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## LOCAL INVENTOR IS SUCCESSFUL WITH NEW GAS ENGINE

Mr. Joyner Tests Out Scheme of Double Action Motor With Much Success

## OPELOUSEAN NOW IN WEST MANUFACTURING

Senator Leon S. Haas Interested in New Invention that May Revolutionize Field

News of the complete success of the patented double action gasoline engine recently gotten out by L. B. Joyner, a former resident of this city and employee of Haas' garage, reached here this week and has caused considerable interest among the friends of the mechanic, who is well known in this city. Senator Haas was the recipient of the glad tidings. Mr. Joyner perfected his patent while in the employ of the Haas garage and upon being granted the patent by the United States patent office was desirous of having his patent tested out. After a careful investigation as to the feasibility of the patent, Senator Leon S. Haas, who had confidence in the Opelousas inventor, was induced to finance the scheme. Mr. Joyner was dispatched to Chicago to have his new motor manufactured. The Opelousas mechanic made connections with the Chicago Machine & Motor Works and had his patent converted into the real article. Upon a test of the engine it was found so successful that many of the large gasoline engine manufacturers got in touch with Mr. Joyner with a view of buying his patent. And on the other hand, interests in Chicago are urging him to organize a company for the purpose of putting the patent on the market.

Mr. Haas, who is to share a half interest in the Joyner patent, told a representative of the Star-Progress on Wednesday morning that Mr. Joyner was getting out additional patents, by which his double action gasoline motor would revolutionize the gas engine field, and that in all probability he and Mr. Joyner would decide to form a company to manufacture the motors, rather than sell the patent outright.

The Joyner patent is considered one of the greatest successes in the mechanical field, achieved in many years. There is no doubt as to the success of the enterprise, as such concerns as Fairbanks, Morse & Company acquire the patent an absolute success.

Mr. Joyner was in the employ of the Haas garage for many months. He had charge of the machine shop and in his spare time worked on his patent. Mechanics all over the world had been working in the same idea, but with no avail. Now that Mr. Joyner has succeeded in his enterprise, there is no doubt that he and Senator Haas will reap a harvest of gold for their efforts.

The new engine, it is said, causes less loss of action at all in the working of the motor, firing twice to every time the present standard gasoline engine fires once. It will completely revolutionize the field and will prove a boon to the users of this kind of machinery.

## MONUMENT BRINGS BIG CROWD HERE

Large Assemblage Witnesses Elaborate Ceremonies on Court Square Sunday

The monument, which stands at the northeast corner of the court house square, in honor of the St. Landry soldiers who participated in the civil war, was officially dedicated last Sunday afternoon, in the presence of several hundred people from every section of St. Landry and surrounding parishes.

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau was master of ceremonies and delivered an excellent address on the Confederate dead. Mrs. C. P. Richard, who was very active in the erection of the monument, delivered a short, pathetic tale, while A. H. Garland and Alex. Swards were speakers on the occasion. Rev. Father Colliard and Rev. Mr. Harper officiated at prayers. Miss Gortie Fux unveiled the monument, while Miss Adele Lawler strewn flowers at the foot of the shaft. Music was furnished by the Post Barre band.

Edgar Derouelle of Arnaudville was in Opelousas last Sunday.

Hon. William Egan, mayor of Crowley, was a business visitor to Opelousas last Sunday.

## JUDGE DUPRE IS VERY HAPPY

Thanks Voters for Assisting Him in Selecting Third Member of House

Judge Gilbert L. Dupre was probably the happiest man in St. Landry Tuesday night when news reached here that J. Franklin Schell of Washington had been victorious in the election for the third member of the lower house of the state legislature from this parish.

Judge Dupre had been active in Mr. Schell's interest. He had addressed the people of St. Landry, who had repeatedly showered honors upon him, to elect Mr. Schell. He was successful, for the voters took his advice and went to the polls Tuesday to cast their majority vote for the Washington man.

"I feel deeply touched that the people of St. Landry should honor me again by accepting my views on the election. I can scarcely find words to express my gratitude for the victory achieved Tuesday, and I sincerely believe that the voters of St. Landry will never have occasion to be sorry for having sent Mr. Schell to Baton Rouge."

That is how Judge Dupre expressed himself to the publisher of the Star-Progress Tuesday night, when the news was coming over the wires.

The judge was one of the main factors behind the Schell candidacy. His support materially aided the Washington man in receiving such a handsome majority.

## GAY DOES NOT ASPIRE FOR RE-ELECTION AS SENATOR

Iberville Man Declines to Make Race and Will Retire to Private Life

Senator Edward J. Gay created quite a sensation in Louisiana political circles the first of the week when he announced last Saturday night that he would not be a candidate for re-election as senator but would retire to private life at the end of his term, March 4, 1921.

Senator Gay was elected in 1918 over John H. Overton of Rapides and former Governor Luther E. Hall, to fill the unexpired term of the late Robert F. Broussard.

Mr. Gay was well known in legislative circles of this state, having served as a representative from Iberville parish for several terms, but he was not generally known as a politician. The fact that he had been a successful planter and business man and had made an enviable reputation and record at Baton Rouge brought to him support from men who had never known him.

The Iberville man, after taking his seat in the United States senate, by application to the duties of his office, during the trying times when this nation was engaged in warfare, made countless friends in various sections of the state, all of whom regret to learn of his decision not to offer himself for re-election. Not being a professional politician and in view of the fact that four candidates had announced their candidacies for his seat, while he was on an inspection tour of the recently acquired Virgin Islands for the United States, and being opposed to a bitter political campaign, at the same time considering that his private business interests demanded his attention, Senator Gay, upon his return to the states, gave out the announcement which caused such a furore in Louisiana politics.

Four of Louisiana's most prominent sons are now seeking the toga worn by Senator Gay, St. Landry is represented in the contest by Hon. James J. Bailey, secretary of state; while St. Mary has two native sons, ex-Governor Jared Y. Sanders, now a member of congress from the sixth district, and Don Caffery of New Orleans, a son of the late United States senator from this state of the same name. Iberia parish has Edwin S. Broussard, brother of the dead senator, Robert Broussard. It is rumored that more aspirants are feeling their way and will probably announce their candidacies in the next few weeks, in which event the old Pelican State is due for some hot times this coming summer.

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## COUNCIL OF DEFENSE CLEARS OBJECTION TO MONUMENT

Meeting of Members of Body and Citizens Results in Complete Harmony

FAIR EXPLANATIONS MADE AT MEETING

Shaft in Honor of World War Veterans Will Remain Untouched as to Names

No names will be taken off the monument erected by the citizens of St. Landry in honor of the boys who served in the world war. The shaft will remain exactly as it is and will be formally dedicated on next July 4, 1920.

Many complaints were being made about the inscriptions on the monument. Objections were made to the names of the members of the Council of Defense and the building committee being on the monument. The matter was taken up by a committee of citizens and former service men with Hon. E. M. Boagni, chairman of the Council of Defense, who had charge of the campaign for the raising of funds to erect the monument.

Mr. Boagni called a special meeting of the former Council of Defense and invited the committee of citizens to lodge their complaints at this meeting, which was held in the federal court room on last Saturday afternoon.

When the objections were heard, explanations being in order, the committee was told that the Council of Defense had committed no crime; that it had labored strenuously to erect this monument, and in view of the fact that it had been instructed to inscribe no name at all of those who had served in the war, it might have erred in placing the names of those who headed the movement to perpetuate the memory of St. Landry's noble sons who had participated in the world war. Under the present circumstances, however, the Council of Defense, in after years, if these names were taken off the slab, no explanation, no matter how lengthy, could be made satisfactory to prove that the men whose names had been scratched off had committed no crime. The committee of citizens readily agreed to the explanation offered by the Council of Defense and gracefully withdrew their objections.

Plans for the dedication of the monument, which stands at the southeast corner of court square, will be perfected in time for an elaborate patriotic program on July 4.

## MRS. ANDRUS IS HEAD OF DAUGHTERS

Assessor's Wife Chosen Grand Regent of Opelousas Court of Popular Order

The installation of the newly elected officers of Court No. 119, Daughters of Isabella, was held at the K. of C. Home on last Monday afternoon. Mrs. A. L. Andrus, wife of the St. Landry assessor, will be the grand regent for the ensuing year, and was officially installed with the following other officers:

Mrs. O. Durio, vice grand regent; Mrs. H. Robert, financial secretary; Miss A. Close, treasurer; Mrs. F. J. Dietlein, historian; Mrs. J. Lafond, monitor; Mrs. M. Todd, sentinel; Miss N. Burr, prophetess; Miss L. Sandoz, organist; Miss G. Sandoz, lecturer; Miss D. Edwards, court correspondent; Mesdames F. Dimnick, J. B. McClelland, L. Bienvenue, E. T. Bercier, M. Todd and Miss M. Durio, trustees.

The new grand regent has been actively identified with the Opelousas court since its organization and is splendidly qualified to carry on the work which her exalted position entails. Mrs. Andrus, at the installation ceremonies, urged the co-operation of the members and promised that if she was given the help of the membership she would do her best to make this the most successful year in the court's history.

A campaign for membership will be launched shortly and plans are already under way for a big initiation some time after Lent.

Ralph Alexis of New Orleans was a visitor here on Sunday and was the guest of Miss Edna Lewis.

Frank Garbo returned home on last Tuesday from a visit to New Orleans.

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## JUDGE DUPRE AGAIN THANKS THE VOTERS

Feels Grateful That They Listened to His Advice and Elected Mr. Schell

To the Voters of the Parish of St. Landry: You have again honored my request. I am quite certain you will never have cause to regret this. Mr. Schell and myself will work harmoniously for the best interests of this State and Parish, and if the time shall come when you think I can help you your draft will be fully honored. GILBERT L. DUPRE.

## GARLAND HEADS PARTY COMMITTEE

District Attorney Chosen Chairman and Ed. Estorge Secretary New Party Body

Hon. R. Lee Garland, district attorney of the St. Landry-Evangeline judicial district, was chosen chairman and Ed. H. Estorge, popular young son of Hon. H. E. Estorge, was selected as secretary of the newly elected St. Landry parish democratic executive committee, at a recent meeting of the committee members.

Mr. Garland has been chairman of the party committee for a number of times, having declined to offer for re-election as a committee member four years ago, when John M. Prescott was chosen chairman. Mr. Estorge is one of St. Landry's young voters, casting his first ballot on January 20.

The committee took charge of the election returns of Tuesday and will promulgate the result of same this afternoon.

## HERO MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED ON NEXT SUNDAY

Memory of Lieut. J. J. Neyland Will be Perpetuated by Citizens of Washington

MANNING WARTELLE TO UNVEIL MONUMENT

Elaborate Dedication of Fountain in Memory of St. Landry Hero on March 7

He died in his country's cause but his memory shall live forever. The patriotic people of Washington have erected a fountain as a monument to their brave hero, Lieutenant J. J. Neyland, who was killed in action at Jaulny, France, on November 10, 1918, fighting the battle of humanity against the Huns.

The unveiling of the monument will be held at Washington on Sunday, March 7, at 1:30 p. m., and Washington and surrounding country will turn out en masse to do homage to the memory of one of St. Landry's noblest heroes. The ceremonies will be held on the campus of the Washington high school.

Manning Wartelle, a boyhood friend of the Washington hero, will unveil the monument and the following appropriate program has been arranged:

Invention . . . . . Rev. P. F. Jensen Song, Star Spangled Banner . . . . . High School Pupils Address and Introduction of Speakers . . . . . Prof. P. E. Wilson Sketch of Lieut. Neyland's Life . . . . . Prof. A. W. Bittle Song, Face to Face . . . . . Mrs. Will T. Stewart

Address, Acceptance in behalf of Washington High School . . . . . Supt. W. B. Prescott Song, Tinting on the Old Camp Ground . . . . . High School Pupils Address, Why We Erect Memorials . . . . . Mr. E. M. Boagni Chorus, The Vacant Chair . . . . . The American Legion Recitation, He Wasn't Afraid to Die . . . . . Brunette Klaus Address . . . . . Mr. Alex. W. Swords Unveiling of Monument . . . . . Manning Wartelle Hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers . . . . . High School Pupils

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

H. C. Keith of Homer, La., spent Monday and Tuesday here as the guest of Miss Della Boordier.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Boagni were visitors to the Crescent City on last Sunday.

Jim Babin of Elba is visiting friends in this city.

## ORGANIZE LEGION ON TEMPORARY BASIS HERE LAST SUNDAY

Opelousas Post to Make Drive for Thousand Members, Beginning Immediately

PLANS TO ERECT FITTING MONUMENT

Representative Gathering Ex-Service Men Selects Dr. Perrault as Head of Body

Dr. A. J. Perrault, first lieutenant in the army dental corps and who saw several months' service in France during the recent world war and who has been active in the preliminary organization work of the Opelousas Post of the American Legion, has been selected temporary chairman of the Post, pending permanent organization in the next few weeks. Jos. D. Chachere, one of the first St. Landry men to cross into Germany, is temporary secretary-treasurer; Will T. Stewart, L. B. Sandoz and Oscar Andrepont constitute the membership committee, while Dr. Perrault, Joe Chachere and Allen Dezauche compose the publicity committee.

An interesting meeting of representative ex-service men was held at the court house last Sunday afternoon, following the dedication of the Confederate monument. Dr. Perrault called the meeting to order and a general discussion of the future plans of the Opelousas Post was entered into. It was definitely decided to undertake an extensive membership campaign by which it was hoped to get at least one thousand members as a starter for the local Post. The drive will be made in St. Landry and Evangeline parishes.

According to the present plans of the organizers of the Opelousas Post, a building suitable as a memento to the St. Landry boys who died in the service will be erected. This, of course, will not be accomplished this year, as it is proposed to rent quarters for the time being, until the Post has sufficient membership and funds enough to justify it in erecting a building that would be the pride of the former service men and a lasting tribute to the men of this parish who lost their lives in the world war. A marble slab, it is understood, will be obtained immediately and the names of those who gave their lives for humanity's sake will be inscribed on it and when the building is constructed this slab will be moved into the Post's headquarters.

Ex-service men who were at the meeting are optimistic over the organization of the Post. Already the membership committee has gotten busy and many applications are being secured. Dues were fixed at four dollars per annum. The Post will be made one of the popular clubs of the city, where the ex-service men, including former soldiers, sailors and marines, will be able to gather and fraternize as comrades. Reading rooms will be fitted up and the Post's headquarters will be made ideally attractive.

## PETITION TO CLOSE MOVIES ON SUNDAY

Reported That Effort Will be Made to Stop Picture Shows Operating on Sabbath

A petition is being circulated, so the rumor goes, among citizens of Opelousas, asking the city authorities to close up picture shows on Sundays. To what extent the petition is being circulated could not be ascertained, but it is said that a prominent citizen of the outskirts of the city is in charge of the campaign to have a quiet Sabbath.

When interviewed during the week relative to the rumored petition, manager F. J. Dietlein of the Holmes Theatre expressed a surprise at the news and said:

"Well, if the people of Opelousas do not want to see the pictures on Sundays, I have no objection to following their will. Of course, you know Sundays are mighty long already, and I believe that the majority of the people will be opposed to the movement. You may rest assured that if the picture show is compelled to close on Sundays, every other place of amusement, as well as confectionery stores, will have to do likewise. If the people of this city do not want amusements on Sundays, the management of our theatre will certainly not put any spoke in the wheel."

When or by whom the petition will be presented to the proper authorities, could not be learned. It is meeting with approval in certain quarters, it is said, and will be met with vigorous opposition in other quarters, some predict.

## MRS. A. VELTIN DIED THURSDAY

Wife of Prominent Planter Expires After Illness of Many Months

Mrs. Arthur Veltin, born Miss Julia Mornhinveg, wife of a prominent Bellevue planter, died at the Veltin residence, two miles south of the city, at 12:50 o'clock Thursday morning, following an illness of several months. The news of the death of this estimable lady, while not unexpected, was something of a shock to the many friends of the family residing here and elsewhere.

Mrs. Veltin was a native of this city and was the eldest daughter of Mr. Christian Mornhinveg, prominent resident of Opelousas. She is survived by her husband and two children, A. E. Veltin and Miss Nita Veltin, as well as father, stepmother, several brothers and sisters and a host of other relatives.

The deceased was of a charming personality and enjoyed many warm personal friends, here and in other parts of this section of the state. She was dearly beloved by those who knew her best, and her death casts a shadow of grief in many St. Landry homes.

Mrs. Veltin was 52 years and 18 days of age. The funeral was held from the family residence in Bellevue Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Services were held at the Catholic church and interment in the Catholic cemetery. A large number of the friends and relatives of the grief-stricken family attended the funeral rites and paid silent tribute to a good wife, mother and friend.

To the bereaved family the Star-Progress extends its sincerest sympathies.

## COCK FIGHT BLOWS UP WHEN GOVERNOR STEPS IN

Executive Arrives in Person to See That Big Main is Not Staged in Opelousas

HAD APPEALED TO THE PARISH AUTHORITIES

State Officials Journey to Opelousas to Find Out That Officials Were on the Job

Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant, accompanied by Adjutant General Hunter and a corps of detectives, arrived in Opelousas unannounced on last Sunday morning to personally see that the contemplated cocking main, which drew sports of the steel gaff from almost every state in the union and some from far-off Canada, was not staged.

The governor had been notified by citizens of Opelousas that the cock fight sports were getting ready for a day or several days' pleasure and appealed to him to stop the fight as planned for last Sunday. He immediately wired to Sheriff D. M. Fontenot to stop the fight and also communicated with District Attorney R. Lee Garland to co-operate with the sheriff. Not satisfied with this precaution, the governor, with his detective force, boarded the fast train westbound over the Gulf Coast Lines and landed here in the early hours of Sunday morning, before any of the chicken enthusiasts ever dreamed that there would be any serious opposition to their pulling the main off.

Going direct to the home of Sheriff Fontenot, the governor was notified that his orders in the premises had been carried out by the parish authorities and that the cocking main would not be held. He remained in this city, however, until he was satisfied that the main had been called off and then boarded a train back for Baton Rouge, satisfied with his day's work in stopping the sport.

Lovers of the sport from many states in the Union and even from Mexico, Central America and Canada had journeyed here to participate in the festivities. It was to be one of the best mains ever pulled off here, and the sports were looking forward to last Sunday with much anxiety. The governor's order created quite a bit of excitement and no little consternation and disappointment in the camp of the chicken men.

Opelousas has been for years the mecca of the cock-fighting sport. A few months back the biggest main in the history of the country was pulled off successfully here. This time, however, the law of "cruelty to animals" was invoked and applied to the contemplated sport and the cocks had to be shipped back to their former homes amid the mingled words of disappointment and chagrin of the assembled sportsmen.

## CLUB BOYS URGED TO ATTEND BIG MEET HERE MARCH 6

A. A. Mendoza Plans Interesting Convention of St. Landry Boys and Girls Soon

MOVING PICTURES ARE TO BE SHOWN HERE

Demonstration of Modern Farm Implements to be One of Interesting Features of Day

A. A. Mendoza, federal farm demonstration agent for St. Landry parish, always looking to the interest of the youths of this parish, has arranged for a meeting of the St. Landry boys and girls, to be held in this city on March 6. Mrs. Kirk, home demonstration agent, will have charge of the girls, while Mr. Mendoza will look after the boys.

A demonstration of modern farm implements will be one of the features of the day's program. A free moving picture show will culminate the entertainment.

Mr. Mendoza has given out the following statement for publication: "On Saturday, March 6, I have planned to have all the boys, particularly the club boys, of the parish, assemble in Opelousas. I have made arrangements with the Haas Garage to have the different modern implements assembled on that day and have the boys assist in this work, thereby familiarizing themselves with these implements and their uses."

"The club girls, supervised by Mrs. Kirk, home demonstration agent, will assist in preparing luncheon for these boys at the municipal kitchen. Shortly after lunch, trucks will convey the boys to some farm outside of Opelousas where the boys will be taught how to operate the tractor and will be shown the uses of all modern implements. There is no question but what the tractor is the coming thing and will soon be an indispensable necessity on the farm and our boys can not learn too soon its operation and many uses."

"If time permits, we will visit some of the dairy farms near Opelousas, swine heads, beef cattle herds and other projects that all farm boys ought to be more familiar with."

"That night the L. S. U. moving picture machine will be used for the entertainment of the boys and girls, at the municipal kitchen. Orders have been sent in for the following films: Keeping the Boy on the Farm; Production of Clean Milk; Production of Poultry and Eggs on the Farm; Practical Improvement of Farm Crops; Public Road Improvement. Besides these films, a number of slides pertaining to agriculture will be shown. Evision has been made to entertain the visiting boys by the boys of Opelousas in their respective homes, and thereby eliminate the board and lodging expenses of these boys who come in to Opelousas for the occasion."

"I feel that a great deal of good can be gotten by the boys who attend and I would feel very much disappointed if a large representation from every community in St. Landry did not take advantage of this opportunity."

## WATCH FOR PAPER THROUGH THE MAILS

Star-Progress Subscribers to be Furnished Paper Through Post Office Again

For the past several months the city subscribers of the Star-Progress have been receiving their papers from the Jacobs News Depot Company. It was our plan to deliver the papers early on Saturday morning at the homes of our subscribers. Now, however, we have changed this plan and are going to send all papers through the mails.

The Jacobs News Depot Company had difficulty in getting the labor necessary for the speedy handling of the Star-Progress in connection with the daily papers, on account of the scarcity of working boys. Aaron Jacobs, manager of the news company, gave excellent service, however, during the time that he handled the city circulation of the Star-Progress, but he was finding it too much of a "grind" to justify him at this time, so we agreed to relieve him of the load for the present.

In the event any of our city subscribers fail to get our paper, we would appreciate it if they would inform us of that fact so that we could take the matter up directly with the office and we will give prompt attention to all such complaints.