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Lafayette District Council National Catholic Welfare

The Lafayette district council of the National Catholic Welfare council was formed at a largely attended meeting held at the Knights of Columbus hall Sunday afternoon.

Right Reverend Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette, presided at the meeting. In explaining the purposes for which the National Catholic Welfare Council was organized by the hierarchy of the United States Bishop Jeanmard related what a power the Catholic laymen of Germany had been in the struggle with Bismarck when the Iron Chancellor had made the attempt to crush the Catholic church in Germany; of how Ramon Garcia Moreno of Ecuador had come to the aid of the church; of how the great liberator Daniel O'Connell had won the emancipation of the Catholics of Ireland from the British government. Bishop Jeanmard also paid a glowing tribute to the fight that the Irish people are now making under the leadership of De Valera and stated that he hoped to soon see the day that they would be granted a free government. Bishop Jeanmard then presented Daniel E. Doran, of San Francisco Field Representative of the National Catholic Welfare Council, to explain the purposes of the organization and the plan of procedure.

Mr. Doran explained in detail the work of the organization; of how the great need of co-ordinating the efforts of Catholic societies and to bring into the work the great numbers of Catholic laymen and women who were not enrolled in any of the societies.

Mr. Doran explained how the organization functioned through five departments as follows: Press and Publicity, Law and Legislation, Social Action, Education and Lay Organization. Going into great detail Mr. Doran explained the purposes of each of these departments.

The Educational department is to supervise matters in its sphere and also to push on the great work of civic education that the council has planned; Press and Publicity is at work building up a news service and information for all Catholic agencies. Social Action is to promote great work throughout the United States in the study of the problems that confront the residents of the various sections as well as to carry out a comprehensive program for caring for immigrants that arrive in the United States to make certain that they have the opportunity to learn American customs and not become the victims of agitators; Law and Legislation is to keep in touch with the laws through all sections of the country that are of interest to Catholics and Lay Organization will bring in the great body of Catholic men in all sections of the United States that will furnish the funds and also perform the work that will make possible the carrying out of this program.

Following the address of Mr. Doran a temporary organization was formed. P. J. Chappuis of Crowley being elected chairman. The method of organization was then discussed and it was explained that the purpose of the meeting was the organization of the District Council and that the delegates would then return to their various church parishes to form the parish council which is the first unit of the organization. All delegates present having signified the desire to start the parish organizations the work of completing the district organization was then taken up.

P. J. Chappuis, of Crowley, was elected President; Felix H. Mouton, of Lafayette, vice-pres., Paul Zimmerman, Lake Charles, Secretary/Treasurer.

The dues for individual members are \$1 per year, three-quarters of which goes to the National Organization to promote the work. Individual councils may assess such additional dues to carry on the work they propose.

The delegates at the meeting were urged to start at once the organization of the parish councils, the executive committee, which composed of the District Officers, "is to immediately begin work of starting the organization in all sections of the district that were not represented at the meeting Sunday and will also appoint the committees in the district that will co-operate with the parish councils in the work that has interest to all sections of the districts.

Bishop Jeanmard, in bringing the meeting to a close, expressed regret that because of the heavy rains during the week that many of the delegates who had planned to be in attendance were unable to, because they were

forced to depend upon automobile travel and it was impossible. Bishop Jeanmard expressed appreciation of the efficient work of Mr. Doran and extended him the appreciation of the Lafayette diocese for his painstaking effort.

The plan of organization of the National Catholic Welfare Council makes the pastor of each church the honorary president of the council. There was a large delegation of priests present, many of whom did not register, including Very Reverend Father Teurlings, Very Reverend Father Vigliero, Reverend Father Isenberg, Crowley and pastors from most of the sections that sent delegates.

The following is the registration of accredited delegates. This list does not show all delegates as it was not taken until after many of the delegates were forced to leave the meeting to take the train west;

Lafayette—H. J. Boudreaux, Mike Donlon, Jos Billeaud, R. Guillory, Erastie Landry, Aug. W. Labbe, T. M. Callahan, Sidney Mouton, Ed. Meaux, Sam J. LeBlanc, J. J. Mars, J. E. Jeanmard, Felix H. Mouton, F. and Mouton, Chas. Comeaux, Frank Daigle, M. Poligue, Geo. Crochet, Fred Voorhies, Dr. C. K. Olivier, Alcee Landry, O. F. Comeaux, O. J. Hebert, J. A. Roy, J. S. Segura, E. P. Pollingue, R. J. Mouton, G. J. Guerinere, J. C. Beaudoin, J. R. Jeanmard, D. Dejean, L. B. Debailion, Wilfred Boudreaux and W. B. Broussard. Broussard—M. Billeaud, Chas Billeaud, Chas. Corner, R. W. Bernard, J. H. Comeaux, Robert Dumesnil, Bernard Lariviere, J. G. LeBlanc. Scott—Rev. J. V. Montellard. Youngville—Wm. A. Duplex, R. Duplex, Eug. Landry. Church Point—T. Duidry, P. R. Breaux, Lourent Broussard, C. C. Horroky.

Breaux Bridge—Gaston Thibodeaux, Albert Bonin. Carencro—E. L. Prejean. Apta—Rev. F. A. Buger, H. G. Brorley, A. C. Hebert, R. L. Donat. Jennings—J. R. Mouton. Crowley—T. Simon, P. J. Chappuis, E. L. Vinet, C. A. Smith, Albert Peck, Alpha LeBlanc, F. M. Pontenot, G. O. Lognaud, E. S. Landry, L. H. Hollier, A. B. Dore, A. T. Landry, A. L. Boudreaux.

Port Barre—J. O. Burleigh, Placide Robin, S. Domes, O. E. Resweber, A. Couillard, Rev. J. B. LaChapelle. Rayne—Rev. A. S. Doure, Frank Gilbert T. Schexayder. Robert A. Deshotel—Lafayette Advertiser.

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL HAS IMPOSING CLOSING

Sunday and Monday last, June 19 and 20, the Holy Ghost school held its closing exercises for the scholastic year.

The prizes and certificates were awarded to the students Sunday morning at the solemn high mass, in the Holy Ghost church. Twelve received certificates of promotion to the Holy Ghost school which will open its doors in September.

Twenty-six students obtained book prizes and distinctions for excellence in various departments. Sunday night the students rendered a splendid program. The principal feature was a scene from Shakespeare's "King John". Many priests present pronounced its rendition up to college standards. The wapt attention of the audience during the play was more eloquent of appreciation than the stormiest applause.

The exercises were brought to a completion Monday night when another program, equally as good as that given Sunday night, was presented. The famous Martel orchestra was applauded again and again. Dr. Craig, who, during a brief vacation from his arduous work as vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce, is the guest of Father Hyland, pronounced the Holy Ghost school, in its every department up to the highest standards.

He insisted that the America of tomorrow is in the glass room of today; that efficiency, law and order and reverence and goodness must govern the class rooms and teachers of today, in order that the America of tomorrow may go forward and not go back.

In congratulating the students, faculty and parents, Father Hyland made some points which we think every intelligent colored man should take to heart. To rule in the home, he said, one must first learn to obey

MR. AND MRS. ROY ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME IN BELLEVUE SCENE OF "REV-ELRY BY NIGHT"

One of the loveliest and most delightful social functions that Opelousas society has enjoyed since pre-war days was the dance Friday night, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roy, at their beautiful country home, complimentary to their charming house guests, Misses Mabel Roy, and Nina Pellerin, from Lafayette, Miss Mabel Roy being the attractive young sister of Mr. Roy. The Roy home, one of the prettiest modern country homes of this community, always attractive, with its spacious, flower-bedecked lawn and its cool, inviting wide-spreading verandas, was an ideal setting for the party. The lawn and verandas, were bright with Japanese lanterns and electric lights, besides a wonderfully beautiful moon.

The interior of the house is well adapted for entertaining, as all the rooms can be thrown into one. From the music room, which was a veritable bower of pink cannas, gladioli and pink tulia, a delicious fruit punch was dispensed throughout the evening. The living room was lovely, having been decorated with a profusion of pink crepe-myrtle, pink zenias and pot plants. The dining room was gorgeous with a profusion of Shasta daisies, yellow cannas and yellow zenias banked in every available space. Dancing was the main amusement of the evening. However, the charming hosts had surprise galore for the guests the most unique one being an old-fashioned farm dance in quite a new-fashioned garage, disguised for the occasion, with tall stalks of green corn, bales of hay for seats, pens of fine chickens and every thing, even to a real country negro with a sure-enough accordion, numberless skyrockets were sent up at intervals all during the evening, and after partaking of delicious refreshments at a very late hour, a wonderful enjoyable evening came to a suitable close with a "stunt show," each guest being required to do some stunt for the entertainment of the other guests. Some very clever impromptu acts were "pulled" the most attractive of them being the aesthetic dancing done by Miss Nina Pellerin.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the Roys were the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. Morest, F. Dietlein, H. Larcade, Jr., Paul Boagni, A. E. Veltin, Jr., P. William, George Jordan, W. T. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Mabel Roy, Nina Pellerin, Louise Pelletier, Mary Margaret Voorhies, of Lafayette, Miss Rosa Hebrard, Mr. Isaac Hawkins, Miss Yvonne Dejean, John Lewis, Jr., Miss Irma Mai Roos, Henry Bonville, Miss Rosalie Roos, Nathan Haas; Mrs. Lawrence Daly, Jr., Alex Swords; Miss Stella Dimmick, Obte Dimmick; Miss Carmen Voorhies John Harmanson, Miss Nathala Heas, Gene Fields; Miss Lena Loeb, Sidney Roos; Miss Corinne Lacombe, Frankie Dietlein; Mrs. Frances Briggs; Miss Evelyn Lewis, Lionel Biennyu; Miss Queenie Guilbeau, James Saizan; Miss Lillian Boagni, Eddie Littell; Miss Rena McKinney, Charles Budd; Miss Helen Harmanson; Felix Richard; Miss Sing Littell, Archie Dunbar; and Messrs. Leonce Roos, Mel Dietlein, Jeff Hawkins, Edward Estorge, Dick Eckart, Vincent Boagni, Nick Halphen, Mike Halphen Robert Fields, and others.

The discipline in the Holy Ghost school is felt in the home and in the community, under intelligent leadership, a united people may accomplish for God and country. No man can give what he does not possess. An uneducated leadership or a leadership "with a little learning," is a dangerous thing, a blind thing; and when the blind lead the blind, both fall into the ditch.

Many have said that opportunity for education and unity were lacking for the past thirty years in Opelousas. This complaint can no more be made. There is now established in our midst a very seat of learning, in our schools and church. In the lectures given every Sunday morning in the Holy Ghost church, a forest of subjects are treated, and any colored man eager to improve himself may come and learn.

But the very individuals who kick about lack of opportunity, rather than come to this fountain of truth very much prefer to sit at the street corners or keep up the posts down on Landry street, where the atmosphere and conversation tend to degrade rather than elevate.

They are themselves their own enemies. The Holy Ghost church will continue to hold aloft the true standard—the standard of law and order and truth and justice and civilization and happier homes. Around that standard one and all should unite.

Note: Monday night a special musical will be given at the usual place for the benefit of the Holy Ghost church. Wednesday night, June 23, a special first-class picture will be shown at the colored theatre for the benefit of the church.

"Please don't miss either event." Father Hyland advises the colored people.

RED CROSS CLINIC HELD AT LAFAYETTE IS SUCCESSFUL

Miss Gamille Akers, temporary secretary in charge of the Opelousas chapter of the Red Cross, attended the clinic for crippled children held at Lafayette this week and on her return here reports that the clinic was a successful affair throughout, four crippled children from this parish having been taken there and examined. The session lasted two days and the program carried through was excellent. Twelve chapters sent representatives to the meeting. There were 140 children in all who attended the clinic held by Dr. Hatch.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LITTLE MISS ETHEL BOAGNI THURSDAY

Little Miss Ethel Boagni, daughter of Paul Boagni, was tendered a birthday party at the home of her uncle aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Edwards, at their home on South Union street, last Thursday. The following young folks were present:

Misses Majorie Dejean, Laperle Guilbeau, Vivian Guilbeau, Floy Edwards, Ethel Boagni, Nell Trawitt, Virginia Bienvenue, Patricia Bienvenue, Eleanor Bercler, Norma Fontenot, Bonnie Fontenot, Cleo Stelley, Elsie Stelley, Romayne Dejean, Lucille Roberts, Kathryn Lee Williams, Dootsie Fontenot, Katherine Eastham, Marie Pavr, Mel Robertson, Jessie Barnett, Rosie Barnett, Lillian Barnett, Marie Louise Jackson, Jimmie Allen, Janis Allen, Agnes May Allen, Helen McKinney, Polly Jacobs, Maxine Comeau, Annie Budd, Hilma O'Quin and Masters Will Lastrapes, Jonas Brooks, Tommie Brooks, Ray Comeau, Frank Ballard, Dupre Litton, Frederick Hollier, David Sanders, Reginald Dejean, James Comeau, Chas. Bercler, Walter Roberts, Herbert Castille, Jimmie Eastham, James Perkins, Vance Miles, Paul Pavr, Lavine, Bernard Lavine.

Delicious refreshments were served throughout the evening and the young folks had the real time of their lives. The little hostess was the recipient of many beautiful gifts from her little friends and playmates.

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J. A. HAAS, Opelousas, La.

COURT JUDGMENT IN JORDAN CASE

DECREE OF TRIBUNAL VINDICATES SUPERINTENDENT AND CITY ATTORNEY

The following is the decree of the state supreme court in the case State ex rel. E. L. Loeb, mayor, versus Geo. C. Jordan.

A perusal of the judgment shows that the superintendent has been vindicated, as also City Attorney Sandoz who advised the aldermen they were proceeding along the wrong line when Mr. Jordan was "fired."

Decree of the supreme court in the Jordan case:

United States of America, State of Louisiana Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana New Orleans, June 15, 1921. The court was duly opened, pursuant to adjournment. Present—their Honors: Frank A. Monroe, chief justice; Olivier O. Provosty, Walter B. Somerville, Chas. A. O'Neil, Ben. C. Dawkins, associate justice.

State ex rel. E. L. Loeb, Mayor, versus George C. Jordan. Appeal from the Sixteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, B. H. Pavr, Judge. Defendants appeals from a judgment declaring him dismissed and discharged from the position of superintendent of the electric light and waterworks plant of the city of Opelousas, and enjoining him to abstain from interference with the management or control of the plant. The judgment was rendered on the pleadings and annexed documents. The facts of the case are therefore not disputed. Defendant, being one of two applicants for the position of superintendent of the electric light and waterworks plant, was elected by vote of the board of aldermen on the 7th of December, 1920, for a term expiring on the 19th of May, 1922, at the salary of \$275 per month. He was given

authority to employ and discharge all employees in that department. In February, 1921, defendant took offense at what he deemed an interference by the mayor with the management of the electric light and waterworks department, and struck the mayor on the leg with a whip. A special meeting of the board of aldermen was immediately called, for the purpose of acting in the matter of the dismissal and discharge of the superintendent, and to take any and all action in reference thereto that the board might deem necessary, and for the further purpose of suspending any existing rule of order with reference to the dismissal of employees, if same should be deemed necessary. The mayor presided at the meeting, and four of the five members constituting the board of aldermen were present. The absentee was not in the city and was not served with the notice, which was left at his residence about three hours before the meeting. The city attorney attended the meeting and advised that the board could not legally at that meeting, adopt an ordinance to repeal an existing ordinance, because the purpose of doing so had not been stated in the call for the meeting. One of the aldermen then offered a resolution to suspend "the rule with reference to the dismissal of employees of the city." The so-called rule, which the resolution was intended to suspend, was in reality an ordinance prescribing the method by which alone employees might be hired or discharged, viz:

"An Ordinance For the purpose of regulating the manner in which town officers and employees shall be employed, tried and discharged.

"Section One: Be it ordained by the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Opelousas that no new office or position of emolument shall be created, made or appointed by this board unless the office or position shall first be discussed and passed upon by the board and two-thirds voting in favor of such new office or position.

"Section One adopted by the following yeas and nays vote, to-wit: Against: Estorge. For adoption: Norman, Boagni, Sandoz, Saizan, Larcade.

"Section Two. Be it further ordained by the board of aldermen of the town of Opelousas that the officers employed by the board of aldermen, or by officers of the town authorized to do so, shall not be tried and discharged for malfeasance or neglect of duty or any other cause, except by a board composed of two-thirds of the members present.

"Be it further ordained that, in order to have two-thirds of the board present to try such cases, the members present shall compel the attendance of absent members and may impose a fine of \$10.00 upon the absent notified members and compel their attendance by sending the town marshal to arrest the absentees, and try them before the board.

"Section Two adopted by the following yeas and nays vote, to-wit: Against: Estorge. For adoption: Sandoz, Chachere, Norman, Saizan, Boagni and Larcade."

It appears that the city attorney also advised the mayor and the board of aldermen that the ordinance providing an exclusive method for discharging employees of the city could not be repealed or suspended by mere resolution. But the aldermen who had introduced the resolution insisted upon its being put to a vote. The result was a tie vote, two aldermen voting for and two against the adoption of the resolution; whereupon the mayor cast the deciding vote in favor of the resolution. The alderman who had introduced the resolution then offered the following resolution, viz:

"Resolved that George C. Jordan, superintendent of the city's power plant, be, and he is hereby, dismissed and discharged for good and sufficient causes, among others, for insubordination and for assaulting the mayor while the latter was in the discharge of his official duties.

"Resolved further that the mayor and power house committee be, and they are hereby, authorized to take charge of said power plant and to see that it is operated to the best advantage until a new superintendent be employed and qualified."

The vote on the resolution discharging the superintendent was the same as on the resolution purporting to suspend the ordinance that stood in the way, the mayor casting the deciding vote in favor of the adoption of both resolutions.

On advice of his attorney, defendant refused to surrender his office or employment, claiming that the board of aldermen could not discharge him without allowing him a hearing, in conformity with the ordinance on the subject.

The theory on which the district court rendered judgment on the pleadings and without hearing evidence was that defendant's only recourse was to claim his salary for the unexpired portion of the term of his employment. For that reason, it was stated in the judgment that it was rendered without prejudice to the defendant's right; if any he had to sue for the salary for the unexpired part of his term of employment. The court had reference to Article 2749 of the Civil Code, viz:

"If, without any serious ground of complaint, a man should send away a laborer whose services he has hired for a certain time, before that time has expired, he shall be bound to pay to such laborer the whole of the sal-

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aries which he would have been entitled to receive, had the full term of his service arrived.

An officer of a municipal corporation is not to be regarded as a laborer, within the meaning of Article 2749 of the code. This suit, instituted by resolution of the mayor and board of aldermen, is a quo warranto proceeding; which according to Article 867 of the code of practice, is available only against "a person who claims or usurps an office in a corporation." By the method of his proceeding, therefore, the relator has assumed that defendant was not an ordinary employee but an officer of the corporation. It would not affect our judgment in this case, however, if we should assume that defendant was an ordinary employee and not an officer of the corporation. It is admitted that he was not given a hearing on the accusation of insubordination and of assaulting the mayor, for which he was discharged. However, reprehensible his conduct may have been in the estimation of the mayor and the two members of the board of aldermen who voted to discharge him, the ordinance on the subject of discharging employees gave him the right to a hearing and an opportunity to defend himself against the accusation. The mayor and board of aldermen realized that the superintendent of the electric light and waterworks plant while the ordinance on the subject of discharging employees remained in force. That is why the mayor and two members of the board of aldermen undertook first to repeal and then to suspend the ordinance for the occasion than of their pre-emptory discharging the superintendent. They had no more right, by mere resolution, to suspend the ordinance for the occasion than they had to summarily discharge the superintendent in defiance of the ordinance.

It is contended on behalf of relator that the ordinance regulating the manner of discharging officers and employees of the city shows upon its face that its final passage was not accomplished by a "yea and nay" vote, as required by section 33 of Act 108 of 1898 (p. 335). The requirement of the law referred to is that "all ordinances shall be read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen, and the vote on their final passage shall be taken by yeas and nays, which shall be entered on the minutes by the clerk." The copy of the ordinance in question, as embodied in the minutes of the meeting at which it was adopted, and as heretofore quoted in this opinion, shows upon its face that each section was acted by a yeas and nays vote on final passage of the ordinance; which in our opinion, was compliance with the statute on the subject.

The judgment appealed from is null and void and this suit is dismissed at the cost of the relator.

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