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PROCEEDINGS OF POLICE JURY MEETING OF JAN. 10

Mr. Wilkinson Asked to Secure a Competent Man for Farm Agent

MORGAN, BURNS TO DEFEND SUIT

Report of Treasurer and Tax Collector, Other Proceedings

Covington La., Jan. 10, 1922. The Police Jury met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Theo. Dendinger, Jr., J. M. Smith, R. C. Cooper, Emile Singletary, W. H. Davis, M. P. Schneider, J. B. Howze, Emile Burkenstock. Absent: C. Marvin Poole and H. N. Fendlasson.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by W. H. Davis, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by Emile Burkenstock, that the finance committee and the plaintiff be instructed to borrow \$5000, amount to finance the parish until the sheriff collects the parish money.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by M. P. Schneider, that Dr. L. W. Wilkinson be notified that the Parish of St. Tammany wishes to hire a Farm Demonstrator, the appointment to be approved by the Police Jury, and wants Dr. L. W. Wilkinson to secure a competent man, and the Police Jury reserves the right to discharge at any time unless he proves satisfactory, the Demonstrator sent by Dr. L. W. Wilkinson.

It was moved by J. M. Smith, seconded by M. P. Schneider, that the bids of the different insurance agents be accepted for insurance on courthouse and furniture and fixtures, and jail and fixtures, the amount insured for being covered by \$40,000.

It was moved by Emile Burkenstock, seconded by W. H. Davis, that the Registrar of Voters, George H. Dutsch, be authorized to open his office in the different parts of the parish at any time on request of the voters of that locality.

On motion, duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, J. Devereaux & Company and the St. Tammany Construction Company, each had instituted suit against the Police Jury of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and

Whereas, the Police Jury is not indebted in any wise to either of said corporations, and

Whereas, it now becomes imperative necessary on account of the importance of said suits to employ special counsel to protect the public interests, and

Whereas, because of the exacting duties of the District Attorney, he is unable to defend said suits, and

Whereas, Lewis L. Morgan and Thomas M. Burns, attorneys at law, have agreed to represent the Police Jury therein and defend said suits, therefore,

Be it resolved, That J. B. Howze, president of the Police Jury, be and he is hereby empowered and directed to employ Lewis L. Morgan and Thomas M. Burns, attorneys at law, to represent the Police Jury in said suits, whose remuneration shall be six per cent on the amount sued for.

Be it further resolved, That the employment of special counsel and the proposed compensation to be paid to them as above provided shall be referred to the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for their joint approval.

Treasurer's report for the month of December, 1921:

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| Cash on hand Dec. 1 | 3035.11 |
| Deposits | 333.53 |
| Cash in Commercial Bk. | 27.14 |
| Warrants drawn | 3395.75 |
| 2865.57 | |
| Road fund warrants pd. | 992.14 |
| 3858.71 | |
| 3395.75 | |
| Overdraft | 462.96 |

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HATCH EARLY IS NEW SLOGAN LOUISIANA POULTRY

Late Hatching Costs Poultry Raisers Thousands of Dollars Yearly

HOW TO MAKE THE HENS LAY

Prices High in Winter and That is the Time to Get Maximum Production

From Extension Department, L. S. U. Now that the new year is here everyone is ready for business again. Have you noticed the motto for 1922? "100 Pure Bred Hens on Every Louisiana Farm," and "100 Eggs from Every Hen." If this program is carried out by the readers of the Extension Poultry News, poultry raising will be one of the outstanding agricultural industries in Louisiana at the close of 1922. All that you have to do is your share.

It is easy to figure what might be, but in this case how about making the following figures come true? The Extension Poultry News reaches 4000 poultry raisers. If these 4000 people would make 100 hens lay 100 eggs each it would mean 400,000 eggs. That is too big to analyze. However, 100 eggs from 100 hens means 10,000 eggs. At the low estimate of an average price of two and one-half cents per egg this would mean \$250 for eggs alone. This return of \$250 does not include the broilers, fried chickens, chicken salad, and baked chicken, which should bring almost if not an equal amount of money.

Tave you 100 pure bred hens? If you have not, can you get them? What would it cost to feed and house 100 hens? Different people work out different cost estimates of feeding hens on Louisiana farms, estimates ranging from fifty cents to one dollar.

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LEARNING THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

We are loyal to our government because we are a part of it, and being loyal to it means that we are loyal to ourselves. But just as we are not loyal to ourselves unless we make the best of our opportunities and accomplish something to uphold our self-respect, even so we can not develop the highest spirit of loyalty to our government unless we become acquainted with its various departments and realize the work that is being done to win recognition of its greatness throughout the world and to win the respect and gratitude of the citizenship of which it is composed.

We elect men to departments and to positions of honor and trust without being familiar with the service required of them or of the great work as a whole that the government is doing.

Co-operation is the watch word of success to-day. The time when we could live for self alone is passed, and it is generally recognized as a principle that in the welfare of all people the highest possible opportunity is afforded to the prosperity and happiness of the individual. In other words it is twisting about and inverting the principle that the successful individual makes up the successful whole. Big institutions of all kinds now realize this, and banking institutions, especially, have learned that a conservative policy which promotes industry and prosperity is of greater strength and solidity than the mere earning of interest on money.

As a campaign of education, the Commercial Bank & Trust Company is sending out literature that explains the work of different departments of the government. They are highly educational and make an interesting study. Our postal system, engineering of the Department of the Interior and the work of the Department of State are among the subjects treated. No one can read these articles without a broader and more respectful consideration of the wonderful work our government is doing.

DECLARED INSANE.

Eli Washington (colored) was declared insane and taken to Jackson Asylum on the 13th instant. Nine people from St. Tammany parish were taken to the insane asylum in 1921.

George White (colored) of Slidell, is under arrest, charged with setting the woods afire. He will plead guilty, but without malicious intent, as he simply built a fire to warm himself and it got away from him.

Mr. W. S. Thompson, one of the old-time residents of Covington, was in the office the other day and showed us the following letter to his housekeeper, Mrs. Mary Foster, who does very fine embroidery and who presented Mrs. Harding with a table cover of her own designing:

The White House, Washington, Oct. 29, 1921. Mrs. Mary Foster, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

My Dear Mrs. Foster—Mrs. Harding has received the beautiful table cover which you sent her. She thinks the design very nice and cleverly executed, and asks me to express her thanks for your friendly and generous thought in making this gift to her.

Assuring you of her appreciation. Sincerely yours, LAURA HARLEY, Secretary.

BOY CHAMPION SHEEP BREEDER



Clarence Tisdale has his photograph taken with his champion Rambouillet, which recently won the blue ribbon for the southwest against all the veteran breeders. He lives in Coleman County, West Texas. With his pocket money he bought the sheep when it was a lamb. His folks would have nothing to do with the lamb, so he brought it up himself. The prize carried \$100 in money.

EASTERN STARS ENTERTAINED BY MASONS

Saturday evening, January 14, one of the largest and most enjoyable events ever given in Covington was held at the Southern Hotel when the Masons entertained the ladies of the Eastern Star at a banquet at the Southern Hotel.

The dining room of this splendid hotel was beautifully decorated, the table formed the letter E and covered the entire floor space, with covers laid for one hundred and fifty. Rich jaspicas and white camellias, and here and there our beautiful winter roses added their beauty to the festive board, and when Mayor Robt. W. Badon, who acted as chairman and toastmaster, invited every one to their places and called on the Rev. Mr. Foster to ask the blessing, the whole scene was indeed a picture.

The supper was such as Gabe's Tavern knows how to prepare and serve, and was served in courses, as follows:

- Oyster Cocktail
- Chicken Salad and Mayonnaise
- Oyster Soup
- Patie a la Oyster
- Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
- Green Peas
- Dressing
- Ice Cream and Cake
- Cafe au lait

After the feast, several addresses were made. Mrs. Howard Burns, Worthy Matron, and Miss Ella Paine of Mandeville, expressed appreciation for the treat and pleasant evening. Mr. Warren H. Smith, W. M., and Dr. Jones, of Folsom, also addressed the assemblage. Rev. Foster of the Methodist Church, was then introduced and delivered a masterful address and explained what Masonry stood for, going back to the time of its beginning and reciting its history to the present day. Mr. Lewis L. Morgan, always pleasant and full of wit and humor, closed the evening with remarks that kept everybody in a good humor.

This is the first occasion in many years that the Masons and Eastern Stars have enjoyed a banquet together outside of the Chapter room. A number of visitors from Mandeville, Folsom, Slidell and other towns were present.

SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNTS AT LAST OF SEASON.

Friday of last week Mr. Ernest Prieto of Mandeville and a party of deer hunters succeeded in bagging a couple of fine deer, which Mr. Prieto says is his first in several years, and that even though the deer cost him many hundred dollars, lots of dogs, guns, ammunition, etc. (mostly the etc.), he feels amply repaid for everything expended.

Last Sunday Mr. August Planche made up a party composed of himself, Philip and Albert Burns and H. K. Goodwyn, aided and abetted by another party of four from Tallcheek, succeeded in getting a big deer. Mr. Philip Burns was the hero of the day, he getting in the lucky shot that bagged the deer. This being Mr. Burns' first deer we do not know why he didn't suffer the usual initiation accorded a deer hunter on his first kill, unless we blame it on the Volstead Act.

COMMERCIAL BANK ELECTS DIRECTORS.

At a recent meeting of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company the following Board of Directors were elected: Robt. W. Badon, James V. Connaughton, Ellis A. Crawford, C. A. David, E. J. Demergue, H. N. Fendlasson, Herman Levy, Lewis L. Morgan, Warren Pierce, John P. Roush, Harry Pignat, C. E. Schonberg, J. M. Simmons, F. Edw. Vix, J. H. Warner, J. O. Zurlhellen.

At the request of Governor Parker, Hon. Thos. D. Boyd, president of the Louisiana State University, has mailed Sheriff Galatas a photograph of the proposed plan of the "Greater University and Agricultural and Mechanical College." It will cover over two feet in length and makes an interesting view of our new institution. Mr. Galatas will have it framed and hung in his office, where no doubt all our citizens, to say nothing of our farmers, will view it with pride.

The new site contains about 2000 acres of rolling highlands and level alluvial lowlands. On account of its large acreage and its great diversity of soils, it is admirably adapted for experiments and demonstrations on all lines of Louisiana agriculture.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for 1921 taxes, state and parish, are now on file and ready for collection and will be delinquent in 30 days, when 10 per cent interest will be charged.

WALTER GALATAS, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

NOTICE TO LICENSE-PAYERS.

State and parish licenses for 1922 are now due and payable and will become delinquent on March 1, when 2 per cent interest per month will be charged.

WALTER GALATAS, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

MANY WANT TO MARRY HER



Miss Marjorie Andre, of San Francisco, who advertised for a husband, who would send her through college. She got many answers, but hasn't picked the man yet.

BASKETBALL.

Basketball games are one of the big drawing cards these days, and the sport is greatly enjoyed.

Tuesday night the Covington Gym beat the Covington H.I. team by a few points in a fast game. In a return game Wednesday night the H.I. team beat the Gym team by a few points. These two teams are well matched and when they clash a good game is always assured.

The Covington Junior team, composed of Bennie Planchard, Clyde King, Reine Galatas, Brogan Latt, Eldridge and Sam Poole, Jake Seller and Louis Duke, with George Blow as manager, played the St. Paul Junior first team Saturday, Jan. 14, beating them by the score of 19 to 17.

On Wednesday the same teams played again, the Covington Juniors taking honors by the score of 32 to 15. The St. Paul Senior Quintette opened the New Year with a victory over S. P. Alumni by a score of 60 to 15.

Next Sunday, Jan. 22, the two St. Aloysius crack teams, of New Orleans, will come over. Being a double header game will be called at 1:30. As both teams have a good record and seem evenly matched, this will be one of the most interesting games of the season and a treat to all basketball fans.

The new garage being built by Mayor Badon is well under way. It will be quite an improvement to New Hampshire street.

ABITA SPRINGS NOTES.

Miss Inez Estopinal spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Estopinal.

Miss Beatrice Estopinal is a New Orleans visitor this week end.

We are glad to see Miss Edna Davis back at her work in the school after an illness of several days.

The warm weather has brought a number of visitors to Abita Springs.

Mr. Alfred Aubert was a visitor to Abita, Sunday.

Mrs. Emile Aubert is improving after an illness of some time.

Every one is watching the progress of the swimming pool which is being built at Mr. Will H. Morgan's spacious grounds.

Mr. J. P. Rausch is able to be out again after an illness of a few days.

Mrs. Fred Earhardt and children have returned to New Orleans.

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ST. TAMMANY A PARISH SUITED TO TRUCK AND FINE FRUIT

Lake Pontchartrain Gives Conditions Peculiarly Advantageous to Us

TIMBER GONE NOW AGRICULTURE

Only Needs Development of Natural Resources to Make Us Rich

(By A. E. Briggs)

St. Tammany parish is most favorably situated for the development of the orchard and truck growing business. It was this fact which caused Mr. L. W. Wilkinson, State Farm District Agent, in the recent meetings of farmers in this parish to emphasize the advantages and wealth derived from this most profitable type of farming.

Mr. Wilkinson's authority concerning the truck growing industry is especially valuable as he has had experience in the most important truck district of Louisiana as supervisor and adviser to the growers there, not only through his present position, but also by having formerly been located in an official capacity in that truck district. His recommendation therefore to our farmers that they organize in truck growers' associations for the purpose especially of marketing their products is most significant. He made the point, however, that before they can sell to advantage they must first organize to produce. He was not there to discuss how to grow crops, but to urge the necessary development and farm organization.

The action of the Police Jury to arrange for the employment of a farm demonstration agent in this parish is one of the consequences of the farm meetings referred to, and if the farmers of the parish will organize themselves so that they can use the services of the Parish Farm Agent advantageously, we should by another year see a beginning at least of a new period of farm development here.

There are some who do not know what the benefits are to be obtained from this commendable action on the part of the Police Jury. The best way to find out is to get acquainted with the Farm Agent as soon as he arrives in the parish, tell him you want his help to show you how to plant, cultivate, fertilize, harvest and sell your crops. It is impossible for the Farm Agent to go to every farm in the parish and give separate counsel to every farmer.

As regular meetings of farmers at the farm organizations of a local character the greatest benefits can be obtained. There the Farm Agent can help the farmers to plan together, so that they can cooperate to raise crops in sufficient quantities to ship by carload lots, and he can help them to sell their crops (especially fall, winter and spring truck crops) to best advantage in northern markets.

Mr. Wilkinson urged the farmers that they should each raise about five different kinds of crops, that in their farm organizations they should arrange for each crop to be planted by all the farm members at the same time, so that they would all be ready to market at the same time, and all to raise the same variety of crop so that they would all be ready to market at the same time, and all to raise the same variety of crop so that the product would be uniform or all of the same kind, and to raise enough sufficient quantity to sell in carload lots (which is the only profitable way to ship).

As to the profitability of the trucking business, he illustrated by telling of the locality in which he had been supervising agent, where out of 90 farms rented eventually the tenants had out of their profits in the business purchased and paid for 55. A more positive proof could not be given.

Although it is local that the truck growers were mostly foreigners, and the Tangipahoa strawberry district the same situation exists, yet, as was brought out in the meeting, the best strawberry district is at Ponchatoula where the Italians are kept out. In this connection, too, I recall a conversation with a gentleman who a few years ago was engaged on a very large scale in produce shipping business and who told me that the New Orleans produce are generally discriminated against in all northern markets because it is impossible to get high class produce from ignorant foreign truck growers. He also said that excepting for this handicap shippers from this section have great advantages over any other producing district in the South from Florida to Texas, and should be able to sell to much better advantage. This shows very conclusively that with educated producers (farmers according to the best approved practical methods) we can in this section, especially in St. Tammany parish as we shall see, top the market with our produce when over we are ready to farm right.

This is why the Farm Agent can be valuable to us.

As another concrete illustration of the profits in truck farming, Mr. Wilkinson related the story of Mr. Tebout (whose son is now head of the Horticultural Department at Baton Rouge). Mr. Tebout had been a bank employee whose health failed and he came down to this healthy country to save his life. He went to raising truck and shipping it to

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SLIDELL LETTER GIVING NEWS AND SOCIAL DOINGS

Mrs. Williams Taken Ill In Picture Show, Dies On Reaching Home

BIRTHDAY AND TEA ENTERTAINMENTS

Basketball Game, Slidell vs. Madisonville; Personal and Local News

By Staff Correspondent.

Slidell, Jan. 19th.—Last Friday night during the picture show, Mrs. Frank Williams was taken sick and shortly after being removed to her home fell dead. Mrs. Williams was well known here. She was very active until her death. She leaves her husband, several children and many grand children.

Miss Row Entertained at a Tea. Tuesday evening Miss Row most delightfully entertained at a tea at the Community House in honor of Mrs. Grant's guests from Vicksburg, Miss.

Little Mary Aebli Entertained at a Birthday Party. Wednesday evening little Miss Mary Aebli was entertained on her third birthday. Little Miss Aebli received many presents and was wished many, many more happy birthdays.

Madisonville vs. Slidell. Slidell H.I. boys and Madisonville H.I. boys will play a game of basketball on the new grounds, Friday night. The boys have been practicing for some time at night and the other boys surely had better watch closely for they are some boys that are hard to beat.

Local and Personal Notes. Mrs. J. A. Bousquet and Mrs. Rousseau left Wednesday for Westonia, Miss., for some time, where they will be guests of Mrs. Givens.

Mr. B. E. Gardner was a business visitor to New Orleans, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Moran and little sons spent Saturday and Sunday in Bogalusa as guests of her sister, Mrs. W. G. Cruthirds.

Mrs. S. B. Swetman was a business visitor to Picayune, Tuesday. Rev. W. H. Giles is spending several days in New Orleans this week. Rev. G. W. Shelton, of New Orleans, was a visitor here last week. Mrs. Robert entertained the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Tuesday. They spent a very delightful evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Favre, of Pensacola, Fla., were visitors here this week.

the North, and thus not only made a good living, but educated his several children in colleges, and in his old age has retired with his wife to live now on their savings. This was a case where the man had no previous experience, but learned as he worked. He read what he could and concerning best methods of growing, worked hard, and used business sense. His plan was to crop plants, usually cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce and tomatoes, and sometimes radishes.

I have a letter from his son at Baton Rouge, in which he speaks of his father's experience relating to drainage, particularly of one occasion when, through his efficient drainage system, Mr. Tebout had a large crop of cabbages, while his neighbors who were without adequate drainage had almost no cabbages at all, and that year Mr. Tebout made a small fortune. The son does not advise a grower who wishes to succeed in the trucking business to neglect a good drainage system. And of course irrigation is also almost indispensable to the truck grower, but he can better afford to do without irrigation than without drainage. In fact it is not practical to have irrigation without a thorough system of drainage.

The opportunities for the development of orange orchards here greatly impress Mr. Wilkinson. He was especially interested by his inspection of Mr. Frank Dutsch's orange trees. At several of the meetings Mr. Wilkinson told of an acre of oranges in Tangipahoa parish which was the chief factor in a little farm success almost or possibly quite as notable as that of Mr. Tebout. That acre of oranges sold two or three years ago at a price probably greater than any farm now in St. Tammany parish of a hundred acres would sell for.

Now why should St. Tammany parish be the best fruit and truck district in the South or in the United States? We know that the best strawberry district now in the United States is that of Tangipahoa parish. As for the quality of land in St. Tammany parish we have a larger quantity of identically the same kind as is the best strawberry land over there. In general the types of land are the same in the two parishes and differ only in relative quantities of each. Altogether there is probably little to choose as to quality of land between the two.

And as for transportation facilities, if anything, we have the better of it in St. Tammany parish. We have more of our land accessible to railway shipping points, and we have not only I. C. connections, but also Southern and N. O. G. N. When Mr. Treen was here he made special investigation of the facts and found that from Covington shipments could be made with exactly the same promptness and delivery to Chicago

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