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OPELOUSAS, LA., SATURDAY, NOV. 19, 1921.

TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

An Eleventh Hour Armistice Day Celebration Was Staged Here in Splendid Manner

Mr. John W. Lewis and Rev. Father Hyland Were the Orators of the Day—Mr. A. L. Andrus, Acted as Chairman—Flowers Were Laid on the Soldiers Monument.

The celebration on Armistice Day on the Court House square is in itself a proof that Opelousas can do much if only she would. Some few who had the patriotic spirit within them simply took a silent vow that the day SHOULD NOT PASS without some kind of celebration. At 11:30 o'clock a movement was started by two or three to have some excitement to fittingly commemorate the day and as the word passed down the line it carried weight and at the appointed hour of 3 o'clock a large concourse of citizens gathered to hear a few patriotic speeches and to lend their aid in making the affair a success.

O'Brien's band from the street, air furnished the music for the occasion and was glad to serve the people of Opelousas in any manner that he could. The meeting was called to order by Chairman A. L. Andrus, who in an introductory manner told the people just how the celebration movement started and then in a few well chosen words stated why we should have had a celebration on that day.

Mr. Andrus then introduced Hon. John W. Lewis, one of Louisiana's most gifted speakers. While Mr. Lewis was asked just an hour before the programme started to make a speech, he as usual, without the slightest preparation, made a wonderful talk and the promoters of the celebration could not have selected a man in St. Landry that would have pleased the people more. Mr. Lewis precluded his speech with an explanation that those in charge were not making any attempt whatever to dedicate the Soldiers monument that had been erected on the court house square. While

Mr. Lewis was not give any time for preparation, he made a very forceful talk and was well received as evidenced from the generous applause.

Mr. Andrus then introduced Reverend Father Hyland who in a most dramatic talk, full of feeling and red hot with patriotism, in a brief manner, recalled the heroic deeds of the soldier upon the battle fields of France, and how fitting it was that those left behind should commemorate the day. He pointed out in particular the valiant deeds of the American soldier, laying particular stress upon the standard of citizenship and how the flag and cross should go hand in hand into the fray of battle. He made a wonderful plea that America should not be entangled with any of the European countries, and in a most dramatic manner pleaded with his hearers not to let the writings of Mr. Wells in the daily papers on the Arm Parley prejudice them in any manner. In his argument he hinged upon the British Propaganda which has played a big part in American politics.

Mr. Andrus then asked that all those having flowers to place them upon the monument, and a splendid sight it was when about fifty little children from the Immaculate Conception convent, headed by Miss Ledoux carrying a large wreath of flowers, marched to the monument and there in token to St. Landry's heroic deed placed the flowers. A large number of beautiful floral offerings were placed at the base of the monument. If in a few hours several hundred people can be gotten together, how many could we get together if the people took a little time and trouble?

MANY AMBITIOUS TO FILL PLACE OF JUSTICE PROVOSTY

Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau is Urged by His Legion of Frinds to Make Race

Reports published in various newspapers of the state would indicate that there will be more than the usual number of her members out for the nomination to fill the position of the Supreme Court now filled by Justice Oliver Provosty of New Roads. Under the re-districting adopted in the 1921 Constitution, St. Landry will be one of the parishes to vote on the Provosty vacancy. There has been some talk evidently started outside this parish, to the effect that a member of our local bar, Hon. Dudley L. Guilbeau, had been urged to present himself as a candidate for this position. So far, Mr. Guilbeau has declined to make any announcement. It is understood that Judge Brinot, of Baton Rouge, Judge Carruth, of New Roads, and Dean Tullis, of the Louisiana State University Law School, have also been mentioned for the place. Judge Carruth was seen circulating among his Opelousas friends during the early part of the week, but is said to have made no positive announcement. Dean Tullis is expected to visit Opelousas today and is said to have invited members of the local bar to meet him in the Court room for an informal talk.

It looks as though our local man should declare himself if he is really considering the matter, as has been reported in the New Orleans papers. St. Landry will of course be with him, as we all admire Dudley and respect his ability, but the other aspirants may obtain an advantage over him in other parishes if he holds back too long. However, Mr. Guilbeau is well schooled in politics as well as in law, and probably knows what he is doing. This is just to say that we expect to be with the local man if he throws his hat in the ring.

Mrs. Armand Dejean and little daughter, Romain, Mrs. Geo. Williams and daughter Katherine were among the many from here who motored to Crowley for the Armistice Day celebration.

J. J. Healey made a flying trip to Jennings on Friday, returning the following day.

JOHNNY LEWIS, EXPECTED TO DO GREAT WORK SATURDAY

Johnny Lewis, son of our fellow townsman, Hon. John W. Lewis has become famous as a foot ball star, and in the Kem of Thursday the 17th is shown a picture of Bocoek's best and one of the three is no other than Johnny Lewis.

Coach Fuller of the Tulane eleven has this to say about young Lewis: "Lewis, on end, may be expected to play a good game against Tulane. His defensive work is the best of the Tiger team and he also may be expected to be on the receiving end of the majority of the Tiger forward pass."

John Lewis, a terminal of the Johnny Wight type, and a veteran of the Tiger team.

With this news St. Landrians have centered much interest in the game for Saturday and as usual the great majority here are for L. S. U. and now that we have a home man the leading star, makes each and every one eager to take the game in on Saturday.

FEDERAL JUDGE TO BE HERE FRIDAY

Local attorneys were notified that Hon. Geo. Whitfield Jack, United States Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, would hold court here on Friday, November 18th. This is not a regular session, but a special term to attend to some civil matters now pending. The most important matter on the docket is the hearing of argument of counsel on exceptions filed to the report of the Special Master, Hon. E. T. Lewis, in the case of Morgan & Company, vs. Town of Eunice.

BENEFIT SHOW AT PRINCESS THEATRE FOR FIRE COMPANY

Following close upon the heels of the statement of last week, that the Firemen were planning to secure funds to renovate their present quarters, the report comes out this week that through the courtesy of the management of the Princess theatre, they will stage a benefit performance on Monday, November 22nd. The feature attraction on that date will be, "What's Your Reputation Worth?" Tickets will be sold by the ladies who are conducting this drive.

Misses Iza and Inez Durio, who are teaching school at Coulee Crouche, spent the week-end in town with their mother.

CYCLONE STRIKES BAYOU BOEUF AT BEGG STATION

Wind Reaches Cyclonic Velocity Strikes Near Begg Station Carrying Great Destruction

The Clarion office was informed that on Sunday a storm of cyclonic velocity struck near Begg Station on the Southern Pacific and traveling in a northeastern direction, carrying in its wake great destruction to property.

It seems that the cyclone struck portion of the country on the west side of Bayou Boeuf just north of Begg Station and traveling in a north easterly direction, destroying houses, barns, fences, carrying away live stock and plowing a terrible path through the forest for miles. We were told of a barn that was blown hundreds of yards, and of some hogs that were blown from a yard and have never been found. Just to what extent the real damage was we are not informed, but the property loss will run into thousands, as several real nice homes were completely destroyed. While there was no loss of life that is known of, several parties received severe injuries. One negro woman was hurt from a falling roof and a small child received a fracture of the arm caused by a falling gallery.

DR. A. J. BERCIER TAKES PRIZES AT STATE FAIR

Dr. A. J. Bercier, 261 Court street, this city has been a chicken fancier for years, and some few years ago his game chickens were noted far and wide, his hobby now seems to be the Dark Cornish. Dr. Bercier sent a few of his chickens to the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport, La., and carried away five prizes.

He took the first prize for Dark Cornish hen; first prize for Dark Cornish pullet; first prize for best pen of Dark Cornish and he also took the second prize for best pen. The prize given for the special best pullet was also captured making a total of five prizes carrying with it \$19.00. Dr. Bercier has been a fancier of chickens for many years and has taken Blue and Red ribbons before for the exhibit of his chickens.

STANDER'S SPECIALTY STORE WINDOWS WORTHY OF COMMENT

Mr. Julius Stander has added to his working force Mr. Mersch, who is an expert window trimmer. Mr. Stander having the only exclusive ladies store in town and one of our real progressive merchants did the right thing to make such a timely acquisition to his force.

The display of silks and accessories is a real artistic one and we are glad to sing the praise of any enterprising merchant in Opelousas, for each little improvement is not only for oneself, but remember it is for Opelousas.

LOCAL OFFICE GETS XMAS INSTRUCTIONS

Officials Give Postmaster Lassalle Orders for Holiday Mail

Postmaster G. L. Lassalle has received special instructions from the Postmaster General relative to handling the large Christmas mails, and by co-operation of the general public, the service in Opelousas can be greatly facilitated.

Postmaster General Hays in his letter to Mr. Lassalle says: "To insure perfect co-operation and team work care in addressing parcels for the mails, supplying correct, complete, and legible addresses, affixing the requisite of postage, and mailing a number of days in advance according to the distance covered, unnecessary delays and inconveniences can be avoided."

This time of the year you see the large department stores heading their daily advertisements with this familiar caption: "Avoid the rush and do your Xmas shopping early." Now as the merchants do annually urge the public to shop early and avoid the rush, Mr. Lassalle calls upon the good people of Opelousas to co-operate with him so that every possible means will be taken to avoid any congesting or possibly the misplacing of the mail and thereby give the general public the best service possible.

Mrs. C. C. Porter, of Houston, Tex., spent several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jackson.

CHANGE OF NAME DELAYED

The management of the Clarion Co., Ltd., owners of the St. Landry Clarion and the Star-Progress, recently announced that beginning with this issue the combined publication would be called the Clarion-Progress.

On account of slight delays in mailing permits it was decided not to begin the publication of the Clarion-Progress until not begin with this issue.

The Clarion and Progress have consolidated and the subscribers of each of the papers will be placed on the mailing list of the consolidated paper. After all necessary delays will have elapsed and the consolidated paper placed on an efficient basis it is the hope of the publishers that a newspaper that will be the pride of old St. Landry will be produced to the satisfaction of the patrons of the St. Landry Clarion and the Star-Progress, the two greatest and most successful newspapers ever published in this parish.

OPELOUSAS TIGERS WALLOP JENNINGS AGGREGATION BAD

Opelousas Boys Proved too Much for the Jennings Boys

MENDOZA, HOLMAN OPELOUSAS STARS

Game was Filled With Real Thrillers—Mornhivveg and Littell Play Fine Ball

Coach Mendoza's charges the Opelousas Hi School Tigers upset the dogs and defeated the muchly touted Jennings High school foot ball eleven by the overwhelming score of 51 to 0 last Saturday afternoon at Giron's park.

Not enough credit can be given Coach Mendoza and his team for the splendid showing they made against a much heavier and a more experienced eleven. The local boys seem to have been fired with a new offensive fighting spirit that dwarfed anything of its kind in the past. And we say on the offensive, we should say they were on the offensive for the greater part of the game, for the Opelousas boys did not give the invaders a chance to show their fighting wares. Not once did the Jennings aggregation make a first down until the last few minutes of play, and this-down was made after a recovery of the ball on a fumble. On the other hand, the Mendoza Tigers literally tore through the Jennings line at will, and with their perfect interference which seems to have reached the acme of perfection, they skirted the terminals for long gains. One particular brilliant play was a short forward pass from Ben Mendoza, local quarter to Ivan Holman who sprinted through a broken field with his team mates giving interference for 40 yards.

Notwithstanding that the whole of the Opelousas team played a muchly improved brand of football, the stars were easy to pick out. The consistent ground gainers were Mornhivveg, Littell, Holman, and Mendoza. On the defense, Arthur Sanders played stellar ball, this husky tackle broke through invariably and made tackles that were perfect, throwing the Jennings back for regular losses. Mornhivveg also played a good consistent game on the defense. Dick plays right end, and he has a splendid running mate with Little Seth Lewis, who is a brother to the great Johnny Lewis, L. S. U. star end.

PRINCESS TO PRESENT "DECEPTION, ON NOV. 25 AND 26"

The management of the Princess Theatre announces elsewhere in this paper the great spectacle, "Deception." This great production tells a story of Henry the Eighth of England and Anne Boylen, and those stirring times when Henry proved the supremacy of the Kings to Europe. "Deception" with its tender and tragic story of Anne Boylen tells a drama that will appeal to every woman and man that loves woman.

ALUMINUM SALE TUESDAY AT RISEMAN & CHRISTMAN

The hardware firm of Christman and Riseman are staging an aluminum sale on Tuesday, November 22 at prices which foreshadow the success of same.

We wish to call attention to an error that appeared in the circulars, and that is in the reading just above the lower left hand corner of the triangle. It should read, "your choice of any piece in this lot for 49c each instead of 4c each."

A. H. GARLAND OF VILLE PLATTE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

On Wednesday of last week Attorney A. H. Garland, a former representative of St. Landry parish and familiarly known here as Gussie Garland, met with an accident at his home in Ville Platte.

While replenishing the gasoline tank of his car an inexplicable explosion occurred, and while Mr. Garland was not seriously hurt he was badly burned on the hands and face. The car was completely destroyed and medical attention was quickly given Attorney Garland and it is thought his bruises will not amount to much.

Mrs. G. M. Bowie of New Orleans and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon of Haskell of Texas, returned to their homes on Sunday after spending some times here the guest of their sister, Mrs. W. F. Brown.

FIREMEN'S DRIVE STARTS NOV. 22 CONTRIBUTE NOW

Committee Completes all Arrangements and Organization Ready for Action

MINSTREL MONDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

M. Halphen, Jr., Heads the Minstrel Show Committee H. S. Auditorium

A meeting of the Drive Committee recently appointed to solicit contributions for enlarging and repairing the Fire Hall belonging to Opelousas Hope, Hook & Ladder Co. 1, our Volunteer Company was held at the fire hall on last Tuesday evening. The committee completed its organization, and decided to start the drive for funds on the morning of next Tuesday, November 22nd, leaving the fire hall at 9:00 o'clock a. m. All members are requested to be on hand promptly at that hour.

Hon. John W. Lewis was appointed a member of the Fourth Ward delegation, in place of Dr. A. J. Ferrault, declined to serve.

Mrs. D. Edward Durio was appointed Chairman of a committee to arrange for a barn dance to be given for the benefit of the Fire Hall fund at an early date to be announced later.

Announcement was made by Mr. Michel Halphen, Jr., that the Show and Minstrel performance organized by the committee of which he is Chairman will be held at the St. Landry High school auditorium on next Monday, November 21st, at 8 o'clock P. M. Tickets are now on sale.

The show will be a most creditable one, and full of local interest, so it is expected that the high school auditorium will be filled to capacity. Don't forget, next Monday night, November 21st. Help the fire boys, and at the same time see an interesting performance by local amateurs, assisted by professional and semi-professional talent volunteered for the occasion. Readers of the Clarion Progress will find a fuller announcement of show elsewhere in our columns.

On Monday night at the High school auditorium Mr. M. Halphen, Jr., with a few other young men of the city will present a high class minstrel show and the public is urged to come out.

The minstrel is given for the benefit of the local fire company and we are told that the local talent is in fine shape, and the performance will no doubt be a rip-roaring success.

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A cordial invitation is extended to the public and the ladies of St. Landry are especially invited to be present.

ORGANIZE STATE BRANCH AMERICAN FARM FEDERATION

Many Prominent Farmers Attend Meeting Held in Baton Rouge

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News came to us just before the post went to press that a very important meeting was held in Baton Rouge during the week to perfect the State organization of the Farm Federation bureau, and the matter being of such vast importance to our readers, we feel that though late we must make some mention.

Mr. Barry, Farm Demonstration agent of this parish, and Mr. Frank Dimmick, Mr. W. J. Boudreaux and Dr. C. A. Gardner, attended this important meeting and are among the leading farmers of this parish. They have come back to St. Landry elated over the vast possibilities of this federation and will start the organization work here commencing December 15th.

FEW VOTERS PAYING UP THEIR POLL TAX

Sheriff Thibodeaux and Parish Officials Urge all to Pay Poll Tax Early

Less than forty days remain in which voters of St. Landry parish, both men and women, can pay their 1920 and 1921 poll tax. The sheriff urges that you not wait until the last moment to pay your poll tax and then possibly forget or may be put to unnecessary trouble to be able to exercise your franchise.

According to a resolution adopted at the recent constitutional convention voters are given the privilege of paying two poll taxes this year; those who neglected paying last year are hereby given the opportunity of qualifying for the city election which will under the recent act of the legislature, take place in June, as well as for other elections during the year 1922, by paying the poll tax for 1920 and 1921.

The ladies of St. Landry are urged to come out and pay their poll tax. It is very necessary that you qualify in the same manner that the men qualify in order to take your part in the coming elections. Since the right of franchise has been given the ladies they should now come out and prepare to give their weight and influence in better politics.

AUTOMOBILE FOUND FARMER'S GARAGE LAFAYETTE, LA.

The following notice was taken from the Daily Advertiser of Lafayette and may be of interest to some of our readers:

A Lexington seven-passenger car, found in a farm pasture in the Second Ward is now awaiting the owner at the Farmer's Garage, located near the court house. Car is equipped with rugged treaded tires, white painted wheels, and is model 5, B. T. C. serial No. 16,165-K motor number 7W89231, with St. Landry parish license tag No. 238.

Owner can have same by proving ownership.

MUCH IMPROVEMENT IS BEING MADE IN OPELOUSAS

City Officials Call Attention to Condition of Electric Wires

On account of rebuilding the electric light lines by replacing the old line with new wire, entirely, the Southern end of the city necessitates the shutting off electricity current a few minutes each day.

This is a very wise precaution on the part of the officials, as it much better to inconvenience the public a little while each day, than to take the risk of fatality injuring the line-men.

The city is rushing this work, so as to have same completed before the severe winter weather begins.

New transformers are being installed, whenever there are dim lights, this is caused by overloaded transformers.

The light and water meters ordered by the city, some time ago, have been shipped and it will not be long before all customers will be supplied with meters.

The officials are considering the matter of installing a large reservoir water pump—as an emergency proposition.

Several more petitions are being circulated to be presented to the Mayor and board of Aldermen for street paving in addition to those already advertised for.

Rev. D. R. Pevoto Goes to Conference

Rev. D. R. Pevoto, pastor of the Baptist church here left on Monday morning for Shreveport, La., where he will attend the Louisiana Baptist Association.

The opening of the convention was preceded with ministers and laymen conferences at which Rev. Pevoto presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Amy motored to Iota on Friday to visit friends.

Tony Fox, now a resident of Abbeville spent the week-end here visiting his mother also attending to business. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shute, Emma Dorris and A. W. Krotz Jr., of Port Barre spent the day in town Sunday visiting relatives.

SHRINERS WILL HAVE BIG FEAST ON THANKSGIVING

Opelousas and Vicinity to Have Large Delegation at Lafayette Turkey Feast

INITIATION AND LOVE FEAST ORDER OF DAY

We Have a Large Number of Shriners Here Will Assist at Ceremonies of the Day

Reports are coming thick and fast as to what the Shriners will do in Lafayette on Thanksgiving day. Those in charge of the affair say they expect several hundred visitors, and we hear there will be a splendid delegation from Opelousas to take part in that memorable occasion.

Advance reports received in regard to the coming big Shrine meeting at Lafayette indicates not only that there will be a large attendance, but there is a royal good time in store for the Shriners and their lady friends.

We are informed that Beaumont, Texas, will send a delegation of 150. Lake Charles, La., about the same number and Shreveport in preparing to send about 200. The Beaumont visitors will include in their numbers members of El Mina Patrol.

Chairman, J. E. Van Ness who is in charge of the general arrangements for the program and has been visiting various sections of the country in behalf of the celebration, and after the initiation of about 110 candidates the various committees have made large preparations for a sumptuous Turkey banquet at which all visitors and ladies are invited.

OIL! OIL! OIL! EVANGELINE TO BECOME OIL CENTER

The rumors are coming in thick and fast as to what is expected in the Evangeline oil fields at Pine Prairie, and many prominent men from Opelousas have visited the field and are jubilant over the prospects.

The six inch casing has been set at a depth of nearly 3700 feet in the Crowell and Spencer No. 1 in the Pine Prairie Evangeline oil fields and will be tested within the next few days, or as soon as the cement sets sufficiently.

There is a remarkable showing in this well and it is expected to come in a big one. Leases are beginning to change hands at good prices and Evangeline parish expects to soon be one of the largest oil producing parishes in the state.

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