

Church of the Ascension.

Services on Christmas day as follows: Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; sermon and holy communion, 10:30 a. m. The offertory at both services will be for the children's home for Episcopal orphans, in New Orleans.

C. N. Gautreau, of Gonzales, was in town Thursday on business.

Mrs. F. B. Lemann has returned from a short visit to New Orleans.

Our 1918 Christmas Club now open. Commercial and Savings Bank.

Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Sims spent a couple of days in New Orleans during the week.

Mrs. George B. Richard returned Monday evening from a visit to relatives in New Orleans.

Miss Aline Graugnard left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in St. James parish.

Red Cross Christmas seals save babies' lives by helping to raise funds for the maintenance of visiting nurses.

Rev. J. C. Gonon, the beloved pastor of the Cornerview Catholic church, was a prominent visitor to Donaldsonville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Leche returned Wednesday from New Orleans and have taken up their residence with the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. Paul Leche.

A post-card from Clay Waggenpack, lately of Luling, instructs us to change the address of his paper to Modeste postoffice, in Ascension parish, where he is presently located.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre V. Blanchard and their baby daughter, of New Orleans, are here for the holidays, the guests of Mr. Blanchard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Leo Blanchard.

The Joseph Park family moved this week from the Park home in Chetumach street to the commodious Kline cottage in Iberville street, near the corner of Railroad avenue.

The case of J. E. Gonzales against the L. R. & N. Company, for the improvement of a spur at Brittain, has been decided in favor of the defendant company by the railroad commission.

Mrs. R. L. LeBlanc and children, of Klotzville, accompanied by Mrs. LeBlanc's sister-in-law, Miss Valentine LeBlanc, left today for Houston, Texas, where they will reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Melancon have removed from Thornwell to Luling. Mrs. Melancon recently joined her husband at the latter place after spending a few days here as the guest of her father, F. C. Richard.

Janssens Melancon and Edward Hanson, Jr., who are attending the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, are at home for the holidays, and a cordial greeting is being extended them by their many friends.

Two more Ascension boys have enlisted in the navy. Dalt. n. V. Martin and Bailey Schilling, both of Acy, passed the examination in New Orleans Friday of last week and have been sent to the training school at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Miss Laure Fernandez, after completing a course in stenography and typewriting under the tutelage of Sister Catherine of St. Vincent's Institute, has entered the employ of the law firm of Pugh & Lemann.

Hon. R. N. Sims came up from New Orleans on business Thursday night, and upon his return yesterday afternoon was accompanied by his niece, little Miss Alice Sims, who will spend a few days in the Crescent City as a guest in the Sims household.

The Chief was misinformed as to the nature of the position Frank Ayraud, of Barton, has gone to Cuba to assume. Instead of sugar-boiler, as stated in our last issue, Mr. Ayraud is employed as manager of a large sugar estate owned by the United Fruit Company and the Nipe Bay Company of Preston, Cuba.

A special meeting of Ascension Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, will be held at 7:30 o'clock next Wednesday night, the 26th inst., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Members of the organization should make it a point to be present and assist in the performance of this important duty.

Dr. Dawson Martin, of Acy, has successfully passed the medical and physical examinations for enlistment in the medical reserve corps of the army, and is awaiting instructions to report for duty. Dr. Martin visited Baton Rouge last week to undergo the prescribed tests. He will have the rank of first lieutenant.

Leonce Gautreau, the capable manager of the Woodlawn plantation in Terrebonne parish, and Dr. E. F. Walton, of Houma, motored to Donaldsonville last Saturday in the former's car, returning to Houma the following morning. On the homeward trip they were accompanied by Mrs. Walton and baby daughter, who had been visiting relatives in Port Barrow.

Sandy Truxillo returned this forenoon from a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where he went to place his order for a lot of mules to be delivered to him within the next few days. He states that his mission was altogether successful, and that he will soon have an unusually fine assortment of choice mules on display at his establishment for the consideration of local planters and farmers.

Messrs. L. B. Duplessis, of Duplessis, and B. L. and E. S. Cambre, of Galvez, visited Donaldsonville yesterday on business and complimented the Chief with an appreciated call. Mr. Duplessis informed us that during the past season 2600 tons of cane were handled at the Duplessis derrick, while 500 bales of cotton were ginned at the Union gin nearby. All of the cane was consigned to the Godchaux Company's Reserve factory in St. John parish.

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"Each grade the same price the nation over"

Young Men

Do your calling on Christmas day dressed up in one of our elegant suits. They will make you look handsomer than ever.

We also have on display a pretty line of Xmas presents. Call and see them.

ADOLPHE NETTER

DISTRICT COURT.

Convening of December Term Places Mills of Justice in Motion.

The regular December non-jury term of district court for Ascension parish was convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with Judge Philip Gilbert on the bench. Brief sessions of the judicial body were held also on Tuesday and Friday forenoons, adjournment to 10 a. m. next Monday being ordered at the conclusion of the latter sitting. Following is a summary of the business transacted this week:

Thomas Newchurch vs. Texas & Pacific Railway Co.; exception of vagueness filed by defendant.

Adam Allen vs. Bayou Conway Drainage District; answer filed.

Ascension Red Cypress Co., Ltd., vs. New River Drainage District; answer filed; case fixed for Jan. 7, 1918.

Lucien Acosta, Jr., vs. George Landry; exception of vagueness submitted, with agreement that exceptor (defendant) is to file brief within ten days, and that plaintiff is to be given three days in which to file brief in answer.

Minerva Wright vs. Milly Lewis; exception of vagueness submitted and overruled.

Allen LeBlanc vs. Oscarine Cloutre; plaintiff granted absolute divorce.

Cecile Melancon vs. Leonard B. Gaudin; plaintiff granted absolute divorce.

Interstate Trust and Banking Company vs. Picard & Geismar, Ltd., et al.; partially tried and continued to Dec. 24.

Steve Weber, of Baton Rouge, was here Wednesday on a visit to relatives and imparted the interesting information that he is to be married in January to Miss Lorraine Webb, of Gloster, Miss. Steve has an excellent position in the refining department of the Standard Oil Company's plant at Baton Rouge, and considers that the time has come when he should forsake bachelorhood and set about making a home for himself. His many friends here will be interested to learn of his prospective marriage, and will join in extending congratulations and good wishes in advance of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Poche have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marie Juanita, to Honoré W. Charlet, son of Captain E. M. Charlet. The wedding will be celebrated Wednesday, January 2, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., at the Donaldsonville Catholic church. Mr. Charlet and his bride will leave via the Texas & Pacific Railroad immediately after the ceremony for a bridal trip. Relatives and friends of the two families are invited through this medium to attend the ceremony at the church. No cards have been issued.

A bouncing boy who made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gisclair shortly before noon Wednesday is one of the latest additions to the population of our city. This is the first son that has come to bless the union of this estimable young couple, and to say he is a welcome addition to the quartette of lovely lassies who preceded him is to state an important and joyous fact in the briefest and mildest of terms. The Chief joins in extending warmest congratulations to the happy parents on this notable addition to their interesting household.

The competitive drill between the cadet military companies of the Reserve and Donaldsonville High Schools, which was pretermitted last Sunday owing to inclement weather, will take place at the South Louisiana Fair grounds at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The contest will be judged by Lieut. Sydney Smith, U. S. A., commandant of cadets at the Louisiana State University, and a handsome silver trophy cup will be awarded to the winning company on the grounds.

Felicien J. Brou, son of our esteemed friend, Frank Brou, has accepted the position of representative of the Miles Timber Company's interests at New Hope. He succeeds J. Allan Colomb, who successfully passed his examination to enter the forestry service and left for Washington, D. C. Mr. Brou is at present engaged as timekeeper at the Arment factory. As soon as the grinding campaign is over at Arment he will leave for New Hope.—St. James Interim.

Rev. Adrien Loots announces that there will be high mass and benediction at the St. Francis of Assisiam church in Smoke Bend at midnight Christmas eve. The order of services on Christmas day will be as follows: 7 a. m., confessions and communion; 10 a. m., low mass and benediction. At 8:30 a. m. high mass, followed by benediction, will be celebrated in the Darrow chapel.

LECHE-DUGAS.

Brilliant Ceremony at Hymen's Altar Crowns Charming Romance.

A marriage of much prominence during the winter social season was that of Miss Hazel Dugas, the lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dugas, of Belle Rose, to Karl Leche, of this city, which was solemnized at eleven-thirty in the forenoon of last Saturday in the pretty little St. Jules chapel at Valenzuela. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Gruel, assisted by Fathers Boudreaux and Chambon, in the presence of an assemblage of relatives and friends that filled the sacred edifice.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Risley T. The of Napoleonville, and to its melodious strains the bride entered leaning on the arm of her father. She was a picture of exquisite daintiness in her robe of Duchesse satin trimmed with silver lace and embroidered in seed pearls, with a Medici collar and train of princess lace. She carried an arm bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies tied with white tulle.

During the signing of the register Miss Ruth Ward, of New Orleans, sang "My Dreams," and Sam LeBlanc, of Napoleonville, sang "I Love You Truly."

The groom had for his best man his life-long friend, Delmayne Hanson, of New Orleans, and the ushers were C. J. Dugas, Jr., of Avon plantation, Leclercque Gianneloni, of East Baton Rouge, Charles Dugas and Joseph LeBlanc, of Poincouverville, and Charles Maurin, Jr., of Donaldsonville.

After the ceremony a delightful informal reception was tendered the young couple at the home of the bride's parents, following which they left amid a shower of rice and good wishes via the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley route for a honeymoon trip to New Orleans.

The bride, a winsome little blonde, is the eldest of a bevy of charming sisters and since her return from college last spring has been a most popular member of the social set.

The groom, an only son of Judge and Mrs. Paul Leche, is a young man of sterling worth and fine attainments, and has before him the promise of a brilliant and prosperous future in his chosen profession.

The Chief extends congratulations and the best of good wishes to the happy pair.

Civic League Doll and Toy Fund.

- A Selfish Red Man.....\$ 1.00
Baby Selimian Kahn..... 2.50
Carolina Gussie Bloomenstiel..... 1.00
Emma Roos Lemann..... 1.00
Walter Lemann, Jr..... 1.00
Red Cross Worker..... 1.00
Ula John Gamel..... .50
L. E. Bentley..... 1.00
Babette and Adolphe, Jr..... 2.00
Miss Annie Laurie Pujos..... 2.00
Lilly Bloomenstiel..... 1.00
Miss Nita Sims Brezcaale..... 1.00
Total.....\$14.00

In view of the inadequate amount subscribed, it has been decided to dispense with the doll and toy distribution this year. The Civic League is grateful to the few staunch friends of the fund who came to its assistance notwithstanding the multiplicity of demands upon them at this time, and trusts that next year conditions may be more favorable to the success of the worthy movement. The amount collected will be turned over by the Chief to the Civic League, which will return the respective contributions to the individual subscribers.

Real Estate Transaction.

Paul Fontana and Giuseppe Compagna have bought from the Magnolia Land and Improvement Company the south half of lot 75 in the square bounded by Taylor, Houmas and Division streets and Railroad avenue, for a consideration of \$700, of which \$200 was paid cash. The property has a frontage of 32 feet on Railroad avenue, by a depth of 120 feet. The building located on the lot, owned by Mrs. E. B. Tobias, of New Orleans, was purchased by the same parties for \$500 cash. The First and Last Chance Saloon, conducted by Paul Fontana and now located at No. 830 Railroad avenue, will be moved into the premises just acquired by Messrs. Fontana and Compagna.

Bargain Store Burglarized.

The New Orleans Bargain Store was the victim of burglars Thursday night, a quantity of pistols, men's suits and other merchandise being stolen. Jasmin Tobias, proprietor of the establishment, estimates the loss at several hundred dollars. He is of the opinion that the thief or thieves secreted himself or themselves in the store before closing time, and after selecting the loot desired, escaped through a back door. The contents of the store are protected by burglary insurance.

Mrs. Jacob Blum has returned from an extended visit to New Orleans.

Advertisement for Israel She Store featuring various styles of shoes and a central illustration of Santa Claus. Text includes 'Christmas Suggestions', 'This is the store where you can buy sane, sensible gifts for Christmas and this is the year to give them—the year they will be appreciated more than ever before.', and 'ISRAEL SHE STORE, DONALDSONVILLE, LA. Specializing in Setz Shoes'.

LIFE'S STORY ENDED.

Relentless Death Claims Lovable Young Woman of East Ascension

Truly sad was the untimely taking away of Miss Earline M. Marchand, daughter of John A. Marchand and Lorena G. Carver, of Natchitoches, who responded to death's stern call Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 o'clock p. m., in New Orleans. In the morning of life, fragrant with the joy of living and rosetate with the happiness of young womanhood, she fell asleep to open her eyes in Paradise. To be thus taken in the flower of youth is indeed a grievous blow to her dear ones, but may they be consoled by the knowledge of the heavenly reward she has earned through the purity of her life, and the Christian's undying hope of everlasting reunion beyond the portals of the tomb.

Miss Marchand was born at Prairieville, in this parish, May 31, 1890. Her remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at that place Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 11 a. m., the funeral obsequies being attended by a throng of sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered from all sections to pay life's final tribute of respect to the memory of one so worthy of their esteem and affection. The impressive burial rites of the Catholic religion were performed by Rev. Father J. C. Gonon, pastor of the Cornerview church.

Besides her grief-stricken parents, Miss Marchand is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. A. B. Corey, Evie and Harold Marchand, of Gonzales; John A. Marchand, Jr., of Baton Rouge, and Sidney A. Marchand, of Donaldsonville. The sympathy of an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances goes out to the sorely bereaved family.

Sebastian Lawhon and Miss Edna Desobry, of Plaquemine, were married here Wednesday by Judge Edmund Maurin. The witnesses were Felix Blanchard, Oliver Bergeron and Clarence Breaux.

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 20, 1917. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has this day applied to the commission council of the city of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, by filing a written petition as required by law, for a permit to operate a barroom for the sale of intoxicating liquors to whites, during the year 1918, in a building situated at No. 512 Railroad avenue, owned by Paul Fontana and Giuseppe Compagna, in the city of Donaldsonville. PAUL FONTANA.

Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 15, 1917. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has this day applied to the commission council of the city of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, by filing a written petition as required by law, for a permit to continue the operation of a barroom for the sale of intoxicating liquors to negroes, during the year 1918, at the southwest corner of Railroad avenue and St. Michael street, No. 702 Railroad avenue, in the city of Donaldsonville, said barroom having been heretofore duly and legally operated as such. GASPARD MESSINA, JR.

Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 15, 1917. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has this day applied to the commission council of the city of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, by filing a written petition as required by law, for a permit to continue the operation of a barroom for the sale of intoxicating liquors to negroes, during the year 1918, at the corner of Pine and Fourth streets, in the village of Port Barrow, said barroom having been heretofore duly and legally operated as such. WILLARD CASSO.

Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 15, 1917. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has this day applied to the commission council of the city of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, by filing a written petition as required by law, for a permit to continue the operation of a saloon for the retail sale of Beer, Malt and vinous liquors only, to colored people, at the east corner of Railroad street and Magnolia avenue, in said city, the said operation having heretofore duly and legally operated as such for the sale of distilled, malt and vinous liquors. SALVATORE LUPPO.

BIDS WANTED.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the city of Donaldsonville up to Monday, December 24, 1917, for furnishing two carts, with two mules and two men, to collect garbage; clean the streets; sweep and clean Mississippi street and Railroad avenue; and do whatever hauling, and such other work, as is usually required of town carts, for the year 1918. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. A. J. MELANCON, City Clerk.

BIDS WANTED.

SEALED BIDS will be received by the city of Donaldsonville up to MONDAY, DEC. 24, 1917, for the franchises of the public market and river wharf for the year 1918. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. A. J. MELANCON, City Clerk.

FOR SALE.

1918 Overland, model 83 T, in excellent condition. Five new tires. A pick-up at \$475. A new Dodge Bros' roadster, never used. ROUSSEAU'S GARAGE, DONALDSONVILLE, LA.

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OUR TABLE DELICACIES, ESPECIALLY PURCHASED FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE, CONSIST OF FRUIT CAKE, RAISINS, JELLIES, PRESERVES, MINCE MEAT, CRANBERRIES, PLUM PUDDING, INGREDIENTS FOR FRUIT CAKES, MUSHROOMS, FRENCH PEAS, OLIVES, PICKLES, SPICES, CITRONS, NUTS, FRUITS, ETC., AND A CHOICE SELECTION OF CANDIES.

Home Mercantile Company

Mississippi Street

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Burnside, La., Nov. 3, 1917. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that no hunting or shooting is allowed on the property of the Miles Planting and Manufacturing Company, including all the plantations comprising the "Miles group" at Burnside, on the east bank of the river, and the New Hope plantation in Ascension and Arment plantations in St. James, on the west bank of the river. Persons violating this regulation will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. MILES PLTG. AND MFG. CO.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

of the Bank of Ascension. Donaldsonville, La., Dec. 8, 1917. A REGULAR MEETING of the stockholders of the Bank of Ascension will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 15, 1918, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.: First, for the purpose of amending Article I. of the charter of said bank relative to capital stock. Second, for the purpose of amending Article IV. of the charter of said bank relative to board of directors. Third, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. JOHN S. THIBAUT, Cashier.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

of the Ascension Farm Loan Association. Gonzales, La., Dec. 5, 1917. A MEETING of the Ascension Farm Loan Association will be held at the W. O. W. Hall in Gonzales, La., Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and of transacting such other business as may properly be brought before said meeting. All members of the association are hereby notified to be present. E. C. CAUSEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

IN DONALDSONVILLE, on Tuesday, December 11, a dark brindle bull terrier bitch, with white feet and white neck. Answers to name of "Lola." A reward will be paid for the return of the animal, or for information leading to its recovery. Communicate with MRS. J. A. BATTIST, Donaldsonville, La.

Advertisement for Peruna featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'Always Have PERUNA For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend It to Our Neighbors.' It includes a testimonial from Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 1399 Kentucky St., Memphis, Tennessee, who writes: 'I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us.'