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FIRST ESTIMATE OF REGISTRATION FIGURES EXCEEDED

FOOD PLEDGES NOT NUMEROUS BECAUSE CANVASS WAS NOT SO WIDE

1786 white women in this parish registered on Registration Day, October 17, according to official returns from all precincts. There were 1083 white women who signed the food pledge cards.

Of the colored women there were 1086 who signed the Food Pledge. The number of colored registrants has not been officially reported up to this time, though it is believed that it will be in the neighborhood of 1800.

Great interest was shown at every registration place. There is little doubt but that if the Food Pledge campaign had been as wide as that to get the women to register, there would have been as many food pledges as there were registrations.

NO PEACE WITH UNREPENTANT MURDERS AND RAPISTS

A man who condones a felony is himself guilty. The man who for the sake of peace permits unbridled sin to run rampant is a co-partner with the sinner.

The community which for the sake of peace and the saving, perhaps, of some lives in the effort to suppress murderers and rapists, permits them to go scot free in order that there may be no possibility of death of the defenders of law and order, would be spurned by decent men throughout all civilization.

There are times when none but the most despicable coward, with a soul shrunken until it has no resemblance to the Creator in Whose image it was made, will be willing to make peace.

Life is a precious treasure, but life allied to unspeakable crime could only be unspeakable woe to a good man.

Life in the shadow of dishonor, individual and national, or life where a man had refused to face dangers in order to save women and children, would be without value.

The coward who dares not risk his own life when by doing so he might save another life has little of the Divine of manhood in him.

For three years all civilization has been outraged by a barbarism such as the world had not known. It is scarcely conceivable that amid the dark ages of the past, when the Huns of old at their banquet tables drank from the skulls of the enemies whom they had killed, could men have been guilty of more atrocious crimes against women and children, against honor, private and national; against all that is supposed to have ennobled man since the day when the breath of the Almighty was breathed into him than the Germans of today.

For three long, weary years the world has been suffering an agony such as the angels of Heaven never looked upon before.

For three long years men have given their lives as a sacrifice upon the altar of civilization in full recognition of the Divine statement that "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for friends."

And now, after all these years of suffering and agony, of world misery which no human tongue can describe, which no human hand can ever pain, the barbaric and ruthless outlaws of the world seek to find a way to keep their ill-gotten gains, to save the royal murderers from the gallows or the firing squad, and talks of peace.

The very suggestion of peace with such unspeakable criminals would disgrace the individual or the nation that dared to consider the discussion of the terms of peace with such a country, except that country had conditionally surrendered and left to the victors the right to decide the fate of the royal murderers and outragers who are responsible for these years of untellable and voiceless woe.

May God pity—if God can pity such cowards—any individual or any nation that would be willing, for the sake of peace, to parley terms with such crimes!

Vain would be all the work of civilization; vain would be all the blood shed by the soldiers of civilization on the battlefields of Europe; vain would be the heroism of the millions who have died that civilization might live and women and children be saved, and vain would be all the teachings of all the ages if this nation should for a moment give consideration to the effort of Germany to create a desire for peace on its terms.

Shall these dead have died in vain?

Shall the millions and the tens of millions of widows and orphans and loved ones, whose agony has been beyond all description, be without avail in this crucial time, which will settle the question as to whether civilization shall exist or die?

This is not simply a fight "to make the world safe for democracy."

PLANTERS SCARED BY FREEZE BUT NO HARM DONE

SUGAR-MAKING SEASON STARTED UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

The sugar-making season is on in full blast, the first of the refineries to begin being Southdown. This refinery began last week, but operations were delayed a few days owing to a slight breakdown. The Est. H. C. Minor have a very heavy crop and some apprehension was felt, because of the mishap, when the freeze came last Wednesday. The crops on the Minor Estate will probably total sixty thousand tons sent to the mill.

Ashland Refinery began Thursday as did Myrtle Grove. The Ashland mill will probably grind seventy five thousand tons of cane this season, as the crops have been unusually good.

About twenty thousand tons will be ground by the Myrtle Grove mill, owned by Barrow and Duplantis.

The Terrebonne Sugar Co. are looking forward to a seventy-five or eighty thousand tons crop. This refinery has a twelve-roller mill and gets very high extraction. It began grinding Thursday.

Arbonne and Magnolia are cutting cane for fall and expect to start off the first part of next week.

Ellendale and Mill Run sugar houses will start on the 29th. The knives are now at work on these places.

The Argyle mill began rolling Wednesday afternoon. Here the crops are first class and about twenty-five thousand tons are looked for.

The freeze Wednesday morning did very little, if any damage, though some of the planters have been withdrawing. The report from the weather bureau Tuesday that the temperature would drop to 26 in the northern part of the sugar belt sent a cold chill down the backs of the planters of this parish, who saw a recurrence of the terrible freeze of 1911, and the disaster that followed.

SCHRIEVER ROAD FINISHED BY FEB.

SPLENDID PIECE OF ROAD BUILDING BEING DONE

According to Mr. Sam Polmer, First Ward Police Juror, gravelling of the Houma-Schriever road, now progressing very rapidly, will be finished by the end of February.

During the past month Mr. Polmer has given a great deal of his personal attention to supervising this job, and it must be said that the work is advancing very rapidly. About seven miles have been gravelled and surfaced off, so that only about four miles remain to be surfaced to connect up with the shell road running out of Houma.

At the rate the work is moving now it is not at all improbable that it will be finished by the end of January, though Mr. Polmer gives no promise of completing it in that length of time.

When work on this road is finished, it will be one of the finest roads in Louisiana. That part of it already done is a splendid piece of road building, well graded and gravelled and surfaced off smoothly and evenly.

This is a fight to save even the semblance of civilization, to save womanhood and childhood and manhood from the ruthless savagery of barbarism.

Civilization might exist without democracy, but civilization could not exist, nor could there ever again be, for centuries to come, a true conception of the responsibility of man to stand for civilization and, if necessary, to die for God and the right if we should now heed Germany's offer "to parley for peace terms."

Better that you and I and every other man in this country shall fight the good fight unto death than that we should, as a nation, be recreant to God and humanity.—Manufacturers' Record.

Boys' and Girls' Club Exhibits Make Remarkable Showing at Club Day Fair Last Saturday. List of Prize Winners

The Boys' and Girls' Club Fair, which opened in the Parish Fair building last Saturday, was remarkable for the number and quality of the exhibits. The Club Fair was held in lieu of the Parish Fair, the holding of which was postponed until next year on account of war conditions, and the splendid success of this effort of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs leaves little room for doubt as to the interest felt throughout the parish in agricultural extension work and agricultural fairs, a fact that argues well for the next Parish Fair.

Spearing of the interest shown by the Club members in their work and the creditable showing made by their exhibits, Mr. Thos. J. Griffin, Assistant Emergency County Agent, in charge of the Club work in this parish, said:

"Because of a temporary suspension of the regular Parish Fair, it seemed as though our club members would be left out, but they were very determined, so the Police Jury and Parish School Board came to their rescue, making it possible for October 20th to become Club Fair Day. The response with exhibits was worthy of being copied by other people.

"When one would stand at the front door of the livestock building and gaze over the splendid specimens of hogs and chickens, produced by about sixty active Club members, the question would immediately arise as to the possibilities of food production which could be accomplished by the concerted action of four thousand school children.

"If we expect to continue to provide meat to our allies as well as to our own people, each man, woman, and child must put forth every effort to produce more corn, hogs, poultry, and gardens. Each can be raised profitably upon every farm. There can be no chance of producing either in excess or shortness.

"The boy or girl who produces a bushel more of corn or a pound more of meat than has ever been produced before, and who aids to conserve it, is saving our country in a patriotic way.

"Our actual club exhibits were almost entirely lacking. The boys have a beautiful opportunity to do some creditable work along this line. The failure of this year should spur our boys to greater activities for the next year. Corn Club members are furnished reading matter on principles underlying seed selection, corn planting and cultivating.

"The Pig Club members have done well during the past year. The most notable feature is that girls are becoming interested over the entire parish and proving themselves good managers. They produced two prize winners at this fair.

"The Berkshires shown were splendid animals, and would show well at Shreveport. One thirteen month Berkshire boar weighed a little over four hundred pounds.

"The Durocs shown were well built and finished smoothly.

"The interesting feature of this exhibit was the strong competition with Hampshire fat meat hogs. A solid carload will be shown at the National Live Stock Show in New Orleans, during next month. Watch the papers, even Caddo Parish is nervous.

"Our Pig Club members are being taught many fundamental principles of hog raising, breeding, pasturing, marketing, and rotation of crops.

"The Poultry Club members put out a strong exhibit. They have shown judgement in chicken raising during this, their first year of active club work. Several exhibits would be a credit to Terrebonne, if sent to the State Fair.

"This Fair will lead the members of the club into an appreciation of the frequent lectures on poultry raising, diseases, sanitation and housing, given from time to time.

"Certainly our school children are going to profit by their home garden work. In this mild climate something can be eaten from the garden during every month of the year. This course is to be followed by canning and preserving of all surplus.

"It thus becomes evident that each club member acquires knowledge as he carries out his respective project. This Club Fair has served from an educational standpoint, to give our boys and girls standards toward which they may work. Since this Agricultural

Club work is one of the most vital, we predict great things from the concerted action of an enthusiastic band of workers, for success in the ensuing year.

Names of the prize winners at the Club Fair follow:

CORN CLUB AWARDS

Best ears Yellow
Crede, Archie Lyall 2nd \$2.00
Best ears Calhoun
Red Cob, Noah Boudreaux 2nd 2.00

Pig Club Awards.

Best Berkshire boar,
Wallace Duplantis 1st 2.00
Best Berkshire sow, A. C. Haygood 1st 2.00
Best Berkshire sow, Nell Boudreaux 2nd 1.00

Best Hampshire sow,
Harold Burton 1st 2.00
Best Duroc Jersey boar,
Charles Chauvin 1st 2.00
Best Duroc Jersey sow,
Arthur Viguerie 1st 2.00

Best Duroc Jersey sow,
Bruce Champagne 2nd 1.00
Best Fat Hampshire Pig
Richard Burton 1st 2.00
Best Fat Hampshire Pig,
Wallace Ellender 2nd 1.00

Best Fat Hampshire Pig,
A. C. Haygood 3rd .50
Highest per cent. gain,
Wallace Ellender 1st 2.00

Highest per cent. gain,
Julien Breaux 2nd 1.00
Sweepstakes
Best boar, any breed,
Wallace Duplantis 1st 3.50

Best boar, any breed,
Charles Chauvin 2nd 2.00
Best sow, any breed,
A. C. Haygood 1st 2.00
Best sow, any breed,
Arthur Viguerie, Jr. 2nd 2.00

POULTRY AWARDS

White Plymouth Rocks
Best cockerel, Allie Wallis 1st 2.00
Best cockerel, Rose Cunningham 2nd 1.00

Best cockerel, Josephine Duplantis 3rd .50
Best pullet, Julian Breaux 1st 2.00
Best pullet, Lucius Wallis 2nd 1.00

Best pullet, Allie Wallis 3rd .50
Best pullet, Josephine Duplantis Ribbon
Best pen, Rose Cunningham 1st 2.00

Best pen Allie Wallis 2nd 1.00
Best pen, Julian Breaux 3rd .50
Best pen, Josephine Duplantis Ribbon

Rhode Island Reds
Best cockerel, Carl Ellender 1st 1.00
Best pullet, Carl Ellender 1st 2.00
Best pullet, Carl Ellender 1st 2.00

Barred Plymouth Rocks
Best cockerel, Laura Champagne 1st 1.00
Best pullet, Beatrice Guidry 3rd .50
Best pullet, Laura Champagne 1st 1.00

Best pullet, Beatrice Guidry 2nd 1.00
Best pen, Beatrice Guidry 1st 2.00

White Leghorns
Best cockerel, Arnette Boudreaux 1st 1.00
Best cockerel, Lawrence Ellender 2nd .50
Best pullet, Lawrence Ellender 1st 1.00

Best pullet, Arnette Boudreaux 2nd .50
Best pen, Arnette Boudreaux 1st 2.00

\$3,353,429 OF FUR SOLD AT AUCTION

Sales for the five days of the international fur auction which closed in St. Louis October 12, totalled \$3,353,429. The sales the day before amounted to \$1,051,260, said to be the largest single day's sale in the history of the fur trade.

Muskrat pelts brought such unusually high prices that buyers termed them the "war brides" of the fur trade. The high prices are attributed to large purchases of the pelts for military clothing by foreign governments.

Seven hundred and ninety thousand muskrat pelts sold for \$456,115. Pelts which formerly sold for from five to ten cents each brought as high as \$1 each.

NOTICE
I am applying for a pardon or commutation of sentence.

MILTON SMITH

RACELAND WILL JOIN WITH HOUMA TO BUILD ROAD

THAT WILL PUT HOUMA AND RACELAND ON INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY

Raceland residents want the Houma-Raceland roadway. They want it as badly as do Houma residents. They want not only the roadway but they want the modern gravelled road contemplated in the creation of Road District No. 2 of this parish and the levy of a special tax some two years ago. That they desire it is evident in a little scheme of their own, now budded into life and nursed into a healthy, growing creature. This scheme is nothing short of the creation of a road district to comprise some hundred thousand acres of land at and around the thriving little village of Raceland.

The creation of this district will take place some time in December if their idea goes through without any interruptions. It will levy a special tax to float a bond issue big enough to build a road to connect up with the road from Houma, at the divisional line of the two parishes, and carry this road to the New Orleans highway, now under construction, and which will be completed as far as Raceland some time in the early part of next Spring.

Information to this effect comes from Mr. Leon Falgout, an influential merchant doing business at Raceland. Mr. Falgout is in every sense a representative man—representative of that growing spirit of progress seen everywhere in the land today—that spirit that is building up Raceland and Houma and is clamoring for better conditions and bigger things.

This will be very gratifying news to Houma people, many of whom have believed that there would be no cooperation on the part of Raceland people, with this parish, in carrying this great project through.

But of course the Raceland project will not be undertaken, even after the tax is voted, until work on that roadway in this parish is underway.

JUDGE HOWELL WILL RESIGN JUDGESHIP JANUARY FIRST

THE NAMES OF TWO PROMINENT HOUMA MEN MENTIONED FOR PLACE

From what may be termed official sources it is reported that Judge W. E. Howell, who succeeded Judge Martin as judge of the 20th Judicial District Court three years ago, is going to resign on the first of January. Not enough pay is given as the reason why Judge Howell has decided to take this step.

Judge Howell's resignation will open the way for a Terrebonne man to get the Judgeship and break up a sort of monopoly of district office holding enjoyed by Lafourche politicians for several years.

In this connection, several names have been mentioned for the place, among them being Mr. H. M. Wallis and Mr. H. M. Bourg.

It will be noticed that both of these gentlemen have the same initials, which, a local wit remarked yesterday, stands for Houma Must, and is advanced as a protest against any effort, actual or contemplated, on the part of Lafourche to "hog-up" again.

Upon leaving the bench, Judge Howell will resume the practice of law with offices in Thibodaux and Napoleonville.

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GET-TOGETHER DINNER SHOULD LEAD TO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, SAYS MR. GILBERT

Donner, La., Oct. 25, 1917
Mr. T. B. Easton,
Houma, La.

Dear Sir:
I don't see how meetings such as the one had on Tuesday night of last week, in Houma, can help doing good, for the great need of our parish is public interest in public affairs, and as one speaker expressed it, team work.

Meetings of the kind would bear some fruit in the mere exchange of ideas and promotion of a neighborhood spirit, but it would be disappointing if this should be all. There should be real organization on a permanent basis, which would in a forceful and business-like way not only look to the utilization of our natural advantages and the general upbuilding of our community, but also to conduct a publicity campaign that will attract the interest of the outside world to our section.

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BIJOU SENDS MONEY TO TOBACCO FUND

Mr. A. J. Bethancourt, manager of the Bijou Theatre, is in receipt of the following letter from the Motion Picture News, of New York City:

"The News acknowledges with sincere thanks your check for \$6 contributed by the patrons of your theatre for the Tobacco Fund for our boys in Europe.

"This check will be forwarded to Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund which will in due course acknowledge to you. Later on you will receive a post card message of thanks directly from the trenches.

It is needless for us to assure you that your work in this matter is greatly appreciated. You must know yourself that it is. We are only forwarding agents in the matter, but we are glad to do that much."

CARD OF THANKS
The family wishes to express its gratitude to all the friends who so generously responded to the needs of Mrs. Ernest Bonvillian in the nursing and many other kindnesses during her lingering sickness.

Through your valuable paper the family expresses its thanks for so many services and favors.
THE FAMILY.

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