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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

## COLUMBUS KNIGHTS INITIATE 74 NEW MEMBERS IN ORDER

### Four Hundred Knights Aid In The Initiation Work

### PREPARE FOR BIG CONVENTION IN MAY

### Opelousas and Nearby Lodges Plan To Entertain Visiting State Delegates in Most Royal Style

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### Annual Convention

One week from today most of the officers and delegates of the Louisiana state council Knights of Columbus will have arrived in Opelousas for the convention which will be held here on Sunday and Monday, May 9th and 10th. The reception committee appointed by the local knights will meet all incoming trains on Saturday and Sunday next week and see that the delegates and the ladies who accompany them are satisfactorily located, the Lacombe hotel having been chosen as the headquarters. The knights will keep open house to the visitors beginning Saturday as will also the local lodge of Elks, whose courtesy is much appreciated by their neighbors, the knights.

The committee on decoration has completed its plans and will see that the K. of C. home, including the convention hall, is properly and tastefully embellished. The banquet will take place on Sunday night at the Lacombe, today being the last day when reservations may be made. Those members who desire to attend the banquet and who have not already been assigned places should apply at once to the committee. The sessions of the convention will be held on Sunday afternoon and Mon-

## Norma Talmadge at Princess Theatre

The program at the Princess Theatre Sunday will be one of the best ever shown here. The drama "She Loves and Lies," casting Norma Talmadge supported by Conway Tearle is one that should not be missed by our "movie" loving public. There is also a Harry Pollard comedy.

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## Will Move Shoe Store Next Month

The property purchased by Mr. I. Chapman, on Main street is being thoroughly repaired and renovated. The workmen will be through sometime next week. Mr. Chapman expects to move in to his up-to-date place sometime in the next month. He will have the latest styles in footwear for ladies, gentlemen and children. He solicits your patronage and a visit to his new place of business will be appreciated.

## COMPLIMENTS CITY ATTORNEY

Peyton R. Sandoz of Opelousas, attorney for the town of Eunice has just received from W. H. Rose, of Toledo, Ohio, one of the leading bond attorneys of the United States, giving his unqualified approval of the Eunice bond issues as sent in without additional data and without any suggestions whatever, meaning that the instrument was perfect in every respect. This is an incident that does not occur with that kind of work once in a dozen times and the town and those officers in charge of this piece of work are to be congratulated upon their splendid work. The bonds will be received within a few days ready for the final signatures of the mayor and clerk.—Eunice Gall.

## MICHAEL E. TRACEY, 70 K. OF C. FOUNDER, DEAD

New Haven, Conn., April 29.—Michael E. Tracey, one of the eight men who founded the national order of the Knights of Columbus in this city in 1882, died last night at his home in Orange. He was born in Ireland 70 years ago.

## Isabella Initiation Tuesday

The Daughters of Isabella will initiate their new members. Members of the order will meet at the Knights of Columbus hall at 8 o'clock a. m., and from there will march to the Catholic church where a special mass will be said for them at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Nolan of Grand Coteau. Members of the Eunice Isabella lodge will be present and a number from other places in the parish will participate in the initiation ceremonies.

## WORK STARTED ON SANITARIUM

### NEW BUILDING LOCATED ON OLD HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS ON MARKET STREET

The new sanitarium that is being built on Market street, will be completed in ninety days. It will be a very large one story frame building, 100 by 83 feet, steam heated and equipped with all modern appliances. It will have thirty rooms and several bath rooms.

August Amy has the contract and has started laying out the foundation already.

This site is most desirable for a sanitarium. It is one the edge of town and there is very little noise in its neighborhood.

The large building equipped with all modern appliances and capable of caring for a large number of patients will be a big asset to the town.

## LET'S CONTRACT FOR NEW BUILDING

Julius Stander, owner of the Stander Specialty Store, has let the contract for his new building to the St. Landry Lumber Co., and Mr. August Amy. The new building will be erected in the present site of his establishment. It will be of modern construction and equipped with all modern appliances.

## GUIDRY-WRIGHT.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic church presented a beautiful scene Saturday morning, April 24th, when the wedding of Miss Louise Mable Wright, daughter of Mrs. George S. Wright and Mr. Ivy Martin Guidry was celebrated. Rev. A. F. Isenberg officiating.

The altar of this handsome edifice was profusely decorated with quantities of sweet peas, and roses, ferns and glowing tapers formed a most effective background.

Promptly at 11:30, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, with Miss Marie Klor presiding at the organ, Miss Alverta Wright, sister of the bride and her only attendant, entered daintily gowned in white organdy made bouffant effect over silk wearing a pink georgette hat and carrying a beautiful bouquet of pink rosebuds and ferns, tied with pink tulle. The fair young bride followed, on the arm of her brother, George S. Wright, who gave her in marriage, exquisitely costumed in white organdie over silk, with tiers of ruffles, girlishly becoming. Sprays of orange blossoms held the bridal veil of illusion, which fell in graceful folds.

She carried an arm bouquet of white rose buds with lilies of the valley and rose buds combined with tulle forming a lovely shower effect. During the ceremony Miss Gertrude DeJahay sang softly and with wondrous sweetness, an "Ave Marie" and while singing the register "Melody of Love." The "Wedding March" from Lohengrin made a beautiful recessional.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother on Third Street, with the relatives of the contracting parties and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sabatier and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Dalferes attending. In the spacious reception room, pink and white roses were used as decorations, while the dining room was particularly lovely with sweet-peas as the flower motif. On the table was the heart shaped bride's cake with dainty roses and silver trimmings and containing the souvenirs for the occasion. Sprays of asparagus ferns outlined the table with sweet peas artistically interspersed.

Tall cut glass vases and unique flower baskets held lovely arrangements of the same flowers. Pink and white brick ice cream, and heart-shaped individual cakes with the initials of the bride and groom done with pink icing was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Guidry left on No. 10 for New Orleans amid "April showers" to spend a brief honeymoon, and they will return to reside here in the future. The popularity of the happy couple was shown in the handsome array of wedding gifts.

Among the out-of-town relations and guests present were: Misses Gertrude and Lella Sandoz of Opelousas, Dr. Ellis Sandoz of New Orleans, Mrs. Ida Chachere of Houston and Mrs. May S. Todd of Opelousas.—Crowley Signal.

Sidney Megninley of Oakdale spent Wednesday and Thursday in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Megninley.

## CALL ELECTION TO VOTE ON \$250,000 IMPROVEMENT BONDS

### Board of Aldermen Set June Eighth as Election Day

### REPAIR STREETS AND POWER PLANT

### Bonds Will Run for Thirty-five Years And Provide \$100,000 for Streets And \$150,000 For Power Plant

The board of aldermen at a special meeting Monday received a petition from numerous citizens of Opelousas praying that body to order an election to vote on the proposition of issuing \$250,000 of bonds for the repair of streets and power plant of the city.

The petition was read and an ordinance adopted ordering the election to be held Tuesday, June 8.

The ordinance calling the election contains the following proposition:

"To incur debt and issue negotiable bonds of the City of Opelousas to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars to run not to exceed thirty-five (35) years, payable serially and at such times as shall be prescribed by the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Opelousas, La., and in conformity with the constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum payable semi-annually for the purpose of (1) improving and extending the waterworks and electric light system of said city; and (2) improving and draining the streets of said city to be used in the proportion of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars for the improving and extending the waterworks and electric light systems of said city and one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars for improving and draining the streets of said city, the title to all of which improvements shall be vested in said municipality."

Commissioners and clerks to hold this election in the various wards were appointed as follows:

First Ward—Dr. B. A. Littell's office—J. B. Carson, Lee Danel and L. H. Mornhineg, commissioners, and Robert E. Budd, clerk.

Second Ward—St. Landry Lumber Co.'s office—J. G. Lawler, Edward Mornhineg and B. L. Sanders, commissioners; Sidney Garland, clerk.

Third Ward—Court House—Oscar J. Mistic, W. T. Stewart and H. F. Richard, commissioners; A. J. Bercler, clerk.

Fourth Ward—Dr. J. A. Haas' office—J. L. Comeau, B. K. Eastham and Henry Chachere, commissioners; Allen Dezauche, clerk.

## BRIGGS-BUDD

Mr. Leon Briggs and Miss Frances Budd were quietly married in Lake Charles during the past week. Rev. Holmes officiating.

The returned to Opelousas, the home of the pretty and accomplished bride, where they were royally received by their host of friends. They will spend a few days at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Budd on North Court Street.

On Wednesday night a large crowd of their friends decided to call on the happy couple and give them a "charivari." So, about twenty ladies and gentlemen called on them at the Budd residence. The house was open and the serenaders were welcomed by the bride's father and mother. Delicious refreshments were served and after they were thoroughly enjoyed a merry time was played on the Victoria and Terpsichore, the goddess of dance reigned supreme.

During the delightful party numerous toasts were given to the bride and groom by the guests. The affair was a grand success an evening one enjoyed themselves immensely.

The couple will leave on their honeymoon on Saturday, the first. The trip will consist of a visit to the states of California and Colorado, for a period of several weeks. After this delightful tour they will return to Houston, Tex., where they will permanently reside. The groom is in the employment of the Gulf Coast railroad line. The Clarion extends its heartiest congratulations to the happy couple.

Among the guests were: Misses Marie Megninley, Marie Budd, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Budd, Mrs. Pherris, Mrs. Hetherwick and Messrs. Nick Halphen, Archie Dunbar, John Harmanson, Mel Dielein, Dudley Lastrapes, Jeffie Hawkins, Frankie Dielein, Bob Schuler, Alex. Swords, Ed. Littell, Mr. Phillips, and Jno. Lewis, Jr.

## INTRUDER SHOOT BOY AT PORT BARRE

### NEGRO BOY SERIOUSLY WOUND BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN

An unknown negro forced his way into the house of Louis Junior, a negro, residing north of Port Barre, Saturday night and seriously wounded his young son, Iham.

The boy was in the house with his mother and sisters when their attention was drawn to loud knocking at the front door. When they inquired who was knocking, they were told to "never-mind" who was there but to open the door. Fearing that the intruder meant to do them harm, the boy procured his shot gun and went to see who it was. Having but one arm, he was forced to lay his gun against the wall so that he could open the door. Upon opening the door he saw a tall negro with a pistol in his hand. Seeing this he reached for his shot gun but was too late, for the man, noting his intention pulled the trigger of his pistol. The bullet entering the boy's right side and coming out about an inch from the spine.

Town Marshall G. Gauthreaux went immediately to the scene of the shooting. He was unable to find the negro after considerable searching.

The motive for the attempt at murder of the boy is not known.

## American Legion To Give Banquet

At the last meeting of the American Legion here, the boys decided to give a banquet to get all the ex-soldiers together and have a general good time. The main purpose being to get the men together and arouse that old time "war" spirit which made the world safe for Democracy.

The American Legion here wants all ex-soldiers, sailors, marines and others who were in Uncle Sam's service, to join this post. They are striving for everything that is to the benefit of the soldiers.

A ladies' auxiliary to this post is being formed in which the ladies who were connected with the soldiers, such as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters will be eligible for membership.

Mrs. W. T. Stewart is helping to organize and will call a meeting in the near future which will be announced in this paper. The Legion requests all ladies eligible join.

## LEBLANC-MIDALGO

A quite wedding was celebrated at the Catholic church Monday evening at which the relatives of the contracting parties and few intimate friends attended when Miss Alex Hidalgo was married to Mr. Louis LeBlanc.

Miss Hidalgo is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. John Hidalgo a prosperous farmer near this city.

Mr. LeBlanc formerly of Planqueminne but for the last two years has been employed of the Soniat & Deblieux sawmill.

Miss Annie Hidalgo acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Sebastain Hidalgo was bestman.

After receiving congratulations from their many friends, Mr. and Mrs. LeBlanc, boarded the Frisco for New Orleans where they will spend several days before returning to make their home in Opelousas.

## VACCINATES CATTLE

Five hundred head of cattle were vaccinated for charbon (anthrax) in this parish last week. There had been two outbreaks of this disease among the cattle but they were brought to a speedy termination by the quick work of Mr. Mendoza and his assistants.

Specialists from Baton Rouge were here Wednesday. From here they went to Sunset where they showed films and slides to the farmers and students of that community. These specialists are milk and poultry experts. They will demonstrate before all the high schools and clubs in the parish.

The club work through this parish is rapidly progressing and more members are enlisted every day.

## PASCHEN-JUGE

A marriage of interest to people here took place in New Orleans on April 21, 1920, when Miss Alicia Eleanore Judge became the bride of Mr. Parker Newell Paschen of Chicago.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy bridal couple left for their future home in Oklahoma City where Mr. Paschen is in business. Mrs. Paschen is a sister of Mrs. Walton Sandoz of Opelousas and made her home here for many years.

## OIL WELL FOR LAKE COCODRIE

### LAKE CHARLES COMPANY WILL BEGIN OPERATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE

Mr. P. H. Singleton representative of the Forest Oil Company, of Lake Charles, was an appreciated visitor to the Clarion on Wednesday. He tells us that operations will begin very soon. The property leased and owned by the company is situated in Evangeline parish on both sides of Lake Cocodrie.

Geologists have time and again visited that section of our state and they speak very favorably concerning the possibilities of oil being there. Mr. Singleton was on his way to Bayou Chicot where he resides.

## DAVID GOLDSTEIN TO LECTURE HERE

This eminent lecturer, an authority on the social and political problems of the world today, will deliver his famous lecture on Bolshevism on next Monday week, May 10th, at p. m., at the high school auditorium. Mr. Goldstein is sent here by the Supreme Council of the K. of C., he being one of its corps engaged in educational work throughout the United States.

The lecture is free to all persons, over sixteen years of age and citizens of every denomination are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to all ex-service men, and a portion of the seats will be reserved for all who have served either in the arm or navy.

The officers and delegates of the state council, K. of C., will attend the lecture, and of course all members of the order are expected to be present.

## Baptists to Hold Revival in June

On the second of June the Baptists will have a revival meeting here, which will last until the eleventh of July. There will be preaching and singing every night. The tent in which this revival is to be held will be located on the site on which the new Baptist church is to be erected.

Rev. L. T. Hastings, state evangelist, will assist Rev. Peveto with the preaching. There will be singing and music by a very accomplished singer and musician.

All are cordially invited to attend. There will be special services at the church Sunday at eleven o'clock. The subject of the sermon being "Love's Excellencies" delivered by Rev. Peveto. There will also be preaching Sunday night at eight o'clock. Cards have been sent out announcing Sunday's sermon, as a specialty. Sunday is the "Homecoming Day" all members are urged to be present.

Building of the new Baptist Church, which is to be located opposite the court house, will begin on the first of August. The date of completion is not known as yet.

## Levee Still Intact At Krotz Springs

It was reported that the levee at Krotz Springs had given away to the turbulent waters of the Atchafalaya River. This report was not true. Land owners from here went there to ascertain the damage done their property only to find that the report was untrue. Mr. Lawler, tells us that the levee never was in better condition. The people there do not anticipate a flood for the water only rose one tenth of an inch in seventy-two hours. The levees there are nearly eight feet high and in perfect condition.

Workmen were fixing a dam which let some of the water from the numerous overflooded creeks. Hence the report that the levee had broke started.

## INFLUENZA NEARLY WIPED OUT THROUGH LOUISIANA

The weekly report of the Louisiana State Board of Health issued Tuesday showed an increase of 17 cases of influenza in the state for the week ending Saturday making a total of 41 cases of influenza in the state. Smallpox also showed a slight increase, eight more cases were reported making a total of 45 cases 33 of these cases are in Orleans parish, Caddo, 4; Plaquemine, 3; Madison, 2; and one case in each of the following parishes; Carroll, Franklin, Jefferson, Richland, Tangipahoa and Vermilion.

Mayor Berwick and Jimmie Lewis of Eunice attended to business in town between tarins Tuesday.

## DISCUSS ERECTION OF POTATO CURING PLANT AT MEETING

### Farmers and Business Men To Meet Thursday Night

### SPEAKERS WILL EXPLAIN SUBJECT

### Potatoes Cured by This Method Will Keep for Many Months and Can be Sold When Price Is High

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Now it is a well known fact that properly cured sweet potatoes will remain good for many months, and can be shipped successfully to far points. The market can not be glutted, as we do not yet produce enough sweets in this state alone to feed ourselves. Therefore, with a sure market, and a sure method of curing or curing the sweet potato, the farmer will do well to investigate the proposition to be set forth Tuesday night.

It is proposed to organize and erect a plant in this town that will take care of the sweet potatoes raised in this section, and give the farmer a cash price for his crop when he harvests it. Then these potatoes will be cured and kept until the market is in the right condition to receive them. Everyone knows that at harvest time is the poorest time to sell the ordinary product, as the market is always down. It is by this curing that our local product will be able to go into the market later, and command the top price.

This project will be fully discussed at the meeting, and it will be shown to a fine thing for the farmer by giving him a ready market for a staple crop, a fine thing for the town by adding another industry, and a fine thing for local investors. All persons interested in the good old southern yams will do well to be at the Court house Tuesday night at eight o'clock, and take a part in the meeting.

## VACANCIES AT NAVAL ACADEMY

Congressman L. Lazaro has asked the Clarion to announce that here are two vacancies in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis for this congressional district. A special examination for entrance will be held June 22.

Mr. Lazaro, will be glad to receive applications from St. Landry boys and will advise them fully in the matter.

## Remodeling Home

H. F. Richard, who resides on South Court street, is remodeling his pretty home. He will erect a front porch the whole length of the front of the house, which will give a bungalow effect. After this remodeling and repainting he will have a very beautiful home.