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## OPELOUSAS WINS IN ANNUAL PARISH MEET

Daily Leads Washington and Other Parish Schools in Struggle.

## EUNICE IS FIRST ON TRACK

Event Was One of the Most Successful Ever Pulled Off Here.—Features of the Day.

Opelousas more than held her own with the other parish schools in the annual literary and track meet held last Saturday. In addition to easily carrying off the honors in the literary field, this city was second in the track events, and combining the dual features won over her nearest competitor by several points. Washington was second in the literary contest, while Eunice, winner, in the track event, hardly made a showing in the first feature. The total of Opelousas was 78, Eunice 64, Washington 46. The total day's record follows:

### LITERARY CONTESTS.

Composition.—Chas. M. Thompson, Opelousas, 1st place; Carrie Kirby, Washington, 2nd place. Spelling—Sidney Roos, Opelousas, 1st place; Clarence Hays, Washington, 2nd place; Lucille Castille, Opelousas, 3rd place. Declamation—James Bailey, Ville Platte, 1st place; Clarence Hays, Washington, 2nd place; Prentiss Obier, Opelousas, 3rd place. Recitation—Alice Elise Carriere, Washington, 1st place; Nellie Leach, Opelousas, 2nd place. Algebra—Octave Castille, Opelousas, no opponent.

Arithmetic—Willie Moreau, Opelousas, 1st place; Ruth Kerr, Washington, 2nd place; Fernand Clay, Sunset, 3rd place. Geometry—Mark Jenkins, Eunice, 1st place; Sidney Roos, Opelousas, 2nd place; A. Clarke, Washington, 3rd place. Debating—Sidney Roos, Opelousas, 1st place; Harvey Phillips, Opelousas, 2nd place; A. J. Muller, Washington, 3rd place.

Quartette—Opelousas, 1st place; Washington, 2nd place. Opelousas 41 points—Washington 23 points—Eunice 6 points—Ville Platte 5 points—Sunset 1 point.

### ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

50-yard dash—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place, time 5-2-5 sec.; Opelousas, Irl White, 2nd place; Washington, Fred Bailey, 3rd place. 100-yard dash—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place, time 10-2-5 sec.; Opelousas, Frank Reeves, 2nd place; Washington, A. J. Muller, 3rd place.

Discus—Eunice, Delino Miller, 1st place, 115 ft. 9 in.; Washington, A. J. Muller, 2nd place; Opelousas, Frank Reeves, 3rd place. Half mile—Washington, Clarence Hays, 1st place, 2 min. 20-1-5 sec.; Eunice, Rene Tate, 2nd place.

Hammer Throw—Eunice, Delino Miller, 1st place, 78 ft. 5 ins.; Opelousas, Cottam Walker, 2nd place. Shot Put—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place, 37 ft 3/4 ins.; Opelousas, Eddie Littell, 2nd place; Grand Prairie, Adolph Lafleur, 3rd place.

440-yard run—Eunice, Rene Tate, 1st place, 60-3-5 secs.; Opelousas, John Brown, 2nd place; Washington, Broussard, 3rd place.

220-yard hurdle—Eunice, Lenzie Savoy, 1st place, 32-1-5 sec.; Opelousas, Frank Reeves, 2nd. 220-yard dash—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place; Opelousas, Irl White, 2nd place; Washington, Fred Bailey, 3rd place.

Broad jump—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place place, 20 ft. 8 ins.; Sunset, Rivet, Adelus, 2nd place; Washington, A. J. Muller, 3rd place.

110 yard hurdle—Opelousas, Frank Reeves, 1st place, 16-2-5 sec.; Eunice, Rene Tate, 2nd place; Washington, Fred Bailey, 3rd place.

High Jump—Eunice, Mark Jenkins, 1st place, 5 ft. 1 in.; Sunset, Adelus Rivet, 2nd place; Washington, A. J. Muller, 3rd place.

Pole Vault—Opelousas, Willie Moreau, 1st place, 8 ft 6 ins.; Eunice, Rene Tate, 2nd place; Washington, Hardee Broussard, 3rd place.

Relay race—Opelousas, 1st place, 5 mins. 17 sec.; Washington, 2nd place.

Athletic Points. Eunice 1st.

## CITY OFFICIALS UNDER INDICTMENT

Mayor Halphen and Councilman Danel Charged by Grand Jury With Violating Oaths of Office—Young Delahouysee Gets 5 Years.

In a report filed at noon Wednesday the Grand Jury sprung something of a surprise when indictments were returned against Michael Halphen and Councilman L. L. Danel, charging these officials with betrayal of public trusts. Against the Mayor the true bill alleges extortion in office, while Mr. Danel is accused on two counts of violating Act 200 of the law of 1906. As is generally known this section provides that no public official shall vote for the award of a contract or monies to a firm or corporation in which he is interested, either as an employee or as a partner.

In the case of Mayor Halphen the jury finds that while drawing his regular salary of \$600 a year, a charge of \$93.75 was made for alleged services performed in the cleaning of certain drains and ditches, and this money secured from the city treasurer. The counts against Mr. Danel appear to be of wider significance. The councilman is president and manager of the St. Landry Lumber Co., and it is charged that he voted at meetings of the city council to award his firm the city's patronage for all lumber and building material used during the year 1911. The specific sum is less than \$800.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The final report carries with it the following recommendations and pointed criticism:

"We have carefully examined into the management of public affairs both in the City of Opelousas and in parochial affairs.

"With reference to the expenditures of public monies in the City of Opelousas we feel it our duty to call the attention of those charged with this duty, to the loose and lax manner in which the public money is being expended. In many instances public money is paid out without any resolution of the Board of Aldermen having been previously passed and contracts given out without having been first submitted to a competitive bid. We scarcely feel that any one will attempt to justify such a course, but feel that such acts deserve the severest condemnation from a tax-burdened public.

"In reference to the parish affairs we desire to say that our attention has been called to the manner in which contracts for the working of public roads are let out. We have been unofficially informed that in one instance the road contractor is receiving pay for the working of 40 miles of road at the rate of \$20 per mile when in truth and in fact he is working but actually some 28 miles of road, according to the report of the inspector charged with his duty of inspecting said road.

"Whether this be a fact we are yet unable to state with any degree of certainty, but the charge is of sufficient importance to the tax payers of this parish to demand a full investigation thereof. We would respectfully

suggest that in awarding all future contracts as to the working of public roads, the exact mileage to be worked first ascertained to the end that the public money be not paid out except for work actually done.

"Our attention has been called to the bad condition of the public roads in various parts of the parish, notable in the Waxia and Palmetto sections. We would respectfully direct the attention of the Police Jury to these conditions and ask that they give the matter their attention with the view of bettering the condition of those roads or at least stopping payment under contracts that are not being complied with.

### THE POLICE JURY.

"We earnestly recommend that our Police Jury make immediate arrangement to secure, equip and maintain suitable apartments for the accommodation of petit jurors. The hardships imposed under present conditions on citizens called to the performance of this public duty should appeal to the better feelings of our police jurors and make them realize that citizens brought from their homes to the performance of this public duty have a right to expect humane treatment."

The public buildings were all, upon investigation found to be in good condition, minor recommendations being made for freshening up the outward appearance of the Court House and the repair or removal of closets therein. The habit of throwing waste paper on the square was deprecated and recommendation made for its correction.

### INDICTMENTS.

The various indictments returned by the Grand Jury follows:

Carrying concealed weapons, Leonard Sancho, Jim Crawford, Zepherien Lemelle, Manuel Handy, Otely Wiltz, Bebe Silvest, Rouel Lafleur; cutting with intent to murder, Louis Chevis, Grant Sanders; murder, Dan Thomas, Boo Williams; manslaughter, Taniae Castille; assault, Homere King; assault and battery, Walter Prescott, Silvest King, Simon Demouchet; petty larceny, Willie Ceasare, Mary Gibson et al, Manuel Handy; stealing from person, Moses Washington; burglary, Adam Democnet; violating act 31, 1886, John Dejean, et al; wounding cow, Eli Bourgeois; violating Sunday law, Adolph Cormier, et al, Robert Savant; selling liquor without license, Joseph Comeau; violating game law, Clebert Roy; forgery, C. A. Delahouysee.

Apparently realizing the hopelessness of his cause, young Delahouysee appeared in court Wednesday, pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery and was given a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. He was taken to Baton Rouge the same day by Sheriff Swords.

### Yoch—Christ.

At the Catholic church, Wednesday, occurred a pretty marriage, when Mr. August Yoch, of Greenville, California, led Miss Marie Christ, of this city, to the altar. Rev. Father Engberink officiated at the ceremony. Following the wedding there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Christ. The young couple are spending their honeymoon in Opelousas, but will leave for their California home some time next week.

### New Officers Elected.

Alexandria gets the next press convention, having decisively defeated Shreveport. The new president is Robert Roberts, of Minden, and the vice-president is Mr. Roy, of Baton Rouge. Prizes were awarded as follows: Best edited: Dodson Times, first; St. Bernard Voice, second. Best topographical appearance: Kentwood Commercial and Vin-ton Booster. Other prizes went to the Hammond Vindicator, Donaldsonville Chief, Gilsland News.

## WORK ON THE SCHELL CANAL ADVANCES RAPIDLY.

The Washington Progress gives the following interesting bit of information concerning work at the Schell canal:

"Everything is moving and everybody is busy over at the pumping plant of the Schell Canal. The pumps have been in daily operation since the initial start, but they have not been enabled to run steady on account of getting the machinery adjusted to the fine point necessary for the work, and this requires some time to accomplish in nearly all machinery newly erected. Mr. Schell states that he is confident of having everything properly worn down to a bearing by the middle of next week and then work on the plant will be continued in constant and steady operation.

"Every indication is that the canal will be in readiness for irrigation by the 10th or 15th of May, and it is not probable that there will be any necessity for irrigation before the 20th of May, because it is not often that rice is far enough advanced before that time to require irrigation.

## MILITARY BOYS IN SHAM SCOUT ON COMPANY C'S RANGE.

There were grand doings out on Company C. range last Sunday, the occasion being a sham scouting exploit followed by a big barbecue. Everybody won at the latter contest, but in the maneuvers Capt. Williams was the theoretical victor over Capt. Littell. The company was divided in half and officered as above indicated. The scheme of the affair was an ambush of scouts, it devolving upon Capt. Littell and his men to locate "the enemy" within a given time. The whole occasion was pronounced most enjoyable.

### Communication.

Ville Platte, La., April 24, 1911. Editor Clarion, Opelousas, La.: I note on the front page of your issue of April 22nd, inst., your report on the outcome of my application to the Supreme Court for Habeas Corpus, you state among other things that,

"It will be remembered that Guillyon made an unprovoked attack upon a Catholic priest, etc."

I ask that you have the kindness to state the facts of this matter as they are, and as they were fully set out at the trial of this charge.

I would not agree to plead guilty to the charge expressly to have the facts of this matter put before the public as the facts were, and thereby to forestall just such wrong statements of the facts, as you are wont to put them to your good readers.

I know that if you had anything like a knowledge of the real facts of this matter, that you would hardly say the attack was unprovoked, and assuming that you know nothing clearly about the particulars of this matter, I suggest that you investigate pro and con before attempting to remind your readers of what you clearly are ignorant of.

As to the grounds upon which was based my application for Habeas Corpus, it was certainly the basis upon which rests securely the liberties and fair play to every American citizen. That courts shall proceed upon inquiry before it condemns and render judgment only after trial.

I submit finally, that, had this principle of our American form of government been adhered to, the action of the Police Jury in authorizing the leasing or working of the parish prisoners and also the leasing of myself and of other prisoners to Edward & Vaught and to other lessors, would have been amply justified and sustained under and by virtue of Act 204 of 1908.

I ask that you be fair enough to give this letter as prominent a place in your paper as you did the "UNPROVOKED" statement. Respectfully,  
O. E. GUILLORY.

## CLASS OF TWENTY JOIN LOCAL ORDER

Knights of Columbus Enjoy Large Accession In Membership, And Sunday Is Made Notable In Local History—Many Visitors Attend.

Sunday was a gala day with the local Knights of Columbus, more than twenty new members being received into the order. Most of the candidates became members of the local order through a few were from Franklin and Alexandria councils. Various councils from over the state were represented, the largest delegations coming from Crowley, Lafayette and Alexandria.

At 10:20 a. m., the main body of the candidates, followed by the local knights, left the hall and marched to the Frisco depot where they were joined by a number of other candidates. From that point they marched to St. Landry Catholic church where a special mass was said. The music and singing were especially fine, while the Rev. Father Lawton, S. J., of St. Charles College, who also is a member of the order, delivered a splendid sermon.

At the conclusion of the church ceremonies a picture was taken and then the class and members returned to the hall, where after a delightful dinner the initiation

was conducted. The entire affair was pronounced by those fortunate enough to be present, to have been a perfect success. A supper and smoker followed the initiation.

The major degree was conferred by the Dallas team, while the two first degrees were exemplified by the local council. District Deputy Chappuis, of Crowley, and Past District Deputy Sandoz, were in charge of the initiation ceremonies. The new class brings the membership of the local council up to 170. The prospects are that the order will continue to grow.

Among the prominent out-of-town members present were: District Deputy Phillip Chappuis, of Crowley, District Deputy Cambre and Grand Knight Turregano, of Alexandria, Past Grand Knight O. C. Mouton, of Lafayette, Dugas of Napoleonville and F. J. DeGravelle of Jeanerette, Thos. F. Murphy, F. E. David and M. Milady, of Alexandria, W. E. Hughes, of Crowley and Dr. W. R. Boudreau, of Chicago.

### Negro Warned, Leaves.

Because of an alleged assault upon a young white girl, but which could not be clearly proven, citizens of Grand Coteau waited upon Leo Gardiner, colored, and requested his immediate departure from the parish under penalty of death. Gardiner had been arrested and brought to this city, but was released because parties found the attending publicity odious. This feeling was made possible by the fact that no actual harm had been done the girl. Gardiner has disappeared.

### Caillouet—Dejean.

A pretty wedding occurred at Port Barre, Thursday, when Miss Lillian Hilda Caillouet of that place, was married to Mr. Theo. C. Dejean, of Lawtell. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Caillouet. A number of out-of-town guests attended the affair. The young couple will make their home in Lawtell.

### Sold Another Mitchell.

There is the keenest sort of competition among local auto agents, and Mr. J. P. Boagni, representing the Mitchell machine, seems to be well holding his own. In the early part of the week he sold a "Model T" car to Dr. J. A. Haas, bringing his sales, since January first, to approximately ten thousand dollars. And Mr. Boagni has a number of other prospects in tow.

### Enjoyable Euchre Party.

At Hook and Ladder Hall Thursday evening an impromptu euchre party was given by the members. Refreshments were served and all present pronounced the occasion most enjoyable. Miss Doucet carried off the first prize and also a lone hand honor. The "hooby" prize went to Mrs. Geo. Going, while Mr. Des Mizzi won the prize set apart for gentlemen.

### New Life In Civic League.

All the ladies of Opelousas and immediate vicinity, are requested to meet at the Hook and Ladder hall next Monday at 4 p. m., when the Civic League will be reorganized and officers elected for the ensuing year. Speakers will be on hand to exploit the work of the League and to assist in its reorganization. Undoubtedly such an institution is needed in Opelousas, and the good women of the community should go heartily into the movement.

### Mr. W. Z. Powell, of Leesville, spent Sunday here with friends.

—Mr. Chas. Frost, of Franklin, spent Sunday here with friends.

—Mrs. Fred Martin, of Washington, was a visitor here Tuesday.

## COURTMARTIAL MAKES MOLEHEAD MOUNTAIN

Private C. I. Stewart Called on Carpet by Guardsmen

## FAILED TO REPORT FOR DUTY

Expulsion Trial of a Case That Should Never Have Been Instituted—Disfranchisement Will Follow Conviction

One of the most remarkable courtmartial hearings that ever occurred in this, or any other state, was that of C. I. Stewart, private of Company C, First Battalion, Louisiana National Guard, who appeared before a jury of state guardsmen Thursday afternoon on the charge of failing to attend the regular United States inspection, which was held in this city in March.

The circumstances are as follows: Young Stewart has not been well for some time, but when inspection day came he made a special trip from Ville Platte to this city for the purpose of being present at roll call. On arriving here he was so ill that instead of reporting to the officer in command, he went directly to his home. Under the act of 1904 a charge was preferred against him before the city judge, E. S. Kerr, and a fine of \$10.00 entered against him. The courtmartial followed.

The trial court was composed of Major McNeese, judge advocate, of Lake Charles; Capt. Fitch, of Baton Rouge; Eddie, of Lake Charles, and Charles E. Martin, of Lafayette. At the conclusion of the testimony, which was along lines indicated above, the court took the matter under advisement.

Should the defendant be found guilty a dishonorable discharge will be the penalty, which carries with it disfranchisement. Young Stewart was represented at the hearing by Attorney Peyton R. Sandoz and Marshal Thompson.

To the casual observer it looks very much as though something in the nature of a mountain had been made out of a very small mole-hill. Incidentally said mountain-molehill is likely to cost the state \$200, or more.

## LAND CONGRESS WILL HOLD SESSION IN MONROE.

The most important convention, working towards the advancement and development of Louisiana will be held in Monroe, La., May 4th, 5th and 6th next. The objects of the Louisiana Farm Land Congress is to promote the development of our vast uncultivated lands, to adopt methods to accurately inform the people of this entire country of the possibilities of Louisiana, of the impediment she has to offer the homeseeker to achieve independent life and fortune. An effort will be made to establish some form of an organization board enough to co-ordinate the efforts of similar bodies working in special fields to the same general end and to establish means by which the homeseeker may secure accurate and reliable information concerning the lands and opportunities of our State.

The success of the objects of the convention cannot be obtained without the co-operation of every citizen, especially those who will be directly benefited by the settling up of our uncultivated lands. Our commercial organizations should be represented by a large delegation.

One of the matters to be taken up is representation at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, Chicago, Ill., November 18th to December 9th, 1911. Chicago is the greatest colonization center in the United States. Homeseekers go to the Chicago exposition by the thousands each year to see what inducements the various sections represented have to offer them. The section best represented is the one that gets the largest share of these homeseekers. Louisiana was well represented last year, but she should be better represented this year. Every commercial body in the State should be represented by delegates to consider this most important matter.

Cheap rates have been authorized by all the railroads. Every citizen, interested in the welfare of our State, who can possibly do so, should attend.

—Mrs. Fannie Todd returned to her home in New Orleans Thursday, after visiting relatives here several days.

—A dance will be given in Prairie Ronde on Saturday, May 6, by Messrs. Evard and Clovis Pitre and Raoul Andrepont. The proceeds of the dance will go to the Prairie Ronde school.

—Miss Antonia Davy returned from Houston, Texas, Sunday, where she visited her sister Mrs. R. H. Mixon.

—Mr. Renaud Perkins, of Eunice, was mingling with friends here Saturday and Sunday.

—Messrs. Frank Voltz John Prescott and Jim Goings were Opelousas visitors Sunday.

—Mr. Claude Chappuis, of Crowley, was in town Sunday.