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HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES WITH SIX GRADUATES

Splendid High School Building Is Opened With Commencement Exercises—Moreau Wins Two Medals.

The \$70,000 Opelousas High School building was thrown open on last Wednesday night when the commencement exercises were held with six pupils receiving diplomas.

The splendid auditorium, which has a seating capacity of over eleven hundred, was not filled to its capacity, due to the inclement weather, but despite the rain which occurred at the very hour when the exercises were to begin there was a fairly good sized audience.

Willie Moreau, the only young man receiving a diploma, carried off two medals, being awarded the general excellence medal, given by Dr. B. A. Littell, of this city, and the geometry medal donated by the St. Landry Clarion. Miss Pearl Lewis was presented with the Interstate Bank and Trust Company's medal for the best essay on immigration to the South, and Miss Evelyn Stagg was awarded the Thomas H. Lewis medal for English.

Those who were graduated at the Wednesday night exercises were Misses Evelyn Stagg, Henry Ethel Estorge, Aline Brown, Pearl Lewis, Julia Walker and Willie Moreau.

The diplomas were conferred by Superintendent of parish education C. J. Thompson, while the medals were awarded by Professor R. E. Scott.

Mr. A. T. Prescott, delivered a beautiful oration, which was attentively listened to by the

audience and the young graduates.

The new building which was opened on last Wednesday is a credit to Opelousas; it is claimed to be one of the most up-to-date and modern, as well as sanitary school buildings, in the entire state.

It was largely through the untiring efforts of Superintendent of parish education, C. J. Thompson, that the taxpayers of Opelousas voted the tax in order to raise sufficient funds to erect a building worthy of this city.

The new Opelousas school house will be ready for occupancy next September, when it is expected by Professor Prescott that over six hundred children will be enrolled.

The program which was followed on last Wednesday night:

March, Miss Barq; salutatory, Miss Evelyn Stagg; class will, Miss Aline Brown; sextette "from 'Il Trovatore';" junior response, Lionel, Castille; valedictory, Mr. William Moreau; chorus, "Carmen," and an address to graduates, Colonel A. T. Prescott, professor of political science at Louisiana State University.

The graduates all acquitted themselves with honor and it was gratifying indeed to ladies and the young man the parents of the young who were awarded diplomas to see the exercises carried on so successfully.

SEVERAL TOWNS TO OBTAIN NATURAL GAS

Busch--Everett Sell Caddo Gas Property to the Texas Oil Co.

The Texas Oil Company, composed of the estate of John W. Gates and millionaire associates, has bought out the rights and franchise and property of the Busch-Everett oil and gas syndicate in Caddo parish and other parts of Louisiana and have begun negotiations for carrying out the 50-year natural gas franchise of the Burch-Everett people.

The statement was made on Saturday by W. W. Boudreau of the Texas oil concern and New Orleans City Commissioner W. B. Thompson. Commissioner Thompson said that the Texas people seemed to be very much in earnest about bringing their natural gas to New Orleans and asked him what would be the attitude of the people and officials of New Orleans to bringing gas to the Crescent City.

Not only will the people of New Orleans welcome the natural gas, but cities all along the line from the Caddo oil fields to New Orleans will benefit by this cheap fuel.

A probable system of pipe lines throughout the state and into Mississippi, supplying several important cities in both Louisiana and Mississippi is likely to be erected.

It is reported that the Texas Oil Company will invest over ten million dollars in this new enterprise and will give employment to thousands of people between Caddo parish and New Orleans.

There are several routes proposed and as yet the Texas company has not decided upon either of the numerous routes mentioned. It is not known in which direction the pipes will lead to New Orleans after leaving Alexandria. It is thought that the

towns in Louisiana will co-operate together in an endeavor to have the pipe line come by way of the route planned out by various towns and cities.

Another Vet Added To List of the Great Majority.

Alex St. Cyr, Sr., a well known farmer of the Bayou Teche country, a few miles out of this city, died on last Monday evening and was buried in Opelousas in the Catholic cemetery at four o'clock Tuesday evening. A large number of friends and relatives gathered around the tomb to pay their last tribute to one of the many who went forth in the bright of youth to fight for their country's right.

Mr. St. Cyr was born on Oct. 1, 1834 at Waterloo, Pointe Coupee parish, a town which was situated on the Mississippi river, but which was wiped out some time after the war, when the levee caved in. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a private, remaining one year in Captain Pratt's camp of instruction, after which he joined Geo. W. Hudspeth's Company K Seventh Louisiana Cavalry, Col. Bringier, Brent's Brigade, General Walker's Division. Private St. Cyr remained in the army until after the war broke out, when he returned to his home and finally settled in this section of the state.

The deceased leaves four sons and five daughters besides one brother, Mr. Alcide St. Cyr, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Alexandre Legrenge, of Plaquemine Ridge, forty-four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. His sons and daughters are Albert, Walter David and Antoine St. Cyr, Mrs. Albert Kerr, of Washington, Mrs. Tillis Carrier, Port Barre, Mrs. Eunice Rider, Mrs. Elodie St. Cyr and Miss Emily St. Cyr.

Wednesday June 3, 1914 will be Confederate Memorial Day. Banks here will be closed.

Mrs. C. J. Thompson is visiting relatives in Mobile, Ala., and Meridian, Miss.

ELABORATE BANQUET GIVEN BY FIREMEN

Fire Fighters Observe Annual Installation Ceremonies With A Feast.

Scarce a hand full of men who compose the entire membership of the Opelousas Volunteer fire department, entertained their wives and sweethearts at an elaborate banquet on last Tuesday night at the Waldorf Restaurant. The mayor, members of board of Aldermen and a representative of the press were the only outsiders present.

The banquet was indeed worthy of the firemen, everything seemed to have been carefully prepared by Mr. Durio and his able cooks, and judging from the happy mood in which the firemen and their guests departed from the table it is evident that a time galore was had by every one present.

Hon. R. Lee Garland, who was scheduled to act as toastmaster on this occasion did not show up, consequently President W. A. Hays, of the fire department, called upon Dr. B. A. Littell to preside as toastmaster. Hon. Peyton R. Sandoz who had been summoned to deliver an oration to the firemen and their guests was unable to attend the banquet consequently only informal and impromptu talks were given.

It was the firemen who influenced the board of aldermen to appropriate the money for the splendid electric fire alarm system, which is now almost complete. These men have worked effectively during the last few years; they have prevented many a disastrous fire in this city and the entire city should feel indebted to them for their willingness to protect Opelousas from destruction by fire.

The annual banquet is generally given on the night of the installation of officers, which usually takes place on Washington's birthday, but on account of that day being in Lent this year, it was decided by the firemen that it were best to give the banquet later in the season, when all the members and their wives would be able to attend.

ALARM SYSTEM COMPLETED.

Superintendent Maulein Makes Private Test; Proves Satisfactory.

The new fire alarm system was completed on Thursday evening and immediately thereafter a private test was made by Superintendent Maulein, who has been for several weeks erecting the splendid system; the courthouse bell rang out the numbers of several boxes and at the fire station all boxes were rung in.

The system will shortly be inspected by the State Fire Prevention Bureau and several experts from other cities whom Ma. Maulein invited over will be here for the test.

After the inspection it will be up to the Board of Aldermen to accept the system.

The members of the fire department are individually proud and glad that the system has been installed and its erection has added materially to the efficiency of the department.

The Opelousas electric fire alarm system is the same as is installed in all the large cities of the United States and Europe, at the same time being the very best money can purchase.

Old Vets To Celebrate.

The public is cordially invited to attend the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis at the courthouse June 3rd, 1914 at 3 o'clock p. m. Suitable addresses will be delivered, also a lawn party will take place after the meeting.

Given under the auspices of the U. D. C.'s and U. C. V.'s.

FINE NEW SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY FRISCO

Opelousas Now Connected With N. O. and Houston by Two Daily Trains.

The Frisco railroad adopted a new schedule, which will go into effect on May 31st (to-morrow.) This schedule is of great benefit to the people living all along the Frisco trunk line. Opelousas and surrounding country especially will benefit by the new schedule, as the business men of this city will have two trains by which they can go to the Crescent City and return without losing very much time.

According to the schedule which will go into effect Sunday (to-morrow) West bound trains will arrive in this city at 12:48 A. M. and 2:08 P. M., East bound trains will arrive at 2:30 A. M. and 3:55 P. M. The Baton Rouge-DeQuincy accommodation trains will no longer be operated.

The people of this city have desired the through double daily train service restored ever since the high water of 1912, when New Orleans was easily accessible by the local people.

The Frisco passenger business has been increasing so rapidly during the last few months that it was no longer possible for the company to accommodate its patrons with only one train running between New Orleans and Houston. The new schedule is not only beneficial to the public at large, but it will also mean more business for the new railroad, which has already become very popular with the people of St. Landry parish.

Kavanaugh Stagg Made District Deputy.

Mr. Kavanaugh Stagg, well known insurance agent of this city, has accepted the position of district deputy for the Benevolent Knights of America. His district for the time being will comprise St. Landry and Evangeline, but if he shows the goods, as Mr. E. Wiel, state manager, expressed it, he will be given a much larger territory.

Mr. Stagg is one of the best known young men in this city and it is expected that he will make a success at his new undertaking.

On next Tuesday Mr. Stagg will leave for Lake Charles, where he will attend the installation of a new lodge, at the same time meet the national officials of his order.

St. Cyr--Guillory.

On Wednesday evening Rev. Father John Engerbrink joined in wedlock Mr. Alcide St. Cyr, son of Mr. Alcide St. Cyr, of this city, and Miss Alice Guillory, daughter of Oviganc Guillory.

The groom is well known in this city, being a life long resident of Opelousas; he is a brother to A. T. St. Cyr, member of the police jury from the first ward. The bride is the daughter of a well known farmer of the Little Bayou Teche country.

The newly weds will make Opelousas their home.

Miss Margurite Sanders returned from the Louisiana State Normal School, Natchitoches, on Friday morning, and will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanders.

Mr. Bradford Thompson, son of Superintendent of the parish schools arrived in the city a few days ago, from New Orleans, and will spend the summer in Opelousas.

Miss Lena Marine is back from the Southwest Louisiana Industrial Institute.

Mr. M. Sandizzier, of Lake Charles, has been in Opelousas for several days visiting friends.

LOCAL BOYS SHOW EUNICE HOW TO PLAY

Opelousas Team Wallops Daughtry for Fourteen Runs on Last Sunday.

That invincible Eunice team, which is the pride of the Western St. Landry town, was shown on last Sunday that Opelousas had not gone there for a practice game. On the contrary the Eunice players proved themselves to be a fairly good country team by letting Opelousas defeat them by the small margin of 14 to 5.

The Eunice team has been figuring on playing Garden City for the championship of the state--Opelousas was not in their class as they had succeeded in defeating the local boys by the score of three to one some three weeks ago, when one Tom Casey was not in midseason form and the Opelousas boys had a bad day.

It was a sure bet that Eunice would run away with Opelousas. Casey had lost his arm, Broussard was already a "has been" with Thompson, Francioni and Brown unable to play the ball they played last season. But unluckily for the Eunice boys Casey proved himself the master of the situation, Broussard displayed his ability of slugging the ball, when with three men on base he sent a hard bump to Daughtry by touching him softly for a three-base hit. Chastant, one time local player, had an off day only getting two home runs, whilst the other Opelousas boys had the Eunice outfielders continually busy chasing after the ball all over the lot. Evidently Eunice made a mistake by erecting the fence too close to the home plate.

It is understood that Eunice will come to Opelousas for another drubbing in the near future. Whilst it is generally admitted by the fans of this city that Eunice has a very strong team it is gratifying to see that the local players are not as bad off as was claimed by the enthusiastic fans of the Hammers-Porter team.

It certainly did not appear from the manner the infield, especially Broussard and Casey handled themselves, played ball at Eunice that Opelousas had traveled to Eunice to give that team a practice game. On the contrary it seems as though the local boys had a pretty fair practice on that day, playing rings around roses with the rivals of the Opelousas players.

Daughtry, the young pitcher whom the local fans have heard so much of, left the box in the seventh after yielding an abundance of hits which totaled eleven runs. In the ninth inning he evidently got disgusted of the game because he was not to be seen when his time at bat arrived.

Eunice, however, is a very enthusiastic little town. With all due respect to the superior playing of the Opelousas boys, it must be admitted that the crowd which witnessed the game was the largest seen at a ball game in this section of the state.

Practically one thousand fans paid admittance to the ball grounds, Opelousas furnishing over two hundred.

AUTO PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE JULY 4

Preparation For Opelousas Day Celebration Already Under Way.

The committee has decided to have the celebration of Opelousas Day on the Fourth of July, and the ladies and committees are requested to commence to prepare their flowers, etc. for the decorations of the automobiles, vehicles etc.

The parade will be in the forenoon, and the following prizes will be awarded at the Ball Park immediately preceding the game in the afternoon:

First prize--For best decorated automobile, from Opelousas Motor Car Co. Second prize--For best decorated automobile, from Jos. Bordelon & Son. First prize--For best decorated vehicle, from R. Mornhinveg & Son. Second prize--For best decorated vehicle, from F. J. Dietlein.

The date has been set far enough to allow ample time for the preparations, and it is expected that the rivalry will be rife for the prizes will be well worth while.

DEMAND FOR EXTRA MOTOR CAR GRANTED

Railroad Commission Orders Southern Pacific to Extend Motor Service as Far as Alexandria.

Opelousas will now be connected with Alexandria by a motor car service, which will enable business people of this city to attend to business in Alexandria without spending overnight in that city. As the schedule is at present it necessitates the spending of two nights in Alexandria by Opelousas people in order to transact a few hours of business.

A delegation from towns along the Alexandria-Lafayette branch appeared before the railroad commission during the week to demand the operation of a motor car service between Lafayette and Alexandria. The case lasted four hours and a-half, as the commission was desirous of getting all information necessary on the subject in order to compel the railroad company to establish the new service, which will be of great benefit to the patrons of the branch road.

Those who appeared before the commission were: Mayor E. L. Loeb and Sheriff M. L. Swords, representing Opelousas; Mayor Landry, Sunset, Rev. Father M. A. G. R. A. e, president of St. Charles College, Grand Coteau; Dr. Mary, Washington, Mr. Miller, Macland; J. P. Savant, Whiteville and Mr. Fernandez, secretary of the Alexandria Commercial Association.

It has been a great complaint of the people living on the branch that the traveling accom-

modation was simply fierce. The Sunset people can not, by the present schedule, come to Opelousas on the train to transact their business; nor could the people south of Alexandria go to that city, without practically losing two days. Now that the motor car service between Alexandria and Lafayette is to be established the people in this city boast of splendid railroad facilities.

It is proposed that the motor will leave Lafayette in the neighborhood of six o'clock in the morning, arriving in Alexandria about eleven o'clock; returning it will leave Alexandria around 3 o'clock, allowing about four or five hours time in the Central Louisiana city.

The Opelousas Progressive League, headed by Mr. L. H. Mornhinveg, together with Hon. E. L. Loeb, mayor of this city, had been working with a view of having the service established for several months. As soon as they secured the co-operation of the officials of the various towns and villages on the branch line the demand for the motor car was made to the railroad commission, which was granted during the week.

It is not known when the car will begin operating, but it is expected that within the next few days this city will be connected with Alexandria by two daily trains, instead of one.

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DUVAL AND MURFF GIRL GET REHEARING

Crowley Prisoners Given Another Chance to Gain Their Liberty.

Dora Murff, the young Crowley woman convicted as an accomplice in the murder of young Millard Delhaye, together with her step-father, James Duval, who was given life imprisonment was granted a rehearing of the case by the state supreme court on last Monday.

When the Murff girl was told the decision of the court she expressed a confidence of being acquitted. The step-father also was elated over the action of the supreme court, stating that he too would be turned free.

The supreme court granted a new trial to the girl because it was shown by her attorney that the crowds that invaded the courtroom during the sensational trial had been prejudiced against her case.

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THE GARDEN THEATER PLAYING VAUDEVILLE.

Manager Crawford has been fortunate in securing vaudeville for the past two weeks and gave the patrons their money's worth, The Monti Two in their singing, also the Huff sisters. The Garden Theatre is becoming a favorite retreat for the amusement loving people of Opelousas.

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