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FONTENOT TALKS TO THIRD WARD MEN LAST TUESDAY

Candidate for Sheriff Opened Campaign at Big Political Gathering in Pecanaire

RECEIVED ASSURANCES FLATTERING SUPPORT

Friends Predict Victory for Aspirant for Chief Executive of St. Landry Parish

The political ball was started a-rolling on Tuesday night, when Ariel Fontenot, assisted by a number of his supporters, opened his campaign for sheriff of this parish at a big Fontenot rally in the Pecanaire section of the third ward.

Mr. Fontenot made a favorable impression on his first appearance on the stump. In a forceful but humble manner, he pleaded his cause and aptly put forth the reasons why he is seeking the office now held by his brother. He told of his service to the public in the assessor's and sheriff's offices for the past seven years; of how he had tried to the best of his ability to be fair and just to everybody; of his impartiality and of his love for duty well performed.

Many representative citizens of the third ward were present at one of the biggest political gatherings in that section in recent years. Mr. Fontenot was assured of a very flattering support and prediction of victory at the polls in January were freely made by the best posted men of the community.

According to present plans, Mr. Fontenot will address the voters of St. Landry on every stump in this parish. He will be assisted in the speech making end of his campaign by warm supporters of his from every section of the parish. The true issues of the campaign will be put before the voters and it is expected that Mr. Fontenot will make things very interesting for the next three months, as it is expected the campaign which has been conducted very quietly for the past several months, will be vigorously fought by both sides from now on.

SANDERS MAKES TWO BIG SALES

Valuable Properties Change Hands Through the Well Known Local Dealer

James M. Sanders, well known and prominent local real estate dealer, was instrumental in the sale of two valuable pieces of property during the past week, when Elijah Fisher, Sr., purchased the handsome Dietlein residence on South Court street from Mrs. Jennie Creswell; and Walter Smith purchased the old Beekman home, three miles from town.

The Dietlein property brought \$5,500, an increase of \$500 from the purchase price paid to F. J. Dietlein, local jeweler, by Mrs. Creswell only a few months ago. The Beekman tract brought over \$10,000.

Mr. Fisher, who recently sold his large farm a few miles west from town, expects to move here shortly, while Mr. Smith, who is a prosperous young farmer of the far-end of the Bellevue section, will soon take possession of one of the handsomest of the older plantation residences of St. Landry parish.

PRAIRIE RONDE MAN IN RACE

Edgar M. Dupre Announces at Last Minute as Candidate for the Police Jury

There are six candidates for members of the police jury from the first ward, the sixth entry coming in on the last day for qualifying, Edgar M. Dupre, prominent and prosperous young farmer of the Prairie Ronde section of the ward, having been strongly urged by his neighbors to enter the fray.

Mr. Dupre is well known in this city, enjoying a large circle of warm personal friends, who will doubtless rally to his support.

The police jury race in this ward promises to be interesting, as six of the ward's prominent citizens are offering themselves for the four positions allotted to the ward. Those in the race are: R. Lee Mills, J. P. Pitre, H. D. Larcade, Sr., J. T. St. Cyr, the incumbents; and Edgar M. Dupre and Floyd H. Phillips.

Richard D. Lamson, popular rural mail carrier on Route No. 2 out of this city, attended the family reunion in Chicago last week.

CITY WILL HAVE TO BUILD SOON

Supt. Prescott Tells Chamber Commerce Another School Must be Erected

"Seven years ago I was harshly criticised for erecting a palace which would never be crowded," said Professor W. B. Prescott to the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday night. "But today we face a serious situation, one which needs our immediate attention, and that is the erection of another building."

In a few words, the parish superintendent of education brought before the members of the Chamber of Commerce the utter necessity of immediate action on an important question. He stated that already the present building was accommodating one hundred and fifty pupils more than its capacity, and that some two or three hundred pupils had to be turned away on account of the lack of rooms.

Mr. Prescott was assured the hearty co-operation and assistance of the city boosters and as soon as sufficient data can be obtained on the matter, the taxpayers will be once more called upon to go to the aid of the Opelousas school.

WILL REPORT SOON ON PARISH WIDE ROAD PROJECT

Data on Status of Various St. Landry Districts to be Submitted to Police Jury

THOUGHT ELECTION WILL BE CALLED

Parish Taxpayers to be Given Information on Road Building as Presently Outlined

It is reported that the committee recently appointed to investigate the advisability of merging the fourteen road districts into one parish-wide district will make its report to the police jury at the November meeting of that body, which will convene on next Monday.

The committee was appointed for the purpose of compiling all available data on road building projects in St. Landry and to ascertain whether the parish could not build better roads for less money through a parish-wide system than by the present methods of road construction.

It is strongly believed that the committee will report favorably on the parish-wide proposition, in which event the police jury will issue its call for a parish-wide bond issue election. Good roads boosters, who favor the big scheme, are firm in their belief that by a parish system St. Landry would build one of the best and most modern systems of up-to-date highways in this state. On account of St. Landry's heavy assessment, enough money could and would be raised from the sale of the bonds to construct upwards of three hundred miles of highways, thus giving every community and almost every farmer in the parish a model highway.

Promoters of the parish-wide scheme, by which over three millions of dollars will be realized for road construction in St. Landry, claim that the report of the committee to be submitted to the police jury on next Monday, will clear much of the opposition to the measure, and that hundreds of taxpayers will be converted to the big scheme, by which St. Landry parish will build genuine model roads.

TO OPEN MEAT MARKET HERE

Ben Dejean Severs Connection With Bogani and is Going Out For Himself

Ben Dejean, who has been managing the big Jos. M. Bogani market for several years, announces that he has severed his connection with Mr. Bogani's business and will enter the meat business on his own account on November 12.

Mr. Dejean stated to a representative of the Star-Progress that he would locate on Main street, opposite the Knights of Columbus hall and would handle everything in the meat line. He will operate an up-to-date and sanitary market.

Mr. Dejean has been with the Bogani market for some three years or more and is regarded as one of the best men in that line in this entire section of country.

Leo Wiggins and sister, Miss Cecile, of Ville Platte attended the dance here on Monday night.

BOOSTERS MAY GET CHEAP FOOD FOR CONSUMERS

Mass Meeting Instructs Chamber of Commerce to Make Efforts to Get Carload

MAYOR REFUSES TO ACT FOR THE CITY

Chief Executive Advises Commerce Body He Preferred It to Act in Matter

The Opelousas Chamber of Commerce will leave nothing undone to secure for the people of this community and surrounding country at least one carload of government foodstuffs which is selling at more than one hundred per cent reduction throughout the United States.

Not willing to take it upon themselves, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce decided to consult with the people generally and consequently called a mass meeting for last Wednesday night, which was attended by a number of representative business men who placed their stamp of approval on the proposal.

A committee was appointed to wait upon Mayor Halphen and ascertain whether or not the city chief executive would order the foodstuffs in the name of the city, as it was generally understood that the Chamber of Commerce could not order the car, unless officially designated as the city's agent by the mayor. Mr. Halphen explained to the committee that he had given the matter mature deliberation and that he had come to the conclusion that it would be bad policy on the city's part to interfere with local food conditions.

The Chamber of Commerce, however, is determined to get one car of government food, which would mean a wonderful saving to the people here and if the organization can not purchase it on their own resources, the police jury will be appealed to and will likely order the car for the Chamber of Commerce, especially since the police jury will stand no chance of losing money nor will it have to put out any money. Several members of the police jury, including President Pavy, have been approached on the subject, and he readily consented to do all in his power to grant the wishes of the city boosters. W. F. Brown, the fourth ward member, was at the mass meeting, and it was he that suggested the police jury be asked to put in the order, as it is understood only counties, municipalities or states can order government foodstuffs.

If there is any more food to be gotten, the Chamber of Commerce is going to get it and the country people, as well as the local citizens, will be advised of the arrival of the car, when it is expected that hundreds of visitors will come here to buy their necessities.

ANDRUS SPEAKS AT BIG MEETING

Assessor Gives Account of His Stewardship at Pecanaire Last Tuesday Night

Hon. A. L. Andrus, candidate for re-election as assessor of St. Landry parish, delivered an address at a large meeting at Pecanaire last Tuesday night, giving a detailed account of his stewardship. The meeting was held at the store of Charlie Moreau, well known young citizen of that section of the third ward. Over two hundred voters were present.

Mr. Andrus' supporters who heard the Tuesday night address say that his explanation of the increase in assessment is as thorough and detailed as well as simple, that hundreds of voters who started out in the beginning of the campaign against him are rapidly flocking to his support.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Hunt, former residents of the Bellevue parish, have moved to Kinder where Mr. Hunt will enter the insurance-real estate business in the Allen parish town. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt's many friends in Opelousas and Bellevue wish them much success in their new home.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nugent, who have been residents of this city for a number of months past, moved to Lafayette some days ago. Mr. Nugent having accepted employment in that city in an automobile garage.

—Mr. Roderick Bushnell of Eunice was a visitor to Opelousas on Friday of last week.

—Julian Wolff, Jess Thistlethwaite and Mr. Frere of Washington were in Opelousas Monday night for the dance held at the Knights of Columbus hall.

BIG BANK OPENS FIRST BRANCH

St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. Begins Operation of Smaller Institution in Port Barre

An announcement of much interest to local financial circles was that of the officials of the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company, on Wednesday afternoon, that a branch of that big bank would be established in Port Barre.

This was accomplished on last Thursday, when Charlie Clay, popular and prominent young business man of Sunset, opened the doors of the St. Landry's Port Barre branch and assumed charge as manager.

Port Barre has long been considered an excellent field for a bank and quite a number of the influential citizens of the thriving Courtableau town are responsible for the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company establishing a branch bank there, as it was mainly through their offer of co-operation and assistance that the of the biggest bank in this section of Louisiana decided upon the course, of which due announcement was made on last Wednesday.

JOE BLACKSHER RETURNS HOME

Well Known Young Opelousas Aviator Back After Exciting Experiences in War

Joseph U. Blacksher, popular and well known young son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Blacksher of the Plaisance section, returned to this city the latter part of last week, after two years service in the aviation department of the navy.

Young Blacksher was one of the first Opelousas boys to voluntarily answer his country's call. After completing courses of instruction at the ground schools for aviation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Naval station at Miami, Florida, and naval air station, Moutchic Lanau Gironde, France, Mr. Blacksher was transferred to the northern bombing group operating on the Belgian-Flanders front, where he was attached to a British squadron. This squadron was detailed for night bombing, their objectives being Brugge, Belgium; Ostend and Zeebrugge. These points being the bases of all German submarine work.

Upon the signing of the armistice, the young Opelousan was returned to the United States and was attached to the naval air station at Hampton Roads, Virginia, where he was assigned to the official air mail route between that station and Washington City, the mail being carried by airplanes. This was one of the first airplane mail routes established by the government.

Mr. Blacksher was later attached to the Atlantic fleet air detachment, this being the first aerial squadron to attempt to fly south and operate with the Atlantic fleet at its winter quarters, Guantanamo, Cuba. While south, the squadron flew from Cuba to Port au Prince, Haiti. After a stop of several days, they flew to Kingston, Jamaica, then returning to Guantanamo, where they practiced bomb dropping, maneuvering, observation work and artillery spotting for the Atlantic fleet.

Upon the completion of these maneuvers, the squadron received new planes at the naval aircraft factory, Philadelphia, and operated along the Atlantic coast, and Mr. Blacksher received his discharge while operating there.

LAWTELL BANK FINALLY OPENS

Over \$13,000 Deposits Received First Day and More Yet to Come

The Lawtell State Bank opened its doors to the public on last Thursday morning with Clovis Dardeau of Sunset as cashier. E. T. Lafleur is the president; T. P. Bertrand, Jr., first vice president; and Theo. Dejean as second vice president.

Dr. Paul Foster had the honor of being the first to make a check deposit, while T. P. Bertrand, Jr., was the first to make currency deposit. Over thirteen thousand dollars were received the first day, and reports from Lawtell indicate this amount has greatly increased since Thursday night.

The Lawtell bank is being backed by the influential citizens of the Plaquemine Point and Mallet sections of St. Landry and is thoroughly equipped with modern and up-to-date furniture and boasts of having the best safe in this section.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Orting of Crowley were visitors to Opelousas on last Sunday enroute to Washington, where they are the guests of relatives.

WORKER IN DRIVE NAMED FOR ALL THE PRECINCTS

St. Landry's Quota Placed at 3,600 Members in Annual Red Cross Campaign

L. L. PERRAULT IN CHARGE OF PARISH

Monday Morning Will Find the Workers for Good Cause Actively Engaged

The St. Landry chapter of the Red Cross has been arranging the details of the campaign which is to begin on November 3 and which will continue until November 11. The purpose of this campaign is to secure a cash quota for the parish of St. Landry of \$1,500 and to secure 3,600 members of the Red Cross at \$1 per annual membership. The method will be where contributions of more than \$1 are secured, to credit \$1 to membership and the surplus to the cash quota. The local chapter, for its maintenance, will receive one-half of the membership fee.

The campaign is being conducted by Mr. L. L. Perrault, who is acting as roll call chairman, with Miss Wardie Kelley as secretary, and the following well known ladies and gentlemen of the parish who have been consistent and effective workers for the Red Cross in former campaigns, have been selected to plan and direct the work of raising funds in their communities: Opelousas and vicinity—Dr. A. J. Perrault.

Washington—Mr. Jim Going. Eunice—Professor Aycock. Port Barre—Mrs. A. D. Hanks. Melville—Mr. Hathorn. Krotz Springs—Mrs. Isaac Jeffers. Rosa—Mr. Kemp Catlett. Palmetto—Mrs. Willie Hudspeth. Arnaudville—Miss Laura Darby. Whiteville and vicinity—Miss Odessa Savant. Lewisburg—Mrs. W. C. Dejean. Lawtell—Mrs. J. B. McClelland. Morrow—Mrs. Henry Lowmy. Shuteston—Mr. Frank Dimmick. Sunset—Mrs. W. J. Boudreau. Cataro—Mrs. J. B. Guillory. Grand Coteau—Miss Virginia Mouton. Barbreeck—Mr. Jas. H. Baldrige, Sr.

Leonville—Mrs. F. O. Pavy. Big Cane—Judge B. F. Vannoy. Although the war is over, there is much yet which has to be accomplished by the Red Cross. American soldiers are still in Russia, in Germany and in France. These men and their families continue to need Red Cross service. Siberia, Poland and the Balkans are asking the Red Cross to teach them how to fight contagious diseases. Thirty thousand American soldiers are still in military hospitals, many of them crippled for life. Several hundred thousands have been discharged disabled. The local Red Cross chapters need additional funds to carry on their peace time work which includes the fight against tuberculosis. In the Gulf Division of the Red Cross, there are 25,000 tubercular soldiers to be cared for, and which it has to care for. For these reasons the people of the parish should make a good response to this call, and at the conclusion of the campaign everyone of its citizens ought to be wearing the 1920 membership button.

Speaking will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock, at the court house. Interesting issues of the campaign will be discussed and it is expected that the state campaign will then be opened in St. Landry in grand style.

—"Dick" Brooks of Crowley visited friends in Opelousas last Sunday. —Ward Demengeaux of Lafayette was a visitor here Sunday. —Frank Delaune of Rayne was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday of last week. —Mrs. Mattye S. Bogani and Miss Bertie Fox attended the state fair in Shreveport, leaving here Friday of last week. —J. Ryan Thompson and Thompson Henderson of this city attended the big state fair held in Shreveport recently. The weather was too inclement to permit of racing, hence Ryan's crack young horse had no opportunity to show his speed and, incidentally, capture a few of the several racing events staged to take place on the track. —Eddie Durio, formerly of this city but now of New Orleans, is spending a few days here as the guest of relatives. —Miss Thera Joseph of Melville is the guest of relatives here this week. —Jess Thistlethwaite, William Wartelle, Howard Allen and Joe Mary of the neighboring town of Washington spent last Sunday here.

DUNBAR BROS. ARE STILL BUSY

Popular Real Estate Firm Has Been Active in Some of Biggest Land Transactions

The real estate firm of C. P. Dunbar & Brother has been actively engaged in the exchange of property which has been going on in St. Landry parish with such rapidity for the past year week after week this progressive firm has been instrumental in effecting big real estate deals.

One of the deals effected by Dunbar & Brother during the past week, though small, is indicative of the great increase in the sale of property in St. Landry parish, the transaction having been made when Hon. L. Austin Fontenot bought the Medecis property on the Washington road and located near the limits of Opelousas, for one hundred dollars per acre.

—Louis White of Crowley, for a number of years a citizen of Opelousas, was a visitor here on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Tujague of Lafayette visited relatives and friends here on Sunday, returning home Monday morning.

MAN EXPIRES IN A STORE YARD

Farmer from Andrepoint Died From Heart Failure While Here on Wednesday

Alfred Richard, aged about 38 years, a well known Plaisance farmer, father of five small children, was found in a dying condition on Wednesday about noon, in a vacant lot adjacent to the Lassalle store, on Landry street.

Before assistance could be rendered him, he breathed his last. Strychnine was found in the pockets of the dead man's clothes, and at first it was believed that he had committed suicide. The coroner's inquest, however, disproved this theory, as it was brought out that the unfortunate man had been suffering from heart trouble for years and was in the habit of taking the medicine to relieve his sufferings from the malady. Friends of the deceased know of no reasons why he should have taken his own life and as there is sufficient evidence to prove that Mr. Richard did not take his life, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of sudden death, caused by heart failure, which overtook the man as he was in the act of getting his horse to return to his home in the Plaisance section.

STUBBS TO APPEAR HERE ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

"Ring" Candidate for Governor Will Speak in Interest of His Candidacy for Office

SUPPORTERS TO RALLY AT FIRST BIG MEETING

Monroe Man Will Also Address Gathering at Eunice on Following Night

The echoes of the big "political guns" have been heard in St. Landry for some time, but on next Wednesday night the voters of this parish will be given the opportunity of seeing one of these "guns" in action, when Colonel Frank P. Stubbs, the "ring" candidate for governor, will address his St. Landry supporters and friends at a big Stubbs rally at the court house here that night.

Posters announcing the big Opelousas rally have been circulated and distributed, throughout St. Landry, and the Stubbs supporters have gotten busy with a view of bringing out their friends and a large meeting is anxiously anticipated by the Stubbs following here.

Geo. K. Favrot, the silver tongued orator from Baton Rouge, ex-judge, ex-district attorney, ex-legislator and ex-congressman, will appear here with Mr. Stubbs, and it is expected that prominent Stubbs supporters, like District Attorney R. Lee Garland and J. Raoul Pavy, will make addresses in the interest of their candidate, in which event the Stubbs supporters are expecting one of the best political meetings held here in recent years.

Colonel Stubbs has a good following in Opelousas, this precinct, it is said being stronger for Stubbs than any other in the parish, hence the local "regulars" will make the Wednesday night meeting as successful as possible.

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MANY QUALIFY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES IN ST. LANDRY

Contests for All Important Parish Offices and Interesting Race is Predicted

MANY GOING TO POST FOR THE POLICE JURY

Woods are Full of Aspirants for Minor Places and Warm Political Scrap Expected

As was expected, the St. Landry political post was at boiling heat on Monday night—and several days before that time—when aspirants for the various parochial and ward offices qualified as candidates. St. Landry will soon be in the thickest of one of the fiercest political scraps ever staged. Every parish office is being strenuously contested for, but this is nothing at all new for the old parish for these fights for position and preferment has been going on in this balliwic ever since it was carved out of Louisiana, many generations ago.

The sheriff's race, in which most interest is centered, will be engaged in by Ariel Fontenot, chief deputy tax collector, who goes before the St. Landry voters for the first time, and Charles Thibodeaux, who was twice defeated for sheriff and once outvoted by the Andrus supporters for assessor, in the election of 1916.

For clerk of court, two of the most popular men of St. Landry have qualified and a stiff, interesting race is expected between Henry Lastrapes, the incumbent, and John M. Prescott, prominent and popular young Washingtonian, now residing here.

Much interest is also manifested in the assessor's race, with A. L. Andrus, present assessor, and R. C. Fontenot, prominent Grand Prairie farmer, contesting for the office.

Two have qualified for coroner, "young" Dr. Bob Littell, who has held sway in that position for all these many years, and Dr. W. R. Lastrapes, older brother of the clerk of court, and who was defeated several years ago by Dr. Littell for the same office. The race for the legislature promised.

TO ASK REPEAL OF HQG LAW

Petition to Be Presented Asking Police Jury to Rescind Recently Adopted Law

A howl is being made in various sections of the parish over the recently enacted parish-wide hog law and it is said a petition will be presented to the police jury by a delegation of fourth ward citizens, asking that the ordinance, adopted at the October meeting of the police jury, be repealed at once.

Several of the police jurors, when questioned about the hog law, were surprised to learn that they had voted for a parish-wide measure and it is said some of the members who voted for it will assist their constituents by voting for the repeal of the ordinance at the next session of the jury.

The question will doubtless come up for consideration at the November meeting of the jury, which will convene next Monday morning.

EUNICE DEFEATS PT. BARRE CLUB

The Two Schools Open Basketball Season in 41 to 4 Victory for Euniceites

A hotly contested game which resulted in a 41 to 4 victory for Eunice marked the opening of the basketball season by the Eunice and Port Barre schools on last Saturday. Although the game was one-sided as far as the score is concerned, it was nevertheless hard fought throughout and proved of considerable interest to the rooters on both sides.

Prof. J. B. Aycock, popular principal of the Eunice school, was in the Star-Progress office the early part of the week, and was very much pleased with the remarkable showing of his boys. He spoke very highly of the Port Barre boys, however, saying they had fought gamely, though they were completely outclassed.

The following were the representatives of the Eunice school: Arthur Hammers, W. C. Proctor, B. Roy, Archie Quirk, Lee Riddell, Roderick Bushnell and M. Rice.

—Dr. Raphael and Mr. Cormier of Port Barre were visitors to Opelousas last Sunday.

—Garland Dejean of near Lawisburg motored to Opelousas on last Sunday.