

# CLUB RALLY SATURDAY SHOWS GREAT WORK

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT BRINGS SESSION TO AN END

# THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

"Here Shall the Press the People's Rights Maintain, Unawed by Influence and Unbribed by Gain."

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### OPELOUSAS HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSIONS IN ITS HISTORY, GRADUATING SEVENTEEN IN ALL

LARGE AUDIENCE ASSEMBLED TO WITNESS THE CLOSING EXERCISES FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

Complete Program Rendered and Young Ladies and Young Men Handed Their Diplomas by School Board Member H. D. Larcade, Jr.—Medals Given the Successful Ones by Mr. J. A. Durio, the New Member of Board

The Opelousas High School Friday night of last week closed one of the most successful sessions in its long history. Seventeen graduates were handed their diplomas by School Board Member H. D. Larcade, Jr., of the St. Landry parish school board and the successful contestants for the various medals received these tokens from the hands of Mr. J. A. Durio, the newly appointed member of the board. Ten young ladies and seven young men completed the prescribed course and now embark in the hurry and bustle of life, some no doubt to continue their studies in other institutions of learning, while some will doff their school clothes and prepare for life's active duties. One and all leave school with the best wishes of teachers and the student body and many hopes have been expressed that each will meet with due measure of success in the life's great battle which lies just beyond.

The stage in the big school auditorium was fittingly decorated with flags and flowers and on the background stood out in bold relief the motto of the graduating class—"BE PREPARED."

The class marched in, the girls dressed in white, with bouquets in their hands, entering from both side aisles and crossed in front of the stage and then ascended the stage.

The following program was rendered:

Patriotic Song.....The Khaki Boy  
Misses Lacombe, Riseman, Mistic and Stagg.

Address—Student Activities in Time of War.....Thomas Finberg  
Double Quartette.....Sing On  
Misses Perrault, Mayer, Mistic, Stagg and Mrs. Bourgeois

Essay—The Junior Red Cross Society.....Miss Edith Barry  
Double Quartette.....May Time  
Essay—The Conservation of Food.....Miss Myrtle Mornhveg  
Song—The Nightingale.....Miss

.....Glady's Perrault  
Address.....Hon. J. O. Modisette  
Awarding of Medals.. Mr. J. A. Durio  
Awarding of Diplomas.....

.....Mr. H. D. Larcade, Jr.  
The Star Spangled Banner.....  
Miss M. Megintley and Senior Class  
Professor W. C. Perrault, principal of the school, delivered a short address, congratulating the pupils of the institution and giving each and every one of them some timely advice. He also read a telegram from Miss Belle Dupre, former teacher, expressing her regrets at being unable to attend the exercises and wishing the class every blessing.

Hon. J. O. Modisette, member of the state council of defense, on the program to deliver the address to the graduating class, spoke in part as follows:

"This is the war of every individual, but there are but two sides—the German and the American side, one right, the other wrong. Our side is in behalf of humanity, freedom of speech and of press and of democratic principles.

"There is but one thing for us to do, and that is to fight and win the war. There are in this country ten million people with German blood in their veins, one million of whom are of voting age. These people cannot serve two masters. Whatever color, race or condition, they cannot serve the United States and Germany, too. They can't be on the fence. This is not the day of the neutral. All have a duty to perform.

"Older men and women must stay at home, but all can serve the country and every person not willing to serve should be sent to a prison camp." The speaker said that we are facing one of the most serious agricultural problems in our history, and that is, disposing to best advantage the immense potato crop of the state at a fair and just price, and we should help the farmers to dispose of their product and by doing so help the government.

He paid a tribute to John M. Parker, state food administrator, and continued by saying that we all can help to win the war by preventing the potatoes from going to waste. There were twenty-five ways, he said, in

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### ACTIONS SPEAK MUCH LOUDER THAN WORDS

It is somewhat unethical for a newspaper to harp on its glorious "scoops," or to indulge in any fulsome self-praise, but occasionally a little breach of the strict and rigid rules of journalistic etiquette are permissible and excusable.

Week after week THE CLARION publishes more columns of real live news matter than the three other newspapers in both St. Landry and Evangeline combined. It is the oldest and closest read of any paper which was ever published in these two parishes. Its name is a household word in both and even the most illiterate, when seeking a medium in which to advertise, come straight to THE CLARION. There must be some reason for this—people are acquainted with THE CLARION, and know it is read.

### SOMETHING DOING IN BABY-WEIGHING LINE

PARENTS REQUESTED TO HAVE OFF-SPRING HERE JUNE 9-11

Strictly in Keeping With Modern Work of Preserving Lives of Nation's Children

The government must know the weight and measure of your baby!

Why? Because it is at war with a ruthless foe and it asks you to save the future citizens who must carry on the civilization it is now fighting to preserve.

This, the second year of the war, is referred to as "children's war," and one part of the big program for the welfare of 30,000,000 children under fifteen years of age is the saving of the lives of one hundred thousand children under the age of five.

The campaign to save these young hundred thousand babies and young children in the United States during the second year of the war is to be inaugurated by a national weighing and measuring test, being conducted in every part of the country, and beginning in Opelousas on Monday, June 9, and continuing through Wednesday, June 11.

Bring your babies to the federal court room at any hour between 9 a. m. and 7 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday.

It is requested that all children under five years of age be brought to the committee rooms which will be in charge of a well informed committee and a trained nurse in addition to safeguard your child against any infectious disease. Parents of children, who have been exposed to any contagious disease, or have colds, are requested to notify the committee and a card will be sent with directions for the measuring and weighing either by the family physician or the parents.

Spread the gospel, and bring all your neighbors, relatives and friends who have babies. Don't let Opelousas be behind in this movement. The aim? To make available to all mothers information about recognized methods for caring for babies and mothers, and the necessary facilities for promoting the health of children.

On Wednesday, June 11, all colored children under the age of five will be tested, and it is requested that as many as possible be brought to the federal court room on that day.

### OPELOUSAS EDITOR NOW EMPLOYED IN CROWLEY

Charles M. Thompson, Late of Star-Progress, Now Editor of the Daily Signal

Mr. Charles M. Thompson, for some months past editorially connected with the Star-Progress of Opelousas and before that time also connected with The Clarion, has accepted the editorship of the Crowley Signal and assumed active duties on the latter part of this week. Mr. Thompson is a versatile writer and has in him the makings of a good newspaper man and the Clarion congratulates the Signal on having secured his services and assures that newspaper that it has gained an editor that will fill the bill of its requirements. Mr. Thompson, in the daily field, will have a wider range for his activities and the fuller development of his inherent ability as a journalist.

### NEW RULES FOR THE WHEATLESS DAYS AND SUGAR DISTRIBUTION

Victory Bread Only Can Be Sold on Mondays and Wednesdays, Suspending Former Regulations

ADMINISTRATION CONDEMNNS OPEN SUGAR BOWL IN HOTELS

Strict Means for Control of Sugar Part of Program for Future and Twenty-five Pounds All Family Can Now Buy

The Clarion has been requested to publish the following communications, the first of which, bearing on the use of wheat and wheat products, from the office of L. H. Moss, food administrator for the seventh congressional district, with headquarters in Lake Charles, and the other, bearing on the distribution and use of sugar, from the food administrator of Louisiana, Hon. John M. Parker, with offices in New Orleans.

Mr. Moss' letter follows: Lake Charles, La., May 1, 1918. To Parish Food Administrators of the Seventh Congressional District: I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. John M. Parker, Federal Food Administrator, announcing a change in the program for wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays.

It appears that the rules heretofore issued for these days have worked a greater hardship on the poorer classes of the cities than the Administration feels justified at this time in imposing in regard to the use of wheat and wheat products. In order to render uniform the ruling herein made, however, it is put in force throughout the State.

You will therefore please announce to the people of your parish that hereafter and until further notice, bakers may bake and sell, and hotels, public eating places and private homes may use and serve on wheatless days Victory rolls and Victory products in Class V, prepared in accordance with Revised Regulations, issued April 14, 1918.

Stores may also sell and deliver on these days Victory bread, rolls and products made as above specified.

No food containing wheat, or wheat products, except Victory bread, Victory rolls, and Victory products, Class V, so prepared, can be sold, served or used on Mondays and Wednesdays. This would specifically exclude all cakes, pastry, macaroni, spaghetti, breakfast foods, etc., containing any flour or wheat in any form.

It is hoped that all dealers in food will discourage the use of flour and food containing wheat and push the sale of substitutes.

L. H. MOSS, Food Administrator, Seventh Congressional District.

Mr. Parker's letter follows: New Orleans, May 23, 1918.

Rev. M. A. Grace, Food Administrator, Parish of St. Landry:

Sugar must not be sold and delivered hereafter to manufacturers using sugar in the manufacture of their products except upon surrender of Sugar Distribution Certificates issued by the Federal Food Administrator for Louisiana.

Under separate cover, will receive blanks, Statements, "A" and "B"; also "New Manufacturers" which should be filled out, sworn to and returned to this office.

Sugar Distribution Certificates in accordance with the sugar distribution plan now in effect, will be issued and mailed direct to the manufacturer.

For your information, sugar is now allotted to manufacturers of non-essentials as shown in Statement "A." Sugar will be allotted on Statement "B," one hundred per cent of requirements, and there is no limit to the amount of sugar to be allotted for the manufacture of ice cream hereafter. Sugar may be sold and delivered to families in quantities not exceeding twenty-five pounds at a time upon the purchaser issuing a certificate stating the sugar is required for immediate canning or preserving purposes, and will be used for no other purposes. The certificate must be signed in full, stating address. The seller must retain the certificate endorsing thereon date of sale and delivery, quantity sold and price charged therefor.

You are herewith requested to make

### CENT-A-MILE RATE FOR AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN

Director General McAdoo Says the Boys in Uniform Can Travel Much Cheaper

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Soldiers and sailors on furlough and traveling at their own expense will be given special passenger rates of about one cent a mile under an order issued today by Director General McAdoo, to become effective as soon as necessary forms are printed and distributed, probably within two weeks. This fare will be allowed by ticket agents on presentation of a certificate from the commanding officer.

The plan, arranged to make it easier for soldiers and sailors to visit their homes before going overseas, has been proposed by a resolution pending in congress. It will apply alike to officers and enlisted men.

### COUNCIL OF DEFENSE PLANS POTATO DRYER

BODY REALIZES NECESSITY OF THIS MODERN METHOD

Curing of Crop Would be Hastened Thereby and Would Save Many of Tubers from Rotting

At its meeting on last Wednesday May 21, the parish council of defense discussed at great length the erection of potato drying plants throughout the parish, and requested Mr. J. A. Durio, chairman of the food supply and distribution committee, to obtain the necessary data as to cost, etc., and call meetings of citizens at different points to endeavor to interest them in the matter.

Opelousas, it would appear, has a good chance of securing a dryer for the crop of sweet potatoes this fall, as Dr. John A. Haas and Mr. E. M. Boagni, both of whom are farmers on a large scale, and many other prominent citizens, have already expressed a great interest in the matter and have shown a willingness to assist.

By way of parentheses, it would not be amiss to say that such a plant is an absolute necessity in this country, especially since the farmers, following the demands of the markets, have gone into the planting of the yellow-flesh potatoes to a great extent. It is well known that these potatoes, in such large demand, do not keep as well as the old-time varieties and rot quickly unless artificially cured, and this latter seems impossible without the modern drying plant, so lately erected in many localities South.

St. Landry is by far and large the best potato country in the south and in order to save its crop it should have these driers.

### MR. AND MRS. MISTROT LOSE THEIR BABY GIRL BY DEATH

Little Ruby Mistrot, daughter of J. A. Mistrot and Lou Gullbeau, died at the family home in Ederly last Thursday, May 30, aged 2 years, 8 months and 21 days. The remains were brought to Opelousas, former home of the parents, yesterday (Friday) morning for interment in the Catholic cemetery.

### FORMER ST. LANDRY YOUTH PASSED AWAY AT PORT ARTHUR

Joseph Roy, sixteen-year-old son of Arthur Roy, of the Bayou Courtableau neighborhood, died in Port Arthur, Texas, the victim of pneumonia, on Friday of last week. The remains were brought to Opelousas last Saturday for interment.

An earnest appeal to hotels, restaurants, public eating houses, etc., in your parish to abandon, or at least suspend for the period of the war, the open sugar bowl permitting customers to use sugar at their own discretion. A limiting quantity of sugar in accordance with the article to be sweetened, should either be served by an attendant with positive instructions to furnish no more, or preferably furnished in stated quantities in prepared refiners.

You are earnestly requested to have the newspapers in your parish publish this.

Respectfully,  
JOHN M. PARKER,  
Food Administrator for Louisiana.

### LAST SATURDAY'S CLUB DEMONSTRATION OPENED THE EYES OF MANY AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES IN GARDENING, CANNING

MRS. GIESEN'S BOYS AND GIRLS OF PARISH STAGED SOME PERFORMANCE

Gala Day and Manq Festivities Were Part of the Program, With Music, Speeches and Parades Galore, Followed by Dinner and Picnic on the Grounds of the Opelousas High School in the Early Afternoon and Picture Show Later

Opelousas and its people have been outdoing lately all their former records in the matter of celebrations and last Saturday's rally of the garden and canning clubs of the parish schools simply kept pace, if it did not exceed, all previous demonstrations of its kind in the parish. A large crowd was on hand and the court square held an audience who attentively listened to the speeches of those who came here by invitation to address them. The boys and girls, in parade formation attracted much attention and the samples of work on exhibition brought forth praise of the hundreds who viewed them. All in all, the day's celebration was a perfect success and Mrs. Giesen is to be congratulated for the great part she had in the affair proper and the long session's work which accomplished such remarkable results in demonstrating what young folks can do.

### BIG CROWD FOLLOWS ST. LANDRY BOYS AS THEY ENTRAINED

Of the Forty-Five White Men Sent to Camp Beauregard Number Were Rejected at Once

THE PHYSICALLY DISQUALIFIED CAME HOME NEXT MORNING

Board No. 2's Quota of Fifty-One Entrained at Eunice and Went over the Rock Island Lines to Camp Beauregard

As previously published, the two exemption boards for St. Landry parish sent another batch of men to the training camp at Beauregard last Saturday. Board No. 1, Opelousas, entrained forty-five, while No. 2, Eunice, sent fifty-one. Those from No. 1 entrained on the Southern Pacific train at 2:44 in the afternoon, while the Eunice board's quota went over the Rock Island Lines to camp.

It was quite a gala occasion in Opelousas Saturday, the most of the young men going to camp being from the rural districts and a large number of their relatives and friends were on hand to bid them farewell. When it was time for the quota to leave headquarters in the federal building a large parade formed and proceeded down the street with the young soldiers to the railroad depot. Each one of the young men wore on the lapel of his coat the white ribbon bearing the words which denoted he was from this board.

Of the number who were entrained Saturday evening several were back in Opelousas Sunday morning, arriving here on the train from Alexandria. It is understood that they were rejected by the examining doctors at the camp on account of physical disqualifications and ordered to return home. This was quick work upon the part of the army doctors as heretofore those who were rejected at the camps received their discharge quite a long time after their arrival there. A conductor of the Southern Pacific stated to an Opelousas citizen one day last week that it was surprising the number of these new selectmen from the several parishes who are being rejected at Camp Beauregard on account of physical disqualifications. He said that they were returning home on almost every train out of Alexandria. By way of explanation, it would not be out of place to remark that, as many already know, the physical examination is rather rigid and when a young fellow gets through and is finally accepted for Uncle Sam's fighting forces he can well pat himself on the back and congratulate himself on being perfect physically.

The Clarion received a pleasant call Monday morning from Messrs. Edgar Hanks and Mentor Boudreau, two prosperous young farmers from the Coulee Croche section.

Superintendent Prescott followed the mayor. He said that he was pleased that so many of the boys and girls had responded to the noble cause and congratulated them on the splendid work which they had accomplished and said that it was an inspiration to the older people to do their duty.

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Clubs from Washington, Eunice, Palmetto, Grand Prairie, Sunset, Levell, Teche and other schools, all accompanied by teachers, were on hand to participate in the festivities and listen to the addresses delivered. Those visitors who came especially for the demonstration and delivered addresses were E. S. Richardson, Mrs. Laura Lake Ibric, district demonstrator, Miss Alice Hickman, state home demonstration agent, and Miss Bonipreal, county home demonstrator for Lafayette parish.

The clubs assembled at the grounds of the high school and formed in parade, two by two. Marie's band furnished the music. Many banners were in evidence, three heading the parade, viz: Old Glory, that of the Girls' Canning Club and the Four Leaf Clover, with four H's, which is the club's motto. Other banners bore the written emblem, "Head, to Think, Plan, Reason;" "Health, to Resist Disease, to Enjoy Life, to Make Efficient; Hand, to be Useful, to be Helpful, to be Skilled;" "Heart, to be True, to be Sympathetic." Washington's banner "Onward Club" was in the form of the United States flag. Mrs. Simon Isaacson and Mrs. T. L. Michel marched with the Palmetto children dressed in Hoover garb—plain blue aprons and caps, the girls were dressed in white and wore caps.

The numbers on the program were: Song, War Garden Club. Address of Welcome, Mayor Halphen.

Address, Supt. W. B. Prescott. Recitation, "Uncle Sam's Army," Genevieve Gullbeau.

Recitation, "On the Fields of France," Julius Winsberg. Address, Supt. E. S. Richardson. Song, Washington and Opelousas Clubs.

Recitation, Leonie Tujague. Speech, "What Club Work Has Meant to Me," Gabriel Barclay of Scott, La.

Address, Miss Alice Hickman. Address, Mrs. Laurie Lake Ibric. Song, Star Spangled Banner, Julius Winsberg.

Picnic on school grounds. Picture show in afternoon. Mayor Halphen, delivering the welcome address, congratulated the children on their progress in the work which they had in hand during the past school session. "Every time you drop a seed in the ground, said the mayor, "it means onward to Berlin."

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