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GOOD HIGHWAYS TO BRING FARMERS HERE

Opelousas Will Get Its Share of Country Trade This Fall

MORE MODEL ROADS DEEMED NECESSARY

Gravel Roads Built by Parish Prove Splendid Investment And Farmers Are Satisfied With Them

The several miles of model roads constructed in this parish during the past year and a half are proving a source of great satisfaction, not only to the autoist, but to the farmers who have to travel several miles in order to transact their business here.

The business people of this city figure that Opelousas will get more country business than any year since the parish was divided. The entire western section, for several miles from Opelousas, will come here to do their trading, while the same may be said of the north, the south and the east.

The opposition to good roads in this parish, which was apparent last year, seems to have disappeared, and it is evident that more model roads will be erected in St. Landry during the next few years. Good roads are one of the greatest assets of any community, as can be judged right here in Opelousas.

A few years ago it will be remembered that the farmers dreaded to come to Opelousas, because they were compelled on account of the terrible condition of the streets, to hitch their teams on the outskirts of the city, which were reached through the hardest, due to the bad roads in the country, and walk to the business section, in order to transact their business. This is not the case now. One can ride from here to Sunset, Lawtell, Washington and Port Barve, without going into one inch of mud. There is no danger of bogging and the farmers are coming to town this fall to do all their trading, shopping and marketing.

It has been rumored that a boom has been started for the erection of a model road between this city and the Evangeline parish line at DeBailion's bridge, near Andrepoint, and only a few miles from Ville Platte. It is expected that when St. Landry takes up the question of making good roads out of the Opelousas-Ville Platte highway Evangeline will do its share to finish up the good work where this parish will leave off.

CHENEY STREET WILL BE OPENED BY THE CITY

Residents Along Frisco Railroad Between Market and R. R. Ave. to Get Relief

The residents along Frisco railroad, between Market Street and Railroad Ave., will be given relief by the city fathers, before many weeks, in the way of a street.

Bloch street, running parallel to the Frisco, will be closed, and the street formerly known as Cheney street, through which the railroad runs, will be re-opened, so as to give the several residents along that street an outlet.

The property owners of both sides are perfectly willing to have Bloch street closed, as there is very little traffic carried on through that street, no one living on it. Mr. E. M. Boagni is the largest property owner in question and he was the first one to assure the ladies who have been working with the view of securing the re-opening of Cheney street, that he was perfectly willing.

The council at its last meeting, appointed a committee to attend to the matter and it is very probable that at the next meeting of the board of aldermen the residents along the Frisco road will be told that they will be given a street.

Miss Mabel Donnell of Melville is the guest of Miss Rose-line Swords.

DR. LITTELL ELECTED PARISH FAIR HEAD

DIRECTORS OF FAIR ASSOCIATION HOLD INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT MEETING ON THURSDAY MORNING

The directors of the St. Landry Farmers' Fair Association met in the Grand Jury room, at the Courthouse, on Thursday morning and immediately went into organization. Dr. R. M. Littell was elected president; E. T. Dupre, 1st vice-president; Dr. J. A. Haas, 2d vice-president; Edgar Andrepoint secretary and Austin Perkins treasurer.

The directors allotted over one thousand dollars to be used for the awarding of prizes in the agricultural, cattle, sheep and hog; horse, woman's, educational and poultry departments. This appropriation may be increased, if the merchants and business men of the parish generously contribute to the fair.

The dates upon which the fair will be held have been changed from Oct. 25, 26, 27 to Oct. 28, 29, 30, so that it can be held during the latter part of the week, instead of on the first three days of the week.

The first day of the fair will be designated as "Cities' Day," it is expected that every incorporated town in the parish will have something on exhibition on that day and that the officials of the various towns will co-operate with the fair officials to make it a great day. The second day has been allotted to the ladies and will be known as "Ladies' Day," while the third day will be known as "Farmers' Day."

E. L. LOEB WILL ATTEND MAYORS' CONVENTION

Opelousas Will Be Represented at Alexandria Convention of Mayors

The city council at its last meeting, made an appropriation to defray the expenses of Mayor Edward L. Loeb to the first annual convention of Louisiana mayors, which will take place at Alexandria during the latter part of the week.

Mayor Loeb, like the vast majority of the presiding officers of the Louisiana towns and cities, is of the opinion that much good can be derived from the annual gathering of the mayors of the state. At these conventions the various obstacles met by the mayors of Louisiana can be talked of and in many instances municipal mysteries could be solved.

It is thought that nearly every town in the state will be represented at the Alexandria meeting and the organization will be formed so as to be a permanent affair and the conventions will take place annually.

RICE HARVESTING IS BEGUN IN ST. LANDRY

Crop Is Not As Good As Expected in Early Part of The Season

Rice harvesting has started in St. Landry, several planters starting with sickles last week. Within the next few days practically all of the first rice will be cut and ready for threshing.

The rice crop in this parish, considered excellent in the early part of the season, will not come up to the general expectation, according to reports received here from some of the best posted rice farmers in St. Landry.

Although the crop will not come up to the expectation, due to the north winds, which blew the enthusiasm and vim out of the farmer in this section during the middle of July, it is expected that it will show up to advantage over previous rice crops.

With prospects of good prices for rice the farmers have set to work harvesting their crop, with a feeling of fond expectancy.

Miss Bergna McCorkle, formerly of this city, but for the last five years a resident of Athens, Ga., is the charming guest of Miss Alma Thompson.

The parish fair will in all probabilities be held at the Old St. Landry High School, as it is considered the most convenient place just at present; the buildings will be used to shelter the agricultural exhibits, while the auditorium will be used for speeches and amusements arranged by the executive committee.

It is thought that a football game will be staged during the fair, preferably on the last day, between St. Charles College and Lafayette. A special train will likely be operated between Lafayette and this city, so that the college boys from both schools can attend the game. Several other athletic features will be secured to attract the visitors to the fair grounds.

The board of directors empowered President Littell to appoint an executive committee, composed of six, which will have charge of the fair. This committee will appoint sub-committees to attend to the various departments.

A campaign will be started to raise the money necessary to reach the limit of the capital stock, which has been placed at one thousand dollars. Every merchant and business man, as well as the banks and bankers, are expected to contribute liberally to the fair association. In fact the farmers expect a contribution from every one.

OFFICIALS CLEANING WEST LANDRY STREET

Mayor Loeb and Policemen Bent Upon Removing Undesirables Out of Town

The city officials are bent upon making that section of West Landry street, which has been obnoxious to the white people who pass along that street, as good as any portion of the city, where negroes transact most of their business.

Last week three notorious restaurant keepers were arrested and fined \$50 and fifteen days in jail, for operating houses of ill fame.

For the past two or three years the city officials have been endeavoring to clean that street. Mayor Loeb, two years ago, personally inspected the places and had several of the inmates fined and placed on the streets. He has been meeting with some resistance, however, in the enforcement of the law, but is determined to make West Landry's white way a respectable place.

The white people who have to pass along Landry street to come to the business section of the city have been complaining of existing conditions for over two years and it is a source of gratification to them to learn that they will, in some measure, be considerably relieved.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ENJOY DUTCH TREAT

Fire Fighters Set Themselves Up to A Good Time at Hook & Ladder Hall

The Opelousas fire boys do not believe in belonging to the volunteer fire company for the purpose of fighting fires alone; they think that they should have a little frolic once in a while and consequently a committee was appointed to arrange for a dutch treat that was given at Hope, Hook & Ladder hall, on last Tuesday night.

Chief Hollier and Chef Durio hustled about Tuesday and ranged everything so that the fire boys could have a real enjoyable time, when they would come for the regular meeting, Tuesday night.

The firemen are raising money to defray the expenses of the delegates from here to the annual convention in New Orleans on Aug. 20-21-22. Besides the regular delegates it is expected that a large number of members from Opelousas will take in the New Orleans convention.

MURDER SUSPECT IS ARRESTED AT EUNICE

St. Landry Officials Work On Clues Which Lead to Arrest of Guillery

OLD TIME CRIME TO BE SOLVED AT LAST

Guillery Brothers Thought to Be the Ones Who Murdered Mayo Fuselier Nine Years Ago Near Eunice

The murder of Mayo Fuselier, 15-year old son of Onezime Fuselier, prominent farmer of the Eunice neighborhood, which was committed nine years ago, promises of becoming finally and legally avenged. One of the negro brothers, Ulgere Guillery, accused of the crime, has been arrested, while the other, Francois Guillery, who is still at large, is expected to be landed behind the prison bars at any moment.

Eight miles northeast of Eunice in the Chataignier district young Fuselier was shot to death nine years ago. The boy was going along the road when a buggy dashed past containing two men, who never have been identified. This air shot the boy as they passed in the buggy.

No immediate clew was found to identify the murderers. Several parties were assisted by Sheriff Swords and his deputies, during the time that Chataignier was a part of this parish and two were put on trial but in every case acquittal was easily attained. Finally the crime was written into the records of the unsolved mysteries of the parish.

Sheriff Swords and Allen McCoy secured clews, which led to the identification of the Guillery brothers with the crime and were carefully working on plans to land them behind the bars when Sheriff Fontenot of Evangeline was told about the suspects and on Saturday morning the Evangeline official went to Eunice, arrested Ulgere Guillery, negro driver, and announced that he had positive evidence that this man and his brother, Francois, were guilty of this nine-year-old murder.

Sheriff Swords stated during the week that he felt confident that Francois, the one who did the real shooting, would be located within the next few days.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET HERE MONDAY

Plaquemine District Board Will Organize and Issue Call for Election

The commissioners of the Bayou Plaquemine Drainage District, which was recently created by the police jury, will meet in this city on Monday for the purpose of organizing and drawing up plans for the approaching tax campaign.

The members of the Plaquemine Drainage board are among the most enthusiastic believers in a substantial drainage system; they have been working for a number of years with a view of assisting their fellowmen in the Plaquemine and Bellevue sections to better conditions and they feel confident that the taxpayers of the Plaquemine Drainage District will go on record as progressive citizens of this great parish, by practically unanimously voting in favor of the proposed tax.

The members of the board are Eugene Richard, Sr., P. P. Hidalgo, J. O. Chachere, Z. T. Cary, Jr., Joseph Boone. They will meet Monday afternoon in this city for the purpose of organizing and issuing their call for a tax election.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Shute and family, and Mrs. Louis Beauman and sister, Miss Tanz Perriffite, of New Orleans, and Mr. Conille Hayes, left Saturday morning for Belle Cheney Springs, where they will spend a couple of weeks.

JORDAN IS PROMOTED BY TEXAS PACIFIC

OPELOUSAS MAN IS MADE TRAVELING FREIGHT AND PASSENGER AGENT WITH HEAD QUARTERS HERE

J. W. Jordan, of this city, was notified recently, of his promotion by the Texas & Pacific to traveling freight and passenger agent, with headquarters here.

Mr. Jordan is one of the best known railroad men in this state, and being looked upon as a local production, the many friends of the Opelousas railroad man were gratified to learn of his promotion. He now holds the same office, which he held so creditably during the life of the defunct Opelousas Gulf & Northeastern railway.

The Texas & Pacific have realized the worth of the officials of the old O'Gee and for that reason positions were created for every one, who wished to remain with the big company. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Harry Flanders were assured of good treatment at the hands of the successors of the O'Gee,

which they governed for a number of years.

The new traveling freight and passenger agent of the Texas & Pacific announced that he would do all he could to better conditions on the Opelousas branch. It is expected that a regular passenger train will be operated between Crowley and Melville within the next month.

The branch of the Texas & Pacific is very popular with the people of this city and parish, hundreds of whom go to the lakes between here and Melville to enjoy a splendid outing.

Mr. Jordan will assume charge of his office on the 15th of this month, according to orders received from Geo. D. Hunter, general passenger agent, I. M. Griffin, general freight agent and N. M. Leach, general traffic manager.

COMMITTEE ON LIGHT EXTENSION TO MEET

Washington Anxious to Be Furnished Lights from Opelousas Plant

A joint committee composed of members of the Opelousas and Washington town councils, will meet in the near future to talk over the probabilities of Opelousas furnishing Washington with electric lights.

It is understood that the citizens of Washington have been desirous of having electric lights, but due to the financial conditions of the town, with its limited population, the thought of a municipal owned plant was given up by the Washingtonians and their hopes for electric lights were turned towards the Opelousas electric light plant.

Washington will probably offer the Opelousas officials to erect the lines, connecting the two towns, if electricity is furnished the Courtableau town residents.

As the Washington-Opelousas road, is one of the most popular in the parish, several of the most prominent farmers of this section residing along this highway, it is expected that patrons can be found among them.

IX FRUGE MARRIES ELTON YOUNG LADY

Former Resident of Opelousas Is Wedded to Miss Bessie Savoie at Elton

Ix Fruge, for several years employed in the B. Bennett clothing store in this city, but lately residing at Basile, where he is conducting a mercantile establishment, was married on Tuesday morning to Miss Bessie Savoie, a charming young lady of Elton. The ceremony took place at Elton, where both the contracting parties are well known and enjoy a large circle of friends.

Mr. Fruge is well known in this city, having resided here for over five years. The many friends of the contracting parties wish them a long and successful married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Fruge will make their home in Basile, Evangeline parish.

C. C. CARY SUCCEDES TO CUPID'S ARROW

C. C. Cary, general passenger agent of the Frisco lines, Louisiana surprised his friends throughout the state, when he announced his wedding to Mrs. Marshall Wilkinson, of Magnolia, Miss., which took place in New Orleans Monday.

Mr. Cary is well known in Opelousas, where he had offices for several months, during the early days of the Frisco operations in this state. While living here Mr. Cary had occasion to make countless friends, all of whom regard him very highly.

HALL SENDS TROOPS TO RAID JEFFERSON

Governor Uses Militia to Extend Law to Louisiana's Mexico

GAMBLERS GALORE ARE PLACED UNDER ARREST

Over One Hundred and Fifty Gamblers Are Caught by Battalion from Washington Artillery

Failure of officials of Jefferson parish to enforce the state laws caused Gov. Hall last Saturday to order a battalion of Louisiana national guard to raid a notorious gambling house in Southport, a suburb of New Orleans, according to a statement issued by Governor Hall Saturday night. Nearly one hundred and fifty persons were arrested, some as witnesses, others accused of operating the Hyland gambling joint.

Governor Hall declared that the parish officials had failed to take any action against the lawless element, even though repeatedly he had requested that something be done. One person arrested in the gambling house, the governor said, was a deputy sheriff of Jefferson parish, who at the time had his official badge displayed.

The raid was made by a battery of the Washington Artillery, directed by Major Allison Owen, commander, the night before the New Orleans soldiers departed for Anniston, Ala., where they went on an encampment. It was a spectacular raid, and had it not been that the tip had gone out in some mysterious way, and warned the gamblers at their play, the soldiers' drag net would have netted hundreds of prisoners, virtually all of them from New Orleans.

There was no actual gambling going on when the troops broke in, but the tables were just as they were left, littered with dice, and keno cards, stacks of chips were everywhere, and the slow turning of the roulette wheel indicated that it had been recently used. The bank was cashing the chips at the time at the moment of the entrance, and continued paying off the gamblers until placed under arrest by Captain Edmunds.

All gamblers in the room were lined up. There were nearly one hundred and fifty of them left, and they were made to pass Captain Edmunds, seated at one of the keno tables and give their names and residences. So many Joneses, Smiths Browns and Blacks were in the crowd that it was thought that fictitious names were given by many of the gamblers.

DAVE HOLLIER SURE ENOUGH CANDIDATE

Plumber Affirms Rumor that He Will Run for Alderman from Fourth Ward

David Hollier, one of the jovial and lively voters of the fourth city ward, will be a candidate for member of the city council from his ward, at the election in January; he has affirmed the rumor of his candidacy.

Mr. Hollier is well known as an efficient plumber and a hustling citizen; he is active in all progressive moves and is at the head of the Opelousas volunteer fire company.

It has also been rumored that Jesse P. Barnett, well known local cotton buyer, would be a candidate for the honors sought by Mr. Hollier. Friends of Mr. Barnett say most positively that he will make the race.

Politics in the three other wards is very quiet. It is not thought that the three present aldermen will be opposed and it is very likely that the municipal political fight will be rather tame.

Miss Gussie Johnson of Cheneyville is spending sometime in this city as the guest of Miss Thelma Healey.

KNIGHTS TO OBSERVE COLUMBUS' BIRTHDAY

Entertainment and Dance Will Be Given at Knights of Columbus Hall Oct. 12

The Knights of Columbus of this city are preparing to fittingly observe the birthday of the great voyager, whose name their order bears, on October 12th. An entertainment, which will consist chiefly of a minstrel and dance, will be given at the beautiful Columbus home and the public generally will be invited.

H. D. Larcade, Sr., has been given complete charge of the arrangements and Mr. Larcade reports that he can assure the public a splendid entertainment.

Several of the most prominent young people of this city, Catholics, as well as Protestants, will aid the Knights in their endeavor to make Columbus Day a Big Affair here. The minstrel to be given promises to be something unique, in so far as the majority of the people here have never witnessed one of this kind. It will be original, being gotten up by the ingenious mind of the jolly old "Fis" Larcade.

STULL STARTERS TO BE SOLD BY EASTHAM

Local Man Secures Agency for Ford Starters for Three Southern States

A distinct novelty and very successful contrivance in the shape of a starter for Ford automobiles was shown in action on several Ford cars during the week by E. K. Eastham. This starter called the Stull is mechanical in design and from the demonstration made appears to be both simple, efficient and sure in operation.

Mr. Eastham on his recent trip East secured the distributing agency for the starter for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and plans to make his main office here.

There are some two hundred Ford cars in this parish alone, which will give some idea of the market for the starter, if its successful demonstration is a fair index.

It is understood that Borden's Garage will handle and install the starters locally.

LITTLE HERMAN STELLY DEAD

Little Herman Roy Stelly, 2 year old son of Jules Stelly and Mabel Foxworth, died at Oakdale on Tuesday and was brought to Opelousas, where he was buried Wednesday in the Catholic Cemetery.

The father and mother of the deceased infant are well known in this city, where they formerly resided. Mr. and Mrs. Stelly have a number of relatives here and the news of the death of their child was a great shock to them.