

FARMERS TRADE DAY HELD SATURDAY AND IS WELL ATTENDED

Award of Premiums Seems to Meet With General Approval and Much Interest is Shown

In spite of the fact that most farmers are busy right now in the fields and have little time to spare, the attendance at the Trade Day Saturday was fairly good and those who brought in stock to sell were very successful. Among those who attended was Mr. Dunbar, who bought a quantity of both pigs and chickens. He had no difficulty in disposing of all the chickens at thirty-five cents per pound and was offered fifteen cents for the entire load of pigs. Mr. John W. Lewis was one of the largest buyers, helping Mr. Dunbar dispose of both chickens and pigs.

For some unknown reason the speakers who had been promised by the Department of Agriculture failed to show up, which was a disappointment to many who had expected to hear some interesting talks upon hog and chicken raising. Mr. J. G. Lawler, of the Chamber of Commerce committee having the Trade Day in charge, was asked what he thought of the attendance Saturday. He said: "I am going to be very frank with you, I am disappointed at the lack of interest which seems to be shown by some of the farmers. I will admit that many are taking a great interest and are improving the opportunity given them of bringing in what they have to sell on Trade Day. However, there should be many more on the grounds. This day has been arranged for them by the Chamber of Commerce at considerable expense and is being carried on, without special subscription or raising of funds, other than the donations received of premiums from the banks and some of the merchants. We are doing all that we can but this is the farmers' day and unless we take advantage of it we cannot continue, as it is of no real value to those who are putting up their money, other than to make Opelousas a good market for farm produce. We are not discouraged nor do

Organ Again in Commission At the Catholic Church

Sunday last, the organ played and the choir sang at the Catholic church for the first time in several weeks. The organ was in such need of repair that a skilled workman from New Orleans was engaged to do the work. For over a week, he stayed here doing the general repair work needed to place the organ in a condition fit to be used for divine services, again. Sunday was the first time it was played at the services since the completion of the repairs done.

The repair of their musical instrument is only one of the many expenses which has been incurred by the Catholics of Opelousas for some time past. Thousands of dollars have been spent, and thousands more must be spent in the completion of the church. Yet it is gratifying to them to see the work steadily progress.

Church Point Road To Be Improved

Through error the Church Point or West Bellevue road was not included in the list of roads to be improved under the plan for using the Pershing Way money. Engineer Durio made the statement that this road had been included in the plans and would be among the first upon which work would be done.

SPECIAL ROAD SESSION OF LEGISLATURE PROBABLE

Representative J. Franklin Schell stated Monday that it was his opinion that a special session of the legislature would be called not later than next summer to take up good road matters. He assured Opelousas people that in this event he would see that their interests were properly protected.

Does Anyone Know of Daisy Mabelle Smith?

SISTER HAS NOT SEEN HER FOR 21 YEARS AND IS TRYING TO LOCATE HER

Mayor Loeb on Monday received a letter from Pittsburg, Kansas, asking him to help locate a young lady named Daisy Mabelle Smith. Her sister, from whom she was separated twenty-one years ago is trying to locate her here, where it is thought she was brought up by her grand-father. Any one knowing of such a person or having any information concerning her is asked to communicate with this office or with Mayor Loeb.

A copy of the letter received by the Mayor follows:

Pittsburg, Kansas, Sept. 24th, 1920.
To the Mayor of Opelousas, La.:
Dear Sir:—We have here a girl named Mary Angelina Smith and she is trying to find her sister named Daisy Mabelle Smith.

These two poor girls lost their parents about 21 years ago, and at that time the two sister were separated and never seen each other since.

Their home was in Morgan City, La., when their parents died, but Daisy Mabelle Smith was raised in Opelousas, and her grand-father took her to Opelousas, but this sister here does not remember the grand father name.

Should there be a newspaper in that town, to put a little note to that effect, we would pay for the ad. and tell the newspaper to send us a copy of the paper, and let them send us the bill and will pay.

They can put this on for one week. Hoping that we may have the pleasure to hear from you in regard, yours very truly,

ITALIAN MACARONI MFG. AND IMPROVEMENT CO.
J. W. Baracel.

MERCHANTS TAKING ADVANTAGE TRADE DAY IN ADVERTISING

PROGRESSIVE STORES ISSUE BULLETIN AND MENTION TRADE TICKETS

Bennets Store was one of the first to take advantage of the opportunity offered by Trade Day to encourage trading in their store on this day. This was done through their regular advertising columns in the newspapers.

It remained for Winsberg's to get out a Trade Day bulletin, offering special attractions for this day and circulate it on the Court House Square and throughout the town on that day. The first issue of this bulletin appeared on the streets last Saturday and Arnold Winsberg, who has charge of the firm's advertising, promises one for each monthly Trade Day.

All members of the Chamber of Commerce give the trade checks which are good on Trade Day but they sometimes forget to give them to customers. As there is no charge to the merchants or to the customer for these checks, the customer need not feel backward about insisting upon getting them. The merchants, belonging to the Chamber of Commerce, have cards in their windows calling attention to the fact that they give Trade Day tickets.

BLANKS HERE FOR SERVICE MEDALS

VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR MAY NOW SECURE THE VALUABLE SOUVENIRS

Desiring that every man who participated in the World War should have his service medal the Opelousas Post No. 45 American Legion has secured blanks for making application for these medals.

Commander A. J. Perrault has these blanks and will gladly furnish them to anyone entitled to the medal. These medals are for every enlisted man, for every officer and for the family of any soldier who died in service. Upon request these blanks will be mailed or they may be secured and filled out at the office of Commander Perrault.

In making application for these blanks it is necessary that the applicant specify whether it is for an enlisted man, an officer or for the family of deceased men.

These medals consist of a bar, with the allied colors, from which is suspended a bronze medal. For each major operation in which the veteran was engaged a battle clasp is added. As no one can secure or wear these medals who was not in the World War they are a valuable souvenir and something of which coming generations will be proud.

WORK ON ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT BEING RAPIDLY FINISHED

SUPT. AYMOND ASKS THE INDLIGENCE OF OPELOUSAS PEOPLE FOR SHORT TIME LONGER

Superintendent Aymond of the city electric plant said yesterday that he appreciated the attitude of the people of Opelousas during the trouble they have been having and only asks that they bear with conditions for a short time longer and observe the necessary rules which have been laid down for saving electricity and water. Until the other engine is repaired and tested out it will still be necessary for the stores to be closed promptly at six o'clock and as few lights as possible burned from then until eleven o'clock.

The two engines are carrying all the load now and are getting along fairly well but any extra load put upon them at this time may mean another break-down. The superintendent, however, holds out this much encouragement, that he hopes, within a week to have the third engine repaired. As soon as possible everyone will be given lights again and when things are straightened out he promises that the plant will be kept in condition to give uninterrupted service.

After a consultation with Superintendent Aymond, Mayor Loeb went to Alexandria Sunday to see how work was progressing on the shaft, which had been sent up there to be turned down. He found that the shaft was not only badly cut and scored but that it was sprung one-eighth of an inch. This necessitated heating the shaft and straightening it before work could be commenced on turning it down.

However, the mechanics at the foundry, where the work was being done agreed to work Sunday night and Sunday, in order to get the shaft out. This was done and the shaft reached here Monday. The Mayor is loud in his praises of the equipment and personnel of the foundry and said that they were willing to do anything in their power to help him.

Now that the shaft has been returned it is necessary to re-habit all of the main bearings, as the old bearings were so badly worn that they will not fit the shaft, especially as it has been turned down. The engine has also been entirely taken apart, new parts put on where necessary and everything possible done to insure regular service. As there is a great deal yet to be done and as it will be necessary to test the repaired engine, without load for some time it will be well into next week before the engine will be in commission at the best.

LACOMBE HOTEL IS BEING RENOVATED

TO BE PAINTED, CLEANED AND REPAIRED FROM CELLAR TO GARRET

Manager Budd, of the Lacombe hotel, is doing all in his power to keep up the reputation of the hotel and even improve it. All windows, throughout, have been thoroughly screened and the walls re-decorated.

The outside has been given a coat of paint and the plumbing will be thoroughly overhauled. Some delay has been experienced in getting material but the work is now going ahead rapidly.

All of the cement and tile floors have been repaired and new ones put in, where necessary. It is unnecessary to say anything about the quality of service being given as all who have eaten one of Manager Budd's dinners know that they cannot be improved upon in the state, at any price.

REST ROOM FOR TELEPHONE GIRLS

Opelousas, it is hoped, will soon have a rest room for its central girls. If the plans for it succeed this rest room will be located across the hall from the operating room. Girls who bring their lunches to the office will have a suitable place to eat, and when the girls are on their fifteen minutes recreation in the morning and evening they will have a place removed from the everlasting "Number Please" room to take their rest.

Later Hours for Service Conveniences of Catholic

Members of the Catholic congregation, especially country parishioners will not be required to rise so early in the morning to go to church for the hours of services at the Catholic church will be changed beginning with the first Sunday of October. The first Mass which was formerly at 7 o'clock, will begin at 7:30 and the second one, will be changed from the old hour of 9 o'clock to 9:30.

The catechism classes will also be placed about a half an hour later. This change in the time of services will be especially convenient for the country people who during the fall and winter months might find it very difficult to attend the early Mass. While the change may be welcome to the church-goers, who hate to rise early, it will be perhaps a little difficult for the pastor, when the fact is considered that the regulations of the Catholic religion require, except in special cases, a priest to be fasting when he says Mass. Consequently, Father Collard, in accommodating his parishioners must impose on himself the penance of being without food or drink till the end of the ninth night Mass.

PRINCESS THEATRE SOLD TO MOTION PICTURE COMPANY

OPELOUSAS MOTION PICTURE CORPORATION ACQUIRES TITLE TO THE BUILDING

By purchasing the William Dejean property, where the picture theatre has been located for some time, the Opelousas Motion Picture Corporation has made it possible to carry out some of the plans which they have had in mind for some time. The deal was closed last week at a price of \$16,000 for the property which is 110 feet deep and about 53 feet wide. It is planned to spend \$10,000 additional at once in remodeling the building and making improvements.

The front will be remodeled and a comfortable lobby arranged just back of the entrance. This lobby will be carpeted and furnished for the convenience of the patrons. Leading from the lobby will be stairs to a balcony, which will be built over the present first floor. This balcony will have a seating capacity of about 200.

In making over the first floor, the screen will be removed to the rear of the theatre and a good sized stage will be erected for vaudeville or other acts. The total seating capacity of the theatre when completed will be 600.

Several weeks ago contracts were entered into with the Saenger Amusement Company, providing for the affiliation of the local company with one of the largest film and theatre circuits in the state. In an interview yesterday, Manager Dietlein, stated that the combination of the two arrangements would assure Opelousas picture fans of one of the best theatres in the state and absolutely the highest class films shown anywhere.

The Opelousas Motion Picture Corporation was formed about four years ago and took over the management and ownership of the Princess Theatre. The present board of directors is as follows: President, J. P. Barnett; Vice President and Manager, F. J. Dielsis; Secretary and Treasurer, M. Winsberg, H. I. Callahan and Mel Dietlein.

LOCAL ELKS AND HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE MUSICAL

HIGH CLASS TALENT OBTAINED TO ENTERTAIN OPELOUSAS MUSIC LOVERS

A musical treat will be given at the High School auditorium on October 7th, by a special corps of high class musical artists, two of whom were members of the grand opera company in New Orleans last winter.

Among those who will take part are Mme. Mary Cassel, Soprano, Mon. Leon Paulus, Baritone, Mr. John Coriglian, Violinist and Senor Ignacio Torres, Pianist.

This entertainment will be under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks in conjunction with the High School. Elaborate costumes have been arranged and selections from grand opera will be rendered. While complete details have not been arranged the public is assured by those having matters in charge that the event will be well worth seeing and hearing.

Bob Shuler, popular manager of the Opelousas Motor Co., attended the Reed-Arnaud nuptials at Leesville Sunday taking the bridal party to this city to board the Southern Pacific.

LOCAL YOUNG MAN WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF OXFORDS

Edward Dubuisson One of Two Chosen from Louisiana and One of Sixty-four From United States

Edward Dubuisson, son of E. H. Dubuisson of this city, is one of the fortunate sixty-four from the entire United States to receive this honor. The other student from this is Arthur Vidrine, son of J. E. Vidrine, of Ville Platte. It is worthy of note that from the entire state the two chosen were from adjoining parishes of St. Landry and Evangeline.

Mr. Vidrine will go to England in January, 1921 and Mr. Dubuisson in October of that year. The quota for the United States this year, as was the case last year, was 64 instead of the normal 32, thus making up for the postponement of elections during the war.

The scholars elected as for 1920 will go to Oxford in January, 1921 and those elected as for 1921 will go in October of that year to bring the appointment back to the regular schedule. Next year the quota for the United States will be 32, and two-thirds of the states will elect one man each, while those which this year made two appointments will have no election.

The selections were made by committees chosen from 500 former Rhodes scholars now living in this country. About 400 men were candidates for the 64 appointments, the competition this year being larger than ever before. The increased interest in the scholarships in this country is paralleled by the favorable arrangements now in force for their reception in Oxford. Resolutions recently passed by the University limit the men of junior or senior standing with much less difficulty than in the past, while the new degree of Ph. L., has been established largely to meet the needs of American students.

Rhodes scholars are chosen in accordance with a three-fold requirement in the will of Cecil John Rhodes which comprises character, intellectual ability and physical vigor. No written examinations are held, the men being chosen on the basis of their school or college record, supplemented by a personal interview with the committee of selection.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY OCTOBER 9TH

ANNIVERSARY OF CHICAGO FIRE OBSERVED BY GENERAL CLEAN-UP

October 9th, the anniversary of the Great Chicago fire is fixed as Louisiana Fire Prevention Day and the State Fire Marshal asks that it be generally observed throughout the state.

He asks the general public to do all in their power, especially on this day to prevent the great annual fire loss. He asks that everyone give special attention, at this time, to cleaning up and removing all trash accumulation, inspecting chimneys, flues and all other heating apparatus.

The bulletin issued by the State Fire Marshal is as follows: "Help yourself, your city and your state. Fifth, dirt and rubbish invite fire and disease. Clean up all trash, waste paper, etc. Put your heating apparatus, chimney and flues in order. Inspections to be made on fire prevention day, October 9th. Clean up and paint up now."

Franklin Schell to Open Bond Office Here

Hon. J. Franklin Schell was in town Monday and made the announcement that he would very shortly open an office in Opelousas from which he would be in a position to handle any bond issue.

Mr. Schell stated that he would make a specialty of road, drainage and school bonds as he believed he would not only be operating a business for himself but that he would be doing a great good to the communities and to the state at large by securing the highest possible market price for improvement bonds.

He has made connections with several large investors and will open his office here just as soon as he can secure a satisfactory location.

STILL WAITING FOR WELL CASING

Drillers on the oil well are still marking time and waiting for the delayed casing to arrive so that they can go on with their drilling. It was expected that this would be on the job last week and each day it is looked for. This delay is making it expensive for the promoters of the well and they are doing everything in their power to hasten delivery.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BENNETT STORES

An addition extending to the rear of the ladies ready-to-wear department has been added to the Bennett Stores and the entire interior is being re-arranged.

CAMPAIGN IS BEGUN FOR PROTECTION OF COTTON IN TRANSIT

RAILROADS WILL BE URGED TO PROVIDE COVERED PLATFORMS FOR HANDLING COTTON

For some time individuals have urged that the railroads were not giving cotton the protection which it should have, after it has been entrusted to their care. As a matter of fact there are shippers in Opelousas today having large claims pending for damage done to shipments by weather, after the railroad has issued bills of lading for it.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange has taken official notice of this condition and has written to the Opelousas Chamber of Commerce, asking for co-operation to the end that this damage and loss might be eliminated. The local Chamber has promised to do everything in its power to help overcome the difficulty and will take the matter up with the railroads serving Opelousas.

The following letter was received from the New Orleans Cotton Exchange:

New Orleans, La., Sept. 14th, 1920.
Chamber of Commerce, Opelousas, La.
Dear Sirs:—With the great increase in freight rates recently which should provide the railroad companies ample revenue to make proper provision for protection of goods entrusted to their care, it is believed that now is the proper time to make a vigorous effort to have cotton given the same care and protection that other freight receives.

During the past several years, in many instances cotton has been left on open railroad platforms for weeks before being loaded in cars and in some cases has been left ranged on the ground without being placed on skids and without cover, such exposure to weather resulting in serious damage and immense loss to cotton producers and merchants, especially during recent seasons when the level of prices has been high.

There is no reason why cotton, which pays a very high freight rate and producers annually large revenues for the railroad companies, should not be entitled to the same protection as is afforded other commodities, which pay a relatively less rate of freight and we ask the co-operation of your body in a movement towards having the railroad companies furnish such protection for cotton.

If the railroad companies, after application to them direct, show no disposition to furnish the proper protection to cotton, it would seem that a means to force action should be found through the various state railroad commissions.

It might be well to hold a conference of the interests affected with properly authorized railroad representatives to discuss the matter in detail, and we would be pleased to have your views along those lines.

Very truly yours,
EDW. J. BUTLER,
President.

H. G. HESTER,
Secretary.

Skellen Brooks, a prominent young business man of Crowley, was in Opelousas Friday.