

# THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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

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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## LAND BANK REPORTS INCREASED LOANS IN THE PAST YEAR

### LOANED FARMERS OVER \$200,000

### Re-Elect Officers and Board of Directors for This Year

Largest Loan Made is \$10,000.  
Smallest \$200 and Average Amount of Loans is Placed at \$3,292.70

The St. Landry National Farm Loan Association held its regular annual meeting of its stockholders, in Opelousas, La., January 13, 1920, in the office of the local attorney, Morton H. Thompson.

The foregoing reports were read, and approved.

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted, for the relatives of two of our members who died during the past year, namely E. D. Estilette and Paul Lamber.

Resolutions congratulating the Land Bank upon its splendid progress and success were adopted.

Resolutions urging the purchase of government securities by the members also endorsing the removal of tax-exemptions of Joint Stock Land Banks by congress, were adopted.

The board of directors was elected and consisted of the same members as before—namely: Floyd H. Phillips, P. P. Hidalgo, R. D. Lamson, O. A. Durio and Jules P. Pitre.

The new board then organized, electing the same officers—namely: Floyd H. Phillips, president; P. P. Hidalgo, vice-president; and Richard D. Lamson, secretary-treasurer. The following were chosen members of the loan committee, and as alternates: F. H. Phillips, P. P. Hidalgo, R. D. Lamson, J. P. Pitre, W. M. Rushing, C. L. Stephenson, Edward Pitre, George Vidrine, and George Woodruff.

The secretary-treasurer was instructed to have year's report printed and distributed to members of the association.

### Salient Features of the Farm Loan System

1. Interest rate only five and a half per cent.

2. Term, five to forty years. After five years, the loan may be paid in full or in part. Before five years, the loan may be paid up, but a little extra interest is charged—namely, one per cent per annum for the unexpired part of the five years, on the amount yet due at time of payment. Most loans are made for thirty-five years, which is the term advised. On a term of thirty-five years, the annual payment is sixty-five dollars, on each thousand dollars borrowed. This sixty-five dollar payment includes the interest and a part of the principal, and automatically pays the loan up in full in the thirty-five years.

3. Stock. Each borrower must become a member of a National Farm Loan Association, and take five per cent of his loan in stock of the Association. The Association then takes the same amount of stock in the Federal Land Bank. The Land Bank may pay dividends to the Associations, and the Associations may pay dividends to their members. This stock is responsible for the debts of the Associations.

4. Endorsements. The Farm Loan Association, through its secretary-treasurer, endorses each mortgage of its members, and therefore is responsible for the payment of the mortgage to the Federal Land Bank.

5. Security. Loans may be made up to fifty per cent of the value of the land, and twenty per cent of the value of the insured buildings. These values are set for the Association by its Loan Committee, and for the Land Bank by its appraiser. A recent purchase price is generally a good indication of the actual value of the property.

6. The limit that any one person may borrow from the Federal Land Bank is ten thousand dollars. The minimum loan is one hundred dollars. Naturally the expenses in making a small loan are much larger, in proportion, than in making a large one. The usual expense, including the abstract, notary, recordation, etc., is about two per cent of the loan.

7. The method of procedure in making a loan through the St. Landry National Farm Loan Association, in brief, is as follows: The would-be borrower files an application with the secretary-treasurer, depositing at the same time the initial fees, which go to defray the expenses of appraisal, etc., and the property is then examined by the loan committee, which reports to

## ARNAUVILLE MAN WANTS A HELPMATE

### OFFERS TO SHARE COMFORTS OF HOUSEBOAT WITH OPELOUSAS WIDOW

We reproduce a letter received recently by an Opelousas widow from a gentleman living in Arnaudville who harbors a strong inclination to enter the estate of matrimony:

"Arnaudville, La.

"My Dear Madame:

"Some time ago I was going to your cafe store. I find you so pretty that I tell to myself I was gone try and get me one wife just like you. I not rich but I got one ill house boat. Taft big room, place to stove to cook, table to eat and bed to sleep. All is miss now is one wife to keep ill houseboat nice. I yere some one say you love dat man wha bring letter to all the peeps in de country some one say he name Lamson. I think yo better let him go cause dat girl who wuks in de lawyer office she say da lamson is for her and doan want no widow fool wid him cause widow doan no how treat good mans. Ever ting out yere is fine. Hurry make up yo min and let me no what yo gon do cause dey got one fool woman out yere dat want me an I want giv you first chance."

"BAPTISTE RIBOT"

the board of directors, who then decide to what extent the association is willing to endorse the mortgage of the applicant. The application is then sent to the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, for inspection and correction, and returned to the local secretary-treasurer to hold for the Federal Appraiser, who then examines the property offered, and reports to the Land Bank. The Land Bank makes its decision upon this report and the action of the board of directors of the local association, as to how much it is willing to lend on the property offered as security, which amount is never more than the association is willing to endorse for, and may be less. The abstract must then be presented, and examined by the local attorney, who reports to the Land Bank. If the title is found to be all right, the mortgage papers are sent out for the applicant to sign, together with the secretary-treasurer of the local association, and a certified copy of the recorded mortgage is sent to the bank, which then issues its check, and the money is available for the borrower.

8. Only a first mortgage can be held by the Federal Land Bank, therefore any other mortgages resting against the property must be cleared up before the money is paid over to the applicant, or this money may be used to pay off the old mortgages or other encumbrances.

9. Purpose of loans, money borrowed from the Land Bank may be used for general purposes on the farm, such as building, repairing, clearing, fencing, and other improvements, buying live stock, implements, fertilizer, etc., or to buy land or to pay off indebtedness.

10. Transfers, property mortgaged to the Federal Land Bank may be sold, and it is not the purpose of the Land Bank or the association to hinder the free transfer of property, but each purchaser is required to assume the same obligations as the original member, and assume the stock and membership in the association, for which transfer of stock and membership, a small fee is charged, to defray the expense and trouble involved. The method of transfer is for the purchaser to apply for such transfer of stock and membership in the association to the secretary-treasurer who reports to the board of directors, which acts upon the application. This is all then referred to the Land Bank, which has the final dispositions of the matter.

11. The office of the St. Landry National Farm Loan Association is in the A. L. Lacombe building, next to the Planters Bank and Trust Company, in Opelousas, La.

12. Information can be secured from the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Richard D. Lamson, or the local attorney, Mr. Morton H. Thompson, or any of the officers of the association.

Opelousas, La., Jan. 13, 1920.

To the Members of the St. Landry National Farm Loan Association:

You have much to be congratulated for this year. Last year in my report, I said something to the effect that your officers had met many problems, and at that time, I did not think that there could be many more complicated or troublesome than those that had been solved, but this year I have to report that we had more problems confronting us than before, and I think that we have met them equally satisfactorily.

This system of borrowing money is becoming rather generally known, and

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## RUSTY HINGE MUSICIANS WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Rusty Hinge Musicians composed entirely of local talent will give an entertainment at the high school auditorium next Friday evening, the 13th for the benefit of the school library.

Those in charge of the program say they have three objects in view. The first one is to bring together as much of the local talent as possible. This is for their own personal good. The second object is to furnish some wholesome, elevating and inspiring entertainment for the community. This is for the public good. The third object is to deepen the general interest in the public school, and to create more enthusiasm in the school itself and, primarily, to enlarge the library. There is no public fund provided for this purpose and the library is woefully lacking. Every cent obtained through this entertainment will go to the library fund. Those taking part on the program are giving their time and talent gratuitously and cheerfully with the sincere hope of bringing some pleasure to those who attend and of contributing something to the educational advantages of our future citizens.

The following is an outline of the program to be rendered:

1. Violin Solo.....Sidney Roos
2. Vocal Solo.....Miss Faye Pevoto
3. Duet.....Mrs. W. T. Stewart and Miss Carmen Voorhies.
4. Character Reading Juliette Jacobs
5. Piano Solo.....Miss Faye Pevoto
6. Vocal Solo.....Miss Marie Meghley
7. Character Song Romayne Dejean
8. Vocal Solo.....Mrs. W. T. Stewart
9. Song.....Ethel Bozgal
10. Duet.....Misses Marie Meghley and Carmen Voorhies.
11. Quartet.....Messrs. Lamson, Voorhies, Edwards and Lishman.

## GARBO GARAGE IS IN NEW LOCATION

### TAKES CHARGE OF REMODELED BUILDING ON BELLEVUE ST. TO HANDLE GROWING BUSINESS

Garbo's Garage, Vincent Garbo, proprietor, the past week moved their auto business into the old sample room on Bellevue street, in front of the Lacombe hotel.

The building had been remodeled and fitted up with a good display room for new cars and accessory sales room.

This concern is one of the youngest in the automobile business in Opelousas and the change in location was made necessary to handle their growing business.

The firm handles the Auburn Beauty Six auto line with a full line of accessories.

## OPELOUSAS BANKS BUY BOND ISSUE

### Combined Banks Buy Issue of Improvement Bonds of 1st and 8th Road Districts

Bonds of Road District No. 8 of the Fifth Ward to the amount of \$80,000, and the issue of \$85,000 by the Third Road District of the Third Ward, were purchased Tuesday by the three banks of Opelousas, Planters Bank & Trust Company, St. Landry Bank & Trust Co., and the Opelousas National.

### WALKER-COMBS

Mr. Joseph Adrain Walker and Mildred Eunice Combs were quietly married at the Opelousas Sanitarium by Rev. Father Collard on Wednesday, February 4, 1920.

Miss Combs was one of the efficient train nurses who assisted Miss Darby head nurse in her work.

The groom is a popular young farmer of West Bellevue.

The couple immediately after the ceremony left for New Orleans where they will spend several days before returning to their home here.

"A large circle of friends wish them happiness through life."

### WASHINGTON CITIZEN SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

Mr. Jonas W. Bailey, one of the best known citizens of Washington, this parish, fell from a roof that he was repairing Tuesday and sustained three broken ribs and severe cuts about the head. Mr. Bailey was resting easy Friday morning and will be out on the streets again in a few days.

## WILL AID BOYS TO MAKE TRIP TO NORTHERN FARMS

### Police Jury Appropriates \$300 For Expenses of Two Boys

### BE SELECTED BY DRAWING

### Boys Will Be Taken Through Farms And Experiment Stations of States of the Middle West

The police jury at its session this week authorized an appropriation of \$300 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of two boys from St. Landry parish on the trip promoted by Superintendent of Education Harris to the farms and experiment stations of the states of the middle west.

The requirements necessary to secure this trip are that a boy's parents must be unable to pay entrants expenses, that the boy must be of good character, willing and anxious to learn and be more than sixteen years old.

To make a fair selection of the names selected it has been decided to have each member of the police jury submit five names and from these there will be two drawn who will be the fortunate winners of the trip.

Mr. H. D. Larcade, Sr., will meet the boys from this ward at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, February 15, and will make a selection of five to be submitted for the drawing.

Mr. Mendoza, who is organizing the party from this parish, has already secured private donations that will enable seven more boys to make the trip. He is very anxious to enlist parents and public spirited citizens generally so that as many boys as possible may be given an opportunity to study advanced agricultural methods and hopes to carry from St. Landry parish a party of boys greater in number than any other parish in the state.

Mr. Mendoza will be in personal charge of the St. Landry boys throughout the trip and see that they are given every attention and care possible.

## BUY BIG TRACT OF TIMBER LAND

### ARKANSAS CAPITALISTS INVEST \$400,000 IN ATCHAFALAYA HARDWOOD LAND

The Swift tract of land lying west of Melville was purchased this week by a number of capitalists and sawmill operators from Marion County, Arkansas. It is reported that the price paid was \$400,000.

The purchasers will begin at once to erect a number of mills to cut the timber and expect to have at least one mill on the tract and in operation by the first of April, this year. The company will cut the timber with a number of mills of about 30,000 feet capacity scattered over their holdings.

After the timber has been cut this company will sub-divide the land into farming units and dispose of their property of actual farmers.

## MEMORIAL SHAFTS BEING ERRECTED

### MONUMENTS TO SOLDIERS OF CIVIL AND WORLD WARS BEING PLACED IN POSITION

After many delays the monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy and the European war arrived this week and a representative of the contractor with a force of laborers has been busy the past week placing the two shafts in position on the court square.

The local camp of Confederate veterans will prepare a program for the unveiling of their monument the coming week and as soon as it available will be published.

Mr. E. M. Boagni, chairman of the committee which has in charge the erection of the monument to the soldiers in the war with Germany, has also called a meeting of his committee for next week to perfect plans for the dedication of this monument.

## NOMINEES HAVE A CLOSE CALL

Parish candidates nominated at the recent primary haven't much to brag over in the way of majorities, most of them "getting there by the skin of their teeth." Majorities and pluralities don't appear in the proceedings of the executive committee, but from their tally sheet we get the following: P. L. Fontenot over J. H. Dore for representative, 57 votes; R. L. Wiggins, over Edgar Lafleur for sheriff, 81; O. E. Guillory over T. T. Ortego for clerk of court, 318; Dr. Ardoin over Dr. Littell for coroner, 137. In the three-cornered race for assessor J. A. Hardey leads Lucius Landreneau, his nearest opponent, by 155 votes.

Some of the ward candidates made a better showing. M. L. Fontenot, deputy sheriff and candidate for re-election as constable in the Fourth ward, outran his opponent over 2 to 1. Sam Thomas did the same thing in the Fifth ward, T. J. Walker, candidate for police juror from the fifth ward, holds the record. With two strong opponents he beats them both by 24 votes. The other ward races were close, some of them requiring a second primary.

The vote for state offices is not given. It is understood Parker carried the parish by about 500. Our old friend Major Mouton carried the parish by a strong vote and won in his race for the state senate.—Ville Platte Gazette.

## FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

### MEMBERS WILL BE SERVED GUMBO THURSDAY, MARCH 4, BY OFFICERS

At the regular annual meeting and election of officers of Hope Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, of Opelousas, held at the hall on last Thursday, February 5th, the following officers were elected to serve until the next annual meeting:

Charles Thibodeaux, president (re-elected).

Dr. B. A. Littell, chief (re-elected).

Mr. W. E. Burgess, lieutenant.

Mr. W. A. Robertson, secretary, (re-elected).

Mr. Herman Bodemuller, treasurer, (re-elected).

Mr. Vincent Garbo, steward.

Messrs. A. S. Brown, Sr., and Simon Stelly were selected as members of a house committee, to serve jointly with the chief in taking care of the company's property, pending the creation of a permanent house committee.

Resolutions adopted to provide for the serving of a gumbo to the members on Thursday, March 4th with compliments of the newly elected officers, and for the installation of officers on the same night. A committee composed of Messrs. J. A. Budd, Victor Stelly and A. S. J. Campbell was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet, to be held on Thursday, April 1.

The company now counts 95 members, of whom 46 are pledged active members, and almost all of the latter are fully equipped and trained for fire-fighting.

### MASQUERADE DANCE

The usual masquerade dance will be given by the Ladies of Episcopal church at Barilleau's auditorium on Tuesday, February 17.

The children's Fancy dress party will be in the afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. Admission will be charged, 15 cents.

Grand ball at night for the grown ups. The gentlemen will tax \$1.00 to dance and onlookers 25 cents.

Prizes will be awarded both evening and night to the most original costumes.

Sandwiches and cakes will be served throughout the evening by the ladies of the church.

A jolly time is expected by all.

### PROMULGATE RETURNS OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

The police jury this week promulgated returns of the good road election held by the Fourth Road District of the Fourth Ward held January 24. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of the road improvement proposed.

### Elks to Give Banquet

The Elks will give a banquet on next Thursday night to entertain their wives and sweethearts. A big time is expected by all. Preparation is being made for a large crowd to be present.

## MISTROT DENIES FONTENOT CLAIM

### ALLEGATION THAT HE HAD NOT PAID POLL TAX PROVEN ERROR

In the protest filed before the parish Democratic executive committee at its meeting held Jan. 24th by Ariel Fontenot, defeated candidate for sheriff, it was alleged that Willie Mistrot illegally voted at the Leonville poll owing to the fact that he had "not registered and had no poll tax at all."

Mr. J. J. Mistrot, father of Willie Mistrot, came to the Clarion office on Tuesday and exhibited poll tax receipt No. 1391, issued December 28, 1918, signed by Ariel Fontenot, deputy sheriff and tax collector, also poll tax receipt No. 856, issued December 8, 1919, signed by L. J. Leger, deputy sheriff and tax collector. Both poll tax receipts being issued to Willie Mistrot, the party complained of in Mr. Fontenot's petition.

## DEAD SOLDIERS' KIN TO GET DIPLOMAS

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SHOW APPRECIATION OF "SUPREME GIFT"

On Washington's birthday, nearly 1000 Louisiana mothers, wives and other nearest of kin of men who died in the world war that democracy might live will realize that the French government appreciates the "supreme gifts" of their sons, brothers and husbands.

In New Orleans and through Louisiana handsome engraved diplomas will be presented to the relatives on behalf of the French government by the various posts of the American Legion, and in New Orleans the six local posts will unite in one big impressive ceremony.

T. Semmes Walmsley, commander of the Louisiana department of the Legion, announced Thursday that arrangements have been made with the adjutant general of the United States for the distribution of 118,949 of the diplomas throughout the United States in cities where Legion posts have been organized.

The diplomas are elaborate in design and show a handsomely engraved group from the cenotaph in the Avenue des Champs Elysee, Paris. In the scroll above the group are the dates "1914-1919," with the famous quotation from Victor Hugo freely translated, "The people should come and play at the graves of those who died for their country."

The inscription reads: "In the Memory of..... of the United States of America, who died for liberty during the Great War, the Homage of France." The engraved signature is at the bottom of the diplomas. The diplomas are memorials to 107,952 soldiers 66,800 sailors and 2657 marines.

The following instructions in regard to the distribution were sent out to Louisiana post commanders by Commander Walmsley Thursday.

"In the distribution of the honorary diplomas given by the French high commission at the direction of the French government to the next of kin of the men of this country who made the supreme sacrifice in this world war, your hearty co-operation is sought in order that every preparation may be made through your efforts, not only to a cause that commands our deepest respect, but also to a ceremony that will establish once and for all what this great brotherhood is doing in the interest of those less fortunate than themselves."

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Adrain Walker and Miss Mildred, Eunice Combs.

Emile Ortego and Miss Edea Fontenot.

Emerson Herbert and Miss Agla Prud'homme.

Ben ePray and Miss Elda Carrier.

Ulysee Miller and Miss Zoe Leger.

Albert Solleau and Miss Camille Joubert.

Cleuse Courville and Miss Angella Savote.

### BIG JOB SEEN IN TAKING WHISKEY FROM MEDICINE

Macon, Ga.—Elimination of alcohol from all medicine and from doctor's prescriptions is to be one of the big works of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, according to the keynote speech in the South Atlantic regional conference of that body, by Mrs. J. R. Sheppard, of the Virginia W. C. T. U.

## COUNCIL PROHIBITS USE PUNCH BOARDS AND SLOT MACHINES

### Adopts Ordinance at Adjourned Meeting of Body Wednesday Afternoon

### IS UNLAWFUL TO HAVE POSSESSION

### Law Makes Both Player and Operator Subject to Both Fine and Imprisonment on Conviction

Heeding many complaints the city council Wednesday afternoon adopted two anti-gambling laws, prohibiting the operation and possession of punch boards and slot machines within the city limits.

Sections 1 and 2 of the ordinance against slot machines are as follows:

"Be it ordained by the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Opelousas, La., that it shall be unlawful to gamble with, use or play a slot machine, or similar mechanical device, for money or representative of money or checks, or for merchandise, or any prize, or anything whatever of value, within the corporate limits of the city of Opelousas, La., and whoever shall violate the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance shall be fined in the sum of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days, nor more than thirty (30) days, or both at the discretion of the city judge.

"Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that any owner, lessee, tenant, or proprietor of any premises or building within the corporate limits of the city of Opelousas, La., who shall have, or permit in or about the same, or connected therewith, any slot machine or similar mechanical device operated in violation of section 1 of this ordinance, or any owner lessee, tenant or proprietor of any premises or building where business of any nature is conducted, who permits or allows a slot machine, or similar mechanical device, even though such slot machine or mechanical device be not in use, to remain in such building, or on such premises, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance, and, upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in section 1 of this ordinance."

The ordinance relating to punch boards and all similar lotteries provides the same penalties and contains the provision making the possession and storage of punch boards, etc., in the corporate limits of Opelousas unlawful.

Both ordinances will be effect upon publication.

## OLD U. S. MINT TO BE SAVED, IS HOPE

### MUSTY RECORDS ARE BEING DUG UP; MAY BE SCHOOL

New Orleans' historic organizations and individuals are making every effort to preserve for the city the site and the building formerly the old United States mint, Esplanade avenue and Decatur street. They are contending that the ground originally was designed as the property of the city of New Orleans and that for that reason and because of the historic value of the structure both should remain in the city's possession.

An intricate legal tangle may be involved and those concerned in the fight are resurrecting musty city records which positively will designate ownership. The belief is that the plot of ground was the city's property prior to the erection of the mint, but that when the so-called carpet-baggers were in power during the reconstruction period they made over the whole to the government.

Mrs. A. Browne, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and T. P. Thompson are actively concerned in the fight. Through their efforts petition to the government may be presented asking that the building remain a school for immigrants or be preserved intact for its historic value.

Congressman James O'Connor is working in Washington to have one of the two suggestions adopted.