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BOGALUSA BOYS SOON TO BE AT HOME

Thirty-Ninth Division Is Included in New Orders to Send Home Troops Which Are Now Overseas.

Bogalusa boys in France, or at least a large majority of them, are expected to arrive from France within a short time. It is estimated that there are between 500 and 600 in the Thirty-ninth Division, and on Saturday evening General March included this division, as well as the Thirty-ninth, who are to return at once. This division contains the members of old Company G as well as a large number of selectmen. It may be that the other divisions which are returning will also bring a number of Bogalusa and Washington parish citizens. The exact date of their arrival in the United States is not known, but it is believed that there is a probability of them reaching home by Christmas. Details of mustering the men out of service at the camps is just starting, and it is expected that by the time the boys return from "overseas" that the plan will be working in perfect condition.

Elks' Dance Tonight; Proceeds for Poor

Indications are that one of the largest crowds that have attended a dance this season will be at the Elks' Club this evening. The public is invited to attend. The proceeds will be added to the Elks' Christmas Fund. They hope to raise a fund of several hundred dollars again this year in order to send big well-filled baskets to the needy families of the city. They are going to give special attention to the little folks and see that candy, nuts and toys are included in each basket.

If you enjoy dancing do not miss attending the dance tonight (Wednesday). The program will start at 8:30 sharp. Music by good orchestra.

Will Accompany Wilson to France

Washington, Nov. 25.—Ambassador J. J. Jusserand of France and Madame Jusserand will accompany President Wilson to France.

The ambassador, who has not been home since he rushed back to America from a vacation trip at the outbreak of the war, goes to join in his people's rejoicing over victory, and probably to play a part in the peace conference.

It became known today that he had been invited to make the voyage on the ship that carries the presidential party. The invitation from the president is regarded as a special honor to France and also as a mark of the high esteem which President Wilson entertains personally for the ambassador.

Hungary Selects First Woman Ambassador

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 25.—The first woman to be appointed an ambassador has been nominated by the Hungarian government for the post of Switzerland. She is the Hungarian writer and pacifist, Rosika Schwimmer, who now resides in Switzerland. Madame Schwimmer accepted the nomination and will enter upon her duties shortly at Bern.

FIRST AID MEETINGS

Dr. Rice of the Bogalusa Hospital gave demonstrations of first aid to a class of nine at the Y. W. C. Wednesday evening and the regular meetings will hereafter be held at 8 o'clock on Friday evenings, and every member of the Red Cross is invited to attend.

W. Emmett Hall, the well known proprietor of the City Drug Store, returned to New Orleans last week where he pumped the rigid state pharmacy examination and this week received the license that he passed, making one of the best percentages of any who appeared for examination.

ELKS' MEMORIAL TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

Four Members Have Departed During Year—Memorial Address by Governor Sanders.

The annual memorial services of the Elks will be observed next Sunday and a fitting program has been arranged. Congressman J. Y. Sanders will deliver the address. The eulogies will be delivered by Dr. J. H. Slaughter for Dr. Claude Dean, W. S. Gardiner for J. Delyhousse, J. O. Ward for W. Q. Harris and G. G. Timberlake for A. J. Lewis. The services will start promptly at 3 o'clock, the meeting being held in the lodge room. A special musical program has been arranged and it is also expected the memorial tablet of the lodge will be unveiled on the same date. All members are urged to attend and a special invitation is extended to the public.

Got Your Winter Supply of Fuel?

If you have not your winter fuel in now you are apt to have some uncomfortable days ahead of you, unless you take advantage of the next days of good weather in getting in a supply, because the rains or last week are liable to leave the roads in such shape that they will not be in condition to allow much hauling between now and spring. While it is reported that there is a big shortage of coal, reports from mining districts are that they are working only half time on account of no orders. Coal can be secured in Bogalusa at present.

Speaking of Cutting Down Expenses!!!

Washington, Nov. 25.—Naval estimates for 1920 have been reduced \$1,180,315,000 as the result of the signing of the armistice, Secretary McAdoo was informed today by Secretary Daniels. The original estimate on a war basis was \$2,644,307,000, and this has been reduced to \$1,463,992,000.

Reduction was made in the estimate of \$600,000,000 for a second, three-year building program of 156 ships, which has been recommended to Congress by Secretary Daniels. This program contemplates ten super-dreadnoughts, six battle cruisers and 140 smaller warships and auxiliary craft.

The largest reduction, \$313,421,716, was in the estimate for the ordnance, and the second largest was \$275,324,285 in pay of the navy. Other deductions were announced as follows:

Pay, miscellaneous, \$5,015,000.
Aviation, navy, \$133,750,000.
Bureau of navigation, \$4,026,603.
Bureau of yards and docks, including public works, \$9,458,000.
Bureau of supplies and accounts, \$224,941,235.
Bureau of construction and repair, \$37,500,000.
Bureau of steam engineering, \$28,000.
Marine Corps, \$35,702,954.
Naval emergency fund, \$113,145,000.

CASTON TO LEAVE

W. L. Caston, for the past several years connected with the Great Southern Lumber Company, has resigned his position and leaves for Stevenson, Miss., where he will be connected with a mill of which W. B. Archer, formerly of this city, is superintendent.

LINDSLEY COMING

J. B. Lindsley, who left Bogalusa in September for service, has notified friends that he will spend the weekend here and a call has been issued for a special meeting of the Elks' lodge for Saturday night. Mr. Lindsley is the exalted ruler of Bogalusa lodge.

NELSON ON FURLOUGH

Will Nelson, formerly with the N. O. G. N., but who is now located at Camp Pike, has been enjoying a few days furlough with homefolks.

Citizens Urged to Pay Poll Tax Now

Citizens of Bogalusa and the Fourth Ward are requested to pay their poll tax at once and not wait until the last minute. Unless you pay your poll tax between now and December 31 you will have no voice in saying who shall be next parish officials, district judge and parish congressman, senator or the members of the State Legislature. In order to vote in the elections of 1920 it will be necessary for you to have a poll tax receipt for this year and next.

For the convenience of the voters Sheriff Bateman has made arrangements to have these receipts issued by the Washington Bank and Trust Company and the First State Bank. The poll tax receipts can now be secured. Get yours now before the rush starts or before you forget it.

Big Revival at Baptist Church

Starting next Sunday morning there will be an old-fashioned protracted meeting at the First Baptist Church which will continue for one week. Reverend Brakefield has arranged for several meetings each day. At 7:30 each evening there will be devotional services and a well known citizen will conduct the service. Special music has been arranged and a most cordial welcome is extended every citizen, regardless of religious belief, to attend these meetings.

Kaiser and Ticks Had a Bad Year

If the Kaiser believes that misery loves company, he should have a brotherly feeling for the cattle fever tick. This year has been a bad one for kaisers and ticks.

This is why it has been a bad one for the ticks and why December 1, 1918, should be a memorable day in the Southern states:

An area greater than ever before freed in one year from federal quarantine will be released on that day.

The drive of the anti-tick forces will have sent a broad wedge of free territory through the tick lines to the Atlantic ocean, just as last year a wedge was driven to the gulf.

Of the 728,565 square miles of infested area in 1906, 63 per cent will have been pronounced clean.

Farmers will be free to ship their cattle to the great markets for competition on their own merits with other cattle, and not under the quarantine which requires sale at buyers' prices for immediate slaughter.

Cattle will increase in value, weight, milk production, appearance, health, productivity and length of life.

Farmers in the freed areas will be able to bring to their farms better stock and thus raise the standard of their herds. The Southern states will have taken big strides toward their position as a great cattle-raising country to which their natural advantages entitle them.

Sugar Lid Goes Off Next Monday

The sugar lid will be off about December 1. There may not be any certificates issued for that month, as dealers, manufacturers and consumers probably will be permitted to purchase as much sugar as they desire. Sugar and candy will be plentiful, even if they will not be cheap.

The important news was given out by Horace C. Earl, assistant chief of the sugar division of the United States Food Administration, who arrived in New Orleans Monday for a conference with the Louisiana sugar control committee and various branches of the industry in this state. It was after interviews with the committee and John M. Parker, food administrator for Louisiana, that he ventured the information, which has not yet been officially issued from Washington. The sugar situation is not any easier, as far as the world's wants are concerned, but the decision seems to be a case of America first.

Drops Dead While Milking the Cow

Alexander Dreyfus, father of Ed and Emile Dreyfus, well known and successful business men of Bogalusa, dropped dead while milking a cow at the home of his son, Emile, shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday morning. The deceased was 82 years of age and has resided in Bogalusa for the past six years. He is survived by a widow, three sons and a daughter. It has been the custom of Mr. Dreyfus for many years to do the milking, and when he left the kitchen Saturday morning he was apparently in his usual health.

The remains were shipped to New Orleans where burial was held Sunday.

Pershing Boom for President

Columbus, O., Nov. 25.—A campaign for the election of General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in France, to the presidency in 1920 was formally launched in Ohio today by the incorporation of "The Pershing Republican League."

Former United States Senator Charles Dick of Akron, and fourteen other prominent Republicans of Akron and Summit county are sponsors for the movement. Mr. Dick's name heads the list of fifteen men who signed the articles of incorporation which were issued by the secretary of state today.

Lightless Nights Are Thing of the Past

Lightless nights in Louisiana were abolished Saturday by an order issued from the office of John C. O'Kelley, state fuel administrator. Electric lights may now be used for all purposes every night in the week. The matter of lifting the lighting ban was left up to the judgment of individual administrators by Dr. Harry Garfield, United States fuel administrator.

"Louisiana has enough coal for the present," Mr. O'Kelley explained, "but this is no reason why the people should waste fuel by burning unnecessary lights. There still is a necessity for the conservation of fuel—a saving that is now up to the people to enforce without compulsion."

All storage restrictions on bituminous coal also have been removed. This followed the abolition of the preference list of the War Industries Board, putting all industrial plants on the same basis so far as fuel is concerned. Industrial plants may now buy and store all the coal they desire. Mr. O'Kelley cautioned plants formerly classed as preferred to buy coal without delay, as the rush for fuel by industries which have been restricted probably will make it difficult to obtain coal this winter.

Report German Battleships Sunk

London, Nov. 25.—After an inspection of the German battleships and cruisers held by the Entente and final statement of their ownership by the peace conference, all the vessels probably will be sunk, as apparently there is no disposition on the part of the Entente to risk the controversies which would likely arise in case an attempt at division was made of them.

Entente naval experts will inspect the German craft carefully to learn whether they contain features unknown to the Entente.

JENNINGS HONORED

W. H. Jennings, the popular and esteemed treasurer of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church, was presented with a gold watch by the pastor and members of the official board. The presentation speech was made by the pastor last Sunday night at church and came as a complete surprise to Mr. Jennings. He has been the faithful treasurer of the official board of the First Methodist Church for the past seven years.

BUILDING ERA TO BE GREATEST IN HISTORY

J. E. Rhodes, of Southern Pine Association, Believes Great Prosperity Will Arrive Soon.

Building operations of a magnitude unparalleled in the history of the world are promised as a result of the return of peace, J. E. Rhodes, secretary-manager of the Southern Pine Association, said Monday on his return to New Orleans from Chicago, where last week he attended conferences of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association on post-war trade.

"Much consideration was given at these conferences," said Mr. Rhodes, "toward the best means of handling the immense export demand for lumber. The amount which can be shipped will be limited only by the boats available."

Mr. Rhodes said active domestic demands will develop immediately. Retail yards held off buying, pending annulment of building and transportation restrictions," said Mr. Rhodes. "Now that these restrictions have been removed, there is nothing ahead of the lumber business except unprecedented prosperity." Mr. Rhodes announced that the lumber industry of the South would be represented at the commercial congress of war service committees of all industries, to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., December 4, 5 and 6. He will be among the representatives of the Southern Pine Association at the congress.

Want to Become Phone Operator?

Young ladies who desire to engage in an occupation with chances for rapid promotion, and also secure a salary while learning the profession, may find such work in Bogalusa. The Cumberland Telephone Company desires to secure the services of a limited number of young ladies who are 18 years of age, or older. The work is interesting and affords young women a chance to improve a bad temper—if there are any with that sort in this vicinity. Efficient and courteous operators are always in demand and after the "reconstruction days" the young lady who is a good operator will never have to worry about employment.

Boys Expected to Reach U. S. Friday

Washington, Nov. 25.—First units of the American expeditionary forces to return from overseas are expected to arrive in New York about the end of the present week.

General March, chief of staff, announced tonight that 382 officers and 6614 men of the air service and other detachments training in England now are homeward bound on the Minnekahda, Lapland and Orca, British liners. The first two ships left Liverpool last Friday and the Orca sailed on Saturday.

This announcement means that the movement of the American troops now in England, the majority of whom are in air service detachments, will continue steadily until all of them, some 20,000, have returned. There are no regiments or other units of line troops in Great Britain.

The first movement of the larger units, such as brigades and divisions, will come from French ports, it is assumed, as the British cross-channel service undoubtedly is completely occupied with the transportation of returning British forces.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

The annual conference for State of Louisiana Methodist Episcopal Church is in session this week in New Orleans. Bishop John C. Kilgo, D. D., LL.D., of Charlotte, N. C., is presiding. This conference is composed of all the two hundred Methodist ministers of Louisiana and represents a lay membership of 45,000.

Among the Bogalusans in attendance on the conference are Rev. A. Inman Townsley and Mrs. Townsley.

NEW CITY COUNCIL SWORN IN NEXT TUESDAY

Cassidy, Mills, Wadsworth and Regan Are the New Commission Council for Bogalusa.

On next Tuesday evening, December 3, the new commission council will be sworn into office and meet in the first regular session. The new council will be composed of Mayor W. H. Sullivan, who was unanimously returned to office; E. R. Cassidy, J. C. Mills, D. M. Wadsworth and J. R. Regan. Only one old commissioner remains, Commissioner Mills. Those retiring are J. K. Johnson, commissioner of finance; H. H. Wilcox, commissioner of education, and E. L. Middleton, commissioner of streets and parks. The organization of the council will be held at the first meeting and, while no announcement has been made as to which departments the new members will be appointed, it is the consensus of opinion that Mr. Cassidy will be appointed commissioner of finance, being exceptionally well qualified for that position. Whether Mr. Mills will retain his present department or be placed in charge of another is not known, but his many friends are urging him to seek the office of commissioner of education.

Bogalusa to Observe Thanksgiving Day

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 28, is Thanksgiving Day and practically every line of business in the city will be suspended during a half or the entire day. The banks and the postoffice will close and most of the retail establishments will close at noon. Special Thanksgiving services will be conducted, there being a union service at the First M. E. Church. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. E. Brakefield of the First Baptist Church.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

I feel like giving thanks, don't you? Then let's do it. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" Never has there been in the history of our great country a Thanksgiving like unto this. One that called forth so much joy out of the bereavements of our sorrow. So much peace, out of such a cruel war! So much gratitude for the many blessings from the good hand of our Heavenly Father.

But words are very poor vehicles for our deep and grateful thoughts and abiding emotions! So let us hear the eloquent and momentous words of our great President, Woodrow Wilson: "On this Thanksgiving Day a new light shines about us. The great duties of a new and brighter day awaken a new and greater national spirit within us. We shall never again be divided nor wonder what stuff we are made of. And while we render thanks for these things, let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may always look to Him for guidance. That we may be kept constant in spirit and purpose of service. That by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the earth!"

Bogalusa, the best city on earth, and composed of some of the best people in the whole wide world, should pour out her gratitude and thanks for the heroic deeds of her gallant soldiers; for the inspiring devotion and tireless service of her noble women at home! For the enthusiastic support and generous giving in every war work drive of the year! But above all, we give thanks to God for our happy homes and loyal and heroic citizens!

I am yours for the greatest Thanksgiving in the history of the city of Bogalusa.

A. INMAN TOWNSLEY.

DIRECTORS MEET

The annual directors' meeting of the Bogalusa Veneer Company was held Monday afternoon and was attended by several prominent citizens of Crawfordsville, Indiana. They left yesterday afternoon.