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## CONVOCAION DAY.

Nearly Two Thousand Children March from Court House to Industrial School. Where Exercises Are Held.

Address by Pres. B. C. Caldwell of the State Normal. Scott Wins in the Athletic Contest by Two Points.

The third Annual Convocation Day of the schools of Lafayette town and parish was a grand success. Saturday, May 12, was the date chosen, and fortunately the weather was pleasantly cool and just cloudy enough to soften the shafts of the sun so that the day seemed as if specially ordered for the occasion.

By 9 a. m. practically all the children had arrived and the formation into line was begun under direction of Profs. Avery, Faulk, Payne, Cook, Broussard, Whipple and Tison. The Songtag Concert Band and Institute cadet band led the procession which marched down Vermillion to Johnston and on to the Industrial school. The cadets with their guns followed their band and made a manly and martial show. Behind them came the children of the various schools two thousand in number with banners announcing the names of the schools as the line filed by. The bright faces of the children, the splendid promise of future citizenship that marked their appearance, was both inspiring and a matter of pride, for they represent a greater and grander Lafayette as the years roll by. That long animated, healthy, developing column is the army that is marching to victory over illiteracy, is the band of workers for progress, is the intelligence that will find and use the untold wealth of the glorious parish of Lafayette.

Upon arrival at the Institute

the Marseillaise was sung by all the children and immediately the spelling contests were held upon a platform constructed in front of the main building. Three contests were held, Primary, in which children of the fourth and fifth grades took part, conducted by Prof. E. O. Payne. Arthur Louvier, of the Scott school, won the Vordenbaumen silver medal, which was presented to him by Editor W. A. LeRosen, of The Advertiser in a few appropriate words. The junior contest for children of the fifth and sixth grades was conducted by Prof. Jno. W. Faulk and won by Virgie Stirling, of Lafayette High School. She was awarded The Gazette silver medal, Mr. C. D. Caffery making the presentation. The senior contest, all grades above the sixth was won by Ruth Harper, also of the High School, to whom the Vordenbaumen gold medal for this contest was presented by Mr. Leo Judice.

Immediately after the close of the spelling contests the grown people assembled in the auditorium.

President Stephens briefly introduced President B. C. Caldwell of the Natchitoches State Normal College, who spoke of the present interest in immigration, agriculture and other subjects, but of them all schools came nearest to the heart. He gave a few figures showing that the public schools were the largest industry of the country.

with its 16,000,000 children, its army of 540,000 teachers, and its investment in school houses, land and equipment greater than the combined value of the entire railroad mileage and rolling stock of the United States. He called attention to the fact that the public school of the country is unique in that nothing like it has ever existed in the past nor does exist anywhere else to-day on the face of the earth. He likened an uneducated child to one who is maimed, and urged that every child is entitled to the very best education the world affords. His speech was followed with intense interest and was a grand plea for school opportunity for every child in the land and school opportunity of the best regardless of cost, for the child is the greatest thing on earth and his value beyond price.

At the close of his address Dr. G. A. Martin, who is an earnest believer in education and a zealous friend of the children spoke in French for the benefit of those who did not understand English.

Dr. Stephens announced the result of the contest as follows:

Highest per cent made by any room in Lafayette town schools, Prof. Foote's room, 95.35.

Highest average of any other town school, Scott, 85.61.

Highest average of any country school, Whittington, 86.94.

This closed the program for the morning.

### AFTERNOON.

In the library were excellent exhibits by the Carencro, Milton Broussard, Burke and Lafayette High School. The prize for best exhibit, a handsome dictionary offered by the Moss Pharmacy, was awarded by the committee, Prof. Ashby Woodson and Misses Riis and Dupre, to the Carencro school which had a particularly fine exhibit. The Milton school was next best and the Broussard third.

At 2 p. m. the athletic events which were introduced this year to add interest to the occasion and also to stimulate a friendly rivalry among the various schools, were begun, and proved to be a most interesting feature, and one that will be largely in evidence on future Convocation Days.

The result showed Scott in the lead by two points, the score standing Scott 24 points; Lafayette 22 and Broussard 17.

A pupil of Prof. Foote's room and a member of the Scott school tied for the Caffery medal for the best all around athlete. No decision has been made as yet.

The following is the score in detail:

#### HUNDRED YARD DASH.

Ode Dubois, Broussard, 13.5 sec. Wilfred David, Youngsville, C. Weber, Scott.

#### 220 YARDS RUN.

Earl LeBlanc, Lafayette, 28 sec. E. Arceneaux, Scott, Andre Bernard, Broussard.

#### POLE VAULT.

Jeff Boudreaux, Scott, 8 feet, Frank Bernard, Broussard, 7 feet 10 inches, Isaac Prejean, Lafayette, 7 feet 4 in.

#### 100 YARDS DASH OVER 12 YEARS.

Alex Mouton, Lafayette, 11.5 sec. Andre Bernard, Broussard, Lionel Malagarie, Broussard.

#### BROAD JUMP.

Maurice Duhon, Lafayette, 17 ft. Albert Girard, Broussard, G. LeBlanc, Scott.

#### 880 YDS. RUN.

Henry Reaux, Youngsville, 2 min. 31 sec. Lionel Malagarie, Broussard, Sylvan Smith, Youngsville.

#### HIGH JUMP.

Jeff Boudreaux, Scott, 4 ft. 6 in. L. Broussard, Scott, Isaac Prejean, Lafayette.

#### RELAY RACE.

Lafayette, first; Scott second, Broussard third.

## THE BOND ISSUE CARRIED.

Lafayette has again placed herself on record for schools, for progress and for improvement.

Yesterday the people by a majority of 107 in number and \$185,000 in valuation, approved the bond issue for \$100,000: \$50,000 for a central high school building on the public school grounds near the court house, \$10,000 for a primary school on the grounds north of the railroad on the square fronting the residence of Mr. C. D. Boudreaux, \$5000 for a new city hall and \$35,000 for the retirement of bonds and extension of water and light plant.

All day long the friends of the bond issue worked zealously. Ladies and school girls in relief squads spent the day on the court house square and did valiant service.

And because the purposes of the bond issue appealed to a majority of the people satisfied their judgment and met with their approbation, the name of Lafayette has again been placed on the record for schools, progress and improvement.

### THE RETURNS.

For the school	204	Against the school	97
For the City Hall	198	Against the City Hall	101
For the Waterworks	200	Against the Waterworks	98
For the 5-mill tax	201	Against the 5-mill tax	67

The property value had not been ascertained when we went to press, but the majority is about \$185,000.

Such a signal victory for schools and progress deserves a celebration and The Advertiser suggests that one is in order.

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