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LOCAL BUSINESS MEN INTERESTED IN HIGHWAY BILL

Conference Held at Chamber of Commerce Headquarters Sunday to Ask for East and West State Road

LEGISLATORS PERSENT

St. Landry Lawmakers Pledge Assistance to Opelousas Boosters Association in Securing Highways

At a round table discussion and conference held in the Chamber of Commerce building on Sunday morning it was decided that St. Landry make a bid for a highway connecting the eastern and western boundaries of the parish, passing through Opelousas and Eunice, and one connecting Opelousas with Ville Platte, besides the one already allotted to St. Landry passing through this city north and south.

The three St. Landry representatives, Hons. Gilbert L. Dupre, J. F. Schell and Alex. Lafleur, attended the conference and pledged their assistance and co-operation to the business men and good roads boosters of St. Landry.

The Dowling-Schell highway bill proposed the construction of thirty-three state highways. Of this amount St. Landry is given a road over the routing of the Pershing Way.

Mr. Schell, who is fathering the bill in the house, told the Opelousas business men that he had in mind the two roads they were urging and that he would try to insert them in the bill. He promised all assistance possible and invited the assistance and co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Gilbert L. Dupre expressed himself in favor of the move of the Chamber of Commerce and stated that he would give Mr. Schell his whole-hearted co-operation, paying Mr. Schell a high compliment, saying that the St. Landrian was fully capable of taking care of the interests of St. Landry in this bill. Alex. Lafleur said he would favor and work for the bill and use his might in giving St. Landry what she wanted.

The Chamber of Commerce went on record as favoring the Dowling-Schell bill and instructed the president to appoint a committee of seven to appear before the committee at Baton Rouge when the bill would be given a hearing for the purpose of laying the claims of St. Landry.

A road traversing St. Landry east and west, passing through the vast undeveloped territory of the fourth ward, has been regarded as feasible and one which would tend to the upbuilding of one of the richest sections of Louisiana.

Domengeaux-Joret

On Wednesday morning at high noon Mr. W. L. Domengeaux and Miss Ione Joret were united in the Holy bond of matrimony at St. John Cathedral by Rev. W. J. Teurlings. Mr. Claude Collard and Miss Jean Domengeaux were the only attendants. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns and the rich marriage ceremony of the Catholic church was made all the more impressive by the hundreds of bright candles on and around the altar.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple were tendered a reception at the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Joret. The home was transformed into a veritable flower garden and the large number of friends and relatives that were fortunate enough to be invited report that it was one of the most lovely weddings of the season.

Miss Ione Joret will be remembered as having had charge of the commercial department of the high school of Opelousas last season, and her many friends extend her hearty congratulations. Mr. Domengeaux, holds an important position with the Southern Pacific and is one of the most popular of the young men of Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Domengeaux left on the limited for Denver and other western points and will be at home in Lafayette about July 10th.

Among those from here who went to Lafayette for the Joret-Domengeaux wedding were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loeb, Miss Lena Loeb, Miss Nathalie Haas and Miss Rose Hebrard.

The Star-Progress joins the many friends of the happy couple in extending congratulations.

W. C. Dejean and Jos. P. Cormier, of Plaquemine Point, were among the prominent visitors here the middle of the week.

Dr. F. O. Pavy, of Leonville, president of the police jury, was among the out-of-town attendants at the good roads conference at the Chamber of Commerce Sunday morning.

Knight to Give Banquet July 11th

Entertainment Will Be Given in Honor of the Daughters of Isabella and Ladies Who Assisted Convention

The Knights of Columbus will tender a banquet to the Daughters of Isabella and the ladies of Opelousas who assisted the local council in the entertainment of the state council here in Many. The banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus home on July 11th. The entire memberships of the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella will be invited, as well as several ladies who were on the reception and entertaining committee of the state council.

The July 11th banquet will be one of the finest ever given by the Opelousas Knights. The committee composed of "Dad" Larcade and Jos. D. Chachere is leaving nothing undone to make the banquet a howling success.

Farmers Union Annual Picnic, July 8

State President, I. N. McCollister Will Be Present and Make Address

The Farmers Union Annual Picnic will be held this year at the beautiful country home of Mr. R. Lee Mills, president of the parish organization, also one of the most prosperous farmers of the Bellevue section of the parish.

This annual picnic of the Farmers Union is always looked forward to as a great out-door celebration and as the public is cordially invited to participate, there is no doubt that the crowd will be larger this year than usual.

The Farmers Union has accomplished much for the farmers in the past few years and has been a wonderful boost for agricultural interests in general, and to make this year's gathering all the more interesting, Hon. I. N. McCollister, president of the state Farmers Union will be present and make an address.

The occasion being open to the public, everyone participating will be expected to bring a basket, so it is up to you to remember that July 8th, is Farmers Union Day and all good citizens are requested to help make this year's annual outing a memorable one.

SHERIFFS SALARIES TO BE INCREASED IF CLINTON BILL PASS

Twenty Per Cent Increase in Salaries and Ten Per Cent in Expense Account

An increase of about twenty per cent in salaries and ten per cent in expenses is granted all sheriffs in Louisiana, with the exception of Orleans Parish, in a bill introduced in the senate on Monday night by Senator George H. Clinton. The same measure increase the civil fees about 50 per cent, the idea being to make the fee increase take care of the increased salaries.

At the same time Senator Ventress J. Smith introduced a bill increasing the criminal fees for services by the sheriffs throughout the state with the exception of New Orleans. The bill provides for \$1 a day instead of 50 cents for feeding prisoners and provides the sheriff or his deputies with 10 cents a mile while traveling and five cents a mile additional for conveying fugitives. The bills were drawn by a special legislative investigating committee headed by Senator Clinton, which investigated the status of sheriffs salaries.

If the bills as presented becomes law, the sheriff of St. Landry parish will receive a salary of \$5100.00 and an expense account of \$7500.00.

Former Opelousas Girl to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fincher, announce the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Durio of Lafayette, La., to Mr. Ernest Lenwood Shepard of Macon, Ga., the wedding to take place July 2nd, at the Fincher home, "Birds Paradise," in Inman Park, Atlanta, Ga.

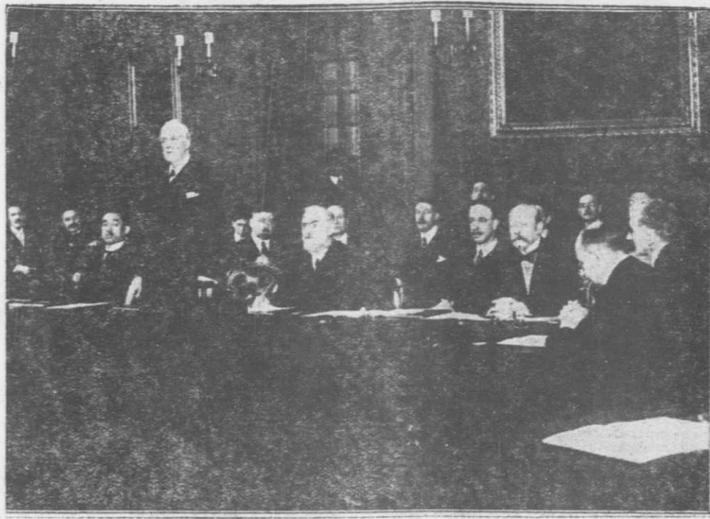
Miss Elizabeth Durio, is the charming and accomplished daughter of the late Armas Durio and Edmonia Deville of Opelousas, La., and has been for the past few years holding a very responsible position in the Main office of the Cumberland Telephone Company at Atlanta, Ga.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Durio will no doubt be of interest to many relatives and friends of the family.

Mr. W. F. Nolan, who has been busy installing the printing outfit for the Crowley Progress, spent Wednesday with his family.

Capt. and Mrs. Albert Tate of Eunice, will make their home in Opelousas. Capt. Tate will be associated with the firm of Hollier and Durio.

Mrs. Walter Molling, Jr., and children of Lake Charles, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruner at their beautiful country home.



League of Nations Council Meets in London.

WHAT PARISH AGENTS SAY IN THEIR WEEKLY REPORTS

Farmers are asking for information on fertilizers for cotton and corn, and most of the week was devoted to assisted them to apply fertilizers in the right way, reports Thos. P. Datsch, agent in Sabine Parish. One day was spent in making the first shipment of eggs by the newly organized stration agent in making the first shipment in assisting the home demon egg circle.

At a meeting of directors of the local fair association, officers were elected and plans made for a fair this fall, reports A. F. Houston, agent in Richland parish. It is planned to have a local organization in each ward for the purpose of promoting the fair and other farming interests.

Crops which have been fertilized under the agent's direction are showing decided improvement over unfertilized areas, and much interest is shown by farmers in this line of work, reports F. M. Bacque, orf Lafayette parish. They are watching for specific results, which will be shown them as check plots will tell the tale, says Mr. Bacque.

The velvet bean acreage has been increased 1000 per cent this season in Avoyelles parish, writes P. A. Swann, parish agent. Farmers are also applying fertilizers to cotton, corn, cane and garden crops, under the agent's direction.

By the use of a fertilizer composed of equal parts of 36 per cent cottonseed meal and 16 per cent acid phosphate, applied at the rate of 800 pounds to the acre, a demonstrator produced 75 bushels of Irish potatoes per acre, while the unfertilized check plot produced 41 1/4 bushels per acre, reports W. H. Humble, agent in Rapides parish. The fertilizer cost \$18.80 an acre and the potatoes were sold for \$4.50 a bushel giving a net profit from the use of fertilizers of \$2,095.25 on the 15 acres. Bad weather conditions undoubtedly kept the production down, says Mr. Humble.

More than three thousand pepper plants of a standard variety have been distributed by Miss Rebecca Whitaker, home demonstration agent in Madison parish. Each demonstrator will return a certain amount of the seed to the agent for redistribution next season. These plants were sent out by the Experiment Station of the Louisiana State University.

An egg-circle, composed of demonstrators who are raising purebred poultry, has been organized by Mrs. Lillian Stille, home demonstration agent in Sabine parish. After the circle has been well established, larger shipments are contemplated.

The first regularly organized club among negro boys has been formed in the Moorehead community of Allen parish, by Geo. W. Bohne, farm demonstration agent. This club is composed of 12 members, each of whom owns a pig which is raised under club regulations.

Rufus H. Bush, agent in Morehouse parish, is urging the planting of food crops by his farmers, such as June corn, sweet potatoes and vegetables on land planted to cotton but which has not been worked out on account of excessive rains and overflow.

"Follow-up" meetings, designed to emphasize the points brought out at the club rally held at Opelousas June 5, will be held in every community in St. Landry parish where clubs are organized, writes Mrs. L. G. Kirk, home demonstration agent. Mrs. Kirk will give demonstrations in canning, the care of poultry, dairy products, while A. A. Mendoza, parish agent, will interest the boys in better farming and livestock.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Lastrapes, Jr., will no doubt be glad to learn that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be removed from the St. Landry sanitarium to her beautiful home on Union Street.

CITY TO OFFER BLOODED STOCK AS TRADE PRIZE

Move on Hand to Bring Trade to Opelousas and to Give Traders Inducement to Come Here

SOON BE INAUGURATED

Chamber of Commerce Has Novel Plan for Creating Interest in Trading in This City

Headed by the Chamber of Commerce the business men of Opelousas will shortly inaugurate a progressive and effective plan for the increasing of trading in this city. Plans are presently being evolved whereby the merchant will be given the support of the Chamber of Commerce in inducing the surrounding country to deal almost exclusively in Opelousas.

Secretary J. A. Deyo recently outlined a plan which is proving very popular with the membership of the Chamber of Commerce. He suggested that Opelousas offer a prize each month to be given the lucky purchaser who would secure the proper number. It has been suggested that the prize be a suitable one—one that would be sought after and that the members of the Chamber of Commerce be given coupons to be distributed to their customers as they buy for cash during the month. Only those living out of the city would be entitled to the coupons, and on the appointed day, living would take place on the court, designated as "Trade Day" the draw-house square and the party winning the prize would be presented with it.

According to the intention of those favoring the plan only thoroughbred stock would be offered as prizes. The only thing that remains to complete plan and make it effective is the solution of the financial problem. The Chamber of Commerce will doubtless decide upon a definite plan of raising the funds sufficient to purchase the prizes.

SOME IMPORTANT OPELOUSAS REAL ESTATE DEALS

Mr. J. F. Dezauche purchased from the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company the lot on the Southern Pacific Railroad between Vine and South Streets for the neat sum of four thousand dollars. It is understood he will erect an up-to-date warehouse, and if his present plans materialize, he will also erect a business enterprise, the name of which he does not care to make public just now.

Dr. Frank O'Quinn, one of Opelousas' prominent young dentists, purchased from the St. Landry Lumber Co., the beautiful bungalow home of Mr. Lawrence J. Larcade at Union and Grolee Streets for the sum of \$6500.00. From the above you will note the activity of the real estate market in Opelousas.

Mr. J. C. Keller, manager of the Libness visitor to Opelousas this week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bailey on last Sunday night, a fine boy and his name is John Parker Bailey. George Parker, of Grand Prairie was transacting business in town on Wednesday.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Opelousas, La.

Dear Sirs:—Now that it seems certain your good efforts are about to result in securing a modern and capacious water, light and power plant, I want to offer without cost to the city the services of this office to the city for fire prevention, or safeguarding against fire, a service which we regard as much the function of the local fire agent as the writing of policies.

There are thousands of fires which are strictly preventable and in constructing such a plant as is contemplated, one of the first consideration should be location.

It must be apparent to every one that the present plant is ill situated from every point of view. In the first place it is too far removed from fire protection, being practically one mile, over unimproved streets, from our single fire station. There is too great a distance between the source of production, causing a waste and the ensuing expense amount of at least 33 1/3 per cent.

The proposed plant is to be a large investment, so it should be built under capable engineering direction, and so located as to be a civic improvement seen and valued by our own people, and to make a favorable impression upon the visiting and transient public.

In up to date municipalities, these plants are located in conspicuous places, kept clean and attractive, the grounds beautified and so they become places of interest and points to visit. Here, it might be built to include an attractive city hall, without adding materially to the cost.

With bonds already voted, \$150,000.00, the old plant should bring at a fair estimate \$40,000.00 making the sum of \$190,000.00 available to construct, furnish and fit the new power house.

Once a new and favorable site is selected, this office is prepared to place at your disposal, without cost, the services of the consulting engineers of the National Board of Underwriters, who have made the study of safeguarding against fire their life work. During the recent war the National Government availed itself of the service of these engineers in the construction and maintenance of all its great factories, docks, and plants for the manufacture of war materials, and it designing plans for the protection of wharves and terminals.

They will come to us with tried suggestions, plans and specifications for preventing fire and safeguards to adopt in building this plant, and all at no expense to the city. In new construction, many of these safeguarding items cost but little, others are actual savings in the construction costs, and all tend to the reduction in the rates for fire insurance.

In closing this communication, let me suggest that you enlist public opinion and public assistance in selecting the site and plans.

Let us make this one improvement in which the public is interested, and to which we can always point with pride.

Yours very truly,
A. L. LACOMBE,
General Agent.

Miss Mable Damarrait, of Elton, La. is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. J. Berlier.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurant J. Dossamann, of Fordoche, La., are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Ventre.

Miss Stella Sylvestre left Wednesday to spend her vacation with friends and relatives in Rayne, La.

Opelousas Scalps Eunice Ball Club

Local Aggregation Wins Interesting Game by the Score of 5 to 2 With Veltin in Box

With "Toby" Veltin pitching in big league form and Charlie Dejean receiving like a demon and the entire team working like a well oiled machine the Opelousas ball players played Eunice to a stand still at Giron's park Sunday afternoon, winning to the tune of 5 to 2.

Sunday's game was the first real contest of the season and as a result a large crowd of rooters from this city and Eunice attended the fray which was one of the fastest ball games played here in several years. The Opelousas club played superior ball and was entitled to a victory. Veltin pitched an excellent game while his partner Dejean caught in true form. Albert Clary was the hero of the field, making several sensational catches and as a whole the team played big league ball.

Sunday's victory for Opelousas was a crushing blow to the optimistic backers of the Eunice club, and will doubtless lead to another game between the rivals of former baseball seasons.

BUYERS ARE FOOLING THEMSELVES BY HOLDING BACK FOR A DROP IN PRICES

In brief this is the flat contradiction to the opinion so generally voiced locally that prices are due to fall, made by several of the most prominent merchandise men who make this territory.

The widespread impression created, by news dispatches from the big cities that prices are coming down prompted us to inquire of these gentlemen, whom we know to be in close touch with the situation, if there was any good ground for this belief.

In answer, they pointed out the innumerable factors in the present situation which they claim absolutely prohibit any drop in prices. Invariably they pointed out the scarcity of raw materials in all lines and the difficulty of securing the labor and transportation facilities necessary for any prompt relief.

In addition the low rate of production in manufacture because of labor scarcity and troubles and the expected increase in freight rates are mentioned as strong influences for high prices. High taxes, high interest rates and the probable resumption of trade with Russia are also declared to be vital forces in maintaining a high price scale.

"The present flurry," said the representative of a big dry goods concern "is of almost exactly the same nature as the one we had a year ago in March, when outing flannels, denim cotton prints and percales took a drop. A few big dealers were overloaded in these lines and forced selling until they unloaded. Those who waited for greater reductions suffered a costly experience.

"The wise buyer will take full advantage of any bargain a being offered now, for fundamental conditions are unchanged. Consequently, as the backward spring wears off the reaction will very likely take us to still higher price level."

ATTENTION U. S. NAVAL RESERVE MEN

Naval reserve men of the Eighth Naval District are offered a splendid summer cruise. One of the new type destroyers will leave New Orleans on July 24, returning on August 8th; another will leave New Orleans on August 14th and return September 4th. The cruise will be to Newport, Rhode Island, New York City and other points on the Atlantic Coast.

Any naval reserve men desiring to take this trip should apply to the commandant, 8th Naval District, Naval District, Naval station, New Orleans, La., in writing. Expenses to and from port of embarkation will be paid by the government. Full pay will be paid while on the trip.

Word has been received that men between 17 and 35 years of age can now enroll in the U. S. Naval Reserve force. Men so unrolled will be given one year of active duty, at the end of which time they will be released.

Men now in the naval reserve force who desire to go to sea for one year are also given a chance to do so, according to Lieutenant Commander R. P. Hinrichs, U. S. Navy Recruiting Officer at 730 Common Street, New Orleans, La.

Miss Helen Blittle of Lafayette, is the guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldman L. L'Assalle arrived on Friday evening from a few weeks sight-seeing in the middle west. Representatives, Gilbert L. Dupre, Alex. Lafleur and J. Franklin Schell were week-end visitors to Opelousas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Guchereau will have as their guest for the next fortnight, Miss Edna Garcia of New Orleans.

PEYTON R. SANDOZ URGED COMPROMISE JUDGESHIP CANDID

Prominent Opelousas Attorney Asked By Both Factions It is Rumored To Make Race

WOULD BE UNOPPOSED

Refuses to Say Whether He Will Take Office Offered Him on Account Of Meager Salary

Dame rumor has it that St. Landry and Evangeline is in for a genuine "tame" political scrimmage in that there is much talk about a compromise candidate for district judge—one that would be suitable to the faction in office and as satisfactory to those fighting the administration.

Prominent politicians on both sides have been expressing the desire to see partisan politics laid aside in the judgeship race, because a district judgeship is and should be a dignified office. The candidate should be one who has been elected after a bitter political contest. As a result of this talk and after casting eyes about the available timber, it is stated, the consensus of opinion falls upon the shoulders of Peyton R. Sandoz, who, it is said will be acceptable to all factions.

Judge B. H. Pavy, it is understood, has repeatedly said that he would prefer not being a candidate for re-election and openly told his friends that in the event Mr. Sandoz would be a candidate he would retire from the contest. It is said that Mr. Sandoz has been told that the would be unopposed if he would consider entering the race.

Mr. Sandoz admitted to the editor of the Star-Progress that he had been approached by leaders of the two political factions and was being urged to enter the race. He said however, that at the present salary he could not possibly sacrifice his legal practice for the judgeship, but that if the outlook for the increase was bright enough he might decide to offer himself as a candidate.

It is an admitted fact that the judge of this court is inadequately paid. The salary of \$3000 which the judge receives is less than any lawyer at the Opelousas makes at the present time. He has his expenses to pay both here and in Ville Platte and it is said that these can not be estimated at less than \$1000, thereby leaving him a salary of less than \$200 per month for the most dignified position in St. Landry.

Mr. Sandoz said that the would make a statement within the next two or three weeks, thereby acquainting his friends in both parishes as to his intentions.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FIRNBERG FAMILY

Mrs. Lena Firnberg Mayer, wife of the late Herman Mayer of Waco, Texas, died in Rochester, Minn., Friday night June 18th, and the remains will be taken to Waco, Texas for interment.

Mrs. Mayer was Lena Firnberg, who was born and reared in Opelousas. She leaves two children and three brothers, Mrs. Al. Marks of Beaumont, Texas; Joe Firnberg of Opelousas; L. M. Firnberg of Alexandria; and Isidore Firnberg.

To the bereaved family the Star-Progress extends its deep sympathy.

FRISCO TRAIN CRASHES INTO DITCH NEAR BATON ROUGE

The West bound Frisco train was completely wrecked this Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock at Oscar, La., about 25 miles from Baton Rouge, in Pointe Coupee parish. The train was turned over and every coach rolled down the steep embankment. We are told that some of the coaches were badly damaged, but no one was seriously hurt, although many received slight cuts and bruises.

As the rumor comes to us the wreck was due to a defective rail. The train was bound for Houston, from New Orleans. All of the passengers were brought back to Baton Rouge on a special train which was made up at Baton Rouge and sent out to the wrecked train.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Sandoz, and little daughter Clair Bernice, returned to their home after a lengthy visit to friends and relatives in Shreveport and Columbia, Ohio. Mrs. Sandoz was accompanied home by her charming niece, Miss Julie Melancon, of Columbia, Ohio.

Perry Major, formerly of this city but now of Port Arthur, Texas, spent several days in this city visiting at the home of his mother.