

PRIMARY WILL BE ON NEXT TUESDAY WEEK, SEPT. 10

HALL IS BEST MAN FOR SENATE; GO TO POLLS AND VOTE FOR HIM

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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MAN POWER BILL PASSES SENATE AND HOUSE; NOW LAW

Will Add, It is Estimated, About
Thirteen Million to the List
Available for Army Duty

REGISTRATION DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY NAMED

But Two Dissenting Votes in House
and None in Senate When Far-
reaching War Measure Comes
up for Final Passage

With some debate and little grand speeches the new man-power bill passed both senate and house of representatives and with the signature of the president will become a law. The vote in the lower house was taken last week, only two negatives being recorded against the measure. In the senate, last Tuesday, it went through with a whoop unanimously. Under its provisions all youths from eighteen years of age to twenty-one and all men from thirty-one to forty-five will be required to register for future military service. It is estimated that this registration will add some thirteen million men to the available list and by the selective service draft sufficient numbers of physically qualified soldiers can and will be chosen which will give this country such an army that Germany will be crushed quickly.

There has been some confusion in the mind of many relative to the maximum age fixed by the law. Some contend that all men who have passed their forty-fifth birthday and not yet reached their forty-sixth birthday come within the scope of the law and will have to register. This is a mistaken idea, for the bill says "up to forty-five," and hence a man who is one day over his forty-fifth birthday will not be required to register for military duty unless, at some future time, congress amends the present law and increases the draft age to beyond forty-five.

The authorities are making preparations for the huge registration of the men coming within the scope of the new law. No date has yet been fixed for this registration but it is presumed it will be fixed by executive proclamation shortly, and as the work to be accomplished is stupendous, it is deemed best to get all preliminaries ready for the monster task of listing the nation's man power for the waging of the war in Europe. Until that work has been accomplished, the military authorities will not give out the exact steps to be taken in the matter of drawing the men from this list, but it is thought that the same draft lists will also be applied to the new list soon to be secured.

Whether the young men from eighteen to twenty-one will be called into general military service also is not known at present, there being a disposition in many quarters to oppose their calling for full service. It is thought that they will be inducted into service but not sent out for full military duty but kept at home and given a thorough training and schooling through two full years, and if, at the end of that period, the war has reached an end, they will be discharged and become military reserves, subject to call in case of war. This is pretty much the same system as is in force in European countries, and some believe that this system, now practically adopted by the United States, is the initial step in universal military training, so strongly urged by many and so strongly opposed by others.

TAG DAY RECEIPTS TOTAL OVER HUNDRED AND FIFTY

Daughters of Isabella Make Great
Success in Drive for Funds
for Red Cross

Last Wednesday was "tag day" in Opelousas, the Daughters of Isabella taking the initiative in a local drive for funds to aid the Red Cross. The report of the work has been handed to The Clarion and we find that the sum of \$155.46 was collected on that day and will be turned over to the Red Cross.

—Mr. and Mrs. George B. Cooke and children of Baton Rouge have returned home after a pleasant visit to relatives in this city.

SEPTEMBER 6 TO BE GALA DAY THROUGHOUT STATE

Event to Celebrate Lafayette
Also the First Battle of
the River Marne

Next Friday, September 6, in accordance with presidential proclamation, will be "Lafayette Day," in memory of the great Frenchman who did so much for the United States. It is also the anniversary of the first battle of the Marne, fought four years ago, when the allied armies whipped and turned back the German hosts in their march to Paris. Here in Louisiana the day will be fittingly celebrated, especially in New Orleans, where "Le Secours Louisianais a la France" will stage a "tag day" and as the Governor has designated that day as tag day throughout the state it is hoped that the occasion will be fittingly celebrated. In Opelousas, Mrs. Frank Dietlein has been requested by the New Orleans society to take charge during that day.

YOUTHS REGISTER FOR ARMY SERVICE

Forty-Eight Whites, Twenty-Three
Negroes Added to Men Eligible
for Military Duty

The registration of young men who have reached the age of twenty-one since June 5 last took place last Saturday, according to previous announcement. As a result, seventy-one more have been added to the long list of St. Landry's man power for military duty. Of the total, forty-eight were whites and twenty-three negroes. These young men will shortly have to fill in their questionnaires and then be classified for future service.

The registration for the entire parish took place at the federal building, the number to be listed being too small to justify a general registration throughout the parish. The place these men will occupy in the coming calls has not yet been indicated—that is, whether they will be called before the deferred classifications of the June, 1917, registration, or not. As most of them, if physically fit, will be in Class One, it is presumed that they will soon be called out for service.

WHITES
Octave Stelly, Grand Coteau; Gabriel Joubert, Plaisance; Ben Dupre, Plaisance; Polite Thibodeaux, Bristol, Route; Gennes Guillory, Port Barre; Arthur Roy, Port Barre; Daniel Landry, Port Barre; Rayoul Nezat, Port Barre; Edwin Dudley White, Melville; Ulric Taylor, Palmetto; Harold H. Clepton, Morrow; Arthur Eugene Wallace, Big Cane; Claude Williamson, Krotz Springs; Ladie Vidrine, Grand Prairie; Aza Lafleur, Grand Prairie; Elie Venable, Church Point; Aladin Thibodeaux, Church Point; Alcide Joubert, Church Point, Route 1; Wilson Beauch, Church Point; Oleus Boudreaux, Church Point; Sebastin Hidalgo, Opelousas, R. 5; Robert M. Little, Jr., Opelousas; Claude J. Gonsoulin, Opelousas; Jos. Carrier, Opelousas; Jos. D. Levergne, Opelousas; Andre Alemonde, Carenard; Melchade Sibille, Sunset; Reginald Sibille, Sunset; Louis Teller, Leonville; Angelas Lalonde, Leonville; Regis Lalonde, Leonville; Delmar Fontenot, Andrepoint; Arleson Richard, Shuteson; Camille Stelly, Arnaudville, Route 2; Joseph Guidroz, Arnaudville; Leonidas Marks, Arnaudville; Dennis Dugas, Arnaudville; Duches Savoy, Belleview; Ernest Darbonne, Opelousas, Route 5; Adam Darbonne, Mallet; Henry Souffas, Opelousas, Route 5; Homer Prudhomme, Mallet; Eugube Darbonne, Opelousas, Route 5; Preston Devillier, Opelousas; Leonard Steers, Cataro; Clarence Fontenot, Cataro; Charley Drago, Nelta; Columbus Welch, Whiteville.

COLOR
Jos. Moore, Opelousas; Mitchel Sylvester, Opelousas; Arthur Charles, Opelousas, Route; Alvin McCarty, Opelousas, Route 5; Willie Clark, Sunset; Melvin Lamp, Leonville; John Singal, Grand Coteau; Frank Ledee, Opelousas, Route; Joseph Telephore Babineaux, Church Point, R. 2; Sidney Simien, Port Barre; John S. Seaman, Palmetto; Chester Prince, Palmetto; Edward Singleton, Palmetto; Alnoll Pierre Dourousseau, Palmetto; Nathan Pickney, Palmetto; Libby Hurts, Big Cane; Charley Simonton, Barbreck; Oscar Heriford, Barbreck; Joseph Daigle, Opelousas, Route 5; Houston Tizine, Rosa; Norris Vary, Eunice; Martin Color, Plaquemine Point, Route 3.

CHANGE IN THURSDAY'S PROGRAM AT PRINCESS

We call attention to the fact that the program of the Princess Theatre printed today should show that for next Thursday the feature will be the "Whispering Chorus," instead of "The Claws of the Hun." The page carrying the program had been made up when the change was made, and we are authorized to state that "The Claws of the Hun" will be just one week later.

MERCHANTS CURTAIL LOCAL DELIVERIES

ACTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GENERAL REQUEST

One Round per Day on Each Route
is Sufficient to Meet
All Demands

In compliance with the request of the conservation division of the war industries board of the United States, the retail merchants of Opelousas have agreed and pledged themselves to restrict deliveries to one trip per day over each route.

Under this agreement, one delivery a day would be made over each city route. A delivery vehicle may leave the store several times each day but each departure shall be for delivery over a different route and not more than one delivery per day will be made to any one section of the city.

This order has been in effect in all of the important cities of the country for some time, and the action of the merchants of Opelousas is quite commendable. This step was taken under the suggestion and at the instance of Mr. E. M. Boagni, president of the parish council of defense, and Mr. Boagni promises to enforce these regulations and any infractions of the agreement should be reported to him. This is one of the many measures made necessary by the war as it releases men for more important work, saves time and should not prove a hardship for any one concerned.

In connection with this innovation, it is suggested that the people give their orders for groceries, etc., in the evening for next day's delivery, and merchants can then have their orders prepared and ready for delivery early next morning. It is expected that probably later on, as more man power is needed, the merchants will have to discontinue deliveries entirely, as with the increase in the draft age more men will be taken from the stores under the "work or fight" order which will soon go into effect. The public should take cognizance of this change and co-operate with the merchants to make it a success.

ST. LANDRY COLORED SOLDIER COMMENDED BY OFFICER

Many of the white friends of Martin Stivers will be pleased to read the following commendation by an officer at Camp Pike. Martin left here a number of months ago in a draft quota of colored men and when he left here it was his expressed intention of doing anything and everything within his power to help win the war. The commendation follows: Camp Pike, June 16, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Private Martin Stivers, 162d Depot Brigade, has been under my supervision for several months, during his attachment to the headquarters mess, 87th division. Private Stivers has been a careful soldier, most respectful in manner and courteous in his bearing to all officers with whom he has come in contact. His entire manner and soldierly bearing while about the division headquarters mess have been most commendable and I am pleased to give him this testimonial in the hope that it may be of value to him in the future toward securing some further advancement.

L. C. RUCKER.

WANTS TO KNOW WHAT BECAME OF THE MONEY

Opelousas, La., August 27, 1918.
Editor of The Clarion:
As a contributor and helper in the movement to dispose of the Swords home, I would like to know what disposition has been made of the money collected and when the property will be disposed of?
X. X. X.

—Dr. and Mrs. John A. Hass and daughter, Miss Nathalie, left this week for a pleasure trip.

SOME REASONS WHY NEWSPAPERS MUST INCREASE IN PRICE

Scarcity and Soaring Rates for News
Print, as Well as Everything
Else Used by Publishers

CONTESTS AND ALL SPECIAL EDITIONS PUT UNDER BAN

War Industries Board Makes It Obligatory for Mailing Lists to be
Placed on an Absolutely Cash
in Advance Basis

The lay public is always mystified more or less at an announced increase in the price of newspapers or their advertising. Uninformed people can not exactly make out what all the fuss and feathers is about and think that the newspapers, in order to keep pace with the procession of increasing prices, raise their rates for subscription and advertising just to be fashionable and at the same time dig a few more dollars out of the public.

This is a wrong view of it. The cost of publishing has gone up by leaps and bounds, just as has everything else, and the publisher does not have to apologize to his patrons for an increase in price of subscription or of his advertising rates. As a matter of fact, as we have stated several times before, everything used by a newspaper has doubled in price and a doubling in rates for subscription and advertising is absolutely justified by existing conditions.

Moreover, paper is not only high priced but is getting scarcer every day and the supply threatens to run out at any old time. Recently the war industries board at Washington City took a hand in the paper situation and the paper and pulp section of that board has issued some stringent rules governing the country newspapers which are interesting and enlightening. Under date of August 21 a dispatch from the national capital has this which bears upon the rules hereafter to govern rural newspapers. It is interesting reading and explains to the lay public the whys and wherefores of the increase in the price of subscription of the local newspapers:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The order of the pulp and paper section of the war industries board, issued today to the country weekly newspapers accomplishes for the publishers of these papers just what they have wished to accomplish for years.

The order makes it necessary for each publisher to put his paper on a paid-in-advance basis, to cut out dead-ends that have preyed upon him for years, and it is now possible, under the rules of the board, for each publisher to put his paper on a better and more profitable basis than many papers have ever been before.

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RULES GOVERNING RESIDENCE CHANGED

ALIEN FEMALE ENEMIES MUST
FOLLOW CERTAIN LINES

Violation of Order Will Entail Arrest
and Detention During
Period of War

Some time ago all German females considered alien enemies, were required to register and furnish the federal officials with their names, residences, etc. Recently it was given out that such females, desiring to change their place of residence, must comply with certain prescribed orders. A letter received this week by Postmaster Troclair anent this subject, from the United States marshal's office, has this to say:

"German alien females desiring to change their residence must present themselves to their registration offices and secure permits for such change. Any female alien who fails to secure such permit before changing her residence, in addition to all other penalties, subjects herself to arrest and detention for a period of the war."

OPELOUSAS ATTORNEY ERECTS PRETTY MAIN STREET COTTAGE

Attorney W. J. Sandoz is erecting a nice cottage on South Main street next to his property now occupied by George Bienville. The contractors have the frame up and work is progressing rapidly on the building. It will prove quite an addition to that portion of the city for it is a modern cottage in every sense of the word.

NEW MACHINE WILL SOON BE INSTALLED

CLARION'S MODEL 14 LINOTYPE
TO BE HERE ON TIME

Mechanical Wonder About Ready
for Shipment from the Factory
in New York

Thursday morning The Clarion received notice that the new Model 14 Linotype recently ordered from the Mergenthaler Company would be ready within a few days for shipment from the New York factory of the company. We hailed this information with pleasure as the installation of the new linotype will relieve us from many of the burdens attendant on the getting out of the paper, as the Model 14 is capable of performing such a wide range of work that hand work will practically be eliminated in this office.

The new machine comes completely equipped and instead of carrying three molds on the disk wheel, will have four—as many as can be accommodated. Regularly the machine will come with 6-point, 12-point and 18-point matrices in the three large superimposed magazines while the small size, or auxiliary, magazine will carry large 24-point head-letter matrices. In addition to this imposing array of type faces, we already have an extra magazine with 8-point matrices which can be brought into use within two minutes.

The Model 14, as presently constructed, is a marvel and a regular typefoundry in itself. The machine which The Clarion will soon receive will have all the latest improvements, such as few Model 14's in the state now have, and when it gets to working we would like to have our friends come in and watch its operations. We expect it to be installed sometime between the 10th and 20th of September.

ST. LANDRY'S POPULATION OVER FIFTY THOUSAND

Recent Registration Brings Out the
Fact That Old Bailiwick is
Again an "Empire"

The registration taken recently by order of the parish council of defense shows that St. Landry parish has a population well over fifty thousand people and that the total is almost equally divided between the two races. In exact figures the report shows 28,269 whites and 25,249 negroes, or a total of 53,518 men, women and children of both races. It is certain that some few, either through ignorance or neglect, failed to register but the number must be small indeed.

However, the number registered, brings out the fact that St. Landry is rapidly forging to the front and will soon be again known as the "Empire Parish." This title it lost some years ago when Evangeline parish was carved out of our territory, taking with it perhaps twenty-five or thirty thousand people. The old parish, including Evangeline, must now have a population of over eighty thousand and with St. Landry's other daughter, Acadia, which has fully forty thousand more, the population of original St. Landry must be close to one hundred and twenty-five thousand.

RED CROSS PICTURE AT PRINCESS ON SEPTEMBER 9

"In the Ruins of Rheims," a Red Cross feature, will be filmed at the Princess Theatre on September 9, and the proceeds less expenses, will be donated by the patriotic management of the local playhouse to the Red Cross. A record-breaking crowd should be on hand to see this picture.

Jean Jurners of Washington, one of The Clarion's old subscribers, was a visitor to this city last Wednesday and while here gave this office an appreciated call, renewing his subscription at the same time. Mr. Jurners looks as spry as a youngster.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS FOR TWO GOOD POSITIONS

Tests for Clerk-Carrier Will be Held
Here on Morning of September
14, Next

Announcement has been made that a civil service examination will be held at the federal building in this city on September 14 for the positions of clerk-carrier in the local mail service. The examination will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning of the date mentioned.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the local representative of the civil service commission, at the Opelousas postoffice, and all persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications with this representative at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections and to arrange for the examination.

FLEECY STAPLE IS COMING IN DAILY

DESPITE BAD WEATHER, FARMERS
GETTING IT TO GINS

Record Price Being Paid for Higher
Grades, Over 32 Cents on Basis
of Middling

Cotton is coming into the local market in an ever increasing stream, it being remarkable how the farmers have harvested so much in spite of the rainy weather the past ten days. One day the first of the week we noticed several wagon loads with the baled stuff and a count of the total number showed that there were twenty-three bales.

Over thirty-two cents was paid for the staple here Tuesday, some bales of higher grades bringing as much as thirty-two and three-quarters cents per pound. This is a handsome price and is a record hardly reached since the days just after the civil war. Harvest hands are being paid handsome wages for picking, the prevailing rate being from one dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents per hundred pounds of seed cotton. Any ordinary negro child can earn good wages if he or she only works industriously. The attractive price for picking is naturally bringing out a large number of women and children and with this class of labor the farmers should experience no difficulty in saving their cotton if the weather remains fair.

CHACHERE FAMILY HOLD TIME-HONORED CELEBRATION

Fest of "St. Louis" Staged in Opelousas
and Well Attended by Many
of Noted Name

The annual celebration and reunion of the Chachere family, known as "St. Louis," in memory of one of the older heads of the family, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Allen this week. These celebrations are annual affairs and the members of this well known and prominent St. Landry family have been holding them for generations. This year the feast was well attended, notwithstanding the fact that the ranks of the family have been depleted, so many of the younger men having gone to war. However, about one hundred were on hand, and they report that they had a most enjoyable time and that there were lots to eat and drink and all went home with the determination that the next reunion will be held on a grander scale than any before it.

ANOTHER OPELOUSEAN WINS PROMOTION IN THE ARMY

Sidney Ross, Who Left in First Draft
Last September, Now a
Second Lieutenant

Among the number of Opelousians who departed from here last September for Camp Pike, Arkansas, was Sidney Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross of this city. After remaining at the Arkansas camp for some time he was transferred to Camp Beauregard where he remained many months. Later he secured a place in the officer's training camp at Camp Pike and recently finished up the required course and is now a second lieutenant. Young Ross came home this week on a furlough and was warmly congratulated by his friends.

THE Y. M. C. A. IS DOING ITS PART IN BEATING HUNS

Tomorrow Designated as Recruiting
Day for the Organization by Executive
Proclamation

SOLDIERS IN FRANCE PRAISE SPLENDID WORK OF THE "Y"

Tell You They Don't Know What They
Would Do Without the Superior
Effort of Society to Better
Conditions

Tomorrow, Sunday, September 1, has been fixed by executive proclamation as "Army Y. M. C. A. Recruiting Sunday," and sermons will be delivered in most of the churches throughout the state in behalf of the work of securing men for this service with the army in France.

A circular issued by the state publicity director of the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council says:

"How the Y. M. C. A. is helping to win the war will be described in sermons by pastors of local churches Sunday, September 1, designated by Governor Pleasant as 'Army Y. M. C. A. Sunday.' These addresses will cover the Y. M. C. A.'s entry into the war work, the wide scope and the effect it has had in maintaining the morale of the American troops. So favorably were the French and Italian governments impressed with the part the Y. M. C. A. is taking in keeping up the spirit of the men that the American Y. M. C. A. has been asked by the two governments to send secretaries to work with the French and Italian armies.

"'Army Y. M. C. A. Recruiting Sunday' is part of the campaign in Louisiana to enlist more big, friendly men of Christian character in this great war work, and the ministers of Opelousas will give information of interest concerning Y. M. C. A. service to the soldiers in their addresses Sunday.

"Sergeant George C. Wilson, Supply Company, Sixth Artillery, writing from France, gives a clear picture of Y. M. C. A. work 'over there.' He says:

"'Over here the Y. M. C. A. is absolutely a part of the army. Everybody is welcome, and they do everything for you. It may sound funny but you find the "Y." secretaries selling you a plug of tobacco, cigarettes or cigars. They help you mend your clothes, change your money, get a bath, take a tour of the city, or teach you French. If you ever hear anyone saying they would like to do something to help win the war, just tell them to go down and drop some of their plunks into the Y. M. C. A. war fund. There are a lot of American girls in the canteens and we often buy things just to hear a real American feminine voice.

"While men of character and strength of all occupations can find opportunity with the Army Y. M. C. A. to have a part in winning the war, the particular need at this time is for automobile mechanics, French teachers and men who can lead in athletics and out-door games, says A. K. Jones of Baton Rouge, state recruiting secretary, and efforts to enlist such men in the Y. M. C. A. Overseas Army are being made throughout the state by recruiting committees."

MRS. MOBERLY WILL BE IN OPELOUSAS MONDAY

Mrs. Catherine H. Moberly, who was recently appointed director of the Bureau of Development for the Gulf Division, American Red Cross will be in this city Monday. Mrs. Moberly comes here in her official capacity and would like to meet as many Red Cross workers as she can during the brief time she will be in this city. While here she will address a meeting at the federal building at 3:30 in the evening and will then give out instructions as to the new plans of chapter organization. Red Cross will no doubt be benefited by her visit.

MONDAY IS LABOR DAY AND BANKS WILL BE CLOSED

Just before going to press this (Friday) evening, The Clarion was informed by Cashier Larcade of the Peoples State Bank that the four banks of this city would be closed next Monday, which is Labor Day and an official holiday.