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GRAND MUSICAL AND BIG DANCE AT THE BERTHELOT SCHOOL TO-NIGHT.

Valued Citizen Mourned.

Death of G. A. Gondran Brings Sorrow to Host of Friends.

In the death of G. Adolph Gondran which occurred in New Orleans Friday morning of last week, the state of Louisiana has been deprived of a valued citizen, and many persons in this community have lost a true friend.

For the greater part of his life a resident of Donaldsonville, Mr. Gondran was regarded as one of the town's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, for there was no department of human activity that did not interest him and much to which he gave personal service. He was universally esteemed and admired, and the news of his passing was nowhere received with deeper sorrow or more lasting regret than among his friends and former fellow-townsmen here.

We extract the following sketch of Mr. Gondran's life from the New Orleans Times-Picayune of last Saturday:

"G. Adolph Gondran was born in Donaldsonville fifty-six years ago, the scion of a prominent Creole family. He was prepared for college in the schools of his native town, and soon after reaching manhood he entered Tulane University, where he was graduated in law and returned to Donaldsonville to practice.

Popular in his native parish, and having the entire confidence of the people who had known him all his life, he was elected district attorney in 1898 and held that position for twelve years.

He made an enviable reputation as a pleader and as a criminal lawyer, and in 1910 Judge Guion who had been elected attorney general, selected him as the assistant to whom the criminal branch of the office should be entrusted.

"He served as an assistant during this term with Colonel Pleasant, and when that gentleman was elected attorney general he continued Mr. Gondran in the office. Meantime the duties of the office had been greatly increased and the assistant in the criminal branch was required to conduct all the appeals of criminal cases before the supreme court. The records of the courts show with what fidelity and ability he performed this duty.

"During the entire term in the office of Governor-elect Pleasant, Mr. Gondran gave the office efficient counsel and assistance. In the campaign for governor, also, his counsel was of value, and his fidelity to his chief continued throughout the campaign.

"Mr. Gondran was a devout son of the church, and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a valued member of the Woodmen of the World.

"Mr. Gondran was a widower with three children, none of whom has reached maturity. His two sons, G. A., Jr., and Joseph M. are attending Tulane. He is also survived by one daughter, Miss Belle Gondran, who since the death of her mother has presided over the affairs of the household. A brother, Joseph M. Gondran, lives at Donaldsonville.

"In the deceased the state has lost a valuable servitor, and one it cannot replace at the present salary of the office. A close student, with a retentive memory he had the criminal laws of the state and the country at his finger tips, and was in possession of facts at the beginning of a case that the average lawyer would have to obtain by research occupying much time. Hence it was that Mr. Gondran in the past year had been able to present to the supreme court and other tribunals two hundred briefs, some of them in very important cases. His legal judgment was sound, and he was generally successful in his pleading. He conducted the criminal branch of the state's business at a salary entirely inadequate to the work performed because he desired to live in New Orleans that his children could have the educational advantages they could not obtain in his old home.

"Funeral services were conducted over the remains of Mr. Gondran at the family residence, 4925 Dryades street, Friday evening. Saturday morning the body was taken to Donaldsonville where interment was made."

Belief General Sugar Now Safe

Independent Washington Paper Comments On Recent Vote and Louisiana Election.

The Washington Evening Star an independent newspaper makes the following comment on sugar and the Louisiana election:

"Sugar continues on the dutiable list without time limit. The senate surrendered to the house. The controversy was brief—so brief—so soon done for, one is tempted to wonder what it was begun for.

"The result will still further hearten those Louisiana Democrats who at the polls last week stood by their party and elected its state ticket in the face of the national administration's attitude toward sugar. A combination of Bull Moosers, Republican and protection Democrats nominated and supported an opposition ticket, but could not land it. Even with his free sugar fault, the Democratic organization stood by the president.

"Whether there would have been a different result, the surrender by the house to the senate giving sugar only four years more of grace, if Louisiana had voted against the Democracy is but conjecture. But the subject is such as to invite conjecture and conjecture produces several different opinions.

"Something more tangible and definite relates to what the result promises the sugar industry for the future. On this point opinion is general that sugar is now on easy street again. It yields handsomely in the way of revenue, and regardless of which party wins next November large revenues will have to be collected for some years to come.

"Appropriations are going to mount high, and all legitimate sources of revenue supply will be tapped, so that whether the Democratic party or the Republican party is commissioned for the task of filling Uncle Sam's wallet from March 4 next, sugar is reasonably certain to be assessed for its share.

Police Jury Meeting.

The Police Jury of this parish assembled at the St. John Court-house last Thursday and met in regular monthly session. All members answered to roll call with the exception of Mr. Andrew Nagel, of the First Ward who has not fully recuperated from his recent illness.

However there being a quorum the police jury met and transacted their usual routine work. No question of interest was presented by any of the members for consideration. Nevertheless the usual number of bills did not fail to make their appearance and kept our Parish Fathers quite busy during the morning session.

Mr. L. E. Perrin, an agent of the State Department of Agriculture appeared before the police jury and introduced Mr. W. K. Martin as the man who had recently been appointed by the department of agriculture to demonstrate the work in St. John parish. Mr. Martin has already been introduced to many of the leading planters of this parish and will take up his work in St. John parish at once. For the present Mr. Martin has been stationed at Edgard and will have an office in the Court-house building. The young demonstrator has an automobile and will gladly answer immediately any call made upon him by planters of this parish.

Mr. Martin will leave no stone unturned to make the demonstration work a grand success, and urges the earnest cooperation of the people of St. John and especially the planters.

A short session of court was held on Thursday Judge Prentice E. Edrington presiding. The civil suit of Fernand Reynaud Vs Champagne & Champagne occupied the court's attention during the day. All the evidence was heard in the case. The argument will be heard in the Grana court house in Jefferson parish.

The School Board also held its regular monthly session and transacted mostly routine business. Five members being present.

The minutes of this meeting appears in another column of this issue.

A COMMUNICATION.

Le Meschacébé Lucy, La.,

Dear Mr. Editor:

In view of the fact, that the officials of the Reserve High School are proclaiming their victory, throughout the parish in our last Saturday Rally I deem it to be my duty to come upon the scene, not to present argument, neither to refute their contention, but simply to state the true facts in the case, and let the intelligent Public judge for itself.

In seventy-eight events decided up to date and in which both school participated, the results were as follows:

Edgard 13 First places—
Reserve 10 " "
Lucy 3 " "
Laplace 1 " place

In event Reserve and Edgard tied Readers, which of the two schools is the victor!

For the authenticity of these facts, I take pleasure in referring the Public to the decisions of the judges, which are on file in Superintendent Bourgeois's office.

Reserve officials have but two courses from which to choose, they must either disprove these facts, or admit their defeat.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Oswald Montégut,
Prin. Edgard High School.

Judge Coco Will Appoint His Son

Young Member of Marksville Bar To Have Position In State's Law Office

Vernon Aloysius Coco, son of Judge A. V. Coco, attorney general, and a prominent young member of the bar at Marksville, will become a permanent assistant in the attorney general's office, occupying the place held by the late G. A. Gondran.

This announcement was authorized by Judge Coco, Tuesday morning, when he informed Judge Prentice B. Carter, of Franklinton, that he could not appoint him to the assistantship.

Judge Coco will re-appoint Harry P. Gumble, of Winnfield, as first assistant, continuing him in the position he now holds.

W. W. Barrow will remain as the other assistant, having charge of the business at Baton Rouge, before the Railroad Commission. Miss Esther Schlessinger, at present stenographer in the Coco law offices at Marksville, will be the stenographer for the attorney general's office.

This will complete his office force. After meeting the Sixth District delegation, on Monday, which urged the appointment of Judge Carter to the Gondran assistantship, Judge Coco said he would take the matter under advisement and let them know Tuesday. The above was his reply.

Note the similarity in the initials of father and son—Judge Adolph Valery Coco and Vernon Aloysius Coco. Their initials are the same but in reverse order; therefore, the son is not a junior.

Young Coco is 26 years of age and is said to be chip of the old block. He graduated at Jefferson College where he took his A. B. Then went to the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., where he took his A. M. and later studied law there, receiving his L. L. D. Returning to Louisiana, he took the examination before the supreme court and was admitted. He is unmarried.

Judge Coco was on the district bench, when Avoyelles, Rapides and Natchitoches formed the district, from 1888 to 1896, and he represented his parish in the constitutional convention of 1898. Since then he has been practicing law.

The Judge recently purchased an Orleans home at Josephine and Prytania and will move his family there the last of May. By appointing his son in the attorney general's office, his family will remain intact.

"I have as fine a summer home in Marksville as I could want," said the Judge, "and will spend July, August and September there in preference to any other place. I intend remaining an elector of Avoyelles."

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC. — OF — LE MESCHACÉBÉ.

In conformity with the requirements of an act of Congress of August 24, 1912, LE MESCHACÉBÉ publishes herewith a sworn statement as furnished in duplicate to the local postmaster under date of April 1, 1916:

Editor—John D. Reynaud.
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Owners—Eugene Dumez, Paul Berthelot and William J. Hart.
Publisher—John D. Reynaud.
Known bondholders, mortgages and other security holders, holding 1 per cent. or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities—None.

[Signed] John D. Reynaud.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1916.
J. J. PANCAIRE,
Justice of the Peace.

Public School Rally At Edgard.

An unusually large number of parents and pupils attended the annual rally of the public schools of the parish of St. John the Baptist, which was held on the campus of the Edgard high school, Saturday.

Supt. L. J. Bourgeois seconded by Mr. J. Oswald Montégut, principal of the Edgard high school and assisted by the faculty of this school carried out the program as mapped under the public school regulations.

The outcome of the contests, which have been decided so far, give Edgard high a total of 112 points and Reserve high a total of 105. Edgard scored 61 points in athletic events while Reserve's score was 57. Miss Elida Bodin and Jordan Perilloux of Reserve won the debate and the oration was won by Octave Brou and George Reine of Edgard. Miss Alice Dugas won the spelling contest and Miss Laurence Brou the French composition prize for Edgard. The English composition prize was won by Miss Blanche Perilloux for Reserve.

The athletic events were skillfully judged by Coach Whitney of Jefferson, ably assisted by two of the students, Messrs. Horsh and Derks. In the evening a dance was given which netted about thirty dollars to be applied to the Edgard high school funds.

Big Dance At Killona

A grand dance will be given on the Redmen Pavillion at Picard's Residence, at Killona, St. Charles parish, La., to-night and every following Saturday hereafter. All kinds of delicious refreshments and fine eatables will be served throughout the evening at exceedingly moderate prices. The Vitano Jitney Service is offering the following fifty cents reduced round trip rate.

From Lucy to the Redmen Hall, Killona, La., the Vitano Jitney will operate between the hours of six and seven P. M.

From Taft and Moberly, La. to the Hall the auto will operate between seven thirty and eight o'clock P. M.

The valuable services of celebrated New Orleans musicians have been procured and GOOD DANCING MUSIC is assured. Dancing will begin at 7 o'clock P. M. sharp. Beautiful and valuable prizes will be awarded the best dancers. A most cordial invitation is extended you bring your friends along.

Musical and Dance To-Night.

The grand Musical and big dance announced in our last issue will take place to-night in the Berthelot Schoolhouse, at Lucy La., rain or shine.

Elaborate and expensive preparations have been made and all indications tend to prove that this grand affair will be the most up-to-date so far held in St. John parish.

Vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by both New Orleans and local talent.

A celebrated New Orleans band will furnish the music and therefore first class and up-to-date dancing music is assured.

With the present fair weather prevailing we have no hesitancy in predicting a record-breaking attendance at the Berthelot School for this grand occasion.

Captain Jules Fourroux, owner and operator of the Lucy Ferry has this week issued out circulars announcing that for the accommodation of visitors from the left bank of the river he would allow the unusual special round trip at a reduced rate of twenty-five cents, ladies fifteen cents the round trip.

The ferry will operate to and from La Place. The first trip will start at 7:15 o'clock p. m.

The whole affair will be far grander and more up-to-date than we can possibly tell you. The best way is for you to come to Lucy to-night and judge for yourself. You will never regret attending this grand musical and dance. Come and do not fail to invite all your friends.

A rare treat is in store for you at the Berthelot School and we sincerely hope that you will not fail to be present.

Ferry Launch Destroyed By Fire.

The powerful gasoline launch owned and operated by Captain Charles Martin at the Bonnet Carré Point Ferry, burned to the water's edge in mid-stream last Saturday night opposite Burnside, La., on her way back to Lucy from a trip to Donaldsonville, La.,

The launch had just discharged her cargo at Donaldsonville, La., and was towing a flat-boat when the accident happened. The launch was an old one but was still giving satisfactory service to her owner and the public here.

At the time of the accident the launch was in charge on Messrs. Alton Lemoine and Marcelus Wimprine of Lucy, La.

Lemoine and Wimprine reported that the accident happened at about 8 o'clock p. m., when a lamp exploded in the rear of the launch near the engine. The two young men had only the time to cut the rope and make their escape in the flat-boat, thus escaping perhaps very severe injury.

Lemoine and Wimprine reached Lucy only late Sunday night in the flat-boat which is the property of Mr. Charles Martin, now owner of the Bonnet Carré Point Ferry.

A new gasoline boat will soon replace the old one and Capt. Martin informs us that he will soon be able to give the public his usual prompt service on the river.