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## OPELOUSAS ROYALLY ENTERTAINS VISITORS

Delegates to Catholic Convention Fall in Love With This City

CITIZENS ARE PRAISED FOR GENIAL HOSPITALITY

Knights Leave With Determination of Visiting Opelousas Again After Being Treated in Southern Fashion

"We were treated royally" stated Supreme President Gaudin, of the Catholic Knights of America, just before departing, after taking in the twentieth annual convention of that body held in this city on Monday and Tuesday. President Gaudin, as well as every delegate to the state convention felt grateful over the manner they were entertained by the people of this city, during their stay here.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings the distinguished visitors were taken sightseeing and viewed some of the most interesting places around Opelousas.

Not only the Catholics, but also the Protestants assisted in a great measure to make the stay of the delegates in this city a pleasant one. The Daughters and Knights of Columbus co-operated with the local council of Catholic Knights of America to make the entertainments given in honor of the visitors great successes.

The entertainments held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Monday and Tuesday nights were greatly appreciated by the delegates to the convention, a large portion of the prominent residents of Opelousas turning out in full force to greet the visitors.

The state officers of the Catholic Knights of America, as well as every delegate present, were taken up with the beauty of the surrounding country and the genial hospitality of the Opelousas people.

"I have been hearing of the hospitality of your people," said one of the prominent members of the Catholic Knights of America, "but this is the first time that I have tasted of this hospitality and I assure you that we have never been treated with more courtesy anywhere else in Louisiana. Opelousas is a great place and the majority of us are leaving it with a determination of visiting here in the very near future, when we hope to form closer acquaintance with your splendid citizens."

## WORK ON COURTHOUSE PROGRESSING

The work of repainting the courthouse is progressing very nicely under the direction of Ivy Schwartzburg, who was awarded the contract by the police jury, at its May meeting.

Mr. Schwartzburg is taking pains with the work and the interior of the courthouse has already shown a marked change. As soon as the work inside is over with the painters will tackle the exterior of the building, after which it is expected that it will be only a matter of a few days when the building will be made to look almost as good as new.

The demand for the remodeling of the courthouse has been made for some time and it was only when Sam Evans, member from the first ward, decided to ask his colleagues for money to paint the courthouse, that it was thought that there was a chance for such a good thing.

While a new courthouse would be more appropriate it is thought that the present building in the condition in which it will be when Mr. Schwartzburg finishes with it will be good enough for St. Landry for a few years—at least until the taxpayers feel able to pay for a modern and up-to-date courthouse.

## SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN

Services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at eleven. Vesper services promptly at 6 P. M. Rev. G. A. Morgan, Pastor of the Methodist church will preach at this hour.

By making special effort you can easily attend this service for at this hour it will be more convenient for you to attend. It is the Pastor's plan to make these services short and interesting each Sabbath. Don't forget the hour. C. B. TOMB, Pastor.

## EUNICE DROPS GAME TO OPELOUSAS NINE

After Two Men Were Out in Ninth Boudreaux's Hit Scores Reiza

MOST INTERESTING GAME STAGED HERE THIS YEAR

Opelousas Boys Play in Great Form Behind Peaster and Win Hard-Fought Game from Eunice

Opelousas won one of the best played and most exciting games ever seen on the local baseball diamond in recent years, on last Sunday evening when she defeated Eunice by the score of 3 to 2, winning in the ninth inning, after two men were out. B. Reiza, Opelousas peppy second baseman, got on in the ninth, after N. Reiza had fanned and Veltin, batting for Peaster, had grounded out from Fluker to Daughtry, and on a wild throw made by Fuselier went to second. He stole third and immediately came in with the winning run, when Boudreaux slammed out a three-bagger.

Sunday's game was one of the best ever staged here. Peaster and Fluker, two of the best amateur pitchers in the state, being pitted against one another. Peaster, however, had the best of the argument throughout, although the Eunice aggregation gave Fluker some excellent support.

The game was interesting from the very beginning until the winning run was brought over the pan in the ninth inning by Opelousas.

Aycock, first up for Eunice, flied out to left field. Daughtry was given a base on ball; Belshaw was safe at first, advancing Daughtry on Barrow's error. Daughtry was caught napping between second and third. Belshaw stole second, while Atkins struck out, retiring the side. B. Reiza, for Opelousas, went out on a grounder to Fluker; Boudreaux went out on a grounder to short; Gondolfi scratched a hit but Casey flied out to center.

Ross went out through the strike out route, but Basil was given a pass by Peaster. Cazlot, sacrificed Basile to second, but Eunice's chance to score in the second inning was shattered when Fuselier grounded out Peaster to Boudreaux. Fluker had Opelousas all his way in the second inning, striking out Barrow and forcing Dejean to ground out from second to first. Bodie got his base on balls but N. Reiza fanned.

Fluker, Aycock and Daughtry went out in order in the third as did Peaster, B. Reiza and Boudreaux for Opelousas.

Eunice came in strong in the fourth threatening to drive Peaster out of the box and securing two runs. Belshaw, first up, walked, but was caught at second. Peaster to Gondolfi, on a fielder's choice, Atkins arriving safe at first. Ross hit for three bases scoring Atkins, Basile walked and went to third on Cazlot's two-bagger, while Ross was scoring. Fuselier and Fluker retired the side, by striking out.

Gondolfi flied out to right field. Casey struck out and Barrow lined out a three-bagger in right, but Dejean was unable to hit safely, going out from second to first and retiring the side.

Eunice once more threatened to score in the fifth, Aycock first up securing a three-base hit down the right field line; Daughtry was hit by Peaster and stole second, but Belshaw, Atkins and Ross were easy outs and Aycock remained on third, unable to score.

Opelousas came in the fifth with the determination of either winning the game right then or tie the score. They were satisfied just then to tie the score. Bodie, first up, secured free passage and went to second base on a pass ball and secured third on N. Reiza's sacrifice; Peaster went out on being hit by the third strike. Fuselier fumbled B. Reiza's grounder, Bodie scoring and Reiza being safe at first. The speedy Opelousas second baseman proceeded to steal second and third in great style, later scoring on Boudreaux's two-base hit; Gondolfi hit safely but Boudreaux was kept on second.

The two pitchers had their opponents practically at their mercy, except in the seventh, when both teams had men on bases. In the ninth Opelousas finally snatched the game from Eunice, when Reiza sped across the plate on Boudreaux's hit, after two men had been easy outs.

A large crowd of enthusiastic ball fans, from Eunice and Opelousas, evinced considerable interest in the game. It is expected that the game at Eunice will also draw a big crowd as the two teams are about evenly matched and are considered the best amateurs in the state.

## CONVENTION IS GREAT SUCCESS

### Catholic Knights of America Held One Of The Most Interesting State Conventions In This City Last Monday and Tuesday.

The Twentieth State Council of the Catholic Knights of America was held here on Tuesday, with full quota of officers and delegates from nearly every Branch of the Order, which is state-wide. The State Council was honored by the presence of Supreme President Gaudin, who took a lively interest in the convention and participated in all the entertainments given in honor of the visitors. The Convention was one of the most successful ever held.

The local Knights, who had been unremittingly to prepare a program of entertainment for their brothers, succeeded admirably, every detail being carried out perfectly, and they were the recipients of many compliments from the officers and members of the State Council as well as from those whose good fortune it was to participate in the entertainments, many from this city and the surrounding country being invited to attend.

Most of the delegates arrived on Monday afternoon and were met by the committee and escorted to the Lacombe Hotel, official headquarters. That evening a reception and musical took place at the Knights of Columbus hall complimentary to the visitors, a most delightful program being rendered by local talent. The spacious hall was filled with visitors and ladies and gentlemen from this city and vicinity. The beautiful decorations of ferns, vines and cut flowers, the work of the Daughters of Isabella, was the subject of much favorable comment, and added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock a special mass was celebrated at St. Landry's Church, Rev. Engberink, the pastor, being assisted by Rev. Petit, of Algiers, who delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion, dwelling particularly on the patriotic principals of the Order. He reminded the members present of their duty to their country as well as to their Church and their Order, and proved that the Catholic citizens were among the very best of this republic as they were of those great countries in Europe where a world-war is in progress. The choir under the direction of Miss Jagou and Mrs. Dejean rendered excellent music. Prof. Tito of New Orleans assisted with his violin.

The Convention assembled at 10:30 in the Council Chamber of the Knights of Columbus hall, that Order having generously tendered the use of their Home for the occasion. Chairman W. J. Sandoz, of the committee of arrangements, called the meeting to order, and after a brief address of welcome on the part of the local Knights, he introduced Mayor Loeb, who addressed the visitors, tendering them the freedom of the city and referring in appropriate language to the work of the Order and its enviable record as the friend of the widow and the orphan through its excellent system of fraternal insurance. His address was well received and much appreciated.

President Escude of the State Council responded to the words of welcome of the Chairman and the Mayor, voicing the pleasure of the officers and delegates at being in the midst of so hospitable a citizenry, and thanking all who had contributed to the success of the Convention.

The report of the committee on credentials showed nearly all the branches represented, and the convention set at once to the official business before it. Among the matters of interest to the members throughout the State was an amendment to the bylaws changing the date of the meeting to the fourth Tuesday of May of each year. The state officers had changed the date of this meeting to May 25th in order to insure the presence of the Supreme President Gaudin, who had hurried from

a meeting of the National Board of Directors in order to be here. The dates will not conflict hereafter. The Supreme President's address was on practical lines and showed the order in excellent condition throughout the country. He pointed with much pride to the fact that the order stands in the front rank of American fraternal societies, its rates of insurance being as low as safe business methods permitted, and its business being conducted on up-to-date plans in an economical manner. He described the methods now being taken to build the membership and spoke of the new ritual in course of preparation. He urged the members to attend the meetings of their local branches and to take proper interest in the affairs of the Order, promising ample compensation in the way of increased membership and better service. The reports of the State President showed the Order in excellent condition throughout the State, and his recommendations were along practical lines.

The Committee on Resolutions, among other matters, tendered a vote of thanks to the people of Opelousas for their hospitable reception; to the local Knights of Columbus for the use of their fine Home; to the Daughters of Isabella for their beautiful decorations; to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed so much to the delightful entertainments in honor of the occasion; to Revs. Engberink and Petit for the special mass and the timely sermon; to the Mayor for his welcome address and to the local Branch for the many courtesies and the excellent entertainment afforded during the Convention.

The following were elected as officers: Fred L. Menne and Guy Knobloch, supreme representatives; John M. Duffy and W. J. Sandoz, alternates; A. J. Escude, president; J. T. A. Williams and O. Bourque, vice-presidents; T. A. Badeau, secretary; D. J. Barrett, treasurer; John Rost, A. J. Flotte, J. J. Higgins, finance committee. Thibodeaux was selected as the next place of meeting. At the conclusion of the business session the visitors were taken on an automobile ride through the principal streets of the city and as far as Washington. The nicely paved streets of Opelousas and the fine gravel roads were a revelation to the visitors, who complimented our little city on its progressive spirit and on the many public improvements.

On Tuesday night another entertainment was given in honor of the visitors, when a delightful program was rendered, participated in by several ladies and gentlemen, including some who had contributed to the success of the reception the night before. Those who assisted in these entertainments were: Mesdames Dora Barry, W. T. Stewart and Gano Robertson; Misses Marie Meglin, D. Breitung, Yeola Richard and Paola Mouton; Messrs. Michael A. Tito and Lionel Castille. The refreshments, served with lavish hospitality by a committee of ladies and young girls, were very nice.

The entertainment concluded with a dance, the music being furnished by the Lafayette Orchestra, composed of prominent ladies and gentlemen from our sister city. To say that the dancers enjoyed the occasion and the delightful music is to state only the simple fact. It has been a long time since a more delightful social affair has taken place in our little city.

The officers and delegates departed on Wednesday full of praise for the local Knights who had contributed so much to the pleasure and success of the Convention, and taking with them the good will of the people here, who enjoyed their visit to the utmost.

## ST. CHARLES STUDENTS PICNIC AT BROUSSARD

The faculty, students and a few friends of St. Charles College went to Broussard Monday on the occasion of the students' annual picnic. Three special cars bearing signs "St. Charles Picnic Special" were filled and taken to Broussard by the regular Southern Pacific Monday train.

Shortly after noon a delicious dinner given by the people of Broussard headed by Father Castel and Marshall Billeaud, Jr., was served on the grand stand by the young ladies of Broussard. Mr. Billeaud, Mayor Soulier and Father Castel of Broussard, and Father Roguest, of Youngville, made addresses of welcome. Father Grace, President of St. Charles College, thanked the people of Broussard and invited them to visit St. Charles College for a basket picnic next month.

Dr. L. A. Guidry motored to Opelousas from Coushe Croche on Wednesday on a visit to Charles Thibodeaux.

## OPELOUSAS REPRESENTED AT BATON ROUGE MEETING

J. G. Lawler and E. K. Eastham were the delegates at the Opelousas Progressive League, who went to Baton Rouge to participate in the meeting of delegates from the boards of trade from various cities of Louisiana.

The purpose of the meeting was to secure the adoption of a resolution urging the Legislature to appropriate money for the erection of an agricultural building for the Louisiana State University. It is stated that Louisiana State is badly in need of such a building in order to accomplish its work along agricultural lines, which will be of untold benefit to the state.

## TO LOCATE IN WINSBERG BUILDING

Within the next few days the insurance firm of Litton & Larcade will be located in the Winsberg building, next to Winsberg's store, which has been remodelled.

The Winsberg building will be divided into two offices, one occupied by Litton & Larcade and the other by Felix Chachere, who will be engaged in the tailoring business.

## WIGGINS RUNNING FOR EVANGELINE SHERIFF

R. Lee Wiggins, for many years employed in the Sheriff's and Clerk's offices in this city, well-known throughout St. Landry and a popular former resident of Opelousas, has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Evangeline, and his many friends here claim that reports are exceptionally favorable to him.

Mr. Wiggins has long been identified with the political history of St. Landry and Evangeline. After the parish was divided he remained here for two or three years employed in the Clerk's office, after which he went to Ville Platte to accept a position with the Ville Platte Bank. The former Opelousan is running against William Clark, a pioneer settler of Evangeline, and Paulin Fontenot, present incumbent, and hailed as the father of Evangeline, being a representative from St. Landry when the parish was divided.

Emile Pucheu, popular clerk of the police jury of Evangeline, came in from Ville Platte on Monday and spent several hours with friends here.

## OPELOUSAS BOY WILL BE ORDAINED PRIEST

C. B. Anderson, First Opelousas Priest to Receive Sacrament

WILL SOLEMNIZE FIRST MASS IN LOCAL CHURCH

Large Crowd Expected to Witness Ceremony in St. Landry Catholic Church on Sunday, June 6th.

C. B. Anderson, who will soon be hailed the first Opelousas Catholic priest, will be ordained in New Orleans, on Thursday, June 3rd; by Archbishop Blenk. Invitations have been sent out to the many friends of the state and it is expected that a large crowd will witness his ordination.

Father Anderson has been allowed the privilege and honor of celebrating his first Mass in the St. Landry Catholic Church, of which he was a devoted member, for so many years. It is thought that Sunday, June 6th, on which day Father Anderson will solemnize his first Mass, will be an eventful one for the Catholics of this parish, as it is expected that a very large crowd will witness the impressive ceremonies.

The young Opelousas man, who is soon to be a priest, is well known in this city, having been connected for a number of years with the Opelousas Mercantile Company; he has always been regarded as a model citizen and during his residence here he made hosts of friends, Protestants as well as Catholics, most of whom will be present at the St. Landry Catholic Church on Sunday, June 6th.

It is reported that Father Anderson will spend two or three weeks in his old home town, assisting Father Engberink and at the same time taking a rest from his studies.

Opelousas has as yet never furnished a priest and Father Anderson will have the honor of being the first priest furnished by this city, although St. Landry has already given good men to the work of God.

## DEEP WELLS BUSY IN ST. LANDRY

Those progressive rice farmers, who have tired of trusting to rains in raising rice, and who have deep wells on their plantations, have been busy for the past few weeks pumping water on their rice lands throughout St. Landry.

Despite the setback given this parish in the failure of the Union Irrigation canal it is expected that St. Landry will produce more rice this year than ever before, as several modern deep wells have been bored on wells in St. Landry.

## MOUTON AND BILLEAUD AWARDED MEDALS

Two contests, which arouse considerable interest in college circles each year and which were distinct successes this year at St. Charles College were the elocution and violin contests, held on Friday and Wednesday evenings. The judges of both contests found it rather difficult to award the medals, as the races were very close.

Robert Mouton, of Lafayette, was the unanimous choice of the five judges for the gold medal for elocution in the senior division, while the junior medal was awarded to Charles Daferner, of Galveston. The judges in this contest were Father Langlois, of New Iberia, Father Tuerlings of Lafayette, A. L. Andrus, and Dudley Guibeauc, of Opelousas and C. O. Mouton of Lafayette.

The violin contest, which took place on Wednesday evening, was very spirited, due to the close rivalry existing between the Billeaud boys, who were the principal contestants. Curley and Manning Billeaud were running such a close race for the medal that the judges were compelled to make the two splendid violinists play over, so that they could decide fairly and impartially. Curley Billeaud was awarded the medal over his younger cousin, who was also adjudged a splendid musician.

Opelousas was once more represented among the judges. A. L. Andrus, Louis White and Charles Sandoz, all local musicians served with Fathers Fontaine and T. DeLaney, as judges of the violin contest.

It was indeed an honor conferred on Mr. A. L. Andrus, our popular deputy tax-collector, to be chosen judge in both of these important contests.

## SANDERS SCORES TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Ex-Governor Delivers Baton Rouge Speech Despite Warning

URGES REPRESENTATIVES AGAINST CONVENTION BILL

Over Seven Hundred People Hear J. Y. Deny that He is A Candidate On Any Platform

Ex-Governor Jared Y. Sanders, at what was called his "own" meeting in the Elks Hall, Baton Rouge, on Tuesday night, severely scolded the triple alliance, formed between Kaiser Berhman, Emperor Hall, and King Ewing, urged the Legislators to vote down the constitutional convention bill, denied that he was a candidate on any platform for either Governor or Congressman and styled the Hall administration the most extravagant in the history of Louisiana politics.

Despite the fact that the ex-governor had been warned not to deliver the Baton Rouge speech by Federal authorities, on the ground that he was a Federal office holder, threatened with the loss of his job, appeared on the Elks Hall stage, after several hundred Sanders admirers had gathered from over the state and immediately proceeded on his topic.

He ridiculed the supposed recent combination effected by the Hall, Ewing and Berhman forces, at a supper in a Louisiana Restaurant in New Orleans, on the ground that they were working for the interest of the people of Louisiana.

The ward bosses were classed by Governor Sanders as a traitorous crowd, whose word one could never depend on and blamed them for his defeat in his Senatorial campaign. He stated that he had gotten their promise of support, but failed to get their votes.

Over seven hundred people from over the state were present at the meeting and had the hall been able to hold more it is thought that several hundred more spectators would have listened to Sanders' talk on Louisiana politics.

The speaker reviewed the expenditures of the Governors from the Foster administration, showing that the expenditures had gradually increased, until Governor Hall took over the governmental reins of the state, when expenses enormously increased.

Governor Sanders also took a rap at the Hall administration for the abolishment of the Game Commission, and the substitution thereof for the Conservation Commission. He also spoke about the office of registrar of voters, the abolishment of which was one of the war cries of the Good Government forces in 1912. The office was combined with that of the Clerk of Court, but a movement is now on hand to recreate the office of registrar of voters.

A party composed of about twenty from Opelousas took in the Sanders speech at Baton Rouge, among whom were the following: J. W. Lewis, Mayor Loeb, Henry Estorge, Raoul Pavy, Yves Andrepont, Fernis Fontenot, J. G. Lawler, R. Lee Garland, Edgard Andrepont, Steven Durand, A. S. J. Campbell, Dr. J. A. Haas, Chas. Thibodeaux, L. E. Littell, Percy Dunbar, G. H. Cretin and L. A. Andrepont.

## CHACHERE DENIES RUMORS

Felix Chachere has in most positive terms denied the rumors that he was a candidate for constable against Plais Horn. Mr. Chachere was mentioned by many as a probable candidate for this important ward office. Mr. Chachere states that he will not take part in politics for himself under any circumstances and that he never at any time considered running against Mr. Horn.

## BANKS CLOSE ON DECORATION DAY

The five banks in this city have notified their patrons that they will be closed on Thursday, June 3rd, on account of Decoration Day, being a legal holiday. Those having any deposits to make should do so on Wednesday.