

TO REDUCE FARM FIRE LOSSES

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE ENDORSES FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National fire prevention week is to be observed October 2-9.

Its object is to call attention to the vast annual loss by fires which might have been prevented, and to emphasize the necessity of safeguards against future fires.

According to the statistics of the national board of fire underwriters, there were 38,266 fires on farms in a single year—1918—and the estimated loss on farms in a single year—1918—was \$18,166,710.

Farmers, and all persons in rural communities, will join in the observance of fire prevention week both individually and in public gatherings, such as schools, churches, and farm organizations.

Farm fires cost about \$20,000,000 a year—\$18,166,710 in 1918 of the fires that year 33 per cent were from classed as preventable, 37 per cent from partly preventable causes, and 30 per cent unknown but believed to have been largely preventable.

Defective chimneys and flues take toll to the extent of \$1,922,031; sparks on roofs, \$1,181,171; careless use of matches by smokers and others, \$1,710,987.

The largest item listed as partly preventable is lightning, \$3,933,950. Fire prevention week should be made a special time for looking over the premises to see that the buildings are in the best practicable shape to prevent and resist fire.

Gasoline has come to play such an important part in farm life that special care should be taken to see that it is not stored in inflammable buildings and is never opened in the presence of uncooled flame.

Fire prevention week ends on the semi-centennial of the great Chicago fire. While occurring in a great city, the traditional cause of this fire was one which is liable to occur in the country—the upsetting of a lantern in a stable.

Numerous fires are caused by thrashing machines, both by scattered sparks and embers and by dust explosions in the separators. All smokestacks should have spark arresters, and the ground around the boiler should be kept clear and wet down if necessary.

States department of agriculture has made exhaustive studies of the subject and is prepared to recommend adequate safeguards.

Serious losses caused by sparks from locomotives, which ignite dry wooden shingle roofs and start many fires in straw, stubble and grass during dry seasons. If a railroad runs through the farm, it will pay to plow a few furrows along the right of way as a fire break.

Kerosene lamps should be examined to see that the burners are in good condition, and should be kept apart and should be so different as to avoid possibility of a mistake.

Ordinary friction matches should be kept in safe places receptacles, away from children, and never carried loose. Smoking in barns and garages never should be permitted. Fire marshals of western states report greater fire losses in grain and straw than from carelessly thrown matches, engine sparks and automobile and tractor backfire, that ever before.

Buildings may be made safer by seeing that the chimneys are without cracks and free from soot, which may take fire and scatter sparks on dry roofs. Flues which may become hot should be covered with asbestos and any nearby walls and ceilings protected. There should be a sheet of metal under every stove.

Out of all the causes by lightning not one was on a building protected by lightning rods. It is now definitely known that lightning rods afford protection. If installed intelligently they reduce the risk from lightning almost to the vanishing point.

Public schools may well devote an hour or afternoon to a special fire prevention program. Some prominent citizen could be called for a talk. Essays and, perhaps, a playlet by the children would help impress the matter on their minds.

Meetings of farm organizations are particularly proper occasions for fire prevention programs. These organizations frequently have a fire insurance feature, and every fire loss means larger premiums for the mutual insurance associations.

The lesson of fire prevention should be taken to every rural home and community. Precautionary measures will do much to cut down a loss that takes millions of dollars out of the possession of rural Americans every year and leaves nothing in its place. Prevention is better than regret.

CONVERT GASH INTO FISH PONDS

DEPARTMENT ADVISES FARMERS TO ADOPT PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR FOOD SUPPLY

New Orleans, Sept. 30.—Most of the farmers of Louisiana should have a private fish pond in the opinion of the conservation department of the state. In nearly every instance there is a gash in the skin of the old earth which, if closed at the lower end, would collect enough of the rainfall to make a permanent pond.

news in the pond would destroy the larvae, whereas leaving these gashes as they are, every rain forms puddles of water in which fish can not live, but in which the larvae of the mosquito thrive. Of course, perfect drainage would kill off the mosquitoes, but perfect drainage is almost impossible in many cases, and in others is not accomplished.

Not every pond would accommodate the fish that the farmer would most desire perhaps, but all would provide for edible fish. A large pond could be used for bass and such like fish, while the smaller ones would provide sustenance for the smaller varieties, such as sunfish, (which in this section are called perch), sac-a-lait, and the like.

The conservation department of Louisiana is much interested in this subject and if the farmer who establishes such a pond will write to the department describing the character of the pond he desires to use an expert will advise him what species of native fish is best to use as stock. Naturally those farmers who live near streams or lakes teeming with fish will not be interested in the subject, though even they could at all times get a particular kind of fish from the pond, but those somewhat removed from the natural habitat of fish would find the plan of considerable economic value, aside from its other pleasing aspects.

A little labor will turn a favorably situated spot into a suitable reservoir and the frequent rains in this section would do the rest, provide harbor for the fish and water for cattle and other farm animals during periods of extended drouth.

CLUB TEAM TO TRAIN AT VARIOUS FAIRS

University Station, Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 30.—The state club stock judging team, composed of four club boys who will represent Louisiana at the international club stock judging contest at Atlanta, Ga., in October, will meet at the South Louisiana fair, Donaldsonville, October 6, 7 and 8 to begin a course of intensive training under W. C. Abbott, state club leader, extension division, Louisiana State University.

The team, accompanied by its leader, Mr. Abbott, will spend two days at the university, leaving from there to attend the state fair of Texas at Dallas, October 11, 12. The boys will then go to Meridian to attend the Mississippi-Alabama fair, October 14, 15. Two days spent at the Alabama station, Auburn college, will complete the itinerary, and the four boys will go to Atlanta to compete against club teams from all over the United States for the free trip to the English Royal Livestock Show, London, England.

Fourteen parish stock judging teams entered into competition to make the state stock judging team, and every boy in the livestock division of club work was given an opportunity to try for a place on the teams. Gordon Dugal, Lafayette parish; Max Knight, Beauregard; Kearney, Natchitoches; and Harland Riley, Vermillion, made the four highest scores in the contests and were chosen to represent Louisiana at Atlanta.

RED CROSS GIVES ANNUAL BUDGET

\$19,361,657 Allotted for Current Program of Relief and Service.

MILLIONS FOR VETERAN AID

Medical Aid for European Children Will Cost \$6,000,000 This Year.

Washington.—Expenditures totalling \$19,361,657 for carrying through its program of relief and services in the United States and overseas are outlined in the budget of the American Red Cross for the current fiscal year. This total is more than \$5,000,000 lower than the expenditure during the last fiscal year, when the disbursements reached \$24,492,741.

Outstanding among the items of the domestic budget is the appropriation of \$8,689,256 for work in behalf of the disabled ex-service man and his family. This appropriation represents the amount allotted to this work from National Headquarters only and does not take into consideration the millions being spent in chapters for relief of the World War veteran.

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Other items of the domestic budget include \$498,548 for miscellaneous activities, including contributions restricted for special purposes and \$768,800 for management. Each of these items represents large reductions over similar appropriations of the previous year.

From a fund of \$10,000,000, \$5,000,000 of which was contributed through the European Relief Council campaign and \$5,000,000 allotted by the Red Cross for child welfare work in Europe, there remains \$8,765,108 still available, of which it is estimated that \$6,000,000 will be required for this work during the current year.

For Red Cross participation in the joint effort to relieve famine conditions in Russia, for final work in the China famine, for Junior Red Cross and other overseas activities including the closing of the old general relief program in Europe \$4,978,000 is made available.

In announcing the national budget, the Red Cross makes it clear that the figures do not include chapter expenditures or place any cash estimate on the invaluable service of volunteers in chapters.

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ASSOCIATION OFFERS PRODUCERS' RICE AT THURSDAY SALES DAY

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There were a number of samples of rice on exhibit and the reporter noticed that there was a sprinkling of red rice in several of these samples. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Amy stated that the presence of the red outflow in the samples was the real reason why rice in question had not been sold.

Thursday was regular sales day and buyers representing various milling interests had been invited to be present and bid on various lots of grain. These sales days are regular features of the association and as the organization grows older and stronger the active officials expect that it will be a beneficial factor in the handling of the rice industry to the best interests of both producer and miller.

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SUCCESSION SALE

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE BILLEAU-DEAU

No. 7187, Probate Docket, Sixteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana

By virtue of an order of the Honorable B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court, holding sessions in and for the parish of St. Landry, La., bearing date Sept. 29, 1921, and in pursuance to a commission to me directed by the clerk of the said court there will be sold at public auction by the undersigned to the last and highest bidder at the last residence of the deceased, near Eunice, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

First. A certain tract or parcel of land, situated in Paquetalque prairie in St. Landry parish, bounded north and east by Homer Fruge; south by public road; and west by Rock Island railroad, containing one and one-third acres, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and being the last residence of the deceased.

Second. One Jersey cow and calf; one brown cow and calf; one red cow; one old buggy and harness; one large wash pot; one sewing machine; one toilette; two rocking chairs; three rawhide bottom chairs; one armchair; one bedstead and bedding; one kitchen safe; stove and kitchen utensils; one table; two old clocks; one lamp; lot of tools, consisting of hammer, handax, one saw, one sledge hammer, brace and bit, square; one shoe repairing outfit; one swing; one pistol.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—Money, cash and the real estate, one-half or more, cash, on day of sale, and the balance, if any, on a credit of one and two years, at option of the purchaser, the credit portion of said sale to be evidenced by notes of the purchaser, to his own order and by him endorsed in blank, bearing eight (8) per cent interest per annum from date of adjudication until paid and secured by special mortgage and vendor's lien and privilege on the property sold, with the pact "do not alienate," including ten (10) per cent attorney's fees in the event of suit.

FELICIEEN ARDOIN, Administrator.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

ESTATE OF EUGENE BERTRAND, DECEASED

No. —, Probate Docket Sixteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

Whereas, Eugene Bertrand, Jr., has applied to be appointed administrator of the above numbered and entitled estate, and

Therefore, notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties to show cause, if any they can or have, in writing in this office within ten days of the first publication, hereof why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of said court, dated Sept. 29, 1921.

HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., Clerk of Court.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

ESTATE OF HENRY L. MERSCH

No. 7175, Probate Docket, Sixteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, La.

Whereas, Laura Mersch, has applied to be appointed administratrix of the above numbered and entitled estate, and

Therefore, notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties to show cause, if any they can or have, in writing in this office within ten days of the first publication, hereof why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

By order of said court, dated Sept. 26, 1921.

HENRY LASTRAPES, JR., Clerk of Court.

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JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

CALL FOR BIDS

The undersigned president of the BAYOU PLAQUEMINE DRAINAGE DISTRICT of the parish of St. Landry, La., will receive bids to raise issue of \$25,000 bonds of said district

each bid must be accompanied by a certified check of two (2) per cent of the amount of the bid, as an evidence of good faith.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids may also be left with the attorney of the board, P. R. Sandoz, Opelousas, La., at any time up to ten o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, October 11, 1921, said bids to be addressed and superscribed as hereinabove set forth.

W. C. DEJEAN, President, Bayou Plaquemine Drainage District, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

\$300,000.00

PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, LOUISIANA

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 14 BONDS:

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned at Opelousas, La., until Monday, November 7th, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purchase of \$300,000.00 five (5) per cent bonds of Road District No. 14, of the parish of St. Landry, La., dated September 1, 1921.

Six hundred bonds of the denomination of \$500.00 each, maturing as follows:

- Sept. 1, 1922, fourteen bonds \$7,000
Sept. 1, 1923, fourteen bonds 7,000
Sept. 1, 1924, fifteen bonds 7,500
Sept. 1, 1925, sixteen bonds 8,000
Sept. 1, 1926, sixteen bonds 8,000
Sept. 1, 1927, seventeen bonds 8,500
Sept. 1, 1928, eighteen bonds 9,000
Sept. 1, 1929, nineteen bonds 9,500
Sept. 1, 1930, twenty bonds 10,000
Sept. 1, 1931, twenty-one bonds 10,500
Sept. 1, 1932, twenty-two bonds 11,000
Sept. 1, 1933, twenty-three bonds 11,500
Sept. 1, 1934, twenty-four bonds 12,000
Sept. 1, 1935, twenty-five bonds 12,500
Sept. 1, 1936, twenty-seven bonds 13,500
Sept. 1, 1937, twenty-eight bonds 14,000
Sept. 1, 1938, twenty-nine bonds 14,500
Sept. 1, 1939, thirty-one bonds 15,500
Sept. 1, 1940, thirty-two bonds 16,000
Sept. 1, 1941, thirty-four bonds 17,000
Sept. 1, 1942, thirty-six bonds 18,000
Sept. 1, 1943, thirty-eight bonds 19,000
Sept. 1, 1944, thirty-nine bonds 19,500
Sept. 1, 1945, forty-two bonds 21,000

Interest payable semi-annually on the first day of March and September in each and every year, at the rate of five per cent per annum from date of bonds. The principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable at the office of the Parish Treasurer, at Opelousas, La., or at the National Park Bank in the city of New York State of New York, or at the option of the holders or purchasers.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for 1-2 per cent of the face value of said bonds. All bids must be superscribed with the words: "Bid for Road Bonds of Road District No. 14, of the parish of St. Landry, La."

The purchaser will be required to defray the cost of any legal examination or investigation in connection therewith that may be required by him.

The police jury shall have the right to reject any or all bids.

F. OCTAVE PAVY, President of the Police Jury, St. Landry Parish, La.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the undersigned up to Tuesday, October 4, 1921, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., for electric light and water meters necessary for the city, on the most advantageous terms.

All bids to be accompanied by a certified check for two per cent of the contract price as a guarantee of good faith.

Bids should be addressed to Mayor E. L. Loeb, Chairman Power House Committee, and marked "Bid for Light and Water Meters" and will be opened and acted upon at a regular meeting of the board of aldermen to be held on the same date and at the same hour.

The city of Opelousas, La. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For further particulars apply at mayor's office.

POWER HOUSE COMMITTEE, E. L. Loeb, Chairman.

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ESTRAY NOTICE

Taken up by the undersigned, at his home in Plaisance, one dun colored mare, star in face and about fifteen (15) hands high and weighs about nine hundred (900) pounds. Mare has young colt, which was foaled on Friday, September 23. Owner can secure same by establishing right of ownership and paying all costs, including this advertisement, otherwise the said animals will be sold according to the police jury ordnance relative to the disposal of estray animals.

EUGENE LEBOUX, sept 24 4t Rt. 2, Opelousas, La.

NO-FENCE LAW WINS ELECTION IN BATON ROUGE

Country Votes Against, City for and Majority Reported to Be Only Forty

The advocates of a no-fence law won a victory Tuesday in a special election held in the parish of East Baton Rouge, their majority being reported at forty, the rural sections voting against and the city for the proposed measure. A heavy vote was poll-

JUDICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

SUCCESSION SALE

ESTATE OF JEAN BTE MORTON

No. 7145, Probate Docket, Sixteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana

By virtue of an order of the Honorable B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court, holding sessions in and for the parish of St. Landry, La., bearing date Sept. 29, 1921, and in pursuance to a commission to me directed by the clerk of the said court there will be sold at public auction by the undersigned to the last and highest bidder at the last residence of the deceased, in the parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

Real Estate 1. A certain tract of land containing twenty arpents, situated at Plaisance in St. Landry parish, La., containing One and six (1/6) arpents, more or less, bounded on the north by M. J. tenot, South by Frank Butler, West by Mrs. A. B. Fontenot, and East by Edward tenot, and being the same property, owned and deceased at different times by father Evariste Joubert.

2. A certain tract of land containing twenty arpents, situated on the north, by A. B. Fontenot, South by Mrs. A. B. Fontenot, West by Mrs. A. B. Fontenot, and East by Edward tenot, and being the same property, owned and deceased at different times by father Evariste Joubert.

The first of the above described tracts and will be sold in subdivisions, as follows: (a) Lot number one containing 45.45 arpents; (b) lot number two containing 24.12 arpents. The second above described tract of land has been subdivided into lots and will be sold in the following: (a) Lot number one 10 arpents; (b) lot number two 10 arpents. A survey and map has been made of these subdivisions by W. R. Sandoz, surveyor and engineer, and the same are on file in the office of the undersigned, at Opelousas, La., where they can be examined on application. The same will be exhibited on the day of sale.

Movables One lot of household furniture, kitchen utensils; Three mules; head of horses; Six cows and calves; One cow; Two hogs; One pig; One branding iron; Eight vials of ton; One hundred and twenty bushels of corn; 40 bales of hay; One wagon; One cow; One pig; One ton cotton seed; One ton 60 chickens; One-half barrel of sote; One bed and bedding; One chair; One dresser; One table.

Terms and Conditions of Sale The movables will be sold at the moment of adjudication, verbal of the administrator, and the purchaser will assume and pay the cost of the same. The immovables will be sold in half (1/2) cash, balance payable one year from date of sale, deferred payments to be represented by promissory notes payable to the order of the purchaser and by deposited in blank, bearing 5 per cent per annum from date and interest, and each to be secured by special mortgage and vendor's lien and privilege in favor of the holders of the said notes. The purchaser will pay the cost of the transfer to him if he desires to instrument separate from the taxes for the year 1921, and the one stamp and recording tax.

LAURENT JOURNET, Administrator. sept 24 4t

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the undersigned up to Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Lee street, north side, from the avenue to College avenue, and to be in conformity with the plans and specifications prepared by the city engineer.

All bids to be accompanied by a certified check for two per cent of the contract price, as a guarantee of good faith.

Bids should be addressed to Mayor E. L. Loeb, Opelousas, La., and marked "Bid for Concrete Sidewalk on Grolee Street" and will be opened and acted upon at a regular meeting of the board of aldermen to be held on the same date and at the same hour.

The city of Opelousas, La. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

E. L. LOEB, Mayor.

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Eugleburger Rice and Polished

On hand, ready for delivery. If you need rice, see F. L. SANDOZ, oct 1 2t Opelousas



Me-o-my, how you'll take to a pipe—and P. A.!

Before you're a day older you want to let the idea slip under your hat that this is the open season to start something with a joy's jimmy pipe—and some Prince Albert!



Prince Albert is sold in tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tins, and in the pound crystal glass tins. It is a moistener too.

PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke

CARRYING ON SERVICE FOR DISABLED VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR THAT IS COSTING \$10,000,000 A YEAR, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS HELPING FULFILL THIS NATION'S OBLIGATION TO ITS DEFENDERS. HELP THE RED CROSS CONTINUE THIS WORK BY ANSWERING THE ANNUAL ROLL CALL NOVEMBER 11-24, 1921.

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