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## OPELOUSAS HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN ITS DOORS TO ITS PUPILS ON SEPTEMBER 6TH

Stow away your toys you growing boys and girls, its school days! Its tough we know to start to school, when all the world seems to be calling you. But the Powers that Be have decreed that school must keep. So bring out your text books, sharpen your pencil and find the old lunch basket for its school days.

Listed below you will find on just what day your schools opens.

The following public schools of St. Landry will open on September 6. Opelousas High School. Washington High School. Melville High School. Eunice High School. Sunset Junior High School. Port Barre Junior School. Leonville Graded School. Arnaudville Graded School. Whiteville High School. Palmetto School. South Bellevue School. Krotz Springs School. Upper Waxia School. Lower Waxia School. Lawtell Graded School. Morrow Graded School.

Open October 4th. Nottleyville School. Bristol School. Teche School. Baudeau School. Richard School. Plaquemine Point School. Rosa School. Bayou Jacy School. Big Cane School. Beaugh School. Lewisburg School. Pitreville School. Swords School. Pairle Ronde School. Andrepont School. Mallet School. Garland School. Landry School. Sylvestre School. Savole School. Leger School. Prairie Des Fammes School. Miller School.

Colored School Opelousas and Washington open on September 20. All other colored schools will open on October 4.

## ANOTHER COLLEGE FOR SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

This institution of learning known as the Evangeline college, is located at Basile, a charming community of some eight hundred inhabitants on the boarder line between Evangeline and Acadia parishes, where the woods and prairie meet in the southern part of Louisiana.

This school had its inception under the development of the Methodist Episcopal church, under the leadership of Rev. Stephen Williams, with the hearty co-operation of Mr. Walter McCain. More than \$17,000.00 has been subscribed locally.

For the first year the work of this school will be confined almost entirely to taking care of the local need. To meet this demand a board of trustees has been formed, and a building suitable for present needs is now under construction. While, the aim is to supply the local demand, yet those in charge will be glad to welcome students from abroad who may desire to pursue their studies here.

This school is not sectarian, and has the hearty endorsement of Bishop Thirkield, who until recently was a resident of New Orleans and charge of this area. The course of study is being outlined so as to conform to the requirements for state approval.

## UNITED STATES GRADES FOR SWEET POTATOES

RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture recommends the following grades as a standard for the grading and marketing of sweet potatoes.

U. S. grade No. 1 shall consist of sound sweet potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are practically free from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, decay, bruises, cuts, scars, cracks and damage caused by heat, disease, insects (including weevils), or mechanical or other means.

The diameter of each sweet potato shall not be less than one and three quarters inches nor more than three and one-half inches, and the length shall not be less than four inches nor more than ten inches, but the length may be less than four inches if the diameter is two and one-quarter inches or more.

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling, five per cent, by weight, of any lot may not meet the requirements as to diameter and length, and in addition, six per cent, by weight, may be below the remaining requirements of the grade.

Any lot in which the diameter is not less than one and one-half inches and which contains a greater percentage by weight of sweet potatoes below one and three-quarter than is permitted in U. S. Grade No. 1, but which otherwise meets the requirements of such grade shall be designated as U. S. Grade No. 1 medium.

Any lot in which the length is not less than six inches nor more than twelve inches and which contains a greater percentage by weight of first sweet potatoes above ten inches in length than is permitted in U. S. Grade No. 1, but which otherwise meets the requirements of such grade shall be designated as U. S. Grade No. 1 long.

U. S. grade No. 2 shall consist of sound sweet potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, not meeting the requirements of the foregoing grades, on it was a pitcher's duel; both which are free from serious damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, decay, bruises, cuts, wet as Cuba. In the eighth inning Lewis made the kitchen totalling a half inches nor more than three and one-half inches in diameter.

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling, five per cent by weight of any lot may not meet the requirements as to diameter, and, in addition, six per cent by weight may be below the remaining requirements of this grade similar.

U. S. Jumbo grade shall consist of sound sweet potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are free from serious damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, decay, bruises, cuts, scars, cracks, heat, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means, and which are not less than three and one-half inches in diameter.

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling, five per cent by weight of any lot may be less than the diameter prescribed, and, in addition, six per cent by weight may be below the remaining requirements of this grade.

U. S. Grade No. 3 shall consist of sweet potatoes not meeting the requirements of any of the foregoing grades.

## Stations of the Cross for Catholic Church Have Arrived

The Stations of the Cross ordered by Very Rev. A. B. Colliard, pastor of the local Catholic Church have come in. They will however not be erected at present because of the work now going on in the church.

These stations of the cross fourteen in number, were contributed by different members of the congregation.

Each person or family who donated a statue will have his name inscribed on it as a memorial to him. The names of the donors of the various stations are as follows:

Mrs. F. S. Richard; J. B. Hidalgo family; Mizal family; Etienne Daigle; Joe Bordelon; Mrs. Pierre Mistic; Mrs. V. S. Thomson; Mrs. Pierre Mistic; Mrs. J. B. Sandoz, Mr. Larcade; Mr. Sandoz; Mr. Cretin; Mrs. E. P. Veazie; Dr. Chas. Boagel.

## OLD HUMBLE COTTAGE IN UNINTERRUPTED EXISTENCE FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS

STARTS ITS NEW CENTURY IN ALL ITS GLORY—PROMINENT MASONRY COME TO HELP THEM WELCOME IT

When we look back over the history of our country and read the story of its birth, just one hundred and forty-four years ago; when we realize what constituted America then—just a little smattering of people scattered along the Atlantic seaboard, numbering not more than three and one-half millions, with all the South a mere wilderness and the great trackless desert wastes of the West unknown—we can scarcely conceive of how it is possible that in our midst there should be an institution that can lay just claim to the distinction of having had an uninterrupted period of existence that dates back for a period of one hundred years. And yet, on last Thursday, Opelousas witnessed a ceremony, quite unique in the annals of American history, in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19 of the Masonic order.

Like a good ship that has ploughed all the seven seas, through wind and storm and calm, until at last she has come into sight of some more hospitable port where she can safely ride at anchor, nor fear to-morrow's weather, "Old" Humble Cottage has, by her persistent endeavors and continual

striving, struggled on and on through peace and prosperity, war and adversity, while one by one the year have rolled by and the fleeting moments have left all their cares behind. Indeed, all was not bright for her that century just gone by, but uncertain though her voyage might have been in the past, who now can count her days, even at her age.

The day dawned bright and sunny with scarcely a cloud to be seen in the skies, and from all over the state came hundreds of visitors, representing practically every degree in Masonry from the thirty-third down to the first and including all of the Grand Lodge officers. It was a beautiful spectacle to witness these friends of Humble Cottage come to pay honor to her venerable age. But while the ostensible cause of the gathering was to commemorate her death of the past and rejoice with her on the anniversary of her launching a hundred years ago, to those of us who were fortunate enough to be present during the ceremony, we could not but feel that they had come to help humbly cottage for another hundred years to come.

The Progress joins Humble Cottage many friends in extending her congratulations for the many milestones passed, and in wishing her a bright and prosperous voyage through out all time to come.

## URGES FARMERS TO LEAVE LOW GRADE COTTON UNGATHERED

PRESIDENT WANAMAKER MAKES STINGING REBUKE TO THE MODERN SHYLOCK

It would seem that certain people in their selfish greed would absolutely disregard the fearful penalty that will follow their acts. All records of past from the prehistoric on to today plainly show that agriculture is the foundation stone of civilization and commerce; that every time agriculture has been throttled it has brought wreck and ruin. Nineveh, Babylon, and Rome and every other nation paid fearful penalty as result of disregarding this great truth. In eighteen twenty in America eighty-seven per cent of population were engaged in agriculture; nineteen twenty only thirty-two per cent so engaged. Two million families in the South engaged in producing cotton; sixty-two per cent do not own homes but are tenant families. One million eight hundred thousand women working as agricultural laborers in America; of this number one million, five hundred thousand working cotton fields of the South.

Central Europe is in desperate need of raw material, especially off grade cotton. World is facing enormous increased demand for raw cotton. Still regardless of this price being offered is far below the cost of production and if accepted would mean financial ruin to producer. Peace and prosperity worldwide can only come through world markets unrestricted for agricultural products and intense commercial activity. Markets of the world should be opened for products from fields, mines, factories in America, especially for cotton, a world necessity. It is plainly the duty of our government to protect, promote and up-build agriculture nationwide; to assist in securing efficient and economy in handling and marketing of our agricultural products. It is their binding duty, based upon the spirit of our Constitution Declaration of Independence, to secure unrestricted world markets. It is far more noble to prevent a calamity than to treat it after it has befallen. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. It is assisting to prevent a calamity. Samson in his blindness and helplessness justly pulled down the foundation stone of the temple. It is unthinkable that today his act is being repeated be men solely for selfish purposes.

Colonel W. B. Thompson has wonderful grasp of situation. His advice to leave low grade cotton ungathered is based upon the great law of self-preservation, and will be followed throughout the cotton belt. In addition to this we have representatives in Central Europe for the purpose of arranging details for furnishing low grade cotton on hand to these nations based upon any terms and credit necessary to enable them to secure it. If necessary have assurance that large amount off grade cotton will be donated for purpose furnishing Central Europe with raw material for work. Amount of cotton in America tenderable on exchange we find is smallest in the last decade. The temple shall not be destroyed, but the mills of the Gods that grind slowly but grind exceedingly fine will destroy those who it seems are willing to wreck civilization for self-aggrandizement.

## NEGRO PARISH FAIR PLANNED FOR OCT.

ST. LANDRY COLORED FARMERS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE ON OCTOBER 16-17

Every possible effort is being put forth by the Executive Board of St. Landry Colored Farmer's Conference for one of the biggest fairs ever held in this part of the state by negroes. Prof. Robert F. Long, the director, and Jules Perrodin, the president and other members of the board are leaving no stone unturned to make the fair a wonderful success.

This project was launched last year as a result of the summer training school held here for negroes under the department of education. Out of the efforts has grown the farmers' conference which is a live organization which meets the last Saturday of each month.

This conference fosters the interest of the farmer and has the endorsement of the leading business and professional men of this parish and state. The fair last year was pronounced a decided success. Many were the exhibits displayed in the line of live-stock, poultry, farm products, as well as garden products, canned goods, fancy work, and in fact every industry of the negroes of this section of the state.

It is desired that every business organization, firm and citizen do something to help foster this worthy movement on the part of our colored farmers. The fair will show the wonderful possibilities of the soil connected with the thrift of a working people. It is believed on the part of the management that nothing will go farther to allay the unrest and a desire to emigrate to other climes than a hearty good feeling between the races and the prosperous condition of the colored man that is manifest in St. Landry parish. It is conceded by all that a prosperous man is as a rule a happy man. Hence, it is desired that the fair will be instrumental in encouraging the colored man to put forth his best endeavor in helping himself to the fullest extent of his ability. With this in mind, the management is untiring in the effort to make this fair worthy of the great parish of St. Landry.

Prominent speakers of both races are being invited to speak at the fair. An invitation has been extended to Governor John M. Parker, and R. F. Long, Jules Perrodin, D. S. Locks, Dave Smith and James Ballard were sent as a delegation to Baton Rouge to present the invitation to the governor. This commission was made to feel, by the governor, that an industrious man is an asset to his commonwealth and not a liability; and that the best people are always on the side of an honest man striving to live up to his best endeavors; that the good white people of Louisiana are with any group of people working honestly to make the state in which they live much better than it is by giving his last ounce of devotion to the up-lift of all concerned.

The month of October, the dates are Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th. Let ever progressive negro in St. Landry bring something to this fair and show to the world what is being done in this locality. Prof. W. B. Prescott desires that the negro schools have an excellent educational exhibit on display. Let every negro school in the parish be represented in this fair.

## FREE STOCK AND OTHER PREMIUMS FOR TRADE DAY

MERCHANTS, BANKS AND CHAMBER TO GIVE AWAY STOCK AND OTHER ARTICLES

Next Saturday is the first real "Trade Day" which the Chamber of Commerce has planned for Opelousas. The first one on which premiums were offered was a month ago, on July 24, but the idea was new here at that time and was not thoroughly understood. Since that time many have taken advantage of the opportunity offered to bring in their produce and dispose of it on the court house square each Saturday. However there has not been the inducement of free stock and trade certificates.

Each month, one Saturday has been named as "Stock Day" and everyone who has stock to dispose of or who wishes to buy stock of any kind will undoubtedly, take advantage of this opportunity to meet the other people of the parish and find out what they have. A number of farmers and planters have advised the Chamber of Commerce that they will have their stock on the grounds next Saturday.

Among the stock which will be offered, unless it is sold before that time, are registered Jersey Bulls, milk cows, mares, jacks, beef cows, horses, stallions and calves. In addition to the live stock there will probably be other articles, including second hand engines and other farm machinery.

These "Trade Days" give the farmer an opportunity to pick up some stock or other articles at a low price and yet get exactly what he wants, if it is in the neighborhood. On the other hand, they give the man who has surplus stock a place where he can show it and find a buyer, without going to the expense of advertising it or traveling around the parish.

To add to the interest, the Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a number of prizes which will be given free at three o'clock on the monthly "Trade Days." These are as follows:

- First:—Registered Short Horn Heifer—given by the banks of Opelousas.
  - Second:—Pen of chickens—given by the Littell's Drug Store.
  - Third:—Ten dollars in trade on any merchant, who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce—given by the Chamber.
  - Fourth:—Five dollars in trade on any merchant who is a member of the Chamber of Commerce—given by the Chamber.
  - Fifth:—Year's subscription to the farm magazine "Modern Farmer"—given by J. G. Lawler.
  - Sixth:—Year's subscription to the Clarion—given by the Clarion publishing Co.
- All merchants, who are members of the Chamber of Commerce, give tickets to their customers and there are only one or two provisions regarding the distribution. The first is that the short horn heifer will not be given to anyone who is not a farmer. The second is that none of the premiums will be given to persons who are not represented on the court house square at three o'clock.
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## Arnaudville Romps On Lafayette to The Tune of 8-3

Sunday at 3 p. m., the two teams lined up for a contest that base ball fans had long looked forward to. The Lafayette team composed mostly of Southern Pacific railroad men seemed to have the material which would assure a good game. About Lafayette pitcher was a shroud of mystery no one knew who he was or whence he came, his name on the score card was Broussard but it was whispered that he played incognito.

The game started on time with "Old Tobe" on the mound twirling for Arnaudville. He struck out the first three men. This brought the first team to bat. Lewis led off with twelve inches and which contained a greater percentage by weight of first sweet potatoes above ten inches in length than is permitted in U. S. Grade No. 1, but which otherwise meets the requirements of such grade shall be designated as U. S. Grade No. 1 long.

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## Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND THE REGULAR SESSION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The general public and especially members of the Chamber of Commerce is invited and urged to attend any or all meetings of the board of directors of that body. These meetings are held in the Chamber of Commerce office at eight o'clock on the evenings of the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

The next meeting is on Wednesday August 25. At these meetings of the Board the general policy of the Chamber of Commerce activities it outlined and matters bearing on the work are discussed.

## A CREDIT TO THE STREET

Without interruption of business or inconvenience to his customers, J. A. Dejean has moved across Main street into his new grocery store. Last Monday night after close of business the stock which remained at the old store was transferred and on Tuesday morning he opened at the new stand.

With many new fixtures remodeled according to the best ideas and everything up-to-date he now has one of the most attractive stores in Opelousas. The front is arranged much as was the old store but in the rear there is a private office and a receiving room for gods. Taken all together the store is one of which Mr. Dejean may well be proud and is a credit to the town.

Mr. Dejean stated to the Progress staff reporter that with the arrival of the new delivery truck he will be able to take care of his fast growing business and customers will get delivery on short notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mayer and children of New Orleans are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lastrapes and family.

## ST. LANDRY'S FIRST BALE OF COTTON GINNED IN OPELOUSAS

PERRE ANDERSON, COLORED FARMER IS THE FIRST TO GINNED THIS SEASON

The Peoples Gin Co. under the management of Simon Stelly, received a load of cotton Tuesday the first of the season to be ginned in this section. The bale belonged to Perre Anderson a progressive young colored farmer living one mile west of Opelousas. The Progress reporter interviewed Mr. Stelly concerning the merits of this early ginned bale and was informed that at this writing the bale had not yet been sold but that various cotton buyers had looked the sample over calling, the grade a shade under middling. The cotton man examining this bale expressed the belief that the work given on this bale was as good as could be expected considering the little chance the farmer had for drying this cotton.

At the request of the staff reporter Mr. Stelly expressed his views in the interest of all cotton farmers; as to the care they should take in saving their cotton in order to secure the best results. Mr. Stelly desires to call the attention of the farmers to this fact, that the ginners are exerting every effort to better the grades of their cotton by installing the most improved and modern machinery money can buy. Most gins are now equipped with cleaners and cleaner feeders which improves the cotton from one to two grades thereby adding \$5.00 to \$10.00 to the value of each bale; this without additional cost to the farmer. The ginner as a rule, tries to shelter that cotton as much as possible, both before and after ginning until sold. Mr. Stelly's advice to you Mr. Farmer, is make sure that you are doing your part toward protecting your own interest, your duty is; first, to leave all bad locks of cotton in the field by so doing you are saving money the rains have so damaged some of the locks that sun and attention will do no good. A small percentage of this cotton mixed with your good cotton may on a bale amount to a loss of \$40.00 or \$50.00 to you on grade, do not blame the buyer because he makes less on a bad bale than on a good one; he is subject to more unforeseen loss and consequently must protect himself. Second, we are having especially bad weather for cotton, the foliage has been excessive, consequently the cotton has little chance of properly drying on the stalk. After having picked this cotton try to bleach it in the sun as much as possible, above all don't rush it to the gin keep it longer at home and don't keep it piled high in rooms where your children may play on it and thus keep it packed. Bring it out into the air where the sun light may work on it for if you don't it will gin out with a bluish smoky shade. You are making money by taking care of it, not only in the lint, but the seed will bring you more when the cotton is thoroughly dried. Mr. Stelly's standing as a ginner of over fifteen years experience entitles

## Christman-Riseman Company Moved In New Building

Manager Ben Christman, has had crew of men busy all week moving equipment and stock into the new building on Market Street. The new concern has a floor space sufficient to do away with all congestion of stock and leave room for proper display. The fixtures themselves are especially modern and up-to-date for the convenience of the buying public an electric elevator has just been installed. In fact, the store as a whole is an asset to any community.

Mayor Loeb, secretary and treasurer and Ben Christman, president of the new firm known as Ben Christman and Ben Christman, and conservative forecasters predict a prosperous future for the new firm of Christman-Riseman and Co.

The public is cordially invited to call, and inspect the stock on hand.

## NEW MEMBERS FOR PERSHING HIGHWAY

LADIES' COMMITTEE MEETS WITH GOOD RECEPTION AND IS CONFIDENT

Twenty new members to the Pershing Way Association were added last week by the ladies committee of which Mrs. A. A. Anding is chairman. Practically all of the new members were secured in Opelousas.

Next week the ladies plan to go to the country, along the route and believe that they will have little difficulty in securing the additional desired memberships which are necessary in order that the Opelousas territory may make up its quota. Most people realize the seriousness of the situation and are ready to sign the cards when the ladies call.

This territory, including Opelousas, with not lose the highway to lack of support, when it requires one hundred more memberships the National Association, at five dollars each, to assure its passage.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton, son of Lake Charles are spending while in town guests of relative Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith of Cour' are spending sometime guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. Richardson.

Mr. Stelly offered suggestions on how to best handle cotton in order to receive the maximum price per pound. Third when the bale has been baled, if you are not going to dispose of it that day be sure that it is of the weather. Mr. Stelly says, that has seen cotton held for one quarter a cent raise; meanwhile standing in the weather without shelter of kind and when finally sold loses actual damage sometimes amount to as high as \$50.00.

Now gentlemen, Mr. Stelly knows in fact we all know that the cotton crop is short therefore lets us join together in getting all that can out of what is there for the entire year.