

THE ST. LANDRY CLARION

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TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Assessor Fontenot Complete Tax Roll for 1922 and Ready To Turn Same Over to Sheriff

Total Assessed Valuation \$29,499,155.00—Much Greater Than Last Year—Parish Tax \$728,513.99—Schools Get \$32,612.00 While Good Roads Get \$173,523.05.

Assessor Rene Fontenot has just completed the tax roll of the parish and in turning over the facts and figures to the editor of the Clarion, Mr. Fontenot and his efficient office force looked the satisfactory look of "Duty well done." The compiling of the assessment roll of this parish is no little task and very few of the citizens rely upon how much genuine work is in this office. Some of the figures and facts that we give below should be of some use to the average person as to the amount of work there is in the Assessor's office.

St. Landry's total assessed valuation is \$29,499,155.00 which is the largest assessment ever taken of this parish. There are 11,500 taxpayers and 569,942 acres of land appear on this year's roll. The above assessment is taken on a 100 per cent valuation and proves beyond a doubt that St. Landry is one of the very best in the state.

The movable property of the parish is assessed for \$11,122,011.00, which is an increase of \$688,000.00 over last year. Assessor Fontenot went back to the old style of assessing and in that manner a great many people who owned cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, mules and other live stock that never had given in their assessment, and some who had never appeared on the roll at all. His efforts in this direction are very praiseworthy, as the possible way to lower taxation is to see that each and everyone pay on just exactly the property he or she owns.

The total assessment valuation of all lands and improvements of the parish is \$18,377,194.00, which is again an increase over last year. This may be attributed to the placing on the roll of a lot of lands which have

never been assessed and also the placing of a more just and reasonable assessment of the improvements of some tax payers.

The following will show just what distribution is made of the \$728,513.99, which is the total tax for all purposes in the parish:

Total State Tax	\$154,839.60
Total Parish Tax	\$191,782.00
Total School Tax	\$92,612.06
Total Road Tax	\$173,523.05
Total Levee Tax	\$65,735.50
Total Drainage Tax	\$56,244.69

Out of the total parish tax \$191,782.00 seven thirteenths of this amount goes to the schools of the parish, so the schools will not share so bad after all.

The books are in fine shape and Mr. Isaac Litton left for Baton Rouge on Thursday to place them before the members of the state board of affairs and the Auditor and get their O. K. before the sheriff can commence the collection of taxes.

Taking it all in all the roll is one of the best that St. Landry parish has ever had, and much credit and praise is due Mr. Rene Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot was wise in his selection of an office force, having as chief-deputy, Mr. Isaac Litton, who is a thoroughly trained office man, and through whose zealous and untiring efforts the work is now ready. Mr. Fontenot has since Mr. G. J. Richard, who has had side by side with Mr. Litton so that the people of the parish might pay their taxes before the first of the year. Young Richard is a splendid and competent young fellow and from a thorough examination of the work on the books, we may safely say it is one of the neatest and best we have ever had.

W. W. GELVIN IS ELECTED AS REGISTRAR

When the police jury of this parish met in regular session on Tuesday morning one of the most important things that it disposed of was to elect Mr. W. W. Gelvin registrar of this parish. Mr. Gelvin has for a number of years been deputy registrar under Mr. Henry Lastrepe, Jr., our popular clerk of court, and is no doubt thoroughly qualified for the duties of that office.

The election of Mr. Gelvin was by acclamation and his many friends were glad for his election.

As we go to press we learn that two of Mr. Barrilleaux's children have pneumonia and are quite sick. The many friends of Mr. Barrilleaux's will be shocked to learn of this sad news and hope that both children will be well and out before long.

OPELOUSAS RUSTLERS TO PLAY GRAND COTEAU

On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Giro's park the Opelousas Rustlers will lock horns with Grand Coteau in the foot ball classic of the season.

This is positively only big game of the season to be played on the home field.

With the kicking that the Jennings aggregation got on Friday, the Rustlers now think they can really rip the world wide open. Look out, Grand Coteau!

A. A. Mendoza, quarter back, Toby Veltin, full back; Charlie Thibodeaux, half-back. On the line, Alphonse Clary, Eugene Littell, Eddie Littell, Clarence Daigle, Tiny Maxwell, Robert Lewis, Lesley Harris, Frankie Dietlein.

Mrs. Francois Brignac Claimed by Death

Mrs. Francois Brignac, residing Ville Platte, Evangeline parish, died on November 8, 1921, and was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery in Ville Platte, Father Savoy, officiating. Mrs. Brignac was a great aunt of our popular Assessor, Rene Fontenot, and grandmother of Mrs. Rene Fontenot. Mrs. Brignac had reached the ripe old age of 97.

The Clarion extends sympathy to the bereaved members of the family.

Dudley Guilbeau spent Friday in Bayne visiting Dr. and Mrs. Ed Berclair.

OPELOUSAS MAN IS HONORED AT L. S. U.

George K. Perrault, of Opelousas, La., son of the late Judge Perrault, and member of the Senior Law Class of the Louisiana State University, was elected as a representative of the Law School to the University Student Honor Council at a recent meeting of the law students. This makes the second time he has been honored with a place on this student board, having been elected to it in the fall of 1919 from his law class.

Perrault entered the university in the fall of 1917, but after completing his year of pre-legal work as a student in the college of arts and science, he left the university in the spring of 1918 to enter the United States army. He received a commission as Second Lieutenant, but after the armistice was signed, returned to the university in the fall of 1919. He held a Captainship in the cadet battalion but due to pressure of law work was forced to resign.

Perrault is a candidate for graduation next June from the Law School, and will go into partnership with his brother, L. L. Perrault, a prominent attorney of Opelousas, and a graduate of L. S. U. class of '06.

FIRE BOYS MAKING DRIVE. COLLECTING FUND TO REPAIR HALL

The fire boys had a special meeting Thursday night, to which their friends and the public generally were invited. The purpose of the meeting was to organize and start a drive for funds to repair the fire hall.

Favorable reports were received from Chairman Michel Halphen, J. showing good progress with the minstrel show he and other friends of the fire boys are getting up for the benefit of the repair fund.

The following drive committee was appointed to solicit funds throughout the city:

First Ward—Robert Sandoz, Charles Thibodeaux, Sr., Miss Mary Littell, Mrs. J. Adam Budd.

Second Ward—E. M. Boagni, W. A. Robertson, Mrs. A. Leon Dupre, Mrs. Jos. Firsberg.

Third Ward—Simon Stelly, Oscar J. Mistic, Mrs. W. T. Stewart, Mrs. Simon Stelly.

Fourth Ward—Dr. J. A. Haas, Dr. A. J. Perrault, Mrs. F. J. Dietlein, Mrs. H. B. Edwards.

The members of this committee are hereby requested to meet at the fire hall on next Tuesday, November 15th at 7 o'clock, p. m., to decide on the date for commencement of the drive, method of soliciting funds, etc. It is hoped that all those appointed will gladly accept the duty asked of them and assist our faithful volunteer firemen in obtaining a liberal response to their appeal for funds.

Announcement was made at the meeting Thursday night that several citizens had sent in contributions without waiting for the committee to call upon them. Mrs. E. P. Veszie handed Chairman Robertson her check for \$20.00, just before the meeting a message was received from Mrs. J. P. Troclair authorizing the committee to put her down for a contribution of \$5.00, and one from Mr. E. J. Baerni stating that he was heart and soul with the fire boys and authorizing a draft on him for the liberal contribution of \$100.00. All of these parties also offered to assist the boys in any way possible, with the proposed entertainments, etc.

THIS IS A GOOD START. KEEP IT UP.

DISTINCT HONOR WAS CONFERRED ON OPELOUSAS MAYOR

Acting Governor, Hewitt Bouanchaud has conferred a distinct honor upon the Mayor of Opelousas by selecting him as a delegate to the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Intercoastal Canal Association, which will be held in the city of Orange, Texas on the 28th and 29th of November.

The object and purposes of this association are of vast value to all sections of the country and we are glad to see that Opelousas has been recognized and honored by having Mayor Loeb selected by the governor as a delegate to this convention.

Miss Grace Carson returned to Lafayette on Tuesday after spending some time here with her parents.

Memorial Services by Bishop W. R. Lambuth will be held at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock tomorrow. (?)

Joe Blackshear returned on Sunday from Alexandria after a visit to his sister, Miss Lizzie Blackshear.

HUEY P. LONG GETS THIRTY DAYS AND IS FINED \$1

Jail Sentence Suspend by Court During "Good Behavior"

PARKER'S ATTACKED REBUKED SHARPLY

The Whole Affair is Most Unfortunate One—Gov. Parker, Exonerated

Huey P. Long, public service commissioner, was found guilty of criminally libeling Governor John M. Parker, and Judge H. F. Brunot in the district court pronounced sentence upon Long as follows:

"Thirty days in the parish prison for charging that the appointment of Dr. W. W. Leake, son of Hunter C. Leake, as superintendent of the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, at a salary of \$10,000.00 illustrated that the Standard Oil company dominated the state administration—sentence suspended during good behavior.

"A fine of \$1, and in default of payment thereof, a sentence of one hour in the parish prison, for charging that Governor Parker dispensed public jobs to bolster the domination of the Standard Oil company in Louisiana.

After Judge Brunot had pronounced sentence upon Mr. Long a large number of Long's friends gathered around him and shook hands with him and of course commented that the verdict occasioned no surprise.

Thus ends a bitter and warm fight, and while of course the friends of Mr. Long expected the final outcome would be just as it was, they can see very little good the Governor can expect from such a step taken by him.

COMPLETE WORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND CONVENT

A few weeks past, Dr. Pennington of Baton Rouge and Mr. L. H. Mornhinweg undertook to examine the eyes of the children in our local public school. After working three days the work was incomplete to the tune of about 200 pupils, all lower grades, Dr. Pennington being forced back to Baton Rouge to give his practice attention and to quote Mr. Mornhinweg, three days out of his store presented a bench swamped with work.

Miss Stockton and the teachers whose pupils had not had attention have been urging that the work be taken up again, harkening to their importunities Dr. Pennington will in Opelousas Monday and Tuesday, November 14th and 15th. He and Mr. Mornhinweg will examine the convent children Monday morning and complete the public school work Monday afternoon.

Tuesday, Dr. Pennington will receive the children who want attention and advise with the parents, giving the entire day to them at Mornhinweg's Jewelry store.

These gentlemen are to be congratulated for performing this necessary and humanitarian work, without cost to the parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ENTERTAINS AT CARDS

On last Wednesday night the Knights of Columbus gave their usual monthly entertainment to the Knights and their lady friends at a 500 party at the Knights of Columbus building.

One of the largest crowds that they have ever had for one of these Wednesday night card parties and by this time they all know why there was such a good attendance. The ladies should hold the chairman, Mr. Benvenyue of the entertainment committee personally responsible for the refreshments, and some time in the near future make the officers keep faith.

After six games the Knights served hot chocolate and waffles with a sweet promise to do better next time. The ladies prize was won by Mrs. W. B. Prescott and the Gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Felix Stelly.

Max Levine Has Fire Scare on Wednesday

The house occupied by L. Levine and owned by J. J. Healey on Main and Madison streets caught fire on the roof, and while the damage was not of very great, there was quite a bit of damage caused by the water.

The Fire Boys, as usual responded very promptly and the blaze was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. Nat Amy returned home on Monday after spending a week in Shreveport as guest of relatives.

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION

The board of directors of The Clarion Company, Ltd., owners of The St. Landry Clarion and the Star-Progress decided at a meeting held Tuesday morning to consolidate the two papers under the name of THE CLARION-PROGRESS.

The consolidation is made so that more time can be devoted to the publishing of a larger and better paper, the efforts of successful newspaper publishers being put forth to give to St. Landry parish the combined products of the two best newspapers ever published in this parish.

We believe that in consolidating the two papers that we will better be able to serve you and at the same time give you the very best weekly paper published in Southwest Louisiana. It shall be our pleasure to make The Clarion-Progress so very good that no family in the confines of the Parish of St. Landry will want to be without the home paper.

The Clarion-Progress is the official journal of the parish of St. Landry and of the City of Opelousas, and it will be our aim and earnest efforts to make it worthy of being called the official journal.

The subscribers of the St. Landry Clarion and of the Star-Progress will be put on the mailing list of the Clarion-Progress; those receiving the two papers will be given proper credit, thereby assuring many subscribers of the consolidated papers a paid up paper for the next two years. Those holding subscriptions for a longer period will be taken care of accordingly.

We ask the people of the parish to bear with us and give us their co-operation and we assure them that The Clarion-Progress will at all times be a power for truth and justice, and that it will be the pride of the community and parish.

WORLD FAMED FIGHT TO BE STAGED AT PRINCESS THEATRE

The Battle of the "Century" Will be Shown Here on Next Monday Night

The management of the Princess theatre announce on another page of this paper the booking of the world famed Dempsey-Carpenter fight in motion pictures to run at the Princess theatre on Monday and Tuesday, November 14 and 15.

Opelousas is indeed lucky to see this sensational picture at such an early date, as it is only now showing at the Tudor theatre in New Orleans to capacity houses.

The film is in five reels, and shows the men in training. Carpenter at Manbasset farm with only his trainer and manager Descamps. How Descamps got Carpenter in such excellent condition that he was in when he met Dempsey at Boyles' thirty acres. This method that Descamps used as heretofore been kept a secret, but, however, it will be right before your eyes.

The fight itself is shown in its entirety and the work of twenty cameras, to gether with the slow motion camera that shows the most important happenings, will go down into motion picture history as the greatest photograph of the world has ever known.

O'BRIEN AND LOOMIS TO RETURN HERE ON THE 28TH

A representative of this paper was informed by the manager of the O'Brien and Loomis tent show, now playing in Ville Platte that they will give Opelousas a return engagement on the 28th of this month. They claim that this city is one of the best show towns in this section of the country. While here the company has made many friends, as every one connected with that concern are actors and actresses of ability and refinement, that when they left the city everyone had a good word for them. No doubt their return engagement will be awaiting with much concern by the patrons of the show.

After a number of games were played, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Oswald Perkins and little son returned on Wednesday from Shreveport after spending some time with her father, Mr. A. B. Pickett.

Percy Durio was a Crowley visitor on Saturday last.

DAVID HOLLIER SERIOUSLY HURT AT LEONVILLE

While Scaling the Leonville School Building Mr. Hollier Fell from a Ladder

We understand that Mr. D. C. Rose and David Hollier were installing a heating plant in the Leonville school building, when Mr. Hollier while ascending a ladder with a heavy piece of pipe on his shoulder, the weight of which caused the ladder to leave the building and throwing Mr. Hollier to the floor, a distance of about eleven feet.

Mr. McKinney and several others that were standing near when the accident occurred, thought Mr. Hollier was not hurt badly at first and Dr. Pavy was summoned and he administered a hypodermic, which permitted the removal of Mr. Hollier to the St. Landry Sanitarium. Upon an x-ray examination it was revealed that there were two fractures between the knees and the hip joint.

The many friends of Dave's were shocked to learn of his misfortune, and we hope that through the able care of Dr. B. A. Littell and the nurses, with the devoted attention of his wife and family and his vast concourse of friends, he will soon be able to be at his post of duty.

MR. AND MRS. LEE DANIEL ENTERTAINS "500" PARTY

A very pleasant evening was spent on Thursday last when Mr. and Mrs. Lee Daniel entertained a number of their friends at a "500" party.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel's were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stelly, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Stelly, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mallett, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stelly, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stelly, Misses Lubie and Constance Pavy, Lillian Mornhinweg, Evelyn Pavy, Lucille Daniel, Alice and Berdie Stelly, Mrs. Landry and daughter, Mr. Emile Bordelon, Oswald Perkins, Emory Stelly, Robert Artigue, Ed. Carrier.

Miss Alice Stelly captured the ladies prize, Mr. Ed. Carrier, the gentleman's prize, Mr. Lee Mallett the "booby".

Delicious punch, cake and candy were served to the guests.

MISS LACOMBE ENTERTAINS EIGHT O'CLOCK FOLLIES

Miss Corinne Lacombe was the hostess Thursday evening, of the Eight O'clock Follies at her home.

The interior of the home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns.

Miss Lacombe was assisted in entertaining by her mother Mrs. Laurent Lacombe, Mrs. Vance Miles and Mrs. Ed. Loeb.

After many exciting games the ladies prize was captured by Miss Rosalie Roos, the gentleman by Mr. Robert Fields. Booby prizes fell to the lot of Miss Rosa Hebrard and Mr. Howard Dejean.

Delicious crabmeat salad, salted pecans and ice tea were served.

Those in attendance were: Misses Rosalie and Irma Roos, Rosa Hebrard, Evelyn Lewis, Vita Guilbeau, Pearl Fields, Myrtle Mornhinweg, Germaine Brown, Lena Loeb, Sybil Lee Burr.

Messrs Robert and Eugene Fields, Howard Dejean, Leonce Roos, Billy Jordan, Ted Roberts, Eddie Littell, Dudley Lastrepe, Arnold Winsberg, John Harmonson, Felix Richard, Vance Mayers.

Parish Bank & Trust Co. To Start Christmas Club

We are informed that the Parish Bank & Trust Company of this city will have in the field on Monday Miss Fannie Bowden who will solicit members for their Christmas Club which closes on December 13th.

The Christmas club is very popular in all of the larger cities and there is no reason why Opelousas should not have a large Christmas Club organization and the Clarion company is very glad to get this news as any progressive move in this community for the interest of the whole community will have the encouragement and co-operation of this paper.

Mrs. F. A. Tillotson and mother, Mrs. Martin will leave today for Franklin where they will visit Mrs. Rogers the sister of Mrs. Tillotson.

The Epworth League entertained at a "Stunt" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ballard on Friday night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING FRIDAY

Budget for Year 1922 Was Adopted—Bids for Fiscal Agency Ordered by City

STREET PAVING AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Business of Much Importance Was Disposed of—Ordinances Adopted

The board of Aldermen met on last Friday night and disposed of much important business.

The budget of the city of Opelousas was adopted and amounted to something like \$31,853.20.

Sealed proposals will be received by the mayor and board of Aldermen of the city of Opelousas from any bank or individual, to act as fiscal agent for the city for the period of two years beginning January 1, 1922.

They also adopted an ordinance ordering the construction of cement sidewalks on the following streets: on north side of Landry Street, from Southern Pacific railroad to Western corporate limits of the city; on South side of Landry street from Southern Pacific railroad to Western corporate limits of the city; on the North side of Grolee street from Texas and Pacific railroad to College Avenue; on railroad avenue, east side, from Landry street to Vine Street; South side of Grolee street from Southern Pacific railroad to Texas and Pacific railroad; on Wartelle avenue east side from Landry street to Vine Street. Making a total of 8,057 lineal feet of sidewalk construction which will be built according to plans and specifications prepared by the city engineer.

The city fathers also decreed that owing to the rapid growth of Opelousas that we should have more gravelled streets and they accordingly ordered the following streets paved with gravel; on court street from Vine to South Corporate limits; on railroad avenue from Cherry street to Chaney street; on market street from Landry street to South Street; on Lombard street from Grolee street to Landry street; on North street from market to Lombard street; which constitutes a total of 5,733 cubic yards of gravel-surfacing together with the necessary concrete guttering and curbing.

The proposed improvements is indeed gratifying, and thus our city forges to the front in a steady progressive way.

The city has just completed the drainage system for the entire eastern section of the town; the proud owners of one of the best electric light plants in all Louisiana; a complete over-hauling of the electric wiring of the city is just about completed and now comes additional street paving and sidewalk building.

DEPUTY SHERIFF HENRY LANDRY LANDS FOUR IN JAIL

Popular Game Warden of St. Landry Parish Jails Four Birds for Seining

Mr. Henry Landry of Eunice, La., one of Sheriff Thibodeaux's most popular deputy sheriffs succeeds in landing four offenders of the game laws of the state.

Deputy Landry got wise that the game laws were being violated in the Little Darbonne section and when he made his appearance on the scene, he caught four "red handed" with a large croker sack full of fish, and Mr. Landry not only rendered fine service to parish and state but did a triple duty by giving the fish to the good Sisters at Eunice.

Deputy sheriff Landry came to Opelousas with the four prisoners, and he hopes this will be a lesson to those who might try the same thing. Seining is strictly prohibited and Game Warden Landry says he intends to thoroughly enforce the law.

THE STORK VISITS HOME OF DR. S. B. WOLFF

On Armistice Day the stork visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Wolff, and there left a fine bouncing baby girl. We were informed that Mrs. Wolff and Miss Armistice are both doing nicely.

The Clarion extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Wolff upon the arrival of Miss Armistice.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER OF AMERICA WILL INITIATE BIG CLASS

Initiation to Take Place on November 20 at Knights of Columbus Hall

We understand that the Catholic Daughters of America will initiate a large class on Sunday November 20th at the home of the Knights of Columbus.

The Daughters are making big preparations and a royal good time is in store for all who participates. They always do things in just the right way, and if reports are correct they expect many very important officers of the society and many other very prominent members of the order from various sections of the state.

ARMISTICE DAY AT HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Armistice Day was marked at the Holy Ghost Catholic church by high mass. The whole parish turned out to assist at the Requiem Mass offered up at 9 o'clock for the soldiers who from St. Landry's parish gave their lives for the flag.

After the mass 500 children of the Holy Ghost schools marched to the lawn and sang the Star Spangled Banner to the music of the band, while the Stars and Stripes were given to the breezes of heaven.

The children sang another hymn which begins with these words: "Lift High the Cross, Untill the flag, May these for ever stand, United in our hearts and hopes, God and Our Native Land."

BEAUTIFUL THANKSGIVING DISPLAY AT EST. J. B. SANDOZ

It is worth your while to go down to the furniture store of the Estate of J. B. Sandoz on Main street and take a good look at the beautiful dining room suit. Mr. Marius Fields has acquired himself in real artistic style as the dining room is complete in every detail, and you may also get a glimpse of an up-to-date kitchen