

THE CLARION

SANITARIUM.

Every progressive citizen of Opelousas realizes the fact that this city is in dire need of a modern and up-to-date sanitarium. No one, thus far, has or can dispute this fact and it is incumbent on the public spirited citizens of this city to successfully launch a move for the erection of a hospital which will be a credit to this community.

It is really to the utter shame of a city of approximately seven thousand people to allow other towns and cities not one particle as prosperous as Opelousas to erect and operate successfully one or two sanitariums.

It has come to our mind that Opelousas has several citizens who have become rich in this immediate vicinity and we think that if the proposition were laid properly before these men that they would willingly donate a few hundred dollars each in order to assist the enterprising physicians and citizens of this city in erecting the proposed hospital. Money expended in the building of a sanitarium is money well spent, a good investment and money placed in an institution which is of great necessity to any community.

The Clarion hopes to see the sanitarium question revived and that within the next twelve months this city will join the progressive cities of the state, which have already invested money in a much needed institution.

DRAINAGE IS AN INVESTMENT.

If it were possible to change the words "drainage tax" into "drainage investment" or similar terms there is no doubt in the world that a community would have little if any trouble at all in levying a sufficient amount of money for drainage purposes.

Here in St. Landry, where a tax is a veritable devil to the farmers, because they have been made to pay many useless taxes in times past, one would find that if these sturdy fillers of the soil could be convinced that money spent for drainage is not a tax, we feel confident that in a very short while enough money to drain the entire parish, could be voted very easily.

In every community where a drainage tax has been voted and the work entrusted to good reliable and honest contractors the market value of lands have been doubled, and in some instances trebled. There is no questioning the fact that in this parish the value of land would be increased greatly were we, who term ourselves progressive citizens, to vote a tax for the purpose of levying sufficient funds to drain the many streams in St. Landry, which serve to drown instead of draining the lands.

Enough money has been lost in this parish within the last three or four years to convince us that if we were to drain our lands within the next five years we will have made enough money to drain every stream in the parish, besides paving every highway in St. Landry. This is not "hot air"—if you do not believe this figure it out and see if St. Landry does not lose hundreds of thousands of dollars every time we have a rainy harvesting season, as for example last year, when the Union Irrigation Company alone lost over three hundred thousand dollars.

Let us say that we will vote for "drainage investment" instead of for a "drainage tax," and see if we can't make this the ideal country.

Lawn Musicales.

There will be held a lawn musicale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Stewart, on West Landry street, on this (Saturday) afternoon at 8:30 for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church. The public is cordially invited to attend; admission 10 and 15 cents.

Dr. P. A. Smith, wife and two children of New Orleans, will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. George Vidrine of this city.

WILL AGITATE ROAD TO KROTZ SPRINGS

Solons Think Atchafalaya Country Should Be Connected With Opelousas.

There is some talk of agitating the opening of a road between Port Barre and Krotz Springs, which would connect the Atchafalaya country with this city. There is no questioning the fact that a road between this city and Krotz Springs is badly needed, not only because it would afford the people of that country an outlet, but because it would afford one straight road between Opelousas and Baton Rouge, which the people of this city are beginning to realize would be a great thing.

Pointe Coupee parish is having a road built from the Atchafalaya river to some point about seven miles distant, which will connect with a direct road leading to the capital city.

By building a road from Port Barre to Krotz Springs, which would necessitate the construction of about seven miles of roadway, all that Atchafalaya country from above Melville to Krotz Springs would be several miles closer to this city than at present. The distance between this city and Baton Rouge would be reduced approximately one hundred miles; this would consequently afford the people of this city an opportunity to transact business by automobile, without difficulty.

Another important fact about the erection of a road between Port Barre and Krotz Springs is that the automobilists traveling between New Orleans and Texas would pass through Opelousas, because the Baton Rouge-Opelousas road would be several miles shorter than the present road connecting New Orleans with Texas. Consequently when the question of erecting an interstate highway would arise again the Opelousas road would no doubt be accepted as the best and shortest to Texas and New Orleans.

It is to be hoped that the citizens of the Eastern portion of this parish will not give up the fight before the battle is over and that the police jury will give their proposition a fair hearing.

The road is needed, as every citizen is aware, and the cost of constructing a graded road would not be so enormous after all. Not even the cost of a road machine. It would certainly not be out of place for the police jury to consider the erection of the road at its next regular meeting.

Death of Mrs. Susan Hill Swayze.

It was with deep regret and sorrow that the former friends and acquaintances of Susan Hill, wife of the late Caldwell Swayze at one time residents of our old town, learned that she had passed away into the Great Unknown.

This notification of her demise comes a little late, as the Clarion awaited data as to the time of her death and some other details; as same has not yet been received, however, and as an announcement of her decease is due her former friends, as well as resident relatives of Opelousas, the Clarion makes same without the data which would have been desirable.

The deceased at quite a ripe age, having reaped her three score years and ten and plucked the fruit of mellowed years, passed away while sitting in the parlor chatting cheerfully with her daughter, Mrs. Willie Ray, and grand-daughter Florence Kitter Ray, in Mobile, Ala. Notwithstanding her mature years, the old lady always having been in perfect health, her sudden demise came as a great shock.

Her two sons, Caldwell Swayze of Alexandria, and Robin Swayze of New Orleans, were dispatched for, the former arriving for her interment in Mobile, by the side of her beloved son, Caleb Swayze, the flower that was plucked from her life in effulgent young manhood,

whose death she had never recovered. Her youngest son, Robin, arrived after the interment had taken place.

It had at first been decided to bring her remains to Opelousas to be interred by the side of her husband, Caldwell Swayze, in the protestant cemetery, but for reasons unmentioned, the family decided to place the beloved old mother by the side of the boy she had so idolized.

Mrs. Swayze was a well known personality in Opelousas, a brilliantly intellectual woman, as well as the manners, aplomb, and conversational ability that bespoke her of the old blue blood of the south. She was one of the reigning belles of her day, not only popular because of her personal charm and wealthy setting in life, with all of the power that wealth gives, but she was a force in every path that she took in life, because of her intellectual magnetism. But one conversation even, with her, so unusual was her charm of manner and eloquence of expression, left a vivid memory of her stamped indelibly upon the mind. All thro' the vicissitudes of life following the misfortunes of the Civil War with its devastating scythe, her fortune like others' felled, and she was compelled to tread her way in paths devastated, culled of every blessing of prosperity, she retained, nevertheless, that great gift, endowment of nature, her personal and intellectual brilliancy, when her life was shorn of all else.

Her friends had wished to see her once again in Opelousas, to hear her pleasant voice again in chat upon ante bellum days and the numerous interesting subjects she was so conversant upon but that inevitable call was sounded to her, ere the anticipation lingering in the hearts of her distant friends, was realized. They with hearts resigned to that incontrovertible law, tho' they cannot but repine the passing of that beloved personality, extend in their sympathy, condolences to the bereaved family.

One who mourns her loss, and thanks her for much sweet encouragement and inspiration given to her in her childhood.

Whiteville.

The most delightful event of the season was a party given by Misses Helen Milburn and Mabel Savant at Miss Savant's beautiful home at Whiteville. The house was attractively decorated with ferns and lighted with Japanese lanterns. The guests were entertained with numerous puzzles, prizes being given to those who succeeded best in solving them. Much laughter was indulged in especially when the young men put forth such strong efforts to secure the greatest number of red hearts as a symbol of acceptance of their proposals. Dame fortune smiled on Mr. Levi Campbell, for he proved to be the lucky one. Delicious refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Those who enjoyed this occasion were: Misses Ida Dare, Nannie, Lela and Nellie Lewis, Helen Milburn, Maggie, Emily and Pearl Lewis, Mable, Thelma and Odessa Savant and Miss Milburn of Alexandria; Messrs. Dick Milburn, Walter Phillips, Frank Levi, Ernest Campbell, James and Caulin Savant, Currie Lewis, Marion Joffron, Claude Stagg, Philip Reed, George Dare, Henry Milburn, and Ferdinand and Lastie Savant.

All who were present report having had a jolly good time and join in proclaiming Misses Savant and Milburn charming hostesses.

Dr. Chas. F. Boagni purchased a beautiful studebaker, six cylinder, seven passenger automobile from King and Lacombe, Agents. The same agents sold Mr. Murray of "watermelon fame," of Bayou Chicot, a Studebaker automobile truck, which he will use for quick watermelon delivery. Melons a la auto this summer.

On account of next Saturday, July 4th, being a legal holiday, all banks in this city will be closed.

PERSONAL and SOCIETY

Major A. D. Stewart made a flying trip to this city from Baton Rouge, where he is busily engaged taking care of the interest of his constituents from this parish.

Sheriff Marion L. Swords, Messrs. John W. Lewis, Dudley L. Guilbeau and Yves Andrepoint, were among those from this city who went to the capital city on Monday.

Mr. George W. Dubuisson was a visitor to Grand Coteau, having gone to attend the graduating exercises at St. Charles College, last Sunday morning.

Constable Guilbeau from Sunset was in Opelousas on Monday.

Mr. Paul Turregano, eldest son of ex-Mayor Paul Turregano, of Alexandria, was in Opelousas on last Saturday.

Dr. W. J. Cade, of Orange, Texas, who was for some time druggist at Shute's Drug store, in this city, visited friends here during the week.

Hon. Fred. J. Grace and daughter, Miss Lucille May, of Baton Rouge, Dr. Willie Grace and son, Willie, of Plaquemine, spent Sunday evening in this city, enroute from Grand Coteau to the capital city.

Mrs. T. H. Harris, wife of the Superintendent of the State Board of Education, of Baton Rouge, spent several days in this city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lawler.

Mrs. A. R. Dossman and young son of Ville Platt have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrepoint for several days.

Mrs. E. K. Wallior returned during the week from Texas, after visiting several points in the Lone Star State.

Mr. Claude Chappuis, son of Hon. P. J. Chappuis candidate for Congress, of Crowley, spent Wednesday and Thursday in this city as the guest of Mr. Frank Dietlein.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lassalle went to Grand Coteau, on last Sunday to be present at the graduation of their son, Lawrence F. Lassalle. Young Lassalle was conferred the Degree of Bachelor of Science, besides being awarded the gold medal for Catechism. Other members of the family present at the graduation were: E. Cahain, Mr. and Mrs. Lassalle and little children, Alma, Lillian and Francis.

Church Point.

Church Point, June 23.—Mr. Alphonse Arceneau returned from Convent, La., where he had been attending school at the Jefferson College.

Miss Bernice Savoy of Eunice is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. Laurent Barousse, Jr., returned home Saturday from St. Charles College, where he had been attending school.

Miss Jeanne Franquez returned home Saturday after spending several days in Sunset the guests of friends.

Dr. R. C. Webb, Jr., and wife and Mr. J. W. Meyers and little daughter of Rayne motored to this place on Monday.

An auto crowd composed of Misses Leola Barousse and Leonie Daigle and Messrs. Edward Daigle, Jr., and Otho Harman motored to Opelousas Monday night to witness the commencement exercises at the convent of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Howard Savoy returned from Grand Coteau Sunday where he had been attending school.

Two automobiles left here Monday morning carrying some of our business men on a trip to Galveston for a few days' stay. The following composed the pleasure seekers: Laurent Barousse, Sr., J. C. Wimberly, Laurent Barousse, Jr., Adam A. Reed, Laurent Thibodeaux, C. C. Horecky, Sidney Savoy, and Terrence Guidry. The party left Monday morning at 6 o'clock and news was received from them at Lake Charles stating they had arrived at 10:30 A. M. and were expecting to lay over night at Beaumont.

LOST.—Roller bearing and cap on Mel Durio road, between Opelousas and Lawtell. Reward to person returning to Andrew Moresi, Opelousas. June 27 tf

LOST.—On Sunday evening a bunch of keys, on heavy key ring. Finder will please return to this office.

Notice of Provisional Account.

The International Harvester Co. of America, VERTIS The Union Irrigation Co. No. 20060, 18th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

Whereas, Wm. Edenborn and Henry P. Dart, Sr., Receivers of the above numbered and entitled cases, have filed therein their final provisional account. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to make opposition to said provisional account to file same in writing in my office within the time required by law, why the said provisional account should not be homologated and confirmed.

By order of said Court. Opelousas, La., June 27, 1914. HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., Clerk of Court.

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