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Proceedings of the Grant Parish Board of School Directors.

The parish board of school directors of the parish of Grant, Louisiana, convened this day in regular session, Hon. J. H. McNeely, president, and Messrs. T. M. Bradford, M. C. Nugent, M. C. Nugent, M. E. Jackson, Gus St. Andre and W. N. Creed, and a quorum being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The quarterly report of the parish superintendent was destroyed by the recent disastrous fire in Pollock, but he stated he would prepare another and give to the printer for publication when the proceedings of the board went to press.

Mr. J. P. Lewis, of the Fairmount community, appeared before the board and made a statement that some of the children east of the Walnut Grove school were out of reach of that school, and asked that the board take some action relative to moving the school to some convenient point for all of the children.

On motion of Mr. Bradford, duly seconded by Mr. Creed, and carried, J. P. Lewis, J. P. Richards, J. L. Brett, J. T. Hodnett and Pete Jareau were appointed as a committee to investigate conditions relative to consolidating the people on some central school point and to report to the parish board at its next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Creed, and carried, the president and secretary of the parish board were authorized to employ counsel for the board.

Mr. Jackson moved that the secretary of the board be authorized to furnish the room up stairs in the court house with suitable furniture for a meeting place for the parish board, which was seconded by Mr. Creed and carried.

The following petition was presented to the board:

Georgetown, La., March 13, 1911. To the Honorable President and Members of the Parish Board of School Directors of the parish of Grant, Louisiana: The petition of the undersigned property tax payers of school districts Nos. 16 and 17 of the parish of Grant, and State of Louisiana, said school districts constituting ward five of the said parish and State, and being the quired number of the property tax payers eligible to vote at special school elections, respectfully pray that your honorable body order a special election to be held in the parish of Grant, Louisiana, for the purpose of determining whether or not a special five (5) mill tax for five (5) years, beginning with the year 1911 and ending in 1915, both years inclusive, be levied and collected on all property in the said districts and ward five subject to State taxation, for the purpose of constructing, repairing and equipping public school buildings, or purchasing sites, titles to which shall be vested in the public, for paying teachers, in fact for general educational purposes.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Prof. J. N. Warner, who, being first by me duly sworn, declared and acknowledged, that he was on the first day of April, 1911, and is now Secretary of the Parish Board of School Directors of the parish of Grant, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parish Board of School Directors of the said parish and State, held at Colfax, La., at eleven o'clock a. m., on April 1, 1911, as provided by law.

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The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bradford and seconded by Mr. Nugent, and carried, and thereupon the following resolution was passed: Whereas, there has been filed with this board a petition signed by one-fourth of the property tax payers of school districts Nos. 16 and 17, constituting ward five of the parish of Grant, eligible to vote at said election praying that a special election be ordered in and for said districts Nos. 16 and 17, constituting the said ward, at which shall be submitted the following proposition, to-wit: To levy a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property in school districts Nos. 16 and 17, constituting ward five of Grant parish, Louisiana, subject to State taxation, annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1911 and ending with the year 1915, both years inclusive, for the purpose of constructing, repairing, and equipping public school buildings, purchasing sites, titles to which shall be vested in the public, for paying teachers, in fact for general educational purposes.

And whereas, in the opinion of this board such special election is necessary and advisable. Be it resolved by the Parish Board of School Directors of the Parish of Grant, Louisiana, as follows: Section One—That a special election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held in school districts Nos. 16 and 17, constituting ward five of Grant parish, on TUESDAY, May 16, 1911,

at which shall be submitted the following proposition, to-wit: To levy a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property in school districts Nos. 16 and 17, constituting ward five of Grant parish, Louisiana, subject to State taxation, annually, for a period of five years, beginning with the year 1911 and ending with the year 1915, both years inclusive, for the purpose of constructing, repairing and equipping public school buildings, purchasing sites, titles to which shall be vested in the public, for paying teachers, in fact for general educational purposes.

Section Two—That the Secretary of this board be and he is hereby instructed to have prepared for use at said special election a sufficient number of ballots, on each of which shall be printed the proposition mentioned in section one of this resolution, and in the following form: PROPOSITION.

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted on this ballot place a (X) mark in the square after the "YES", and to vote against it place a similar mark in the square after the word "NO."

And the Secretary of this board be and he is hereby instructed to have prepared for use at said special election all the necessary ballot boxes, tally sheets, lists of voters, assessed valuation of property, and compiled statement of voters in number and amount.

Section Three—That the polling place for the said special election shall be at Georgetown, the regularly established voting precinct for the whole of ward five, the two districts constituting the whole of ward five, being hereby consolidated for the purpose of this election, and Messrs. J. M. Keen, W. A. Nugent and C. Amberg are appointed commissioners, and E. K. James, clerk of election, to serve thereat. The said election shall be conducted under the laws of the State applicable thereto.

Section Four—The president of this board is hereby instructed to give notice of the special election herein ordered, by his proclamation to be published according to law; and in the said proclamation he shall announce that at eleven o'clock a. m. on May 18, 1911, this board will meet at the court house at Colfax, Grant parish, Louisiana, and in open session proceed to open the ballot boxes, examine and count the ballots in number and amount, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

The above resolution was adopted unanimously, all the members of the board herein before named voting in favor thereof. J. H. McNEELY, President. J. N. WARNER, Secretary.

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Parish Superintendent's Report. Colfax, La., April 1, 1911.

To the Board of School Directors of the Parish of Grant: I offer this my report for the quarter ending March 31, 1911.

During the quarter mentioned all of the schools of the parish have been in session except one, and that one in session part of the time.

Some new teachers have been added to the corps, and in many communities new pupils have been enrolled.

The attendance at all of the schools has been about the same as was the case during the previous quarter. In some of the agricultural communities children have been stopped to do farm work, in others measles, mumps and whooping cough have materially interfered with the attendance.

Circumstances over which I had no control, have prevented me from visiting all of the schools during the quarter but I have kept in touch with them, and as best I can tell there is a good healthy interest manifested by all concerned, and there is comparatively speaking no friction in any part of the parish. As a matter of fact you will always have some kickers but the procession moves on just the same.

As the law directs we have held monthly meetings for the teachers in each of the districts of the Parish Teachers' Association and most of the teachers have attended, and those that do not take the interest in the meetings that they should we cannot employ them for next season's work.

We are sorry to state that quite a number of the details to be embodied in this report were destroyed in the recent disastrous fire which visited the town of

Pollock on the evening of March 29, and for that reason we are forced to make you a brief report.

Thanking you and the people of the parish for courtesies extended to me in the official discharge of my duties, I am, Respectfully yours, J. N. WARNER.

Announcement of Spring Too Previous.

The Jackson Independent, in its issue of March 9th, says it hopes spring is here at last, as this is its second attempt to "indicate spring." We very much fear our confere is too previous with its indications, for long-time observation has taught us there is no hope on this line until after the April fool gets in his work, and even then coy spring will dally about getting down to real business until May Day comes. However, the Independent man is out with many "indications" of spring's approach, and we give the solemn signs on which he bases his opinion, as follows:

The indications of spring are now fast developing. The air will soon be laden with sweet perfume of apple, plum and cherry blossoms and spring onions; the horn of the fish peddler floats upon the balmy breeze and is mingled with the seductive notes emanating from the interior conscience of the festive tree agent and our persuasive lightning-rod man. The lilac bush will soon burst out in its showers of blue and white, simultaneous with the dude whose exterior measures the shallowness of the interior of his cranium; the ladies, heaven bless 'em, are arrayed in light and airy raiment, summer silks, charming head gear, just too sweet for anything. The great American institution, the tramp, starts out from his winter quarters and he's off to the rural districts, beating sap out of railroad ties, and the farmer out of a square meal, giving a wide berth to wood piles, bull dogs and city marshals; the kids, with an eye to business, are gathering up the empty beer bottles in the high-ways and byways, and disposing of them for base balls and bats; the spring poet, the same one we killed last year, comes to life again, and springs more of the same kind upon the impecunious pencil pusher, putting the latter into a helpless state of lassitude, and a "tired" feeling generally; the old man puts new hinges on the iron gate, white-washes the chicken coop, digs in the garden about five minutes, and then goes down to the drug store and swears for "back ache"; wagons loaded down with feather beds, stove pipe and et ceteras, start on their erratic career from one end of the city to the other, closely followed by the old man with the clock under one arm and a mirror under the other, and "God bless our home" strung around his neck. Indications on every hand tell us that spring is here.

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Susie Dean	97.11
Upton McKnight	97.09
Nettie Phillips	96.85
Kelly McKnight	96.82
Alice McNeely	95.33
Ellen Price	94.93
Ellen Bostick	94.9
Anna Strickland	94.9
Lela Swafford	94.5
Euphrasia Leonard	94.5
Minkie O'Quinn	94.45
Alda Tower	94.13
Vernon Cameron	94
Willie Roberts	93.97
Henry Huthnance	93.66
Avis Bostick	93.5
Hattie Johnson	93.2
Grace Goodwyn	93.16

Tom Garrett	93
Robert Purvis	93
Philo Goodwyn	92.82
Dewey McKnight	92.7
George Mathis	92.66
Eva Jordan	92.5
Ludlow McNeely	90
SEVENTH GRADE.	
Mary McNeely	95.16
Eunice Long	95
Wheeler Smith	92.3
Don Swafford	92

FIFTH GRADE.	
Iva Swafford	93.74
Lois Long	93.57
Viola Mathis	93.22
Elizabeth Smith	93.07
Dewey LaCroix	92.22
Blanche Ledbetter	90

FOURTH GRADE.	
Willard Ledbetter	94.44
Hattie May Smith	93.25
Irene Ethridge	92.48
Lilly Belle Goodwyn	92.22
Ulmont Mathis	92.11
Maynard O'Quinn	91
Eva Irwin	90.92

THIRD GRADE.	
Archie Prothro	95.42
Walter Murrell	95.37

SECOND GRADE.	
Vida Lurry	95.23
Menlies Adams	93.84

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Lena Davis	94.85
Bernice McNeely	94.56

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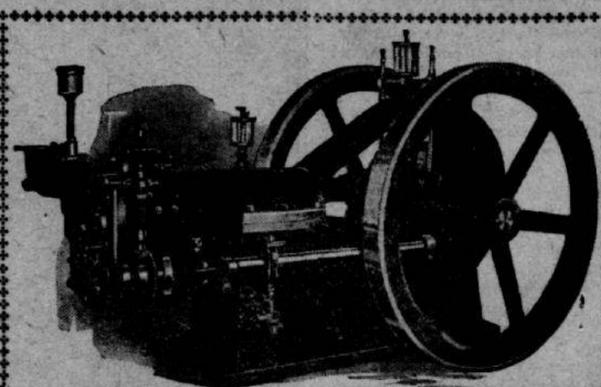
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