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FORMER OPELOUSEAN DIES IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Bertha Kaufman Block Dies At the Age of 69—Lived Here Many Years

Mrs. Bertha Kaufman Block, a former resident of Opelousas and New Orleans, but of late residing in New York City, died at the Theresa Hotel, that city, on last Saturday. The funeral took place in the City of New Orleans from the Louisville and Nashville station, upon the arrival of the 7:30 New York train Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Block was born in Landau, Germany, 69 years ago. She came to this country as a little child with her parents, and spent the greater part of her life in Opelousas and in New Orleans, removing to New York a few years to be near her daughters whose husbands are in business there.

As a young woman Mrs. Block showed her loyalty to the Confederacy, and with other women of the South worked in making clothes for the soldiers at the front and emphasized the spirit of devotion, which made possible the prolongation of the struggle against such terrific odds. Early in life she married Joseph Block a leading planter and merchant in Opelousas who died a number of years ago.

Mrs. Block was active in charity work in a quiet and unostentatious way, and found her greatest happiness in doing good.

Mrs. Block leaves to mourn her end, besides her numerous friends and acquaintances, the following sons and daughters: Eugene Block, of Houston; Edgar H. Block of New Orleans; Percy Block of Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Dave Cohen and Mrs. Sam C. Newman of New York. She was a sister of Charles A. Kaufman of New Orleans.

PARISH FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Family season ticket, \$1.25. This means husband and wife and all their children under 13 years of age. Individual season ticket, 75 cents.

Baby contest: All mothers are invited to bring their babies, with the following card: Name of father, name of mother, date of birth of child. And must certify to the following: That the baby has had no contagious or infectious disease, nor been exposed to any for the last thirty days.

Judging of babies will take place at 10 o'clock, October 6th. Dressing of the babies will not count in judging the winner of the contest.

First day, Farmers' Day; second day is public school day; third day is St. Charles College day; game of basketball at ten o'clock, between Opelousas High and Sunset Graded football game, St. Charles College vs. Natchitoches at 3:30 P. M., Co-meau park.

OPELOUSAS CITIZEN UNDERGOES OPERATION

John N. Ogden, Jr., Has Attack of Appendicitis While in N. O. and Is Operated

John N. Ogden, popular Opelousas citizen, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian Hospital in New Orleans Sunday. Mr. Ogden was at the Cosmopolitan Hotel when the attack came and suffered severe pain before his malady was diagnosed as appendicitis, and he was at once sent to the hospital. Major Stewart, Manager of the Cosmopolitan Hotel immediately telephoned his brother, Hon. Percy T. Ogden, District Attorney of Acadia Parish, who took the next train for the city.

Mr. Ogden underwent the operation satisfactorily, and his condition is favorable.

WANTED, to buy a gallon or less of pure home-made Cherry bounce. Consisting of nothing else but good whiskey and wild cherries. Apply at this office.

LOCAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR WILSON

E. K. Eastham, Chairman H. Lastrapes, Jr., Secretary and J. Haas Treasurer

The Democratic National Finance Committee have appointed the following as the accredited local committee to raise funds in aid of the re-election of President Wilson: E. K. Eastham, Henry Lastrapes, Jr., Gilbert L. Dupre, Dr. Fred Mayer, J. G. Lawler, H. E. Estorge, Dr. J. A. Haas, C. H. Cretain and Joseph P. Tröschler. This committee met last week and organized by the election of E. K. Eastham as chairman, Henry Lastrapes, Jr., as Secretary and Dr. John A. Haas as Treasurer. It was unanimously decided that all well-wishers of President Wilson, whether democratic or not, be invited to consider themselves as a part of the committee. Any such who are willing to do their "bit" in the soliciting of funds should communicate with the chairman who will furnish them a subscription list. Those who wish to make a contribution can hand same to any member of the committee above. Any amount is accepted, as it is realized that this is the people's fight and it is up to the people to make good in such amount as they feel they can spare. It is a certainty that President Wilson and his campaign can expect nothing from special interests. All contributions will be acknowledged in due course by the National Treasurer and in addition, the list of contributors will be published weekly in this paper, unless the subscriber prefers to have his contribution entered as "cash."

In asking for these contributions, the committee thus states the case: "The undersigned citizens, believing it a patriotic duty to aid in all possible ways in the re-election of our great Democratic President, Woodrow Wilson; knowing that the legitimate expenses of a National campaign are extremely large, and that President Wilson and the cause of the people, which he represents, cannot hope for, nor do they wish, contributions from special interests and trusts; hereby, as private citizens, subscribe the amount set opposite our names, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee."

In a few hours' work the following subscriptions have been secured:

E. K. Eastham	5.00
L. A. Andrepont	4.00
J. Franklin Schell	4.00
Gilbert L. Dupre	5.00
Henry Lastrapes, Jr.	5.00
Wm. Alex. Robertson	1.00
Chas. Thibodeaux	1.00
David Blacksher	1.00
L. Lazaro	25.00

It should be impressed also that your prompt subscription to this list will do more good now than it put it off.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Committee Appointed Have Made Necessary Arrangements to Raise Funds

The committee appointed by the board of trustees of St. Landry Catholic Church has completed its plans for raising the necessary funds to finish the interior of the church here and to install a heating apparatus therein. Briefly, it is proposed to secure subscriptions payable part this year and part the next two years, and if those who are expected to assist in this cause do their part there is no doubt that the work will be done soon. Members of the committee will begin taking subscriptions within the next few days.

Miss Hilda Sandoz was enrolled as a student at Newcomb in New Orleans last Saturday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sandoz, accompanied her to the city, and Mrs. Sandoz will remain there for some time.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Opelousas, La., Sept. 21, 1916. The St. Landry Parish School Board met in special session pursuant to call: Dr. U. P. Lamy, President, Mr. J. A. Perkins, Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr., Mr. J. Edgar Andrepont, Mr. G. H. Horiaist, Mr. R. Lee Hawkins, Mr. Arthur Fogleman, Mr. W. B. Baker, Mr. J. G. Carriere, Mr. J. W. Lyman and a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and the minutes as published were adopted.

PROCES VERBAL OF CANVASS OF RETURNS

Be It Known and Remembered, That on this 21st day of September, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m., in accordance with Ordinance No. 15 of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, enacted on the 26th day of July, 1916, notice of which was issued and published according to law, the undersigned members of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, being a quorum thereof, met in public session at the office of the said board in said parish, and according to law opened the ballot box used in, and which was received from the commissioners of the election held on Monday, the 18th day of September, 1916, in accordance with said ordinance, and there proceeded to count the ballots both written and printed, for and against, to determine the following propositions, to-wit:

First—Proposition to authorize the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, through its governing authority to incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to run for a period of fifteen years bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, the funds thus derived to be used for the purpose of constructing, purchasing a site, furnishing and maintaining a school at Bayou Jacques in said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

The result of said count on this proposition was Seven ballots and \$1580.00, Dollars, in favor of said proposition; and No ballots and \$0.00 Dollars against said proposition; and therefore, the majority in number and amount cast by the property taxpayers of the said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury Ward in the Parish of St. Landry in said election being in favor thereof.

Second—Whether the governing authorities of the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., may annually, levy and collect a special tax on all taxable property in said school district in excess of all other special taxes levied under Article 281 of the Constitution of this State, shall not exceed in any one year ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of said school district;

The result of the count on this proposition was Seven ballots and \$1580.00, Dollars, in favor of said proposition; and None ballots and \$0.00 Dollars against said proposition; and therefore, the majority in number and amount cast by the property taxpayers of the said school district No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward in the Parish of St. Landry, La., being in favor thereof; and,

At the same time and place we did examine and canvass the returns as evidenced by the duplicate tally sheets and duplicate compiled statement, the correctness of both being sworn to by the commissioners, according to law, and finding also that the returns indicated a majority in number and amount of property, in favor of said propositions.

Therefore, we declare that the result of the said election is in favor of the propositions.

And in accordance with law, a promulgation of the aforesaid result was prepared, and the Secretary of the Parish School Board was ordered to have a copy of same signed by the President, published in one issue of the official journal.

And likewise we did order that one copy of this procès verbal be sent to the Secretary of State of Louisiana; that one copy be sent to the Recorder of Mortgages to be recorded in the mortgage records; and that one copy be kept in the records of the said School Board.

This done and signed in the presence of C. W. Krotz and R. M. Littell, competent witnesses and electors, on this 21st day of September, 1916, at the office of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, by the undersigned members of the School Board of said parish, present and participating in the canvass of the said election.

Witness:

R. M. LITTELL,
C. W. KROTZ,
O. P. DALY,
J. W. LYMAN,
J. G. CARRIERE,
J. A. PERKINS,
W. B. BAKER,
R. LEE HAWKINS,
A. FOGLEMAN,
G. HORIAIST,
H. D. LARCADE, JR.

And the canvass of the returns of said election having been made, the result thereof was ascertained and declared to be as follows:

For said proposition	Number	Amount
First	7	\$1580.00
Against said proposition	None	None
First	None	None
Majority in favor of said proposition	7	\$1580.00
For said proposition	7	\$1580.00
Against said proposition	None	None
Second	None	None
Majority in favor of said proposition	7	\$1580.00

And the result of said election was declared to be in favor of both propositions.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Fogleman, seconded by Mr. Andrepont, the following ordinance was adopted:

Ordinance of Promulgation.

Whereas, on the 18th day of September, 1916, an election was held in School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, to determine the following propositions, to-wit:

First—To authorize the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, through its governing authority to incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to run for a period of fifteen years bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, the funds thus derived to be used for the purpose of constructing, purchasing a site, furnishing and maintaining a school at Bayou Jacques in said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Second—Whether the governing authorities of the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., may annually, levy and collect a special tax on all taxable property in said school district in excess of all other special taxes levied under Article 281 of the Constitution of this State, shall not exceed in any one year ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of the said school district.

Whereas, said election was held and the returns thereof were canvassed by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, according to law, and notice on the 26th day of July, 1916, and the result of said election was declared to be, that a majority in number and amount of the taxpayers of said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, voted in favor of said propositions; now, therefore,

Section 1. Be it ordained by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, in lawful session convened, that the

Proposition to authorize the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, through its governing authority to incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to run for a period of fifteen years bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, the funds thus derived to be used for the purpose of constructing, purchasing a site, furnishing and maintaining a school at Bayou Jacques in said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La. Carried.

Proposition—Second: Whether the governing authorities of the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury Ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., may annually, levy and collect a special tax on all taxable property in said school district in excess of all other special taxes sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as said governing body may be authorized to issue under the authority granted it by this ordinance and as may be necessary to operate and maintain the Bayou Jacques school of said School District; provided that said special tax to be levied and collected for that purpose either alone or taken in conjunction with other special taxes levied under Article 281 of the Constitution of this State, shall not exceed in any one year ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of said school district. Carried.

And said bond issue as proposed, is authorized and required by law to be proceeded with and finally distinguished by an annual levy, assessment and collection of taxes on all the property of said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that the result of said election shall be promulgated by the President and Secretary of the School Board by publication in one issue of the official journal of the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, signed by said President and Secretary.

Promulgation of Election. State of Louisiana. Parish of St. Landry.

By the direction of the School Board notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 18th day of September, 1916, an election was held in School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., to determine the following propositions:

Proposition No. 1. To authorize the Sixth School District of the Parish of St. Landry, La., through its governing authority, to incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to run for a period of fifteen years bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually, the funds thus derived to be used for the purpose of constructing, purchasing a site, furnishing and maintaining a school at Bayou Jacques in said School District No. 6 of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

Proposition No. 2. Whether the governing authorities of the Sixth School District of the Fourth Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., may annually, levy and collect a special tax on all taxable property in said school district in excess of all other special taxes sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as said governing body may be authorized to issue under the authority granted it by this ordinance and as may be necessary to operate and maintain the Bayou Jacques School in said School District No. 6 of the said school district; provided that said special tax to be levied and collected for that purpose either alone or taken in conjunction with other special taxes levied under Article 281 of the Constitution of this State, shall not exceed in any one year ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of said school district.

That the majority of the taxpayers voting at said election in favor of proposition No. 1 was 7 in number and \$1580.00 Dollars in amount; and the majority in favor of proposition No. 2 was none in number and no dollars in amount; and therefore said proposition was carried.

This done and signed on this the 21st day of September, 1916, at Opelousas, Louisiana, in the Parish of St. Landry.

O. P. DALY, President of School Board.

W. B. PRESCOTT, Secretary of School Board.

Mr. J. G. Carriere, seconded by Mr. Andrepont moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, a special tax election was held in School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 22nd day of August, 1916, levying a special tax of five mills on the dollar for the period of five years on all property subject to taxation in said school district, therefore,

Be it resolved by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, La., that a special tax of five mills on the dollar on all property subject to State taxation in said School District No. 3 of the 5th and 1st Police Jury wards of the Parish of St. Landry, La., be levied for the year 1916, and the Assessor and Tax Collector of said parish are hereby instructed to assess and collect as provided by law; said tax for the year 1916. Carried.

Mr. Fogleman, duly seconded by Mr. Andrepont moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, a special tax election was held in School District No. 6 of the 4th Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., on the 18th day of September, 1916, levying a special tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar in any one year, for a period of fifteen years on all property subject to taxation in said school district No. 6th of the 4th Police Jury ward, therefore,

Be it resolved by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry, La., that a special tax of three mills on the dollar on all property subject to State taxation in said School District No. 6th of the 4th Police Jury ward of the Parish of St. Landry, La., be levied for the year 1916, and the Assessor and Tax Collector of said parish are hereby instructed to assess and collect as provided by law; said tax for the year 1916. Carried.

Mr. Lyman, duly seconded, moved that the Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay the notarial fee and recording fee for the transfer in the retrocession sale to Mr. Manuel.

Carried.

Mr. Hawkins, duly seconded moved that the Palmetto colored school be opened for four months and that the teacher be transferred to the Waxia colored school to run for four months. Two months to be paid from the special fund. Carried.

Mr. C. W. Krotz be paid (\$10.00) Ten Dollars for his services in saving shade trees on the property of the Krotz Springs School. Carried.

Mr. Larcade, moved that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase the Underwood Duplicate for the school board office, price \$36.50. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Carriere, duly seconded, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, in order that teachers of the parish may render the most efficient service in the communities they serve it is necessary that they keep in touch with advance thought and methods of public instruction, therefore,

Be it resolved by the School Board of the Parish of St. Landry that the teachers of this parish are expected and urged to provide themselves with the books of the Institute Reading Course; that they regularly attend the monthly Institute Meeting and perform the work assigned them; and further that each teacher subscribe to at least one Educational Journal best suited to his or her work.

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THE PASSING OF A BELOVED AND CHRISTIAN LADY

At Opelousas, La., Friday, Sept. 15, at 11:40 P. M., passed the most estimable and beloved woman of the old historic town of Opelousas, passed into the "Great Beyond." On this sad occasion occurred the death of Mrs. John N. Ogden, born, Celestine Menervia Thompson, surrounded in the last hours by the circle of her devoted family, at the last residence in Opelousas.

Mrs. Ogden was the daughter of Col. James M. Thompson, a gallant confederate soldier, and a man of iron will. He was a physician and died some years after the close of the civil war. Of Col. Thompson's family only one remains, General J. J. Thompson, a brother to Mrs. John N. Ogden, who resides near Opelousas on his plantation.

Mrs. Ogden was born in 1855 on her father's plantation near Plaisance, in St. Landry. Her mother was a Miss Dupre, a member of a large and distinguished family of St. Landry. She received her education at the old Convent at Grand Coteau, and on the death of her mother returned to her father's home to take charge of the household affairs. At the age of sixteen she was married to John N. Ogden, who had removed to Opelousas a few years before, from New Orleans. Her husband was a distinguished lawyer of the Opelousas bar, and survives her. He served as District Attorney for eight years, in old St. Landry, and again when Acadia and St. Landry composed the same judicial district, himself coming from one of the oldest and most distinguished families Louisiana. Hon. John N. Ogden was also a confederate soldier.

Mrs. Ogden's life was a sacred devotion to duty at home, she cared nothing for the outside world, but consecrated her life in all of her devotions to her family and to her God. Her nature was broad and most sympathetic, and a more beautiful charity was never practiced. No one ever left her door hungry. She was a lover of nature and every blade of grass that grew, every flower that bloomed, was an inspiration to her. She had a large family of children, reared under her watchful care, and it can be truthfully said that she showed no partiality among them all. For they were her children, and she loved them with the same affection, devotion and tenderness. She possessed that strong, broad and virile nature, with a heart as large as the world itself. She was a woman of a splendid courage, both physical and moral, and with a firmness that exists only in those endowed with such a character.

Those of her immediate family who survive her are as follows: Mrs. Emile Carmouche, of Crowley, La.; Mrs. Sanford White, of Alexandria, La.; Carlton N. Ogden, connected with the Wells Fargo Express Co., of Houston, Texas; Percy T. Ogden, District Attorney, elect, of the 18th Judicial District of La., composed of Acadia and Lafayette parishes, residing at Crowley, La.; John N. Ogden, Jr., one of the best known commercial travelers in Louisiana, whose home is at Opelousas; Mrs. Peyton Spahn of Washington, La.; Miss Lessie Ogden of Opelousas; Miss Flo Ogden also of Opelousas. Her devoted husband, Hon. John N. Ogden, ex-District Attorney and Justice of the Peace, General J. J. Thompson, who resides near Opelousas.

After beautiful and impressive services, simple as she desired, at the Episcopal Church at Opelousas interment was made in the family burial ground at the Protestant cemetery at Opelousas.

She was laid to rest by the side of her beloved son, Guy Malcolm Ogden, who died in 1900. The ten years had elapsed since his death, his mother grieved for him until she joined him in that beautiful and everlasting home, where angels meet, and where all sorrow and suffering are no

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH FAIR

Prominent Speakers, Baby Contest, Football and Basketball Games Will Be the Features

Dr. R. M. Littell, the man who surprised the entire parish last year by giving St. Landry an agricultural show, worthy of parishes thousand times more prosperous than this, announces that everything is in readiness for the big event, which will be pulled off on the 5, 6, 7 and 8 of next month.

It is the intention of the fair officials to have Governor Pleasant and Commissioner of Agriculture Wilson as star performers on the opening day. Both of these two popular officials have a large number of friends in this and contiguous parishes, who would no doubt come to hear them, and they are necessarily considered drawing cards.

The baby contest, which will be staged for the first time, promises to surpass every expectation. Dr. Littell is securing the co-operation of many of the prominent ladies of the parish, and there is no doubt that this department will make a creditable showing.

Dr. Littell is, however, rather emphatic in his announcement that dressing will not count a particle in judging the most perfect infant at the fair. All the little "tootsies" will have equal chances.

One of the features of the fair will be a big football game, between St. Charles College and the Louisiana State Normal. This game will be pulled off on St. Charles Day, or rather on the 7th at 3:30 P. M. The Grand Coteau collegians are expected to walk away from Comeau park on the night of the 7th, with the Normal's scalp dangling at their belts.

Another interesting feature will be a game of basket ball between the Sunset and Opelousas girls.

Much credit must be given to Dr. Littell for working so strenuously to give St. Landry a better air than last year. He has been acting a coroner and sheriff, as family physician and fair president. Working under most adverse conditions, he has never given up one moment of his endeavor to make the 1916 parish fair the greatest agricultural show ever staged in this section of the state.

She bore her sufferings with christian fortitude, and was willing to obey her Heavenly Father's will. Never complaining, she always answered, "I am better now. I know that she is better now, asleep beneath the daisies that she loved so well. I know she is safe in the arms of her Saviour, for ever a soul desired the full merit of the divine promise that beautiful, christian, immaculate soul was one.

With bid her adieu with a full realization of the fact that those who are left to mourn her loss have lost their best friend. To Mother is always the best friend. Your faults she will overlook, your merits she will magnify. She will protect you when none else will, and often time when other thoughts have engrossed your nature, mother's thoughts are of you.

Good-bye, sweet christian spirit, you will meet again in that Celestial home, where tears are melting smiles, where sorrows turn to joys.

ONE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER

Dr. Sam Small, representing the National Anti-Saloon League of America addressed an Opelousas audience in the Courthouse Friday night. Mr. Small is an orator of no mean ability. He has a frank and convincing way of driving facts home. Mr. Small is witty and entertaining in the best degree.

While the crowd was not a large one, much attention was paid to what he said.