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OLD AND NEW ST. TAMMANY AS SEEN BY GARRISON

Gives His Experience In Farm and Garden; Cultivating New Plants

PAST AND PROSPECTIVE

A Wonderful Region Favored by Salubrity; Adaptation to Variety

(By W. H. Garrison)

A map of Louisiana issued a few years ago by the State Department of Agriculture and Immigration at Baton Rouge intended for general information contains brief information and statistics relative to the state's several subdivisions and has the following summary of St. Tammany parish:

"Area 599,720 miles. Formation pine hills, alluvial and wooded lowlands. Soil very productive. Products, sugar cane, rice, cotton, corn, potatoes, garden truck and fruit. Timber very fine. In the oyster belt, some stock. Mean temperature at Covington, January, 46.2; July, 81.7. Rainfall, January, 3.89; July, 7.3, inches."

Likewise St. Tammany parish has many particular features of much interest in any sketch of her resources and resourcefulness. Here within her borders are the clear streams that meander now by her grassy plain, now by the swamp, loving osh and vine. The thoughts catch something of a musical ripple, something of an idyllic picture in the names: Tchouneva, Pearl, Abita, Lacombe, Bogue Falaya. Here too are the rugged spreading spruce and oak trees, familiar to some of them of the red man and the sturdy log cabin settler of by-gone years.

Here too are the few remaining sentinel cypresses, the last of a noble race. What wonderful philosophies in nature have unfolded year by year were they towering stand, bright sunny hours, mystic night, talk with their trusting stars, the angry beast, the first faint aurora, the banks and the instinctive quest of the wild honey bee!

Here in these confines stood that "forest primeval, soon to become but a name and memory, hewn down by man's relentless saw and axe." The pine woods? Coniferous with balm and resin with the graceful topmost branches stirred by the soft winds into one unbroken and peaceful chant—who did not love the dear old pine forest? What heart, has not sometimes, walked through those somber brown woods, and marveled to know, who, unobtrusive and unseen hand, fashioned, life symmetry, the girth, the height and the strength of the beautiful forest pines. A wonderful region favored by salubrity and adaptation to a wide variety of cultivated crops is the Gulf Coast country that borders the Southern States from Florida to Texas.

Situated near the Gulf of Mexico with Lake Ponchartraine close by, St. Tammany parish is part and parcel of the semi-tropical Gulf Coast, enjoying all the rights, privileges, immunities and benefits, including ample sunshine and rainfall. Sugar cane, cowpeas and sweet potatoes are old stand-bys, flowers bloom each month in the year and figs and grapes may be grown at will. Even the tropical orange has been grown with some success in favored parts of the parish for nearly 100 years, notably the Louisiana seedling sweet orange.

The soil and climatic environment causes the native orange to attain a sprightliness and flavor that rivals that from the sunny groves of California. Manifestly to portray St. Tammany parish as a paradise for farming would be unfair. Serious difficulties are to be encountered here as elsewhere and the fence problem, the stump problem, and others, are to be reckoned with in getting a start. Admitting the draw-backs, yet the case considered fairly, and this region promises those who till the soil a good measure of health, success and happiness.

During a residence of over 20 years in the parish the writer has acquired some garden and farm experiences that are not without interest. To write of them fully would be beyond the limits of a newspaper article, but he wishes to submit a few notes on plants tested, some in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and some received from other sources:

Elba Strawberry—In 1894 the Botanical Garden at Washington sent to me a few small fig and olive trees and 20 plants of a strawberry under this name. Planted, they proved to be of a fine variety for this soil, and created an interest in strawberries and their culture from that moment. Have never seen the variety listed anywhere and do not know of any other plants so have been careful to carry the Elba strawberry over each year. The plant is a strong, vigorous grower, tree from leaf blight, perfect flowered, makes runners freely and produces fruit very early, of good quality and appearance. The strawberry that pleases me greatly. Trinidad Dasheen—This is a food plant from the tropics, introduced

RED CROSS WILL ANSWER CALL OF REFUGEES

All Who Have Clothing To Spare Asked To Send To Headquarters Here

NEW LEEVEE BREAKS INCREASE ALARM

Miss Kate Eastman, Chairman Committee, Will Canvass Covington

In response to a call from Gov. Parker, who feels great distress among the flood refugees, the Red Cross of Covington will gather clothing to be shipped to Baton Rouge by express. The express company will make no charge for these shipments. Any one in the parish having clothing to send will please notify Miss Kate Eastman, chairman, Covington.

In view of the fact that new breaks in the levee have occurred, the situation is even more pressing than when Governor Parker asked for assistance.

Baton Rouge, April 24, 1922. Dr. A. G. Maylie, Chairman St. Tammany Parish Chapter, A. R. C.

Dear Friend:—The Baton Rouge Chapter of the Red Cross has been officially designated by Gov. Jno. M. Parker to take charge of collecting clothing for flood sufferers in the State of Louisiana.

Already sections in Black River, Red River and the lower Atchafalaya River, particularly St. Martin parish, desire generous donations of practical clothing. Will you take charge of a campaign in your section to solicit donations of any old clothing and shoes that can be sent to us for these people?

The express company will accept shipments and deliver them to us free of charge. We feel sure that we can depend upon you to start this campaign at once.

While we are making preparations to take care of a possible break in the levee, the clothing sent us at this time will not be lost even though this break does not occur as there is great need for it in other flooded areas at this time.

You will find attached a letter from Gov. Jno. M. Parker. Yours very truly, W. P. CONNELL, Vice-Chairman Red Cross, Baton Rouge Chapter.

Baton Rouge, April 21, 1922. W. P. Connell, Vice-Chairman Red Cross, Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Sir:—From the river reports, I fear it may be necessary to immediately take care of a large number of people who will be utterly destitute and without clothing.

I therefore request that you issue a public call that all parties having old clothes for men, women and children send them prepaid to Baton Rouge to the Red Cross for distribution.

I am asking the Express Companies to wire their agents to accept shipments of this kind as they did during the calamity of 1912, and feel confident they will patriotically respond.

Your organization will be advised should any disaster occur, and you can count on the heartiest co-operation of this office.

Yours very truly, JNO. M. PARKER, Governor.

(Late advices are to the effect that breaks in the levee has occurred and quick action on the above is urged.)

Girl Bank Clerks Schooled To Give Robbers Battle



Daylight robberies of banks in Eastern cities have occurred with such frequency recently that the Commercial Trust Company of New York City asked the police department to school its clerks in the use of firearms. The photograph shows three of the young women clerks receiving instructions from Policeman McCullity.

PROCEEDINGS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD 26TH

Covington, La., April 26, 1922. The St. Tammany Parish School Board met in special and adjourned session in the office of the superintendent on the above date, with President N. H. Fitzsimons in the chair and the following members present: Stamford Behrens, ward 1; T. J. O'Keefe, ward 2; N. H. Fitzsimons, ward 3; H. H. Levy, ward 4; W. W. Talley, ward 5; Dave Evans, ward 6; I. H. Keller, ward 7; Geo. P. Daniels, ward 8; W. Oswald, ward 10. Absent: W. L. Ellis, ward 9. A quorum was present.

On motion by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Talley, the minutes of the last two meetings were approved as printed in the official journal. The Superintendent's and Elementary School Supervisor's reports were read and upon motion by Mr. Talley, seconded by Mr. Oswald, they were ordered received and spread upon the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Daniels, that the board proceed to open bids for fiscal agent for the School Board for a term of two years. The following bids were received: From the Bank of Slidell, 3 3/4 per cent; Covington Bank & Trust Company, 5 1/4 per cent; Commercial Bank & Trust Company, 5 3/4 per cent. Moved by Mr. Levy, seconded by Mr. Oswald, that the contract for fiscal agent for the St. Tammany Parish School Board for two years, beginning with the 1st of May, 1922, be awarded to the Commercial Bank & Trust Company, of Covington, Louisiana, at their bid of 5 3/4 per cent, and subject to the other conditions as mentioned in their bid. On roll call all members present voted in the affirmative and the motion was declared adopted.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Talley, that the board proceed to open the ballot boxes used at the special school tax election held in School Districts Numbers 4 and 5, on April 25. Carried.

The canvass of the returns of said elections having been made, the results thereof were ascertained, and declared to be as follows: District No. 4, for the proposition, 18 votes, representing a taxable valuation of \$30,789; against said proposition, 27 votes, representing a taxable property valuation of \$43,188, and the proposition was therefore declared defeated. Upon the canvass of the returns of the election in District No. 5, the results thereof were ascertained and declared to be as follows: For the proposition, 17 votes, representing \$41,015; against said proposition, 42 votes, representing \$50,550, and this proposition was therefore declared defeated.

The contractors for the school transfers operated by auto truck (Continued on page 2)

SCHOOL RALLY IS BIG DAY IN MANDEVILLE

The parish-wide School Rally, at Mandeville, Friday, April 21st, was more largely attended than the rally last year. Nearly every school in the parish was well represented, and about half or more of the school children in the parish marched in the parade, with which the program of the day began. All but two members of the School Board were present.

The parade was a very pleasing event, and it was difficult for the judges to decide in the awarding of prizes which were based on conduct or behavior in line, dress and neatness, and attendance with reference to distance traveled. The Lacombe school received first prize, Abita Springs second, Madisonville third.

The remaining hours of the morning were given to the athletic contests between the schools with the following results:

Quarter Mile Race—Covington 1st, Mandeville 2nd.

Chinning Bar—Class I, Slidell, 1st and 2d; Mandeville 2d; Class II, Mandeville and Slidell tied for first; Covington, 2d; Audubon, 3d; Class III, Mandeville, 1st and 3d; Covington, 2d.

30 yard dash—Mandeville, 1st; Covington, 2d; Slidell, 3d.

Girls 50-yard dash—Class I, Mandeville, 1st and 3d; Covington, 2d; Class II, Mandeville 1st and 2d; Slidell, 3d; Class III, Central, 1st; Mandeville, 2d and 3d.

Running Broad Jump—Class I, Slidell, 1st and 2d; Mandeville, 3d; Class II, Central 1st, Covington, 2d; Mandeville, 3d.

Girls Potato Race—Class I, Mandeville, 1st and 2d; Talisbeek, 3d. Class II, Mandeville, 1st and 3d; Slidell, 2d; Class III, Abita Springs, 1st; Talisbeek, 2d; Mandeville, 3d.

Throwing Basket Ball, Girls—Class I, Covington, 1st; Mandeville, 2d; Central, 3d; Class II, Audubon, 1st; Mandeville 2d and 3d.

Girls Throwing Baseball—Class I, Mandeville, 1st; Covington, 2d; Central, 3d; Class II, Mandeville, 1st and 2d; Covington, 3d.

High Jump—Class I, Slidell, 1st and 2d; Mandeville, 3d; Class II, Covington, 1st; Central and Audubon tied 2d; Mandeville, 3d.

Potato Race, Boys—Abita Springs, 1st; Mandeville, 2d; Slidell, 3d.

Literary Contests. In the literary contests the rank (Continued on page 3.)

CURB MARKET AGAIN OPEN TO MARKETERS

Gradually, as the spring advances, the farmers are coming to the Curb Market with their garden and dairy products. While there are still only a few wagons, yet some of them left the grounds Wednesday morning with much produce. The committee, therefore, calls upon the housewives of Covington to begin showing more interest, and give the farmers their patronage. At present the following prices prevail:

Squash, 2 for 25c; peas, 10c per quart; bunch vegetables, 5c bunch; butter, 40c lb.; creamcheese, 10c; lettuce, 5 heads for 10c; strawberries, 10c per box; cabbage, 5c a head and up; snap beans, 15c lb.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Covington Public Schools are giving a school program in the high school auditorium on Friday night, May 19. The proceeds of this entertainment will be applied to various small accounts charged against the school in general, as paying for Book of Knowledge, Armenian Fund, etc. The price of admission will be 10 and 20 cents. Some of the features of the program are, Cinderella, Macbeth, Glee Club and Works of Magic.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Certain rumors have been circulated that I will leave Covington. I wish to take this means to deny these reports, as I have no intention of such action, and any person circulating such a report is making a false statement.

Respectfully, H. E. GAUTREAUX, M. D.

WARREN THOMAS, MAJOR RE-GRAPHER.

Mr. Warren Thomas has been appointed receiver for the Birmingham Grapapine Paint Co., of this parish.

SCHOOL LEAGUE.

There will be a meeting of the School League at the school auditorium, Monday, May 1, at 3:15 p. m. MRS. C. H. SHEPHERD.

HOW TO MAKE SWEET POTATOES PAY.

(By A. E. Briggs) Exceeding truck and orchard crops, the sweet potato is the one best bet in St. Tammany parish if it is grown free from weevils and stored in a dry bin.

But if the grower does not take care it is likely that the sweet potato will follow the way of cotton in this parish and disappear before the ravages of the weevil. It requires care to keep a field from becoming infested. Three methods here suggested will help greatly.

First—Choose seed potatoes very carefully to see that none have weevil. Dip the slips or draws in an arsenate solution before planting. It has also been found effective to spray the leaves in the field with arsenate of lead.

Second—Rotate, that is, do not grow sweet potatoes to follow a sweet potato crop, but change the rotation of the patch every year. A three or four year rotation is good. This means that the land or patch will not have sweet potatoes on the (Continued on page 2)

FARMERS' CHARTER COMPLETED.

President Geo. W. Delesdenier announces that the charter of the parish farmers association is completed and ready for the signatures of the community delegates. It is said that only one share of stock will be issued to each community and no outside; can own a share. There will be a meeting for the purpose of signing the charter at Covington, Wednesday, May 3, 1922.

BIG DANCE AT ABITA.

There will be a big dance at Abita Springs, Sunday, April 30th. Jazz band from New Orleans. Be sure and come for a good time. Music will be furnished by Buddy Pettit Jazz Orchestra from New Orleans.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow with young calf.

Can be seen at Glen Gordon, E. W. Brown, Mandeville Road.

SOME QUESTION ANSWERED HERE MAY APPEAL TO YOU

Benefits To Be Derived Admitted and Not Necessary To Be Discussed

OLD MACHINERY NOT TO BE PURCHASED

Ice Mfg. Company To Be Bonded Under Contract for Sufficient Supply

Covington, La., April 28, 1922. Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

I would appreciate space for the following arguments on the proposed waterworks and sewerage. Being interested in the town of Covington, both as a citizen and as alderman, I would like to pass on to the interested these remarks. There seems to be some misapprehension on the part of the taxpayers and citizens concerning the sewerage and water tax to be voted on May 16, 1922. As usual, the uninformed are the hardest to convince of the advisability of any plan that carries with it the expenditure of money for needed improvements. I shall not discuss the benefits to be derived from such tax as they admit this much, so I shall try to answer some of the rumors as to why they are against this tax.

The following are questions and criticisms and my answer: Argument No. 1 Against Waterworks—Q. How can we expect a satisfactory water service from the new system when the present company, which will do the pumping, cannot furnish enough water at the present time?

A. Were the present company able to furnish water sufficient for all uses and purposes, there would be no necessity of the installation of a municipal water system. Immediately upon the completion of the proposed system, the town will enter into a contract with the present company to pump water, in which agreement the company shall bind itself to give the people a perfectly satisfactory water service at all times, and not only bind and obligate itself to do so, but it will be compelled to furnish a good solvent bond for the faithful carrying out of this all-important condition of the contract. Hence, the people need have no concern on this score.

Argument No. 2 Against the Tax—For the reason that Eight Thousand Dollars is to be paid for worn out, rotten and bursted pipes?

A. The engineers placed a valuation of Sixteen Thousand Dollars on the mains, etc., of the present company. The Association of Commerce, whose unselfish interest in all matters affecting the public welfare is well known to the public, after a careful inquiry regarding the worth of the pipes, a committee from this city composed of the following members: F. J. Heintz, E. G. Davis, Judge T. M. Burns, Jacob Seiler, A. Planché and A. C. McCormack, recommended the payment of \$8,000 therefor. Then a conference took place between the municipal officers and the representatives of the St. Tammany Ice & Manufacturing Company, whereby a consideration of \$7,500 was agreed upon.

Argument No. 3 Against the Proposed Bond Issue—That the present well is wholly insufficient to supply the public demands.

A. Immediately after the tax is voted, the present company will obligate itself to furnish the people with an efficient water service, and if, in order to do that, it becomes necessary to dig other wells, it will bind itself to do so, and for the faithful performance of this stipulation, the company will furnish a good and solvent bond.

I may further add, for the information of the public, that a surface reservoir is to be installed and an elevated tank to be erected twenty-five feet in height, and each with a capacity of 100,000 gallons. There will be water, and plenty water, when this system is installed.

I may further add that the installation of the proposed system will immediately reduce the insurance on mercantile establishments from 25 to 40 per cent, and from 15 to 25 per cent on dwellings. This information was obtained from the Louisiana Fire Protection Bureau. It is scarcely necessary to mention what this reduction will mean in dollars and cents to the property taxpayers, who are now paying exorbitant insurance rates on account of the non-existence of fire protection.

Again, it may be well to mention that the municipality will enter into a ten year contract with the St. Tammany Ice & Manufacturing Company and in that contract it will be stipulated that the company shall receive ten cents per thousand gallons of water up to three million gallons, and nine cents per thousand gallons, over three and up to four million gallons, and a corresponding reduction thereafter.

Now, the opinion seems to be prevalent throughout the community that it is the purpose of the municipality to purchase old machinery from the Ice Company. We wish to assure the people that this rumor is wholly without foundation in fact. Those who wish to know the streets through which the proposed water system is to be installed can readily obtain this information by an examination of the map on file at the office of the clerk of the municipality, and this covers practically the entire population. The Engineer gives

BRIDGE CRASHES INTO RIVER AND DRIVER, MULES KILLED IN FALL

Lead Mules Off Bridge At Time It Falls 22 Feet Into the River

BURT CRUSHED BENEATH THEM

As They are Drawn Back and Thrown Into Wreck of Steel and Timber

Covington, La., April 28, 1922. Editor St. Tammany Farmer:

The collapsing of the Lee Road bridge over the Bogue Falaya River has excited alarm.

The Cahier bridge was inspected a month ago, yet it collapsed with the weight of five mules and a load of probably eight thousand pounds. Some say fifteen thousand pounds. The school transfer, loaded with children, passed over this bridge every day to and from school.

About 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the Cahier bridge over the Bogue Falaya river on the Leed road collapsed when Hunter C. Burt, driving five mules hitched to a wagon loaded with several thousand feet of lumber was passing over it. The leads had passed over the bridge when it fell to the shallow water 22 feet below. As the crash came the weight of the load jerked the leads back and they fell into the tangled mass of steel and flooring beneath.

Burt was caught beneath the mules. His head was mashed out of shape and his chest was crushed. He was killed instantly. In some remarkable manner the wheel mules escaped death, but were injured. The leads were killed.

Burt was employed by the Wood-Davis Lumber Company. His home was at Hattiesburg, Miss. He was an ex-soldier, was 25 years of age. His remains were shipped home for burial after having been prepared by the Poole Undertaking Company.

MADISONVILLE LETTER.

By Staff Correspondent

Madisonville, April 27.—The St. Tammany Reds met their first defeat of the season Sunday afternoon when the fast Tulane nine of New Orleans smothered them in a 10-1 count, on the diamond here. The solitary run scored on Perrin's hit in the third inning killed a complete shut-out for the Reds, who were guilty of bungling in the third degree in several instances. Masterful playing of the Olive and Blue held the spectators' interest intact to the finish, and the star hitting of the Reds that unfortunately brought no results, featured the game.

Sunday, April 30, the local club will play the Sycamore Nine of Ponchartraine, here in Madisonville. From all accounts the game will be very interesting, as it is reported that the Sycamores are cracker-jacks and this will be our first clash with them. The game will be called at 2:30.

Junior Progressive Workers Club. The Junior Progressive Workers Club met in regular monthly session last Monday evening, April 24th, at the home of Miss Nora Holly, local leader. Hiss Molly was assisted by her co-worker, Miss Hettie Koopp, in the material work of mapping out a straight program and listing in order the names of the members to attend the coming summer session at L. S. U. Among the members present were Marcelin Rousseau, Jr., Doris Goldate, Alpha Goodbee, of Goodbee; Edyth Koopp, Vermae (Continued on page 4)

Covington Hi School Basketball Team



Left to right—Clyde King, Tom F. Frederick, Frank Fauntheroy, Prof. A. J. Park, coach; Lawrence Frederick, Frank Miller and Nick Seiler.

Following is the record of games played by the Covington High School Basketball Team for the season of 1921-22:

| Date | Competing Team | Covington | High |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|
| Nov. 2, St. Paul's | 10 | 38 | 10 |
| Nov. 9, St. Benedict | 8 | 12 | 8 |
| Nov. 9, St. Benedict | 29 | 11 | 29 |
| Nov. 17, Mandeville | 18 | 25 | 18 |
| Nov. 20, Cov. Town Team | 29 | 31 | 29 |
| Dec. 2, Cov. Town Team | 26 | 35 | 26 |
| Dec. 7, Mandeville | 18 | 38 | 18 |
| Dec. 9, Amer. Legion | 24 | 40 | 24 |

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|--------------------------|----|----|
| Dec. 11, St. Benedict | 8 | 30 |
| Dec. 15, Mandeville | 5 | 18 |
| Dec. 19, St. Paul's | 24 | 32 |
| Jan. 11, Cov. Town Team | 14 | 29 |
| Jan. 13, Independence Hi | 41 | 22 |
| Jan. 17, Cov. Town Team | 23 | 18 |
| Jan. 18, Cov. Town Team | 22 | 28 |
| Jan. 20, Bogalusa | 34 | 20 |
| Jan. 25, Snappy Five | 9 | 36 |
| Jan. 27, Bogalusa | 15 | 32 |
| Jan. 31, Snappy Five | 15 | 17 |
| Feb. 8, St. Paul's | 12 | 20 |
| Feb. 12, Franklinton | 19 | 23 |
| March 8, St. Paul's | 23 | 9 |
| March 15, St. Paul's | 25 | 30 |