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## TRADE DAY FOR OPELOUSAS WILL BE SATURDAY, JULY 24

PLANS NOW COMPLETE FOR A TRADE DAY TO BE HELD HERE

### TO AWARD PRIZES

H. F. Richard, J. G. Lawler and Dr. R. M. Littell Will Workout Details for the Trade Day

On Saturday, July 24, the first Chamber of Commerce Trade Day will be held in Opelousas. Details are now being worked out by the committee, consisting of H. F. Richard, J. G. Lawler and Dr. R. M. Littell, which when completed will assure Opelousas of a trade day which may be expected to be as successful as those which have been held for years in Texas and in other towns in this state.

Shelves and booths will be arranged on the Court House square where the planters and farmers may display their produce to advantage and where the housewife of Opelousas may go and buy the best that is grown in the parish. The Chamber is working on a plan which will assure every person who brings anything for sale that it will be sold. While this may not be entirely the case on the first Saturday, as the plan works out it will not be long before there will be a market for everything which is brought in.

The vacant lot across from the court house square has been secured from the Jacobs News Co., and upon this lot will be shown stock for sale or trade. Arrangements will be made so that in case of rain proper shelter will be furnished for all animals entirely without cost to the owner.

A number of cases have been brought to the attention of the Chamber where persons desiring to purchase registered stock have sent to other states and paid freight upon animals when some one in the parish had exactly what was wanted and could have sold it for less than was paid for the imported stock. With a successful trade day established this condition will cease to exist as every one who has something to sell or trade will know where he can dispose of it.

Every Saturday this trade day will be held and anyone having anything for sale or trade is urged to have it on the grounds. The merchants and people generally in Opelousas will do everything that they can to make a market which will be satisfactory in every way. The Chamber of Commerce stands in the position of being between the buyer and seller in this; that they will guarantee everyone a square deal. Any one having a complaint is urged to bring it to Secretary Dupre and he will see that the difficulty is fairly adjusted, which will be satisfactory to both parties.

Cards will be furnished to people throughout the parish so that they may advise the Chamber as to what they have for sale or trade. If these cards are returned early in the week the list will be published in the paper and will also be posted on the bulletin board in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, so that anyone interested may find out before coming to the trade day just what he may expect to find there.

There are only two things necessary to the success of this day—that the articles be brought in and that the buyers shall be there. The Chamber acts simply as a medium for bringing the buyers and seller together, has nothing to sell itself and makes no profit on any transaction.

No charge will be made for any service which the Chamber may be able to render. Space will be free and the services of the Chamber will be at the command of everyone.

Don't miss the big dance to be given by the boys at Rayne, Wednesday, July 14. Music by the famous Toot Johnson Band of Baton Rouge.

### STORK VISITS CLINT MORNHINVEG'S HOME

On Thursday noon there was born to Mrs. Clint Mornhinveg a fine boy, and the editor of the Star-Progress notices papa Clint wearing a very fatherly smile, so he proudly stated that Clint, Jr., and mother were doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart and their guests Misses Tyree and Johnson of Tennessee spent the week-end at Second Lake.

Mrs. Owens of New Orleans spent several days in town guest of Mr. and Mrs. Laurant Lacombe and her sister, Mrs. Roy Edwards.

Miss Corinne Lacombe is visiting friends and relatives in the Crescent City.

Dewey Fox of Galveston, Texas, spent the week-end in town, guest of his mother, Mrs. O. Fox.

## LOUISIANA GETS EXHIBIT SPECIALIST

A. A. Ormsby has recently been appointed as specialist in exhibits for the state of Louisiana with headquarters at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, announced W. R. Perkins, Director of Education, Louisiana State University.

The duties of the specialist in exhibits will be to promote and develop a useful system of community and parish fairs and furnish information and assistance to farmers, club members and other persons in collecting, assembling and displaying agricultural exhibits for educational purposes at community, parish and other fairs. He will work out a plan for the better coordination of the Extension forces in conducting extension schools and rural organization.

The farm and home demonstration agents will assist Mr. Ormsby in working up interest among the people in the different communities and will lend aid in the collecting and assembling of materials for exhibits.

## PARISH HEALTH NURSE ASSURED

### MRS. M. COALE ALPHA OF NEW ORLEANS MAKE FINE TALK BEFORE POLICE JURY

At the last meeting of the police jury Mrs. R. M. Littell, assisted by Mrs. Kirk and Dr. R. M. Littell made an appeal for a suitable appropriation for the maintenance of a parish public health nurse. They were told the matter could be more intelligently handled by letting it lay over until next meeting.

At the meeting on Monday and Tuesday Mrs. Littell again appeared with her supporters, this time she came determined to win. She was very ably assisted by Dr. Albert Pavy and Mrs. M. Coale Alpha, of New Orleans, who is state director of public health nursing. Mrs. Alpha made a splendid address, so convincing were her remarks when the motion for the appropriation came there were 14 for and only two against.

In September when the police jury makes its annual budget, it will provide for the parish health nurse.

### DIAMOND GETTING UP; NO BETTER INVESTMENT

Chicago.—"I have been in business fifty years," said a Chicago jeweler, "and I know of nothing that as an investment can compare with a diamond. For a half century diamonds have steadily increased in value. Hard times have checked the upward movement, but never have caused it to recede. As soon as the situation improved the upward trend set in again. Though diamond prices are now the highest in history I think the public can rest assured diamonds will never be cheaper. On the contrary, everything indicates prices will continue to advance until a maximum is reached which will place the diamond beyond the purchasing power of any but persons of great wealth."

### RACE BILL DIES THROUGH ACT OF SENATE MONDAY

Baton Rouge, La., July 5.—The Johns anti-races track gambling bill was killed by the senate Monday when the measure was indefinitely postponed. The act prohibited bookmaking, with or without writing; pool selling or gambling on horse races. The bill was reported without action by the senate judiciary committee.

### PECAN SEEDLINGS SHOULD BE BUDDED

Because there are millions of pecan seedlings in Louisiana which should be budded to desirable paper shell varieties, B. Szymoniak, associate horticulturist, Extension Division, Louisiana State University, will carry on a series of demonstrations in budding trees throughout the northern part of the state beginning July 2. Mr. Szymoniak will work in connection with the farm and parish demonstration agents in their respective parishes.

"In Madison parish the work is well under way," says Mr. Szymoniak. "A farmer just south of Tallulah, with the assistance of his agent, T. L. Watson, has top-worked some thirty-five or forty seedling trees in his pasture, having grafted these seedlings to Schley and Stuart varieties. Excellent results have been obtained from this process."

Trees that are budded will come into bearing from three to four years after the budding is done, when ordinarily it takes from ten to twenty years for seedlings to bear.

Post Office Inspector, J. Morgan Sandoz, paid Opelousas a flying visit one day last week.

Don't miss the big dance to be given by the boys at Rayne, Wednesday, July 14. Music by the famous Toot Johnson Band of Baton Rouge.

Mr. Lee A. Plauche assistant state bank examiner, was in town one day last week.

## LOCAL BANKS MAKE GENEROUS OFFER FOR TRADE DAY

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED EACH MONTH ON TRADE DAY

Through the generosity of the three Opelousas bank, working in connection with the Chamber of Commerce, arrangements are being made whereby a piece of registered stock will be given away, absolutely free, to some planter or farmer in St. Landry parish each month in connection with the "Trade Day" which the Chamber is establishing. These prizes will include registered cattle, registered swine and prize winning poultry.

It is not possible to state at this time in just what order these prizes will be given but one will be given each month.

Certificates will be given by each merchant, who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the holder of one of these certificates will secure the prize. The only condition regarding the prize is that it must be given to some one who is a planter or farmer. The object of the Chamber is two fold in offering these prizes—to create an interest in the "Trade Day" and to put out registered stock in St. Landry parish.

Both of these objects would be defeated by giving away the stock to residents of Opelousas, who are not operating farms or plantations and the Chamber feels that it may rely upon the loyalty of the citizens of Opelousas to make them glad that the prize will be won by someone who will be able to use it to advantage to himself and to his neighbors.

## FINE SAMPLE OF HONDURAS RICE AT PROGRESS OFFICE

GROWN ON JOHN BRINKMAN PLANTATION NEAR PORT BARRE

On Monday we received a sample of Honduras rice grown by Mr. John Brinkman near Port Barre on Bayou Courtableau. The heads were large and well developed and Mr. Brinkman says he has about 100 acres that he will cut and be ready to market about August 1st.

There is quite a bit of rice planted in the bayou Courtableau and Bayou Teche countries, and we are correctly informed there is about ten thousand acres planted in rice within wagon haul from the City of Opelousas. It would appear from such data that Opelousas could well afford to have a rice mill, and such a movement no doubt would receive the hearty support of the people.

### SHORT COURSE OFFERED FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The sixth annual short course for Louisiana agricultural club members, will be held at the Louisiana state university, July 29, to August 4, inclusive, announces W. C. Abbott, state boys and girls club agent. It will be attended by boys and girls who have made the best records in their work during the years of 1919-1920, and a few others from parishes where there are no demonstration agents, who wish to receive benefits of the instructions in the short course. The boys who will take the northwestern dairy trip will assemble here on August 2 preparatory to leaving on August 3, and it is hoped that they will come ahead in time to receive the instructions offered at the short course.

A carefully arranged schedule of class-room and laboratory work on agricultural subjects has been prepared which will prove beneficial to those fortunate enough to attend. In planning the short course the recreation side was not overlooked. A special feature of entertainment this year will be the use of the community swimming pool and all club children are urged to bring their swimming suits. The girls will swim in the early morning, while the boys will have the use of the pool in the evening.

The expenses of the club members attending the short course are paid by local banks, school boards, railway companies, business men, and in a number of cases by the individuals themselves. The students are quartered in the university dormitories, for which no charge is made. They get their meals at the university cafeteria, at very reasonable rates.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dufflo and their two little children, Elise and Alvin, left Saturday for Kingsville, Texas, where they expect to spend three or four weeks.

## E. K. EASTHAM LEAVES FOR MARKET

Mr. E. K. Eastham, president of the Chamber of Commerce and the progressive and popular manager of Bennetts Store, Inc., left Sunday via Gulf Coast Lines for Eastern markets.

The Bennett Stores Inc., carry a complete line of goods furnishing and ladies ready-to-wear, and this store has made wonderful progress under the able and progressive management of Mr. Eastham.

The slogan of this store is to give to their customers the best goods possible for the least amount of money, and to do this. The Bennett Stores, Inc., send Mr. Eastham to the New York market each season to make personal selections of the choicest merchandise offered on the eastern market.

## BARILLEAUX SELLS HALF INTEREST IN CONFECTIONARY

J. A. CORMIER, FORMALLY WITH AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS BECOMES PARTNER

During the past week a business deal of much interest to the pleasure loving people of Opelousas was consummated.

Mr. Barilleaux sells half interest in his popular confectionary business to Mr. J. A. Cormier, a native of Port Barre, but up to a short while ago was in the automobile business in Opelousas.

This up-to-date confectionary has grown in leaps and bounds and represents large investment, and the many patrons will be glad to learn that Mr. Cormier has become Mr. Barilleaux's business associate.

### K. OF C. IS OPPOSED TO FEDERALIZED EDUCATION

Chicago, Ill., July 5.—Resolutions calling for adequate pay for public school teachers and condemning any attempt at federalization of education were passed Sunday by the Knights of Columbus national educational convention.

A greeting from France was received by the convention in a cable from Dr. Marcel Knecht, French high commissioner to the United States, who is now in Paris. He stated Premier Millerand had taken personal direction of the French arrangements for the reception of the forthcoming France for the presentation of a statue of Lafayette to Metz. General Pezain, the message read, would preside at the Franco-American celebration in Verdun and Marshal Foch would preside at Metz.

### LA'VTELL NEWS

Mr. C. N. Bertrand made a business trip to Opelousas on Monday.

Mrs. T. Bertrand and daughter Leonie, and Mrs. Dallas P. Pitre visited relatives in Prairie Ronde on Tuesday.

Mr. A. E. Lafleur made a flying visit on Monday.

Mrs. Emar Lafleur and daughter Glade, Miss Rosa Andrepoint, Miss Alice Andrepoint, Emma Durio, Anna Dupre were some of the many of Prairie Ronde who attended the dance here Tuesday night.

Miss Pauline Andrepoint and sister, Mrs. E. Joubert and son were Prairie Ronde visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. A. M. Bertrand is recovering from a serious spell of sickness.

Mrs. Fred Vidrine and son, John, Miss Marie Lafleur and sister, Beatrice of Plaisance enjoyed the dance here Tuesday.

Among those from Opelousas who attended the dance here Tuesday night were Miss Aline Castille, Miss Rosa Fields and Miss Helen Sandoz.

Mrs. T. J. Bertrand and friends visited relatives in Iota Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Lafleur, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lafleur motored to Lafayette on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lastie Pitre are visiting relatives in De Ridder, La.

Miss Daisy Lafleur and sister, Vercy visited friends in Opelousas Monday.

Mr. eGorge Going from Opelousas was here on business on Thursday.

Mrs. Flynn Lafleur was in Swords Wednesday working on his father's rice farm.

## TO DIG OIL WELL NEAR OPELOUSAS AT AN EARLY DATE

IT IS RUMORED THAT WELL WILL BE DUG ON VELTIN FARM NEAR OPELOUSA

There is a rumor being circulated that a St. Louis Company will within the next 30 days start digging for oil on Mr. Arthur Veltin's place near the city of Opelousas. We are told that the project is backed by a large syndicate and that they have made full investigation and are highly pleased by the geological survey. The indications are, as same rumor has it, first class, and that old Opelousas may become the queen of oil cities in the state in the very near future. Some interested parties from the middle west have been here for some days and are eager to see real work on well started.

There is no doubt that there is something behind this matter, but to what extent we cannot say, however we are of the opinion that oil is plentiful all through this section and all that we need is to have a company with nerve and money enough to make the start. The quicker the machinery for the construction of the well arrives, the better we will like, and if old rumor can materialize watch Opelousas place herself on the map.

### MRS. DAVID BERTRAND UNDERGOES SERIOUS OPERATION

Mrs. David Bertrand of Mamou, La., who has been sick for some weeks was taken to the Turo Infirmary, New Orleans, on last Monday, and we learn that she underwent a most serious operation on Tuesday. Dr. E. Denege Martin was the attending surgeon.

Mrs. Bertrand, is the daughter of our popular assessor elect, Mr. Reni Fontenot and the many friends of the family will regret to learn of Mrs. Bertrand's illness.

### TOM LEWIS FIRNBERG HAS AN ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Firnberg were notified that their son, Tom Lewis had been taken to the Baton Rouge sanitarium with an acute attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Firnberg took the next train for Baton Rouge, and we learn that Tom had been operated on and that it was a complete success and the young man was doing nicely.

The Star-Progress together with the many friends of the Firnberg family wishes Tom a speedy recovery.

### PARKER SEES VICTORY

Baton Rouge, La., July 6.—Governor Parker is not personally acquainted with Governor Cox of Ohio, but he can vouch personally for Franklin D. Roosevelt being a good fellow. In this connection he said Tuesday afternoon after being informed of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination for the vice-presidency:

"Personally, I do not know Governor Cox of Ohio, but for years have known well and intimately Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is the assistant secretary of the navy, a man of tireless energy marked ability and one of the most straightforward men it has ever been my privilege to meet.

"In 1916, when campaigning for President Wilson, I had occasion to go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and went immediately to a hotel. I had not been there ten minutes when Franklin Roosevelt dropped up to see me and wanted to know why I had not gone to his house and I told him I didn't want to embarrass him. He immediately took my grip, took me to his charming home and to a delightful luncheon, and then afterwards said, instead of embarrassing him, it was a pleasure to introduce me to a splendid and responsive audience.

"I have never forgotten either the luncheon or the introduction, and perhaps, in the course of the coming campaign, I may have an opportunity to show my appreciation. He is a splendid man and a splendid citizen, and the Democratic Party honors itself when it makes this kind of a man."

### CAPT. C. D. STEEL, OF GRAND COTEAU IS PROUD FATHER

A bouncing baby girl was born to Mrs. Charles D. Steel at the Women's Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Capt. and Mrs. Steel will visit Mrs. Steel's uncle, Dr. M. Gibson Porter at Roland Park, Maryland, and then Mrs. Steels home in Perryman, Maryland, and expect to reach Grand Coteau, La., about the 15th of August, where Capt. Steel will be in charge of the boys at the college again this session, as military instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lafleur and children of Ville Platte were visitors to Opelousas one day last week.

## POLICE JURY AND SCHOOL BOARD ENJOY RECEPTION

Mrs. Kirk and Miss Lena Marine, assisted by many others delightfully entertained the members of the police jury and the school board on Tuesday, July 6th. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Kirk took the opportunity to let the members of those parish organizations see for themselves that the boys and girls clubs were accomplishing many good things.

Those who assisted Mrs. Kirk and Miss Marine, were: From Sunset, Misses Lynn Burleigh and Louise Daly; from Grand Prairie, Misses Edith and Lena Doucet, eParl Lafleur and Annie Fontenot; from Maljet, Misses Luna Andrepoint; Lawtell, Miss Hazel Pitre and from Opelousas, Misses Della Robert, Bonnie Kerr, Pearl and Connie Anding.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL PASSES HOUSE

FIGHT OVER SUBMISSION CLAUSE IN CONVENTION BILL REACHES BITTER STAGE

Representative Dupre Wired On Saturday Bill Passes House to Submit Same to the People

Debate over the constitutional convention bill waxed to the bitter point, when two of the representatives threatened to resign their posts if the amendment providing for submission to the people of the new constitution was carried.

Governor Parker himself drew the issue clearly not only by giving the administration stamp of approval to the Chappuis Bill, which makes no provision for submitting the constitution as drafted to the people, but also by sending a special message to the assembly Thursday night, asking passage of the happier bill without amendment.

The battle stage was set, and every soldier in the cause was called to arms; the enemies of the bill sounded the note of warning and rallied its forces for the bitter struggle to ensue. The representatives defending the bill without amendment, were: Smith, Borron, Chappuis.

Judge Gilbert L. Dupre declared the measure arrogant, and thoroughly undemocratic, and charged that men were voting for it against their own convictions simply at the request of governor. Judge Dupre delivered by far the most telling blow against the bill and wired on Saturday morning that after a most bitter struggle the house passed the bill submitting the call of the convention to the people and whether or not the constitution should be submitted to the people.

Mr. Aaron Prescott of Baton Rouge, La., who has been spending sometime with his brother, returned to his home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Goldman Lassalle has returned from a very enjoyable trip north, visiting Milwaukee, Chicago, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati and spent the remainder of her stay with her sister, Mrs. Leo Lassalle, in Dayton, O.

Miss Leonie Mistic, charming daughter of Mr. P. Mistic, was in New Orleans this week.

Misses Lillian Lassalle and Bessie Ardoin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gotch motored to Eunice Sunday and took in the ball game.

Miss Aline Durio left Monday for Abbeville where she will be employed at the Abbeville sanitarium.

Miss Estelle Richard after spending sometime with friends and relatives here returned to her home in Abbeville Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Viola Bourdier, who will be her guest for a week or ten days.

Mrs. Geo. Bourdier and children after spending a few days in Port Barre as the guest of her sister Mrs. John Brinkman returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. Elijah Fisher and son Daniel who are working on a road contract at Elton, La., visited their home here on Sunday.

Mr. Harry K. Whittington who accompanied his sister, Mildred to Biloxi Miss., returned Saturday.

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### More Parish Boards Created by Shell

Baton Rouge, La., July 7.—By a vote of 26 to 13, the senate Wednesday morning passed Representative Shell's bill providing for the creation of a parish board of equalization which will review the tax rolls of the various parishes, instead of the police juries. The bill was strongly opposed by Senator A. H. Mouton, of Evangeline.

## RETAIL MERCHANTS ORGANIZE MONDAY

M. WINSBERG MADE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION

Retail merchants met at the Chamber of Commerce offices Monday night at seven o'clock and took preliminary steps toward organizing a Retail Merchants' Association. The purpose of the meeting was outlined by Secretary Deyo, after which Mr. M. Winsberg was elected temporary chairman.

The purpose of the organization, as outlined, will be to protect the merchants of the city in every way possible. While this association will be made up of members of the Chamber of Commerce it will have an entirely separate organization, will have its own officers and will conduct its own business. One of the purposes will be to protect merchants against credit losses and to provide a means of ascertaining whether or not customers are worthy of credit.

Chairman Winsberg appointed the following committee on rules and regulations: A. Jacobs, Sidney Roos, A. T. Sandoz, A. Clary, and F. F. Holler. This committee will meet during the week and will report to the association at the next meeting, which will be held Monday night, July 12, at seven o'clock.

The committee wishes that every merchant in Opelousas may be present at the next meeting, as it is only by securing the co-operation of all that a great success may be made. This association will not be confined to merchants of Opelousas but any retail merchant in St. Landry parish is eligible to membership. An invitation will be issued to all merchants in surrounding towns to become associated in the work, in order that its scope may be parish-wide.

### FOX-CHACHERE NUPTIALS CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY

Wednesday evening at seven thirty o'clock, the spacious parlor of the priest's home at the St. Landry Catholic church, was the scene of a marriage ceremony which united Alice Josephine Chachere and Frank C. Fox.

Alice is too well known to the people of Opelousas to require any introduction. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chachere, she has long been a favorite and much admired in both social and business circles. As a business girl with the Southern Pacific system, she took a man's position in the office during the early days of the war, made rapid advancement and gained such popularity with the officials and the business public that no one can take her place.

Mr. Fox, who has been a resident of Opelousas some two years, has won many friends by his attention to business and by his uniform courtesy to every one with whom he comes in contact. He is also in the railway service of the T. & P. lines at their local station and is regarded as a rapidly coming railroad executive.

In wishing this young couple the happiness, health and success they so richly deserve, it is an added pleasure for the Clarion to announce they will remain permanent citizens of our city and have moved into their new and attractive bungalow on the corner of East Bellevue and Walnut streets, where they will be at home to their friends after July 20th.

### IN MEMORY

(Of little Betty Joe Webster, nine months' old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Webster).

In the dead of the winter Like a flower she came A smile like the sun shine Just after a rain

Though a little stranger She came to our town But soon loved by all Whom she was around, Just a wee little tot, Not yet able to walk And trying so hard just to Learn how to talk.

To her grand-parents she went, With her mother, to see But we all did not dream How long it would be.

But God know's best— And perhaps she is best In her home of the happiest rest. God waited until she was safe, at her parents old home, to carry her on to his heavenly throne.

Dear father and mother we feel for you too. But what God has done— No one can undo. You will miss her smiles and little out-stretched hands. But don't call her back to this miserable land.

By those who loved her, MR. AND MRS. R. P. COLLINS AND FAMILY.

Mr. Leon Campbell of Barbreck was a business visitor in Opelousas Sunday.