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FARM BUSINESS EDUCATION IS NOT RIGHTLY CONSIDERED

Instead, Children Educated To Leave Home For Other Business.

LANDS UNDRAINED AND UNCLEARED

No Inducement for Boys to Remain Here; Seek Occupations Elsewhere

(By A. E. Briggs)

An education for the business of farming has seldom received the consideration it deserves. And yet a really well educated farmer would probably have an education superior to that which is necessary or valuable for any other profession or business whatsoever. Furthermore, there is no other business in which a well-rounded education is so thoroughly useful in the business as in farming. From the point of view also of the public no other kind of education brings such returns in wealth and well-being to the local community as does agricultural education.

The farm with its many utensils and machines and great variety of products is a better laboratory to study material than can easily be provided in even the most costly schools is usually overlooked. We have everywhere in America neglected this most valuable opportunity to use the best educational material which is available. Prof. L. R. Bailey, a very great scientist and the leading teacher of agriculture in America, has said that one can learn more botany in two years of actual gardening with the aid of a first-rate garden book or manual than he could learn in ten years in a college laboratory. There is not a principle of practical arithmetic from fundamental operations to cube root which is not applicable on the farm. Would not boys and girls learn arithmetic quicker and better if they could measure actual things and figure out real problems of the thousands of interesting processes of manufacture and construction which are the work of a good farm? The best textbook of elementary physics I have seen, because it was exceedingly interesting and easy to understand, illustrated every principle of physics by common household utensils and equipment. Ordinary cooking (but not as ordinarily done) is the most important of the applications of chemistry and physics, because it most vitally concerns the welfare of human beings. In the production of crops and feeding of livestock, a knowledge of chemistry makes the difference between the educated farmer and the one who farms haphazard. A farmer who does not understand the constituents and relative values of fertilizers and who does not know the how and why of providing a balanced ration for his cattle, is more lucky than practical if he succeeds.

In our rural schools the entire teaching should, I think, be directed to education in farming and the improvement of living conditions of the farm. It is impossible in the limits of this article to indicate what an extraordinarily broad education that would be. It would include teaching and practice of growing things; farm crops, gardens, and flowers. The children would learn how to make things and use tools and machines; carpentry, cement work, blacksmithing, operations and repairs of engines; mills, separators; cooking, canning, drying, preserving; sewing, etc. The farmer's friends and enemies include a host of wild things to be studied in order that some may be destroyed and others encouraged. No snake, every bug and bird, and every enemy of man. But with the naked eye and microscope we should be well acquainted with all of them, friends and enemies. It is nearly as important to know about the weeds as about the plants we cultivate. There is not a single farm which does not have several soils or conditions of soil, each of which must be treated differently to produce good crops; here then we must learn as farmers how to analyze our soils. Prof. Barrows recently told the farmers in the Madison district that in order to raise good crops, they must first create an abundant supply of bacteria in the soil. The soil and its relation to all living things is truly a wonderful and most interesting and most valuable study.

The farmers in this parish are coming to realize that marketing is one of the greatest of their problems. When we consider how far away from home go some of the products from our farms, we see that the farmer is very much interested in geography. In turn he is a great buyer. So there is scarcely a market in the world which is not very interesting to the farmer. It is more and more important that the farmer should study commercial geography. In this connection farm organizations are beginning to be a most important part of the farmer's business. The up-to-date farmer is a businessman, who keeps accounts as accurately and scientifically as a factory or a big store, and this requires business education.

But the modern farmer also claims the right to enjoy life, and no one else has greater opportunity for making home life beautiful and satisfactory as does the farmer. The farm should be a beauty spot. Its

PARISH FAIR IS PROMISING A GOOD TIME TO ALL

Catalogue Is Now Out and Shows Fine Prizes of Silver Cups, Cash.

TRYING FOR SPECIAL FROM BATON ROUGE

Big Amusement Program Is Promised and Farm Exhibits Should Be Fine

Last year the Parish Fair struck the rainy season, yet in spite of all the downpour everybody had a good time and the fair was a success. As the rain is putting in an appearance at this time, it is a good bet that we will have fair weather for the fair, and it is a fair question to ask if everybody is getting ready to make a success certain.

The management has worked hard and the nicely printed catalogue fresh from the press of the Kentez Job printing office shows that there are plenty of prizes worth competing for. The fine silver cups and the ribbons and cash prizes will be captured by the farmers who take the trouble to win them. These are the kind of farmers who advertise to the world that St. Tammany parish is a good place to come to live.

The amusement part of the program will offer greater attraction than any heretofore. Felix Bachemin, Jr., agricultural agent of the N. O. G. N. Railroad, says there were some fine crops raised and that there are fine stock specimens to select from. This being the case everything looks lovely for a good show.

There is one thing the Fair directors have barred. There will be no competition in sale of home brewed stuff. It will not be allowed on the grounds or in the neighborhood.

The N. O. G. N. is advertising reduced rates to visitors along the railroad and there is talk of a Baton Rouge special from the capitol city. If this train comes through the Y. & M. V. will bring one of the best bands in the state and a jolly crowd that will help things to move. Baton Rouge appreciates the trade Covington is giving her.

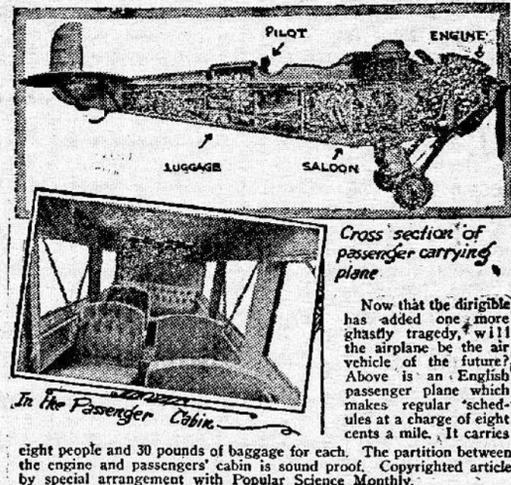
Mr. C. C. Champagne, formerly in the drug business in Covington, and now in business in Baton Rouge, has been working hard to get this special through, and the Baton Rouge Association of Commerce and the Covington Association of Commerce have been working jointly to interest the Y. & M. V. Railroad in the matter. We believe that such a train would be convinced that a cheap rate would secure a big crowd from Baton Rouge and some on the side. They should give the capitol city boosters a chance to see what kind of business they are competing with New Orleans for.

buildings, though not pretentious and costly, can nevertheless be built with taste and extraordinary beauty, enhanced by profusion of flowers and trees and landscape views such as are seldom possible to the richest city mansion. The great English architect, William Morris, proved a half century ago that a workingman's house and its furnishings may be just as beautiful as a millionaire's and probably more tasteful than would content a millionaire. But such an achievement requires teaching and knowledge of beauty. How to make the home beautiful and a happy place to live is an opportunity for teaching which the school has for the most part yet to develop. When at last we may have developed such agricultural schools, I think the city will move to the country, or want to do so. And at any rate the city will abolish its great crowded school buildings on one block of ground, and give the children the healthier surroundings of the open country and the more valuable education which can be gotten directly out of Nature's interesting textbooks, and school life will be far happier for our children. Schools of this kind are already developing. Mrs. Marietta Johnson some years ago established such an ideal school at Fairhope, Ala., and it is now attracting national attention. The idea is growing rapidly.

The agricultural high schools in Mississippi have proven their value and the value of agricultural education to the community in which such a school is located. The application of such education to the elementary schools has received distinguished attention from the State Teachers' College, at Maryville, Mo., which is co-operating with a large number of rural schools in its territory, with the reported result of a greatly increased interest in studies on the part of the school children and the gaining of a remarkable impetus to agricultural development. The support which that experiment has received from the business men in the neighboring town where the farmers do business is illustrated by their subscription in two hours time of sufficient money to employ an assistant to give entire time to supervision of agricultural education in thirty-eight schools about Maryville, and the trustees of the country schools will not employ a teacher who has not had special training in this work.

In St. Tammany parish there are over 5600 children of school age, but less than half of the number are regularly attending school. Probably the poor attendance is largely in the country. An interesting school of agriculture would of itself

AIRPLANE JOURNEY AT EIGHT CENTS A MILE



Now that the dirigible has added one more ghastly tragedy, will the airplane be the air vehicle of the future? Above is an English passenger plane which makes regular schedules at a charge of eight cents a mile. It carries eight people and 30 pounds of baggage for each. The partition between the engine and passengers' cabin is sound proof. Copyrighted article by special arrangement with Popular Science Monthly.

GAME AND FISH ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Game and Fish Protective Association was held last Friday night, as scheduled, and the question of enforcing the dog laws of Louisiana was discussed.

It was shown that stray dogs do a great deal of harm to the game, especially by way of breaking up nests and killing the young before they are able to take care of themselves. Not only game suffers from these dogs but hundreds of sheep are killed yearly by these dogs.

Steps of this kind have been taken in Virginia for the past several years with splendid success. The Association proposes to bend every effort towards the enforcement of the dog laws as a further means of conservation of game.

The Association has extended an invitation to the sheep owners of the parish to assist in the movement.

The Association has been successful in getting game wardens appointed in both ends of the parish, and they are working diligently to stop the slaughter of young game before the season opens. It is reported that they have quite a number of charges to prefer at the next meeting of the grand jury, and if true bills are returned game law violators will be vigorously prosecuted.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Monday night, Oct. 10th, at Covington, at which meetings plans will be taken to carry out the plans of the Association.

OUR FAIR'S BETTER BABY SHOW

(By Mrs. C. H. Sheffield)

I am the baby. I am the youngest institution in the world, and the oldest. I want to live, laugh, love, work, play. If you will make my way easy now, I will help you when I grow up. I am your hope—I am the baby. I want to be in the Best Better Baby Show at St. Tammany's Big Fair, Saturday, Oct. 15. Expert baby doctors from New Orleans will be there. Babies from 6 months to 60 months may be entered. Entrance fee 25 cents. Full information can be obtained from the following committee: Mrs. W. E. Blossman, Mrs. W. Schneider, Mrs. C. M. Poole and Mrs. Chas. H. Sheffield of Covington, or from the chairman in your town.

Everybody goes to the Covington Restaurant for coffee.—Adv.

JOSEPH MEYERS.

Private Joseph Meyers of Company C, 16th Infantry, First Division, American Expeditionary Forces, was killed in action October 8, 1918, at Exerment, Department of the Argentine Sector, Meuse, Argonne, France. He was born in New Orleans and was a graduate of the Covington High School. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meyers. The body was brought home and the funeral took place from the quarters of the American Legion in Covington and St. Peter's Catholic Church, Sunday afternoon, October 25, 1921. Rev. Father John Burger officiating, and Commander Lieut. B. W. Miller conducting the military ceremonies. George Johnson acted as adjutant. Capt. J. P. Lindsay of Bogalusa commanded the firing squad, and bugle taps were sounded by Kenneth Moiso. Interment was made in the Covington Cemetery.

largely correct this deficiency. St. Tammany parish also needs 2000 new farmers within the next decade or so to settle upon its lands. Some people are wondering where the farmers will come from to take up our lands when we have drained and improved them. Some tell us that our farmers will have to be imported from the North, for the natives don't know how to farm and never will learn. Is that true, or are we unfair to our children? Think! If one-half of our school children were taught agriculture and encouraged to take up farming as an occupation, would that not largely solve the problem of agricultural development in this parish?

What are we educating our children for? Why, under the present condition, we are educating them for clerkships and jobs in New Orleans or elsewhere. What can they do in St. Tammany parish after they finish the elementary or high school? What industries have we here in (Continued on page 6)

PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES IN SLIDELL

(By Staff Correspondent)

Hoover and Lipscomb, local pressers, have bought out the Slidell Laundry and at present will operate only a family wash system, but will later install the necessary machinery to do all kinds of work in this line.

Local and Personal.

The revival services going on at the Baptist Church continue to draw large crowds. Rev. Scott is the very interesting and forcible preacher, while Mr. Elsey does much to drive the message home with his singing.

Mr. Gus Fritchies went to New Orleans, Thursday, to resume his study of law at Tulane University.

BORN—in New Orleans, on Friday, September 23, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Carpenter (nee Elois Schirder), a boy.

Mesdames Dickens, Dunstad, McCrackin and Murphy motored to Mandeville last Sunday.

Rev. J. Snelling, presiding elder of this district of the Methodist Church, preached at the Methodist Church here Sunday night.

BORN—in Slidell, La., to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wolcott, on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1921, a 11-pound boy.

Miss Francis Long left Tuesday for Colorado Springs, Colo., where she will attend school this session.

Mrs. H. N. Davidson and little son, Mac, Jr., are here on a visit to Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. Ralph McCrackin.

The Priscilla Club will meet next Monday, October 3, with Mrs. W. E. Wakefield, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Carpenter.

Mr. F. W. Salmen was a business visitor to Slidell last Tuesday.

Mr. E. F. Halley spent Monday in New Orleans.

NOW ON THE JOB.

Mr. J. O. Zurlhellen is now installed as cashier of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Zurlhellen has been with the National Bank of Commerce and with the Hibernia Bank & Trust Company of New Orleans a year. He comes to his new position as cashier of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company highly recommended. He was formerly from Natchez, Miss. In securing the services of Mr. Zurlhellen the Commercial Bank & Trust Company is maintaining the high standard of efficiency it has marked out for the conduct of its business.

ZACHARIAH PHILLIPS.

Last Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, the writer conducted the funeral service of Zachariah Phillips, at the home of a nephew, near Mandeville. Interment in the Chinchuba Cemetery.

The deceased was born about 67 years ago, on a farm two miles north of Mandeville. He was baptized in infancy by a Methodist minister.

Mr. Phillips married young and was the father of four children, two of whom, Henry, of Bay St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary L. Johns, of Birmingham, Ala., survive him.

The deceased had a goodly number of friends and relatives, all of whom spoke well of him.

REV. L. R. SPARKS.

ALBERT ROTH.

Mr. Albert Roth and a party of friends went to Mandeville, Tuesday, for an outing and pleasure trip and enjoyed a hearty dinner, fish, shrimp and the usual side dishes accompanying such a spread. All enjoyed themselves and Mr. Roth ate an especially hearty dinner, but he did not eat shrimp. He helped himself liberally to gravy or liquid of the stewed shrimp and rice. This was with pains about the heart and Dr. VanZandt was called in. A stomach pump was applied and Mr. Roth was greatly relieved, but shortly after was again attacked with the pains and died in a few moments, at 6:45 p. m. He would have been 60 years of age in December.

Mr. Roth was night clerk at the Southern Hotel, Covington, for the past three years, and was a well known figure about town. He has made friends in Covington who will miss him sadly.

Mr. Roth is a brother to Charles Roth, well known real estate man of New Orleans. He has one sister in that city and one in New York, living.

Mr. Roth's body was shipped to New Orleans for interment, Wednesday morning, from Mandeville.



MISS VIRGINIA RAPPE Motion picture actress who died following a party in Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle's rooms at the San Francisco hotel, and which resulted in an indictment charging manslaughter, being returned against the comedian.



ROSCOE 'FATTY' ARBUCKLE



MRS. ROSCOE ARBUCKLE

Mrs. Roscoe Arbuckle, who was living apart from the famous comedian, went immediately to his assistance from her home in New York. She says she will stand by him through his trial for the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

WILL CONFER ON JUVENILE LEGISLATION.

The care of juvenile delinquents is a matter that is awakening considerable interest in the various states. A bill that will meet the requirements of Louisiana is now being prepared for New Orleans, and F. J. Heintz, who is juvenile officer for St. Tammany parish and who has devoted considerable time and thought to the matter, has been invited to attend a conference in New Orleans to discuss and assist in the drafting of this bill. Mr. Heintz has also been made official delegate from this district to the 18th National Conference for education of truant and delinquent children, at Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 25 and 26.

WHY DOES EVERYBODY GO TO THE COVINGTON RESTAURANT FOR COFFEE?

Mr. L. M. Bourgeois will, in the next few days, have the old depot torn down, and the N. O. G. N. will immediately start beautifying the spot.

FISHER—RHORER.

A quiet and very pretty wedding was celebrated Thursday evening, September 8, 1921, in St. John's Chapel, at Shreveport, La., when Mr. Arthur Chippin Fisher, of Covington, and Miss Alice Rhorer, of Lake Charles, La., were married. Rev. Father Fields officiating at the impressive ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rhorer, of Calcasieu parish, and is a favorite with a large circle of friends. She was never lovelier than on this happy occasion. Her gown was a fall model of dark blue tulle, heavily trimmed with black fringe. She wore a large hat of black panne velvet with accessories to match. Her flowers were a corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley. The groom is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Fisher, of Covington, and is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, after a short wedding trip, are at home to their friends at 1023 Murphy St., Shreveport, La.

MADISONVILLE WILL PURCHASE THE RIVERSIDE PAVILION

Bath Houses, Flowers and Attractive Grounds As Civic Undertaking

ROAD TO LAKE SOON UNDER WAY

Bogalusa Succumbs to Madisonville Baseball Heavy Artillery; Personals.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Madisonville, Sept. 28, 1921.

At a special meeting of the Town Council, Tuesday, Sept. 19, arrangements were made to purchase from the Jalneke people the Riverside Pavilion and the five lots adjoining. Authenticated reports backed by authoritative power determine, as a dead issue, the transformation of this plot of ground into a pretty little park, a place of recreation and joy for the little folks, a haven of rest and diversion for the elders ones, and a mark of civic pride among our citizens. The store-room in close proximity to the pavilion will be thoroughly renovated and made into a bath house for the followers of the aquatic sports—swimming, a sport that is daily being encouraged, principally among the girls.

The Road to the Lake.

The road to Lake Ponchartrain will soon be under way, as a surveyor has been employed and final arrangements made.

Madisonville Turns Artillery on Bogalusa.

Bogalusa succumbed to the heavy artillery of the Madisonville Baseball Team again Sunday, Sept. 25, in Bogalusa, by a score of 7 to 1. Dendinger and Turner was the battery for the local boys (and Dendinger at his best), pitching sterling ball all the way through. Features of the game were Doc's grand-stand catches out in center field and Turner's hitting. This is the sixth time Madisonville has defeated Bogalusa this season, Bogalusa winning but one and tying one during the whole season. Guess Bogalusa will now think that the Madisonville players use their heads.

Capt. Young Pays a Visit.

Captain L. F. Young who is piloting the "America C" in and about the pleasure craft out on the turbulent waters of Lake Ponchartrain these days, was over for a glimpse of our little town last week. And, despite the fact that we're contemporaneous with prohibition and the other hard luck days of these chaotic (Continued on page 2)

BOGALUSA TO ENTERTAIN THE AMERICAN LEGION.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Legionaires all over Louisiana are preparing for the third annual convention of the American Legion to be held this year in Bogalusa, October 3, 4 and 5.

A. R. Christovitch has just returned from a trip to Bogalusa and has issued a bulletin to all American Legion posts in the state explaining the plans that have been made for the legionaires.

"Bogalusa is planning a wonderful three days for all delegates and visitors," says Adj. Christovitch. The first convention of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at the same time as the American Legion convention.

"Expenses of delegates will be practically limited to train fare, at reduced rates, and dining expenses reduced," Mr. Christovitch points out. "The American Legion will pretty much own Bogalusa during the three days of the convention. Everything is being placed at their disposal and everybody is working overtime with the one idea to make the third state convention the biggest convention yet held in Louisiana and the first Women's Auxiliary convention such a success that it will be a mark for the future convention cities to shoot at."

The convention will be held in Bogalusa's new six hundred thousand dollar school house. During the three days of the convention school will be adjourned. The convention sessions will be held in the wonderfully furnished auditorium, with a seating capacity of about twelve hundred. Sufficient rooms for all committees circled the great auditorium.

The business sessions of the Women's Auxiliary convention will be held in the Y. W. C. A. Building. A hall to seat five hundred delegates has been arranged. The Y. W. C. A. has placed its home at the disposal of the women folk attending the convention.

The Y. W. C. A. management has placed its building entirely in the hands of the legionaires during the convention. Arrangements have been made to place three hundred cots in the building, which will be for use of delegates without charge.

Delegates bringing their families will be quartered in hotels or private homes. The Great Southern Lumber Company has placed at the disposal of the Magic City Post, official hosts, three furnished houses for delegates bringing their families. Reduced rates have been promised by the railroads to Bogalusa for all Legion delegates. The usual rates are one and one-half fare.

Everybody goes to the Covington Restaurant for coffee.—Adv.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IN HANDS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Want To Make This Roll Call Most Successful Ever Held Here.

LEGION ASKS CO-OPERATION PEOPLE

Urge That All Ex-Service Men, Army, Navy, Send Names to Commander

Covington, La., Sept. 29, 1921.

Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

The American Legion has been requested by the St. Tammany Parish Chapter Red Cross to handle its Fifth Roll Call this year. The Legion considers itself signally honored by this invitation, and has accepted it with the greatest of pleasure.

We realize that the sentiment in the entire parish, on the surface, is not what it was during the war, but deep underneath we feel assured that everyone holds in their heart a safe, snug, warm corner for the Red Cross.

We want to make this Roll Call the most successful ever held in St. Tammany parish. To do this we need co-operation, and we are going after it with all four feet.

As you know, the yearly dues for the Red Cross are \$1.00, and of this sum fifty cents is retained in the parish. If, however, anyone wishes to give more than \$1.00, it is regarded in the light of a donation, and none of it leaves the parish, but is used entirely for our own local welfare work.

The work of the Red Cross and the results thereof are too numerous and well known to need any detailing or explanation. We have a daily exhibition of it by Miss Janella Lanning, consisting of her visits to the schools, homes, plants, establishments, factories, etc.

It is absolutely necessary that this work be continued, and to continue it requires money. To raise money requires willingness and co-operation on the part of the entire population of the parish.

The Legion sincerely trusts that it will secure this co-operation and see this willingness, in order that this highly successful work may continue.

It is urged that all ex-service men, whether Army, Navy or Marine, send their names to the Commander or Adjutant of the Robert H. Burns Post at Covington, or to the Commander or Adjutant of the J. D. Grant Post, at Slidell, in order that all ex-service men may fully cooperate and show our gratitude to the Red Cross for their many favors and kind acts, both "Over Here" and "Over There."

Very truly yours,
BENJ. W. MILLER,
Commander Robt. H. Burns Post
No. 16, American Legion.

MCCORMACK TAKES POSITION IN SLIDELL.

Mr. R. A. McCormack, who recently resigned his position as cashier of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company, in order to accept the position of manager of the Birmingham Graphite Company of Slidell, will take up his duties in his new position to-day, October 1st. He has remained with the Commercial Bank & Trust Company until the arrival of the new cashier, Mr. J. O. Zurlhellen, formerly with the Hibernia Bank and Trust Co., New Orleans.

During his connection with the Commercial Bank & Trust Company Mr. McCormack has made many friends in Covington in a business way, and socially both he and Mrs. McCormack will be greatly missed. The McCormack home will be in Covington until he can secure a residence that pleases him. Mr. McCormack's success as cashier of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company bespeaks success for him in his new field, and he will leave here with the good wishes of every one who knows him.

BORN—(To Mrs. James V. Connaughton—nee Jeanne Abadie), on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1921, a girl.

Mr. Jas. T. Burns left last Sunday to resume his law studies at Tulane University, New Orleans.

LIST OF DEAD LETTERS.

Following is the list of dead letters remaining in the Covington post office:

J. S. Robinson, Miss Buled Brown, Mrs. Lottie Cooper, Amanda Conerly, T. V. Childers, Joe Davis, Clay Glass, P. Green, Will Johnson, Miss L. Kane, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mazie Magil, Mrs. J. Morgans, Joseph Pugh, Miss Maydie Porter, Miss A. C. Smith, Mrs. Bella Thompson, Mrs. Malinda Taylor.

JACOB SEILER,
Postmaster.

FOR SALE—A fine young male in good condition. Apply to Richard & Riggs, Covington, La.

FOR SALE—Three good milk cows. Apply at Rest Awhile, Mandeville.

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