelby had been in trouble in New Orleans. Jewelry and valuables to the amount of \$200 were taken. Deputy Quatreveaux went to New Orleans with this information and the Chief of Police put men on the job immediately. It was learned that Middleton had no brother and other names were either fictitious or absolutely unconnected in any way with Middleton. Middleton's father stated that Charles was a bad egg. He had done all he could to keep him straight and would spend no money to set him free. That jail was a good place for him. Middleton now has given another name. This person, he says, will tell all about the robbery. In the meantime, he has told other prisoners of the jail that he doesn't intend to tell anything and will take the whole blame on himself. The fact that Middleton described an old black handbag as containing the stolen property in the hands of his companions points to his guilt, as such a bag disappeared with the jewelry. Middleton has been recognized as having been a patient one time at Camp Hygea.

RAISING CATTLE ST. TAMMANY PARISH

(By A. E. Briggs) Why, with abundant carpet grass, one of the best pastures in the world, is cattle raising a sickly business in this parish? One answer is, the cattle tick consumes the profits. An equally correct explanation is that making money in the cattle business requires cheap fattening feeds, and these in turn are to be produced only on farms where the cattle are raised. A farm in Missouri may be entirely blue grass pasture, but adjoining it are plenty of corn fields. As shown by the schedule of forage crops in our last article it is possible here to raise fattening feeds more cheaply than can be done in any part of the corn belt states. Drainage is Profitable Farming. Drainage, however, is the important condition which must precede a profitable cattle business. When we consider the following statement in an address to Missouri farmers in 1918 by Dean C. P. Curtis of Iowa State College, the Iowa agricultural school, we get an idea of what progressive farming is. He said: "It will pay to (1) and drain our pastures and improve them in every way we can; also it will pay to apply fertilizer, and if there isn't a stand of grass we must see we get a stand of grass." Drainage will pay much better returns here than it will in the North, because we have much longer growing season and can grow more crops a year on the same ground. But when Iowa agricultural leaders urge drainage to make good grass pastures by the most expensive system of drainage, can we question that drainage pays for itself. Ticks and Drainage. Do we have to wait to begin until every body dips? U. S. F. B. No. 1057, on "Methods for Eradication of Cattle-Fever Ticks," shows how any farmer who fences his land and cultivates crops can get rid of ticks in six months or less. In this latitude all the ticks in a field, from which cattle, horses, mules and sheep are wholly excluded, will die from starvation in six months or less, and drop from cattle placed on tick-free land. From these facts it is easy to see that on fenced lands the farmer can very soon get rid of ticks, even without dipping. The rotation system we have been describing in these (Continued on page 3.)

BOAT FROM MANDEVILLE

Pleasure Bay, the new steamer that is to make trips from Mandeville across the lake, is said to be nearly completed and will be in commission very soon. This boat will be able to carry 12 cars and we understand the rate will be very reasonable indeed.

THAT PLEASURE PARTY.

No more across the State line I shall take my speedy Studebaker. I live to-day, I don't die. Although I lost 'em my tobacco. Also I lost 'em running board My clothes, their clothes, and all; 'Een lost sight of car I bored Nor stopped to heed their call. I'm done— No more for me. You'd run Too, to be free.

ACHILLE LINDRY KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION.

The community was shocked to learn of the accidental killing by a gas explosion, at Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday, July 23, of Achille Landry, Jr., who for many years, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Achille Landry, Sr., made their home in Covington. Mr. Landry was but 22 years of age and had married quite recently Miss Hildred Burns, their union being a very happy one. Besides his wife and parents he leaves his sisters, Mrs. L. A. Loustail, Mrs. Clara A. Rivet and Miss Carmen Landry to mourn his loss. Mr. Landry's remains were brought to New Orleans for burial interment having been made in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3, at the foot of Esplanade street.

HANAGRIFF-SHERIDAN.

Miss Letha Sheridan, daughter of Mr. D. E. Sheridan of Washington parish, and Mr. Lawrence M. Hanagriff, of Bogalusa, were married at the courthouse in Covington by Judge Louis Pechon, Saturday evening, July 23, 1921. The wedding took place about 10 o'clock, Judge Pechon being called from his home to officiate. After the ceremony supper was served at the Covington Restaurant, there also being present Chief and Mrs. T. A. Magee and Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Nye, of Bogalusa, who came up with the bridal couple from Bogalusa by auto. Mrs. Nye is a sister to Mrs. Hanagriff, and was also married in Covington a year or so ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hanagriff left Covington for Mandeville, Sunday morning, from which place they will start on their honeymoon trip.

MR. HOPPER RESCUES MAN AND GIRL FROM WATERY GRAVE.

What would you do if you saw a man and girl drowning? Jump in and do your best to save them, of course. Well, that is exactly what Mr. Wm. Hopper, of New Orleans, did last Monday afternoon at Sulphur Springs when an unknown man was seen to jump overboard in an attempt to save his daughter. Mr. Hopper and several friends were seated on the shore when they saw a young lady struggling to get to the bank walk out in the river, at the same time her father dashing to her rescue. It was thought that he could bring her in, but when the girl clung to his neck they both went down and it was then that Mr. Hopper jumped in, clothes, hat, shoes, and all, and very heroically saved them. Mr. Hopper's actions deserve the very highest of praise.

GABE'S TAVERN.

The final touches are being put to Gabe's Tavern, in the new Post Building on New Hampshire street. When finished, this will be a neat and comfortable restaurant, well screened and fitted up for good service. We all know that Gabe's cooking is tempting.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Spurgeon Wingo and children left Thursday for Missouri to spend the remainder of the summer. Mesdames Dunstan, Wakefield, Dickens and Dunham motored to Covington, Madisonville and Mandeville, Sunday. Mr. Albert Fritchier, who is now with the Standard Oil Co., in Baton Rouge, spent the week end with relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Watkins and children, of Cincinnati, Ohio, stopped off for a stay in Slidell en route to Mexico City, Mexico, where they expect to make their home. Mrs. Watkins was Miss Gladys Liddle of this city. Rev. R. I. Long and family spent a pleasant week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Salmen at their club house on the lake. Mrs. F. W. Richardson will entertain the Priscilla Club Monday afternoon. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Giles will leave next week for Georgia to spend several weeks with relatives. The many friends of Mrs. E. Gillis and family regret that they have gone to Piquette to make their home. Mesdames Ada Wakefield and John Appleby, of New Orleans spent several days here with relatives. Mrs. A. D. Carpenter was a visitor to New Orleans, Saturday. The Methodist pulpit will be filled the first Sunday of the pastor's absence by Rev. Harrison of the Felicity Church, New Orleans, former pastor of the Slidell Church. Mrs. H. H. Mayfield and two child-

MOST PERFECT WOMAN ATHLETE



"Most perfect," said the judges when they picked Miss Gertrude Artlet from among the 2,000 contestants at the Gymnastic Union tournament in Chicago. Miss Artlet is five feet ten and one-half inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. She has the strength and endurance of a man, while her figure retains the feminine beauty and grace. Miss Artlet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Artlet of Philadelphia and was a member of the Olympic swimming team.

SLIDELL NOTES AND GENERAL NEWS

(By Staff Correspondent) The Canulette Ship Building Co. has added a new department that will employ an additional one hundred men, and at the same time add another industry to Slidell's list. This company has contracted to repair cars for the N. O. G. N. R. R. Already a number of cars have been delivered them, and it is expected that about fifty will be handled daily. It is probable that a similar contract will be made with the Southern Railway. Mrs. Salmen Entertains Priscilla Club. One of the most enjoyable events of the summer took place Monday when Mrs. J. A. Salmen entertained the members of the Priscilla Club at her club house "San Souci" on the lake. The guests departed on the launch "Ella S" and were taken down the bayou to its mouth where the club house is situated. Bathing, boating and, in fact, all water sports were indulged in by the guests, after which a delicious sea-food dinner was served. In the afternoon the regular meeting of the club was held after which supper was served, and it was indeed a happy, tired crowd that boarded the boat for home. Mrs. Salmen was assisted in entertaining by her sisters, Mrs. Fritchier and Mrs. Miles. The club is entertained in this manner every summer by Mrs. Salmen, and the event is looked forward to with much pleasure by the members.

COVINGTON DUE MAIL DELIVERY FREE SAYS MR. POSTMASTER

Business of Office Is Above the Mark, Being Over \$10,000 a Year.

ASS'N. OF COMMERCE DISCUSSES MATTER

Postmaster Seiler Says Application Has Been Made for Same.

At the meeting of the Association of Commerce, Monday, the statement was made by Postmaster Seiler that Covington was entitled to free mail delivery, as the business has been over \$10,000 for several years. Application has been made for same.

WILSON TALKS TO FARMERS.

Commissioner Harry D. Wilson has been giving talks to farmers of Washington and St. Tammany parishes. Proper handling and marketing of crops and co-operation of merchants and farmers and organization are subjects that have taken on special interest all over the country to-day in view of conditions that prevail. Meetings were held last week at Zena, Bush, Wilson and Slidell. There will be a meeting at Covington on Wednesday, August 4.

COVINGTON SCOUTS ENTERTAIN BATON ROUGE SCOUTS.

Scout Troop No. 7 from Baton Rouge, in camp at Sulphur Springs for two weeks, under Scout Master John E. Hill, met the guests of Scout Troop No. 2 of Covington, at Charrington's Park, Tuesday afternoon, at a cake and watermelon party. It was followed by a number of water sports participated in by both troops. Local Troop No. 2, during the summer months has erected a permanent camp under the auspices of Adrien D. Schwartz, Troop Chairman. This Troop recently enjoyed a week's hike out to Rouge's Dairy Farm, the trip replete with interesting and varied experiences. The outing will be repeated at the close of the coming month in order that all of the members of the Troop may be able to avail themselves of the advantages of summer camp life under safe conditions, and with a view of obtaining the best that is to be had under good scouting.

Troop No. 2 has among its members the following representative boys: Blenk Young, Anthony and John Frey, Claude Adams, Rene Galmiche, Fabian Bouquet, Chas. Laucaster, Belmont Sanchez, Maurice Plancher, Joseph Cole, Michel Carou, Weldon Poole, Clarence Rockensoluh, Sidney Blossman, James and Charles Frederick, Noel Kammer, Jacob and Adam Seiler, William A. Clark, Frederick Escoffier and Jos. Romano.

FOUND DEAD.

Coroner Bulloch held an inquest on the body of Carl Solderer, a German, living about five miles from Mandeville, Monday. Solderer was a caretaker of a place owned by a lady in New Orleans. He worked for half share of crops. He wrote to this lady that he was sick and she came over, finding him in a precarious condition. She went for medical aid and found him dead when she returned. Coroner Bulloch was notified and found Solderer had died of alcoholic poisoning. The position of the body indicated that he died in convulsions. He had been drinking hard for three weeks. He had on his place a rude still for the manufacture of white lightning. Solderer has no known relatives. His property will be inventoried under the law governing estates of less than \$500. It is said that he may have some inheritance in Germany.

TO THE PUBLIC.

On Monday, August 1, my dipping vat will be open to the public free of charge and my services will be given to those who desire to dip their animals, free. FELIX BACEMIN, Military Road Dairy Farm.

PEARS THAT ARE BLIGHT FREE.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Villars and party of Oaklawn were visitors to Covington, Wednesday. Mr. Villars brought to The Farmer office some Dixie pears grown on his place. They are very large and free from specks or blemish. Mr. Villars states that they are excellent for preserving or cooking and have the very great advantage of being immune to blight.

DANCE AT LACOMBE.

There will be a dance at the Davis Pavilion, August 5th, for the benefit of the Community Fund. All are cordially invited to be present. Mrs. Flo Dunham returned Monday from a week spent in Galveston and Houston, Texas, where she visited friends and relatives.