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## NEW COMMISSION COUNCIL WAS ORGANIZED

**Cassidy, Finance; Reagan, Streets and Parks; Mills, Schools; Wadsworth, Public Affairs.**

The new Commission Council was sworn into office and the body organized at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening. The session attracted a number of prominent citizens. Commissioner Mills introduced a resolution, which was seconded by R. Cassidy, assigning Mr. Cassidy as commissioner of finance, who will also serve as mayor in the absence of Mr. Sullivan; J. C. Mills, as commissioner of Education; J. R. Reagan, commissioner of streets and Parks; M. Wadsworth, commissioner of public affairs, and Mayor Sullivan will look after the health and public safety department.

Commissioner Cassidy moved that E. L. Bean be selected clerk of the Commission Council for the next four years, which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan, and Mr. Bean was unanimously re-elected.

Commissioner Cassidy introduced a resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Mills, and carried, that all employees of the city, except those now elected, should appear before a Civil Service Commission, which is composed of W. C. Flanders, John H. Hesse, H. W. Heslin, D. R. Joseph, and T. C. Griffith. The commission will act on every application for those who desire to secure employment of the city.

The selection of the City School Board was then made, Mrs. J. H. Cassidy, C. L. Johnson and D. Bienn being selected. Mayor Sullivan called attention to the fact that this department should try to decide upon some plan that will give Bogalusa a modern school building and suggested a committee of citizens be selected to carry out the work.

A proposed ordinance, making the city drivers furnish an indemnity fund, the amount depending upon the number of passengers the car will carry, owners giving a bond of \$500 for the capacity of his car. This will give the public assurance that if a driver that same can be collected. Action will likely come up on ordinance at the next meeting.

Copies of the proposed fire ordinances were given each member of the council so that they can take action in the near future. The ordinance specifies what class of buildings can be built in the business section of the city and will prohibit the building of a frame business block on permanent business street.

The question of allowing Contractor H. J. Cowgill an increase on the price of the concrete work was discussed, but no action was taken, it was decided to give the council and an opportunity to investigate the causes of the proposed increase, which are said not to be the fault of Cowgill, but to conditions which prevailed when the government ordered all building stopped, and since that time there has been a big increase in the price of cement.

The dates of meeting of the council will remain the same, being the first Monday evening of each month, at 8 o'clock.

## NEARING COMPLETION

The Nurses' Home for the young nurses employed at the Bogalusa Hospital is nearing completion and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy within the next two weeks. The home affords every convenience and the interior of the house has a beautiful finish. The furniture will be new. When the nurses move into their new home it will give more room at the hospital and the space now occupied may be used for private rooms.

## LIEUTENANT OTT WOUNDED

Lieutenant E. W. Ott of Mount Pleasant received a letter from a base hospital physician in France stating that their son, Lieutenant Stanley Ott, was severely wounded. He has been one of the hardest fighting men on the western front, and was in the company of Chateau Thierry to the river. For his gallantry on the battlefield he was advanced from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He received a wound from a German shell some time in October.—Era Leader.

## NEW "Y" SECRETARY COMING THIS WEEK

The new secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Fred T. Thompson, is expected to arrive in Bogalusa with his family before the end of the week and assume charge of the local "Y." Mr. Thompson comes here from Tulsa, Okla., where he has made a great record in this work. He was state secretary of Oklahoma for the boys' section and has taken a leading part in all of the "Y" activities. The selection of a physical director for the "Y" will likely be made within a few days.

## Geo. Smith Found Guilty of Murder

George Smith, a well-to-do farmer residing near Mount Herman, was found guilty of murder without capital punishment at the session of the District Court in Franklinton last week and has begun his life sentence in the state prison at Baton Rouge. He was convicted of killing Sam Smith, another farmer in the same vicinity. The killing occurred a few weeks ago and the body of Sam Smith was found on a public highway within a few yards of where his brother, Dr. Smith, was killed several years ago, and there was every indication that both men had been killed by someone hiding in the swamp as their victim approached the bridge. It was never known who killed Dr. Smith.

District Attorney J. Vol Brock made a strong case against George Smith, and was assisted by Attorney Ponder of Amite.

## BABINGTON IN HOSPITAL

Lieutenant W. M. Babington, former assistant cashier of the First State Bank and one of the first Bogalusa boys to volunteer his services at the outbreak of the war, is confined to a hospital in France, according to a letter received by his father in Franklinton. His condition is reported not serious and it is expected he is back on duty by this time. He is with the Quartermaster Corps.

## INJURED IN ACTION

Marteniz Moak, a well known young man of Bogalusa, who has been in France for the past eight months, was injured in action on November 5 and wrote relative here that he was in the hospital and getting along nicely. He was wounded in the arm. His relatives would not be surprised to hear of his landing in the United States with one of the first ships carrying wounded.

## ADDS NEW DEPARTMENTS

The City Mercantile Company, located in the Cassidy building, have received several shipments of men's furnishings and expect arrivals of other merchandise within the next few days, and by the first of the year they expect to have a complete stock of dry goods and notions. Manager J. O. Ward expects to have one of the most up-to-date stocks of general merchandise to be found anywhere on that date.

## TROOPS ARRIVE

The first American troops to arrive in New York from overseas were reported Monday when two snips arrived, one carrying 1100 wounded, most of whom had lost an arm or a leg, while the other carried 4000 non-combat troops.

## DRAWN BIG CROWD

The motion picture show given under the auspices of the Girls' Business Club on Thanksgiving night, at the Magic Theater, drew a record crowd.

## FIRST HEAVY FROST

The first heavy frost of the season greeted Bogalusa citizens on Monday morning and again on Tuesday. Heavy frosts were reported throughout the South.

## HOLINESS MEETING

A meeting was started at the Holiness Church on Pleasant Hill Wednesday evening, which will continue indefinitely, and the public is invited to attend.

## HAS NICE STOCK

The store of Caraway and Company, which was opened in the Cowgill building on Austin street, which was formerly occupied by Brock and Company, has received large shipments of merchandise during the past few days and invites the public to call and inspect his stock.

## BOGALUSA SERGEANTS, COMPANY F, AS THEY LOOK WHILE IN FRANCE



Above is a group of Bogalusa boys taken in France a few days ago, all whom are well known and popular young men who are now sergeants of Company F, 154th Infantry. The picture was supplied the Enterprise by Frank Sullivan, through his father, Mayor Sullivan. They are, reading from left to right, top row: H. G. Jones, R. M. Magee, I. Walker, A. G. Moore, B. F. Cruell, M. A. Curtiss, R. L. Lambright; bottom row, V. F. Underwood, A. Ward, Frank Sullivan, L. E. Kennedy. In the letter Mr. Magee states that the boys are in good health and in fine spirits.

## A. Z. (Casey) Jones Buys 12 Lots and Will Build Plant

A. Z. Jones, one of the first young men of this city to volunteer his services at the outbreak of the war, died in France several days ago. Information to this effect was received in Bogalusa in a letter from W. W. Babington, formerly of the First State Bank, who enlisted at the same time with Mr. Jones, and they remained together for some time after arriving in France. Death is believed to have been the result of pneumonia. Mr. Babington wrote that on reaching the Nantes Hospital Center A. P. O. 767 he learned of the death of his friend, who had been sick only a few hours before dying.

Mr. Jones was one of the city's most popular young men. He was a native of New Orleans, but has been associated with Bogalusa citizens for a number of years, having worked with H. B. Woodcock at Madera, Mexico, and returned here with Mr. Woodcock about three years ago. He was a member of the Elks' lodge here and the first member to die in France.

## DISPLAYED A TRACTOR

H. E. Rester, local Ford representative, displayed a Ford tractor here this week which attracted much attention. These tractors are doing the work of several teams and hands on farms in the North and East and are revolutionizing the farming business. The cost of operation is said to be small when compared with teams and it is expected that several will be in operation in this parish before a far distant date.

## LATE FIGURES SHOW INCREASE

The latest, but incomplete, figures in the United War Work Drive in this district, composed of St. Helena, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany and Washington parishes, show that \$73,000 was raised, while the allotment was \$53,000. The parish lead the district by giving \$29,000, St. Tammany \$25,000, Tangipahoa \$17,000 and St. Helena \$2,000. The employees of the shipyard at Madisonville gave \$8,300, the report of this being received by District Chairman Sullivan Saturday.

## PROTRACTED MEETING

The protracted meeting which was started at the First Baptist Church last Sunday by Rev. J. E. Brakefield has attracted large crowds each evening and afternoon. The services will continue during the remainder of the week and the public is invited to attend. Evening services begin at 7:30.

## DANCE A SUCCESS

The dance given at the Elks' Home on Thanksgiving Eve was attended by a large crowd despite the inclement weather, and a neat sum was realized, which was placed in the Christmas fund for the poor. The sale of candy, under the direction of Mrs. Riely and Miss Ione Eingerman, was very profitable.

One of the largest sales of business lots ever sold in the history of Bogalusa was made last week when the Coca Cola Bottling Works purchased from the Great Southern Lumber Company ten lots, and two adjoining ones from the First State Bank. The lots are in the square opposite the Masonic Temple, or old city hall in North Bogalusa. This gives the Coca Cola company a plot of ground with a frontage of 240 feet and a depth of about 165. Just when the new home of Coca Cola will be built depends upon conditions, as Manager Mills stated. Work may be started on the erection of a building in the next few months, then it might be delayed for two or three years.

"One thing is certain," said Mr. Mills, "and that is when we do build we will not only have one of the most modern plants in the city, but we propose to have a beautiful yard.

The building will be of brick and will set back some distance from the property line. There has been great activity in North Bogalusa property for the past several weeks. It is expected that work will start on building the new home of the Cumberland Telephone Company at an early date. Charles M. Warnick, 5, 10 and 25-cent store, has purchased lots in North Bogalusa from the Webster Realty Company. The lots are near the Spekenhiser building.

## LINDSLEYS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lindsley spent the week-end with their many Bogalusa friends. On Saturday evening the Elks had a special meeting in honor of his visit, Mr. Lindsley being the exalted ruler of the local lodge. He expects to be mustered out of service within the next ten days, and after a visit with friends in other sections of the state will return to Bogalusa.

## MISSING IN ACTION

Benjamin M. Fisher of Franklinton, La., is reported as one of those missing in action during the last few days of the fighting in France. He is well known in the Franklinton vicinity and his friends are hopeful that he is safe and they will hear from him within a few days.

## WOMEN MAY CONTINUE

Orders have been issued to the various railroads throughout the United States that they may continue to employ women in their various departments after the war, if they so desire.

## SILVER TEA FRIDAY

The silver tea, which was to have been served at the Y. W. C. A. last Friday, will be held tomorrow (Friday), from 3:30 to 5:30, to which the public is invited. The proceeds will be given to the religious work department of the Y. W. C. A.

## WOODCOCK IS NOW SUPERINTENDENT

H. B. Woodcock, for the past two years purchasing agent of the Great Southern Lumber Company, has been made superintendent of the plant, succeeding H. B. Welsh, who was called to the bedside of his wife, who is critically ill at Demming, New Mexico. Mr. Woodcock assumed his new duties Thanksgiving Day. F. M. Johnson, Jr., who has been assistant sales manager of the Great Southern, has been selected to assist Mr. Woodcock, while D. B. Haven has been made assistant sales manager.

Mr. Woodcock has had considerable experience in the lumber business and was superintendent of the big plant of the Madero Lumber Co. at Madera, Mexico.

## RED CROSS XMAS ROLL CALL BEGINS

Bogalusa's reputation for doing patriotic work is going to finish with about a 150 per cent out of a possible 100. The last patriotic drive of the year will be the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, when every man, woman and child in Bogalusa is expected to give \$1. The drive does not open until next week, yet several hundred have answered the roll call by paying their dollar.

J. H. Cassidy, who has so successfully directed other patriotic war drives, called a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday afternoon and outlined a program for the campaign. M. L. Wuescher was made chairman of the city division and his teams are now at work.

"Bogalusa's Red Cross membership is going to show the outside world just what a city this is," said a prominent citizen. "Bogalusa has been claiming a population of between 12,000 and 14,000 happy and busy people. The Red Cross drive will be our opportunity to show just exactly what the population is, because unpatriotic people do not count in a city's population these times."

Mr. Cassidy and his co-workers state that Bogalusa will go over the top and that if you want to know the exact population of Bogalusa, just divide the total amount received by 1, and you will have the correct figures because no one in Bogalusa should think of not giving their \$1 to the greatest organization that humanity has ever known.

Following is the organization for the city of Bogalusa to handle Red Cross membership drive, starting December 15th, 1918:

M. L. Wuescher, city chairman. Northeast Bogalusa—W. B. Gilbert, captain.

Northwest Bogalusa and Adamstown—Z. A. Davis, captain.

Southwest Bogalusa, Pleasant Hill and Denhamtown—D. T. Cushing, captain.

Southeast Bogalusa, Columbia St. and Richardstontown—E. Berenson, captain.

Colored Section—Professor Lenoir, captain.

Each of the above captains will organize two committees, (1) men's committee; (2) women's committee, and will act as captain for men's committee, appointing a captain for women's committee, and these two captains will then form the personnel of each committee and sent list of same to city chairman.

N. O. G. N. Railroad Shops and all Employees—H. W. Heslin, captain.

Great Southern Lumber Co., plant and office—H. B. Woodcock, captain.

Bogalusa Paper Company—G. H. Whelan, captain.

Louisiana Fibre Board Company—R. J. Cullen, captain.

Colonial Creosoting Company—F. T. Rowell, captain.

Bogalusa Veneer Company—C. W. Ames, captain.

Richard P. Baer & Co.—H. R. Duke, captain.

The Bogalusa Stores Company—M. Wilson, captain.

Publicity Committee—O. J. Richard, captain.

Speakers' Committee—F. D. Thompson, captain.

The above captains will organize their own committees consisting of the men who they consider will be most effective in putting each particular department over. Send list of committee to city chairman.

All committees consisting of men are to solicit membership for the Red Cross drive from men only. All women committees are to solicit membership from women only.

M. L. WUESCHER, City Chairman, Red Cross Christmas Membership Drive.

## GEARHARD HERE; TOWNSLEY TO ORLEANS

**New Minister of Methodist Episcopal Church for Bogalusa Has a State-wide Reputation.**

Rev. A. Inman Townsley, for the past three years pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, will be transferred to the Felicity Methodist Episcopal Church of New Orleans, and Rev. A. J. Gearhard of New Orleans will come to Bogalusa as a result of the annual M. E. conference which ended in New Orleans Monday. Announcement of the changes were made Monday night. Reverend Townsley is one of the best known citizens of Bogalusa and during his residence here proved popular among all classes and his friends were numbered by the hundreds.

Reverend Gearhard visited Bogalusa during the W. S. S. drive and delivered an address which convinced Bogalusa citizens that he was a splendid orator and lived up to his reputation of being one of the best speakers in the state. He also has gained much publicity by his newspaper work and many citizens of Bogalusa have read his "Short Sermons for the Stay-at-Home," which appeared in the Daily States. Mr. Gearhard is expected to arrive in Bogalusa to assume his duties shortly before the first of the year.

## LITERARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED FRIDAY

The High School Literary Society was organized last Friday morning, the following officers being elected: Thomas Quick, president; Wilmer Bennett, vice-president; Ma. Mae Lee, secretary and treasurer; Claude Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms; William Covington, editor-in-chief; Clara Adams, assistant editor. The society will hold monthly meetings, the first of which will be Friday, December 13.

The football team played two games with New Orleans last week. On Saturday afternoon the Manual defeated Bogalusa by a score of 19 to 9. A game with Rugby is scheduled for Monday afternoon. The boys will return Tuesday morning.

On Friday afternoon, December 6, the High School will give a short program, beginning at 2:15, in which the British will be honored for their heroic part in the world war. The patrons are cordially invited.

## ELECT OFFICERS

The annual election of the Washington Parish Chapter of the American Red Cross was held at the Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday evening and several out of town members were present notwithstanding that very bad weather prevailed. W. H. Sullivan was re-elected chairman; Mrs. G. A. Townsend, vice-chairman; M. L. Wuescher, treasurer, and Mrs. E. E. Lafferty, secretary. All of the old directors were re-elected, except W. C. Flanders, who asked to be relieved from the salvage department, and W. S. Gardner was appointed. The election of the Bogalusa chapter officers will be held at the Y. W. C. A. at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) evening. All members are urged to attend.

## REV. CHALMERS LEAVES

Rev. W. P. Chalmers, for the past three years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, left yesterday for Pascagoula, Miss., where he has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of that city. The best wishes of all Bogalusans follow Reverend Chalmers to his new location.

## UNION SERVICES

Union services of the First Methodist and the Presbyterian churches will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. and again at 7:15 p. m. at the M. E. Church, led by Rev. A. Inman Townsley, the retiring pastor. This will be the final service of Mr. Townsley before leaving for the Felicity Church in New Orleans.

## PEARCE DISCHARGED

Snellings Pearce arrived in Bogalusa last Friday for a few days' visit with his many friends. He was attending an officers' training school in Georgia and was discharged last week. He was the first Bogalusa boy to be mustered out of service.