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STRAWBERRIES HERE BEAT ALL SECTIONS OF AMERICA

Tangipahoa Parish Berries Sold in 74 Cities at Highest Price Paid

CAN NOT SUPPLY THE DEMAND IN U. S.

Trains Run on Forty Mile Schedules Carry Them to Ready Markets

(U. S. Dept. of Agriculture)
Within six years Louisiana has taken first place among the states as regards value of strawberry production. The 1921 season was the best ever known in the industry, 1400 carloads of Louisiana strawberries being marketed in 74 cities in the United States and Canada. In Chicago 24 pint crates brought as much as \$6.50 each, and during practically the entire marketing season Louisiana strawberries sold at higher prices than any other berries on the market, due to the high quality of the product.

With such a record of achievement, much interest centers in the opening of the 1922 marketing season. As heretofore a field station of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be maintained in the Hammond district during the season to keep producers and shippers informed daily of strawberry marketing conditions in the principal consuming markets, prevailing prices, carlot shipments from competing areas, and other marketing data essential to the scientific marketing of agricultural products, and granted favorable conditions the 1922 season should surpass even the 1921 record.

The Louisiana strawberry industry is of national importance. The crop has nationwide distribution, the carlot shipments spreading out like a fan from the Atlantic Coast to the Rocky Mountains. Last year 29 carloads also went to four cities in Canada. Chicago is the principal market for fruit, Detroit, Boston, Pittsburgh, and New York ranking in the order given. Heat, cold, and distance—marketing obstacles that seemed insurmountable a few years ago—have been overcome by the growers and shippers, with continued careful selection, grading, packing and shipping, marketing experts say that the industry will enjoy prosperity.

During the early years of the strawberry industry in Louisiana several varieties of berries were grown, and Chicago was the main market outlet. To-day the Klondyke variety is grown exclusively and Louisiana strawberries have a wider distribution than the strawberries from any other section of the country. The quality of the fruit is dependable, and there is everywhere a demand for the berries. When picked the berries are carried to packing sheds, where practically each one is handled separately. Both the 24-pint Haddock crate and the 24-quart ventilated crate have been used in packing the fruit, although during the past few seasons there has been a considerable decrease in the use of Haddock crates which are known locally as "coffin" crates. Practically all growers are now using ventilated crates, as berries shipped in such containers arrive at market in sound condition and usually command a premium over the price paid for berries in non-ventilated crates.

Solid Express Trains of Strawberries.
Fully 90 per cent of the marketed crop is shipped by express, the railroad company providing two or three express fruit trains daily. These trains run on a schedule of 40 miles an hour, which puts the fruit on the Chicago market before daylight the second morning. Less than carload shipments are cared for by the express company, which operates local feed cars to pick up small shipments. The growers have good transportation facilities, deliveries are prompt, and few instances are known where cars have not arrived at destination on time. Strawberry buyers from the large consuming markets establish headquarters at Hammond during the marketing season, sales being made on a cash f. o. b. shipping point basis. The fruit is inspected at shipping point and acceptance taken before the cars move. At Ponchatoula all cars are sold at public auction.

DANCE AT ABITA SPRINGS.
Grand Masquerade dance at Abita Springs, 6-piece jazz band, on Sunday, March 19th. Dance starts at 8 p. m., sharp. A good time awaiting all. mrl-2t

N. O. G. N. GIVES OLD DEPOT SITE TO TOWN.

The New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company has given the triangular piece of ground on which the old depot was situated to the town of Covington. It will be beautified and made into a park, with the intention of locating the Soldier's Monument on it.
A subscription campaign will be opened for funds to carry out this intention, announcement of which will be made later.

BRIGGS ADVISES TRY CUCUMBERS FOR SHIPMENT TO MARKET

Describes How They Are Raised from the Cold Frames to Field

BRING AS HIGH AS \$400 PER ACRE

Develop Parish By Draining Lands and Developing Into Truck Acreage

By A. E. Briggs.
Although for best results cucumbers are started in cold frames, by planting now in early March the trucker in this district with his plants in the open has a good chance to get profitable prices in the early May market. Especially in view of the fact that our bean growers are being held back in planting by the unfavorable rains this week so that they will be later than is most desirable, we suggest the following combination of beans and cucumbers which is practiced in some places, that is, interplanting the beans between the cucumber rows.

There is a considerable advantage in this proposed combination, in the first place the growing of two crops like these is a better bet than growing only one, for there is less likelihood of losing money on both crops than on one. The bean matures fast and are off the ground before the space between the rows will be required for the cucumber vines. Besides, the beans are a shelter or windbreak to protect the tender young cucumber plants. The cucumber crop coming on after the beans are all harvested will provide another early cash crop.

Plant cucumbers in rows 6 feet apart, ridge up for drainage, and drill the seed about 2 pound to the acre. When the plants are established and past injury by insects thin to stand apart 1 foot to 18 inches in the row.

It is very important to dust the young plants to prevent insect injury as suggested in my article on watermelons. Also to prevent blight it is necessary to spray about every week ordinarily with Bordeaux Mixture. When the vines are growing rapidly this should be increased to twice a week. Spraying should be continued to the end of the season. The cucumbers more than almost any other truck plant is liable to blight disease, and if the grower is not diligent about spraying he is likely to lose his entire crop.

If the cucumber gets on the market at the right time it often sells at as much or more than \$2 a bushel. Late in May the market will fall as low as 75c or 80c a bushel. A fair yield is about 200 bushels to the acre.

Picking should be carefully done to avoid injury to the vines and also to get a first class product for the market. The fruit should be cut away, not pulled. And picking should be just before the cucumber is full size and before the seed hardens. Prompt picking two or three times a week is essential to keep the vines producing and to get the fruit at the proper stage for marketing. It is to be noted that the cucumber requires care and attention, and the grower who does not stick to the job will not succeed with this crop.

Best Harding Likeness by a Woman



The most striking resemblance of President Harding yet made by artist or sculptor is now being completed in Washington by Mrs. Sally J. Farnham, famed woman sculptor. The President is a busy man but has been prevailed upon to give time for these sittings.

MADISONVILLE KIDDIES GET A RARE TREAT

By Staff Correspondent
Madisonville, March 9.—Standing room, with due respect and comfort for one's feet, was in demand and greatly above par value, Monday evening, in the large Dendinger Meccante establishment. And what so important was going on I wondered. Was it a Spring White Sale? I inquired as my friend and I wedged our difficult way thru the jammed-up crowd. Applause just then broke forth and drowned my question, and from all the clapping, whistling, requests for more, and even patting of feet you'd have thought it was a candidate for assessor or other important office making a speech, when wow! I suddenly ceased my wondering in a scream of pain. Some big fellow had come down in jubilant applause on my pet corn. But no one seemed to notice, they were so enthused and interested in the cause of all the commotion. By the time the noise had ceased we had made our way to the front, and when I saw "who" and heard "what," I too, stood spell-bound throughout the number and made as much noise applauding as any of the others, for it was "Merry Uncle Morris Goldstein" entertaining particularly the school kiddies plus everybody for miles around, with numerous and delightful musical numbers on his harmonica. His program was a long and varied one, but not half as long as the kiddies would have liked it. They in particular are his most ardent admirers, and as Sally said, trying to describe his ability, "It's—oh, his 'a whiz!' Uncle Morris has promised another treat the very next time he comes to town.

SLIDELL LETTER

By Staff Correspondent.
SLIDELL, March 9.—The Women's Club of Slidell met Tuesday afternoon, at which time amendments were made to the by-laws, whereby a vice-chairman and a corresponding secretary were elected. Also committees were appointed to draw up plans for the work of the club. There will be a meeting for both men and women at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, March 11.

MANDEVILLE LOCAL NOTES PERSONALS

(By Staff Correspondent)
The Mandeville School League elected officers Tuesday, March 7, for the ensuing year, as follows: Mrs. A. E. Briggs, president; Mrs. W. E. VanZandt, vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Galbraith, secretary; Mrs. H. A. Gabert, treasurer.

FOLSOM LETTER

By Staff Correspondent
Folsom, March 8.—The B. Y. P. U. held their usual interesting meeting Sunday evening. New officers were elected as follows: Ethel Wallace, president; Gladys Harselson, vice-president; Ruby Spring, secretary-treasurer; Louise Verger, chorister. Plans for the monthly social were discussed, and it was decided to hold it at Mrs. McLain's, Saturday night, March 11th.

KU KLUX LETTER PROVES RATHER A WELCOME MISSIVE

Letter Read In Open Council Meeting Asks That Something Be Done

"IF YOU CAN'T WE CAN AND WILL"

Mayor Badon Takes Action In His Court Thursday Morn and Afternoon



J. H. Evans was born in Jackson, Miss., February 7, 1854, and went into the machine shops of the Vicksburg & Meridian Railroad at Vicksburg when he was 17, afterwards was transferred to the transportation department on request, became a fireman, then an engineer on a passenger train, October 24, 1884. Mr. Evans served with great efficiency and rarely had an accident, though he has had some narrow escapes. The magazine gives an incident, among several others, illustrative of the dangers of an engineer's life, in Mr. Evans' service, as follows:

"About thirty-five years ago he was the engineer on No. 13 between Vicksburg and Memphis. One dark night when about two miles out of Vicksburg, his engine gave a lurch. It tossed dangerously from side to side, and there was an accompanying noise that sounded as if the entire train were being smashed. Just two rail lengths ahead was a bridge, and the waters of the river were running furiously high that night.

"Mr. Evans jammed on the brakes and brought the train to a stop. Investigation proved that every wheel of the train was on the rails. He and the fireman were puzzled as to the cause of the terrible noise until they saw that the track over which the train had just passed was completely torn up. They reasoned then that the engine and coaches had been derailed, but had miraculously bounded over the ties a short distance and got back on the rails.

"They looked for the cause of the derailment and found that the angle bars had been removed from a joint, the spikes had been drawn and the rails had been pulled out three or four feet.

"The dimness of the oil-lamp headlights of those days prevented him from seeing that the track had been tampered with, he says."

Mr. and Mrs. Evans enjoy the respect and esteem of all. He will be able to live comfortably and take the remaining years of his life easy.

COUNCIL WILL CALL ELECTION WATERWORKS AND SEWERS

Committee Reports Favorable on Both Systems and Mr. Davis for It

ENTIRE COST OF BOTH WILL BE \$130,000.00

Ordinance Calling for Election Will Be Published Next Week

The final report of the Committee of the Association of Commerce was received by the Town Council at its meeting Tuesday. The report recommended Mr. Kramer as consulting engineer in the work of putting in the waterworks and sewer systems. Everything has been worked out satisfactorily and the town has entered into the contract and will prepare an ordinance calling the election, which will be published in The St. Tammany Farmer. The two systems will cost \$130,000.

At the conclusion of the proceedings Mr. E. G. Davis, president of the Covington Bank & Trust Company, announced he would do all in his power to help carry the election. He had been of the opinion that it might be better to defer the construction work till a little later, but he felt that it would be a great injury to the town if the election did not carry and it would have his support.

The feeling generally seems very much in favor of putting in the system and there does not seem to be much lack of appreciation of the necessity. It is believed that when we get these improvements Covington will push ahead rapidly. Lack of them has been the biggest handicap we have had.

ST. JOE BRICK WORKS AGAIN IN THE FIELD.
The St. Joe Brick Works, which has been leased to other interests for the past five years, will after March 15th, when the lease expires, be again operating in its own capacity. This is one of the larger brick-making establishments in the South and made a reputation for the quality of its turnout and the competitive prices it established. It is owned and controlled by C. W. and M. P. Schneider, sons of P. W. Schneider. This concern is one of the oldest in the state and has a capacity of 40,000 brick daily. It is the largest mud brick plant in the South.

At a time when the resumption of building operations will make bricks of the character turned out by this concern appreciated in the market, it may be expected that the plant will shortly be in operation.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
In accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court relative to Act 74 of 1921, and under instructions from Frank J. Looney, chairman of the State Central Committee, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Parish Executive Committee at the courthouse in Covington, Tuesday, March 14, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m., to order a primary election and for the purpose of ordering a primary election for the selection of five members forming the Democratic Municipal Executive Committee.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH TERM OF DISTRICT COURT.
Monday, March 13.
1532—State vs. Gordon E. Magee.
1521—State vs. Shelly Forbes.
1557—State vs. Avery Frederick.
1542—State vs. M. C. Andrews.
1569—State vs. Perry Cyprian.
1568—State vs. Roosevelt Williams.
3528—Madisonville Bank vs. J. A. Stanga et al.
3536—Chas. Sheffield vs. S. J. Newman.

Tuesday, March 14.
3507—C. A. Wiegand Co. vs. Dickerson & Antoine.
3546—S. G. Seal vs. Chphola L. Willis, administrator.
1572—State vs. Jerome W. Kirm.
3524—James L. Parker vs. Lucille Route.

Wednesday, March 15.
3492—B. Gardner vs. Hy. Bonnabel.
3489—General Baking Co. vs. F. G. Evans.
3412—Sam Mullen vs. W. E. Gause.
1541—State vs. Harry Laroche.
1559—State vs. Wilhelmina Watson.
1545—State vs. Sidney Lagarde.
1573—State vs. Calvin Tate.
1560—State vs. Dick Boutwell.
1561—State vs. Dick Boutwell.
1562—State vs. Dick Boutwell.

Thursday, March 16.
3504—B. F. Jenkins vs. Dan Jenkins.
3515—St. Tammany Construction Co. vs. Police Jury.
Friday, March 17.
3493—J. D. O'Reilly vs. Police Jury.
3323—James Broyard vs. Juannita Johnson.
3529—R. J. Martinez Bros. vs. Consumers' Economy.
Saturday, March 18.
3550—Bowman & Singletary vs. L. & L. C. Insurance Co.

Madisonville and Abita Springs, and especially urge all women to fill the courthouse. You will hear a most intelligent and brilliant woman. WOMEN'S PROGRESSIVE UNION and SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE OF COVINGTON.

IMPERIAL PALACE Invisible Empire KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN Incorporated at Atlanta, Ga.

Covington, La., March 5, 1922.
Honorable Mayor and Council, Town of Covington, Louisiana:

Gentlemen:—We feel that it would be an inexcusable abdication of our bounden duty, and an improper abdication of our communal responsibilities, did we further fail to direct the attention of your Honorable Body, to certain violations of National, State and Municipal laws by a number of individuals residing within those territorial limits, over which your authority extends. Contravention of those laws which prohibit the illicit distillation, distribution and sale of intoxicating liquors, is the most noxious and pernicious instance to which we refer. In most cases, this is carried on under the mantle and guise of soft drink establishments and pool rooms. Adding to their repulsive and harmful existence, the individual running some of these "spurious concerns" have the contemptible presumption to operate in connection therewith, gambling games, contrary to law, and to permit and encourage minors to participate therein. This applies both to Whites and Negroes.

Particularly do we refer to a place located above the N. O. G. N. R. H. Co. Depot, as well as those along Gibson Street. There are others. We know them, and they cannot continue. There is a Negro "diva" operated by a negro, John Berges, alias "Papa Sweet," and a place near Romanos' conducted by a man holding a commission as a Deputy Sheriff.

Gentlemen, we earnestly request that you specifically instruct, and firmly insist, that your officers exert every effort and resource at their command to prevent further violation of the prohibition laws, and to extirpate and stamp out these gambling dens and dives, which are the

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MRS. J. D. WILKINSON TO VISIT COVINGTON.
Will Speak at Courthouse, Monday, March 13, at 8 P. M.

On Monday, March 13th, Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson, one of Louisiana's most distinguished women, will come by way of Mandeville to speak before the women's clubs of Covington. Mrs. Wilkinson is from Shreveport. She is an ex-president of the State Federation, has been a leader in club work in the state and was one of the three women appointed by Governor Parker to help frame the new constitution of our state. She is now the state legislative chairman and is covering the entire state, advocating good citizenship and explaining the bill of equal rights. Mrs. Wilkinson is very anxious that our men hear about this bill, and so we not only invite but urge our men to attend the meeting at the courthouse at 8 o'clock Monday night.

A cordial invitation is extended all citizens of Slidell, Mandeville,

DAIRYMEN TO BE CHARTERED.
The dairymen met yesterday and completed their organization by the election of officers. They will soon be a chartered concern. Mr. Morgan is now drawing up the charter. As a result of this organization the milk supply of Covington will be provided under sanitary conditions and the quality of milk and milk products will be improved.

CHARGED WITH STEALING.
Bob Shelton and Herma Ellerman were arrested Monday by Deputies Quatreveaux and Boes on charge of stealing harness, whip, saddle and bridle from the barn of Cyprian Armand. A search warrant was issued and the things stolen were found. The same two were charged with stealing a buggy from a negro named Magee. A wagon stolen from Lamar of the Moss Factory was found in the swamp near the Goodbee bridge. Two wheels taken from the wagon were found in possession of the thieves. It is said that Ellerman confessed that he and Shelton stole the stuff.

IKK RUSSELL CAPTURED.
Deputy Quatreveaux arrested Ike Russell, the negro who shot Jim Williams in New Covington five months ago. Information was given by another negro that Russell was in Ponchatoula and he was arrested on March 5th.