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EUNICE BOYS CAPTURE FIRST PRIZE AGAIN

Athletic Meet On Last Saturday Proves Successful Weather Was Bad.

The Eunice high school boys, accompanied by scores of rooters and admirers journeyed to Opelousas on Saturday and once more captured the first prize of the Parish Athletic Meet.

The field meet was attended by only a few people of Opelousas, but considering the inclement weather a representative crowd was present. The Eunice boys proved to be a little too strong for their opponents and easily carried off the laurels of the day.

The literary program was excellent and interested spectators remained in the school auditorium until eleven o'clock Saturday night cheering their favorites to victory.

Following are the track events and winners of each event:

50 yard dash, Dana Jenkins, Eunice; F. L. Bailey, Washington; Arthur Thompson, Opelousas.

100 yard dash, Dana Jenkins, F. L. Bailey and Arthur Thompson.

220 yard dash, Dana Jenkins, F. L. Bailey and Clinton Mornhinveg, Opelousas.

440 yard dash, Dana Jenkins, David Thistlethwaite, Washington, and Willie Moreau, Opelousas.

One mile, Albert Putnam, Eunice; Lane Gibson, Washington, and Albert Clary, Opelousas.

Half mile, Foster Tate.

Relay, Dana Jenkins, Willie Reed, Foster Tate, Guy Burleigh and Steve Guillory, Eunice, first; Willie Moreau, Arthur Thompson, Albert Clary and Raymond Richard, Opelousas, second.

120 yards high hurdles, Willie Read, Eunice; F. L. Bailey and Arthur Thompson.

220 yard low hurdles, Willie Read, F. L. Bailey and Arthur Thompson.

High jump, Arthur Thompson, Willie Read and Adolph Carriere, Washington.

Pole vault, Willie Moreau, Guy Burleigh and Adolph Carriere.

Shot put, Frank Savoy, Eunice; Lumay Meyeaux, Washington; and Adolph Lafleur, Grand Prairie.

Discus, Adolph Lafleur, Willie Read and F. L. Bailey.

Tennis, Edward Estorge and Howard Voorhies, Opelousas, first; Frank Savoy and Guy Burleigh, Eunice, second.

Opelousas scored 36 points in literary contests, being awarded the pennant. Eunice was second with 32 points and Washington 13.

The total points of each team were: Eunice 96, Opelousas 58 and Washington 46.

Medals were awarded to Dana Jenkins, as the best athlete, F. L. Bailey as second best and Willie Read as third.

Clifford Edwards Has A Visitor.

The home of Mrs. Dan Edwards was all quiet in the latter part of the night, Monday, when a step was heard in the next room. Mrs. Edwards heard the man when he turned on the light and thinking that it was her son Clifford she asked him if it were Clifford. However the man in the room, who came in boldly smoking a cigarette, did not answer and nothing more was thought of the incident, until at the breakfast table Tuesday.

Mrs. Edwards asked her sons who had come into the room for a short while and then left. Neither answered and when Clifford ran his hands down his pockets he discovered that the several dollars he had in them the night before were all gone. Luckily however his watch was not stolen.

Some People Are Cheeky.

An unknown man attempted to make his way into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Castille, on Monday night, where Miss Lucille Castille, was entertaining a number of her friends.

The man was told to go back to town, but he said that he had just as much business there as anyone and would get in. However when it was seen that he would not depart the police department was called and Officer Goodloe escorted the stranger to the city court.

BIG INITIATION WAS HELD IN LAFAYETTE

Opelousas Team Works Successfully On Large Class of Candidates.

The local Knights of Columbus were invited to attend an initiation at Lafayette on Sunday evening and the Opelousas degree teams were summoned to that little city.

About fifteen to twenty seized the opportunity to go to the initiation. The Opelousas degree team put on the best work in Lafayette, on Sunday evening, since the organization of the lodge.

Opelousas has the reputation all over Louisiana and Mississippi as being the best initiating team in the state. The local Knights have the distinction of initiating more members of the Knights of Columbus than any other degree team either in Mississippi or Louisiana.

After the initiatory work the Opelousas members remained in Lafayette for a dance and a smoker which followed; of course no one was worried about coming back, until investigations were begun. The men who were to attend to having the team sent back left for their homes and the boys remained in Lafayette until two o'clock waiting for automobiles from Opelousas to come back home. Probably that was the reason that so many were looking so badly on Monday morning—it was not the initiation which caused it.

The Opelousas team made many more friends in Lafayette, lasting friends who will never forget them and the majority of the new members have stated that they would be present at the next initiation put on by the Opelousas degree team, no matter in what section of the state the ceremony might take place.

LOCAL KNIGHTS WILL GO TO LAKE CHARLES

Opelousas Council Accepts Invitation To Attend Lake Charles Initiation.

The local council of Knights of Columbus has been invited to attend a grand initiation at Lake Charles on next Sunday and it is expected that a large delegation from Opelousas, Washington and Sunset, will avail themselves of the opportunity to witness the initiatory work put on several candidates.

A special coach, for Knights and their lady friends only, will be attached to the excursion which will run between Washington and intermediate points to Beaumont, Texas.

As initiations always bring crowds, it is thought that several hundred Knights of Columbus from various sections of Southwest Louisiana will be at Lake Charles on Sunday.

The Opelousas lodge has always been recognized as one of the most important in the state, and whenever there is an initiation in this territory it is always extended a special invitation to attend.

The Grand Knight, State Deputy, and nearly all of the officers of the local lodge, besides several members, are anticipating the trip to Lake Charles, as they have always been treated gorgeously by their brother Knights in the Southwestern metropolis.

The excursion train will leave this city between 5:00 and 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning, April 26.

Arcade Entrance to Princess Theatre.

Mr. W. F. Nolan is having an arcade entrance to his moving picture constructed and it is believed that in the next few days it will be completed.

The entrance will be made from Landry street to Princess Theatre. Moving picture goers will have two entrances now instead of one.

The new entrance which is next to Shute's drugstore will be very attractive and beautiful. Soft drinks will be served under the arcade and Mr. Nolan expects to make it a very popular place.

JURY TO BE GIVEN CASE BY TO-NIGHT

The Fate of William C. Walters Will Soon Rest In The Hands of The Twelve Jurymen—Arguments Were Started This Evening—Verdict Not Expected Until Monday Morning.

The fate of William C. Walters, itinerant tinker, who is accused of kidnaping little Bobbie Dunbar of this city, will soon rest solely in the hands of the twelve jurymen, who will render a verdict either late to-night or early Monday morning.

After Dr. F. C. Shute testified the state closed its case and the court adjourned until three o'clock so as to allow the attorneys of both sides to prepare their arguments. It is not known how long the arguments will last but it is supposed that each attorney will be allowed one hour in which to discuss this mysterious problem.

The accused is not afraid of the verdict. He stated on Saturday morning that no matter how the verdict, whether he would be convicted or acquitted, he would take the verdict as a man. He is confident, however, that in case he is convicted he will be able to get a new trial from the Louisiana Supreme Court.

It is the consensus of opinion that the verdict will be either a conviction or a mistrial, the latter is apt to be the one decided upon the jury.

This case is telling upon the attorneys and the court officials, all seem to be worn out and a general satisfaction existed when the State closed its case against the alleged kidnapper of little Bobbie Dunbar.

On Monday North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi witnesses attempted to prove an alibi for the accused. The North Carolina witness testified to remembering when Walters left that state, in February, 1912, with Julia Anderson's child, whom she had named Bruce.

The defense on Tuesday still attempted to prove that Walters was not in the neighborhood of Swayze lake at the time that Bobbie Dunbar was lost, witnesses from Mississippi testified of seeing William C. Walters with the same little child, whom the Dunbars claim as their son. From the latter part of July until after Christmas, 1912, J. T. Thigpen testified that William C. Walters was at his home on the 23rd of August, 1912, with the boy, whom the people of Opelousas are positive is Bobbie Dunbar. Other witnesses testified that Walters was in and around their neighborhood in Pearl River country from July, 1912, until he was arrested at Hub, Miss., charged with having kidnaped Bobbie Dunbar.

On Wednesday the defense produced evidence tending to prove that Walters had never been in McComb City, Miss., on the night of the 18th of December, when, it was claimed by state witnesses, the accused had passed off as a secret service man on his way to Opelousas with the Dunbar child and would return with the \$6,000 reward. Other witnesses testified that the child now with the Dunbars is the same who was with Walters at the Thigpen home on the night that Bobbie Dunbar was lost, as well as several weeks before the 23rd of August, 1913.

On Thursday local people, prominent in the social and business world, testified that they conscientiously did not believe that the little child in question is Bobbie Dunbar, the same they

were in the custom of knowing so well before he mysteriously disappeared from Swayze lake, on August 23rd.

After this testimony was produced the state began its rebuttal.

After consuming practically the entire morning session in arguing over an objection of the defense to allowing M. A. Cowart, of Baxterville, a stockman, who claims that Bobbie Dunbar revealed his identity to him, whilst Walters was working in his yard, the rebuttal was resumed, when Judge Pavy sustained the defense's objection.

Miss Olympia Laas, who keeps a boarding house, on Union street, testified that Julia Anderson had told her, when the North Carolina woman was here for the identification test last summer, that she was warned to claim the child as hers, whether the little fellow was Bruce or not, if she cared to go back to North Carolina again. She claims that the woman told her the next morning that the little fellow was Bruce Anderson.

Mr. Dale, main attorney for the defense took the stand after Miss Lass and testified that it appeared to him that the letter which was found in Walters' possession at the time of his arrest at Hub, Miss., and addressed to Julia Anderson had been tampered with. Mr. Dale said that as soon as the letter was produced as evidence he had gone to the Lacombe Hotel with it, when a newspaper reporter asked him to let him have the letter so that a photograph could be made of it. When he next saw the letter it appeared as though the date had been changed.

W. W. Pigford, local agent of the Southern Pacific, was called on the stand and he testified that he was at the Lass boarding table when Julia Anderson said that she had been told to claim the child now with the Dunbars as hers, whether it was Bruce or not. North Carolina men warned her to do so, regardless of consequences. He also stated that the woman had said that she had been treated very nicely at the Lewis home.

D. C. Bennett, a Methodist preacher from DeRidder, who arrived on Friday evening, testified that at the time he was living at Longville, about the first of June, Wm. C. Walters appeared at his side gate and asked him for work on his stove. He stated that he had spoken to the accused and that he had also seen Walters' brother, whom Walters had claimed had come from Mississippi to help in his work. He claims that the two men looked very much alike and that they were about the same age. On the wagon, which he could see at a distance was written "W. C. Walters, stove repairer." When asked which one of the two limped, Mr. Bennett said that the taller, meaning the accused's brother. He admitted that he was a voluntary witness, having written to Mr. Dunbar on the previous day that he would offer his services as a witness in this case. He also admitted that it could be possible that he could be mistaken in the identity of the men, although he was almost sure that

it was the accused he saw in the begging of June, 1912.

J. H. Wynnberry, of DeRidder, another preacher, claims to have seen the accused at his home during the latter part of June, 1912. He saw the two Walters brothers, but claims that the accused is the one who spoke to him about fixing his stove. He stated that W. C. Walters spoke to him for three quarters of an hour and that he is positive it is the same man who now stands accused of kidnaping little Bobbie Dunbar of this city. He described the two men, as being about the same age, having similar hair and moustache, but the brother of the accused was the taller of the two and Wm. C. Walters limped.

H. C. Scarborough, another witness from DeRidder, testified that he remembers Walters as being the same man who spoke to Mr. Bennet at Longville, in June, 1912. This witness also stated that he had seen the accused and his brother at his home near Forrest Hill, La. a short while after he saw Walters in Longville. He claims that the name of the tinker was written on the buggy. He could not recognize the accused, neither by his eyes nor his voice.

O. L. Mason, justice of the peace of the town of Merrville, testified that he saw Walters in May, 1912, during the famous Grabrow riot. This witness, however, could not state whether there were two men in the party. He also saw Walters name on the wagon.

Mrs. M. Sloane of New Roads, claims to have seen Wm. C. Walters and another man, with a child of about 6 or 7 years of age at New Roads in January, 1912, at the same time that the accused was supposed to have been in North Carolina. The men stopped at her house. She claims to know Bobbie Dunbar and testified that the child whom Walters had at that time does not resemble the Dunbar child whatever. The witness became angry when the defense attorneys put her through a severe test of cross-examination. However she still persisted in saying that she was positive about the man and the time she saw him.

Dr. Lawrence Daly, a practicing physician of Bellevue, testified that he has had experience with severe burns and claims that a burn under proper treatment will not cause a permanent scar. He gave as an example one of his patients, Sam Walker, caused by gasoline explosion and whose hand has very few signs of a scar. It has been the doctor's experience that medical attention would act better and quicker on children than on adults.

Archie Dunbar, an uncle of the child testified that the child new at the home of his brother cannot say grace. He tried to have the child say grace and never was successful.

Dr. R. M. Littell, testified that there was nothing abnormal about Bobbie Dunbar's foot when he was born, but he had not examined it since the burn and could not tell whether or not it was deformed after it was burned.

Dr. F. C. Shute had the distinction of being the last witness

BISHOP LAVAL WILL BE HERE NEXT MONTH

Confirmation Will Be Held On May 3rd—Lawtell Church to Be Blessed.

His Lordship Bishop Laval, of New Orleans, will be in Opelousas on May 3rd to give confirmation to several Catholic children of this parish. On May 5th his lordship will go to Lawtell, accompanied by Father Engerbrink of this city, where they will bless the Catholic Church.

Father Engerbrink is training the children to receive the holy sacrament and instructions are held every Sunday morning, after High Mass, and every Thursday evening at 3 o'clock in French and English.

The local pastor expects to have First Communion Day in the latter part of next month, or beginning of June. For that purpose he is instructing the children in French and English, every Sunday morning, immediately after High Mass, and on Wednesday evening he gives English instructions, whilst on Friday he attends to the French speaking children.

Oakland Cars Come Overland from N. O. to Opelousas.

The Bird Motor Car Company, of New Orleans, through its salesman, Mr. W. M. Brand, delivered last week to Mr. E. M. Boagni, capitalist of this city, two Oakland cars, one a 6 cylinder, 62 Hp. 7 passenger car and the other a 4 cylinder, 36 Hp. runabout, he also delivered one Model 6 cylinder 48 Hp. 3 passenger car to Mr. Pierre Mistric, another of our capitalists, and a Model 4 cylinder, 42 Hp. 5 passenger touring car to Mr. F. J. Dietlein, one of our progressive jewelers. Dr. J. Brown of Washington, purchased a 4 cylinder, 42 Hp. 5 passenger touring car, which was delivered with the other cars.

The Oakland cars are very pretty in design and are apparently built for comfort and the fact that so many of them have been sold is a good sign that the cars are making good.

Mr. Brand says he will be in town all of this week and expects to return shortly with a half dozen more cars for our city. Opelousas is certainly pushing forward with the motor car transportation, its good roads and paved streets; motoring in and around our city has become very popular and we expect to see many more automobile buyers join the present army.

The Oakland cars left New Orleans on Easter Sunday, April 12th, went by road to Baton Rouge, arriving at Baton Rouge in the afternoon, making the trip in five hours. The cars were ferried across to Port Allen on Monday afternoon and went by road to New Roads, from there to Simsport, and were ferried across the Atchafalaya, and from Simsport went by road to Bunkie, and arrived in Opelousas Tuesday night, the mileage covered by roadway was two hundred and ninety-five miles. Weather conditions were not favorable owing to excessive rains, but the time made on the trip showed that the cars are built for mud as well as paved streets.

Miss Gertrude Simpson, a popular school teacher of Sunset, spent Friday and Saturday in this city, returning on Sunday.

Miss Rowena Delahoussaye, of Lafayette, is here on a visit to friends.

In this famous kidnaping case, Dr. Shute testified that he treated Bobbie Dunbar when he was severely burnt on the floor, when a little tot and that he examined Bobbie upon his arrival here and did not perform any operation. After hearing this testimony the state closed its case and the court adjourned until three o'clock Saturday evening.

Notice The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Jacobs News Depot Co., will be held at the office of the company on Monday, May 11th, 1914, between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year.

AARON JACOBS, President.
J. F. DEZAUCHE, Secretary.

HARD JOB AHEAD OF NEW CITY COUNCIL

Various Appointed Positions To Be Dished Out At First Meeting In May.

When the new council will organize next month it will have a hard job distributing jobs to their faithful friends. For every appointive position there are several prominent physicians seeking appointment.

It is a pleasure which an officer elected by the people must dread, because it matters not whom he appoints he will cause discord in his political rank and file.

The last political campaign in this city was carried on so bitterly, that practically every citizen in Opelousas took a hand in the fight. Generally when one fights for a man and he is elected something is expected from the successful candidates. This time however there are many who think that they should be appointed because they fought hard for the successful candidates for mayor and members of the board of aldermen.

It is however, gratifying to the citizens who have the interest of this community at heart to learn that the city council will appoint the men who are best suited for the position, and not on account of political affiliation. It is admitted that there will be some changes made, but the council proposes to give these positions to the men who are qualified to hold down the job,—if it is possible, of course those who voted for the successful aspirants for the municipal offices will get their share, if they are suited for the places.

MEETING DISCUSSES INSURANCE LOWERING

Fire Prevention Bureau to Attend to Having Rates Lowered in City.

A conference was held on Tuesday night at the Mayor's office, between the Mayor, a committee of citizens and Mr. Sol Bloodworth, head of the Louisiana State Fire Prevention Bureau. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing the plan of reducing the present fire insurance rates and to have Opelousas placed into the second class cities instead of the third class.

Mr. Bloodworth assured the meeting that the Fire Prevention Bureau would have the rate reduced at least twenty per cent on the present fire insurance premiums, if the city would make certain improvements.

A representative of the Bureau will be sent to Opelousas in the very near future to look over the field and investigate what is needed to have this city listed with the second class cities of Louisiana.

Mr. Bloodworth stated at the Tuesday night conference that the cost of the improvements needed to have Opelousas placed in the column of second class cities would not exceed \$10,000. In order that the insurance rate can be reduced at least 20 per cent Opelousas will have to install the modern fire alarm system, which it has already contracted for, besides extending the water mains and purchasing an automobile fire truck, as well as organizing a second fire department.

Many claim that the automobile truck is not absolutely necessary, but Mr. Bloodworth advised the committee that it would be much better for the safety of Opelousas, if the fire department owned an automobile truck, as the scene of fire could be quickly reached then.

A Card.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends in Eunice for the many kindnesses shown to our children during the recent illness of our son-in-law, Leon Hines. The kindness did much to alleviate the suffering and hardship of a serious illness and our hearts are full of gratitude to our friends.

MR. AND MRS. R. M. MILSTED.

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Mr. Lawrence O. Barry, of Grand Coteau, was the guest of relatives in this city on Monday.