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GOOD ROAD MOVEMENT RECEIVES PROMISE OF FIRST FEDERAL AID

St. Landry parish is promised the first allotment of Federal Government aid funds next year, to be applied on the Pershing Way construction and other road work in the eleventh road district. This means one of the biggest boosts for good road construction in the parish that could possibly be expected.

First, of course, it means that the Pershing Way will be built on a 50-50 basis, the state and government paying for one-half the construction and the parish for the other half, which is not always the case. But this is only a part of the road work which will be assured by this appropriation.

A vote will be taken on the \$300,000 bond issue October 21 and if this is passed it will mean that there will be available approximately \$450,000 for community road construction.

This means that the eleventh road district will be able to build every community road into standard hard surface road and have highways second to none in the country. These hard surface roads will include the following:

- Washington to Grand Prairie, (already under construction).
- Devillers' to Cain's.
- Church Point (by Lee Mills').
- Pratris Ronde.
- Lawtell Road.
- Port Barre Road.

In addition to this there will be available sufficient funds to repair every road in the district requiring work done on it. In the opinion of engineers and others who are in a position to know, this is the biggest opportunity St. Landry parish has ever had to get good road mileage at a low cost.

The bond issue itself will mean only a two mill tax which is an extremely small amount to pay for standard roads throughout the district. It is, however, absolutely essential that the bond issue be carried at this time as the government aid is only given if the parish has the funds available at the time the allotment is made. With the bond issue carried St. Landry can go to the Federal Highway Department and say that they have done their share. Then the government aid will be forthcoming.

A two mill tax means every little to each property owner. On an assessed valuation of \$1,200 it amounts to only \$2.40 per year and on \$10,000 to only \$20 per year. With improved roads, such as will be built the dollar and cents value of the property will soon be increased many times the amount paid in taxes.

The following letter to Mr. John P. Thistlethwaite gives the details of the proposition and places the state squarely on record as promising the first government aid to St. Landry parish out of 1921 appropriation.

LOUISIANA
State Highway Department
New Orleans, Sept. 20, 1920.
Mr. John P. Thistlethwaite,
Chairman, 14th Road District,
Washington, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:
Confirming conference held in my office by committee composed of yourself as Chairman, Mr. E. B. Dubuisson, Frank Dimmick, D. E. Durio,

Dr. L. Lazaro and J. F. Dezauche, with reference to the attitude of the Highway Department concerning the construction of the so-called "Pershing Highway," through St. Landry parish from a point on the Jefferson Highway, at or near Roca, via Dubuisson, Barbree and Gold Dust to the intersection of the parish line between Avoyelles and St. Landry parish, also South from Dubuisson via Garland, Washington, Opelousas, Sunset and Grand Coteau then to Lafayette parish line, beg to state.

Owing to the fact that the surveys could not be completed and whipped into shape to be presented to the Federal government prior to the full allotment of all Federal funds accruing under the present allotment, this department will be unable to immediately award Federal funds to these projects.

It is the consensus of opinion, that as soon as congress meets in December, the additional funds will be appropriated for the construction of rural post roads throughout the United States and in that event this department stands committed to make the first allotment of Louisiana's portion of this fund to the construction of these two highways, which form important links as outlined by the state and Federal government in the system now proposed.

This allotment will be made on a fifty-fifty (50-50) basis—that is one-half furnished by the parish or local subdivision and the other by the state out of Federal funds.

It is expressly understood that the right-of-way must be furnished by the parish of St. Landry and will be turned over to the state and Federal government for the construction of these highways, free of all obstructions, which include the removal of houses, fences and other impediments, where the location has been changed by the locating engineer of the highway department.

Regarding the construction of a road from Opelousas to Ville Platte, I wish to state that this road does not at present embrace the system as outlined and tentatively approved by the bureau of public roads; however it is the intention of this department, as soon as the Federal government makes available additional funds to include this road in its construction program, and in the event the St. Landry Parish wishes to await the approval of the Ville Platte Highway, The Highway Department will assure you that it is our intention to allot additional funds to the parish for the construction of this road.

You fully realize that Federal and state funds are allotted only on the basis not exceeding fifty-fifty (50-50) of the cost of construction undertaken; therefore in the event St. Landry Parish does not have on hand its own half of the funds necessary to construct these roads, the allotment of Federal Aid will necessarily have to await the availability of the local appropriations. I make this statement in order to fortify myself against any criticism in the event your parish fails to do its part financially towards securing the funds for the work.

Yours very truly,
DUNCAN BUIE,
State Highway Engineer.

Sandoz-Boagni

Miss Cecilia Boagni, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Boagni, and Lawrence B. Sandoz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Sandoz, both of Opelousas, were married at the home of the bride's parents on East Landry street, last Wednesday at one o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. A. B. Collard of the Catholic Church officiating.

The elegant home had been beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns for the occasion. Although only relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present, the spacious parlors were filled with guests. The bride entered with her father, the groom being accompanied by Mr. Edward V. Boagni. She was charmingly attired as a bride and presented a picture of loveliness and womanly grace. At the conclusion of ceremony which bound these young people to each other for ever and aye they were the recipients of congratulations and good wishes from all present. Miss Myrtle Mornhinweg captured the bride's bouquet.

Delicious refreshments were served in the dining-hall and many toasts were offered to the newly-wedded, the hope being general that they would enjoy a long and happy life. Most of the guests accompanied them to the railway station to bid them au revoir, they having left the same afternoon for a trip to the Gulf Coast where they were to remain for a week or ten days before taking up their residence here.

We, in common with a host of friends, and our felicitations to these good wishes showered upon these young people on their wedding-day. They are popular here where they have been life-long residents, except while they have been away at school. The groom is a well-known lawyer here and has already proven himself a man of sterling qualities, while his bride is one of our most beautiful girls.

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TRADE DAY BETTER ATTRACTION THAN A THREE RING CIRCUS

FARMERS FEEL THAT THEY WILL GET MORE THAN THEIR MONEY'S WORTH SATURDAY

Every Saturday there is some reason for coming to Opelousas. Last Saturday there was a circus. This week is Farmers' Trade Day.

Of the two most farmers agree that the Trade Day is the better proposition because then they get something for nothing and on circus day they get—well anyway they pay for all they get. This week the Chamber of Commerce has planned an especially attractive list of premiums and, judging from the number of checks given by the merchants, the attendance will be much larger than it has been.

In addition to the other attractions two experts have been secured from the State Department of Agriculture to speak on swine and poultry raising. As a pair of pigs will be given away by the Chamber and the banks, the talk on hog raising will be especially interesting to at least one farmer.

Anyone having pigs to sell or poultry of which they wish to dispose is especially urged to bring it in at this time as the men from the Department will be glad to advise them concerning the value of the stock and what it is worth elsewhere, as well as in Opelousas. The opinion of these men is well worth having and it may be obtained without cost.

Many of the merchants have arranged window displays this week, showing some of the article which will be given away Saturday. Mornhinweg and Son, J. A. Dejean and A. Clary how some of the articles.

Arrangements have been made to have the pigs on the ground early, so that all who are interested may have the opportunity of looking them over. The Little Drug Store will offer a ham and Dr. "Bob" says it will be a real ham. He does not guarantee that it will be registered but he does guarantee it to please.

Dejean and Jacobs have offered to give four twenty-four acks of their Sunrise flour and Mr. H. F. Richard, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee, says that he could use this flour at any time. However, he will not be allowed to use it, as he has made it a rule that he will not try to secure any of the premiums.

Mr. Lawler said some time ago that it would not be possible to get new syrup as early as this and results show that he was right, as usual. There is no syrup on the market and this premium will have to be held over until next trade day.

Sugar for coffee and coffee in which to put the sugar will also be given away and these premiums are shown in Clary's window. A set of glass baking dishes will be appreciated by the woman who receives them and she can look them over in Mornhinweg's window.

Reading matter will be appreciated by anyone and this is furnished by the Star-Progress with a year's subscription to the paper and by Mr. Lawler by a year's subscription to Modern Farming. In order to make a clean sweep and be certain that everything is cleaned up four of Mr. Lafleur's brooms will be presented to some one.

The Chamber so far has carried out its promise to make the Trade Day a success if such a thing is possible. It has furnished booths for the display of produce. Has secured permission from the police jury to use the court house square for the holding of Trade Day and has been able to find a market for all the produce which could be brought in here.

At present the monthly Trade Days are more devoted to stock and poultry than to garden produce, as there is not much left in the garden. However, there will be a market for honey and chickens, for eggs and syrup, if anyone has them to dispose of. Mr. Lafleur has made the best use of Trade Day so far as he is always there with brooms to sell, and he sells them too.

All that is needed now to make the Trade Day the success it has a right to be is to get the stuff on the Court House Square to sell. There are plenty of farmers with produce, live stock or poultry who want to get some ready money for the fall shopping and the market is ready for them.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

An especially important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce offices. The ice situation here will be discussed and there will be a report from the finance committee.

Secretary Deyo made the statement yesterday morning that no member of the board, who had the interests of the Chamber at heart could afford to be absent.

Rice Association Will Advertise

New Orleans, La., Sept. 22.—A decision of great interest to every rice grower, miller, dealer and jobber was reached by the Associated Rice Millers of America, Inc., at a meeting on Friday, September 10, when it was decided to place its national advertising campaign in the hands of N. W. Ayer & Son of Philadelphia. Arriving in New Orleans early this week a corps of representatives from advertising headquarters is touring the rice belt and holding daily conferences with leaders of the industry for further study of the situation and collection of first-hand information. For the last twelve years, the house of N. W. Ayer & Son has been in close touch with the rice industry and repeatedly has expressed the opinion that prospects were offered for the exploitation of rice as a food such as could be claimed for no other cereal or product of the soil.

From 75 to 80 per cent of the rice yield is represented now in the membership of the Association Rice Millers of America, Inc., according to its officers and directors. They are confident that the movement is one that means unusual development of the industry with assurance of a stabilizing effect that will reap benefit for growers and millers connected with the association as well as jobber and dealers.

There is opportunity for a share in this benefit through co-operation of all factors connected with the raising and selling of rice and the association is anxious that the better days that are promised be enjoyed by growers as well as millers through connection with the organization.

Dr. Hugh M. Blain, manager of the association, is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of carrying the message of the rice belt to the rest of the nation. In his hands is concentrated the expenditure of money which has been contributed primarily from the comparatively small scope of the present to a maximum that will bring prosperity to hundreds and thousands of people and that will tell the nation of the new spirit of the South in recognizing and utilizing its natural advantages for the benefit not only of those concerned in the rice industry but of the nation as a whole.

Dr. Blain presents the names of the following rice millers as pioneer members of the association which seeks to stimulate membership, and stabilize the industry.

- Rickert's Rice Mills, New Orleans;
- Federal Rice Milling Co., Crowley;
- Lake Charles Rice Milling Co., Lake Charles;
- Iota Rice Mill Co., Iota, La.;
- Reppelle Rice Mill Co., Gueydan, La.;
- Carvers Teche Rice Milling Co., New Iberia, La.;
- Beaumont Rice Mills, Beaumont, Texas;
- Tyrell Rice Milling Co., Beaumont, Texas;
- Pritchard Rice Milling Co., Houston, Texas;
- Bay City Rice Milling Co., Bay City, Texas;
- El Campo Rice Milling Co., El Campo, Texas;
- Stuttgart Rice Mill Co., Stuttgart, Ark.;
- La. State Rice Milling Co., New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Bargin Bros., Baton Rouge, La.;
- McFaddin Rice Milling Co., Beaumont, Texas;
- Orange Rice Mill, Orange, Texas;
- Seaboard Rice Milling Co., Galveston, Texas.

THINGS THAT A'INT SO

By a Lawyer

1. That in case of divorce the law gives the boys to the mother and the girls to the father.
2. That when a girl reaches eighteen she is of age under the law, though a boy does not reach majority until he is twenty-one.
3. That the child of a mother who is white is white, though the father may not be white; while the child of a mother that is not white is colored no matter who the father is.

Mrs. R. Mornhinweg and daughter, Miss Myrtle, left on Sunday for the Crescent City where they will spend several days.

Dr. L. J. Bauman motored to New Iberia on Sunday.

Mr. Leo Lassalle, of Dayton, Ohio is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lassalle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roach and family little, Marguerite and Ben, Jr., Miss Corine Cautin and little James Brooks returned to New Orleans after a pleasant stay of two weeks with the former's sister Mrs. Jonna Roos.

CIRCUS DAY PASSES WITHOUT ACCIDENT OF SERIOUS NATURE

LARGE CROWD IS WELL HANDLED AND EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME

That Saturday was circus day was very evident early in the morning, when people began to line the streets in the business district and wonder when the parade would be along. Many took advantage of the fact that the trains were late to watch the unloading of the wagons, animals and tents and to go to the ground and watch the circus employees raise the "Big Top".

The families without children were out of luck. They either had to borrow some from the neighbors or else admit that they wanted to see the circus themselves. No adult human being was ever heard to admit that he wanted to see the circus himself. He always has to go "to take the children". However, it very noticeable on circus day that the "children" are sometimes just about the same size as the others who go to feed the elephant peanuts and watch the other animals perform.

In spite of rather a long delay the train finally arrived here at about the time the street parade was scheduled to start and this important part of the circus did not leave the grounds until nearly two o'clock. Never the less the circus people made good and furnished the parade although it was rather late in starting.

Although this is rather early in the season for a circus it was well attended and the grounds and the streets approaching the grounds were crowded before the parade returned and the entrance was opened. There was some criticism over the fact that peanuts retailed in the big tent at three cents for a quarter but the circus people had made a rule that the elephant should not be fed and this left more for the people. Ice cream cones were also added to the luxury lists and it was noted that on the second round the vendors did not sell as much as on the first appearance.

Well, anyway, it was circus day and undoubtedly, the cost of circling has gone up, along with everything else. Everyone seemed to think that they had their money's worth, especially those who were fortunate enough to secure passes.

In spite of the crowd there were no serious accidents. A few minor accidents were unavoidable and these were to be expected. However, the victims of these seemed inclined to taken then as a part of circus day and everyone was good natured. The electric light plant did its duty wonderfully well and to make a long story short—everyone seemed to be satisfied.

K. OF C. ELECTS OFFICERS ON SUNDAY

Opelousas Council, No. 1173, K. of C., held its annual election of officers last Sunday morning, the following being chosen:

Alfred Vidrine, G. K.; A. A. Mendoza, D. G. K.; Lawrence B. Sandoz, Chan.; Louis Guidry, Rec.; Robert Fields, Fin. Sec.; L. T. Castille, Treas.; Albert St. Cyr, warden; John Dufflho, A.; Michel Halphen, Jr., I. G.; Arthur Gouchereau, O. G.; C. Willis Roy, trustee.

With these officers the council should continue to grow and prosper and be an active force in the fraternal life of this city and parish. The newly-elected will probably be installed by District Deputy Prescott at an early day.

Postmaster Examination

At the request of the postmaster general the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Opelousas, La., on October 13, 1920 for the position of postmaster at Melville. This office has an annual compensation of \$1600.

To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination.

Application Form 2241 and full information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., in time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

PLANTERS' BANK ASSETS ARE NOW OVER MILLION AND HALF

Opelousas' youngest bank this quarter has crossed the million and a half mark. Assets of the Planters Bank and Trust Company are shown, in their statement which appears on another page, as total resources \$1,507,062.75, deposits over one million.

Some time ago the bank passed the million mark and its constant growth, under capable management, is shown by the new mark set last quarter. While it is to be expected that other Opelousas banks will show larger assets the management of the Planters' is to be congratulated upon its statement for the quarter.

AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH IS OFTEN NOT RECOGNIZED

PARISH AGENT TELLS, IN AN OPEN LETTER, HOW TO MAKE MONEY WITH POULTRY

Opelousas, La., Sept. 20, 1920.

Dear Friend:—Did you know here in this parish that we are neglecting a splendid opportunity to make some good clear cash money every year? Standard bred poultry will pay and pay handsomely for the amount of capital and labor invested.

September 20th to 25th is Poultry week in Louisiana. Every parish agent; every member of the Agricultural Extension Staff in the state will devote his or her entire time to this Poultry Drive which has as its aim, the placing of 1,000 or more pens (1 male and 4 females) of pure bred poultry throughout the state, on farms and in backyards of people who heretofore have been raising mongrels or grades.

The plan is simple. Select the breed you like best, keeping in mind the utility (egg and meat producing) values of the breed selected. Place your order with us for one pen or as many pens or individual birds as you want. The price of the pens will vary according to breed and individual quality. Ranging approximately from \$20.00 to \$42.50 per pen, f. o. b. shipping point. This drive is under the auspices of the state agricultural extension department and is being supervised by Harley L. Williams, who is state leader in poultry work. Mr. Williams is busy at the present time locating and getting the stock lined up for this drive. Every pen possible will be purchased in Louisiana and where possible in the parish in which it is wanted. Every effort possible will be used to purchase only good standard bred stock of high producing value. We realize that this is the only kind of stock that would prove satisfactory in this parish. Delivery will be made as soon after receiving your order as possible.

A small county seat town in a state adjoining Louisiana paid out to its farmers and poultry raisers in the year 1918, \$678,000.00 in cash. What would a yearly cash crop of this amount mean to our parish?

New Orleans alone consumes approximately 800 cases of eggs each twenty-four hours. New Orleans daily egg bill at present market prices is \$12,000.00 or \$4,380,000.00 yearly. New Orleans poultry bill is equally as great if not greater. What is true of New Orleans is true of the other cities throughout the state in a like ratio of population. Figures compiled by the Louisiana State University for the year 1918 show that 90 per cent of the eggs and 80 per cent of the chickens eaten in the state are imported. State poultry authorities state emphatically that as good quality poultry and eggs can, and is being produced, in limited quantities, in Louisiana as any section of the United States. Investigations by competent authorities show that at least 75 per cent of the poultry and eggs being shipped into the state are produced on land which has a much higher valuation than our Louisiana land.

Our adjoining parishes are pushing this poultry drive for all it is worth. We can do anything we undertake just a little better in this parish than can any other parish in the state. Better write us a letter today or come in the office when in town and place your order for a pen of standard bred poultry. Help build the foundation under an industry that means cash in hand every month in the year. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,
ALFRED A. MENDOZA.

Mr. Nathan Haas left for New Orleans on Monday afternoon where he will take up his studies at Tulane University.

Mr. J. P. Savant of Whiteville was transacting business in town on Monday.

Mrs. Gabl of New Orleans returned home on Sunday, after spending several weeks with relatives.

Mr. Goldman Lassalle made a flying trip to the Crescent City on business.

Mr. Jimmy Saizan left on Monday for New Orleans where he will take up his studies at Tulane University.

ELECTRIC PLANT IS RAPIDLY BEING PUT INTO BETTER SHAPE

SUPERINTENDENT W. A. AYMOND WORKING OUT OF BAD SITUATION

From present indications, the worst has passed and the electric light plant may now be expected to give fairly satisfactory service, which will be constantly improved. Mayor Loeb stated Monday that unless some more bad luck was encountered the people of Opelousas might reasonably expect the plant to be in full running order again within a very short time.

On Sunday night the first of the larger engines to be repaired was put into service and ran without difficulty. As the load is rather light Sunday night Superintendent Aymond and the Mayor were rather anxious to know just how the repaired engine would work under a heavy load but when it gave uninterrupted service Monday night they felt satisfied that, if users of electricity and water will cooperate as they have done the worst of the trouble is over.

With this engine in commission there are now two working. One three cylinder engine and one two. This is not sufficient to carry all the load but by cutting off the street lights it will take care of the rest in fairly good shape.

As soon as these engines had been put into commission work was begun on the third. The shaft of this engine must be taken out and shipped away to be turned down. When it is returned, new bearings must be fitted. However, this is not necessarily a very long job and when it is completed the repairs will have been made and the plant will take care of the requirements of the entire city. The plant will have been rebuilt from the ground up and will be as good as new.

When the new generating sets get here there will be a complete plant for operating and a reserve capacity sufficient so that there will never be the necessity for again shutting down for repairs.

SALVATION ARMY RESCUE HOME IN LOUISIANA

Faced with the problem of caring for an apparently increasing number of unmarried mothers, the state convention of Salvation Army Parish Advisory Boards in Shreveport Friday determined upon a Budget for Salvation Army activities of the ensuing year including an appropriation of \$25,500.00 for the establishment of a Rescue and Maternity Home in this state.

For many years past Louisiana's unfortunate girls have been cared for by the Salvation Army in its rescue homes in San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, but it was the sentiment of the delegates that, in view of the present need, the Salvation Army should have such a home in this state. Delegates present from thirty parishes of Western Louisiana adopted a budget of \$2,700.00 to carry on Salvation Army work for the year, including items for co-operative relief maintenance of homes and institutions for unfortunate men and women and neglected or dependent children.

Although organized only during the past three months the Advisory Boards have already had a large number of cases handled by the Salvation Army which could not be cared for locally through lack of facilities. Plans were made for extending the scope of service activities, whereby every member of every Parish Advisory Board will be a potential agency of relief, backed by a system of homes and institutions covering most of the distressful conditions encountered in each parish.

The financial part of the home service program will be concluded in a popular campaign to conclude October 12th. Pledges made by the delegates, however, indicate most of the state budget for work in Louisiana will be raised within the next ten days.

ADVISORY BOARD OF ARMY IS TO MEET THURSDAY

A call has been sent to all members of the parish Advisory Board of the Salvation Army for a meeting to be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Reports will be heard from the delegates to the state convention at Shreveport and plans for the coming drive and for next year will be discussed.

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