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KROTZ SPRINGS TO ERECT FINE SCHOOL

Ten Thousand Dollar Building Latest Improvement of Town

COL. KROTZ RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT

Residents of Krotz Springs Bent Upon Improving Town—Willing to Tax Themselves for School

The little town of Krotz Springs situated on the Atchafalaya river and the Frisco railroad about twenty miles from Opelousas will soon boast of one of the finest country school buildings in the state. The taxpayers of that community willingly taxed themselves in order that their children might be taught in a building worthy the name of Krotz Springs and next September the school children of the Atchafalaya town will walk into a brand new, modern and up-to-date building, costing ten thousand dollars.

Col. C. W. Krotz, pioneer settler of the eastern section of St. Landry parish, builder of Melville and father of Krotz Springs, is responsible in a large measure for the new school building which Krotz Springs is soon to own.

It is the intention of the citizens of Krotz Springs to make that town one of the most popular summer resorts in this state and in order to draw the attention of Northerners it was deemed necessary to build a large and modern school building, so that visitors to the St. Landry town could enjoy the use of a fine school for the preliminary education of their children, while breathing the fresh Atchafalaya air and enjoying the splendid water and climate of Krotz Springs.

LOCKE WOULD MEET

DEFICIT WITH LOAN

Appropriation Committee Says State Institution Should Not Suffer

Baton Rouge, La., May 17.—"I believe our state institutions should not suffer because we have to revise our system of taxation, or provide the necessary means of raising the revenue," declared Leon Locke, O. Lake Charles, chairman of the appropriations committee, after a day of meeting fellow legislators at the capital. He came in early for conference with Gov. Hall and state leaders.

"If need be, I am in favor of consulting the state board of liquidation and the fiscal banks, and as a last resort negotiate a loan to provide our state institutions with the funds which they are so urgently demanding," he said.

Mr. Locke has figured and estimated and he finds about \$850,000 deficit staring the state in the face for the next fiscal year, if the state institutions are cared for at all. He will call his committee together Monday or Tuesday. Senator Fred Wilbert's committee will be asked to meet in conjunction with it.

FORD ACTIVITIES

Martin Bordelon, local agent of the Ford Motor Company, is confident that this section of the state is not feeling any financial depression just at present, as he sold six Fords within the space of one week, three of these arriving on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Bordelon states that the Ford Company is selling cars faster than they can put out and for that reason he has been unable to place more Fords during the present time. He is enthusiastic over present prospects and expects to sell scores of automobiles in St. Landry within the next few months.

JUDGE SIMON ANNOUNCES

Judge Arthur Simon makes his official announcement as a candidate for city judge in this week's issue of the Clarion. It has been known for some time that Judge Simon would be a candidate for the office now held by Judge Kerr. Thus far there are three candidates for the office, Judge Simon and Mr. Gus Dupre, opposing Judge Kerr, who is out for re-election.

Miss Irene Shute, after spending three months in New Orleans on a visit to friends has returned to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budd left on Wednesday for the Crescent City, where they will spend a few days.

POLITICIANS GATHER AT COULEE CROCHE

Parish Office Seekers Attend Church Benefit at Miller's School

REPRESENTATIVE LAZARO AWARDED GRAND PRIZE

Large Number of Prominent Citizens of St. Landry, Acadia and Lafayette Participate

While politicians, as a general rule, are not always religious, it is usually the case that they will readily render assistance to any church benefit affair especially on the eve of a political campaign. Nevertheless it was not purely on account of politics that Congressman Ladaslas Lazaro, Sheriff Marion L. Swords, candidate for sheriff Darius M. Fontenot, and candidates for assessor A. L. Andrus and Charles Thibodeaux, attended the ball given at the Miller School house, in Coulee Croche, on last Friday night for the benefit of the Coulee Croche Catholic Church.

The various office seekers who attended the ball had their first opportunity this year to quietly feel the pulse of one community, and while these politicians did not go to Coulee Croche with an avowed purpose of finding "political dope" they were not at all bashful in seizing the opportunity.

Representative Lazaro, one of the most popular politicians of the Seventh Congressional District, and especially popular in Coulee Croche was awarded the prize for being the best dancer. It was generally supposed that Congressmen were good one-steppers, but when the judges witnessed Dr. Lazaro's demonstration of "how we do it in Washington" they did not hesitate in awarding him the prize, which was one of those famous "Creole cakes." Naturally Dr. Lazaro felt jubilant over his success at dancing and good naturedly invited all present to share his trophy.

Before leaving however Congressman Lazaro was shown "how we do it in Coulee Croche" by being presented a bill for five dollars for his generous treating to friends. He gladly paid the bill, amid the whoops and howls of his many friends, who had been warned that the judges were lying in wait for the distinguished visitor.

Those from here who attended the Coulee Croche ball were: Dr. L. Lazaro, M. L. Swords, D. M. Fontenot, Jno. Brown, Charles Thibodeaux, Richard Hollier, Collins and Louis Swords, Harold Lastrapes, J. P. Troclair, S. U. Durand, Chas. Chachere and A. L. Andrus; Mrs. C. B. Chachere, Mrs. A. L. Andrus and Mrs. C. P. Dunbar; Misses Gladys Perrault, Gladys Swords, Ruth Thibodeaux, Thelma Dupre and Roseland Swords.

TIMES-PICYUNE TO USE INFLUENCE WITH RAILROAD

H. B. Howard, traveling representative for the Times-Picayune, was in this city for several days this week in the interest of his paper. He announced that the Times-Picayune was preparing to print late at night, so as to make connection with the 11:45 Southern Pacific train, in order that the country subscribers in Southwest Louisiana can receive their papers in the mornings.

The Times-Picayune will use its influence with the Texas & Pacific in an endeavor to have the passenger service resumed on that road, so that the many subscribers of the paper can receive their mail in the mornings.

CLARION OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF MELVILLE

At the last meeting of the Melville town council the St. Landry Clarion was elected the official journal of that town, over the Eunice Star.

The Clarion has been publishing the proceedings of the town council of Melville for many years and the management feels very grateful to the worthy Mayor and members of the Melville council for re-electing the pioneer paper of St. Landry as their official organ.

F. S. GARBO RESUMES CHARGE OF BARBERSHOP

F. S. Garbo, eldest of the Garbo brothers, who are conducting a barbershop in the Lacombe Hotel, has returned to Opelousas after several months' stay in various Northern cities and has taken the management of the popular Lacombe Hotel Barbershop.

OPELOUSAS READY TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Catholic Knights to Be Elaborately Received by People Here

CONVENTION OFFICIALLY OPENS TUESDAY MORNING

Several Hundred Invitations Have Been Sent Out and A Large Crowd Is Expected at Entertainments

The Catholic Knights of America's convention, which will be held in this city, on Monday and Tuesday, promises to be one of the biggest successes of its kind ever held in Opelousas. The local lodge of Catholic Knights, assisted in a large measure by the Knights of Columbus, have left nothing undone to make the annual meeting of the Louisiana members of the well known fraternity, an elaborate success.

On Monday night the delegates to the state convention and their wives will be entertained at the Knights of Columbus Hall; invitations have been sent out to all the prominent residents of Opelousas, Catholics, Jews and Protestants, alike and it is expected that the people of Opelousas will show the Catholic men from over the state, exactly how "Ideal Convention City" can entertain.

On Tuesday night a dance and entertainment will also be given the Catholic Knights; this affair also promises to be a great success.

During their stay here the delegates will be shown over the model roads around Opelousas in automobiles and all the beautiful surrounding country will be shown over, so as to show the visitors what a paradise is.

A special Mass for the delegates to the convention, to which the people of Opelousas are invited, will be solemnized on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. After Mass the delegates will repair to the Knights of Columbus Hall where the convention will be officially opened.

DECOUDRE DUPRE FOLLOWS WIFE TO GRAVE

D. F. Dupre, one of the oldest and best known Confederate veterans in St. Landry, one time prosperous farmer, died at his daughter's home, Mrs. Emar Andrepoint, at Prairie Ronde, on last Sunday night, after an illness lasting several years.

Mr. Dupre was an active and vigorous farmer, up to the time he fell ill a few years ago after which he was confined to his home.

The deceased was a native of St. Landry and when a young man joined the Confederate army, rising to the rank of quartermaster sergeant. He was always regarded as an exemplary soldier, as well as citizen.

Mr. Dupre is survived by only two children, Numa Dupre and Mrs. Emar Andrepoint.

Only ten days before his death his noble wife, for nearly a half century his partner through life, had been brought to her grave, under the shady oaks, in the family graveyard overlooking the Prairie Ronde school house. The shock of his wife's death was so great that he exclaimed that he would not live one month longer.

While Mr. Dupre had been seriously ill for a number of years it was thought he was in no immediate danger of death, when the end came on Sunday night; only close neighbors knowing that he was very ill.

Mr. Dupre, as well as his aged wife, had been living with Mrs. Andrepoint, who had the pleasant duty of taking care of her aged parents for so long a time and having the sorrowful sight of seeing them both cross the Great Beyond within ten days.

The deceased was buried in the family graveyard at Prairie Ronde on Monday evening, Father Enberink performing the burial ceremonies. A large concourse of friends and relatives of the deceased from various portions of the parish attended the funeral.

Miss Rita Desmarais, a former resident of this city, who for the past two years has been living in New Orleans, is the charming guest of friends and relatives in this city.

Tommy Brooks, who has been residing in California, spent a few days in Opelousas on a visit to friends en route to New Orleans where he will henceforth reside.

FORMER OPELOUSEAN HURT IN AUTO CRASH

K. H. Bodemuller Seriously Injured In Accident Near Beaumont

IS BELIEVED SUFFERING FROM FRACTURED SKULL

Latest Reports Hold Out Little Hope for Recovery of One Time Resident of This City

Karl H. Bodemuller, 30 years of age, formerly of Opelousas, but for the past several years a resident of Beaumont, Texas, son of Emile Bodemuller of this city, was seriously injured early Tuesday morning when the automobile which he was driving struck a cow on the Port Arthur, Texas, road, near Nederland.

Mr. Bodemuller was accompanied by his wife and a lady friend when the accident occurred; he was the only occupant of the car to sustain any injuries. He was nicked up from the road by Jesse B. Peck, in an unconscious condition and hurried to the Sisters' Hospital at Beaumont, where medical aid was quickly secured.

At first the Beaumont doctors thought that the former Opelousan would not recover, as it was believed he was suffering from a fractured skull. Emile Bodemuller, a well known local barber, was notified of his son's condition and he hurriedly departed for the Texas city.

Mr. Bodemuller is well known in Opelousas, where he has hosts of friends and relatives. He was formerly a barber, but is now traveling salesman for K. Rossier's Barber Supply house of Houston, with headquarters at Beaumont.

The latest reports coming from Beaumont are to the effect that Mr. Bodemuller was resting easy and that the doctors now hold out some hope for his recovery.

CHICOT NEWS

Last week our little town was paid a pleasant visit by Hon. Yves Andrepoint and family, Ike Roos and family, C. T. Griffith and Dick Weir.

J. C. Murray, the watermelon man took a fine load of cabbage to Oakdale Saturday.

The rain of several days ago was very beneficial to crops in our neighborhood, as crops of all kinds are doing nicely. Of course Chicot will produce a record-breaking watermelon crop, as usual.

A telephone line is being erected between Pine Prairie and Ville Platte, via Chicot, which will soon connect us with the outside world.

With Judge Dupre and Rev. A. W. Turner, the politicians from New Orleans and elsewhere will make things hum in Baton Rouge during the thirty day session of the Legislature.

Capt. Sam Haas, Thomas Erlich, Jr., and others went to Tiger Lake fishing and returned on Monday and returned with a fine catch of cat fish.

Its brother-in-law against brother-in-law over here in Evangeline political world, M. L. Fontenot and Stephen Deville, Jr., opposing one another for constable in the 5th ward.

L. I. Dornes was a visitor to Opelousas during the week.

Opelousas baseball club no doubt played a fine game at Eunice last Sunday, but lost. We hope she will redeem herself next Sunday.

The editor of the Ville Platte Gazette, Gilbert Ludeau, George Vidrine and Arthur Dardeau of Ville Platte enjoyed an outing at Cocodrie Lake Sunday.

THE COLLECTION GROWING

In this issue of the Clarion appears the eighth State Souvenir spoon representing New Mexico. Jacobs News Depot Co is handling these spoons for the Clarion and any readers of this paper are entitled to one spoon with every subscription. Any one of the spoons that have already appeared in the paper will be sold for fifteen cents sent to Jacobs News Depot, accompanied with the spoon coupon appearing in the Clarion.

The following souvenir spoons can be secured at Jacobs News Depot during the next week: Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Mississippi, Virginia, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Martin Bordelon made a business trip to Alexandria on Friday, returning on Saturday.

COLLEGE ONE-MAN TEAM SHOWS UP WELL

St. Charles College Scored 28 Points at Alexandria Meet

BEST COLLEGE ATHLETES UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE

Dunkleman for Grand Coteau Scores Four First Places While Comrades Do Not Take Part

With only one man in any kind of track condition Grand Coteau went to Alexandria on last Saturday for the annual Louisiana Inter-Collegiate track meet and made a remarkable showing, scoring 28 points and coming out third. Lafayette Industrial Institute won first place with 47 points, while State Normal was second with 44 to its credit. Pineville came out last with 8 points.

Had Young and Vandegaer, two of St. Charles speediest runners, been in shape, as well as Billeaud and Barret, there is no doubt in the minds of the St. Charles boosters that the Grand Coteau boys would have carried away the laurels. On account of the strenuous baseball season through which these four splendid college athletes have just passed they were unable to train for the meet.

Dunkleman, single-handed, captured four first places, winning with ease in the hundred yards, 220 high hurdles and low hurdles. St. Charles took second place in the low hurdles and third in the half mile and relay.

On account of the fact that St. Charles was not a full-fledged member of the association the college athletes were not required to train for the Alexandria meet, as it was not generally known until late that St. Charles would participate.

The well known Grand Coteau institution, however, plans to put out the best college track team in the state next year, as a great deal of time will be devoted then to the track, as it is expected that the College will then be enrolled as a regular member of the association.

LAFAYETTE GRADUATION NEXT TUESDAY

Invitations to the annual commencement exercises of Southwest Louisiana Industrial Institute on next Tuesday have been received by several people of this city and it is expected that a large crowd from Opelousas will attend the exercises.

There is a very large number of Louisiana girls and boys who will be awarded their diplomas at Lafayette in Tuesday, among whom are three St. Landrians: Misses Lept Marine and Henrietta Estorge and Ernest Lafleur.

The Clarion acknowledges receipt of invitations from Col. Stephens and Maxim Doucet, the latter a senior in the academic department.

NEW ROUTE IN OPERATION

Opelousas rural route No. 5 is now in operation and the people of Mallet, Bellevue, Plaisance and Prairie Ronde are being delivered their mail daily by rural carriers. Albert St. Cyr, who greatly assisted ex-Postmaster Lassalle in the preliminary work of securing the new route was assigned to route 5 by Postmaster Troclair.

Route No. 2, which is being attended by Thompson Henderson, has been changed somewhat; instead of going from here to Prairie Ronde and thence to Mallet, it goes from Prairie Ronde to Andrepoint to Plaisance thence to Opelousas. The new route covers a portion of old route two, serving the people of Mallet and West Bellevue.

On Saturday morning a civil service examination will be held in this city in order that carriers in Opelousas, Port Barre and Washington can be secured.

BULGER IS HONORED

M. J. Bulger, Louisiana Commander of the Maccabees, and well known in St. Landry parish, has been elected National Sentry, by the National Convention, held in San Francisco, during the past week. This is considered a high honor bestowed upon a Louisiana man.

Mrs. Fred Vidrine of Andrepoint was among the country shoppers in Opelousas Tuesday.

EUNICE VICTORIOUS IN FIRST OF SERIES

Luck Goes Against Opelousas and Eunice Wins Game by 2 to 1

LARGE NUMBER OF FANS ACCOMPANY LOCAL TEAM

Interesting Game Is Staged on Eunice Diamond With Fluker and Taft as Chief Attractions

Opelousas sustained its first defeat of the season on the baseball diamond, when the Eunice aggregation slipped one over the local boys to the tune of 2 to 1, in one of the most interesting games of the season.

The Eunice boys certainly had a horse shoe sid on the grand stand or hid somewhere on the diamond, as the Opelousas club appeared to be the stronger of the two teams in every stage of the game. The Eunice runs, however, were earned runs, as well as Opelousas' only tally, only the Eunice team being successful in bunting hits at the right time.

Gondoli, Opelousas' crack second baseman, opened up the first of a seven game series, by scratching a hit in right field; he was sacrificed to second by Rieza and scored on Magee's clean hit to left. After the first inning Opelousas threatened to score against Eunice only once when Magee and Casey got on the bases in the fourth, the former being put out at second and the latter dying on the bases.

Taft, for Opelousas pitched a splendid game and got practically faultless support, while Fluker, former Opelousas hurler, pitched equally as good a game, but having all the breaks of luck.

Eunice scored its first run in the second inning, after Opelousas had a one run lead; after Atkins had fanned Ross secured a two-bagger in right field and sped across the plate a few minutes afterwards on Basile's two base hit in left. Carelot and Tate were easy outs. In the third inning the Eunice boys assumed the lead—won the game. Fluker first up hit safely and went to second on Aycock's grounder. Daughtry went out, being hit by third strike, but Balsbar, after striking at two balls succeeded in landing on a high one for three bases on the left field line, scoring Fluker and winning the game.

Scores of fans from this city accompanied the local boys on a special train to Eunice; while the fans felt greatly disappointed over the result of the first game against Eunice, the baseball enthusiasts from here are satisfied that Opelousas will come out with the longer end of the Eunice-Opelousas series.

On next Sunday evening (tomorrow) the Eunice club, accompanied by several hundred supporters, will make its first appearance on the local diamond. It is expected that Opelousas will be considerably strengthened and that victory will rest with the local aggregation.

CROWLEY TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF WATERWAY

Arrangements are being perfected for the big celebration to be held at Crowley on June 3, in connection with the opening of the waterway, which will connect Crowley with the Gulf of Mexico and the Intercoastal Canal. Some of the most prominent public men of Louisiana will be heard at the celebration, chief among whom are Senators Ransdell and Broussard, Congressman Pujoe, Representative Locke and J. G. Medlinka, the Crowley citizen who is in a large measure responsible for Crowley's waterway, by way of Plaquemine Brulee bayou, which will be known as Medlinka river, after June 3rd.

It is expected that a representative crowd from St. Landry will assemble at Crowley to participate in the celebration.

MISS SANDERS TO GRADUATE AT NORMAL

Miss Marguerite Sanders, one of the most popular young ladies of Opelousas, will be awarded her diploma at the Louisiana State Normal School on next Thursday. Her father, B. L. Sanders, will leave in a few days to be present at Miss Sanders' graduation.

Raymond McBride took in the excursion to Alexandria on last Saturday.

FIGHT IS PROMISED AGAINST CONVENTION

Leader Divided on Question of Revising State Organic Laws

SPEAKER THOMAS LEADS OPPOSITION TO MEASURE

Sanders and Pleasant Are Found Lined Up Against Barret and His Forces Over Convention

A fight which promises to make political history for Louisiana seems to have started at Baton Rouge, after it was thought that the constitutional convention provision would be adopted with little opposition.

Wisacres predict that the Pleasant forces are fighting against the measure to keep Barret, who is in favor of a convention, out of the gubernatorial fight. What is more puzzling than anything that has happened at the state capital since the special session convened last Monday noon is the fact that ex-Governor J. Y. Sanders is found lined up against the convention move and seems to have gone over to the prohibitionists.

Speaker Thomas who is considered the North Louisiana month-piece of Attorney General Pleasant is found in the thickest of the fray, fighting against the convention plan. Several of the prominent Pleasant followers have decided to vote against the bill providing for a constitutional convention, since they arrived at Baton Rouge.

The fight for gubernatorial candidates seems to have started in earnest, each probable candidate having his lieutenants working day and night and what was promised to be "easy sailing" seems to meet steady opposition from one side or the other.

Governor Sanders appears to have stirred a hornet's nest, when he held a long conference with Prohibition Leader Turner and many concede the probability of Sanders being a candidate for Governor on the prohibition ticket.

ED CONKLIN MEETS WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

While Ed Conklin, one of the well known Conklin brothers, who are in the wood business at the Old Saw Mill, was getting on a wagon during the past week, slipped and his foot caught in the spokes, breaking his ankle. Mr. Conklin fell on the ground and the wagon passed on his already injured ankle, causing a painful and bad sprain in his knee.

SMALL FLAME CAUSES EXCITEMENT

On Sunday afternoon while all those citizens of Opelousas who had not taken the excursion train for Eunice, were taking life easy, the fire alarm was sounded, which caused a considerable excitement. The residence of J. G. Lawler, in the center of town, had caught ablaze, from sparks in the kitchen chimney.

The firemen were quickly on the scene and it was a matter of only a few seconds before the flames were quenched. The loss is very small.

ANOTHER DROUGHT

The planters of Louisiana are once more experiencing a drought, but due to the fact that work in the fields was delayed considerably on account of the long drought, which was broken about three weeks ago, it is not expected that the present dry weather will harm the crops.

Prospects for good crops in St. Landry are good, although bugs are reported as playing havoc with corn in certain portions of the parish. The cotton and rice crops seem to be improving nicely and if a rain is had within the next week or ten days it is thought that the planters around Opelousas will be greatly benefited.

LAWLER RETURNS SATISFIED

J. G. Lawler, who has formally announced his candidacy for Agricultural Commissioner, returned from Baton Rouge on Friday very much satisfied over conditions. While in Baton Rouge Mr. Lawler was urged to make the race for the position now held by E. O. Bruner, of Acadia.