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TO BEGIN DRILLING FOR OIL REAL SOON

Driller Reports that Chances of Discovering Oil at Mallet Are Good.

NORTHERN CAPITALISTS INTERESTED IN COMPANY

As Soon as Stock Will Have Been Sold in Opelousas Petroleum Co. Work Will Begin

The people of St. Landry and Evangeline parishes will soon know whether or not oil is in existence in that section of St. Landry and Evangeline known as Mallet and L'Anse aux Pailles, according to a statement made by C. J. Thompson, organizer of the Opelousas Petroleum Company.

Mr. Thompson is very enthusiastic over the prospects of discovering oil near Mallet and those connected with the company are bent upon setting to work, drilling for the valuable mineral, as soon as the stocks in the company will all have been placed.

It is understood that several prominent Northern capitalists are taking interest in the company and it would not be surprising if a large portion of the stock of the company should be sold to Northerners.

The company, which has as its president Dr. J. A. Haas, engaged the services of a competent driller, who inspected the territory, where wells will be drilled in the near future, reported that the chances of discovering oil in the Mallet-L'Anse aux Pailles sections of St. Landry and Evangeline are excellent.

The officers of the oil company are confident that drilling will be started within the next few weeks, when it is hoped that some of the largest oil wells in the state will be brought in.

OPERATING PORCH CHAIR FACTORY

The Stewart-Weir Manufacturing Company, owned by W. T. Stewart and Harvey Weir, is the latest enterprise to make its appearance in Opelousas. This company is manufacturing the most comfortable reclining porch chairs and swings on the market; the demand for these chairs has greatly exceeded the output of the factory in the western portion of Opelousas.

Messrs. Stewart and Weir stated during the week that as soon as these chairs were being built they would ship them either to New Orleans or some points in Texas. There is also a great deal of local demand, as the company is making these swings and chairs at a very reasonable price, at present.

WORK ON PORT BARRE ROAD STARTED

The Port Barre road is now well under way of construction. Contractor Fisher having started last week on his last lap of his contract with the parish police jury. The Port Barre road, which has been for many years one of the worst highways in the parish, will, after being constructed, come up to the expectation of the parish good roads committee and the road supervisor.

Mr. Fisher stated during the week that the road would be completed within the next month or six weeks should the rain not interfere.

FIRST COMMUNION MAY 16th.

Father John Engerink will give the First Holy Communion to nearly two hundred children on Sunday, May 16th.

For the past week the well-known rector of the St. Landry Catholic Church has been examining the catechism pupils, the examination proving very successful.

First Communion Day is one of the greatest events of the year for the Catholics of Opelousas, several thousand people, journeying from various sections of the parish, to witness the ceremony at the local church. It is expected that there will be a record-breaking attendance, as the First Communion Class is one of the largest in recent years.

LOCAL TEAM EASILY DEFEATS LAFAYETTE

Large Crowd Witnessed Opening Game at Comeau Park

VISITORS ARE ALLOWED ONE HIT BY FLUKER

Veltin's There Base Hit in Eighth Brings Cheers from Crowd as Two Runners Speed Across the Plate

With a large crowd of fans present, on last Sunday Opelousas defeated the Lafayette club at the opening game, the score being 8 to 0.

The game was featured by the pitching of Fluker and a three-bagger in the eighth inning by the "Mighty Tobe" with two men on.

The Lafayette boys played fairly good ball, but were entirely out of their class. The game was a walk-over for the locals from start to finish. At no time did Lafayette come anywhere near reaching the home plate. Fluker had them at his mercy throughout the nine innings. For the first three innings the Lafayette boys went out in rotation.

Game by innings:
1st. Lafayette: Dupree to Thompson to Boudreaux. Lorry struck out. Peck to Thompson to Boudreaux. Opelousas: Aycock singled to right. Riza sacrificed and sent Aycock to second. Boudreaux singled to left and Aycock scored. Colgrove hit to right, scoring Boudreaux. Colgrove stole second and went to third on a wild ball. Was caught off third. Bodie walked. Dejean to short and beat the ball to first. Thompson struck out.

2nd. Lafayette: Hawkins to Riza to Boudreaux. Bergeron flew out to left. Grouchy struck out. Opelousas: Veltin fanned. Fluker was out from short to first. Aycock fanned.

3rd. Newsham to Thompson to Boudreaux. Verte fanned. Lacoste flew out to short. Opelousas: Riza to short to first. Boudreaux flew out to short. Colgrove fanned.

4th. Lafayette: Dupree went to first on Thompson's error. Thompson fumbled and threw wild to first. Dupree went to second on the throw. Lorry flew out to short. Peck struck out. Dupree stole third. Hawkins struck a hot one to Fluker and was out at first.

Opelousas: Bodie out from second to first. Dejean drove a long fly to left. Thompson struck out.

Lafayette: Bergeron hit to center and stole third.

5th. Grouchy. Newsham and Verte struck out in rotation. Opelousas: Veltin fanned. Fluker went out from short to first. Aycock fanned.

6th. Lafayette: Lacoste went out on a fly to second. Dupree struck out. Lorry went out on a fly to center. Opelousas: Riza walked, and went to second on Boudreaux's sacrifice. Riza scored on the wild throw of Peck to second. Colgrove and Bodie fanned.

7th. Lafayette: Peck and Hawkins fanned. Bergeron went to first—being hit by Fluker, but was caught in attempting to steal second. Opelousas: Dejean singled through short. Thompson fanned. Veltin singled to center, advancing Dejean to third. Veltin stole second. Fluker went out from short to first, scoring Dejean; Veltin went to third. Aycock went to first on an error of Bergeron, scoring Veltin. Riza went out on a fly ball to short.

8th. Lafayette: Grouchy and Newsham fanned. Veret safe at first on Boudreaux's error, but was caught by Dejean in attempting to steal second. Opelousas: Boudreaux fanned. Colgrove flew out to left and was out. Bodie singled to center. Dejean went to first on Veret's error, advancing Bodie to third. Thompson went to first on Veret's error. Veltin hit for three bases in right scoring Thompson and Dejean. Fluker went out to short to first.

9th. Lafayette: Lacoste, Dupree and Lorry went out in rotation.

To-morrow Opelousas will cross bats with the fast Welsh team on the local diamond; the batteries have not yet been announced.

LAWTELL HIGHWAY IS FINALLY COMPLETED

Contractor Fisher's Work on Road Has Been Accepted

DAYS WADING THROUGH WATER TO MALLETT PAST

Third Gravel Road Built in Parish Splendid, Despite Fact that It Was Thought A Failure at First

The Lawtell gravel road was finally completed last week, Contractor Fisher having put on the finishing touches to one of the most important highways in St. Landry parish.

This road was the cause of considerable controversy several weeks ago, between the engineers and contractors, the police jury and tax-payers, but to the great satisfaction of the property owners, and to the credit of the police jury, Engineer Robert and contractors Fisher and Hidalgo, this road was made one of the best, if not the best in the parish.

After it was shown that the gravel would not stand the water in McKinney Flat, the police jury ordered Engineer Robert to have the road elevated, wherever the rain water would pass over it. Mr. Hidalgo was given the contract for this work and within a few weeks he had raised this important highway, between Opelousas and Lawtell completely out of reach of water, after which Contractor Fisher had no difficulty in constructing a model gravel road.

The parish accepted the work of Contractor Fisher, the jurors are satisfied that their attempt to give the western citizens of St. Landry a model road has been successful and the property owners of Lawtell, Mallet, Prairie Ronde and Plaquemine Point are happy over the thought that the days of wading through water for three and four miles, coming to Opelousas, are no more. They now boast of having a real good and substantial highway.

MRS. JONES IMPROVING

Mrs. A. C. Jones, wife of the well known superintendent of the city electric and water plant, who was taken to Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, and operated upon by Dr. Denegre Martin, for appendicitis, is reported greatly improved since the operation.

Mrs. Jones is now on the road to recovery and her many friends expect to see her back in Opelousas within the next few days.

FREEZES CREAM WITH ELECTRIC MOTOR

The Opelousas Kandy Kitchen, owned by Mamalikis & Ballas, is now ready to freeze ice cream in any quantity at a minute's notice, as that firm has recently put in a five-horsepower electric motor, besides a fifty gallon freezer.

All that is necessary at the Kandy Kitchen in order to freeze fifty gallons of cream, is to put on the "juice" after the cream has been placed in the freezer—the motor does the rest of the work within a few minutes.

The Kandy Kitchen, in order to thoroughly acquaint its patrons with the cream frozen by electricity, will have an "Introductory Day" at which time this cream will be introduced to all who will go to the Kandy Kitchen. The cream will be served free of charge.

CLARION INSTALLS ELECTRIC MOTORS

With the arrival of a one-fourth horsepower electric motor secured from the General Electric Company, through A. C. Jones, of this city, the St. Landry Clarion is now equipped with two motors.

The management of the Clarion assures its subscribers that within the next month or two this paper will be numbered among the best country weeklies in the South. Since the linotype operator is perfecting herself each week it is thought that within a reasonable time our readers will be getting a larger amount of reading matter than ever before.

Southwestern Reflections

Although the drought did retard operations and prevented the early bird from getting the worm, yet that need not mean any loss in the final wind-up. Following the warm rains incident to this season of the year growth will be rapid and it behooves the farmer to keep ahead of the grass and give his crops proper cultivation.

Put a ban upon the big turning plow in the cultivation of the crops, for those plows have cost the farmers of Southwest Louisiana more than flood and drought, storm and hail have ever done. It will pay the farmer to burn it if the temptation to use it is too strong otherwise.

Don't forget the hog. All over Southwest Louisiana clerks, railroad agents and other enterprising young men and boys are beginning to note the opportunity for living at home and making money on the side by the production of a few hogs. The farmer can do that and so can everybody else.

Inasmuch as these things are part of the farmer's necessary business there can be no excuse for him to neglect it. But the usual excuse is that he is "Too busy to pay attention to such small matters." It would be just as reasonable for the banker to say that he is too busy to pay any attention to bills receivable.

There is only failure ahead of the farmer who tries to make cotton, or rice, or sugar cane to sell in order to buy meat; for the very simple reason that he can produce meat cheaper than he can produce either of the crops mentioned.

Nor should the splendid and certain profits from poultry and egg production be overlooked. This is an industry that should commend itself to the girls and women on the farm as well as to those who have a reasonable amount of back yard space in the towns and cities. Poultry production is light, pleasant and profitable; and yet it is a science worthy of commanding the talent of the savant.

When one considers that the small farmers adjacent to Morris-town, Tennessee, shipped out eggs, and poultry to the value of two million dollars in 1914, the importance of the industry and its possibilities become apparent. Not only is there pin money in it for the women and girls of the farms, but there are fortunes in it for the business men who undertake it intelligently.

Then there is the kitchen garden. Nature has provided for abundance of vegetables during the summer season because at that season of the year vegetables constitute the ideal diet of the human system. When warm weather comes on meats are heating and should, therefore, be eaten sparingly, while vegetables meet the situation precisely, both from a hygienic standpoint and from the standpoint of the gourmand.

So no one should be without a kitchen garden, and should the kitchen garden be expanded to enable it to produce a little more than is necessary for the family subsistence and a few bunches or crates for the market, it will be all the better.

A Resolution of Respect

Opelousas, La., April 28, 1915.
By joint resolutions offered by R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., and by the Gordon Chapter 1470, U. D. C., on the death of General Thomas J. Shaffer, we tender to his bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence. We realize that in his death the La. Division of U. C. V. and U. D. C. has lost a true and devoted member. We will miss him much, for his services were great. He is not dead but simply passed away beyond the mist of eternity that binds us here below.

Signed:
Mrs. C. P. Richard, Arthur Simon, President, Commander.
Mrs. A. V. Allen, C. P. Richard, Secretary, Adjutant.
Chapter No. 1470, Camp No. 14, U. D. C., U. C. V.

IS FREED OF CHARGE OF KILLING WHITE

Negro Tried for Murder of Placide Enmonnet Acquitted

YOUNG PERRAULT WINS FIRST CRIMINAL CASE

Jury Had No Difficulty in Arriving At Decision in Case of Clebert Mathews—Defende dby Perrault

L. L. Perrault, who has been practicing law for only about five months, came out gloriously victorious in his first criminal case on last Friday night, when the jury in the case of the state vs. Clebert Mathews, black, accused of killing Placide Emmonnet, white, of Leon-ville, on the night of August 4, 1914, returned a verdict of not guilty. This was the first time that attorney Perrault pleaded to a jury of twelve men, in behalf of a prisoner.

It was shown that Placide Emmonnet was killed by a .38 calibre pistol bullet; it was also shown that Clebert Mathews had shot in the air with a shot-gun with an attempt to scare away the white men, who were driving towards Leon-ville from Arnaudville. The white men who were in a wagon, while in a drunken condition, stopped several negroes in a wagon and began throwing bottles at them, and when Mathews and another of the party came running towards the wagon in which the blacks were, Otley Viltz, who is at large shot Emmonnet with the pistol, causing death the next morning. At the same time the accused fired in the air, to scare away the whites.

Mr. Perrault, who is a promising young lawyer, received the congratulations of his many friends, as well as of the members of the local bar for being victorious in his first criminal case.

FARMERS DELAYED IN PLANTING COTTON

The farmers in this and Evangeline parishes have been compelled to delay the planting of their cotton. Very few farmers have any cotton planted as yet and it is reported that those who have planted, the cotton is now up.

Many advocates of late planting are confident that this late planting of cotton is the indication of a record crop in this section as the boll weevils will not be able to affect the young plants.

EDITOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

Editor Eugene Shanks, one of the youngest and most popular journalists of Louisiana, is a candidate for member of the Lower House of the General Assembly from Allen parish. Mr. Shanks is a recent addition to the splendid citizenry of our sister parish; he has been fighting for the cause of his parish, since assuming charge of the Kinder Gazette and his friends claim that just as he has been fighting so nobly for his adopted home in the journalistic field, likewise he will fight for her in the halls of the legislature.

RETURNS FROM SOULE'S

Theogene Bertrand, Jr., the son of one of the best known residents of Prairie Ronde, returned to Opelousas on Sunday evening, after spending several months in New Orleans, where he was attending the Soule Business College. Besides his trunks and other paraphernalia young Bertrand brought back with him his "sheep skin," having been graduated at Soule's.

HEALTH CAR

The Louisiana Board of Health car will arrive in this city at midnight, Sunday, May 2nd, and will remain here the entire day of the 3rd. On account of late notification no publicity could be given the approaching visit of the car.

DISTRICT LINES TO BE FINALLY DRAWN

Meeting of Plaquemine and Mallet Committees Enthusiastic

TO MEET IN OPELOUSAS ON TUESDAY MORNING

Mallet and Plaquemine Drainage Districts to Be Formally Organized at Littell & Lawler's Office.

A very enthusiastic drainage meeting was held at Joe Boone's in Plaquemine Point on Tuesday evening, the committees of the Mallet and Plaquemine Drainage Districts, with Dr. Paul Foster as chairman of both committees, having gathered at the Plaquemine store to decide upon a dividing line between the two drainage districts.

Dr. Foster, who has been a leader for progressive movements in the sixth ward, and who is the representative of his people in the police jury, in speaking of the meeting of the two committees stated "At no time, since I can remember, does it seem more certain that our people are enthusiastically in favor of drainage. The meeting of the two committees proved to be a great source of satisfaction to the drainage boosters and I conscientiously believe that this meeting inspired many of our taxpayers to give their undivided support to the cause."

On next Tuesday evening the same committees, with an additional member on each committee, will meet at the offices of Littell & Lawler, when the boundary lines of the two districts will be decided upon. James O. Chachere has been added to the Plaquemine committee and A. M. Young has been added to the Mallet committee.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Last week the College Nine celebrated their return home by defeating the State Normal team in two games. In the first contest, the Normal had a lead of three runs, when the Grand Coteau hitters got after Brown's benders and sent them in all directions. Vandegear relieved Young in the final innings and struck out four of six Normal batters. In the second game, Vandegear pitched air-tight ball, while the Collegians romped on the big Normal hurler for five runs. The scores were: 5-4 and 5-4.

On Sunday, the first splash was heard in the swimming pool. Now every day sees the crowd of eager swimmers make for the refreshing waters. This is an added joy for the lovers of springtime.

On Friday, May 7th, at 3:30 P. M., will participate in the Annual Eloquution Contest. Two medals are to be awarded to the victors and a large attendance is expected to be present.

The Pineville team plays two games here this week and as we found these opponents easy on the road, we expect to duplicate the double victory.

L. S. U. Graduate Instructor at Chicago University

Mr. Leo J. Lassalle, a graduate of L. S. U. and now a professor at Pennsylvania State College, has accepted an offer to teach in the physics department of Chicago University during the summer term. Mr. Lassalle was at one time an assistant in the physics department of L. S. U.—The L. S. U. Reveille.

POSTAL EXAMINATION TO FILL TWO POSITIONS

There will be held an examination in this city on May 22nd, under the supervision of the local members of the Civil Service Commission, for the purpose of choosing eligibles for the position of rural carriers, in this parish. The examination will be held in the Federal building in this city.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL FUND ASKED BY MANY

E. M. Boagni and Several Prominent Taxpayers Urge Board

CLAIM OPELOUSAS NOT RECEIVING ITS SHARE

"City Pays Over 25 Per Cent. of Parish School Tax and Receives One-Seventh of Money."—Boagni

Several of the prominent taxpayers who registered their ballots against the proposed school maintenance tax on Tuesday of last week claim that they were against the tax, not on account of being opposed to furthering the educational cause, but because they think that Opelousas pays enough tax already to maintain its schools.

E. M. Boagni, one of the largest tax-payers of St. Landry parish, a prominent capitalist of this city, stated on Tuesday morning: "Why cannot the parish school board appropriate money to the various school districts proportionate to the tax paid by these districts. The town of Opelousas, alone, pays over 25 per cent. of the school tax and yet we are asked to vote additional tax to run our own school, while our money is being used on some other school."

Mr. Boagni and several others who take this view of the situation claim that Opelousas pays enough tax annually to run its high school without any aid from the city council.

"How can we expect to run our school," is asked "when we pay more than one-fourth of the entire parish tax and in return are given by the school board only one-seventh of the money to operate our school?"

The creation of a governing board, with the principal of the Opelousas high school, as ex-officio chairman, composed of men and women, whose children are enrolled in the Opelousas school, is being urged by the tax-payers who defeated the school tax, as well as several who voted in favor of it. This board would be elected by the people of Opelousas to attend to the business of the schools in this district, compile a budget of expenses each year, so that the city council would know in advance whether or not the schools would be in need of the saloon license money, thereby assuring the patrons of the Opelousas High School a nine months' session each year.

WASHINGTON GETS FIRST RURAL ROUTE

The Washington postoffice is to have its first rural route on June 1, according to a letter received by Dr. Ladislav Lazaro from the postal department at Washington.

Since Dr. Lazaro has been representing the Seventh Louisiana District in Congress twenty rural routes have been established in the district, two routes having been ordered established in St. Landry parish recently, despite the financial depression existing in this country, on account of the European war.

"With reference to your personal acting fourth assistant postmaster general:

Following is the letter received by Dr. Lazaro from A. B. Foster, al inquiry of the 19th instant, I beg to inform you that the establishment of service on rural route No. 1 Washington, Louisiana, as petitioned for by C. M. Kilpatrick, and others has been authorized effective June 1, 1915, contingent upon the receipt from the postmaster of a certificate that the required number of prospective patrons have qualified as such by the erection of approved boxes."

Several other routes for the Seventh District have been approved and just as soon as the revenues of the postoffice department, which has been decreased on account of the foreign war, will permit, will also be ordered established by the postal department.