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K. OF C.'S TO HAVE BIG CELEBRATION HERE FEB. 10

Will Raise American Flag on Court House Square that Date—Prominent Louisianian Will Speak

The local Council of Knights of Columbus is arranging for a big day in this city on Sunday, February 10. The celebration will be marked by the raising of the American flag in the morning and the initiation of a large class of candidates in the afternoon.

L. A. Andrepost, Grand Knight of the Opelousas Council, announces that one of the South's foremost sons will be the orator at the flag raising exercises. Hon. John M. Parker, of New Orleans, has been invited to deliver the address, but it is not yet known whether Mr. Parker will be able to be here or not. The flag will be raised on the court house square.

After the flag raising, the Knights will interest themselves in initiating a large number of candidates. The local council has passed the word to others in this state, and it is certain there will be "Knights" in Opelousas on that day. These gatherings are always attended by large numbers of the members of the organization. By the two attractions the local council hopes to make the day a memorable one in Opeleusianism, and the preparations are being made with this object in view.

The ceremonies will be brought to a close with a banquet at the Knights of Columbus home that night.

DR. LASRAPES MADE MEMBER OF LOCAL BOARD NO. 1

Takes Place—Dr. Gardiner, Who Resigned Because of Ill-Health, Board Now Full Membership

Dr. W. R. Lasrapes, well known physician of this city, has been appointed a member of the local board of the first St. Landry District. Dr. Lasrapes takes the place made vacant by Dr. C. Gardiner's resignation. The latter was compelled to retire because of ill-health.

Dr. Lasrapes like his predecessor, is the medical member of the board, and is well qualified to discharge the duties that have been imposed on him. His sense of duty, too, will assure to each registrant the fair treatment that is due him.

Dr. Lasrapes has already taken the oath of office, and his acceptance of the position completes the membership of the board.

MAYER LOEB EFFORTS RELIEVE FUEL SITUATION

The timely action of Mayor Loeb did much to relieve the local fuel situation during the past two cold spells. When it became evident that an immediate supply of coal was needed to avoid suffering, or discomfort we should say, if we do not suffer from the cold down here, the Mayor got busy and saw a couple of cars on diligent occasions. These he turned over to the local dealers, and, under the direction of the local fuel administrator, Mr. Boagni, who also fixed the price of the coal, they were distributed equitably among these in immediate need of fuel.

The Mayor secured the two cars of coal from the Gulf Coast Lines.

Speaking for the people of this city, The Clarion would also like to thank the railroad officials for their consideration.

MRS. CYRUS TATMAN GIVES BIRTH TO 12 POUND BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Tatman are being congratulated on the arrival of a twelve pound baby boy. Young Mr. Tatman came on Monday to bless his parents.

SMALL CROWD GREET SAUNDERS IN THIS CITY FRIDAY

Speaker Says Dollar Hoarded up is a "Slacker Dollar" and Urges Purchase of Thrift Stamps

Small was the crowd that came out to hear Dr. P. H. Saunders, State Director in the war savings campaign, in the address which he delivered at the Court House in this city on last Friday night, having as his subject the need of economy and thrift and self-sacrifice on the part of the American people. Mr. Saunders is at the head of the campaign in this state which has for its object the raising of two billion dollars by the sale of thrift stamps and war savings certificates in the United States.

Mr. Saunders views the war very seriously, and he is of the opinion that it may last for a term of years yet. It is going to be won or lost on this side of the Atlantic, and whether we win it or lose it depends upon the self-sacrifice and denial of the stay-at-homes. The government is striving to equip its army as rapidly as possible, but is being materially hampered by the thoughtless and selfish demands of the American people, who daily and in every imaginable way, enter into competition with the government for these things that are so necessary to the health and comfort of the soldiers, and which the great mass of the people could so easily do without, if they only wanted to.

Speaking of the need for wearing apparel, the speaker said the time would soon come when a well-dressed person would not be in good taste, for he or she showed lack of interest in the war the world is fighting—looking only to his or her personal appearance and caring nothing for the boys who are in the trenches.

In this connection, Mr. Saunders stated that our annual output of manufactured goods amounted to twenty two billion dollars in normal times. To this the governments have added a demand for nineteen billion dollars worth of material articles to equip the soldiers and sailors. The question arose, how could these factories meet the demands for the military needs and continue their normal production? The solution must come in the self denial on the part of the people of this country. Then the manufacturing plants will be able to supply the needs of the army.

We can all lend assistance to the cause by practicing thrift and industry. Buy nothing that is not absolutely necessary, and turn the money that is thereby saved into thrift stamps and certificates. Mr. Saunders called hoarded money "slacker money," because it renders no aid. A dollar deposited in the banks does one service, said he, but a dollar saved and invested in war stamps performs a double service—it helps its owner's government as a loan, and it assists the great cause in that it is taken out of circulation and is not spent for something that may be needed by the army.

The state director urged greater effort at production, and asked for a more systematic practice of the habits of thrift. He showed how the South has worlds of room for improvement in the thrift movement. The per capita savings in the state of Massachusetts is \$274.00, that is to say, there are \$274.00 deposited in the banks of that state for every man, woman and child therein. In Louisiana, outside of New Orleans, it is less than \$5.00. Quite a difference. And there isn't much difference, if any, between Louisiana and the other Southern States. Mr. Saunders attributed the small value of Louisiana lands to the lack of thrift among our people. An acre of land in this state will produce more money than an acre of land in the Middle Western states, yet the lands of the Middle West sell for three times much as Louisiana lands. Why? the speaker asked. Because of the lack of thrift in this state and the practice of it elsewhere. When a piece of land in the Middle West is offered for sale you have a half dozen people who are

FRENCH PRIEST WILL LECTURE IN SUNSET FEBRUARY 15-16

is a Delegate from French Government and Has Spent 2 Years in the Trenches—Will Tell of War

Reverend Father Souris, as a delegate from the French Government, will speak at two places in this parish on February 15 and 16. Father Grace, President of St. Charles College, announces that the distinguished French Divine will speak at the college on Friday, February 15, at 3 o'clock, and Mayor Landry, of Sunset announces he will lecture at the Sunset School on the following afternoon at the same time.

Father Souris comes as a delegate from France. Word came before him that he is a fine lecturer, and to his fine mental gifts and educational attainments has been added two years of the richest experience in trench warfare. He will tell of the life in the trenches, as he has lived it, and his lectures should prove intensely interesting.

An effort should be made to have Father Souris visit Opelousas while he is so near here.

CHIEF HAYES OUT AGAIN AFTER A SEVERE ATTACK

The numerous friends of Clarence Hayes, for many years the Chief of Police of this city, were glad to see him out on the street once again after a serious attack of pneumonia. The chief's illness was a cause of alarm among his friends, but from his present appearance he has not suffered very much, and it will not be long before he will be making his "rounds" again.

The Clarion, like his other friends, is glad he has completely recovered.

able and ready to purchase it, while in Louisiana you have a half dozen pieces of property offered for sale to every buyer, and the prices are naturally lowered. This fact was fully demonstrated during the year just gone by. The influx of money from was followed by innumerable trans-high priced cotton and other products fers and deals in lands right here in our midst. A few months before you couldn't sell property at any price, because the people didn't have money to buy it. Mr. Saunders urged thrift that this impoverished condition of our people would not recur. He urged the people of this parish to take care of everything—clothes, shoes farm implements, harness. The government is now in urgent need of harness to equip horses for war purposes, and every time a man buys a new set he competes against the government in that line.

The speaker praised the farmer for the service he has rendered thus far, but he asked for greater service from him because of the unusual prosperity that has come to him. This prosperity has resulted from the sacrifice of blood and lives across the sea. Our farmers are in a better position to help, and they should be more inclined to help those who fight, that American freedom and American institutions may not die.

In concluding, Mr. Saunders stressed the great necessity for thrift, and asked the people to invest these savings in stamps and certificates, for they appeal to the smaller investor and will help to fix a habit on us that will be most helpful in the years that are not so successful as the present. The purchase of these little "baby bonds" is not a sacrifice. It is an investment, nothing more, said the speaker, and speaker, and one of the very best investments at that. Uncle Sam's guarantee has been thrown around these certificates as a safeguard and a protection. A man takes no more chance in buying them than he does in accepting the currency of the United States. Their value is fixed—it does not fluctuate—they bear interest, and they can be cashed at any time upon ten days written notice at any postoffice in this country.

VICTORY BREAD TO APPEAR IN OPELOUSAS SOON

The Substitute Flour is Going to be Increased Until Feb. 24—Must not be Less Than 20 Per Cent Then

Victory Bread is soon to make its appearance in Opelousas and other towns of this parish. Already this new war bread is being made in the larger cities where the supply is quickly consumed, and just as soon as the local bakers use up their present supply they will be compelled to use the mixed flour. At the last shipment the mills informed them they would not be able to get any more of the all wheat flour.

In New Orleans the first cut in the wheat flour was 5 per cent. But it is agreed among all that this is only the beginning, for the percentage of the substitute flour is going to be gradually increased until February 24, when it must not be less than 20 per cent.

What the substitute is to consist of is not known. There is a great range in the substitutes and the food administrator is given wide discretion in the matter. Other cereals or flours made from potatoes or beans may be used, but in all likelihood, corn flour will be the favorite substitute.

The new ruling will apply also to the grocery stores. Grocers will be permitted to sell customers wheat flour only when they purchase an equal amount of some other cereal.

Hotels, restaurants and other eating places will be required to observe the regulations laid down for the bakers.

To compel the conservation of wheat flour both wholesalers and retailers will be required to limit their purchases to 70 per cent of last year's supplies. The other 30 per cent will be taken up at the mills by the food administration and will be used for export and for building up a reserve store for emergency needs.

The food conservation program is now made up of two wheatless days—Mondays and Wednesdays; one meatless day—Tuesdays; two porkless days—Tuesdays and Saturdays. The bread, as stated above, will not be made of all wheat flour any longer and a ten per cent voluntary reduction in the house sugar ration is requested.

It is expected that the percentage of the substitute will be gradually increased until we have a fifty-fifty bread.

As yet, all the details of the new order have not been worked out. Mr. Parker, the state administrator, has issued the following statement for the present:

"Realizing the importance of good bread and healthy bread to the people of the United States, the United States government will supervise the various bakeries throughout the country and its expert chemists will see that nothing is permitted in bread that is in any way injurious to the health of our people.

"Licences will be held to strict account; they must obey the orders of the Food Administration, and it is sincerely hoped that they will cheerfully comply, as otherwise their licences will be revoked and they will be forbidden to continue in business either directly or indirectly.

"Furthermore they must be loyal and patriotic and exercise extreme care that nothing goes into their bread that in any manner will be injurious to consumers.

"Just as soon as practicable, detailed instructions will be issued to each baker, who will be told what mixtures he can use, and in addition, cleanliness and sanitation will be handled with an iron hand by Dr. Dowling, president of the State Board of Health, with whom we are cordially working."

Married—At the Catholic Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas, Thursday, January 24th, Sergeant Percy B. Walker to Miss Bertha Littell of Alexandria.

BUSINESS MEN OF THIS CITY SHOW THEIR PATRIOTISM

All Agree to Close on "Heatless Mondays" up to and including March 25th

The business men of Opelousas have displayed a spirit of patriotism that is worthy of emulation by those of other towns and cities. To comply with the spirit, as well as the letter, of the Fuel Administration's "Heatless Monday" order, every single man who has a business establishment in this city has agreed to close on every Monday up to, and including, Monday, March 25th.

This agreement on the part of our merchants is the result of the efforts of E. M. Boagni, fuel administrator for this congressional district, Dr. J. A. Haas, Representative E. K. Eastham, and Dr. R. M. Littell, On Thursday, Mr. Boagni, Dr. Haas and Mr. Eastham canvassed the central part of the city and secured the signatures of practically every business man. On Friday Mr. Boagni, Dr. Haas, Mr. Eastham and Dr. Littell each took separate lists and visited the outskirts of the city. Everywhere they found a cheerful willingness to sign the agreement. These men put aside their business and all else for the time in an endeavor to have Opelousas do her part in the conservation of fuel. What they did, and how they were received cannot be told better than by publishing the list of the subscribers to the agreement. It follows:

In order to patriotically comply with the spirit of the Fuel Administrator's "Heatless Mondays" order, the undersigned agree to close their places of business and to permit no business to be transacted therein on each of the Mondays designated in the said order. Each signer heretofore reserves to himself the right to withdraw from this agreement after giving five days prior notice of such intention to E. M. Boagni, Member of the U. S. Fuel Administration, who shall give notice to the others' signers of such withdrawal.

These names were secured by the committee working collectively:

- G. W. Moriarty,
- W. H. Andrus,
- L. E. Littell,
- G. H. Guillory,
- R. Mornhinweg & Son,
- Armand L. Dejean,
- George Abdalla,
- Tony Marsiglia,
- Jos. Firnberg,
- J. A. Dejean,
- Peoples State Bank,
- D. Rios,
- The Fair, (Abe Siegel),
- Miss Paulin Isacks,
- Ross Company, Inc.
- P. A. Sandoz,
- Chas. O. Garbo,
- P. DeBuono,
- Mrs. Corinne Milsted,
- Est. J. B. Sandoz,
- Mrs. A. Ventre & Son,
- Dardeau & Castille,
- Jos. Borden & Son,
- R. B. Christmas,
- E. M. Boagni,
- St. Landry Lumber Co.
- M. Winsberg,
- The Bennett Stores, Inc.
- Allen Sandoz,
- St. Landry State Bank,
- Opelousas National Bank,
- E. L. Loeb, Mayor,
- A. Clary,
- E. P. Melancon,
- I. Chapman,
- J. Fakouri,
- Jacobs News Depot Co.
- The Candy Kitchen,
- F. L. Sandoz,
- Stewart Bros.
- Louis White,
- F. J. Dietlein,
- Chas. P. Holler,
- J. Stander,
- J. Landau,
- Jonas Ross,
- Ben Riseman,
- Jno. W. Clarke,
- Mrs. H. D. Larcade,
- Chas. F. Boagni,
- Sam R. Garbo,
- Carbo Bros.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX MAN IS NOW IN OPELOUSAS

Will Be at The Court House Daily Until February 28—Asks That Taxpayers Come Early

Mr. J. F. Leake, Federal Income Tax Inspector, opened his office in the Parish Court House in this city on Friday. Mr. Leake will be at the Court House daily, except Sunday, until February 28. He has come here for the purpose of assisting the people of this parish in making out their income tax returns.

All single persons whose net incomes are \$1,000 or more, and all married persons whose net incomes are \$2,000 or more, are subject to the tax. If in doubt as to whether you owe the tax or not, you had better see Mr. Leake. It is not advisable to take any chances.

Mr. Leake requests through The Clarion that those who owe the tax come early, and there by avoid the rush that may come in the last days of his stay here.

LADIES TO GIVE MARDI GRAS BALL FOR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will give a ball on Mardi Gras night for the benefit of their church. This has become an annual custom of the Episcopal Guild, and it usually attracts a large crowd of pleasure seekers.

There will be a dance for children from 3 to 6 in the afternoon, and the dance for the grown-ups will commence at 8 o'clock and continue until midnight.

In strict observance of the government's conservation program, punch will be the only kind of refreshment sold, and it will be on sale during the afternoon and night.

The members of the Episcopal Guild hope to be favored with a large attendance from the people of this city and section.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends for their assistance, and sympathy in the sudden death of our dear son, and brother, Alton.

We especially desire to thank, Drs. B. A. Littell, Z. T. Young and S. B. Wolff, for their untiring efforts to prolong life, also Dr. Landry for his willing services, and the "Central Girls" for their ready response to every call.

To all we owe our lasting gratitude.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. WILSON AND FAMILY.

The following signers were secured by Dr. Haas:

- Dardeau & Fields,
- Chas. Fazzino,
- A. C. Skiles Lumber Co.,
- V. Graffagnino,
- C. Lipari,
- F. Casino,
- E. Fuseller,
- Ed. Dupuy,
- Joe Lupo,
- F. Poite,
- Charley Mitchell,
- Mrs. J. Boni,
- John Nicko,
- Antonio Venezia,
- Joe Ruffino,
- Mrs. Anna Monteleone,
- Sam Camille,
- Mike Mandina,
- Sam Viviano,
- M. Lipari,
- Mr. Boagni obtained the following signatures:

- C. Matise,
- B. L. Sanders,
- C. Moulle,
- Joe Trapani,
- P. Leblanc,
- Ventre Brothers,
- Ois Cinquegrani,
- Dietlein Jacobs Grocery Co. Ltd.
- Stokes Stelly Produce Co.
- Nahon Fadaol,
- Jacob Fakouri,
- Sam Drago,
- Dr. Littell's list had not been returned late Friday, but we were informed he was meeting with as much success as the others had.

COMMITTEE AWARDS PRIZES FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Mrs. J. P. Salgan wins First Prize of \$50; Miss Fannie Kellar, of Eunice, the Second, \$25

The committee appointed by E. M. Boagni, Chairman of the recent Red Cross Christmas membership drive, to award the prizes to those four canvassers who secured the greatest number of new members for that organization, met in Mr. Boagni's office on Thursday afternoon and examined the complete returns of the drive.

The committee's official report as to the prize winners is identical with the report published in The Clarion of last week. It follows:

Opelousas, La., Jan. 30, 1918.

We, the undersigned members, of the committee appointed by the Hon. E. M. Boagni, Chairman of the Christmas Membership Drive, to award the four prizes amounting to \$100.00, offered by an unknown donor, through the chairman of said drive, for the largest number of Red Cross members secured in said drive, beg leave to report:

That we have examined the returns filed by the chairman of the police jury wards, and find that the following ladies are entitled to the prizes, to-wit:

- Mrs. Joseph P. Salgan, Opelousas, La., 1st prize \$50.00 (421 members);
- Miss Fannie Kellar, Eunice, La., 2nd prize \$25.00 (405 members);
- Mrs. Lee Danel, Opelousas, La., 3rd prize \$15.00 (260 members);
- Miss Hinda Klaus, Washington, La., 4th prize \$1.00 (134 members).

Respectfully submitted,
FRED J. MAYER,
LEON WOLFF,
DR. GORDON MORGAN,
DR. JOHN A. HAAS.

PART OF MATERIAL FOR CLUSTER LIGHTS ARRIVES

A part of the material for the "cluster lights" has arrived, in fact, everything except the posts and a small part of the fixtures is here, and it will not be long before they will be set up and ready to illuminate the dark ways of the Court House square.

These lights have been given to the people of this city and parish by the generosity of the present police jury, acting on the request of H. D. Larcade, Sr., one of the members of the First Ward, and the members of the board of aldermen have also very generously voted to maintain them for a period of years.

Mayor Loeb and Mr. Larcade were the members of a joint committee to purchase the fixtures, and apparently they have made a very nice selection.

LOCAL BOY SCOUTS SCATTER PRESIDENT'S WAR MESSAGES

In keeping with President Wilson's request, the Boy Scouts of this city busied themselves on last Saturday by handing around some of the President's speeches and other literature dealing with different phases of the great war.

These "messenger boys" of the President of the United States made the rounds of Opelousas and presented residents and visitors with these messages, that our people might know why we fight and what we fight for. They distributed any number of the pamphlets, and Dr. Perrault, Scoutmaster of the local organization, announces that he still has a supply on hand, and these can be obtained from him.

—Miss Elsie Tucker returned to her home in Vicksburg, Miss., on last Sunday, after having spent two months or more at the home of Mrs. P. A. Sandoz, in this city.

—Dr. G. Richard well known physician of Leonville, was a visitor to Opelousas on Wednesday.

—C. N. Bertrand, well known Maillet merchant was in Opelousas on Friday.