

THE FARMER on sale every Saturday at Covington News Stand, Bailoch's Drug Store, Schonberg's Pharmacy, Covington; The Ideal Pharmacy, Madisonville. Five Cents Per Copy.

The St. Tammany Farmer

\$2 is the subscription price of The Farmer. You'll get more than the worth of your money by being a subscriber. Help boost the parish.

D. H. MASON, Editor

COVINGTON, LA., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1922.

VOL. 48 No. 48

BRIGGS TELLS OF REFORESTATION HURTFULNESS TO PARISH

Middle States Pass From Virgin Timber to Farms In Less than 50 Years

POVERTY IN TIMBER WEALTH IN FARMS

Reforestation Contract Is Hurtful; Act Said to be Unconstitutional

By A. E. Briggs.

Is it possible for the Conservation Department to make a valid and binding contract with the Police Jury and landowner by which the latter's taxable valuation can be fixed or reduced and the land devoted to reforestation? We believe the law and the form of contract are so inadequately drawn as neither to accomplish the purposes proposed nor to withdraw the lands from the present method of taxation.

This, however, is a question for Louisiana lawyers to pass upon, for the writer neither desires nor seeks the responsibility of counselling any person as to his legal rights. The question is therefore proposed here for the purpose of suggesting to the landowner the desirability of consulting their legal advisers, and furthermore we desire to indicate to such lawyers as are interested the reasons why the constitutionality of the law be questioned.

Article 10, Section 1, of the Constitution of 1921 reads: "For the purpose of encouraging the reforestation of denuded lands, contracts fixing the assessed valuation of the specified lands for the duration of the agreements are hereby authorized under such regulations, terms and conditions as may be prescribed by law."

We believe that this article of the Constitution means that the General Assembly must prescribe the regulations, terms and conditions of the contract, and that the Assembly must delegate this legislative power to any commission or commissioner.

Does Act 90 of 1912 prescribe the regulations, terms and condition of the proposed contract? Has the Assembly prescribed any standard of reforestation by which the performance of the contract can be determined? Has the assembly any power to vest in the Commissioner of Conservation the power to make such rules and regulations? Is not this contract illegal because it provides that the reforestation shall be done "according to the rules set out by the Department," and "in such manner as the Department shall prescribe," contrary to the Constitution which requires that the regulations must be prescribed by law?

We do not think that Section 11 of Act 90 of 1912 sufficiently meets the requirements of the Constitution as to the terms and conditions of the contract. But is the contract as promised by the Conservation Department authorized by the terms of said act? Where is there any provision in the law that the landowner may withdraw lands "found to be chiefly valuable for immediate agricultural or mineral use"? Where is any provision in the law giving right "to prospect for minerals, oil and gas on this land"? Where does the Act provide that lands so withdrawn will suffer only the penalty as provided for breach of contract? Are not these provisions of the contract illegal?

Apparently it is the intention or purpose of this contract to obtain for the contracting landowner lower taxation than that on adjoining or similar lands not under contract. But if the contract is illegal, will not the effect be the contrary? Will the making of this illegal contract enable the landowner to escape penalty for non-payment of taxes? If the contract is illegal we think it will be injurious both to the parish and the landowner to enter into such contracts.

But there are other reasons why the law should be deemed a bad one which should prevent the Police Jury approving it or owner entering into it. We do not believe in a general policy of reforestation for this parish, but granting we may be mistaken there are still serious objections to this contract and to the law under which it is made.

The law was made for the stated purpose "of encouraging the reforestation of denuded lands." Why then was not provision made for fixing the assessed valuation of the growing timber rather than the land? How can a fixed valuation of the land encourage the growing of timber? We admit that reforestation will cause a depreciation in the value of land in this parish, for the reason that timber land of necessity has to be low priced land, because the owner cannot afford to raise timber on valuable lands. If denuded lands anywhere are bearing high taxes, it must be because those lands are valuable for other purposes than for growing timber, in which case they should not escape the higher taxation, but should bear their fair share of general taxes.

Whoever originated the idea that high taxes on denuded lands is one of the greatest drawbacks to successful reforestation was probably somewhat mixed in his thinking. All the literature of the Government Forestry Service has emphasized the fact that the growing of timber or reforestation is feasible only on waste or very low priced land, where of course taxes would also be low. It

MADISONVILLE NEWS, DOINGS OF WEEK AND PERSONALS

New Yacht of Mr. Lichenstein, New Orleans, the "Cocheco," Launched

DENDINGER BAKERY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Mr. G. Mire Injured; Drug Store Broken Into; Halloween Dance, Etc.

By Staff Correspondent

Madisonville, Oct. 26.—Madisonville boasts with the completion of the pretty new building, erection of the massive standard oven and installation of the new modern machinery and baking apparatus, one of the prettiest, cleanest and most modern, sanitary and up-to-date bakeries in Louisiana.

The building which comprises the Dendinger Bakery and store room, is on Covington street and faces the ruins that mark the spot where the old bakery and store once stood.

The work room is equipped with every possible convenience and contains all the late up-to-the-minute improvements that include a motor driven mixer, sifter, measure, moulder and wrapper, all of which have been put in operation except the wrapper.

After a few trial tests operations in the work room began in earnest Wednesday, October 18, turning out bread daily that exceeded even the expectations of the owners.

Launching of Trim Little Yacht.

The "Cocheco," a handsome little cruiser and sister yacht to the recently launched "Jetta," belonging to Mr. S. M. Lichenstein, of New Orleans, received her first introduction to the water Saturday, October 14, as she gracefully slid from the ways that graded her through construction into the waiting Techeaneta when she was launched here at the Jahncke Shipyard.

Miss Gertrude Jahncke, lovely little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jahncke, of New Orleans, was chosen sponsor and carried off the honors in a most charming manner.

The Cocheco is a 72-foot craft of long, graceful contour, good to look at, carrying a powerful Sterling engine of 300 horsepower, whose construction was personally supervised by Mr. Wilbur Dutsch, general foreman of the Jahncke yard here, and which was built for Capt. G. A. Sporr, of New Orleans. He will enter it in the 1923 Southern Marina Marathon, the 120-mile yacht race from West End to Pensacola, an annual motor cruiser classic event.

Commodore Jahncke's houseboat, the Aunt Dinah, Capt. Sporr's yacht, the Quicksilver, and the Elmasada, brought over quite a number of prominent people for the launching ceremony.

Mr. Geo. Mire Painfully Injured.

Mr. Geo. Mire, president of the Riverside Lumber Co., while on an inspection tour, Wednesday, of their vast cypress holdings in the swamp edging Lake Bonchartrain, suffered painful injuries when his foot became entangled in a cable being applied to a pull boat, lacerating it badly.

Lions Drug Store Broken Open.

The Lions Drug Store on Main street, opposite the postoffice, was broken into and entered Sunday night, Oct. 22, sometime after closing hours, presumably during the time that the town was practically deserted as everybody was in Covington taking in the sights at the fair. Burglary was the only probable motive suspected altho nothing of value was taken from the building. The cash register was broken open but contained only 55 cents in coppers, which were untouched, and a \$2.50 gold piece that the thief evidently overlooked. A tiny box containing \$5.00 in small change in close proximity was also safe. The thief gained entrance into the building through a rear door by cutting a hole supposedly with a pocket knife, large enough to reach the latch from the interior.

Halloween Dance.

Members of the School Improvement League announce that all arrangements have been made and everything is in readiness for their unique dance and Halloween party, Tuesday night, Oct. 31, beginning at 7 o'clock. The affair, which will be a masquerade, will take place in the Junior Hi School Auditorium amid wondrously attractive decorations that bid fair to thrill even the most naive—a veritable goblin haunt where the witches with all their spooky charm and ghostly characteristics will reign supreme. The refreshments of delectable variety will be served cafeteria style in the hall adjoining the auditorium. All are invited.

Madisonville Made Good Showing at the Parish Fair.

Madisonville made a good showing at the parish fair, both in attendance and representation, and came off all decorated with blue, red and gold.

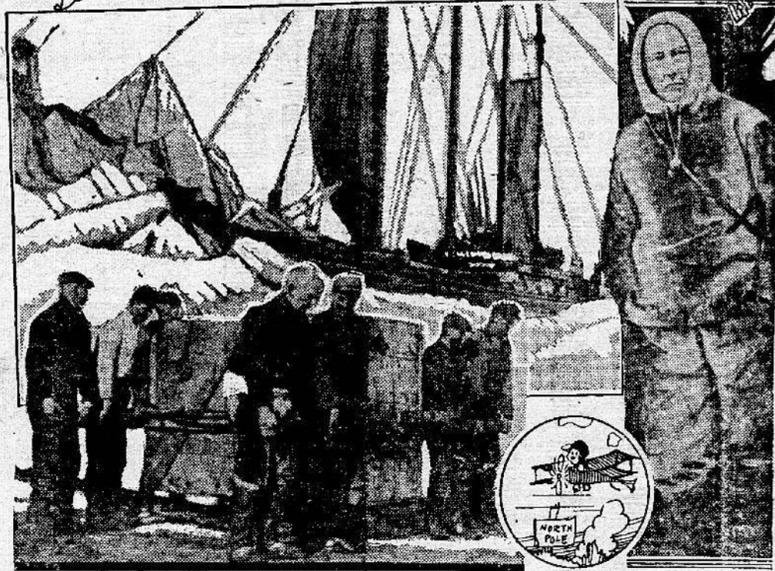
(Continued on page 6)

is not provided in Act 90 of 1912 that the rate of taxation shall be lowered, but only the assessment fixed as appraised for the purposes of the law.

It does seem that the timber grower would be benefited and encouraged in reforestation, if he would not have to pay taxes on the timber until it is severed from the land or marketed. But, since the natural

(Continued on page 3)

Exclusive Pictures of Amundsen in Arctic Snows Making Ready for Air Trip to North Pole.



In a door of a little hut 80 miles from Point Barrow, in the Arctic wastes, stands the grizzled and gray explorer, Capt. Amundsen, awaiting what seems an opportune hour during the long Polar night for the first airplane flight over the Top of the World—to the North Pole. These exclusive photographs are the first brought back of the hearty Norwegian explorer since his ship "Maud" anchored off Point Hope. Lower picture shows Capt. Amundsen helping his crew unload the motors for his airplane. To the right, Capt. Amundsen in the door of his hut at Wainwright. Amundsen will fly an American all-metal plane.

M. E. CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED TO-MORROW

Bishop W. E. Candler will dedicate the Methodist Church on Jefferson Avenue, to-morrow, at 11 a. m. Covington Methodists are justly proud of their new building, which is modern in every detail, the Sunday School rooms being arranged so that when the doors are opened the entire interior is available for the congregation. The lighting is well arranged and the interior decorations are very pretty.

All members and friends of other denominations are invited to be present at the ceremonies.

Bishop Candler will leave in the afternoon for Slidell, accompanied by Mayor Robt. Badon, where he will take the train for New Orleans.

NOTICE.

All persons having bills against the St. Tammany Parish Fair Association will please present same to the undersigned at once.

WM. P. MINCKLER, Secretary.

WINNERS IN THE POPULARITY CONTEST AT THE FAIR.



Miss Vernie Galmiche, First Bookkeeper for Frank Patecek



Miss Ethel Goodbee, Second Stenographer for Judge T. M. Barnes

The F. G. C. Auto Co. announces that the new Superior Model Chevrolets have arrived and are on display at their showroom. They also announce that the first Superior Model Chevrolet sold in this territory has been delivered to Supt. D. H. Springfield, at Franklinton, who after driving an old model Chevrolet for four and one-half years could be satisfied only with another Chevrolet.

BANKS WILL CLOSE ON NOV. 1.

Wednesday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, being a legal holiday this bank will be closed.

COVINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

NEGRO PEOPLE WORKING FOR SCHOOL

On Tuesday night, October 24th, a committee composed of Prof. Thos. S. Dickerson, Jr., Chas. Hutchinson, Jos. Taylor, Eugene Henry, Rev. H. G. Randle, Chas. W. Grace and O. J. Rene, met at the Covington colored school for the purpose of devising ways and means for purchasing land in order to secure a Rosenwald colored school.

After prayer offered by Rev. H. G. Randle, moved, seconded and carried that the meeting go into permanent organization.

The following officers were elected: Chas. Hutchinson, president; Chas. W. Grace, vice-president; O. J. Rene, secretary; Jos. Taylor, treasurer. All were elected by acclamation.

After the officers had been installed, it was unanimously voted to extend thanks to the St. Tammany Parish Fair Association for the very courteous and generous treatment accorded the colored citizens of this parish at the fair. Words are inadequate to express our feeling of gratitude toward them.

We feel that in expressing our views we are voicing the sentiment of the entire colored citizenry of this parish.

After discussion by various members of ways by which we could raise funds and secure proper aid it was decided that the parents of all the school children be notified to meet this body on Thursday night, Oct. 26th, at the Covington colored school, at 7:30 p. m., to secure pledges for purchasing the site for the proposed Rosenwald school.

On motion of O. J. Rene, seconded by Chas. W. Grace, that this body be notified the public through the present to pay any money or aid for the Covington colored school unless they can show written authority from this organization authorizing them to do so, and must be signed by the president and secretary.

Moved by Chas. W. Grace, seconded by Jos. Taylor, that this body meet the first and third Monday nights of each month. Carried.

O. J. RENE, Secretary.

LUTHERAN FESTIVAL

All Lutherans of St. Tammany parish and their friends are reminded of the joint reformation festival to be held in Mandeville to-morrow. Morning services in the Union church building at 10:45 o'clock. Laymen's meeting at 1:15 in the same place, and afternoon service in the Bible building, corner of Girod and Beach. Rev. Hollis holds it to be every Lutheran layman's duty to be present at the laymen's meeting. Basket picnic on the beach near old motor car station at 12 o'clock. Bring your lunch. Coffee served free. Visitors cordially welcome, especially at the afternoon service.

WALDHEIM NOTES.

By Staff Correspondent

Miss Marie Seals, of Poycune, Miss., arrived here last Thursday to spend a while with her cousin, Miss Lela Thompson. Both Miss Seals and Miss Thompson attended the fair in Covington Friday and Saturday and met many of their friends.

Miss Rachel Dutsch returned to her home here last Saturday after having spent two months in Mendonville, Miss., as the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. H. Tullous. Miss Dutsch says Mississippi is a fine place, but we really believe she is glad to be back in "the sticks" with all her friends and relatives once more.

Mr. S. J. Richardson has been spending some time in New Orleans with his son Mr. J. Richardson, Jr. The complete list of prize winners at the Waldheim Community Fair will appear next week.

Mrs. E. Fortier and two sons, Norbert and Byron, of New Orleans, were guests of Mrs. L. Anderson, at Waldheim, during the Parish Fair.

SLIDELL NOTES.

By Staff Correspondent

Slidell, Oct. 26.—The Slidell Community Fair will be held November 16, 17 and 18. More exhibits are expected than were on hand last year. Mayor House has issued a proclamation calling for hearty cooperation with the fair workers and asking the people to patronize it.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society gave a social Tuesday afternoon at the Community House. The program consisted of music, prayers, addresses and readings. The refreshments were delightful. About sixty were present.

The local order of the K. of P. will have its annual get-together meeting on Thanksgiving night at the Community House.

A social for the Baptist men held at the Community House on Tuesday night. Several interesting talks were made and refreshments were served.

Quite a number of people from this section attended the St. Tam-

FOLSOM LOCAL NEWS NOTES PERSONALS

(By Staff Correspondent)

Folsom, Oct. 26.—Mr. Alton McLain, the well known N. O. G. N. brakeman, who was taken to the Elizabeth Sullivan Hospital at Bogalusa, two weeks ago with a ruptured appendix and under went an operation, died Friday, October 20, after putting up a hard fight for life.

He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McLain, of Franklinton. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. S. Evans, of the Franklinton Baptist Church, Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a. m. Interment in the Ellis Cemetery. Besides his mother and father he leaves a sister and several brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLain and daughter, Miss Hilda, Miss L. Moran, Mrs. M. Reed and Prof. G. W. Varnado.

Local and Personal.

Mrs. W. B. Bobo and children returned to their home in Monroe, La., last Thursday, after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLain and Mrs. M. Reed and Mr. B. McKee attended the fair at Slidell, Wednesday.

Mrs. T. Gusman and little daughter spent Tuesday afternoon in Mandeville with relatives.

Mr. P. Seals left Wednesday for Bogalusa to spend a few days.

Mr. E. R. Moses, of Covington, was a business visitor here this week.

Dr. F. R. Jones was a business visitor to New Orleans, Monday.

Mr. H. J. Selliger, of New Orleans, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Quite a crowd from here attended the Parish Fair at Covington. All report having had a good time.

Mr. J. W. York, Dr. F. R. Jones and Mr. Hy. Collins were business visitors to Covington, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Mendoza returned to her home in Opelousas last week after spending a week here with her sister, Mrs. B. T. Spring.

Mrs. H. Rogers, of Baton Rouge, arrived Wednesday to be with her mother, Mrs. M. Core, who is confined to her bed with a severe attack of indigestion.

Messrs. Charley and B. L. Terry, of Tennessee, were the guests of Miss Ruby Spring Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Grace Brown left Wednesday for Opelousas where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Mendoza, for two weeks.

Mrs. Clothilde Spring of Franklinton, was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. B. T. Spring.

Mr. S. J. Jones, of New Orleans, spent Sunday and Monday here.

Mrs. B. McKee, of Orvil, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. Pittman, Wednesday.

Quite a crowd from here attended the community fair at Unceudus last Saturday.

MAYOR, SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF MANDEVILLE IN PARADE

Mandeville School Winner of Loving Cup Third Time; Best in Parade

DUPLANTIER-JACOB WEDDING OCT. 25TH

Juniors Will Entertain Hi School; Dance at Elk; Other News Notes

Mandeville, Oct. 26.—Last Friday was School Day at the St. Tammany Parish Fair in Covington and every school in the parish assembled at the courthouse to participate in the parade to the fair grounds to try for the reward, a beautiful loving cup. As usual, Mandeville Hi was right there to participate in the competition. The officials had things very nicely arranged and the parade began on time and an unusually long line of children were on their way to "pass in review," the parade being about a mile in length.

After several schools had passed, along came the Mandeville Hi with their artistic foppish hats of olive green, uniform marching, and all the features that caused the judges to present Mandeville Hi with the loving cup. This is Mandeville's third cup for best appearance in the parade at the Parish Fair. In the parade with the school were the faculty, Mayor VanZant and Mr. H. H. Levy, school director.

The prizes received for school work are as follows:

Blue Ribbons (first prizes)—"The History of St. Tammany," by Mary Briggs; Latin note book, Lydia Vix; English note book, Esther Russ.

Red Ribbons (second prizes)—Geometry note book, Lydia Vix; Chemistry note book, Rene Dubourg; Flowers, Barbara David; Leaves, Ross Martinez; Minor Science note book, Letha Scott.

White Ribbons (third prizes)—Mandeville Hi's booth; Wood, August Langenhenning; Speech Poster, Cecelia Coward.

Duplantier-Jacob.

A wedding of much charm and interest occurred Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1922, at 10 a. m., at Our Lady of the Lake Church, when Miss Thelma Jacob, daughter of Mr. E. Jacob, became the bride of Walter Duplantier, of New Orleans, with the nuptial ceremony impressively performed by Rev. Thos. Schuster. The wedding music was given by Mrs. Simon Waldheim who played "Mendelssohn's Wedding March," and Mrs. A. P. Hopkins sang "Ave Maria" during the signing of the register.

The bride had as her attendants Miss Adrienne Manfit and little Ursula D'Aquin. Mr. Duplantier had as his best man, his brother, Mr. Dudley Duplantier. The brides attendant wore a beautiful gown of black crepe-back satin offset with pink and wore a corsage bouquet of pink roses. The dainty little flower girl carried a picture in an attractive garb of black and old rose, carrying a beautiful basket of pink roses.

(Continued on page 5)

Mr. W. D. Robinson, representing the Times-Picayune, of New Orleans, was a business visitor to Covington during the week.

Mrs. Hortense Haik, of Bogalusa, has been spending several days in Covington as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Efferson.

many Parish Fair at Covington last week.

Dr. Frank D. Rice, of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gazano, left for New Orleans where he will spend a few days before returning to his home.

Mrs. U. G. Neuhauer will entertain her Sunday school class Friday afternoon at her home.

The Priscilla Club will meet at the home of Mrs. G. Sollberger Monday afternoon.

Mr. E. F. Hailey spent a few days in Alexandria this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Comfort, Mrs. K. G. Neuhauer and Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Poise were visitors to Covington, Saturday.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. T. J. Hand is sick this week, and hope that we shall soon see him out again.

Mrs. M. P. Schneider is spending a few days with relatives in New Orleans.

Mrs. White, of Beaumont, Texas, is visiting Mrs. Fritchell.

Mr. G. C. Larrabee and daughter, Mrs. Abel, spent Monday in New Orleans.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Smith, on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, a son.

Messrs. T. J. Eddins and Chas. M. Liddle visited in Poplarville and Picayune, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Varnado and daughter, Miss Willard, spent Friday night and Saturday in Bogalusa and Franklinton where they attended the funeral of their nephew, Aiton McLain.

Mrs. T. L. Prevost spent Wednesday in New Orleans.

Miss Francis Howze returned last Saturday after visiting Miss Beulah Bourgeois in New Orleans.

Master J. C. Langston, Jr., celebrated his seventh birthday Tuesday afternoon. A party of boy friends were present to assist J. C. in celebrating. The little fellows had quite

(Continued on page 5)

PARISH FAIR AN IMPROVEMENT IN MANY WAYS

Character of Exhibits Indicate Great Improvement In Agriculture

SCHOOL DAY IS BIG EVENT

Miss Galmiche Wins First and Miss Goodbee Second in Contest

President Warner and Secretary Minckler are wearing the "Fair Smile." It is more significant than the button. It means that the fair gave indications of great agricultural improvement in St. Tammany parish. While it is encouraging that it was a financial success, the most important showing is the community interest that has developed since last year. Exhibits from community fairs were in evidence in every department. Education, domestic science, agriculture and commerce all showed the stimulating effect of public interest and co-operation. It is regrettable that the stock industry was not representative, but it is balm to the wound to know that the cause is removable and that tick eradication now has the endorsement and co-operative assistance of the stock raisers, and that the next fair will make up for any shortcoming in this direction. There were so many things of interest in the Educational Building that it is difficult to make individual mention. Both Catholic and public schools had wonderful exhibits, showing general and special training in the schools. The polished wood exhibits of Slidell and Lacombe were exhibits that any community might be proud of. In fact there were many individual exhibits in the different booths that attracted special attention. Considering the booth as a whole, the Covington school won first place.

We can not publish, and if we could we could not at this time secure the list of all those who won prizes or ribbons, but we publish below a list of the winners of special prizes and cups:

Best corn display, Sweepstakes, H. A. Dutsch, Waldheim.

Best display of sugar cane, A. C. Jenkins, Waldheim.

Best 3 bundles rice, any variety, special prize of \$10 offered by Covington Bank & Trust Co.—1st prize, \$5; 2d, A. L. Leneil; 3d, E. L. Dutsch; 4th, \$2, Mrs. P. Lammie.

Louisiana Sweet Oranges—1st, W. Koenn; 2d, John Haas; 3d, A. C. Jenkins.

Satsuma Oranges—1st, Ullman Bros.; 2d, A. Leneil; 3d, J. E. Krentel.

Grape Fruit—1st, Mrs. A. W. Hayden; 2d, A. Leneil; 3d, Mrs. N. Levy.

Agricultural Sweepstakes—1st, E. Langenhenning; 2d, Dave Taylor; 3d, H. A. Dutsch.

Best Decorated Booth—Waldheim.

School Day, on which school children parade, has always been an occasion that touched the hearts of the people. The eager faces, the triumphant defiance of the school yells, the pride and loyalty to school and the discipline of the march always bring to view the future of St. Tammany. Mandeville school was winner of the cup.

A new voice, that of the colored school child, was heard in the victorious yell of the school, Monday, which was set aside as fair day for the colored people. The children marched with equal pride and discipline and precision. The exhibits at the fair—in agriculture, in school and industrial work, in domestic science and in ornamentation—were very creditable indeed. The dance in the evening was conducted with the greatest decorum and was attended by many white people as spectators, who were high in their praise of the orderly conduct on the dance floor and in the grounds. The Covington school won the parade award.

The popularity contest was hotly contested and was won by Miss Vernie Galmiche. Miss Ethel Goodbee was second.

Contests of this nature are difficult to carry out without some disappointment and some misunderstanding, and this one was not exempt from some criticism; but we are confident that all contestants will be perfectly satisfied if they view the matter fairly and examine into the points of dispute, which seems to be that the box should have been closed at 7:30 p. m. and not at 9 p. m.

The St. Tammany Farmer had promised to add something to the prize, and in conformity with this promise gave a silver and gold coin case to the second in the contest, Miss Ethel Goodbee. This prize is of equal value to the first prize. Mr. Mason, of The St. Tammany Farmer,

(Continued on page 6)