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## EUNICE EASY VICTOR IN ANNUAL CONTEST

Dana Jenkins Proves Stronger Than  
Ever in Athletic Meet

## OPELOUSAS AND EUNICE TIE LITERARY CONTEST

Jones Only Opelousas Athlete to  
Win First Place in Annual St.  
Landry High School Track Meet

Dana Jenkins, the stalwart athlete of the Eunice High School team, reputed to be the most promising high school athlete in the South, was again largely responsible for the additional laurels for the Eunice team, carrying away the gold medal for the best parish high school athlete, Fred Bailey of Washington won a gold medal for being the second best, while Huges of Eunice and Larrabee of Washington tied for this honor, both being awarded medals.

Eunice had no difficulty in winning the athletic honors at the parish meet held in this city on last Saturday. The athletic contest was held at Wallior's park with the following results: Eunice 63 points; Washington 39 points and Opelousas 6 points. The Eunice team was awarded the loving cup.

For several years past the Eunice team has been the strongest in athletic contests while Opelousas usually carried away the literary honors. This time however Eunice tied Opelousas for the first place in the literary contest, both teams scoring 28 points, while Washington came out second with 15 points and Melville third with 10 points.

On account of Eunice having by far the strongest athletic club, Opelousas and Melville took very little part in the contests, only one Opelousas man scoring first, that being Campbell Jones, who took the prize in poll vaulting.

Prof. Prescott was highly satisfied with the financial result of the meet, the people of Opelousas showing considerably more interest in the meet this year than ever before, while the Eunice team was escorted to Opelousas by a large crowd of high school athletic supporters who journeyed here on a special train.

## Southwestern Reflections

With the advent of the growing season reinforced by abundant rains, the farmer's declaration of war against the all pervasive grass must be backed up by energetic and unceasing work. Along with everything else, good and bad, in Southwest Louisiana grass grows with exceeding rapidity, and the luckless farmer who once permits it to get the start of him is in a bad way.

And yet, if we but realize it fully, one of our most prolific sources of natural wealth lies in these very grasses which we farmers spend so much time and money in the effort to subdue. When the late "Father" Cary, who did so much to develop Louisiana, lit from the train on the vast bald prairie where the city of Jennings now stands and looked around him at the exuberant grasses with which the land was covered, he exclaimed: "When I look at the luxuriant growth on these prairies I no longer wonder why Nebuchadnezzar resigned the power and splendor of the Babylonian throne and went out to eat grass."

And so, after all, the question will obtrude itself in these days of war and grass, whether it were not better for us as farmers to become rich growing grass than to impoverish ourselves in the vain fight to destroy it.

A few years ago Bill Pork introduced a bill in the Louisiana Legislature making it a penal offense for railroads and others to permit Johnson Grass to grow on their properties.

A month ago Dr. S. M. Lyons, of Sulphur, pointed out to the "Prosperity Campaigners" a forty-acre plot of ground planted to Johnson Grass, as a commercial proposition. In response to an expression of surprise the Doctor replied: "Why not? That farmer gets eight dollars per ton for the hay and he can produce seven or eight tons per acre without any expense save that of cutting and baling it."

And then there is lespedeza, growing wild all over Southwest

## OPELOUSAS PREPARES TO WELCOME KNIGHTS

Convention Opens at Knights of  
Columbus Hall May 25th

## CATHOLIC KNIGHTS TO BE HIGHLY ENTERTAINED

Entertainments and Automobile  
Rides Promised Delegates to  
State Convention

The several members of the Catholic Knights of America, who have been arranging for sometime for the entertainment of the delegates to the state convention in this city on Monday and Tuesday, May 24th and 25th, have found ready assistance in the Knights of Columbus and the citizens of Opelousas.

Opelousas has long been known as one of the most hospitable cities in the state and for that reason several fraternal and commercial organizations have from time to time been the hosts of the jolly good citizens of this city.

The delegates to the convention of the Catholic Knights of America, will number in all about seventy-five, but a number of the delegates will bring their wives, sweethearts and friends for the occasion.

An entertainment for the visitors will be held on Monday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where the Knights of Columbus and prominent Protestant citizens will gather to show the Catholic Knights of America from over Louisiana just how elaborately the people of Opelousas can entertain visitors.

On account of the fact that the delegates will have very little time to spend in Opelousas and there is considerable business to attend to the people of this city will not have the occasions to entertain the Catholic Knights of America just as they would want. Nevertheless the entertainment committee is planning to make the best of the situation and to send the delegates away with hearts full of Opelousas' hospitality.

Following is the official program: Monday at eight o'clock, reception and musicale in honor of the officers and delegates to the convention, at the K. of C. Hall.

Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock, Special Mass at St. Landry's Church.

Tuesday morning at 10:30 convention opens at K. of C. Hall, the session to be followed by an automobile ride.

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, entertainment and dance at K. of C. Hall.

The public is cordially invited to attend the special mass; invitations will be issued to as many as the Hall will hold for the entertainments.

Mayor Edward L. Loeb will deliver the address of welcome to the delegates on Tuesday morning.

Louisiana, a great soil builder which can be sown broadcast among the oats during the month of March and bring in a harvest of gold without further attention for two or three successive years afterwards. In our worthless marsh lands millions of tons of paille fine, a wild native grass richer in food contents than alfalfa, may be harvested every year simply for the trouble of going after it. If it is not growing already in your marshes it can be made to spread all over them in a single season by simply transplanting it there without previous preparation of the soil. Thus may our lowest lands be converted into beds of gold, as it were.

And then there are the clovers, crimson, red, burr, mellilotus, the vetches, rape and numerous other forage crops, from any of which fortunes may be made with little attention.

The question that suggests itself is, why should we spend so much money fighting our friend, the beneficent grass? Why not sign up a treaty of peace with it and let it make us rich?

Quite naturally this suggests live stock, dairies, creameries, packeries, etc. For grass brings to us infinitely more money when we convert it into milk, cream, butter, cheese, porterhouse steak, hams, bacon, sausage, wool, mutton, etc., than it does when we sell it to the other fellow to be sold back to us in the form of these expensive products.

Why then should we not cultivate more grass instead of spending so much of our time and money fighting it?

## PRESIDENT WILSON WARNS GERMANY TO KEEP QUIET

The Lusitania, one of the Cunard Company's palatial steamers, traveling between New York and Queenstown, was torpedoed by German submarines on last Friday evening at about 2 o'clock, only eight miles from Kinsdale, Ireland. The Lusitania, like the Titanic, three years ago, went down with the majority of its passengers, carrying over twelve hundred souls into a watery grave, of which number over one hundred were Americans.

The sinking of the Lusitania, by the Germans, is considered one of the most serious incidents of the European war, as citizens of every neutral nation were on board the ship. People throughout the United States became spirited with indignation, when the news of the torpedoing of the Lusitania was flashed over this country; the leading newspapers of the United States, began clamoring for reparation, on the part of Germany, while President Wilson, secluded himself at Washington, pondering over the critical situation, with dignified calmness, assuring the American people that he realized the seriousness of the affair and promising a full and deliberate examination of the International law, bearing on the matter.

The peaceful head of the United States Government, however, warned Germany that America's patience was at an end and that this

country would hold the Teutons to "strict accountability."

There are some of the prominent statesmen of this country who would want the United States to sever diplomatic relations with the Teuton government and declare war against Germany, while a vast majority of the public officials of the United States, as well as the most influential newspapers, argue that the sinking of the Lusitania, which caused the death of over one hundred citizens, among whom were some of the most prominent men of this country, is not sufficient cause for America to go to war with Germany, as the Lusitania passengers were repeatedly warned that the ship would be sunk by the Germans and that these American citizens were on board the palatial Cunard steamer with full knowledge of the danger staring them in the face.

The United States sent a note to Germany Thursday demanding a guarantee that there will be no further submarine attacks on merchant ships carrying non-combatants. It served notice, too, that full reparation will be sought for the loss of more than 100 American lives in the Lusitania disaster, and for other violations of American rights in the sea war zones.

While no indication is given of the steps to

be taken by the United States in the event of an unfavorable reply, the note informs Germany that the American government will leave nothing undone either in diplomatic representation or other action to obtain a compliance with its requests.

While ex-President Roosevelt expressed the opinion that President Wilson should demand reparation from the German government, even hinting at a declaration of war, ex-President William Taft advised the American people to have thorough confidence in their chief executive and to support him, no matter what decision he arrived at over the Lusitania and Gulfight incidents.

Various state legislatures, senators and representatives from practically every state in the Union, sent telegrams to President Wilson, during the week, announcing their undivided support in this great crisis.

The American populace realizes the importance of the Lusitania incident and the policy of mature deliberation has been almost universally adopted, although many spirited American patriots are of the opinion that Germany should not be asked to make reparation for the loss of many American lives, but should be punished by a declaration of war.

## STORM DOES DAMAGE TO LEONVILLE FARMS

Several Houses Were Blown Off  
While others Were Damaged  
to Some Extent

The rain storm which struck this parish on Wednesday of last week wrought considerable damage in the Leonville section of St. Landry, tearing down farm houses in great numbers.

While the rains were beneficial to practically every section in St. Landry, two well-known planters, residing near Leonville, were not so fortunate.

Raoul LeBourgeois and Joseph Benoit, two of the largest farmers east of Opelousas, suffered severe loss, on account of the storm. Forty-two buildings, including farm-houses, cribs and out-houses, were blown down or damaged on the LeBourgeois farm, while Mr. Benoit lost nine houses, besides sustaining a heavy loss on several cribs and other buildings on the place being damaged.

Reports were so scant on last Thursday and Friday that it was impossible to give detailed information concerning the damages, as all telephone communication was cut off.

It was reported that two negroes lost their lives as a result of the storm.

The kitchen of the LeBourgeois home was smashed by a large tree falling on it; the wind cut the tree, which was at least five feet in diameter, nine feet from the ground, as cleanly as if the work had been done with a saw.

## MRS. D. T. DUPRE DIES AT PRAIRIE RONDE

Mrs. Alvina Arkinson, aged wife of D. F. Dupre, for many years one of the most prominent and best known framers of this parish, died at the home of her son-in-law, Emar Andrepont, at Prairie Ronde, on Thursday morning of last week and was buried in the family graveyard at Prairie Ronde, on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dupre was the daughter of David Arkinson and Amelie Richard, and was born Oct. 1, 1835. At the time of her death she was 79 years, 7 months and 5 days old. The deceased had but one brother, Arcadius Arkinson, who was killed during her war between the States.

The deceased was a venerable old lady, loved by all who knew her and respected by everybody with whom she came in contact; she was always a kind, true and tender-hearted mother, always having a kind word to address, to the lowly as well as the high. Many of the best citizens of her section of the parish feel as though they had lost a mother, having been directed in their young days by her kind and good words. Mrs. Dupre was never known to utter one unkind word in her whole lifetime.

Mrs. Dupre is survived by her feeble husband, one daughter, Mrs. Emar Andrepont, and one son, Numa Dupre.

The community in which Mrs. Dupre resided feels the loss of one of its most venerable citizens and was deeply touched by the sad death of Mrs. Dupre.

## SEVENTEEN THOUSAND CHILDREN IN PARISH

Enumerators Make Final Report to  
St. Landry Board of Education

1ST WARD LEADS OTHERS  
IN EDUCABLE CHILDREN

Valuable Statistics Finally Compiled  
By Enumerators Showing 17,000  
in St. Landry

The various enumerators appointed by the St. Landry parish school board, to ascertain the number of educable children in the six wards of this parish, have made their final report, which shows that there are over seventeen thousand educable children in this parish.

The first ward, which comprises Opelousas, Bellevue, Andrepont, Plaisance and Prairie Ronde, leads the sixth ward, in which Eunice is situated, which ward is second, by nearly one thousand.

The colored educable population exceeds the white by approximately one thousand; it is shown also that the very large per cent of illiteracy, existing in this parish, is due to the colored population. But this is being rapidly remedied and it is expected that within the next five years the negroes of St. Landry will be given all the opportunities available to secure a little education.

Following is the report by wards on educable children in St. Landry parish:

Ward 1—White, 1480; colored, 2578; male, 2039; female, 2019; total, 4058.

Ward 2—White, 1237; colored, 768; male, 1087; female, 919; total, 2005.

Ward 3—White, 1641; colored, 897; male, 1308; female, 1230; total, 2538.

Ward 4—White, 927; colored, 1575; male 1358; female, 1144; total, 2502.

Ward 5—White, 1011; colored, 1815; male, 1444; female, 1382; total, 2826.

Ward 6—White, 1800; colored, 1496; male, 1672; female, 1624; total, 3296.

Grand total: White 8066; colored, 9129; male, 8907; female, 8318; total, 17,225.

## MOTHER'S DAY AT PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH

Regular divine services at eleven Sunday morning.

Instead of having the vesper service there will be a special service at 7:30 P. M. This service will be especially interesting as this will be the time when Mother's Day will be honored. Those attending this service will be presented at the door with a flower to be worn in honor of their mother. Special singing by some of the friends of the church. All are invited to attend. Why not make this a go-to-church occasion, in honor of your mother?

C. B. TOMB, Pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET HERE IN JUNE

Annual Convention of St. Landry  
Sunday School Association to  
Be Held Here

On June 21 and 22nd the St. Landry Parish Sunday School Association holds its annual convention and preparations are being made by those in charge to make this gathering to be held in Opelousas one of the best religious gatherings ever held in the parish. The State Sunday School Association is co-operating with the local Sunday School workers in the parish and are going to send some of its ablest workers to the convention. The President and Secretary of the Parish Association are very anxious to get in touch with every Sunday School worker and pastor in the parish and should any person reading this article fail to receive a notice concerning the convention, the officers would appreciate a line from them to that effect.

Every Sunday School in the parish should be represented by one or more delegates, for this is an opportunity for Sunday School people to learn better methods of Sunday School work and to awaken to the realization that progress is being made in the Sunday School work of the world as it is in every other field.

Much interest is being aroused over the convention to be held in this city next month and plans are being made for a meeting well worth the while.

## BUGS ON 'CUCUMBER VINES EASILY DESTROYED

It has been reported that bugs have been detrimental to the cucumber crops around Opelousas, but according to R. W. Hall, the well-known Opelousas pickle man, these bugs can be easily destroyed.

Mr. Hall is anxious that the farmers destroy the bugs, which are injurious not only to the cucumber crop, but also to watermelon vines, beans, peas, and in fact practically any vine crop. The poison which will cheaply and readily destroy these pests is composed of a solution of one ounce of Paris green, two ounces of lime with six gallons of water; this solution should be sprayed on the vines every week or ten days, until the bugs have disappeared.

In order to familiarize the farmers of this section with the use of this poison Mr. Hall is willing to show any farmer how to spray the vines; he will spray the vines for them, if farmers around here desire, free of charge.

## GETS LARGE CAKE ORDER

Mrs. W. A. Sandoz, widow of the late Walton A. Sandoz, received an order from the Opelousas Catholic Knights of America to make all the cakes to be used for the entertainment of the delegates to the state convention which will be held in Opelousas on Monday of next week.

Mrs. Sandoz is making a specialty of fine cakes and has been securing orders from the most influential families of Opelousas.

## OPELOUSAS GOES TO EUNICE TO-MORROW

First of Series of Seven Games to  
Be Staged Away from Home

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED TO  
GO ON EXCURSION TRAIN

Manager Loeb Intends Sending Vel-  
tin in Opening Game of Series  
Against Eunice To-Morrow

To-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Opelousas team will meet its fiercest rival in the state, when the local ball club will battle with the strong Eunice team at Eunice, for the first of the seven game series.

The fans of both clubs are enthusiastically awaiting the game to-morrow evening, as then will be the first time this season that the rival ball clubs will meet.

Low rates are being offered into Eunice over the Frisco train, and the Opelousas fans have been assured a special train Sunday night, which will leave Eunice after the ball game.

A large crowd of baseball boosters from Opelousas, Washington, Port Barre and other points around Opelousas, will go over the Frisco to witness the royal battle; needless to say to spirit the local boys on to victory.

Both the Eunice and the Opelousas clubs have been playing winning ball this season; Eunice was defeated only twice this year, while Opelousas played only two games, winning these with great ease.

It has been reported that Manager Loeb intends to send Toby Veltin in the box against Eunice; Toby pitched a hollowing good game on Sunday before last against the Welsh boys and his admirers expect him to deliver the goods to-morrow, when he meets the only team, which he is bent upon defeating, since Eunice is classed as one of the best amateur clubs in the state and being such a bitter rival of Opelousas in the baseball game.

A clean game is assured to-morrow evening, never a cleaner bunch of paid ball players ever represented Opelousas on the diamond as those battling for the local club.

Several new and good ball players will be seen in Opelousas uniform against Eunice Sunday.

## UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—TENTH CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT—OF- FICE OF THE SECRETARY

New Orleans, La., May 7, 1915.

Notice to Practicing Physicians: announcement is made that any reputable practicing physician who is willing to execute medical certificates in connection with civil service examinations for the minimum charge and is desirous of doing work of that character may file his name with the secretary of the local civil service board or the Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District, New Orleans, La. Applicants making inquiry as to physicians executing medical certificates for the minimum charge will be advised of the names of those listed.

## CHACHERE TO GO BACK INTO TAILOR BUSINESS

Felix Chachere, one of the most popular young business men of Opelousas, has made arrangements with M. Winsberg for the lease of the old Clary building on Landry street, and contemplates opening up a first-class and modern and up-to-date tailor shop by the first of next month.

Mr. Winsberg is presently having the building remodelled and intends to make it very attractive, erecting a modern show window and front and lowering the floor.

Mr. Chachere was connected with the firm of White & Chachere for a number of years. Mr. White remaining in the building occupied by the firm.

Manager R. V. Miles of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city has received instructions to keep open his place of business until ten o'clock at night. Heretofore the telegraph office was closed about eight o'clock each night. Now the patrons of the company will be greatly benefited by the new orders.