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## Franklinton Bridge In Perfect Condition.

Notwithstanding the many prophecies of total destruction and the oft repeated opinion that the task was hopeless; the contractors forged steadily ahead with the repairs on Bogue Chitto bridge near town and on Tuesday completed the job and turned the bridge over to the authorities in perfect condition. This work has created untold interest and quite a bit of comment on account of the importance of the crossing and the seemingly hopelessness of repairing the havoc wrought by the September storm. It has been a difficult task, but the bridge now is straightened and properly supported and pronounced by experts to be in as good condition as when new.

The condition of the bridge for the past few months has been quite a serious matter in the traffic to and from the Parish capitol and its restoration now is causing universal rejoicing and congratulation.

## Dr. Swords After Dr. Dowling's Scalp.

Dr. Swords is a son of Sheriff M. L. Swords of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish. He is a graduate of the Tulane Medical Department. Dr. Swords practiced general medicine at Opelousas, his home, where he was employed as surgeon for the Port-Bare Lumber Company.

In 1910 Dr. Swords took up additional medical studies at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, at the completion of which he located in the city of New Orleans in the year 1911.

Dr. Swords was assistant in the Charity Hospital under Dr. Sidney P. Delaup, remaining in this service until he was appointed as Chief of a Surgical Clinic at the Presbyterian Hospital. He was consultant urologist and first assistant to Dr. J. M. Bachelor, when Dr. Bachelor occupied the position of House Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Swords is now Chief of a Surgical Division in the Charity Hospital. He is a member of the Faculty of the Louisiana Post Graduate School of Medicine and a professor in the same institution.

Dr. Swords was one of the originators of the Pan-American Medical & Surgical Journal, which is now the official organ of the Louisiana State Medical Society, Mississippi State Medical Society and Tri-State Medical Society.

Dr. Swords was among the leaders of his profession that procure for the Louisiana Post Graduate School of Medicine, rights and privileges in the Charity Hospital for teaching purposes by legislative enactment.

Dr. Swords is an applicant for the Presidency of the Louisiana State Board of Health and the above facts will prove conclusive that he is professionally competent to fill this position.

Notice—By order of the Judge the regular May term of the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, for Washington Parish has been postponed and will convene on Monday May 29th, 1916.

This April 27, 1916.

M. A. Thigpen, Clerk.

## POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

Franklinton, La., May 2.—The Police Jury in and for the Parish of Washington met in regular session at the courthouse in the town of Franklinton, on the above date with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and the minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

W J Morrison chemicals for dipping vats.....	\$ 68 80
Ott & Johnson paid on court house certificates.....	1198 93
R Merridith feeding prisoners.....	3 50
Dr J L Brock examination of Mary Magee interdicted.....	10 00
B M Miller amt. to James Buck, ley printing certificates....	25 00
Walter Thomas bridge work....	77 50
M C Crain cutting out trees....	3 00
Dr O D Varnado extracting teeth from prisoner.....	1 00
Allen Tupper 594 sacks cement	269 77
Wilson Crain work on bridge	3 65
J M Bilbo cutting out trees....	15 25
E F Burch feeding prisoners..	108 50
G S L Co. lbr and labor for bridges.....	332 67
John Bateman work dipping vats.....	5 00
W M Crain freight on dipping vat material.....	13 58
C W Tynes freight on dipping vat material.....	14 25
J H Crain road work.....	325 25
A M Schilling lbr for dipping vats.....	4 00
Walter Thomas lbr for dipping vats.....	48 79
Barris Bros. clothes for prisoners.....	20 45
S S Thomas lbr dipping vats	7 24
Finley Dicks & Co. chemicals for dipping vats.....	63 38
W T Bullock chemicals for dipping vats.....	11 41
Escoe Knight, chemicals for dipping vats.....	5 87
W H Erwin lbr for Franklinton bridge.....	2 65
Joe N Magee road work.....	646 22

It was moved by J. W. Knight, seconded by C. B. James and carried that the report of the committee on road from Rio to Sun be received and adopted, and committee discharged.

It was moved by F. L. Sanford, seconded by J. W. Knight and carried that the president appoint a committee composed of M. K. Pearce, F. L. Sanford and R. H. Spring, to work with a committee from St. Tammany Parish on a connecting road of the two Parishes from Rio to Sun.

It was moved by J. W. Knight seconded by C. A. Jenkins and carried that the dipping vat committee be authorized to build 15 dipping vats if necessary.

J. V. Rabb Farm Demonstration Agent being present and after hearing his report read, a motion was offered by J. W. Knight, seconded and carried that same be received and adopted.

A motion was offered by M. K. Pearce seconded by R. H. Spring, that voting precinct No. 1 Heady Hotel, in the city of Bogalusa be moved to Fire Department building. Carried.

It was moved by F. L. Sanford, seconded by M. K. Pearce and carried that a committee of W. L. Smith, R. H. Spring, C. A. Burch and A. Penny was appointed to investigate as to which is the best location for road near A Penny's place, and if they fail to agree to call in a fifth man.

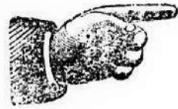
It was moved by R. H. Spring, seconded by C. B. James and carried a committee was appointed composed of Mesdames, W. H. Sullivan, A. N. Dobbs and M. K. Pearce to investigate as to the condition of the Kennedy children near Bogalusa, and report at the next regular meeting of the board.

It was moved by M. K. Pearce and seconded by F. L. Sanford, and carried, the Clerk of Court was authorized to make exchange of his old typewriter for a new Royal at a difference of \$50.

A motion was offered by R. H. Spring, seconded by C. B. James and carried that a committee of M. K. Pearce, J. J. Ball and Joe N. Magee, to in-

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spect roads worked by J. H. Crain.

It was moved by J. W. Knight, seconded by C. B. James and carried that the petition of the citizens asking for an extension of the Sheridan and Pine road of about one mile, and a petition asking for a road from Angie to Columbia and Covington road near Ford's mill and also a petition asking for a road leading from Poplarville road at San Brown's to the state line at M. Magee's place was granted with the understanding that the citizens open up and maintain said roads.

Leslie Self being present and desiring that he be released of his bid for painting the steel bridges of the parish, and upon motion by R. H. Spring, seconded by J. W. Knight, and carried he was relieved, and the secretary instructed to notify the next lowest bidder, F. M. Lambert, of White Castle, La.

It was moved by F. L. Sanford, duly seconded by M. K. Pearce and carried the Sheriff was instructed to advertise in all three of the Parish papers advising all able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 55 who have not paid their per capita road tax of \$1.00 by the first of June will have their names presented to the Grand Jury for their action. Penalty not less than \$5 nor more than \$10, and not less than five nor more than ten days in jail at the discretion of the court, together with all costs of prosecution. There appearing no further business the board adjourned to meet June 6th, 1916.

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## Parish Fair Directors Meet.

Franklinton, La., May 6.—The directors of the Washington Parish Fair Association met pursuant to call by the president; The following answered to roll call, D. E. Branch, D. E. Sheridan, F. B. Bateman, R. H. Spring, J. B. Lindsley, W. H. Sullivan represented by J. K. Johnson, a quorum being present, D. E. Branch was elected president and W. J. Dobson was elected secretary. Upon the question coming up that the Fair be moved to Bogalusa, after discussion the matter was postponed until Saturday, May 20th, 1916, to be then finally disposed of. Meeting adjourned till Saturday, May 20, 1916, at one o'clock p. m.

D. E. Branch, President,  
D. D. McElveen, Act. Sec.

### Obituary.

Sunny Hill, La., May 5.—

Dear Editor:—Another sad story to chronicle. Today we attended the funeral and burial of our esteemed friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, "Aunt Betsie" as we called her, was well known and well beloved. Today was her birthday. She would have been 82 years of age. A long and useful life ended.

Aunt Betsie was born and always lived in Washington parish. She was married but once, to Israel Carter (a native of South Carolina), who preceeded her many years to the grave. Her father, Philip Turner, was one of the early settlers of this country. Six children were born to her marriage, five girls and one son, five of whom are living. The oldest a girl, passed away in childhood. All the living ones are married and doing well. She leaves quite a number of grand children and a few great grand-

children and many other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Surely she came to her grave in full age like a shock of corn cometh in his season. Farewell dear mother, and friend, may we all be as well prepared to meet the great change that surely awaits us.

A Friend.

### Demonstration Agent's Report

Franklinton, La., May 2.  
Police Jury, Wash. Par.,  
Franklinton, La.,  
Gentlemen:

I make the following report of the work done by the demonstration Agent during the month of April.

I have visited 33 demonstrators 43 other farmers and 11 club members.

I have had 101 consultations with farmers at their homes and in my office.

I have written 51 official letters and sent out 250 circular letters to club members, also distributed 63 bulletins to farmers.

I have held 13 field meetings in which about 50 farmers attended, and have run 11400 yds of terraces at these meetings.

I have traveled over 400 miles of the parish road.

Thanking you very much for your hearty corporation as has been given in the past, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. V. Rabb, Agent.

P. S.—Since my last report I have been visited by the Forage Crop Specialist, the Market Specialist of Live Stock Extension Force and by the District Agent.

J. V. R.

### Directors of Lumber Enterprise Meet in Bogalusa.

Bogalusa, La., May 7.—The directors of the Great Southern Lumber Company who have been here this week inspecting the property of the enterprise and to attend a directors meeting which was held Saturday. They expressed themselves as being well pleased with the condition of the big plant. The party includes Walter P. Cook, president, Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles I. James, Baltimore, Md.; A. C. Goodyear, F. H. Goodyear and wife, Bradley Goodyear, Grandson Depew and wife, Fred A. Lehr, of Buffalo, N. Y.; F. L. Peck, Scranton, Pa.; Major Lane S. Hart, Harrisonburg Pa.; Orio J. Hamlin, Smithport, Pa.; Jerry Crary, Miner D. Crary, Warren, Pa.; and G. D. Wood, vice-president and general manager, Louisiana Fiber Board Company, Monroe, Mich. The party came by special train from Jackson, Miss.

They visited the farm of the Bogue Chitto Stock Farm Company, at Isabel, Saturday afternoon and were delighted with the fine registered stock, growing crops and the rapid progress made in developing yellow pine cut-over lands into a productive stock farm.

In all probability, the company will erect a large paper mill during the next year, which will consume a large amount of the waste material from their sawmill.

Dubious Syntax, But True. There are more people in this country eating too much than there are starving. Perhaps if the former didn't, the latter wouldn't.

News of another German sea raider and commerce destroyer in the western Atlantic was reported on the arrival of a steamship in New York harbor that escaped because of superior speed.

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## What They Are Saying About Us.

For the first time in the history of the Louisiana Press Association a woman was elected to preside at the forthcoming session, in the person of Mrs. J. Vol Brock of Franklinton. Mrs. Brock has always been a popular member of the association, and has attended many of the state meetings. She is an accomplished newspaper writer and has read many interesting papers before the association, and is a clear and forceful speaker. Her acceptance of the honor bestowed on her was pleasing, witty and to the point. She will make the association a most acceptable president.—Chronicle Democrat, Baton Rouge.

Mrs. J. Vol Brock, of Franklinton, La., has the distinction of being the first woman to be president of the Louisiana Press Association.

Graduating with distinction from the Whitworth College of Mississippi in 1894, Mrs. Vol Brock exhibited immediately that forceful personality which marked her as a leader. As the charming Miss Henry McClendon of Brookhaven, she assumed charge immediately upon graduation of the history and literary departments of the Brookhaven High School, which position she held four years. She was attracted later by the educational possibilities of this state and became the principal of the Mt. Hermon Graded School and later assistant principal of the Franklinton High School, which position she held four years. Then she married J. Vol Brock, then dividing his time between the law and newspaper work in Franklinton, Mrs. Brock assisted him with the literary part of the paper. Later when her husband became district attorney of the 26th Judicial District, she assumed entire control of the paper, being both business manager and editor.

Notwithstanding her activities, the newly elected president of the Press Association is quite domestic, and finds time for strawberry culture and automobiling, which are her favorite diversions. With two charming daughters and a stalwart son whose interests she never neglects, and with church duties and social affairs, she cannot be called an idler. She is especially interested in civic improvements, and is quite enthusiastic over every phase of newspaper work. She declares she expects to work no startling reforms as president of the Louisiana Press Association, but hopes something for its good may be wrought during her administration.—Times-Picayune, New Orleans.

Washington Parish in general, Franklinton in particular and feminine ascendancy were recognized and honored by the election of Mrs. J. Vol Brock to the presidency of the Louisiana State Press Association at its recent annual meeting in Baton Rouge. Last year Mrs. Brock attained the first vice-presidency and, by lines of possible succession and professional qualification she became eligible to the office of president and was unanimously elected. This is the first instance in the history of the state that a woman has been so signally honored. Thus suffragism advances. Mrs. Brock is the wife of the district attorney of the twenty sixth judicial district, is the editor and publisher of the Era Leader, has literary and social attainments and, withal, is a happy mother of a trio of bright children.—The Bogalusa American, Bogalusa.

Marine engineers at New York were expected to tie up harbor traffic completely if no agreement on advanced pay is reached at Monday's conference.

Mexican bandits made another raid into the United States at Glen, Springs, Tex., and killed three American troopers, a ten-year-old boy and looted the town.