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## EUNICE EXCURSION TO BRING HUNDREDS

On Account of Postponement Sunday Game Locals Go to Eunice.

## THIRD GAME OF SERIES TO DRAW LARGE CROWD

Manager Loeb to Send Strongest Team Ever on Eunice Diamond To-Morrow and Expects to Cop

Manager Edward L. Loeb of the Opelousas baseball club will go to Eunice to-morrow afternoon with the strongest aggregation of ball players that ever represented this city in amateur baseball. With the assistance of the routing which will be furnished by several hundred Opelousas fans it is expected that the local ball players will cop the third game of the series.

The excursion train which will leave Opelousas at 1 o'clock is expected to be crowded to its capacity, as the local fans, being disappointed at the postponement last Sunday, with renewed enthusiasm, intend invading Eunice to carry the laurels back to this city.

The Opelousas boys have been practicing daily and every player now claims that he is in mid-season form and ready to meet any foe.

It has been suggested by several fans that the ladies of Opelousas get together in the matter of giving an entertainment of some sort, in order to raise funds for the baseball club. The people of this city desire good ball players and in order to get these plenty money is needed. While the ball club is in no financial distress a little surplus fund would materially aid in making the Opelousas club the strongest in the state, which is the desire of every fan in this city. The ladies have always shown a desire to assist all public sports and it is pointed out that if an entertainment would be given for the benefit of the ball club, that it could be made a financial success.

With the co-operation of the leading business men of Opelousas the ladies of this city would have no difficulty in giving this entertainment. The fair sex of Opelousas now have the opportunity of showing their real baseball spirit and at the same time give the people of this city a good entertainment. Now is the time to start the ball a-rolling, let us hear from the LADIES.

## FIREMEN TO GIVE BENEFIT

The members of the Opelousas Hope Hook & Ladder Company are laying plans to give a benefit for the Opelousas fire boys.

The fire company enjoys the confidence and support of the majority of the people of this city and as the fire boys are always willing to assist those who are unfortunate enough to be visited by fires it is expected that the benefit affair which they contemplate giving will be a howling success.

Opelousas firemen intend going to the state convention in New Orleans next month and it is proposed to bring a team to compete for the loving cup offered to the company which can demonstrate the use of fire fighting apparatus in a shorter length of time. As the company boasts of some of the swiftest fire-boys in this state it is thought that the Opelousas team would have a splendid chance to cop the cup.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO CLOSE ON 22ND

The St. Landry High School will close on Tuesday, June 22nd, according to a statement made public during the week. The graduation exercises will take place in the large High School auditorium on Tuesday night.

The graduation class this year numbers thirteen, eight girls and five boys, for the first time in many years having so many young men graduates.

On account of the fact that the Opelousas school was delayed in opening last September this school is allowed to run two weeks longer any other in the parish.

Prof. Prescott has made a very great success with the school this year, the attendance being larger than ever before. If proper arrangements can be made to operate the local school the full nine months term next year it would not be surprising to see the Opelousas school flourish more than ever.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. G. Lawler were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harris at Baton Rouge last week.

## PROMINENT PLANTER EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Death Warns Diamond Durio But A Short While Before Visit

## DECEASED WAS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE PARISH

End Comes After Mr. Durio Had Made Morning Coffee and Was Reclining in His Chair

Diamond Durio, a prominent farmer living four and a half miles west of this city, died suddenly on Monday morning, the news of his death coming as a thunderbolt through the hearts of his many friends in Opelousas.

Mr. Durio was 63 years, 1 month and 2 days old at the time of his death and had always been in good health. On Sunday night before retiring he complained of not feeling very well, whereupon he was given medicine. He retired and reposed well throughout the night. Upon rising Monday morning he took medicine and proceeded to make the morning coffee.

After passing the coffee to his aged wife Mr. Durio reclined in a chair in the bed room and shortly before 6:30 Mrs. Durio heard her husband groan; suspecting that he was stricken violently ill she immediately rushed to his side and quickly realized that the worst had come. A negro neighbor was sent for in order that the well known farmer might be placed into his bed, and medical aid summoned, but as soon as Mr. Durio was placed in bed he expired.

The deceased was a native of this place and a member of one of the most prominent families of St. Landry. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of Charles Pitre, Sr., who died several years ago, several children and a brother, Erastie Durio, of this city.

## JUP PLUVIUS PREVENTS GAME

Old man Jupiter Pluvius came in just in time on last Sunday afternoon to prevent the Opelousas ball boys from going to Eunice, where a game had been scheduled between the Eunice and Opelousas clubs.

About one hour before the train pulled out of the Frisco yards old Jup came in on a run and shattered the sweet dreams of victory, which the Opelousas fans had been nesting since last Sunday; the rain kept on until a few minutes after the train had departed. However the ground at Eunice had already been reported too heavy for play.

The postponement of the weekly Opelousas-Eunice game was a sad disappointment to the hundreds of local fans who had planned to invade the western St. Landry metropolis.

The game scheduled to take place at Eunice tomorrow promises to be full of excitement and if the weather permits it would not be surprising to see a record-breaking crowd attend the contest between Opelousas and Eunice.

## JENKINS AGAIN COMES TO FRONT

Dana Jenkins, the much talked of Eunice High School athlete, was again the cinder star at the New Orleans Southern Amateur Association Meet, held on last Saturday, taking second place in the hundred yards dash, first in the 220 and 440, defeating the Southern Champion Donald Scott of the Mississippi A. & M. College and scoring the most individual points. Had he not been handicapped in the hundred yard dash, which Upton won by the small margin of one inch, Jenkins would have captured the first place with ease, but as it was he was forced to take three feet behind the starting line, on account of a false start.

Jenkins has signed with Louisiana State University to attend school there next year and his many admirers in this parish, as well as all over the south, feel confident that the Southern Champion dash runner will in a short while develop into a world beater.

## POLICE JURY TO BE BOARD OF REVIEWERS

The Police Jury will meet on Monday morning, not in regular session, but as a board of reviewers, so as to hear the complaints of those who think that they have been over-assessed.

It is not expected that many taxpayers will file any complaints against their assessments.

## YOUNG LANCILOIS IS SHOT AT LEONVILLE

Charlie Moreau Mistakes Man for Burglar and Shoots Him Down

## DEAD MAN ENTERS HOUSE AND FRIGHTENS CHILDREN

Lancelois Locks Himself in Devilier's Home While No One is There Neighbors Surround House

A killing which is considered accidental took place in the Pecanaire section of this parish, not far from Leonville, on last Friday evening late. Charlie Moreau shot and killed a member of the Lancelois family, mistaking him for a burglar.

Lancelois who is reported to have been feeble minded, entered the home of Eugene Devillier, while no one was at home, Mr. and Mrs. Devillier being on a visit to Arnaudville, and locked himself inside. When the Devillier children, returning from school, late Friday evening, attempted to enter the house, they discovered that some one was inside, Lancelois shoving against the door as the children endeavored to open it. Getting alarmed the Devillier children quickly summoned assistance from the neighbors, whereupon several immediately surrounded the house, thinking that a burglar was inside. They ordered Lancelois to come out under threats of being shot and as the intruder was attempting to flee through a window, young Moreau, taking the white man for a negro, shot him, death being almost instantaneous.

The accident was a shock to the entire Pecanaire section, as it was considered a rather unfortunate affair, since Lancelois has long been pitied as a feeble minded person. Young Moreau came to Opelousas and surrendered himself to the authorities, but was allowed to go back home unmolested as the killing is regarded as merely accidental.

## MISS KELLY GRADUATES AT LAFAYETTE

Due to the fact that President Stevens of the Louisiana Industrial Institute of Lafayette changed the name of Miss Mattie Kelly to Martha Kelley the Clarion inadvertently omitted the name of Miss Kelly in publishing the list of Opelousas graduates of the Institute. Miss Kelly was graduated with honor in the Domestic Science Department of the Institute and her many friends have been busy congratulating her since her return from Lafayette last week.

## NEW ORLEANS UNION MAN VISITS HERE

I. A. Strauss, who now has charge of disposing of the New Orleans Picayune plant, was in this city on Saturday of last week and during his stay here made many friends.

Mr. Strauss is highly regarded by the printing profession of New Orleans, being recently elected delegate to the national convention, at San Francisco, of the International Typographical Union.

The affable and pleasant New Orleans Typographical Union man stated that in all probabilities the printers' strike, which has been going on for several months in New Orleans, due to misunderstanding between the newspapers and Union officials, will come to an amicable close within the next few weeks, through the efforts of the newly elected officers of the New Orleans Typographical Union.

## PREPARING TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

The annual celebration of "Flag Day" by the Opelousas Elks will take place at the beautiful Elk's Home on Monday afternoon, June 14th. The Billies have always taken pride in making Flag Day one of the biggest annual events of Opelousas. The friends of the Elks are always invited and it is thought that there will be a large crowd on hand to hear patriotic songs and speeches, and coming as it were on the eve of an almost inevitable war, these patriotic songs and speeches will be greatly appreciated by all who attend.

The public is invited. No cards issued.

Miss Maud Hickenburg, of Cheneyville, is the charming guest of the Misses Healey on Union Street.

## Southwestern Reflections

Nature has indicated by the profusion of forage crops what can be produced in Southwest Louisiana and by our mild and equable climate, that live stock production is the one industry that may be produced here at greatest profit. Indeed many ample fortunes have been made simply by permitting the cattle to grow up on the wild ranges without an ounce of other food from the day of birth until brought to market.

How much more important the industry will become when it shall be conducted upon a scientific basis—when cattle tick and charbon will be eradicated, when highbred cattle shall take the place of "scrubs," and silos shall be as conspicuous by their abundance as they are now by their absence.

This leads up to the subject of silage, for many silos have been constructed already in Southwest Louisiana and the number is growing continually. Corn, soy beans, furnish an excellent material with which to fill silos; and as soon as the season is rapidly advancing, no time should be lost by those farmers who may be planning to have an abundance of succulent food for their cattle next winter.

It is coming more and more to be understood that the farms of Southwest Louisiana can be put to no more profitable use than to that of producing fat butcher and dairy stock, and the sooner we get into that line of work the sooner will the prosperity of this section be placed upon an enduring basis. In an important sense the live stock industry, inasmuch as through that means the rough provender and other raw material produced upon the farm are converted into toothsome steaks, chops, hams, bacon and many etc.

"But," whines the inevitable objector, "we have no packing-houses and until we have them, what shall we do with our cattle and hogs after we raise them?" Everywhere we find the man who would put the cart before the horse. Enterprise is blocked and investments discouraged because everytime a building is suggested some man is sure to bob up who insists that the roof should be constructed before the foundations have been laid. We have no more use for a packing-house in Southwest Louisiana at this time than a dog has use for another tail. If some one would be foolish enough to put one up it would use up all the available cattle supply within ten days.

When we get live-stock enough to justify a packing house no difficulty will be found in getting one. In the meantime there is a large and increasing demand which is presently supplied from Kansas City and other western packing houses. Let us supply Southwest Louisiana with packing houses and dairy products and after we have done that we can profitably ship our surplus cattle to Fort Worth, St. Louis and Kansas, until production becomes sufficient to justify a packing house.

After the industry shall be firmly established and our production shall justify it we may take up the question of establishing packing houses with assurance of successfully putting such enterprises over.

## LEASES HYMAN-HILLER COTTON GIN

Yves Andrepoint, manager of the St. Landry Clarion, and a cotton gin man of wide experience, has leased the modern and up-to-date cotton gin belonging to Hyman-Hiller Company, and is presently making arrangements to operate the gin the coming season.

Mr. Andrepoint was a ginner and cotton buyer for over twenty years, erecting one of the finest modern gins in this parish at Andrepoint, P. O. He is well known throughout the parish and should easily get his share of the cotton supply of St. Landry.

## ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT AT PALMETTO

Cicero Williams, who escaped from the convict camp in Washington parish, sometime ago, was caught at Palmetto on Monday morning, as he was coming on the railroad track by a deputy sheriff. Williams had stolen \$95 and a pistol from Captain Rowe's camp.

Crops in this section of the parish promise to be good, now that the farmers have had enough rain. With the present outlook for sunshine and work it is expected that the Palmetto section will produce a bumper crop this season.

Mrs. Ben Riseman will leave shortly for New Orleans where she will purchase her late summer goods.

## SUMMER DAYS SEEM TO BRING BUSINESS

Several Claim Business Is 75 Per Cent Better Than Expected

## MERCHANTS OPTIMISTIC OVER PRESENT CONDITIONS

Farmers of St. Landry Are Not as Financially Depressed as Some Would Make Believe

The business men are beginning to talk a little more optimistic than ever, since the outbreak of the European war and the outlook for a good business season this Fall is bright.

The clothing man, as well as the grocery man is talking good times, many admitting that business at present is over 75 per cent better than they thought it would be at the time of the season.

The fact that St. Landry farmers have been diversifying to some extent is a great help to them, as money has been placed in circulation this year, derived from crops, which were thought useless before the boll weevils struck Louisiana.

The cotton farmers, though it is true they received less for their cotton this year, on account of the financial depression existing on account of the war, were more successful than last year, as the 1914 crop was larger than the one of 1913 by over ten thousand bales.

The summer days have always been dull ones in Opelousas business circles, but this summer it appears that business will not depreciate to any extent, as cotton is still being sold and money is still being realized by St. Landry farmers.

## STAGG TO BE IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

J. B. A. Stagg, member of one of the oldest families of St. Landry parish, for several years city clerk of Opelousas, will, it is understood, be appointed deputy tax-collector by Sheriff Swords.

A. L. Andrus, informed Sheriff Swords that as soon as the tax sales were over with, he would resign his position, as he is a candidate for assessor of St. Landry. Mr. Andrus has been employed in the capacity of deputy tax-collector for eight years and has made a splendid official. While the public deplors the loss of Mr. Andrus' services in the tax-collector's office it is gratifying to know that Sheriff Swords has made such a good pick as Mr. Stagg, whose ability as a public servant is unquestioned.

## REV. MR. DONEHOO DIES IN NEW ORLEANS

The Rev. James de Quincy Donehoo, a native of Cumberland, West Virginia, and for many years a resident of this city, expired in a New Orleans hospital on Saturday night, after an illness of several months.

The Rev. Mr. Donehoo had been rector of the Plaquemine Episcopal Church, at Plaquemine, La. His funeral took place Monday at 3 o'clock P. M., with services in Christ Church Cathedral, and interment in the Metairie cemetery, New Orleans.

Mr. Donehoo is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Bessie Brown, two daughters, Misses Catherine and Eleanor and one son, James. He was fifty years of age and at the time of his death he was stationed at Plaquemine.

The deceased was well known in this parish, where he enjoyed a large circle of friends, all of whom were greatly shocked at the news of his death.

## WILLIE HEALEY A FULL-FLEDGED DENTIST

Willie Healey, son of the popular clerk of the St. Landry police jury, Hon. J. J. Healey, was graduated at Tulane Dental School on Wednesday with the highest honors.

Young Healey has made a remarkable record at school and his many friends here feel that he is destined to make a success in his chosen profession. Mr. Healey and his daughter, Miss Emma, left on Monday for New Orleans to attend the graduation exercises.

## RASCALS TAMPERING WITH FIRE ALARMS

Fire Company Oftentimes Called Out for No Reasons Whatever

## FALSE ALARMS GETTING TO BE REGULAR NUISANCE

Mayor Loeb Promises to Investigate Matter and Steps Are to Be Taken to Punish Violators

Two false fire alarms have been sent in since the alarm system was established and the firemen of the city are getting tired of being called out for no reason whatever. Twice this year some rascals, with no good purpose whatsoever, have sent in false alarms from different boxes, and the fire boys, always prompt to answer all calls, have rushed out to the boxes to find no one there to direct them to any fire—in fact there was no fire at all.

On Thursday morning about 11 eleven o'clock an alarm was sent in from box 52 and naturally all the firemen as well as several public spirited men, who are always ready to assist in fighting fires rushed down Court Street, to find that a false alarm had been sent in. The Mayor was notified and the people of Opelousas were assured a full and complete investigation.

There is a fine for those who send in false alarms and the consensus of opinion is that this punishment is too light for those who wantonly defy the officials in this respect. In the event that those who sent in the alarm on Thursday morning are caught it is hoped that they will be given the limit.

It can easily be imagined how the firemen, most of whom are compelled to leave their post of duties to go and defend Opelousas property from fires, feel when such an insult is thrust in their faces. It is not only a nuisance, but a menace to public safety as well as a hardship to the volunteer firemen.

## RACIAL DUEL NEAR EUNICE

Negro choppers and whites engaged in an exchange of pistols and shot gun duel about three miles south of Eunice on Monday afternoon. The shooting occurred in Acadia parish. The negro, Theogene Leboeuf and Adam Daville, whites, were slightly hurt by fire from the shot gun of a negro named Joseph Whitley. Louis Daville, brother to Adam, got a full load of bird shot under the skin, but was not seriously injured. The whites returned the fire of the negro pistols, missing the negroes.

Several negroes in camp said Whitley was the only negro that fired on the white men. The negro and the three whites were arrested by Sheriff Henry Landry of Eunice. Sheriff Fontenot and Deputy Sheriff Amy, of Crowley, went to Eunice on Thursday morning in two automobiles and took Whitley and the three whites to Crowley for indictment. It is understood that the whites resented the presence of negro workmen in camp and tried to drive them away.

## FATHER ANDERSON TO SAY HIS FIRST MASS HERE

Rev. Father Beauchamp Anderson, a native of Opelousas, will solemnize his first Holy Mass in the St. Landry Catholic Church in this city to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Father Anderson was ordained a priest in New Orleans on Thursday, by Archbishop Blenk and was given the privilege of celebrating his first Mass in his old church.

Invitations have been sent out to practically all the acquaintances of Father Anderson in this parish, and such a large crowd is expected to attend the ceremonies that provisions have been made to have ushers, in order that all present might secure seats.

## CALL FOR "OUT" GETS "IN" AND QUILTS

A championship game between the Opelousas all-star team and the Barbreck club was to have been played on last Sunday morning, but some how or other the game lasted only three innings, with the score 5 to 3 in favor of the visitors. John Brown, the catcher for Opelousas, signalled his pitcher "Tillie" Chachere for an outshoot, who instead hurled an inshoot on his catcher's leg, whereupon the game broke up right then.

## LEWIS BOOMED AS DELEGATE CANDIDATE

Local Attorney Mentioned as Probable Candidate for Convention

## DOES NOT DENY RUMORS THAT HE IS CANDIDATE

"Have Not Made Up My Mind," Says Mr. Lewis. "But I am Considering the Proposition Seriously."

It has been rumored for the last week or ten days that Hon. John W. Lewis, prominent local attorney, would be a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention, and when interviewed on the subject Tuesday afternoon Mr. Lewis did not deny that he would in all probabilities be a candidate.

"You know," he said, "I have been in the Democratic party for nearly twenty years and have always fought for the party as hard as I possibly could. My friends would like for me to be a delegate to the convention and they have repeatedly asked me to make the race."

It will be remembered that Mr. Lewis made the race for delegate to the convention of 1914 and was only defeated by one vote by Hon. Edward B. Dubuisson.

In the 1911-12 gubernatorial campaign Mr. Lewis was president of the St. Landry Good Government Club and made a strenuous fight for Governor Hall, who led in a three contored race by a majority of a little over one hundred votes.

Mr. Lewis is well known throughout the state, was at one time mentioned as a possible candidate for governor for which reasons his intimate friends are of the opinion he would make a good delegate.

It is not known when the election for delegate to the constitutional convention will be called to take place, but it is supposed that it will take place sometime during the latter part of summer.

## FEDERAL INSPECTOR VISITS OPELOUSAS

H. H. Hopkin, district inspector of the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, was in this city during the week attending to official duties. While here Mr. Hopkin had occasion to discuss the Federal Law for the protection of migratory birds, which prohibits the following acts:

1. Killing migratory game birds during the closed season.
2. Killing migratory game birds between sunset and sunrise.
3. Killing migratory insectivorous birds at any time.
4. Killing swans, cranes or any birds of the snipe and plover family (shore birds) except woodcock, and black-breasted and golden plovers until 1918.

Migratory insectivorous birds include all species feeding chiefly or entirely on insects and occurring only or principally at certain seasons. Among the more important migratory insectivorous birds are the cuckoo or rain crow, certain species of woodpeckers, nightingale or bee martin, meadow-lark, oriole, cedarbird or waxwing, martin, swallows, catbird, thrasher, wrens, thrushes and robins.

Birds protected until 1918 include curlews, upland plover or partridge, killdeer, and all the sandpipers and smaller species of plover.

## 23 K. OF CS INITIATED AT EUNICE

A class of twenty-eight candidates was put through the mysteries of the Knights of Columbus at Eunice on last Sunday evening. The initiation was a pronounced success in every way, according to reports received from Eunice.

The Eunice council was organized last year, with Abraham Boydreaux, an Opelousas boy, as Grand Knight, with a membership of over thirty and with every indication of becoming one of the most enthusiastic councils in the state. Before the council was organized the Knights of Columbus of Eunice were members of Opelousas Council 1173.