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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

ERA OF BUILDING ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR OPELOUSAS

Kentucky Capitalists Inter- ested in New Hotel Project

ST. LANDRY BANK TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Plans Drawn for a Number of Modern Business Houses That Will Add to the Appearance of the Town

As an evidence of the prosperity of Opelousas and that our town is growing in a substantial manner there are a number of modern and handsome business houses to be erected in the near future. Among the number are Stander's modern store building to be erected on the lot now occupied by his frame building, the three-story building of Mrs. Mattye Boagni that will occupy the vacant lot next to the Little drug store, the \$60,000 moving picture house on the old Jacobs lot fronting the Elks' home and the Baptist church that will be erected on the old Budd lot on the square.

The directors of the St. Landry Bank and Trust Company have under consideration the remodeling of their banking house. Their quarters have become entirely inadequate to the business of this growing institution and if the architect advises that the alterations proposed cannot be made on their present home they will put up a building of two or three stories in height and one that will be a credit to the city and in keeping with the business and dignity of this bank. Whether or not the bank remodels its old building or erects a new structure a new set of fixtures and up-to-date vaults will be installed. Reference to the statement of this bank in another column of this paper shows the interesting fact that the deposits of this bank are nearly two and a half million dollars.

Capitalists from Louisville, Ky., it is rumored, endeavored to buy the Lacombe hotel here, but failing to do so, have under consideration the erection of a modern sixty-room hotel in the center of the city.

The First Baptist church has on exhibition in the window of Shute's drug store a drawing of their church building to be erected on the corner of Bellevue and Court streets, and judging from the drawing this will be one of the prettiest buildings in the city.

Adolphe Jacobs, president of a recently organized moving picture corporation, states that their company will build a \$80,000 picture and opera house on the corner of Main and Bellevue streets in the near future.

Actual construction is underway on the two-story brick building of the Christman-Riesman Company, Market street, where this new firm will engage in the hardware and furniture business. The building is nearing completion and the firm will soon install their stock in their permanent quarters.

Plans have been prepared for some time for a three-story business house on Landry street to be erected by Mrs. Mattye Boagni but owing to the high price of materials the actual construction work has been delayed.

Julius Stander had called for bids on his new brick store building for last Monday but owing to the inability of the contractors to get prices on certain articles he was forced to extend the time for receiving of bids for another week.

PLANTERS MAKES A FINE SHOWING

A detailed statement of the Planters Bank and Trust Company as made to the examiner of state banks appears elsewhere in this issue and shows that the deposits of this bank is steadily climbing upward. The resources are given at \$1,239,907.42 and the deposits are placed at \$923,214.14.

BOSTON ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP WILL PUT ON ANNUAL SALE

Mr. I. Chapman, proprietor of the Boston Shoe Shop, just returned from Boston, Mass., where he went to make a big purchase of shoes. Mr. Chapman wishes to announce to his friends and customers on arrival of his stock will put on his big annual shoe sale.

L. GOUDCHAUX DIES SUDDENLY AT BUNKIE

WAS NATIVE OF ALSACE AND RE- SIDED IN BIG CANE FOR 50 YEARS

Leopold Goudchaux, a native of Alsace, France, and for the past 50 years a resident of Big Cane, this parish, died suddenly Tuesday at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. D. B. Davis, in Bunkie. Mr. Goudchaux had reached the age of 77 years.

Interment was made in the Jewish cemetery here Friday morning.

In the death of this kindly gentleman the parish of St. Landry suffers a heavy loss. Having spent practically all of his business life in this parish, he was universally beloved and respected.

Mr. Goudchaux came to Big Cane from Alsace, France, about 50 years ago and continuously resided there throughout his busy life. As a merchant, a planter, a large investor in lands, the largest in this parish, he was uniformly successful, and all of his extensive dealings were characterized by a spirit of fairness and justice to his fellowmen.

In his early manhood he married a Miss Elliot who died about 25 years ago, and subsequently married the good lady who survives him. Children were born to both marriages—13 in number, and the surviving 12 all occupy prominent positions socially and financially.

When one mentions Big Cane he immediately sees the hospitable, genial countenance of Mr. Goudchaux, and many there are who will miss his unbounded generosity, his untroubled hand of helpfulness and his kindly words of encouragement.

The deceased was loved and esteemed by the people of the entire parish, and he has left behind him a rich heritage to his children, more precious than gold, more lasting than any earthly possession—the heritage of a high character, square-dealings and purposeful endeavor.

Mr. Goudchaux is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Rosa Barnett of Dallas, Texas, Jake L. Goudchaux of Lake Charles, Dr. F. A. Goudchaux of Melville, Mrs. Mary Levy of Alexandria, Mrs. B. D. Davis of Bunkie, Mrs. Jacques Well of Alexandria, Hy. Goudchaux of Ferriday, Mrs. Sol Mayer of New Iberia, Julius Goudchaux of Lake Charles, Leon and Sylvan Goudchaux of Big Cane and a great number of grand children and great grandchildren.

ITALIAN CONSUL TO VISIT OPELOUSAS

TOURING STATE IN INTEREST OF ITALIAN LIBERTY BONDS

Dr. Bruno Zuculin, Italian consul at New Orleans, who is touring the state in the interest of an issue of Italian Liberty bonds, will be in Opelousas tomorrow (Sunday) the guest of local Italian citizens and will stop at the Lacombe hotel.

The Italian bonds pay seven percent interest in gold and mature in 1925.

MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Great interest has been manifested in the mission being held here at the Catholic church every Wednesday night during the Lenten season. Large congregations have been in attendance at every service. Rev. Colliard, assisted by the Jesuits of Grand Coteau is conducting the services and the sermons have attracted much interest and attention to all denominations.

DAVID O. FISHER DIES AT WELSH

Mr. David O. Fisher, formerly of this parish but later a resident of Welsh, died at his home in that place last Sunday at the age of 55 years, 4 months and 8 days.

Interment was made in the Protestant cemetery here Monday afternoon.

Mr. Fisher leaves a number of relatives in this parish to whom the Clarion tenders its sincere sympathy.

Inspector Makes Flattering Report On the High Schools of St. Landry

We reproduce below a report made by Charles F. Trudeau, inspector of high schools, to Supt. T. H. Harris, superintendent of state education. In his report Mr. Trudeau makes mention of the great improvement of the high schools of St. Landry parish and on the whole finds but little to criticize. His report speaks well for Supt. Prescott's office and the teachers of the different schools.

Baton Rouge, March 13, 1920.
Superintendent T. H. Harris,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
My Dear Sir:

We have just completed a tour of inspection of the St. Landry high schools, and, on their condition we beg to report as follows:

Gratifying progress was noted in all these schools; many additions and improvements have been made in all of them; better work is being turned out; the program of recitations, the organization, the discipline, the office records, all are being carefully looked after by the principals and teachers in each of the five schools. At the head of each of the St. Landry high schools is a capable and conscientious principal, and, with two or three exceptions, the assistants are capable, industrious, and well trained for their work. Having in mind the great scarcity of teachers throughout the country today, we regard the parish superintendent and the school board as extremely fortunate in being able to secure the services of so many able teachers. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the high schools in this parish are much more effective in their work than we ever found them to be when previously inspected.

Opelousas High School

This school has an enrollment of 757 students this season. There are 14 special students, last year's graduates, who have returned to the school to take further work in special lines, such as commercial work and domestic science.

Since the last inspection the following are among the most noticeable additions made: Five typewriters; 150 new desks, \$600 worth of material for the domestic science department; 13 electric stoves, 12 drinking fountains, 8 large blackboards, one set of maps for teaching ancient history, special desks for the commercial department, and \$250 worth of books for the library.

Three of the most pressing needs of the school at this time are: Another building to remove the crowded condition; some maps, charts, and supplementary readers for all grades below the high school; and, what may be termed an "opportunity" teacher to take charge of those pupils who need special instruction in one or two subjects in order to bring them up to the full requirements of their grades.

We wish to mention three points in connection with the organization and work observed at the Opelousas high school which we think deserve special notice:

1. Excepting one teacher, no teacher here teaches more than four recitation a day, and no pupil carries more than four recitations. This approaches the ideal. Good work must follow this arrangement. 2. Penmanship and physical training are offered the entire school on alternate days—this arrangement is showing splendid results. 3. The work in advanced arithmetic offered to the 11th grade should be much improved. We found this work far below standard.

Washington High School

The enrollment at this school this year is 243 pupils. Since the last inspection of this school several items of improvement have been made, most noticeable among which are, the repainting and renovating of the entire building; books added to the library; material additions to the general equipment. A signal and attractive new feature here is the erection of a beautiful marble slab, appropriately decorated and inscribed, placed here to the memory of Lieutenant J. J. Neyland, a former student and teacher in the Washington high school. Lieutenant Neyland made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield in Europe on the day before the signing of the armistice while fighting for the rights of humanity. This marble tablet is a well-deserved, concrete expression of the love and high esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best—his home people.

This school needs a new building and more grounds. The steady growth of this institution necessarily carries with it new needs. All growing schools must have needs.

Special mention should be made of the almost ideal size of the classes per teacher. In this may be found the main reason for the excellence of the good work observed. This ideal condition as regards the size of classes is true of all grades except the first,

which is really too large for one teacher. We also wish to make special mention of the splendid janitor service observed here.

Unice High School

The enrollment this year at this institution is 533. Since our last inspection here we note the following principle items of improvement: Four additional teachers to the teaching force; 90 to 100 pin oaks set out on the campus, a splendid garden used in connection with the 7th grade agriculture work; a \$50,000 building just completed; an \$800 domestic science cottage, a new piano; apparatus for the chemical laboratory; two additional typewriters; 400 opera chairs for the auditorium; several books added to the library; playground apparatus; eyes, teeth, and throat of pupils periodically examined by a competent physician.

By way of further strengthening the excellent work being done at this place, we recommend the following:

Five to ten sets of supplementary readers for all grades below high school; two additional teachers in the grades and one in the high school department; some additional apparatus for the physical laboratory; a larger school site; history maps.

Melville High School

The enrollment this year at this place is 203. The main improvements noted here since the last inspection are: A number of books added to the library; much needed window shades; blackboards; three additional typewriters for the commercial department; filing cases for the principal's office; over \$100 worth of supplies for the laboratory; about \$150 of repairs to the building.

The most apparent needs at this place are: More class room space; two additional teachers; from five to ten sets of supplementary readers for each grade below the high school; geography and history maps for elementary grades; a United States map for the high school grade; a larger and better equipped laboratory for the physical and biological sciences; better and more nearly sanitary closets.

Grand Prairie High School

The total enrollment at this school is 246. Grand Prairie, while not ranking very high as one of the state approved high schools, deserves a great deal of credit for its achievements since the last inspection. These achievements are two-fold: First, in a material way, it has grown as indicated below. The building has been repainted and generally improved; a new piano has been purchased for the school, a neat and comfortable cottage has been erected for the principal's home; the school farm, formerly rented, has been purchased and now belongs to the school; some playground apparatus has been added; \$30 worth of books have been purchased for the fifth grade library. Secondly, the whole school atmosphere, including class room work; the attitude of pupils toward their school duties; the general organization of the school program; and, outstanding above all these facts, the disposition of pupils to learn the English language, all show a pronounced improvement. It matters not so much how embryonic is the condition of any high school so long as there is a healthy steady, rational growth going on in and about the institution. That we found to be the case here.

We offer the following recommendations in connection with the Grand Prairie high school: 1. From five to ten sets of supplementary readers for all grades below the high school, and a sufficient number of attractive books that will appeal to, and retain the attention of, the high school pupils. Nowhere in the state, we believe should children be encouraged to read more than it should be done at this place. Wisdom should be used in selecting the proper reading material for these children. Practically all of them being French-speaking children with a very limited English vocabulary, they should be given to read only such books as they might readily understand, books that will attract and hold their attention. The grade of the books used for general reading purposes should not be predicated upon the grade in which the child finds himself, but rather upon his knowledge of English. Reach the child with material suited to his strength and appealing to his interest, and, in due time, he will show a greater intellectual strength, reaching out for more difficult material, and, incidentally, he will then take a greater interest in his school studies because, and only because, he has improved his mental condition to the point where he feels able to master his surroundings. 2. A better type of closets. 3. An improved system of heating the building (Continued on page 5)

WORK ON CATHOLIC CHURCH UNDERWAY

WORKMEN BEGIN PLASTERING AND INSTALLING METAL CEILING

Workmen have been engaged at the Catholic church here this week building scaffolds for the purpose of finishing the interior of the edifice, and it is expected the work will be pushed to early completion. The plans include the installation of a heating apparatus, the plastering of the walls and the building of steel ceiling; the gallery used by the choir will be lowered considerably, several large ornamental windows will be placed in the chancel, and other more or less important details will be looked after.

The funds left by Father Engberink and those donated two years ago by members of the congregation are only about half sufficient to cover the cost of these improvements, and the pastor of the church, Father Colliard, has sent out circulars and otherwise announced his intention of taking up subscriptions to pay the additional cost. He states that if the people will support him in this undertaking the entire work will be done at once and will be paid for in full. It is thought the interior of the church will be completed in about four months. When it is, it will be the finest church outside of New Orleans in this state, considering its size.

As the church will be in the hands of the workman during the working hours, the masses during the weekdays will at 6 and 6:30 a. m. The Friday afternoon services will be discontinued, but the Wednesday night sermons will be delivered as usual. While the work is in progress, the masses on Sundays will be as follows: 6:30, 7:30 and 9:30 a. m. General communions have been announced as follows: For the ladies and girls, on Thursday of next (Holy) week at 7:30 o'clock a. m.; for the men, including the Knights, on Easter Sunday morning at the 7:30 mass.

A LITTLE FLIVVER INVADES THE CITY

WEIGHS 150 POUNDS AND WILL MAKE TWENTY MILES AN HOUR

Gus Tujaque has taken the agency and is demonstrating a flivver that weighs only 150 pounds, will run 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline and sells for the small sum of \$185. The flivverette will carry two persons comfortably.

This little car can be lifted over impassable mud holes in the roads, and, with the assistance of another person may be handed over a fence and there is no need to build a garage for it may be run under the front gallery.

The car is simple and the upkeep is very low. Thousands are used by school children in the cities and by workmen in the industrial centers who do not care to pay street car fares to go and come from school or their work. The little car will more than pay for itself for errands around the farm.

THE BOY SCOUTS ENJOY HAYRIDE

The boy scouts enjoyed a hayride Wednesday night to Port Barre and short distances on the Washington and Lawtell roads in trucks furnished by Leon S. Haas and L. L. Danel, driven by Pat David and Johnnie Haas.

Those enjoying the ride were: Will Voorhies, Eldin Voorhies, Joe Eastham, Stanly Guilbeau, Alvin Durio, Stubbs, Thomas Sandoz, Frank Troclair, Rayburn Pevoto, Frank Clary, Early Clary, Jerome Haas, Willie Little, Bennie Andrepont, Seth Lewis, John Lee Ballard, Edward Ballard, Alonzo Dunbar, A. Anding, Lawrence Hollier, Kenneth Durio, Teurling Lafleur, Roger Lambert, Errington Dupre, Rannie Stelly, Larry Lacombe, Robert Dunbar, Marlon Sandoz, Leon Haas, Harry Garland, Marshal Prescott, and Leo Lafleur.

Ladies—Mrs. Andings, Miss Bailey, Misses Susie Mornhinweg, Louise Ventre, Myrie Andings, Pearl Andings, Connie Andings, Mabel Lacombe, Della Roberts, Blanch Meah, Viola Bourdier.

Knights of Columbus Initiation Opelousas Council, No. 1173, K. of C., will hold its next initiation on Sunday, April 25th, and members of the order are urged to send in application as soon as possible. Geo. Going is chairman of the committee.

LOCAL LEGION POST FAVORS CASH BONUS

MEMBERS LINE-UP NINETEEN IN FAVOR; THREE ARE AGAINST

At a meeting held by the Opelousas post of the American legion held in the court house Sunday afternoon the members went on record in favor of the cash bonus bill now pending before congress for discharged ex-service men. The vote stood 19 in favor with three against.

The meeting was called to order by temporary post commander, Dr. A. J. Perrault, who stated that the election of permanent officers was an order of the day.

The following officers and committee were elected unanimously:
Dr. A. J. Perrault, post commander.
Albert L. Clary, Jr., vice post commander.
A. J. Bercier, Jr., post adjutant.
Allen Dezauche, post adjutant.
Alex W. Swords, post historian.
George Parker, post chaplain.
Membership Committee—W. T. Stewart, Willie Ewell, O. Wyble, H. L. Lastrapes, George Parker, Eastan Durio, Gill Vidrine, Reiger, and Lawrence B. Sandoz.

Memorial Committee—A. W. Swords, Y. Ledoux and Cottam Walker.

Committee on By-Laws—Swords, Sandoz and Dezauche.

Publicity Committee—Willie Ewell and Carroll Mornhinweg.

Insurance Man—Roy Edwards.

The next meeting of the post will be held Monday night, April 29th.

COMMERCE BODY TO REORGANIZE

WILL HIRE TRAINED SECRETARY AND MAKE DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

At a meeting of the directors of the Opelousas Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night the resignation of Robt. Budd and L. A. Andrepont, who jointly have been acting as secretaries of the body were tendered to the directors. Messrs. Budd and Andrepont stated that owing to other pressing business connections they were unable to give to the Chamber of Commerce the attention that they considered necessary and asked that someone else be elected to take their places.

The directors decided to invite Mr. L. L. Squires, formerly a Laké Charles newspaperman and later secretary of the Greater Agricultural Collige move at Baton Rouge, to come to Opelousas and look the situation over with a view to accepting the vacant post.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held in April and it is proposed to put before them plans for practically reorganizing the body and make it more effective in every way for the upbuilding of the community.

Southwestern Students Resume Their Studies

Lafayette, La., March 22, 1920.—Southwestern Institute resumed its session this morning after a suspension of two weeks on account of a near-epidemic of influenza. In the meantime all cases have fully recovered with the exception of one or two students who developed it after their arrival at home. With the present good weather there is every prospect of going through the rest of the session without any more interruptions.

Two new teachers arrived for the opening today, namely Miss Jewell Levy, of Fayetteville, Ark., who comes to take the place of Mr. Foote as teacher of education while he goes on leave of absence to complete the courses leading to his master's degree in Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Delle Bancroft, of Hot Springs, Ark., who comes to assist Miss Dupre as associate professor of English. Miss Levy is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Miss Bancroft of Newcombe College. A successor to Mr. Mobley, athletic coach and principal high school department has not been discovered yet.

A lyceum course for the spring term was inaugurated today at eleven o'clock with the annual reading of Shakespeare by Mr. C. E. W. Griffith, and it will be continued tomorrow night at eight o'clock in the Institute auditorium by Lieut. Coningsby Dawson of the British army, who will lecture on "The Remaking of the World."

Sunset Man Joins Navy

According to reports of the New Orleans papers Robert Dailey of Sunset enlisted in the navy last week.

WILL DRILL OIL WELL IN CHURCH POINT COUNTRY

Texas Oil Men Will Put Down Well in Next Three Weeks

SAYS PROSPECTS FOR OIL GOOD

Work on Well at LeMayen Under Headway as Derrick and Other Equipment Arrive on the Ground

G. W. Morgan, representing E. V. Cole & Co., oil operators in the Ranger, Texas, and Shreveport fields, was in Opelousas Tuesday and stated that his firm had bought leases and were preparing to drill a well for oil near Church Point. He stated that his company had been very successful in bringing in good wells in the Texas and North Louisiana fields and that he considered their location at Church Point to be as good as in the other fields.

In 1903 there was a good report made on this territory and a company was organized to put down a well but from some reason there was never any actual work done and the company was finally liquidated by its promoters.

The people behind the prospective well at LeMayen, in the northern part of this parish, have been placing on the ground this week the necessary rigging and pipe and will begin drilling at once.

From the Clarion files of the year 1903 we copy the following report of T. J. McBride, geologist, to Mr. Thos. S. Isaacs, regarding oil bearing lands in St. Landry parish:

"Dear Sir: I hereby submit my report on the land that you had me to examine. In examining such lands there are a great many things to take into consideration.

"I find that the land that I have examined bordering on what is called the great American plain, the general depth of it from the Mississippi state line, crossing a point near the northeast corner of Point Coupee parish, finding it strikes in about the center of the marshland and varying off in a southwest direction to a point near Opelousas, then through Laplace and Breaux Bridge, then out to the Mississippi river.

"While at one time a general drift was continuously working down from a point near Shreveport, covering what at one time was a large river, 'The Old Arkansas,' which is now filled with debris and other glacial deposits, all this matter spread out along the same strike or ledge described above. So, by this, it can be seen that all matter organic, and now organic, has found lodgment here for centuries. Now, I consider that the oil deposits in this belt are of the same sections or formations as those found in Kansas to the west and those found in Indiana, Kentucky and Mississippi to the east. Now, these deposits are there in transit; they move very slowly; only when the water rises to the level of the crevices and sand beds in which the oil is confined, but in all low lands the vegetable growth is great and the soil is profusely charged with mineral salt as the land of the coast plain of Louisiana is. Oil is always undergoing a change and is increasing in gravity and quantity; so taking all these facts into consideration, I consider the land that I have examined as good prospective oil lands, but I advise you to confine your operations to the low lands bordering on the bayous and marshes, but not nearer than at a point which raises about four feet above the water line, except in such places where the land forms a basin and is bordered by high mounds or folds, but avoid long ridges and high plateau lands.

"Now, I consider that the base of the oil bearing matter is somewhere near the 1400 feet level. As to the various tracts of land that I have examined for you, I find some places that I considered good oil prospects and that show sulphur indications; the best of these I have described more fully in the attached sheet, but you should always know what the surface strata or records are composed of before building your derrick.

"Yours truly,

"T. J. McBRIDE."

BARILLEAU HAS WAR TROPHY DISPLAY

Barilleau's confectionery has on display this week in the main show window a very interesting display of trophies from the battlefields of France.