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## FARMERS WILL HOLD NUMBER OF MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Parish Agent Price, N. O. G. N. Agent Bachemin to Join Forces

## BETTER MARKETING STANDARIZATION

Farmers in Each Community Plant Same Kind of Products

A series of meetings will be held in the upper part of the parish on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, for the purpose of having the farmers of that portion of the parish meet Parish Agent O. G. Price, who has been recently appointed agent for this parish. Mr. Price and Mr. Felix Bachemin, Jr., agricultural agent for the N. O. G. N., want to discuss the crop plan for the coming year, and also a better system of marketing the products produced. Standardizing of farm products with a marketing view in sight cannot be accomplished at the time the farm products are harvested and ready for market—this must be brought about by the farmers in each community planting the same kind of products so that they can be marketed properly. These meetings will be held in the following districts:

**FOLSOM**—Wednesday, March 1st, 10:30 a. m., Community House.  
**ONVILLE**—Wednesday, March 1, 2:00 p. m., Onward school.  
**WALDHEIM**—Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a. m., at old school house.  
**PILGRIM REST**—On Thursday, March 2, 2:00 p. m., school house.  
**BUSH**—Friday, March 3, 10:30 a. m., Bush school house.  
**SUN**—Friday, March 3, 2:00 p. m., at Town Hall.

## NOTES OF THE LACOMBE FARMERS' MEETING.

The farmers of Lacombe met on Wednesday night of last week in conference with District Agent L. W. Wilkinson, despite the cold wave, and considered the following topics:

1. Formation and adoption of a co-operative community committee to work with County Agent O. G. Price. The committee consists of W. H. Davis, police juror, 7th ward; C. J. Villars, president of Lacombe Farmers Association, and farmer Robert Krentel, farmer; John King, farmer; O. R. Mitchell, farmer.

## 60,000 POUNDS OF WOOL SOLD MADISONVILLE 26c A POUND

Wool Growers Realizing the Value of Co-operative Marketing System

## PLEASURE BAY MARDI GRAS TRIP

U. F. B. A. Will Give Grand Masquerade Ball Saturday, Feb. 25

By Staff Correspondent  
Madisonville, Feb. 23.—Mr. J. O. Berglin, secretary of the Pleasure Bay Packet Co., has made the announcement that the big Steamer Pleasure Bay will make a Mardi Gras Excursion to New Orleans, Tuesday. There will be a reduction in passenger rates, and automobiles to get the same proportionate cut. Arrangements have been made to accommodate a large number of people and changes necessary to their comfort have been effected. The boat will leave Madisonville at 7 a. m., leaving West End at 10:30 p. m.

**60,000 Pounds of Wool Sold.**  
A shipment comprising approximately 60,000 pounds of raw wool was made Tuesday, Feb. 21, to New Orleans on board the Steamer Pleasure Bay. The wool, strictly a local product, was purchased by R. E. Harmon, representing the firm of Wm. E. Vookel & Son through his local agent, Mr. Robt. H. Koopp.

The wool growers from this section are gradually coming into their own, realizing daily the judiciousness of advocating co-operative marketing system, and feel certain that by familiarizing themselves with conditions locally, and improving those conditions along the lines of adaptability and practical usage, the production of wool could be made a local industrial development.

The grand masquerade ball to be given Saturday evening, Feb. 25th, under the auspices of the U. F. B. A., promises to be an event of unusual interest and amusement. The committee in charge announce that nothing has been left undone to insure everybody a good time, with the music itself a big drawing card, as a good hand has been chartered.

**Basketball.**  
The Madisonville junior basketball team received a good walloping at the hands of the Mandeville juniors here on the school court, Thursday afternoon, to the tune of 18-6 in a hard-fought game. Line-up for Mandeville, Artus and Russ, f; Privette and Wallace, g; Prieto, c; Madisonville, Rousseau and Rousseau, f; Tyrney and Smith, g; Pennington, c. Referee, Parent.

The local juniors defeated the St. Paul aggregation in a very interesting game on the local court, Wednesday, by a score of 26-6. Both teams played good ball, trading the lead in times to marvelous exhibitions of teamwork and stickability. The visiting chaps had the sphere a great many times but couldn't find the hoop. "Brick" Chatelier, the local whiz, starred at goal shooting, capping a perfect one from center. Line-up: St. Paul, Redmann and Redmann, f; Lafay and Aldrich, g; Byrne, c; Madisonville, Chatelier and Rousseau, f; Tyrney and Chatelier, g; Badaux, c.



Misses Bonnie Moses and Nettie Sojourner in costumes worn at the Terpsichorean Revelers' Ball at the Southern Hotel, Saturday evening. In the circle is shown in detail Miss Moses' costume, in which she represented The St. Tammany Farmer, the entire costume being made of St. Tammany Farmers.

## FOLSOMSCHOOL CELEBRATES FEB. 22

By Staff Correspondent.  
Folsom, Feb. 22.—A very interesting and enjoyable entertainment was given at the Community House on Washington's birthday by the pupils of the public school.

The costumes represented the styles of that period. The program was well rendered showing careful preparation by the pupils and thorough training by the teachers.

**Program.**  
Flag representatives of George Washington, Lincoln, Martha Washington, Betty Ross.  
Recitation, by Ido Stevens.  
Song, "George Washington," by the school.  
Patriotic Letters, by four.  
Recitation, by Delva Core.  
Play, "Making of First Flag."  
Song, "We Hail the Flag."  
Recitation, by Ouida Blackwell.  
Flag Drill, by school girls.  
Recitation, by Ruby Mapes.  
A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the speakers. Folsom is proud of its fine school and rapid advancement of the children.

There was a dance at the Community House, Saturday night. All those present report a delightful time, good music and delicious refreshments.

There was a social gathering of the young folks at the suburban home of Mrs. Pearl Davis, Saturday night. Games were played and a general good time enjoyed by all. Delightful refreshments were served, and as the time grew late the guests departed for their homes, all thankful for the good time they had.

The B. Y. P. U. had a very interesting program last Sunday evening. Miss Edna Rogers, president, and Miss Gladys Harriolson leading the services. The union is growing and is destined to be a force in this community.

## FARMERS MEET IN MANDEVILLE WEDNESDAY

By Staff Correspondent.  
Mandeville, Feb. 23.—Wednesday noon, Mr. L. W. Wilkinson, of Baton Rouge, and Mr. O. G. Price, the recently appointed Parish Farm Agent, addressed a meeting of farmers, citizens and high school students, in Mandeville. The meeting was called by Mr. Henry Keller, and presided over by him.

Mr. Price told the farmers that as soon as he could get in touch with the plans of their truck growers, association and consult Mr. Felix Bachemin concerning his line-up, he would be ready to assist them. He discussed purchase of fertilizers through the American Farm Bureau. He stated also that he wished to organize some boys' clubs.

Mr. Wilkinson described the projected plans of the American Farm Bureau which is attempting to perfect organization so that the farmers of the whole nation can buy their supplies and sell their products through one office, that of the Bureau.

Mr. James Hatcher and little daughter, Mary Ellen, of Bogalusa, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hatcher, in this week.

Miss Robina Vaughn had as her guest for a week Miss May Birke, of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Weber and little daughter Peggy, of New Orleans, and Miss Gertrude Worthington, of New York City, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Worthington, this week.

## NEWS NOTES OF SLIDELL FOR PAST WEEK

By Staff Correspondent.  
Slidell, Feb. 23.—Last Friday the Verrina basketball team of New Orleans came over to our "town" called Slidell. You know how they felt, like it wasn't much use for Slidell to play, for they, living in the big city, knew they had the men and knew "all" about playing. But, do you know the minute they started playing they changed their minds.

Friday night, Feb. 25, the Slidell team will play the Boys Hi of New Orleans.

**W. M. U. Entertain at Surprise Party.**  
Wednesday evening Mrs. U. G. Neuhauer was pleasantly surprised on her birthday. The evening was much enjoyed by a large crowd of ladies. The birthday cake had two candles representing the second anniversary in which the ladies had celebrated Mrs. Neuhauer's birthday. Delicious refreshments were served.

**Personals.**  
Mrs. Ralph Rousseau, of Madisonville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bousquet and family for several days last week.

Miss Grace Menetre, of Covington, was the guest of Miss Lillie Parker, Wednesday.

Miss Robb, of Onville, was the guest of friends here last week end. Mrs. Lowry Martin, Mrs. E. V. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Martin and baby guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ellis, are spending the week end in New Orleans.

## WATER-SEWERS COM. REPORTS FURTHER ON MATTER

\$130,000 Will Build Both Waterworks and Sewers Taking Ice Co. In

SEWERS \$55,000, WATER \$75,000

Recommends Kramer Plans Be Accepted, Council Order Election

The Association of Commerce Committee on Waterworks and Sewers have prepared a report covering the points asked for at the recent meeting of the town council. It will be presented at a meeting of the council to be called soon, when the request that an election be called will be taken up. The report shows that the water system of the St. Tammany Ice & Manufacturing Company can be purchased for \$8,000.

Following is the report:  
Covington, La., Feb. 23, 1922.  
To the Honorable Robert T. Badon, Mayor, and Town Council of the Town of Covington, La.

Honorable Sirs:—The committee appointed by the Association of Commerce of the Town of Covington to look into the advisability of calling an election to vote at this time a bond issue for the installation of a sewerage and waterworks system in the Town of Covington, La., with respect submits the following recommendation, viz:

1. We recommend the calling of an election at this time to vote a bond issue for the installation of both sewerage and waterworks.

2. We recommend that a bond issue of one hundred and thirty thousand (\$130,000) dollars, which, according to the engineer's report, is ample for the installation of both sewerage and waterworks in the said Town of Covington.

The projects, under the law, must be submitted separately in the proposition. We recommend that a bond issue of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be voted for waterworks, and a bond issue of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) be voted for the sewerage system.

## FERGESON, WHO DISAPPEARED SO MYSERIOUSLY, COMES BACK

Writes Letter From Shreveport and Then Phones From Hammond

WANTS A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

Is Joined By Mrs. Ferguson; Says He Could Not Stand Separation

On May 30 of last year, Ralph H. Ferguson mysteriously disappeared. Vain search was made for some trace of him and it was thought by some that he had met with foul play. Mrs. Ferguson was as much at sea as any one. His garage business was in fairly good shape and as a handier he would make Covington a Studebaker town. He had been married but a year or so and the first baby that came to bless them lived but a few days. The young couple seemed very fond of each other and there was no clue to the cause of his leaving. After some months Mrs. Ferguson applied to the court for separation, which was granted.

Last Monday, W. R. Thompson, his former partner, got a letter from Mr. Ferguson. It was dated at Shreveport. In that letter Ferguson deplored his action, admitted he had done wrong but expressed a wish to come back to Covington and live down the ignominy of his actions.

He wrote a similar letter to Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson joined him at Hammond, Monday night, and after talking matters over with him came back to Covington for her effects and joined him at Hammond, Wednesday. It is said they will probably go to Shreveport.

Mr. Ferguson, in his letter to Mr. Thompson, said that he loved his wife and could not bear to be separated from her, but he gave no reason for his desertion of her, beyond the statement that he had given her more than he could really afford, but that she was unhappy after the loss of the baby.

In the nine months that Mr. Ferguson has been gone he has aged considerably and his hair is turning gray. It is said that he went to St. Louis, Chicago and other cities. He is a good mechanic and a good automobile salesman and probably had little trouble in securing employment, so it is evident that he has really suffered from the thought that he had deserted his wife and is anxious to retrieve the lost confidence of his fellow men. He had many friends in Covington and had the opportunity of establishing a good business here.

**NEW PLANT OF MACKIE PINE OIL COMPANY COMPLETED.**  
The Mackie Pine Products Co., one of the most successful naval stores companies in the South, opened for work, Tuesday, for the first time since it closed down to build its new plant. The capacity has been doubled and all new machinery of the most modern type has been installed, including a fine Bader-Hausen engine, latest marine type, two boilers, 14-valve high speed engine of 200 horsepower, two 10,000, one 12,000, two 8,000 and one 6,000 gallons storage tanks. The immense "hog" makes mince meat of a cord of wood while you are wondering where it went.

## SCHOOL BOARD

Slidell, La., Feb. 17, 1922.  
The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in the Slidell high school on the above date with President N. H. Fitzsimons in the chair, and the following members present: Standard Beltrus, ward 3; N. H. Fitzsimons, ward 3; H. H. Levy, ward 4; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; Geo. F. Banks, ward 8; W. L. Ellis, ward 3; W. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; I. H. Keller, ward 7. A quorum was present.

Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed in The St. Tammany Farmer.

Carried.  
The Superintendent read his report and financial statement, and also the report of the Elementary School Supervisor. Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Talley, that the reports be received and spread upon the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed in The St. Tammany Farmer.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our dear mother, Alphonine Marie Castellanos Hains, and especially thank Father Francis Balay for his kindness and prayers. All have our everlasting gratitude.  
Husband, Sister, Daughters  
Sons-in-Law

## ABOUT THE OAKS.

It having been rumored that we would leave Covington and that The Oaks would be closed, I wish to correct this impression with the statement that we expect to entertain the largest crowd of guests this coming season that we have ever had.  
MRS. V. C. ALLAIN.  
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## BIG AUCTION SALE.

100 head of horses, mares and mules will be sold at auction, on Saturday, February 25th, to the last and highest bidder, next to Bulloch's Drug Store, starting at 11:00 a. m. Your price will be mine. Animals consigned by M. Glaeser's Horse and Mule Exchange, biggest stable in the South.

## DISTRIBUTION OF ANT POISON.

The Government ant poison is being distributed from the Association of Commerce rooms to-day and Monday. Bring your quart container and receipt for \$1.00.

## JOE TENNETT.

Auctioneer.  
The dance in Hammond at the K. of C. hall, Monday night, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. deGruy, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Dendinger, Jr., Misses Dimple Baltham, Pinkie Gollehon, Geneva Chatellier, Jesse Jones, Alino Gentaucel, Thelma Polcar, Louise Badaux, Denia Chatellier, and Messrs. Bennie Chatellier, Larry Davenport, A. H. Huff, Man and Dan Cooper, Jr.

## WATERMELONS FOR CO-OPERATIVE SHIPPING.

Some of the parish truck growers' associations are planning to grow watermelons for co-operative shipments. In Mr. Simmons' recent address to the Mandeville truck growers, there were some valuable suggestions, which we will here amplify for the benefit of those who are beginners in the business. Compared to some other possible crops on the soil which are adapted to it, the watermelon is perhaps the safest and easiest crop for the growers to experiment with, as it presents less of a problem in preparation for shipping than most other crops.

Its growth is very similar to the cantaloupe, but the latter is a highly corpulent and so quality and readiness of shipping crate and packing are very important items in which the beginner association is hardly expert enough to handle. The watermelon presents none of these shipping difficulties.

Mr. Simmons says that growers north of here have in places contracted in advance for their entire crop at one cent per pound which is profitable for the farmer, but they never have any difficulty selling melons. This is an extra good point in favor of raising watermelons for shipping, and it would therefore be well for most of the associations to follow the lead of the Lacombe truck growers who have a pledge of more than ten acres for his crop.

## MISS TONEY WINS PRIZE.

At the recent prize contest for the best article on "Safety" written by a teacher or pupil of the public schools, Miss Mary Frederick Toney, of Bush, St. Tammany parish, won the fifth prize. The dispatch from Baton Rouge states also that Miss Elizabeth Armstrong of "Stonewall High School" Covington, La., won third prize. This is evidently a mistake as there is no Stonewall school in Covington.

The papers were examined by Prof. W. H. Stepher, Prof. H. L. Garrett, both of the Louisiana State University, and Thos. L. Small, superintendent of the Baton Rouge Electric Company.

## BOOTLEGGERS INDICTED.

Chas. Cody, of the second ward, was indicted for making illicit liquor. Also four negroes from Pearl River were indicted. Three of them, Frank Suber, Allen Green and John Patterson have been locked up, but the fourth is still at large.