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STEPS TAKEN TO LAUNCH LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

An Executive Committee of Leading Men Has Been Named to Attend to Business Side

A meeting of the citizens of St. Landry was called Wednesday evening by Mr. Frank Dimmick, Zone Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee. Steps were taken to launch the 3rd Liberty Loan Campaign in the 1st St. Landry District.

At this meeting an executive committee composed of Messrs. L. J. Larcade, A. Leon Dupre, L. T. Castille, J. A. Perkins, F. S. Barry, J. G. Carriere, J. W. Heap and E. M. Boagni was appointed to handle the business end of the campaign. Mr. L. J. Larcade was chosen chairman of the committee and Mr. J. A. Durio, secretary-treasurer.

Municipal and parochial chairmen were selected. They are:

Opelousas—1st ward: Mr. G. H. Cretn; 2nd ward, Mr. J. B. Brock; 3rd ward, Mr. H. F. Richard; 4th ward, Mr. E. L. Loeb.

For the Parish—1st ward, 2nd precinct, Mr. O. A. Durio; 1st ward, 3rd precinct, Dr. O. P. Daly; 2nd ward, 1st precinct, Dr. Ben Guilbeau; 2nd ward, 2nd precinct, Dr. C. A. Gardiner; 3rd ward, 1st and 2nd precincts, Dr. F. O. Pavy; 3rd ward, 3rd precinct, Dr. J. R. Molancon; 4th ward, Port Barre precinct, Mr. J. A. Burleigh; Balance of 4th ward, Dr. Gordon Morgan; 5th ward, 1st precinct, Dr. Jos. A. Mary; 5th ward, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th precinct, J. P. Savant; 5th ward, 4th precinct, Theo. Doucet.

A request will be made of each bank in the district to contribute \$25.00 to defray the expenses of the executive committee.

A big rally will be held on the Court House Square in this city Friday, April 5, at 8 p. m. A number of prominent speakers, both French and English, will be secured for the occasion. The executive committee will meet on the 6th.

WOMAN'S WAR SAVINGS SOCIETY HAS ITS FIRST MEETING

Supt. W. B. Prescott and Hon. Alex. Robertson Are the Orators of the Occasion

Last Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, March 22, the Woman's War Savings Society of Opelousas, held its first meeting, and the thrift campaign in the parish gained another ally.

A good crowd was present on the occasion to listen to the addresses of the prominent local speakers who held the forum on this night, these being Supt. Prescott and Hon. W. A. Robertson.

Mr. Prescott, who has been identified with every movement tending to further the interests of the country in the present great crisis, presided. After explaining minutely the purpose of the War Savings Stamp issue, he called upon Hon. Alex. Robertson, who, in a very concise manner, explained the necessity of the organization of the War Savings Societies.

The talks of these two gentlemen were listened to with marked attention by those present, and will no doubt prove of much benefit to the cause.

Mr. J. P. Troclair, our local postmaster, who is ever willing to assist the government in any way possible, was on hand. He stated that he would show his co-operation by having his rural and city carriers deliver the stamps to the members of the society so as to facilitate the sale of stamps.

The report of the total membership of the local society, which is expected to be large, will be made at the next meeting. The enrollment to date is 114.

For the information of those who may not fully understand the purpose of the War Savings Society, it may be stated that their use is three-fold:

1. To awaken a realization among the men, women and children of America that in their hands lies the key to the successful prosecution of the war; that they can render the most far-reaching patriotic service through refraining from the purchase of unnecessary articles, confining themselves to the use of such things as are necessary for health and efficiency, thus releasing labor and materials for the support of our armies in the field; that there is not enough labor in the United States to produce the great variety of articles needed to support our

soldiers and at the same time provide all the comforts and luxuries we enjoyed before the war.

2. To lay the foundation of thrift and economy throughout the United States and to bring home to the people the fact that intelligent and consistent saving is not a dry problem in economics, but is the most vital step toward personal success.

3. To obtain for the Government a large amount of money through the sale of Thrift Stamps and War-Savings Stamps—little Government bonds—the safest and best investment in the world, and at the same time provide a method by which the small investor may put his savings at the immediate service of his country. Members of War-Savings Societies pledge themselves to support the Government by refraining from unnecessary expenditures, by systematic saving, and by obtaining new members.

All patriotic Opelouseans are urged to join the Woman's War Savings Society, and lend their aid to the worthy cause, for every stamp that "you lick, helps to lick the Kaiser!"

BRANCH CHAPTER ORGANIZES HERE THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. Gilbert L. Dupre Makes Patriotic Talk on This Occasion—Temporary Officers Selected

In order to expedite Red Cross work, and to enlarge and broaden its scope, a branch chapter was organized in this city Thursday morning.

A large and enthusiastic crowd was present and much interest was manifested. Mrs. G. L. Dupre made an effective talk, urging co-operation in the noble work.

The following temporary officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. A. Robertson; treasurer, Dr. J. A. Haas, and secretary, Miss Joyce K. Staggs.

A meeting of the executive committee will be held this (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock, and another meeting will be held, the same day, at 4 p. m., at the Federal Building. The public is invited to this meeting.

WATCH WAR GARDENS

Now that the novelty of the gardening idea is over, it is time for those who intend to make a success of their garden to prepare to fight insects.

For the benefit of those who are worried with insects, I wish to advise that I have in my office a number of bulletins on the fighting of insects. These bulletins or leaflets contain any number of helps for gardeners and simple remedies for destroying insects.

J. M. BURR,
Negro Local Agricultural Agent

MRS. SANDOZ AND MRS. ANDING ARE COMMISSIONED

Mrs. W. J. Sandoz, chairman of the Woman's War-Savings Society, and Mrs. A. A. Anding, treasurer, have received commissions to sell the war savings stamps. This authority comes from the treasury department. Mrs. Anding can handle anything from a 25 cent thrift stamp to \$1000 worth of war certificates.

Both ladies are very much interested in war activities.

HIGH SCHOOL IS PATRIOTIC.

Wednesday evening the local school had its first Junior Four-Minute men program. The subject for the occasion was the war savings stamps.

Mr. Tom Firnberg and Miss Mabel Lacombe represented the school. Mr. E. K. Eastham of the Senior organization, made an address. Music was furnished by the Glee Club.

Thus the St. Landry High School shows its patriotism.

WOMAN'S WAR SAVINGS SOCIETY IS CONGRATULATED

The Woman's War Savings Society has received a letter from the secretary of the National War Savings Committee congratulating Opelousas on the formation of the society.

The letter urges the members to enthusiastically support the local unit, thus lending important service to the nation during the present crisis.

DANCE AT SUNSET FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

There will be a dance at the Sunset High School, April 5, by the Junior Red Cross, and the receipts derived from this benefit will go to aid in furthering the worthy cause. Music will be furnished for the occasion by the Martel String Band.

3RD LIBERTY LOAN ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN EUNICE

L. J. Lacombe Is Chosen Chairman and J. W. Bassett Secretary

The Eunice-Basile Liberty Loan Association, representing the citizenry of the 2nd St. Landry District, was organized in Eunice, the progressive western metropolis Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. J. L. Lacombe, one of the leading business men of the town was elected head of the organization, with J. W. Bassett, another live-wire, secretary.

On April 6, a big rally and barbecue will be given to launch the campaign, and a request will be made for all the business establishments to close at noon in order that the employees might attend. A committee composed of Phil. Hickey, J. W. Lyman, J. J. Lewis and J. L. L. Lacombe was appointed to raise funds to carry on the campaign. Those present for this purpose.

A Speakers' committee was also appointed. The members are J. W. Bassett, J. J. Lewis and J. W. Lyman.

The ministers of the city will be urged to make the plea for the importance of winning the war the text of their Easter Sunday sermons.

It is a foregone conclusion that the Second St. Landry District will do its share in the 3rd Liberty Loan Campaign.

CLUB MEMBERS

The following boys and girls of Sunge, Lawtell, Palmetto and Bellevue have entered the various clubs organized by the extension department and will thereby aid their government in the present crisis:

Sunset—Girls' Canning Club: President, Georgette Horast; secretary, Estelle Burlough; Lynn Burlough, Salie Boutte, Leonie Bernard, Stella Dimmick, Vivian Darby, May Guilbeau, Kate Boutte, Frankie Dimmick.

Poultry club—Evelyn Stelly, Mary A. Brinkhaus, Louise Daily, Joseph Miller, Elie Stelly, Irene Bertinot, Louise Miller.

War garden—Irene Bertinot, Louise Durio, Mary Brinkhaus, Frances Guilbeau, Sara Burlough, Melvin Miller, Maud Bertinot, Gertrude Peck.

Lawtell—Girls' Canning Club: President, Lillian Thibodeaux; secretary, Odette Bihm; Hazel Pitre, Bertha Prudhomme, Lulu Boudreau, Fannie Latolais, Lillian Thibodeaux.

Poultry club—James Thibodeaux, Marguerite Jordan, Aimee Prudhomme, Hilda Olivier, Hazel Bihm, Blanche Bourgeois, Annie Bourgeois. Miss Pearl Lewis.

Garden club—Marguerite Jordan.

Palmetto—Girls' Canning Club: Lottie Ganson, Mary Slyman, Lottie Nezat, Olive Lahaye, Juliet Isaacson, Myrtle Nezat, Helen Taylor, Wilda Clark, Wordie Clark, Joe Frame, Olivia Frame, Ida Desaussure.

Poultry Club: Helen Taylor, Olive Lahaye, Polly Mayer, Lottie Ganson, George Kimbal, Clarence Richard, Joe Frame, Ida Desaussure, Marion Solleau, Juliette Isaacson, Joe Frame, Joe Slyman, Ana Lahaye, Margery Richard.

South Bellevue—Girls' Canning Club: Edna Andrus, Ethel Mills, Louise Mills, Pauline Lavergne, Vivian Andrus.

Poultry club—Louise Daily, Lucille Mills, Ethel Mills, Edna Andrus, Gertrude Hunt, Pauline Lavergne, James Mills, James Lavergne, Gondeque Richard, Vivian Andrus, Wilma Mills, Oliver Hunt, Albert Savole, Paul Burleigh.

WARNING.

All domestic consumers dependent upon coal as fuel are earnestly urged to lay in their supply now. There is a coal shortage and it may be necessary to limit the supply of coal to those communities dependent entirely upon coal, and to prohibit entirely the shipment of coal to communities so situated that their fuel requirements may be satisfied by the use of wood.

E. M. BOAGNI,
Advisory Member U. S. Fuel Administration, 7th Congressional District.

WATERS-PIERCE HAS SAME HEAD

The Waters-Pierce has not changed agents, as was stated in last week's issue of the Clarion. It was the Standard Oil that made the change in the local agency. The error was brought to our attention by Mr. Winfield, of the Waters-Pierce and we gladly make the correction.

BRIGHT LAD CALLED TO HIS REWARD

It is with a feeling of genuine regret that we chronicle the death of Welman Leonce Dejean, the son of William C. Dejean and Virginia St. Cyr Dejean, of Plaquemine Point, which occurred in New Orleans last Sunday night.

Welman was 12 years, 3 months and 12 days of age at the time of his death, which followed an operation at Touro Infirmary. The lad was taken to New Orleans Sunday for treatment but every effort of the kind nurses and doctors could not stay the hand of the Grim Reaper, and this bright young boy passed away on Sunday night. Welman was one of twin children, the other, a brother, Willie, survives.

The funeral took place from the residence of his grandfather, A. St. Cyr, on North Walnut Street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the services and interment were held in the Catholic church and cemetery.

A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place, among these were the school mates of the little boy, each carrying a bouquet of flowers, thus attesting their esteem and friendship for the lad they knew so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Dejean and family in this city who extend to them their warmest condolences in this hour when the Hand of Grief has fallen so heavily upon them.

TO THE PEOPLE OF OPELOUSAS:

You have deemed it wise to replace me as Mayor of your City, and I shall not question the wisdom of your choice.

You have been very generous to me in the past, having elected me to municipal office four consecutive terms. I am profoundly appreciative of the confidence and support accorded me, and extend my heartfelt thanks to the people, and of expressing my dearest thought that Opelousas will press forward to brighter things.

It is also a great comfort to me to know that I have done my duty, and I return my commission to you as clean as you good people gave it to me.

Gratefully and respectfully,
E. L. LOEB.

MRS. FEY LYONS AT DURIOS RESTAURANT

Mrs. Fey Lyons, recently of Port Arthur, Texas, arrived here Monday to accept a position at the Waldorf Restaurant. She has assumed charge of the cashier's stand at the well known restaurant, vice Miss Lily Reed, resigned.

That she will give entire satisfaction is the opinion of her many Opelousas friends.

—Dr. Woods and Martin Gardner of Washington were in Opelousas on Saturday. Mr. Gardner, who had been employed in Houston, returned home to bid farewell to his relatives before departing for service in the army.

—Arthur Thompson of Beaumont, Texas, was in Opelousas the past week. He was en route to Gulf Port Miss.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

Opelousas, La., March 22, 1918. We have been delayed in opening our ladies and children's ready to wear department in our new building at Opelousas adjoining the old stand. Many things have contributed to this delay but particularly lack of labor in installing our fixtures.

We beg to advise, however, that we have received a good part of the lines which will later occupy this new department and while we cannot make as good a display as we would like to do, yet we ask that you get in the habit of making inquiries of us for everything in the line of ladies' ready to wear, children's and infants' ready to wear, household linens, etc.

We are prepared to show you many new things and novelties along these lines that have not heretofore been carried in Opelousas, and we believe our new department when finally completed will prove a welcome addition to Opelousas' merchandise showing.

Thanking our legion of friends and customers for their many past favors and trusting to receive a visit from them very shortly, we are,
Very truly yours,
THE BENNETT STORES INC.
Opelousas & Eunice.

P. S. Our Eunice Store with Mr. P. Tankel as manager is also showing the complete line.

NOTED ORATOR WILL LECTURE IN THIS CITY APRIL 2

An Intellectual Treat In Store for Those Who Will Hear Father de la Moriniere

Posters are out announcing that Rev. E. C. de la Moriniere, S. J., the gifted Jesuit orator, will lecture in Opelousas on next Tuesday night, April 2.

The priest-orator comes here under the auspices of the local council of the Knights of Columbus, and will appear at the High School Auditorium.

The Knights, knowing that their Home would be too small to accommodate the crowd that will be present to hear the distinguished speaker, secured the Opelousas School Auditorium for the occasion.

Father de la Moriniere is too well known to require any commendation of our hands. He is a native Louisiana; an orator of international fame, having lectured in all of the big cities of this country and of Europe. The press of two continents accord him a leading place among the orators of the day and the London Times regards him as the greatest Shakespearean lecturer in the world.

Father de la Moriniere commenced his study of the master poet's works when a mere lad, and to-day whenever the Bard of Avon is mentioned, so also is Father de la Moriniere, his brilliant interpretation of the great writer's works, having identified him with the poet of all times.

When the distinguished priest appears here he will lecture on "The Tragedy of King Henry VIII." An intellectual treat is in store for those who will hear this lecture.

Father de la Moriniere has a number of friends here, many of whom have been his pupils at Spring Hill College. It is stated that these former pupils will give him a banquet while he is in Opelousas.

EX. COM. OF OPELOUSAS CHAPTER HOLDS MEETING

Vast Amount of Business Disposed of By That Body Last Friday Evening

The Executive Committee of the local Red Cross Chapter held an important meeting on last Friday evening. Owing to the fact that this committee has not met for several months, due to the fact that a quorum could not be secured during the winter months, a vast amount of business came up for consideration, and was disposed of accordingly.

After the regular routine was gone through, reading of the reports of the various chairmen, some of these, however, failing to report, new business was taken up.

On motion of Mrs. Brown, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the secretary was instructed to send a written vote of thanks to Hon. E. M. Boagni for his services as chairman of the Christmas drive; for his donation of \$24.58 for furnishing headquarters, and for securing the patriotic donation of \$100.00 offered in prizes to the four securing the largest membership in the drive, and that Mr. Boagni be asked to express the appreciation of the chapter to the unknown donor.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. J. P. Saizan for the donation of \$25.00 to the chapter and \$25.00 to the Junior Auxillary.

The chapter expressed its thanks to the ladies of the Episcopal Church Guild for a donation of \$15.00 from the receipts of their Carnival entertainment.

Hon. E. M. Boagni, Prof. W. B. Prescott and Dr. J. A. Haas were unanimously elected members of the executive committee.

The committee unanimously confirmed the selection of Dr. J. A. Haas by the Divisional Chairman as head of the second war drive for subscriptions to the Red Cross Fund.

Mr. Boagni was chosen vice-chairman of the finance committee.

—H. U. Callahan and little son, Herbert, visited Midland on Monday.

—Miss Cora Dubuisson of Ville Platte was in Opelousas Monday.

—Miss Celeste Quirk of Evergreen is the guest of Mrs. E. Lafleur.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Larcade were returned from a several days' visit to

—Miss Lillian Lassalle will spend the Easteride with relatives in the Crescent City.

RED CROSS PLEADS FOR CLOTHES FOR FRENCH AND BELGIANS

The Red Cross received an appeal this week from the Division headquarters asking for second-hand refugee clothing.

This is a plan to collect clothes for the French and Belgian, who are in desperate need, and the time appointed for this drive is between the 1st and the 15th of April. Things must be sent in not later than the 15th.

The appeal states that the allotment for the Gulf Division is 300 tons, and it will require devotion, sacrifice and energy to answer this call for aid. Bedding, it is said is especially desirable. The garments needed include almost everything in the apparel line for infants, girls, boys, women and men. The clothes must be clean, and not too much worn to be of use.

A local committee, it is understood, will attend to the inspection and packing of the garments so those too soiled to be used will not be sent. "This does not mean all garments need to be in perfect repair."

Those who are inclined to help in this worthy cause are requested to send in their offerings in order that they may be shipped by the 15th.

CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE

Mr. J. D. Young living 15 miles from town, near Plaquemine Point, reports the crops in good shape, though needing rain badly, as they got only a light shower.

Mr. Young reports nearly all rice planted coming up rapidly and what is up looks healthy, with promise of a good stand, if the present weather conditions continue.

PERCY DURIQ GOES TO PORT ARTHUR

Percy Durio, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. Octave Durio, of this city, left Monday to accept work at Port Arthur, Texas.

Young Durio is only seventeen years of age, and the fact that he has secured a good position in the Texas town is a compliment to the worth of the Opelousas boy.

His many friends here feel certain that he will make good.

—W. F. Brown, prominent member of the police jury from the Port Barre ward, was a visitor to Opelousas on Monday.

—Mrs. Auguste Ducharme, of Alexandria, arrived here on Sunday, and will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Raymond Breaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Levy Campbell of Barbeque were in Opelousas on Monday.

—Mrs. S. Zerrange of Melville visited friends in this city the past week.

—Dr. E. S. Barry and Lawrence Barry, prominent Grand Coteau citizens, were in Opelousas Monday.

—Mrs. J. A. David of Notleyville was the guest of relatives in this city Monday.

—F. M. Pinckney of Washington was among the many visitors to this city on Monday.

—Mrs. Paul Foster of Lawtell was in Opelousas this past week.

—Mrs. Harry Williams, who was formerly Miss Annie McClelland of this city, is visiting friends in Opelousas. Her little daughter, Shirley, is with her. They are now residing in the capital city.

—Mr. L. J. Derbes of Chicot spent several days last week in Opelousas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kennedy who are now residents of the Lone Star State motored to Opelousas this past week.

—Douglas Cain of Lafayette was here during the week.

—Mr. Geo. Hinkle of New Orleans was a business visitor to this city during the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Levy of New Orleans are the guests of the Lacombe Hotel.

—Dr. O. P. Daly, Sr., prominent citizen of Bellevue was a visitor to this city several days this week.

—Dr. O. P. Daly, Jr., of Lafayette, was a business visitor to this city during the week.

—Mr. L. Godchaux, prominent business man of Big Cane, was in Opelousas Tuesday.

—Dr. J. C. Vidrine, well known physician of Little Mamou, was a business visitor here this week.

—Dr. and Mrs. Armand Lafleur of Lawtell were among the many visitors to Opelousas during the week.

—Mrs. H. Guilford of Ville Platte was in Opelousas during the week.

—Misses C. Dossman and Ada Solleau, two of Ville Platte's society girls were in this city Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Solleau of Ville Platte were the guests of friends here during the week.

—Mrs. Leo St. Cyr of San Antonio, Texas, is the guest of relatives here and in nearby towns.

JOHN M. PARKER ANNOUNCES RETURN TO DEMOCRACY

Angered by Unpatriotic Attacks of Republicans on Wilson; Quits Old Alliance.

It is needless for us to express our gratification and pleasure at the announcement that Hon. John M. Parker will rejoin the Democratic party. The party in the state and nation will need men like Mr. Parker, and it is within the party lines that his great ability, profound patriotism and stirring character can find effective expression. We reproduce the following on the subject from the Daily States of March 26th:

John M. Parker, federal food administrator for Louisiana, will register as a Democrat. He announced this intention in an address delivered at a luncheon given by the Jovian League at the De Soto Hotel, Thursday noon.

His statement at this particular time was inspired by the sensational attack of Republican senators on the Wilson administration in Washington. Mr. Parker desired that there should be no doubt as to where he stands in this national crisis and that his every word and act is behind the President. His declaration in New Orleans was also his answer to his life-long friend, Theodore Roosevelt, who was in Maine Thursday, making his first speech since his recovery and what has been interpreted as the first gun in his national campaign for president, largely based on attacks upon the Wilson policies.

"The time has come in this national war crisis when every patriot must stand shoulder to shoulder," declared Mr. Parker. He deplored the Republican senatorial attack upon the President and characterized it as "another Hindenberg attack all along the American line by the party of special privileges—the Republican party."

FLOUR RETRENCHMENT ORDERED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Town People Can Only Procure 24 Pounds at One Time While the Country Customer Gets 48.

The retrenchment of flour has begun. Under date of March 25, 1918, the Federal Food Administrator for Louisiana, issues the following order relative to the amount of flour that can be purchased at any one time by the town and country consumers, and all loyal Americans are expected to abide thereby:

"Notice to Retailers and Consumers of Flour:

"Retailers shall sell not more than twentyfour (24) pounds of flour to any town customer at any one time, and not more than forty-eight (48) pounds of flour to any country customer at any one time, and in no case to sell wheat flour without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals, except to farmers upon a certificate in writing stating they have corn meal actually on hand.

"Consumers to use not to exceed a total of one and one-half pounds of wheat products per person. This means to include bakers bread, macaroni, crackers, etc., all combined."

"JOHN M. PARKER,
Federal Food Administrator."

ATTENTION!

The annual meeting of R. E. Lee Camp No. 14, U. C. V., will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 1918, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the election of officers for the year 1918, and the transaction of important business. Delinquent members and pensioners desiring to become members are cordially invited to be present, and pay or send their 1918 general order and division dues, which are 40 cents.

C. P. RICHARD, Adj.

—Louis Crouchet, a graduate of L. S. U., left Thursday for New Orleans, where he has gone to enter the Quartermaster department of the U. S. army.

—Mrs. Ducote of Krotz Springs was a visitor to Opelousas during the week.

—Miss Maud Sudduth of Mamou was the guest of relatives here this past week.