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A PARISH-WIDE DRAINAGE PLAN SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER

Individual Effort Is Proved Costly, Results Not Satisfactory.

REFORESTRATION NOT PRACTICAL

Woods Fires, Free Range and Hogs Make It Impossible to Succeed

(By A. E. Briggs) The question might naturally arise to the reader of last week's article whether it would not pay a large land owner better to map out and construct his own system of drainage. To those who have carefully read and considered the facts presented in these columns concerning drainage and the conditions existing in this parish it will be unnecessary to urge further that, whether he be land owner, stockman or farmer, his interests here will be greatly prospered by the earliest possible drainage development, and he is now ready to consider what system of plan would be most advantageous to him personally.

Every American is properly prejudiced in favor of private enterprise. But experience has proven that some undertakings succeed better under public initiative, construction and control than by any private or individual means. The story of the development of drainage organizations is thus told by H. S. Yohe, expert on Drainage Organization for the U. S. Government, in F. B. 815:

"The first attempts at drainage were made by a few individual land owners who were convinced that their wet land would be highly productive if drained. Usually their first efforts were confined to draining wet places in their cultivated fields. Later, those who tilled land adjoining large areas of wet land extended their cultivable area by draining a few acres of this wet land. This individual effort, however, usually did not produce satisfactory results. Again, it did not permit drainage of more than a comparatively few acres, for the farmer usually could not get the required outlet on his own farm to drain a large tract.

"These individual attempts at drainage were followed in progressive communities by united effort made in the hope of getting more effective drainage and adequate outlets at lower costs. Several farmers who could use a common outlet, or who by natural conditions were obliged to use a common drain to reach an outlet, understood to cooperate in constructing drains. Their attempt to agree upon the location of drains, methods of construction and distinction of costs generally ended in a quarrel and only occasionally was it possible to complete the proposed improvements. Such united effort, while in some instances an improvement over that of the individual farmer, was not suited to carrying on drainage on a large scale. The landowners lacked responsibility, and they had no standing in the eyes of the law; they could not borrow money except as each member made himself personally responsible; they had no responsible executive head; they possessed no machinery for determining and enforcing the collection of each landowner's share of the cost; they were strong or weak, and succeeded in accomplishing or failed to accomplish their purposes in proportion only as the individuals had the capacity and disposition to work in harmony and adjust differences. These co-called organizations were not fitted to carry on work on even a small scale efficiently and at a minimum cost. When projects involving thousands of acres were to be undertaken, it developed soon that adequate outlets could not be obtained except by carrying the ditches across the lands of uninterested parties. As the landowners were not serving a public purpose, they could not cross the lands of uninterested persons unless some agreement could be made with the owners, which frequently was impossible. Further, the systems so constructed frequently would afford drainage to the lands of owners who would not join with their neighbors, and who could not be compelled to pay for the benefits thus conferred upon their lands. In addition, then, to the inherent weaknesses, this co-operative effort was wholly inadequate in that it did not possess any power whereby all landowners who were benefited could be compelled to pay their just share of the costs, nor did it possess the machinery for forcing any landowner to permit the construction of drains across his lands when necessary to secure outlets. In short, the landowners who wished to drain could suggest and negotiate, but they could not compel action even among themselves.

"The failure of individual and voluntary co-operative efforts to accomplish drainage economically indicated the need for a responsible, continuous organization clothed by the legislature with certain powers. To meet this need practically all the states in which are located large areas of wet lands have enacted laws providing, under certain conditions, for the organization of lands into a drainage district. When properly organized these drainage districts possess the following distinguishing attributes:

1. By law they are made a form (Continued on page 8)

PLEASURE BAY SOON IN SERVICE MANDEVILLE TO NEW ORLEANS

New Boat Now Being Fitted Up By Canulette Ship Building Company

WILL CARRY 15 AUTOMOBILES

Will Make Good Time and Put on Rates Cheaper Than Usual.

The Canulette Shipbuilding Company at Slidell is about ready to turn over the Pleasure Bay, the new steamer that is to run between Mandeville, Madisonville and New Orleans. If reports are true, this trim boat will be running early in October, if not in the latter part of this month.

TOWN COUNCIL PROMULGATES ELECTION

Covington, La., Sept. 10, 1921. Be it known and remembered that on this, the tenth day of September, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m., in accordance with ordinance No. 82 of the Town Council of the Town of Covington, La., enacted on the 22 day of August, 1921, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of said Town Council of the Town of Covington, La., being a quorum thereof, met in public session at the office of said Council, in said Town of Covington, La., and according to law, opened the ballot box used in, and which was received from the commissioners of the election held on September 6th, 1921, in Covington, La., in accordance with the said ordinance No. 82, and there proceeded to count the ballots in both number and amount, for and against, to determine the proposition to levy a three mills special tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Town of Covington, La., annually for a period of five years, for the purpose of, and the proceeds of said tax to be used in the construction, repair and maintenance of the public streets of said Town of Covington, La., improving the Bogue Falaya Park, and the Public Cemetery of said town, the amount of \$500.00 out of said tax to be used annually for improvement of said Park, and the amount of \$200.00 out of said tax to be used annually for said cemetery.

The result of said count was forty-eight (48) ballots and \$154,884.00 dollars in favor of said proposition, and five (5) ballots and \$25,835.00 dollars against said proposition; and, therefore, the majority in both number and amount cast by the property taxpayers of the said Town of Covington, La., in said election being in favor of said proposition; and,

At the same time and place we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheets, and duplicate compiled statements, the correctness of both being sworn to by the said commissioners, according to law, and finding also that the returns indicated a majority both in number and amount of property in favor of said proposition.

Therefore, we declare that the result of said election in favor of the proposition to levy a three mills special tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Town of Covington, La., annually, for a period of five years, for the purpose of, and the proceeds of said tax to be used in the construction, repair and maintenance of the public streets of the Town of Covington, La., improving the Bogue Falaya Park, and the Public Cemetery of said town, the amount of \$500.00 out of said tax to be used annually for the improvement of said park, and the amount of \$200.00 out of said tax to be used annually for said cemetery.

As Uncle Sam Moved Fighting Front to Virginia Mountains



Striking coal miners in the West Virginia fields were quick to realize the folly of resistance as the first troop train of Uncle Sam's fighting men arrived at St. Albans and started up into the Mingo coal sector, as pictured here. In command was Gen. H. H. Bandholtz.

MISS J. LANSING EXPLAINS RED CROSS WORK

As the Parish Fair is only a few weeks off, I am making an appeal to all our housewives, club members and young people for exhibits. Our culinary department has always been so great a feature and received so many compliments for fine work, that we want to surpass all previous efforts this year. Do send in anything you may have that can go in this department, and so help boost our parish.

The judges are from the Extension Department at Baton Rouge and the premium list is very generous, so let us all try to win prizes.

Competition is the soul of effort and the fair the place to decide who is who in the domestic art of canning and preserving.

Make the Culinary Department your headquarters and you will do our utmost to make you very profitable and pleasant time.

MRS. JOS. SCHNYDER, Chairman Culinary Dept.

MRS. SCHNYDER ASKS EXHIBITS FOR FAIR

Covington, La., Sept. 19, 1921. Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

This past week I have received two complaints from people who have taken children over to New Orleans to Dr. Whitmore for eye treatment, and received a bill from him. One had an operation, and the other was treated and fitted up for glasses. They do not feel that they should have been charged anything, because these children had been examined this past summer at the Clinic held by the Red Cross.

I would like to explain this to you, and would be very glad indeed if you make note of it in your paper this week.

The examinations, treatments and advice received by children and their parents at the four specialty clinics held under the Red Cross, this summer, were absolutely free to all, rich and poor alike. Had they gone to these specialists, at their private offices, the total would have been a very great amount, indeed.

If anything further was to be done for a child, however, that was up to the parent. If they had the means, and wished to have the child treated, without any advice or arrangements being made for them, of course they could go to the city when over and to whom they wished. The understanding was that anyone wishing FREE treatment was to apply to me. I would make the arrangements with the doctor (and hospital, if necessary), and they were to go with a letter from me, explaining their financial condition, and asking that they be treated free of charge. I have sent over a number of children this way who have been successfully treated or operated on, without charges from doctor or hospital.

The two parties who received bills went over as private paying patients would do. They were treated at the doctor's office, and they had no letter from me showing that the Red Cross was sending them, or asking for free treatment. I knew nothing of their going until I received the complaints about the charges.

Parents and children were told at the clinics to communicate with me when they were ready to go for treatment, but these evidently did not understand or had forgotten.

I have written the doctor asking for a cancellation of these debts, but I would not like for it to happen again, so I am asking you, through your paper, to remind the folks about it, and to explain that the Red Cross is in no way responsible or to be blamed for debts contracted like these.

Thanking you, I am, Sincerely yours, JANITILLA LANSING, Public Health Nurse, A. R. C.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that the Police Jury of this parish will meet on the 14th day of October, 1921, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints on valuation of property for assessment purpose in this parish fixed by the Louisiana Taxing Commission. All taxpayers desiring to protest valuations fixed by the Louisiana Tax Commission must file their protest with the Secretary of the Police Jury on or before the date of said meeting.

F. J. MARTINDALE, Secretary.

one copy of this process verbal be sent to the Secretary of State to be recorded in the archives of the State of Louisiana; that one copy be sent to the Recorder of Mortgages to be recorded in the mortgage records of St. Tammany Parish, La., and that one copy be kept in the records of the Town Council of Covington, La. (Continued on page 2)

NOTICE TO GRAND JURY.

Notice is hereby given to the members of the grand jury that they will meet at the courthouse in Covington on the 10th day of October, 1921. It is desired that all members should be present.

F. A. BOURGEOIS, Foreman. s24-3t ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE GOES ON RECORD.

The Covington Association of Commerce passed resolutions, at their meeting Monday evening, opposing one-man control of highways and asking the adoption of the commission plan. Fred. J. Heintz and C. Marvin Poole were appointed a committee to attend the legislative session at Baton Rouge and to present the protest.

HEADS NATURE COLONY IN SHADOW OF N. Y.



New York folks aren't as far removed from nature as some folks think. Sixty of them, headed by L. M. Littauer, who has ideas all his own regarding too many clothes, have been invited to the Mingo coal sector, near Plainfield, N. Y., and established "Free-acres," where no blue laws are recognized and all return to Adam and Eve apparel—or nearly so.

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Below are the names of the faculty of the Covington High School. Following each name is recorded the number of pupils in charge by that teacher:

Mrs. E. D. Evans, beginners, 51; Miss Derrigny, 1st grade, 66; Miss Stockton, 2d grade, 34; Miss Sudduth, 2d and 3d grades, 24; Mrs. V. Z. Young, 3d grade, 36; Miss Fitzsimons, 4th grade, 36; Miss Arnaud, 5th grade, 22; Miss Nettie Sojourner, 6th grade, 26; Miss Birch 6th grade, 27; Miss Pearl Grantham, 7th grade, 41.

Misses Burns, Thom, Gillis and Calhoun have the high school department, with 130 pupils. Total, 607.

School opened on Sept. 5th with plenty of school spirit and enthusiasm. Judging from present indications, we will have one of the best years in the history of the school.

We desire to ask the patrons of the school and all who are interested, to give us your assistance. Parents can assist the teachers greatly by seeing to it that their children attend school regularly, are always on time and always get up work assigned to them to be done at home.

All rooms are full and some crowded. The primary grade has 51 enrolled, while the eighth grade has 41. More room and assistance is needed.

The boys and girls of the high school department have each organized an Athletic Association. Officers have been elected and each is busy laying plans for the year. Both boys and girls expect to have basketball teams.

This year we expect to have a Patrons' Day every month or six weeks. During this day, work will proceed in the regular way, so that patrons may see just what is being done with their boys and girls. We insist that all patrons attend on these days. If they possibly can. The first one of these Patrons' Days will be Friday, October 21.

This coming week the Literary Societies of the high school will be organized. A program will be given a week later.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

There were twelve members taken into the Woodmen (Holly Camp No. 90) at the meeting Thursday evening. There are fifteen applicants now waiting action.

There was a smoker and refreshments were served, the evening being greatly enjoyed. It is said that this is renewed interest in the order and the future promises considerable activity. Large numbers are attending meetings.

NOTICE.

Killed in action near Exermont, France, October 3, 1918, Private Joseph Clements Mevers, 1st Division Co. C, 16th Infantry, youngest child of Matilda Isabella Lange and Anton Mevers, aged 26 years, 7 months and 12 days, a native of New Orleans, La. Relatives and friends and acquaintances of the family, also the veterans of the world war and officers and employees of the Texas & Pacific Trainmen, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, which will take place in Covington.

Interment in Covington Cemetery.

EXPERIMENTS THROW LIGHT ON POTATO GROWTH.

Many Question Often Asked Concerning Growth of Potato.

How do potatoes grow? Why do some vines produce many tubers and others only a few? Do big seed pieces produce better potatoes than small pieces? When does the tuber begin to form? When does moisture have the most effect on the production of potatoes? What is the relation of soil to potato production? (Continued on page 6)

SLIDELL LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN BY DEATH

C. B. McManus Dies At His Home September 10, at Age of 69 Years.

HIGH SCHOOL BIGGEST EVER

Rev. J. D. Scott, Evangelist, and C. S. Ellsey, Singer, at Baptist Church

(By Staff Correspondent)

Slidell, La., Sept. 22. The Slidell High School has the largest enrollment in its history there being nearly 570 enrolled. The highest number enrolled in any previous year was during 1918-19, when the enrollment stood at 526. There is a corps of eighteen teachers, superintended by Prof. T. H. McAfee. Departmental work has been instituted, placing Slidell high school on a par with the best high schools of the state.

Notes of interest to the school will appear in this column each week. Services at Baptist Church.

The Sunday morning service will be the first of a series of meetings to be conducted at the Baptist Church with the Rev. J. D. Scott, of Oklahoma City, Okla., a most noted speaker as the evangelist, and Rev. C. S. Ellsey, of Missouri, leading the singing. The meetings will be carried on indefinitely and it is expected a large crowd will attend all services.

C. B. McManus Passes Away.

Slidell lost one of its oldest citizens in the death of Mr. C. B. McManus, which took place at his home here Saturday, September 10, after an illness of several months. Mr. McManus was 69 years old and is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nannie McCant, of Wilson, La.; three daughters and one son, all of Slidell. Services were conducted by Revs. H. Giles and R. L. Long, and also the New Orleans Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he was a member for many years.

News Notes and Personals.

Mrs. R. L. Murray and children have returned home after several months spent in Illinois.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Spring, in Slidell, on Sunday, Sept. 18, 1921, a girl.

Mr. Albert Fritchie, of Baton Rouge, is spending his vacation with relatives here.

Mrs. J. A. Bousquet and mother, Mrs. N. J. Rousseau, returned home after spending several weeks in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson will be hostess to the Priscilla Club on Monday, Sept. 26th, at her country home on Bayou Bonfoux.

Mrs. A. D. Carpenter has as her guests for the week her sister, Mrs. G. H. Queyrouze, and children, of New Orleans.

One of the most enjoyable events of the week was the shower given by the ladies of the Baptist Church in honor of Miss McCant, whose marriage to Mr. M. W. Quave will take place next week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Rousseau left Sunday in their car for Baton Rouge, going to New Orleans by way of the East Ponchartrain Ferry. Miss N. Bousquet accompanied them to New Orleans.

Mrs. Spurgeon Wingo and children have returned after the summer spent in Missouri.

Mrs. W. T. Tippin and Miss Beesie Mae Tippin, of Hattiesburg, Miss., spent several days here as the guests of Mrs. L. T. Miles.

ANOTHER ST. TAMMANY HERO LAID TO REST.

Another of the brave boys who fought our war was laid to rest in the Ben Williams Cemetery, near Bush, Thursday, September 22nd, 1921, Marlon Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Bush, La. The body was brought here from Atlanta, Ga., under escort of Private L. W. Blizard, Co. K, 6th Infantry, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Marlon Williams was a member of Co. B, 6th Infantry, and was killed at Argonne Forest, October 5, 1918, and was buried in the cemetery at Ardennes, France, until such time as his body could be transported to this country.

Civilian services were conducted at the residence of the family, near Bush, and at the grave by Rev. A. J. Gearhead, of the First Methodist Church, Bogalusa, La. The military ceremony was carried out by Lieut. Bryan D. Burns, of Robt. H. Burns Post, No. 16, American Legion, in command, assisted by Post Adjutant P. W. Ludsley of Magic City Post, Bogalusa, the firing squad and Bugle Corps also being from Bogalusa. They were Robert Kennedy, C. S. Young, Tom Hill, E. Lovins, A. W. Ard, Pat Murphree, Mock Bennett. The pallbearers were from the Robt. H. Burns Post. They were R. Compton Moise, T. A. Bush, L. M. Haynes, L. Cole, Jas. W. Taylor and R. M. Ickes.

The following brothers and sisters of Marlon Williams attended the funeral: Robert Herbert, James Frank, Nixon and Kinzie, Misses Cora and Ruby Williams, Mrs. B. King, of Blain, Ala., and Mrs. M. F. Krome, of Bogalusa.

MADISONVILLE PUTS THE HOOKS IN COVINGTON AND LAUGHS

Ball Game Described As a "Comedy of Errors" With Very Tragical Ending

110 ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Notes About Town, Social Doings and Comment, Personal Mention.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Madisonville, La., Sept. 23. When school opened on Monday, September 5th, the records showed an enrollment of 110 which has been increased in the last two weeks to 124—a marked increase over last year's session. The two transfers, one from the Koopp section and the other from Goodbee, are in operation. Miss Mayne Paysinger is principal; Miss Jessie Dutche, first assistant; Miss Nora Holly, second assistant; Mrs. L. DeHonde, Miss Ruth Sauls and Miss Lucy Perkins, compose the faculty. Everyone is glad to have Miss Paysinger with us, as we've heard so much about her as a wonderful teacher.

A "Comedy of Errors."

A small aggregation of fans, Sunday afternoon, witnessed the greatest "Comedy of Errors" to have such a tragical ending, I have ever, to my own conscientious knowledge, seen staged on the old diamond—even in the days of rookies and "amateurs," when baseball was a disease, not a fun. Some one said it was the Covington baseball club but I don't believe it, even though there was "Old Fred" out in the box on to the very end, and Spike and Clarence Ragan, Sid Fuhrmann and Sid Frederick at their old places. I'd rather call it the C. S. A. Fuhrmann Baseball Club, which, as old Sid himself said, sounds well but doesn't mean anything. And Sid, you're right at that—

With a score of 19 to 2—or was there a mistake? I'm only taking your word for it. Still, everybody had lots of fun out on the diamond. George kidded A. C. into giving his place over to Rousseau and Dummy walking upon second like a kid taking candy from a babe, while Ole Prof. stood calmly by, and Johnny arguing with Dummy. Next time, Sid, bring over a club—so I can write up the game. Hear?

Some one said yesterday evening that our good friend, Graves Davenport is leaving us—going to Bogalusa. From all indications there'll be another bug-a-loose, eh, Graves?

Mr. Walter Jabneko visited our thriving little metropolis Tuesday, on business, and already there has been any number of conflicting reports as to what for and why. It's the consensus of opinion that there'll soon be a few sparks of energy expended in and about the Jabneko yard. There should be with two yachts to go under construction shortly.

Mr. A. Hoffman, who is on the editorial staff of the Daily States, and a strong advocate of Madisonville's possibilities, was over for a few days. There are some of us who don't understand all we know about Al's persistent efforts of winning the friendship of our jolly bean king. Evidently there's a reason; but what can it be?

Didja notice the commotion in town Sunday afternoon, principally among the younger girls? No wonder! Kid Jerry Blanchard, from Bayou LaCambre, was in evidence. Now, Nannie, I couldn't help but observe the smiles on all the other girls' faces. You know Jerry is awfully good-looking.

Now isn't it funny how folks, especially in a small community where everybody knows when you forgot to feed the cat, and just how many pounds of ice a week you can afford, get things sometimes topsy-turvy and twisted all outa gear? Like last week, Vly Ouilber went over to New Orleans and had us all wondering "what," when it spread around he was going for "something." There were a few of us who thought ourselves wise and expected to see "it" parked on someone's 11th finger, when we learned that instead of what we thought "it" was, it proved to be a new fall suit. Imagine it!

Numerous reports have come to us concerning a certain "musical club" in Ponchatoula of which our little friend Vernon Davenport is a (Continued on page 5)

flinching response to duty of the soldier who sacrifices his life in obedience to orders and in loyalty to his country.

Marlon Williams comes of an old and respected family and he was loved by his fellow men. The little cemetery in the woods is honored by the sleeping hero who will rest there in quiet peacefulness until the day when all shall be called together.

FOR SALE—Door and window frames, complete sash, blinds, doors, transoms, and frames, with hardware. Apply at 1920 Jabneko Ave., Covington, La.

WANTED—Salesman for Covington and vicinity. Commission contract only, for spare time or full time. We will teach you to sell income protection through our free school of instruction and help you build a profitable business. Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Co., Accident and Health Dept., Saginaw, Mich. Capital \$1,500,000. s17-3t



REV. R. A. BOZEMAN
Rev. R. A. Bozeman, the celebrated evangelist, will hold co-operative revival services at the Methodist Church in Covington, beginning Sunday, September 25th. There will be an evangelistic team, with stirring singing and speaking. Also special soloists. Everybody is cordially invited.