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## BIG CROWD HEARS FONTENOT AT OLD GRAND PRAIRIE

Five Hundred Voters Attend Big Political Rally in His Interest Last Sunday Eve

### L. AUSTIN FONTENOT MAKES STIRRING SPEECH

"Mosquito Fleet" Lights in the Peaceful Community and Does Effective Work

One of the biggest political rallies of the last week of the campaign was held at Ozema Fontenot's store in Grand Prairie on last Sunday afternoon, when some five hundred voters braved the cold weather to listen to the appeals of the Parker-Fontenot supporters.

The meeting was held in the interest of Ariel Fontenot, candidate for sheriff. Hon. L. Austin Fontenot delivered a magnificent address in behalf of the candidacies of John M. Parker and Ariel Fontenot. He charged Dr. F. O. Pavy with having dragged himself into the campaign, and proceeded to refute a few remarks made by the Leonville physician. Mr. Fontenot's address was forceful, logical and very effective.

Morton H. Thompson, who is now hailed by his friends as "the fearless young storky," again made a splendid address in behalf of Ariel Fontenot's candidacy, and in his usual forceful and logical manner "raked" the St. Landry ring "over the coals." Mr. Thompson has developed into one of the best stump speakers in St. Landry and is gradually growing better every day.

Ariel Fontenot made his usual appeal for votes. In a straightforward manner he asked for votes on his competency, ability and his impartiality, again pledging himself to do his duty, when elected sheriff, saying that he would show favors to none and animosity to nobody, whether political friend or foe.

Two beaves were barbecued and voters from all sections of the fifth ward were in attendance at one of the most successful political gatherings of the year. Indications are that Grand Prairie is not all one-sided and that Mr. Fontenot will receive considerably more votes there than his opponents give him. In fact, the ward is considered very badly split, despite the over-confident claims of the Larcade supporters.

Mrs. George Bourdier returned Thursday after a week's pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Lafayette and Bayne.

Mr. Joseph Stelly, from Alexandria, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sylvestre this week.

Miss Lura and Gladys Sandoz and Miss Sandoz and Miss Elsie Tucker of Vicksburg, Miss., attended a political meeting given in the interest of John M. Prescott, in Grand Coteau, last Sunday.

Miss Tehima Lauman spent the day Sunday in Lafayette.

## POPULAR COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS

Nathan Roos and Miss Xine Dupre Elope and are Married in Lafayette Last Week

A popular Opelousas couple "stole a march" on their friends and relatives on Friday of last week, when Nathan Roos, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Roos, and Miss Xine Dupre, the pretty young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Dupre, caught the Southern Pacific train for Lafayette, where they were married Friday afternoon by Rev. Harper.

The affair was quite a surprise, although it was known that the young couple were desperately in love with one another. The parents of both have forgiven the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Roos are now in Marlin, Texas, where they will make their permanent home. Their many friends join the Star-Progress in wishing them a long and happy journey through the matrimonial sea.

## ROAD BOARD DECIDES TO POSTPONE WORK UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Supervisors of Opelousas and Washington District Anxious for Consolidation

### POLICE JURY TO ACT AT REGULAR MEETING

Bayou Boeuf, Opelousas and Sunset Districts Said to be Willing for New Move

The Board of Supervisors of the Opelousas-Washington road district, at a meeting held in this city on last Thursday morning decided to postpone action on the selection of engineers for road construction work until the next meeting of the police jury will have been held.

Chairman E. M. Boagni of the Opelousas-Washington district stated to a representative of the Star-Progress that he understood an ordinance would be adopted by the police jury at the February meeting consolidating the Opelousas, Bayou Boeuf and Sunset road districts so that work in those districts could be uniformly done and the best results obtained for the least possible amount of money. He said that he was told the members of the board of supervisors of the three districts were in accord with the new move, so that St. Landry's link of the Pershing Highway could be constructed on the most efficient and practical plans.

If the districts named are consolidated it is believed that a new bond issue on the latest assessment will be voted upon, which, if carried, will give the district sufficient funds to construct upward of sixty miles of

## DRAINAGE TAX WAS CARRIED BY BIG VOTE IN DISTRICT

Bayou Boeuf-Waxia Sections Vote Overwhelmingly for Drainage on Monday

### WORK TO BEGIN SOON AS BONDS ARE SOLD

Portion of St. Landry Needing Drainage Shows Progressiveness by Recent Vote

Another drainage tax was carried last Monday, when the taxpayers of the Bayou Boeuf and Waxia Drainage District, comprising a large portion of the fifth and fourth wards, voted overwhelmingly in favor of a large bond issue for the purpose of dredging Bayou Waxia and other streams, as well as their laterals, in the district. There were but four votes against the proposition, and it is said that more than a million and a half dollars of assessed valuation was voted in favor of the measure.

This is the third drainage district in which bond issues have been voted in the past twelve months. The need of better drainage is so manifest over the entire parish that it is freely predicted that ere long St. Landry will be covered with drainage districts and its lands will be scientifically drained so as to make them the most productive in the state.

Many of the prominent taxpayers of the Bayou Boeuf and Waxia Drainage District busied themselves in the past month, seeing that the measure would be adopted and while a little opposition was to be expected, the promoters of the project were agreeably surprised when advised that but four votes were cast against the measure, while an overwhelming number of large taxpayers had voted in favor of it.

After the usual legal delays, the bonds will be offered for sale and as soon as the funds from these bonds are realized, the contract for the dredging the many streams in the district will be awarded and the work of giving the property owners of that section of St. Landry better drainage by artificial means will be started on without delay.

## YOUNG JOUBERT DIES AT AKRON

Member of Old St. Landry Family Expires in Northern Sanitarium After Operation

One of the saddest funerals to take place here in a long while occurred on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after the arrival of the evening Gulf Coast Lines train, when Remi Joubert was buried in the Catholic cemetery.

Young Joubert, who was but 24 years old, married but a short while and out of the army only since last March, was stricken ill, while in Akron, Ohio, where he was residing. Taken to the sanitarium he was given the best attention, but physicians did not diagnose his case until two weeks after he was stricken, when it was discovered that he had appendicitis. An operation was performed but it came too late and after lingering between life and death for one week, the young Opelousean expired on last Friday.

Mrs. Joubert and young baby accompanied the body to Opelousas. A large number of friends and relatives were at the depot to await the arrival of the train. Considering the inclement weather, the funeral services were largely attended, testifying to the high esteem in which the young man was held by those who knew him.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Joubert, who reside between Opelousas and Washington. He was well and favorably known in this city, enjoying a large circle of friends. Mr. Joubert was married last year to Miss Louise Cahain, the daughter of Mr. J. L. Cahain, prominent Opelousas citizen, and she and a little son survive him.

### Mrs. A. A. Aycock of Melville Passes in Death

On Tuesday, January 6, 1920, at 7 o'clock a. m., Mrs. A. A. Aycock of Melville, La., passed away. The deceased was about to take breakfast when stricken and died almost instantly.

As Miss Ida C. Gautreaux, she was well known in New Orleans before standard highways, according to Federal and state specifications.

No engineers were selected, as at first planned by the board, action on this matter being deferred until the next month meeting of the board. It is said that quite a number of applications for the important position of engineer were received, some coming from distant states.

## THE CASE OF THE LION AND THE JACKASS ANEW

Editor Star-Progress: I observe in the States, which reached us this a. m., and in previous issues, the attempt being made to have the people of this state believe that John M. Parker ran away from Mr. Aswell. Our people will no more believe such stuff than they would believe that a bull dog ran away from a tom cat, or a lion had fled from a jackass. It is to laugh!

GILBERT L. DUPRE.  
Opelousas, La., Jan. 13, 1920.

## PAUL CAPDEVEILLE VISITS ST. LANDRY

Candidate for State Auditor Spends Day Here Shaking Hands With Old Friends

Hon. Paul Capdeville, former mayor of New Orleans and for twenty years state auditor, was in Opelousas on Thursday in the interest of his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Capdeville enjoys a large circle of warm personal friends in this city and parish and was cordially greeted by all who met him on Thursday.

While in this city Mr. Capdeville paid his respects to the Star-Progress office and intimated that he felt confident of re-election. Mr. Capdeville has been known in Louisiana politics for half a century, fought during the war between the states, and is favorably known throughout the state for his efficient conduct of the affairs of the office which he has held during many years of political revolutions in Louisiana.

## PARKER SUPPORTERS CONFIDENT OF A BIG MAJORITY

Parish Should Go for Independent Candidate by At Least One Thousand, Say Some

### MANY EXPECT EVEN GREATER MAJORITY

Old "Empire Parish" Counted Heavily for Orleans and the Pointe Coupee Candidates

The most conservative of the supporters of John M. Parker, after a careful review of the political situation in St. Landry, are confident that the New Orleans man will be the leader in this parish by at least 1,000 majority. Some more enthusiastic supporters venture the assertion that they would not be surprised that John M. Parker will carry St. Landry in the neighborhood of 1,500. This is a Parker parish, no matter how it is figured, according to the well informed politicians and business men, and it is a fact in the minds of many that Parker will be as strong Tuesday as he was in 1916, when he carried St. Landry by 671 votes.

It is said that the Pointe Coupee "cajan," Hewitt Bonachaud, who is Parker's running mate, will get an even greater vote than the candidate for governor. Very few Gilbert men, it is said, are to be found in this parish.

Parker supporters vehemently claim every ward in St. Landry. On a probable vote of 3,700, it is said, that Parker will get very nearly three to one, in which event he will get a tremendous majority.

Reports of the outcome of the election will be given out at Parker headquarters and all those interested in learning the results are invited to be at Parker headquarters on next Tuesday night when the 'tale will be told.'

her marriage. During her long residence in St. Landry parish she retained continually her membership in the New Orleans chapter No. 72 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Besides her husband, she is survived by ten children. She also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Claude M. Smith of New Orleans; Miss Doriska Gautreaux of New Orleans; Mrs. A. Prud'homme of New Orleans; and Mrs. H. J. Bradley of Chicago, Ill.; and one brother, Sidney Gautreaux, of Chicago, Ill.

The deceased, who was 64 years of age, had been married forty-five years. The funeral and interment took place in Melville. Her son, Professor Aycock, is principal of the high school at Eunice.

—Misses Katie Gil and Stella Sylvestre spent the day Sunday in Lafayette as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tujaque.

## BIG MEETING HERE ON MONDAY NIGHT FOR ARIEL FONTENOT

Candidate's Friends Stage Final Blow-out Night Before the Election

### PROMINENT ATTORNEY SELECTED TO PRESIDE

Oratory and Music are to be the Principal Features of Last Political Meeting

The biggest political meeting of the campaign will be held in Opelousas on next Monday night, in the interest of the candidacy of Ariel Fontenot, candidate for sheriff. Hon. E. B. Dubuisson, one of the leading attorneys and one of the most prominent citizens of Opelousas, will preside at this meeting. Other prominent orators, such as Austin Fontenot and Morton H. Thompson, will give a clear-cut description of the political situation in St. Landry.

Weather conditions being favorable the Monday night meeting in the interest of Mr. Fontenot's candidacy



ARIEL FONTENOT Who Will be Elected St. Landry's Sheriff Next Tuesday by a Flattering Majority

should be the largest held in Opelousas this year. Friends from every section of St. Landry expect to attend this rally, and as Opelousas is awakened to the situation and is beginning to evince much interest in the present campaign, a very large crowd is expected.

The campaign is practically over. Both candidates for sheriff feel assured of victory, but Mr. Fontenot's friends are certain of victory on Tuesday, when Ariel Fontenot will be elected by the biggest majority ever given a sheriff since the division of St. Landry. It is a settled fact that Mr. Fontenot will carry four of the six wards in St. Landry, and has an excellent chance of upsetting the "dope" in the other two wards.

"I have made an independent fight," said Mr. Fontenot, when approached on the subject, "the people of St. Landry have convinced me beyond any doubt whatever that I will be elected their sheriff by an overwhelming majority. I have not had a 'gang' of politicians trailing me all over the parish, villifying everybody, but my little band of 'mosquitoes' has stuck to me throughout the campaign and their efforts, with the independent spirit of St. Landry asserting itself, will triumph on next Tuesday."

"I have served the people of St. Landry for seven years and I believe that I have thoroughly qualified myself for the position I seek. The only promise I make to the voters is that when I am elected sheriff I will no one else will be sheriff, and I will enforce the laws, doing my duty impartially and fair, giving a just and competent administration to all alike, whether they vote for me or not. I will harbor no ill feeling against my political enemies, and will treat them fair and courteously at all times."

Mr. Fontenot has conducted a vigorous campaign in every section of St. Landry. He has avoided "mud-slinging" and in his frank, honest and truthful manner has made deep impression on the red-blooded St. Landrians who are opposed to "ring rule and political domination"—so much so that the most conservative supporters of the popular young candidate feel absolutely certain of victory on next Tuesday.

—Misses Katie Gil and Stella Sylvestre spent the day Sunday in Lafayette as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tujaque.

## SCHELL ENTERTAINS FRIENDS AT DANCE

Candidate for Legislature Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary in State of Louisiana

Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Schell entertained their friends at their home near Washington last Monday night, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of their arrival in Louisiana. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of friends of the well known Washington couple braved the rain to attend the splendid entertainment. Music was furnished by a well known string band and reports indicate that all had a glorious time.

Mr. Schell also celebrated on that day the victory of drainage in the Bayou Boeuf and Waxia district, for which victory the taxpayers of that district give him the greater portion of the credit.

Mr. Schell is a candidate for the legislature and promises if elected to fight for laws giving Louisiana better drainage, good roads and a school system the equal of the very best in the entire Union.

## ANDRUS PRODUCES POLICE JURY O. K.

Candidate for Assessor, When Attacked by President of Body, Shows Resolution

Hon. A. L. Andrus, candidate for re-election as assessor, when attacked by Dr. F. O. Pavy, president of the police jury, produced at all his addresses in the past week a resolution adopted by the police jury on May 5 without a dissenting vote, commending Mr. Andrus for the splendid manner in which he had handled the assessor's office.

The resolution was offered by Mr. K. T. Catlett, who after making the statement that Mr. Andrus was being complimented by the members for his excellent work, he thought in justice to the assessor that something should be incorporated in the minutes showing that Mr. Andrus had done his duty. No one raised any objection and the following resolution, which speaks for itself, was unanimously adopted at a meeting over which Dr. Pavy was presiding:

"Motion by Mr. K. T. Catlett, duly seconded and carried unanimously: "That this body recognizes the splendid clerical work done by the assessor and his assistants and hereby expresses its appreciation of the same.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the police jury of St. Landry parish, La., at its regular meeting held on May 5, 1919.

"J. J. HEALEY,  
"Clerk of the Police Jury."

## 'DAD' ASKS VOTERS TO REMEMBER HIM

Veteran Opelousas Merchant Seeking Re-election as Police Juror Next Tuesday

H. D. Larcade, Sr., better known by the boys as "Dad," prominent Opelousas merchant, who is seeking re-election as a member of the police jury, asks the voters of the first ward to remember him in the day of the election.

Mr. Larcade is the only member of the police jury residing within the corporate limits of this city. During his term he has attempted to give justice to all taxpayers and he has to his credit the improvement of the court house square, being the father of the move that gave this city the beautiful cluster lights that now ornament the square.

Mr. Larcade is deserving of consideration at the hands of the voters of this city and ward, and should not be forgotten by them. He is also entitled to consideration at the hands of the people residing both in Plaisance and Bellevue, both of which precincts are in this police jury ward.

pointed a committee to look after getting the required number of teal ducks for a big celebration in honor of the ladies of Elk members to be held shortly.

The supper will be one of the most sumptuous given here in many years. Hunters will soon go out into the marsh country around Lake Arthur, to try their hand in killing enough ducks to have a real swell super. Cliff says its going to be great and all Elks are looking forward with much anxiety to the big night and anturally the ladies too are anticipating with much pleasure for this occasion.

## ST. LANDRY TO POLL LESS THAN 4,000 VOTES TUESDAY

Neglect in Payment Poll Taxes by Some, Failure to Register by Others is Cause

### 3,745 HAVE PAID POLL TAXES AND REGISTERED

Committee Appointed to Check Qualified Voters Completes Hard Task on Thursday

The vote in St. Landry parish on next Tuesday will be much lighter than expected at first, since it is known that only 3,745 voters who are registered have paid their poll taxes, including those above the age of 60.

The committee, composed of Eddie Durio, Oscar Andrepoint and A. S. Brown, Sr., recently appointed by the parish democratic committee to check up and make an official list of qualified voters in St. Landry, completed its task on Thursday afternoon.

The registration strength of this parish is well over the five thousand mark, while 4,197 poll taxes were paid in 1919. Many of those who paid their poll tax failed to register, and hundreds of those who registered neglected to pay the poll tax. It is said that the number of qualified voters may be increased by some 350, due to soldiers discharged in 1919, and young men just twenty-one years of age, who are not compelled by law to pay their poll tax.

The following is the list of qualified voters by precinct and wards, as compiled by the committee:

First Ward	
Opelousas	705
Plaisance	162
Bellevue	72
Total for ward	939
Second Ward	
Coulee Croche	272
Grand Coteau	213
Total for ward	485
Third Ward	
Arnaudville	198
Leonville	238
Notleyville	44
Total for ward	480
Fourth Ward	
Bayou Current	31
Melville	110
Big Cane	62
Waxia	24
Palmetto	60
Morrow	46
Port Barre	95
Krotz Springs	23
Total for ward	456
Fifth Ward	
Whiteville	76
Garland	31
Barbreck	23
Washington	209
Grand Prairie	188
Total for ward	527
Sixth Ward	
Mallet	182
Faquettaque	29
Eunice	483
Plaquemine Point	174
Total for ward	868

### FONTENOT-SAVOIE

A wedding of unusual interest was that of Herbert Fontenot, eldest son of Sheriff and Mrs. Darius M. Fontenot, and Miss Estelle Savoie, pretty young daughter of Mr. Marcellus Savoie, prominent Bellevue farmer, which took place on Tuesday afternoon. The affair was a quiet one, only a few intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties being present.

The young couple enjoy a large number of friends in this community, where their people are among the best known and most prominent, and now Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fontenot are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

### St. Landry National Farm Loan Association

The annual stockholders' meeting of the St. Landry National Farm Loan Association was held last Tuesday afternoon in the office of their local attorney, Mr. Morton H. Thompson.

The same board of directors was elected for another year, consisting of Floyd H. Phillips, P. P. Hidalgo, Richard D. Lamson, O. A. Durio and Jules P. Pitre. The officers were also retained as formerly, the president being F. H. Phillips; P. P. Hidalgo, vice president; and Richard D. Lamson, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Morton H. Thompson is the attorney for the association and the Federal Land Bank.



MISS ROSA CADE WALLIOR, Opelousas Girl, Who Appears in one of the Scenes of the Great Moving Picture Production, "EVERYWOMAN," which will be shown at the Princess Theatre in this City Two Days—Next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21.