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SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS MEETING OF JAN. 6TH

Superintendent's Field Report and Financial Statement

MISS LOIS CHAPIN LATIN, MATHEMATICS

Schools of Parish in General Reported To Be in Good Condition

Covington, La., Jan. 6, 1922. The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in the office of the Superintendent on the above date with President N. H. Fitzsimons in the chair and the following members present: T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. Fitzsimons, ward 3; H. H. Lery, ward 4; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; Geo. F. Banks, ward 8; W. L. Ellis, ward 9; W. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: Stanford Behrens, ward 1; I. H. Keller, ward 7. A quorum was present. On motion by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Talley, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as printed in The St. Tammany Farmer. The Superintendent read the following report and financial statement:

Covington, La., Jan. 6, 1922. Honorable President and Members of St. Tammany Parish School Board, Covington, Louisiana. Gentlemen: Please accept following as my report as to the condition of the public schools of this parish at the present time.

The Savannah Branch school has been operated for about two months. Everything is going nicely, but I am compelled to report a very low attendance. Where we used to have an enrollment of 48 or 50, it has now dropped to 35, and during the month ending December 6 there was an attendance of 31. Under these conditions I doubt if they will be able to maintain the required average of 30 during the rainy season. The other schools of the Second Ward have been running smoothly, but I regret to report that the Pilgrim Rest school was broken into one night during the month of December and all of the window shades in one room were stolen.

In the Covington school there has been a change in the teaching force caused by the resignation of Miss Buford Gilis as Latin and mathematics teacher. I was especially fortunate in securing Miss Lois Chapin of Tang-pahoa parish to succeed Miss Gilis, and this work is now being done as well as is possible under the crowded conditions. I wish to impress upon you the crowded condition of the Covington High School, and explain that it is absolutely impossible for the teachers of this school to do satisfactory work. The eighth grade botany class has 45 pupils, the eighth grade English 49, the eighth grade Latin 48, the eighth grade commercial arithmetic 34, the ninth grade algebra 33. The eighth grade English has been divided into two divisions, and this should be done with each of the classes listed above. You are aware that the maximum allowed by the Committee on Accredited Southern Schools is 30 for each teacher, and here we have as high as 55. We need in this school one additional teacher to begin as soon as possible. The science classes, such as physics, have in their laboratory period, as many as 40 can work at one time. This necessitates the teacher allowing part to work by themselves without her supervision, and also the reducing of the number of periods of each week below what it should be. There is grave danger if this condition was appreciated by the State Department of their removing the school from the approved list unless changes were made. Were we to secure another teacher, it would necessitate the using of the auditorium for a class room, but I can see no other way or means of remedying the condition. There are between 20 and 30 more pupils in the high school department this year than last.

The Mandeville High School is doing perhaps the best work of any school in the parish when we consider the over-crowded condition of many of them. The Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Ward schools have maintained their average quality of work. In the Eighth Ward a complaint has come to me from the patrons of the Robert school regarding the work being done by their principal. I am expecting the trustees to appear before you today. In the Ninth Ward repairs have been made upon the toilets of the Slidell High School. New furniture installed in the Bonouca or Bayou Liberty school, and new furniture has also been placed in the Abita Springs school in the Tenth Ward.

On December 13, Mr. Talley, Mr. Fitzsimons and myself opened the bids for the construction of the Sun negro school, and found them to be as follows: Geo. Stecker \$1504.80; West C. Jones, \$1850; S. R. Williams, \$2208.20. On motion by Mr. Talley, seconded by Mr. Fitzsimons,

MADISONVILLE LETTER TELLS OF DOINGS OF TOWN

"Pep" Features Meeting of Town Council Tuesday Evening, Jan. 10th

PLEASURE BAY NEW SCHEDULE

Building Repairs, Accident, News Notes, "Whispers" and Personal Mention

By Staff Correspondent
Madisonville, Jan. 12—A lot of pep featured the meeting of the Town Council, Tuesday evening, January 10th, when they held the regular monthly session in the courthouse, with enthusiasm wafting strong in all the discussions—principally on general repairing of the streets and byways. It was decided to give all the important highways a general overhauling and repairing, re-shelling where deemed necessary, and to shell all other streets, work to begin in earnest next week. Shelling has already begun at the head of St. Ann street, facing the Telephone Exchange.

Work has been in progress for two weeks and is nearing completion at the crossing on the Covington Highway. New ballusters and rails have been added, the three bridges constituting the crossing repaired and the entire section re-shelled.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, the big steamer, Pleasure Bay, now under the management of W. E. Well is emitting a few sparks of energy, seeking a place on the program that is destined to out hard Luck, the old guy who is so insistent when it comes to sticking around, and give his friend Gloom a run for his money.

The contract was awarded to Mr. Sticker for the amount of his bid. I attended the Superintendents' Conference held in New Orleans on December 20, 21 and 22, and when I listened to the financial condition of many of our parishes in the state, to the crowded condition of their school houses, to the trouble that many of them have had in the selling of school bonds, or the inability to secure satisfactory teachers, I feel that we have been especially fortunate thus far in these matters. Dr. Ernest Horn, of the University of Ohio, was present and gave two talks each day upon vital school topics. I may say that, in my opinion, he is the most practical educator whom I have had the pleasure of hearing, and his reputation is a guarantee that all of us were well paid for attending.

You will remember some two years ago the matter of selling timber on our 16th section 7 s. 8 r. 12 east, came before the board and a committee consisting of Mr. Levy and Mr. Keller was appointed to sell it. After receiving bids you decided to have the land surveyed. I was instructed to have this done, but have not yet been able to find anyone who could do it. The matter is now being brought up fresh by the fact that there are people anxious to buy either the timber or mineral rights, and I trust that you are in a position to vote intelligently today. In general, I may say that the schools of the parish are in a satisfactory condition, and know of no reason why we should not complete a satisfactory year. I regret to state that I believe it will be necessary for you to adopt a new schedule of salaries for another year that will be somewhat less than the present one. In order that you may act intelligently upon the matter, I would recommend that you appoint a committee to go into this matter thoroughly, and report not later than the first Friday in April. Thanking you for your continuous co-operation, I beg to remain, Very truly yours, ELMER E. LYON.

Financial statement for the six months ending December 31, 1921:

UNCLE SAM'S RAILROAD NEARLY DONE



Uncle Sam's own railroad, 471 miles in length, which he has been building in Alaska for about eight years, is nearly completed. It is a monumental work, with numbers of great bridges over torrents, long tunnels, deep hills and many snowsheds. Above is a photograph of the interior of one long snowshed. The picture is one of a large number just obtained from Alaska by the "Scientific American" and is printed herewith simultaneously with that journal, by special arrangement.

MISS SALMEN ENTERTAINED ON EVE OF WEDDING

By Staff Correspondent
Slidell, Jan. 12th.—On Tuesday evening Miss Salmen was charmingly entertained at tea and cards in the Community House. The House was very beautifully decorated with green foliage. Of the happenings greatly enjoyed during the evening, was a miniature wedding. Miss Pomie Dunham made a very charming bride and Miss Doris Mae Barron took the role of bridegroom, with Miss Laura Leonard officiating.

Smith—Liddle. The marriage of Miss Lydia Odelle Liddle and Mr. G. R. Smith was quietly solemnized in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. R. I. Long officiating. The bride was dressed in a becoming traveling suit. Mr. Smith is well known here, having been in the employ of Neuhauser Brothers. After a reception given at the home of the bride's grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Liddle, the happy couple left for their home in Roseland, La.

Thursday evening Mrs. Salmen entertained the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. Delicious refreshments were served. The ladies have great plans which they hope to fulfill during the year. BORN—To Prof. and Mrs. T. H. McAfee, on Sunday, January 8, 1922, a fine boy. Miss Sallie Halley went through an operation on her tonsils today and was reported as doing nicely.

Mr. S. B. Swetman spent Sunday in New Orleans as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Halley. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gardner were New Orleans visitors Tuesday. Mr. George Swetman spent Sunday in New Orleans.

18 POUND CABBAGE.

Mr. Emile Hoffman has raised some fine Flat Dutch cabbage on his place near Abita Springs. One of them weighed 18 pounds and was crisp and tender. Another evidence of what St. Tammany can do in the truck line.	
District No. Five	
Bal. on hand July 1	4,478.44
Recd. during 6 months	213.97
Total bal. and receipts	4,692.41
Disbursed in 6 months	3,451.52
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	1,235.31
District No. Six	
Bal. on hand July 1	5,659.63
Recd. during 6 months	4,234.12
Total bal. and receipts	9,893.75
Disbursed in 6 months	7,170.00
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	2,723.75
District No. Eight	
Bal. on hand July 1	1,042.57
Recd. during 6 months	89.70
Total bal. and receipts	1,132.27
Disbursed in 6 months	1,126.44
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	7.93
District No. Nine	
Bal. on hand July 1	1,056.51
Recd. during 6 months	1,168.61
Total bal. and receipts	2,225.12
Disbursed in 6 months	1,447.37
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	777.75
District No. Ten	
Bal. on hand July 1	1,785.72
Recd. during 6 months	92.12
Total bal. and receipts	1,877.84
Disbursed in 6 months	22.68
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	1,855.16
District No. Eleven	
Bal. on hand July 1	70.62
Recd. during 6 months	259.40
Total bal. and receipts	330.02
Disbursed in 6 months	120.75
On hand Jan. 1, 1922.	209.27

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Talley, that the School Directors of the Fourth, Seventh and Ninth Wards be appointed a committee to have in charge matters connected with the voting of a special school tax in the Seventh Ward. Carried. The Superintendent reported that Mr. A. E. Harding, of the Ninth Ward, had asked for a refund of one poll tax because of the fact that one

PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT HELD THIS WEEK

Judge Carter Springs Sensation in Sentence of Bootleggers

TWO SENTENCED \$500, SIXTY DAYS

State and Civil Cases in Which Judgment is Rendered

Judge Carter sprung a sensation in the District Court this week, when he assessed bootleggers a fine of \$500 and 60 days, and in default 10 months. Judge Carter says he has no sympathy for the white lightning distiller, who is not only a law violator but a health wrecker and a nuisance. It looks like a hard row to hoe for the man who persists in violating the prohibition law.

District Court opened Monday with Judge Carter on the bench and District Attorney Brock prosecuting. The following cases were disposed of: C. A. Voorhis vs. Benj. M. Miller et al. Judgment in favor of plaintiff sustaining the exception and dismissing the demands of plaintiff with costs. A. M. Lockett & Co. vs. Joseph R. Beaudoin et al. Judgment in favor of plaintiff in sum of \$193.89 and costs. T. J. Bartlett, trustee, vs. Mrs. Mary E. Bazajou. Judgment in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$95.12 and costs.

Interstate Wholesale Grocers, Inc. vs. Stanga Mercantile Co., Inc., et al. Judgment in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$354.73 with an additional \$4.08 protest fee and costs. Hartwig Moss Insurance Agency vs. Onville Lumber Co., Inc. Judgment in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$100 and costs. Edward J. Beiss vs. C. S. A. Fuhrmann. Judgment in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$92.84 and costs.

Geo. W. Smith vs. Lydia E. Bourdreaux. Judgment in favor of plaintiff granting a divorce "a vinculo matrimonii" between them, and judgment in favor of defendant granting her custody of minor child. Alice Pow Kennedy vs. Samuel Kennedy. Judgment in favor of plaintiff granting a divorce "a vinculo matrimonii" between them. Leroy A. Talley vs. Walter Galatas, sheriff. Judgment sustaining the writ of habeas corpus and ordering the said Leroy A. Talley finally discharged.

Alfred Michael vs. Josephine Blum. Judgment rejecting demands of the plaintiff and dismissing suit as in case of non-suit. Guardianship of Thomas Weber et al. Judgment discharging tutor and releasing him from all responsibility. First State Bank of Bogalusa vs. Carrie and Leopold Levy. Judgment rendered reviving judgment rendered on Dec. 12, 1911, against defendants in sum of \$1,000 less \$261.50. Succession of Mary V. Galata. Davis. Judgment in favor of petitioners putting them in possession of property left by decedent. Felix Bachemin vs. E. D. Horrigan. Judgment remanding the case to the lower court, costs of appeal to be paid by appellee. State vs. Charlie Williams. Plead guilty to violating Act 39 of 1921 by having liquor in his possession. Sentence of Court: That he pay a fine of \$500 and costs of prosecution and that he be imprisoned in the parish jail for a period of 60 days; and in default of the payment of fine and costs, that he be imprisoned in the parish jail for a further period of 10 months, subject to working on the public road.

State vs. Henry Jackson. Plead guilty to violating Act 39 of 1921 by distilling and having liquor in his possession. Same sentence as above. State vs. Charlie Anthony. Plead guilty to disturbing the peace. Sentence of Court: That he pay a fine of \$15 and costs and imprisoned in the parish jail for a period of 10 days; in default of payment of fine and costs to be imprisoned for a further period of 30 days.

BASKETBALL. The Covington Gymnasium Club will play the creak All-Stars from New Orleans, Sunday, January 15, at the Park Pavilion at 2:30 p. m. A fast game is expected. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

ASSOCIATION OF L. L. MORGAN TO COMMERCE HAS HUNDRED AT DINNER

Large Dining Room of the Southern Hotel Scene of Get-Together

ALL SPEAKERS BOOST FOR WORK

New Orleans, Hammond, Slidell, Madisonville, Abita, Represented

For years a few staunch believers in the future of Covington have gathered at regular meetings of the Association of Commerce and sought means for furthering the interests of the town. Membership dues provided but a small sum to meet the expenses, office rent, etc. The secretary's salary had depended upon donations of a few liberals and scratched together dues or had gone unpaid. Every time an effort was made to accomplish something the money problem interposed to defeat it. Finally it was decided to attempt to attempt the continuation of the Association unless the citizens of Covington, the merchants and others who were benefited by the work gave it support. But it was decided to put forth one more effort to make them realize the necessity and importance of the work. Monday evening a dinner was given at the Southern Hotel to get everybody together and discuss the matter.

About one hundred people attended the get-together dinner of the Covington Association of Commerce at the Southern Hotel, Monday evening. The New Orleans Association of Commerce sent Mr. Louis S. Goldstein over to speak and to give his experience in association work and to urge the necessity of such work in any community that expected to accomplish anything. W. H. Nalty, president of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce; E. A. Herring, secretary; M. L. Bixler, manager of the Florida Parishes Fair; H. E. Carroll, realtor, and E. Spraker, land agent of the Natalbany Lumber Company, attended in a body from Hammond, and all gave their best efforts to impressing the importance of the work of chambers of commerce. There were delegations from Slidell, Madisonville, Abita Springs and other places, and there was present the most representative body of Covington citizens that has ever gathered on such an occasion.

The large dining room of the Southern Hotel is an ideal place for such gatherings and the dinner served by Mrs. Coltrona was most tempting. President J. H. Warner presided and Mayor Badon acted as master of ceremonies. The speakers, without exception, pleaded earnestly for co-operation of the merchants with the Association. Rev. J. H. Foster of the Methodist Church, who opened and closed the meeting with prayer, stepped into plain every-day citizenship in a short talk that was full of encouragement for the work of the Association, with a plea for co-operation and the doing of things that should be done for civic betterment and progress. In his opening prayer he asked a blessing for the meeting and a fulfillment of its object.

Judge Prentiss B. Carter said that we all knew more could be accomplished by united effort than by individual action. We know that the markets of the world should be open to our industries. Acquaintance with these markets and their demands, the time and manner of shipments, package and customs of the trade were matters that required study and investigation. Associations of Commerce were the instruments through which much could be accomplished. Active Members and Stumps. Will H. Nalty, president of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, looking over the large assembly in the dining room, said, "Your Association is as well organized as any in the state." He said there were two kinds of members, active and stumps. He recited some of the difficulties of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce in its first struggles. There were tight-wads in every community, just as there were stumps; that Hammond to-day was very progressive. The association had 110 active members, the business being transacted by 21 board directors who met once a month. Any member missing three meetings is put off the board. The association is incorporated. A general meeting of all the members is called three times a year. Mr. Nalty said interest in public affairs was a test of good citizenship. The man who, without any effort on his part, received the benefit of the work of others, was riding on the train of progress without a ticket. That the Hammond association had become so strong that it got nearly everything it went after. That their citizens considered it an honor to belong to the Chamber of Commerce. He said the way to develop community spirit is to show accomplishment. That while the membership fee is \$25.00, some firms take out from ten to twenty memberships. Mr. Nalty expressed great interest in the success of the Covington association.

METHODIST LADIES PLANNING A SERIES OF LECTURES. The Methodist ladies are planning a series of lectures to be given by Rev. John F. Foster, and invite the public to come and enjoy the first one on Thursday, January 26th, at 7:30 p. m. The subject will be "A Horseback Ride in the Holy Land," and has been delivered by Mr. Foster more than one hundred times in different parts of the state and elsewhere. Mr. Foster traveled in the land made sacred by the presence of the Savior of men and tells the story in an interesting manner. Later there may be other lectures on Egypt, Constantinople and other parts of Europe. The purpose of these lectures is to raise money for church purposes and therefore a silver offering will be taken at the close. The public is invited to attend.

L. L. MORGAN TO ADDRESS COV. WOMEN AS TO SUFFRAGE

Progressive Union Invites Women of Covington to be Present

COMMUNITY HOUSE FRIDAY, AT 3 P. M.

Report of School Improvement League for the Year 1921

At the request of the Women's Progressive Union Mr. Lewis L. Morgan will speak to the women of Covington in relation to their rights as voters and citizens under the new law. It is requested that all who are interested take advantage of this opportunity. The speaking will take place at the Community House at 3 p. m., Friday, January 20. All are invited to attend.

REPORT OF WORK FOR 1921 BY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE. At a meeting of the School Improvement League held January 3, the yearly report was read, showing a splendid year of activity. The League has membership of eighty enrolled. Ten meetings were held with an average attendance of twelve members. Curtains for the domestic science department were furnished, and visits to this division of the school were made several times. The mothers were invited to a luncheon, and refreshments were served at one of our meetings by the girls. It was discovered that the school was had had service seats, and believing that this was neither comfortable nor safe to the health of our children, the drivers of same were requested to remedy same. This was done. A strong effort and an appeal was sent to secure the Summer Normal for Covington. We failed in this, but succeeded in securing a promise for it in 1922.

A large picture was given under the able chairmanship of Mrs. C. T. Bradley, and a good sum was realized. During the entire school term the League co-operated with the faculty and pupils in raising funds for the proposed gymnasium. We received \$10 from the W. P. U. and \$25 from Mrs. J. H. Warner for this fund—two donations worthy of mention. We entertained the Sixth District Federation of Louisiana Club Women and assumed half the expense. It was a most enjoyable affair, as most of the splendid program was along educational lines. Mrs. Chas. Sheffield was honored by election as second vice-president, and Mrs. J. C. Burns as chairman. A paper entitled "Thrift" appeared in the Baton Rouge Enterprise, a paper edited by women. Four subscriptions to the Illustrated News were taken out by that many members. A plan to encourage singing, especially patriotic singing, was ably carried out by Mrs. E. G. Davis. She secured the funds necessary to purchase the books from our merchants of our town, and then the services of Mrs. Unglesby, a talented pianist and singer, with the result that our school children sing much better.

School books were given to several children who could not buy for themselves. Five dollars worth of popples were sold by the League for the French fatherless children. We participated in a splendid school rally at Mandeville and several of our members acted as judges. We sent a telegram to the Firemen's Convention inviting them to hold same here next year. We appeared before the Police Jury protesting against the removal of our farm demonstrator and home demonstration agent. We appeared before the police jury asking a sum of money to help in the purchase of an anti-tuberculosis hospital for the state. We were active in working our school up to the 100 per cent mark in Red Cross work. We assisted in the sale of Red Cross seals, getting the pupils to sell many for us. We presented the graduates with flowers, as is usual each year, and assisted in every way at graduation. We had the examination for eye, ear, throat and nose by specialists from New Orleans. This was carried out by our district nurse, Miss Janella Lansing, with expenses borne by the League. We prepared the Community House for surgical cases, but due to some unforeseen cause this was not carried out. Many of the members of our League were very active in securing the re-appointment of Mr. Park as principal of our school. Our school work at the Fair is always one of the big things of the year. We bought bunting, decorations, etc., for our building. We purchased at a cost of \$18 a large silver cup for the room making the largest per cent in fair parade.

We requested our mayor, Mr. Robt. W. Badon, to put all surplus filling in the school yard. He had this done. Thanks to our Mayor. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pfeffer, who secured the funds from

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