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## ORCHARDING IS PROFITABLE IN PARISH WITH DRAINAGE

Many of Profitable Crops Cannot Be Raised On Undrained Soils.

## SATSUMA ORANGES AND MUSCADINES

Market Is Unlimited For These Fruits and Their Products.

(By A. E. Briggs)  
One of the advantages of drainage for orchards, Prof. L. P. Stover says, in Cyclopedia of American Horticulture: "Underground or subdrains serve to relieve the laud of tree water, which is harmful to most plants if left to stagnate in the surface soil or subsoil. They serve not only to dry the land in early spring (and winter), but indirectly to warm it, for if the water is removed the sun's heat warms the soil instead of cooling it by evaporating the surplus water. Tenacious lands devoted to gardening and small fruits are made more productive, warmer and earlier by subdrainage. Drains promote nitrification, assist in liberating mineral plant food, and deepen tillage. They serve not only to remove deleterious stagnant water, but they promote aeration as well, and this hastens beneficial mechanical changes in the soil. Drainage promotes the vigor, healthfulness, and fruitfulness of plants. Tenacious soils are made more friable by drains, thereby giving easier access to plant roots, while the percolation through the soil of rainwater, which carries some plant food, is hastened. Rainwater in the spring is warmer than the soil, in midsummer it is cooler than the soil, therefore, percolation of rainwater warms the soil in spring and cools it in extremely hot weather. Drains serve not only to relieve land of free water, but they impart to it power to hold additional available moisture, which materially benefits plants during the droughts." "In undrained soil the roots do not penetrate deep, and when droughts come the plants suffer." "Trees, many shrubs, and even some garden crops, have their roots deeper in the soil than most of the cereals, hence they require a greater depth of drained feeding ground." "It is only rarely that surface drainage fully prevents serious damage from surplus moisture." "It also calls attention to the fact that excessive wet and droughts cause much more serious damage to orchards, because it takes so much longer to grow an orchard and repair the damage than with other crops.

There is of course a difference in the need for drainage between different tree crops. But besides the pecan there are almost none which are not in great need of good drainage. And since the interplanting of truck crops and cultivation is needful in the young orchard, aside from the special need of any tree, drainage is paid for by the profits which trucking returns while the orchard is growing and which the pecans may be continued in winter season even after the orchard is well established.

**Orchards Profitable Here.**  
The profit from growing oranges in this locality is indicated by the statement of W. C. Sturges in Cyclopedia of Horticulture, as follows: "The budded tree (satsuma orange) bears early and yield profitable returns in three to five years after being transplanted in the grove. The city of New Orleans furnishes a home market for all that can be raised, and the Louisiana orange is about one month ahead of those of Florida and several months ahead of California in ripening, and therefore reaches the market when on account of the scarcity good prices prevail."  
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## SUCCESSION NOTICE

Succession of Edmund Willis.  
No. 191.  
Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Elias Halk has applied for letters of administration on the estate of Edmund Willis, deceased, and that unless opposition is made thereto within ten days from the first publication of this notice said application will be granted.  
W. E. BLOSSMAN,  
s10-3t Clerk of Court.

## CLASSES RESUMED.

St. Scholastica's Academy and St. Peter's Parochial resume classes on September 12th. Parents are requested to enter their children at once, so as to secure good scholarship.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Unglesby and Mrs. L. Hatcher, of Baton Rouge, were guests of Mrs. A. B. Morgan, at Ozona.  
Mrs. J. G. Harz, wife of Dr. J. G. Harz, of New Orleans, left for home Thursday, after spending many pleasant weeks here at the Oaks with Mrs. Allain.  
Mrs. A. B. Morgan and Miss Constance Morgan are visiting Mrs. F. B. Morgan in New Orleans.

## FARMERS HAVE BIG INTEREST IN PARISH FAIR SUCCESS

Now, More Than Ever Before, It Is An Asset That is Valuable.

## WITHOUT AGENT FARMER MUST HELP

Amusement Program Said To Be Better Than Any Fair Yet Held.

"All indications support the claim that we are looking into a future full of the greatest prosperity this country has ever known," said N. H. Fitzsimons, a director of the Parish Fair Association, "but we must get back to normal. St. Tammany parish has been successful and far better than normal in passing through the period of stress and stringency from the war. Its people generally are in a cheerful frame of mind. They are determined to go forward with greater strides than marked the most progressive activities of the past and are planning for the greater era of endeavor to push St. Tammany to the front. The new honest-to-goodness gravel roads, the modern schools, including the new high schools of the parish, the numerous school transfers, the improved farms, with larger crops, the new buildings being erected, the new and better stores and business houses—all point to the fact that we have not been sleeping."  
"And now comes the Fair, the twelfth annual showing, October 13, 14, 15 and 16. The catalogue is a little late, but it will be out in a few days and will be found to have some very tempting prizes, ample in number and value. The farmers, who are generally interested in the success of the fair, because it means so much to them in the help it will give them in marketing their crops and attracting public attention to this section, should bring in their cows, horses, sheep, goats, swine, poultry and pet animals. They should let the world see that as good stock can be raised here as anywhere. It will well pay them for their efforts."  
Secretary Wm. P. Minckler can be found at his office in the Association of Commerce rooms in Covington, and he will be glad to give any one information regarding the fair and the rules for making exhibits and entries. Mr. Minckler is also secretary of the Covington Poultry Club and will be glad to talk poultry with you and help you in your exhibit.

Prof. Claiborne Williams and his ten real musicians will be at the fair. This colored band is said to be without an equal. There will be dancing, ball games, free acts, aeroplane flights and balloon ascensions with parachute drops. The big balloon is similar to those used in the war and is in charge of an expert aeronaut.

The fact that there is no farm agent in the field throws the farmer considerably upon his own resources in making selections for exhibits, but in view of the excellent crops here should have little trouble in making a good showing. The farmer is put upon his mettle in showing that he can not only raise good crops but that he knows the good points shown by his farm operations. If the farmer fights for his own interest we will have the best fair we have ever had, because the amusement program is said to be a hummer.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that the assessments of this parish have been reviewed by the Louisiana Tax Commission, valuations have been fixed on all property in the parish by said Commission and the valuations thus fixed are open for inspection at the Assessor's office for a period of 25 days. Any person desiring to know what value has been placed upon his property by the Louisiana Tax Commission is hereby notified to call at the Assessor's office and examine his assessment sheet. Any taxpayer so desiring has a right to protest valuations fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission at a meeting of the Police Jury to be called for that purpose.  
WARREN THOMAS,  
s10-3t Assessor.

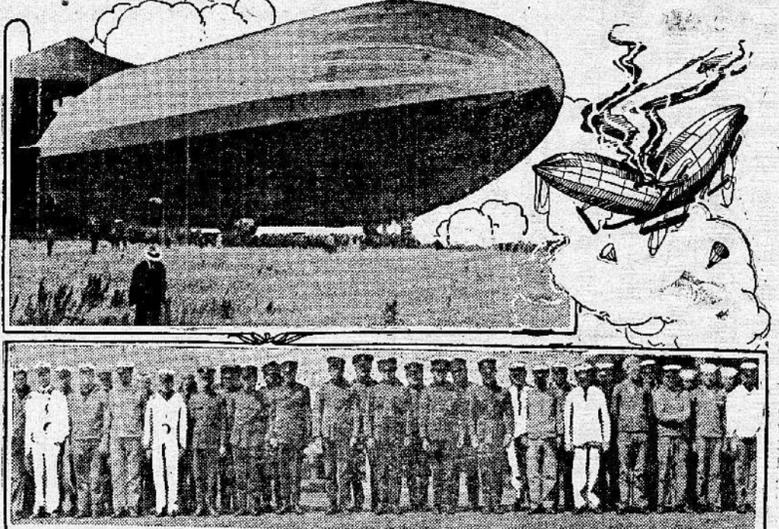
## CARD OF THANKS.

We thank our many friends and neighbors for their help and kind words of sympathy through the sorrow of burying our son's body. Especially do we thank those who met the casket and brought it home from the train, which was our heaviest burden. We appreciate the kind words and sweet remembrance of his schoolmates; thanks to Rev. Evers for coming out and giving religious consolation; also to Mr. Marvin Poole for conducting the funeral in his usual quiet and courteous manner. We feel proud to know that our son's memory was still fresh in the minds of his many friends.  
MR. and MRS. MORGAN,  
Ouvil, La.

## TAKEN TO THE INSANE ASYLUM.

Wm. Francis Davids, said to be of unsound mind was taken to the East Louisiana Hospital, Friday morning, in charge of Deputy Quarreuz.

## LAST PICTURES OF GREATEST AIRSHIP WHICH FAILED



The greatest air tragedy in the history of aviation, the collapse of the dirigible ZR-2 in England, is announced at Washington. But Americans will build all of our future dirigibles and we will purchase no more foreign-made crafts. These pictures are the last of the ill-fated craft. Upper left shows navymen leading the biggest dirigible ever built from its hangar for the trial flight. Lower picture is an official navy picture, a group of the American crew which went across to bring the monster across the Atlantic from England. The sketch shows the great steel girders buckling and the ship as it collapsed.

## COVINGTON HEALTH TOLD BY SIGNS

(By Dr. W. L. Stevenson)  
The Covington Board of Health, aware that the most powerful factor in rapidly building towns is civic cleanliness, and encouraged by the knowledge that its signs on the river bridges are helping to spread the gospel of cleanliness locally, has planned to place near the depot a large sign depicting the advantages of Covington as a health and money-making resort, and pleading for cleanliness. It has also by resolution approved the efforts of the Association of Commerce to secure a sewer system for the town.

The regular meeting Tuesday was attended by Dr. Warren, Dr. Stevenson, J. E. Nilson and Mayor Badon. Complaint was made by the chairman that the building and dairy ordinances, and the ordinance relative to filthy privies was being obstructed by men of the highest standing in the community. Some offenders have been brought into court, and the announcement was made that all offenders will be relentlessly prosecuted. Warning to this effect was ordered published, and an official list of the offenses punishable by fine and imprisonment appears elsewhere in this issue. Citizens are asked to cheerfully comply with the ordinances, and to remember that a healthy community makes a prosperous community.

## AUTOMOBILE RACE TO BE A BIG EVENT IN NEW ORLEANS

The automobile races at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Sept. 17, is attracting considerable attention. There is always a great deal of interest in the performance of stock cars. Every owner of a car likes to know just what speed can be gotten out of it, and the pride of ownership gives him loyalty to the car he owns. Also amateur performances in driving have a great appeal to the average driver. There will no doubt be plenty of people to boost the performance of any car that may be entered.

## COVINGTON COULD BE MADE A PARADISE.

Editor St. Tammany Farmer:  
Covington could be made a paradise by cutting away the woods surrounding it and draining the water holes. The land owner could sell the wood taken from the land and realize quite a revenue from it. But let the shade trees, such as the oaks and magnolias, stand.  
There would be no mosquitoes and no malaria in Covington and vicinity if this were done. What was New Orleans forty years ago but a mosquito hole, till they cut the woods down and drained the ground in and around it?  
I have been coming to Covington for 61 years and I know what I am talking about. I am an old Confederate veteran of the Washington Artillery.  
JOHN PEPPER.

## LIST OF DEAD LETTERS.

Following is the list of dead letters remaining in the Covington post office:  
Miss Lili Cizek, C. L. Cassler, San Dawson, Mrs. Carrie Henderson, Miss Isabella Jenkins, Mrs. Bolzano Jenkins, Mrs. Lizzie Louis, Mrs. S. Price, Mrs. Dallas Sharp, Ira Sharp, Mrs. Alvin Sharp, Mrs. Julia Smith, JACOB SEILER, Postmaster.

## N. O. FARM CONGRESS TO TALK COTTON

New Orleans, Sept. 8.—With the almost sudden rejuvenation of the cotton market, the importance of the meeting of the Louisiana and Mississippi Divisions of the American Cotton Association on September 13 in connection with the Interstate Farm Congress, grows, and indications now point to a representative gathering of producers and others interested in the cotton industry. Many letters have come to Mr. W. B. Thompson, chairman of the Louisiana Division, indicating an intention to be present.

While no set program has been arranged for the cotton meeting, several of the leaders of thought in the industry will be heard, and the vital subjects for consideration, including acreage for 1922, co-operative marketing, warehousing, and pest control, will be discussed from all points of view.  
Chairman Thompson who will preside over the session, will open the acreage discussion by pointing to the lessons of the present year, while they are still fresh in the minds of the producers. Co-operative marketing will be discussed by several, but Charles E. Levy, New Orleans cotton factor, who has given much thought to the subject, has ideas of an original character which he will present. Warehousing will be discussed by State Senators N. C. Williamson and T. L. Dowling. The boll weevil and the Louisiana crop will be the theme of Paul M. Potts of Natchitoches.

Pest control is a vital subject, and two of the greatest experts in the country will be heard, Dr. W. D. Hunter on the pink bollworm, and Dr. B. R. Coad on the boll weevil. Dr. Coad has a motion picture which will be shown.  
This meeting is of national scope in that it will sound the keynote of the acreage policy of the cotton belt for the coming year. It will be followed by a general conference late in September, and then a south-wide cotton convention to be called by President Wanamaker in November.

## WILL LIVE IN NEW ORLEANS.

Capt. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson, formerly of Abita Springs, motored to Covington, Thursday, with Mr. Will J. Morgan, of Abita. Captain and Mrs. Thompson have sold their residence in Abita and have moved to New Orleans, to be near their daughter who is in college, but they have many nice things to say about Abita and St. Tammany parish and will always hold it fondly in memory.

## THE WATERWORKS PROPOSITION.

Mr. Moody was in Covington this week and met members of the Town Council and Association of Commerce and the committee in charge. After some discussion it was decided that a new map should be made, showing the district to be taken in under the proposition. In that way a definite cost could be established and an idea of the extent of the work could be formed. After the map is completed the matter will again be gone over by the committee and presented to the council. In the meantime it is proposed to visit some of the towns that have recently put in waterworks and sewers and to get figures that will enable a practical comparison with the district outlined for the work in Covington. Some idea may then be formed of amount of money we may need and the system we may adopt.

## OLD DEPOT BEING DEMOLISHED.

The old depot of the N. O. G. N. has been purchased by Mr. Lawrence M. Bourgeois and is being torn down. The grounds will be converted into a park, the ornamentation of which is yet to be decided. It has been suggested that it would be an excellent site for the Soldiers' Monument that was to have been erected in the courthouse yard.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COVINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Covington, La., Sept. 6, 1921.  
The town council met in regular session on the above date. Present: Robt. W. Badon, mayor; C. E. Schonberg, A. R. Smith, H. A. Mackie, C. H. Sheffield, M. P. Planché. Absent: Emile Frederick.

The minutes of August 23 were read and on motion of C. E. Schonberg, seconded by M. P. Planché, and carried, were adopted as read.  
It was moved by C. E. Schonberg, seconded by M. P. Planché, and carried, that Mrs. H. A. Mackie, Mrs. Pauline Burns and Mrs. Regina Moses be appointed as members of the Park Commission, and Miss Kate Eastman as a member of the Board of Health.

The Secretary submitted his report for the month of August, 1921, as follows:  
Receipts:  
Taxes ..... 270.41  
Licenses ..... 457.50  
Fines ..... 75.00  
Street tax ..... 8.00  
Auto and vehicle tax ..... 8.40  
Cemetery lots ..... 10.00  
Lights ..... 6.50  
Interest and costs ..... 4.00  
Miscellaneous ..... 11.00  
Total ..... \$860.35

July 30, cash on hand ..... 9.59  
Total ..... \$869.94  
Disbursements:  
Aug. 9, check to treas. .... 286.95  
Aug. 15, check to treas. .... 288.75  
Aug. 31, cash in bank ..... 253.49  
Aug. 31, cash on hand ..... 31.25  
Total ..... \$860.44

L. A. PERREAND,  
Secretary.  
It was moved by A. R. Smith, seconded by H. A. Mackie, that the report be received and referred to the Finance Committee.  
It was moved by C. E. Schonberg, seconded by A. R. Smith, that the secretary be instructed to send out notices for unpaid taxes and licenses.  
Carried.  
There being no further business the council adjourned.  
ROBT. W. BADON,  
Mayor.  
L. A. PERREAND,  
Secretary.

## AT PARKVIEW THEATRE.

Parkview Theatre will complete Paramount week this Saturday and Sunday nights with the presentation Saturday night of Enid Bennett in "The False Road," and Sunday with Justine Johnson playing in "Sheltered Daughters." Hundreds of patrons are showing a great deal of interest in the coming production next Tuesday, "Behold the Man," a hand-colored film narrative from the life of our Savior.

## WHITE LIGHTNING AND CRAPS MAKE TROUBLE.

An Italian hose name is said to be Ralph Massa was arrested in Abita Springs by Marshal Stire and brought to Covington, Monday, charged among other things with having illicit liquor in his possession. He turned him over to Sheriff Galatas, who phoned to the federal authorities in New Orleans and an agent came over Thursday and took charge of Massa.  
It seems that Massa got into a crap game in Abita at which a disturbance took place. Massa said that after advancing upon him in the room where the game was in progress a man followed him out into the street, when he turned upon the man and in the fight that followed this man was pretty badly beaten. Massa says he was arrested, and as he had the bottle of liquor in his grip the charge was made against him. It is said that Massa is a prize fighter. This seems very probable by the way he used his fist.

## SLIDELL OPENS FIRE MARSHAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE

Slidell Merchants Meet at Community House; Put on Dollar Day Sales.

## POTATO HOUSE READY FOR FALL

Two Fires Destroy \$6,000 Property; Locals and Personal Notes.

(By Staff Correspondent)  
Slidell, Sept. 7.—The merchants of Slidell met in the Community House last night to discuss plans for a series of "Dollar Days" in Slidell during the next six months, and began plans for the organization of a league of the merchants to further co-operation among the retailers. Mr. Lee, manager of one of the Neuhouser stores, was elected chairman, with Pat McDaniels, of McDaniels' store as secretary. Mr. Lee will appoint a committee to meet to draft plans to be submitted at another meeting of the merchants to be called in the near future.  
Sunday School Class Entertains.  
The Willing Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday School entertained Friday evening, Sept. 9, when they presented a musical program and the play "Rev. Dayton Up-to-Date." The entertainment is under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Gardner.

## Potato House To Be Ready For Fall Crop.

Secretary C. A. Everitt, of the Slidell Farm Products Co., Inc., has issued a call for an additional one-third of the stock subscribed by local stockholders, and announced that the heating system in the sweet potato curing house erected by the company is being installed this week and is in readiness to handle the fall sweet potato crop. Plans are under way to install a syrup rebolling plant in time to handle this year's output.

## Two Fires in Slidell This Week.

Two fires in Slidell during the past week destroyed property valued at near \$6000. Saturday morning, Sept. 3, an oil feed pipe in the big brick kiln of the Salmen Brick & Lumber Company burst, the flames igniting immediately, which rose and enveloped the whole roof within a few moments. The fire fighting apparatus was brought into action, and within a short time the fire was extinguished with a loss of approximately \$5000, partly covered by insurance. On Friday, about 3 a. m., an alarm was sounded from the negro quarters. The home of Geo. Richardson was destroyed. Valued at about \$1000. The fire was supposed to have originated from smoking mosquitoes.

## High School Opens With Big Enrollment.

The Slidell High School opened in full force Monday with the largest enrollment ever reported. It is estimated that more than 500 pupils have enrolled and still more are expected within the next week. Several new teachers have been added to the faculty and a most successful year is expected.

## Social and Local Notes.

Mrs. A. H. Dunstan and family returned home Saturday after spending the summer in North Carolina.  
Mr. Gus Fritchie has returned home after attending school in Madison, Wis., for several months.  
Mrs. M. E. Wakefield was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, Thursday afternoon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Carpenter. A most interesting meeting was held.  
The Christian Endeavor Society, a group of young folks at the Presbyterian Church, enjoyed a truck ride to the lake Thursday night.  
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Giles have as their guests for the winter the former's sister, of Georgia, who has accepted the position here as teacher in the Slidell High School. Mrs. Giles also has her little sister with her for the winter who is attending school here.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Halley have returned from a short stay with friends in Ponchatoula, La. Miss Sally accompanied them.  
Mrs. Sam Solberger was hostess to the Priscilla Club last Monday. The club will meet next Monday, Sept. 12th, with Mrs. L. F. Talley as hostess. The meeting will be held at the Community House.

## DANCE IN HONOR OF MR. WHIT RIGGS, JR.

A very delightful dance was given Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Whitaker Riggs, Jr., at the home of Mrs. E. G. Richard, by Misses Bernice Richard, Almee Riggs and Constance Morgan. Delightful refreshments were served during the evening. The guests were Misses Katherine Brown, Margaret, Maisie and Trisie LeBougeois, Stella Burns, of New Orleans; Miss Claire Arbour, of Baton Rouge, and Misses Cecile Marren, Fannie Stevenson, Bernice Richard, Constance Morgan and Almee Riggs, of Covington; Messrs. Charles Brown, Ben Argus, Harry Cormier, Ashley Richardson and L. May, of New Orleans; Mr. Buddy Mongier of New Roads; Messrs. Frank Bevers, Howard Hudson, Compton Molsie, Oliver and Clay Hebert, Frank Cappel and Ben Fontan, of Covington; Mrs. L. H. Unglesby, Mrs. L. Hatcher, of Baton Rouge; Mrs. A. B. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. W. Riggs, Sr. of Covington.

## FIRE MARSHAL LECOQ TALKS OF FIRE LOSS AND PREVENTION

Thousands of Dollars Lost to the State by Common Careless Practices.

## MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ENFORCE

Citizens Burn Up Money To Keep Their Fire Trap; Trash.

(By Conrad J. Lecoq, State Fire Marshal)  
The greatest number of annual fires occur in dwellings. Over seventy-five per cent of these fires are the result of carelessness or ignorance.

Let us analyze the fire loss as it applies to the individual. In the year 1913, a survey was made with the following astounding result: In France the fire loss for each man, woman and child was 49 cents; in England, it was 33 cents; in Germany, 28 cents; in Austria, 25 cents; in Italy, 25 cents; in Switzerland, 15 cents; in Holland, only 11 cents. In the United States for the same year, the direct loss was \$2.10.

These figures teach us that vigilance and continued practice of fire prevention are the only means by which we can cut down the great curse of American-waste!

Unfortunately, we of Louisiana, are prone to the habit; get on any of the railways traversing Louisiana, and in the fields on all sides, will be seen agricultural implements exposed to the weather, rusting and rapidly sinking to decay. Little thought is given the cost of replacement and when the time arrives and other implements have to be provided to take the place of those silent victims of thoughtlessness and exposure, we cry out against the "hard times" which we ourselves have created, and the big little "if" confronts us like a huge mountain.

Fire prevention in its present stage is largely a matter of education. In order to make it effective we must make the lessons learned a part of our daily existence. It is the sacred duty of every man in this place to preach the doctrine of fire prevention day in and day out. Your community will be made safer and happier to live in.

The people are beginning to realize the importance of saving their own money which in past years, has been burned. They are turning to fire departments for accurate and dependable information on fire prevention.

Every municipality should have ordinances prohibiting specific conditions which are hazardous. The shingle roof annually contributes in a large measure to the fire loss of the State. An ordinance prohibiting their use will save considerable property, money in insurance rates, panics in homes, and in some instances, human lives.

The construction of buildings should be regulated. The removal and disposal of ashes, cinders, the dumping of inflammable trash, the building of open rubbish fires—all of these should be made subjects of municipal regulation.

The greatest possible aid to fire prevention must necessarily come through thoroughly organized and efficiently supervised municipal inspection with the local fire department.

With characteristic American spirit every fireman is anxious and ready to dash to the assistance of his fellowmen.  
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## BIG DOINGS AT MADISONVILLE SUNDAY, SEPT. 11.

Madisonville will pull off a big swimming match at Riverside Pavilion to-morrow (Sunday). The match is open to all and the event should be one that will gather a large number of people. The river at this point affords an ideal place for a swim of this kind, as the water is deep and every one will be able to get a good view of the race from the Pavilion. It is not stated who has entered the contest, but there are some good swimmers in the neighborhood and the race should be worth witnessing.

## BIG DANCE AT ABITA SPRINGS SUNDAY, SEPT. 11.

There will be another big dance and good time at Abita Springs to-morrow night, Sunday, Sept. 11th. A good jazz band, the music, and a good time awaits all who attend. Dancing begins at 9 o'clock.

## SPECIAL CARD OF THANKS TO ROBT. H. BURNS POST AMERICAN LEGION.

We thank the American Legion of Covington for coming out and conducting our son's funeral in such loving and sympathetic military way. This composed of sons of St. Tammany. They are sons of integrity; they are men of morality; men of patriotism, inheriting liberty; they served in the world's greatest conflict, offering their lives as a sacrifice for our freedom and rights; they have proved their unity in brotherhood by lowering the remains of their comrades to the grave. "Secrets and sorrow their hearts conceal." We appreciate them.  
MR. and MRS. J. F. MORGAN,  
Ouvil, La.