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TEACHERS' MEETING AT BROUSSARD. FIRE AT GERAC'S GIN.

The Parish Teachers' Meeting held at Broussard by invitation of the citizens of Broussard, who have always manifested great interest in education, was one of the most successful ever held in the parish. All of the teachers now teaching, with the exception of one absent on account of sickness, were present.

Supt. Alleman conducted the institute and began the session by requesting each one to answer roll call by telling what they noticed on the way. This elicited many interesting responses, some causing merriment. The beautiful weather, the profusion of golden rod and aster, scenery, the substantial growth of Broussard and its up-to-date improvements were generally the things that attracted attention.

Dr. Moss was invited to make a few remarks which he did, speaking of the necessity for interest and zeal in teachers' meetings being a requisite for growth in a teacher. Indifference to professional gatherings and discussion being a certain indication of failure.

Miss Eastman opened the program by giving a talk on sugar cane showing how she developed the subject with her classes. Supt. Alleman then supplemented her excellent talk by questions as to the manufacture of sugar.

J. W. Fulk, principal of the Broussard school, discussed the teacher's salary using figures to show that teachers were not paid sufficiently. It was developed in the discussion which followed that the salary depends largely upon the teacher himself, Supt. Alleman reciting several instances in this parish where teachers had had their salaries supplemented by the people of the communities because of their having demonstrated their worth to the community. And along this line he stated that duties of teachers did not begin at nine and end at three, that preparations for each day's work was necessary. Teachers could not do satisfactory work who devoted their evenings to society.

Principal W. J. Avery, of Lafayette, then told of duties of teachers out of the school room, mentioning particularly the necessity for the teacher to maintain leadership over the pupils and the necessity for visiting their homes to get acquainted with parents.

At the close of the discussion following his talk, the morning session was closed and the teachers were invited to the two hotels to partake of an elegant dinner tendered them by the hospitable people of Broussard.

The program for the afternoon session consisted of a talk on the responsibility of a teacher for the preservation of school property by J. L. Cook, the teacher in the community by F. M. Cook, the relation of the teacher to the principal by E. W. Jones, the ideal principal by Miss Trousdale, and the decoration of the class room by Miss Stephens.

An organization of the teachers was effected for the future con-

duct of the institutes and the following officers were elected: E. W. Jones, Scott, president; F. M. Cook, Carencro, vice-president; Miss M. E. Trousdale, Lafayette, secretary; Miss C. Steckler, Broussard, treasurer. Committee on program: W. J. Avery, chairman; Miss Wynonah Breazeale, Supt. L. J. Alleman.

Before adjoining the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we the teachers of Lafayette parish recognize the great benefits to the teachers and schools that result from the holding of regular parish teachers' institutes, and especially the holding of them in the different sections of the parish, because of the popular interest they awaken in those communities in the work of the public school.

Resolved, That we have derived much inspiration and profit from the teachers' institute held this day in the enterprising town of Broussard.

Resolved, That we appreciate the courtesies and hospitality extended to us by the teachers and citizens of Broussard.

Resolved, That we accept, with thanks the kind invitation extended to us to visit in a body the Billeaud Sugar Refinery, both on account of the value to us as teachers, of the knowledge thus to be gained of this important home industry and the pleasure it will afford us.

The day was closed by a delightful visit to the Billeaud Refinery by special invitation of the owners, and they were shown step by step the present day methods of manufacturing sugar from the cane juice from the time the stalk leaves the cane field to the finished product. They were escorted by Messrs. M. Billeaud, Jr., and Hebert Billeaud, who were very affable and attentive to all.

The visitors present were: Mrs. Dr. DeLaurel, Mrs. Lucien Ducrest, Mrs. L. F. St. Julien, Miss Louise Comeaux, Miss Rose Bernard, Mr. Hebert Billeaud, Mr. Bernard, Messrs. Frank Bernard, Andre Bernard, Charles Broussard, Gilbert Broussard, Lionel Malagarie, Willie Landry, Miss Alosia Broussard, Miss Kate Landry and Mrs. Dr. Martin and Messrs. L. D. Nickerson and W. A. Le-Rosen, of Lafayette.

Cotton House Containing Three Hundred Bales Discovered in Flames Sunday Night.

Prompt Work by Mr. Felix Voorhies, Supt. Shackford, Neighbors and Citizens Save Gin and Nearly All of Cotton.

Sunday night a few moments after ten the cotton house at Gerac's gin, containing over three hundred bales of cotton was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given by neighbors and later on by the oil mill whistle. Mr. Felix Voorhies was one of the first to reach the fire and he promptly sent for buckets to the oil mill and organized a bucket brigade. He thoughtfully had the suction flue running from the cotton house to the gin discon-

nected and none too soon, for already the strong draft had filled the gin with smoke and heat. This precaution assisted materially in saving the gin. Supt. Shackford arrived at the fire very shortly after the alarm was given and immediately put the Baton Rouge branch hands, about fifty in number, to work rolling cotton bales out of the way of danger and in passing buckets of water. Their help was of the greatest value in confining and restricting the fire. Neighbors and people from town also worked zealously and as a result of all their efforts, the fire was soon under control and all danger of the gin's burning was eliminated. The fire originated in an empty room of the cotton house on the opposite side from the gin. The plant had been closed down at 6 o'clock and it was believed that everything

was safe. In fact, the watchman passed the place where the fire started just ten minutes before the blaze was discovered and saw nothing to indicate fire. Which causes the suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Monday and yesterday the cotton was being removed from the cotton house and spread out and the burnt and burning part removed, so that up to going to press the extent of loss could not be ascertained. It is estimated at not less than \$2000 and perhaps considerably more. There was \$500 insurance on the house but none on the cotton.

Lost.

A good-sized diamond ring was lost between Dr. Mouton's office and our store, (possibly inside) Thursday, Nov. 1. Liberal reward offered for return of same to Falk Mercantile Co.



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A nice residence, 4 rooms, hall kitchen, dining room, bath room; lot 100x125, price \$3000, Parkerson addition, near Lincoln avenue.
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48 arpents land and improvements 5 miles from town, price \$2500.
30 arpents land and a fine residence 1 1/2 mile from town.
84 arpents of land with residence and out-houses, 2 miles from Lafayette, price \$100 per arpent.
61 arpents of land with residence and out-houses, 2 miles from town, price \$6000.
12 1/2 arpents of land, 1 1/2 mile from town.
700 arpents of well improved land 4 miles from Youngsville.
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