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Personal and Local News

Miss Boudousquie, Society Editor

The Terpsichorean Revelers entertained last Saturday night at the Southern Hotel ball room at their second of a series of dances which are to be given during the gay season. The affair this time was quite a novel one at which the guests enjoyed a "barn dance." The ball room was decorated in keeping with the occasion, and during the evening delightful old dances, such as "Tucker" and the "Virginia Reel," were enjoyed. These dances were the cause of a great deal of amusement, and were in striking contrast to the dances of the day. The usual young and married set were present, and the music was delightful. The next of this series of dances will be given in the near future, a "black and white" ball, which is being eagerly looked forward to.

The America Street Bridge Club met last Friday with Mrs. A. H. Morgan as hostess, the highest score being made by Mrs. E. G. Richard and Mrs. Perry Shaul. The club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Shaul.

Miss Josie Frederiek entertained the Evening Five Hundred Club last Wednesday, the ladies' first prize being awarded Miss Cecile Warren, gentlemen's first to Mr. Clay Hebert, consolation to Mr. Phillip Burns. The club will hold its next meeting at the home of Miss Cecile Warren.

The Juvenile King Club met last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Seiler, at which Miss Margaret Seiler was queen and Master Belmont Sanchez was king. After the usual games enjoyed by all of the young set present, the cutting of the king cake took place, Miss Inez Easton capturing the lucky coin, she choosing Master Walsh Stuntz as king. The next party will be given at the home of Miss Inez Easton.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Progressive Union will be held Monday afternoon, February 13th, at 3 o'clock at the Community House.

Miss Grace Menestre entertained the Double T. G. at their weekly card game last Thursday. Miss Marie Louise Stevenson will entertain the club at its next meeting.

The Matrons held their weekly card game Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Perry Shaul with Mrs. Edw. Byrnes as hostess, the first prize having been awarded Mrs. F. N. Boudousquie, consolation Mrs. H. D. Bulloch, guest prize Mrs. Perry Shaul. Mrs. Byrnes had as her guests Misses Shaul, Patzsch, Girolana, E. G. Richard and Marion Jones. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. F. N. Boudousquie.

Mrs. Mary Carico and Mrs. Sidney Carico have left, after several weeks spent here as guests of Mrs. John Burns, at the home of the Misses Kate Eastman. They will join Mr. Carico in New Orleans, and motor to their home in Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Boudousquie and little son have taken possession of their new bungalow on Jahnecke Avenue. Miss Mary Sugg will continue to make her home with them.

Miss Lois Musick, of Mandeville, visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. J. O. Zurhollen was a New Orleans visitor last Sunday.

Miss Katie Seiler has returned to New Orleans after several days spent here with her parents.

Mrs. Harry Warner and little daughter arrived Saturday night from New Orleans.

The Merry Makers made merry last Friday at the home of Mrs. C. H. Sheffield as Miss Doris reigned there as queen with Mr. Louis Ross king. The king and queen robed in regal costumes with jeweled crowns presented a courtly appearance seated on their throne. The guests formed in couples and to the strains of "My Isle of Golden Dreams," approached the royal throne where after homage being paid their king and queen, they were given various colored attractive paper caps which they donned and were thereby welcomed into the royal court. The king and queen opened the Realm of Terpsichore and soon the whole place was alive with merry dancers who presented a gala appearance with their festive caps. At the supper whistling carnival souvenira and a pack of jelly beans were given each guest. At the cutting of the king cake Miss Irene Reeder secured the bean and she chose as king, Mr. Wm. Harrell. Mr. Fabian Bouquoi and Mr. Anthony Frey were welcomed into the Merry Makers' midst.

Mr. Warren Thomas, of Tallisheo, was a business visitor here for several days during the past week.

Mrs. E. H. Barringer is still in New Orleans where she has been at the bedside of her little son, George, who was recently operated on at the Hotel Dieu for appendicitis.

Mr. A. Sidney Burns, of Ponchartraine, was a business visitor here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lacroix left Sunday for New Orleans where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schonberg and little daughter, Ruth, were New Orleans visitors last Monday.

Mrs. Camille Tassin and Miss Helena Cole arrived Monday from their home in Telle, Honduras, where they have been for the past year, and will spend several months here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cole.

Mrs. M. Hestrest returned Monday night from New Orleans where she was called on account of the sudden illness of her son, J. C. Hestrest, who is reported to be recovering.

Mr. Fred J. Helitz spent last Monday in New Orleans on business.

Misses May Lasseigne and Edna Goodbee visited friends in New Orleans last Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Laborde left Sunday for New Orleans where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Laborde.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of New Orleans, are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hendrick and family.

On Friday, February 3, the boarders of St. Scholastica's Academy entertained at a masquerade, previous to the carnival season. The refectory of the Academy was tastefully decorated in schemes of black and orange, entwined with evergreens. Misses Claire Gusman and Elizabeth McMillan furnished music for the occasion. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. G. S. Robb, of New Orleans, spent several days here during the past week with her sister, Mrs. E. D. Evans, and Miss Blanche Kahn.

Mrs. Jesse Jones left Thursday for her home in Sellers, La., after having spent several days here with Miss Josephine Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Champagne.

Mrs. Arbour, of Baton Rouge, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. V. C. Allain, and niece, Miss Lillie Allain.

Miss Lillie Aucoin has returned to her home in New Orleans after having spent several weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Aucoin.

Mrs. Leon Medal and Mr. Leon Medal spent the week end at their home here.

Miss Mabel Bourgeois left Thursday for New Orleans where she has entered the Charity Hospital Training School for Nurses. Miss Beatrice Jones, who has made her home here for some time with the Bradley family, has also entered this training school.

GROWING THE IRISH POTATO IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

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It is probably too late now for the farmers to get in on this year's market with a marketing association, if they have not already laid their plans and gotten ready to plant, but it is nevertheless advisable to plant a good sized patch for the purpose of learning the very essential part, how to grow potatoes for the market. This patch can furnish seed for this fall's crop, and the fall crop should have an abundance of seed ready for the early crop next year. As seed is a very expensive item, this plan begun now can considerably reduce cost outlay for the first crop to be shipped. Besides what can be used at home and sold in local markets, it will pay to raise for next year's seed.

But first our farmers must learn how to grow potatoes successfully. Mr. G. L. Tiebout, Louisiana State Horticulturist, says: "Early Irish potatoes require a sandy, well-drained, and moisture retentive soil. They should not be planted on cold, poorly-drained, heavy land." The first thing needed therefore is to look to the matter of drainage. Mr. Guigo, whose cultivation is wholly by hand labor, makes raised beds, plants his potatoes in a kind of trench, and as they grow pulls the earth up to the hills, so that when they are matured they are on a ridge. Mr. Equinanco makes good drainage by planting on ridges, and in general his method is the standard one which should be followed in commercial growing for shipments.

The preparation of the seed bed is especially important in the growing of Irish potatoes. "One of the most prevalent mistakes made in the production of early potatoes in the South is plowing the land too shallow. Wherever the surface soil will permit, it should be plowed to a depth of from 8 to 10 inches. The depth, however, must be governed by that of the surface soil. If the sur-

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face soil is only 5 inches, plow 6 inches deep. Never turn up more than an inch of subsoil at any one time." But every year the farmer should plow deeper and deeper until he has attained the desired depth. Deep plowing is insurance against drought and helps to improve drainage conditions. "The plowing should be done sufficiently long in advance of the planting date to permit partial decomposition of the vegetable matter, such as corn stalks, cowpeas or other preceding crops which have been turned under."

Crop rotation is a very important item of successful growing. However, in this section this is a very much simpler matter than in Northern potato districts, as indicated in the following Government report: "In the Hastings district of Florida it seems to be the rule rather than the exception to grow potatoes year after year upon the same land. Under such conditions the only rotation is that of following the early crop of potatoes with some other crop, such as corn, cowpeas, velvet beans, beggarweed, sugar cane, cotton or hay. The corn and sugar cane are frequently planted before the potato crop is harvested. Cowpeas are often sown in the corn when it is given its last cultivation. As a rule, the potato industry of the South could be materially improved by adopting a system of crop rotation which would insure the addition to the soil of a larger amount of organic matter." The remarkable opportunity here to grow several crops on the same land during each year is one which should induce Northern potato growers to prefer this parish to their own or the best districts elsewhere, as we have in addition to a higher price for the product, the superior advantages of the best marketing facilities once co-operative associations are well under way.

As an indication of the advantages of the installation of the best type of drainage which would permit level cultivation instead of ridges, Mr. Guigo plants potatoes in between cabbages, which latter will be harvested before they will interfere with the growing potato vine. By intensive cultivation of this kind it is possible to produce an enormous amount of vegetables from a small tract, as does he. Any such quantity of production is impossible in the North. The Irish potato responds readily and pays well to proper treatment with fertilizers. On this Mr. Tiebout's recommendations are especially valuable. "As a very general guide it might be said that cottonseed meal and high grade acid phosphate (15 per cent available phosphoric acid) in varying proportions and quantities per acre, would in most instances, meet the requirements of the crop. As a basis from which to work, it would be well to start with equal parts for soils of

moderate fertility, two of meal and one of acid phosphate for poor soils, and one of meal to two of acid phosphate for rich lands. 500 pounds, 800 pounds and 1000 pounds and even more of the mixture per acre in some instances could be used to advantage. The usual time to apply commercial fertilizer is at planting time. On opening ridges to receive seed potatoes the fertilizers is generally drilled in the seed furrow. After drilling the fertilizer it is best to run an implement through the trench that will mix the fertilizer with the soil." F. B. No. 1205 says: "It should not be forgotten, however, that maximum results from the use of commercial fertilizers can only be secured on land reasonably well filled with decaying vegetable matter. The presence of this organic matter makes the soil more retentive of moisture, easier to cultivate, and by gradual decomposition furnishes considerable plant food to the growing crop. The increased moisture serves to dissolve the plant food in the commercial fertilizer and to render it available to the plant." The more humus thus produced in the soil the less need is there for nitrogenous fertilizers, especially when leguminous crops form a part of the rotation. In this connection, we may note that the common objection to growing cowpeas on potato land may be removed if the variety known as Iron cowpeas be planted, as this is resistant to root-knot and wilt.

The early crop should not be planted as deep as the late one. Ordinarily 3 to 4 inches deep for the early crop, and 5 to 6 inches for the late crop is about right, although if the soil is heavy clay or gumbo the planting should be shallower. It is profitable to plant plenty of seed, at least 15 bushels to the acre, or more. To prevent seed the seed should be soaked 1-2 hours in a solution of 4 ounces corrosive sublimate to 30 gallons of water or else 1 pint of formaldehyde to 40 gallons of water; these formulas state the proportions, and a less or greater quantity of the mixture can be prepared and used according to the quantity of seed potatoes.

Cultivation should begin before the plants have come up for the purpose of breaking the top soil or crust and kill starting weeds. The first cultivation between the rows should be as deep as possible, 6 inches or more. Subsequent workings should be shallower and shallower and farther and farther away from the plants, so as not to interfere with the root growth. But cultivation should be frequent to keep the soil open and free from weeds until the plants are so large that cultivation does more harm than good.

Spraying is absolutely necessary. In a Vermont test five sprayings as compared with three doubled the yield. In a New York test potatoes sprayed every two weeks yielded 24 bushels per acre more than those

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