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**List of Grand Jurors Called For Dec. 6th, 1920**

WARD 1  
H P Gatlin  
B D Breazeale  
W W Weaver  
W W Rigdon  
A L Messick  
P W Williams  
J F Spann  
J F Scopini  
B T Locke  
I D Rains  
W W Page, Jr.  
Sam Greene  
Edwin Sanders  
H J Jones  
J F Springer  
R J Volentine  
L C Cloutier  
I B Sheppard  
Hymon Cohen  
Tom Grappe

**List of Petit Jurors First Week Called for Dec. 16, 1920**  
LIST NUMBER 1

WARD 1  
J O Boyd  
W T McCall  
J D Harper  
W L Bishop  
Morris Aaron  
S J Ecker  
P Phanor Prudhomme  
Walter Dunkelmann, Jr.  
Dave Johnson  
W C Suttou  
H S Barron  
Ed. Hallard  
C C Parker  
Albert Prudhomme  
J J Coriova  
J W Perot  
R M Scarborough  
A O Hensley  
J W Boswell  
W T Olive  
P Longiois  
P I Cloutier  
B Dowden  
Cortlan McCoy  
H A Cook  
H H Allbritton  
T B Knott  
J Hill Caspari  
H H Parker

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Dec. 20th, 1920**  
LIST NUMBER 2

WARD 1  
J W Cassidy  
L J Bedgood  
H R Thibodeaux  
Andrew Booty  
A A Stille  
Peter Boulet  
Sim McClain  
Man Page  
R S Parot  
N M Brown  
Jesse Fredericks  
Lawrence O'Quinn  
J H Brewton  
W A Brown  
L G Greer  
Drake Reed  
C A Carter  
L M Mims  
Wilson Jordan  
Alphonse Sompayrac  
Frank Durose  
C S Walker  
J D Hammett  
J B Wager  
J B Frazon  
J W Breazeale  
J F Voiers  
W J Burkett  
Dave Anderson, Jr.  
Chas. Webb

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**SHERIFF SALE**  
11th District Court, Parish of Natchitoches  
No. 16273  
Bank of Robelle vs D. W. Allday & E. H. Sibley

By virtue of a writ of F. F. A. issued out of the 11th District Court of date the 4th of November 1920 of the Parish of Natchitoches, in the above entitled and numbered suit and to me directed I, J. W. Payne, Sheriff of the Parish of Natchitoches did seize and take into my possession and will sell at Sheriff Sale at the front door of the Court House in the City of Natchitoches at 11 o'clock a. m., SATURDAY DECEMBER 11th 1920 the following described property to-wit:

The undivided interest of Allday in and to all minerals, oil, gas and etc., and mineral rights, with the right of ingress and egress and etc., on land described as follows: Easement, North East Quarter Section 7 T 8 R 9, being same land acquired by Allday from Joe Cassidy as per deed filed for record September 30th., 1920.

Terms of Sale: Cash subject to appraisal.

J. W. PAYNE,  
Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish

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**Chamber of Commerce Annual Report.**  
Natchitoches, La., November 8, 1920  
To the Membership of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce.

The present fiscal year ends November 8th 1920. While your present Secretary has been with your organization less than four months of this time, it is not only desirable but essential, previous to the beginning of the 1921 year, that the membership be given a detailed accounting of the past year's activities, and with that thought in mind this report is submitted.

Especially should it be remembered that although some of the propositions and activities are merely mentioned or accompanied by a few words, they might represent the result of several weeks or months of effort of many men. The underlying desire to convey the entire period and yet avoid dry matter prompts brevity.

In the issuance of this report as well as in its reception, it is well to remember that this Chamber of Commerce is a member of a great world-wide network of magisterial and secret method by which it can solve all the evils of this community; it cannot prescribe a specific for all the troubles of the individual members. This Chamber of Commerce is, however, a practical business organization, with its sole membership dues, operating along well established lines to assist and aid the efforts of the community in solving its problems. Its desire for leadership is only sought and can only be accomplished through SERVICE, service of the kind that benefits the individuals through the advancement of the community. Its desire for leadership is only sought and can only be accomplished through SERVICE, service of the kind that benefits the individuals through the advancement of the community. Its desire for leadership is only sought and can only be accomplished through SERVICE, service of the kind that benefits the individuals through the advancement of the community.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
From November 8th 1919 to date, the Board of Directors has held seven regular and special meetings with an average attendance of eight. At the seventeen meetings the individual attendance shows as follows:

3 members attended 2 meetings.  
8 members attended 5 meetings.  
2 members attended 10 meetings.  
1 member attended 14 meetings.  
1 member attended 15 meetings.  
1 member attended 16 meetings.  
1 member attended 17 meetings.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
Details of Receipts

From dues Nov. 6th 1919 to Nov. 8th 1920	5802.47
From other sources (including lecture Ex-Pres. Taft)	255.72
	6068.19

**DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS**

CIVIC:	
Lyceum (Taft Lecture)	350.00
Publicity and Advertising	250.00
Printing Special Act, Parish Com. Form	15.00
High School Building Campaign	24.50
Periodicals and Daily Papers	22.60
	682.10
TRANSPORTATION	
Traffic Manager expense	154.91
AGRICULTURAL:	
Boys' Big Day	10.00
No-Fence or Stock Law (Cane River)	22.90
	32.90
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT:	
Furniture and Fixtures	334.90
Correction of quarters	283.26
	624.16
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE:	
Rent, Light, Fuel and Water	241.50
Telephone and Telegraph	118.00
Office Supplies and Postage	154.17
Printing and Stationery	256.58
Traveling	123.90
Salaries and Wages	8115.24
Misc. Expense, Donations etc.	27.15
	4,110.14
	5,884.81

Bank of Robelle... \$483.38  
Chks. in drawer... \$3.00

Note: There are no outstanding or unpaid obligations on this date.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
The Traffic Department, while making no claim as traffic experts and not yet having perfected its sets of tariffs covering express and freight service, has been able to render considerable service in checking freight bills, adjusting differences and discrepancies thereon and in instances effecting more prompt delivery of freight.

This Department took up the matter of getting more attractive rates on milk shipments moving Natchitoches to Shreveport and shippers of milk and cream are enjoying baggage rates on these products thereby opening up a market for the surplus milk and cream in this vicinity. It also assisted materially in having the T. and P. continue the Oil Special to the Grand Cane River, thereby affording and offering the oil field workers and residents along the stretch the opportunity to travel in Natchitoches.

While the Chamber of Commerce claims no part of the credit for the T. and P. diverting its fast passenger trains over the Natchitoches Branch, designating it the main line and otherwise very much improving the passenger service, it endeavored to co-operate and assist in this movement in every possible way. It has been particularly active in endeavoring to have the L. and N. W. R. give prompt service and "good repair" to the traffic bridge at Grand Cane, which had been badly neglected and allowed to become dangerous for vehicles to pass over. The affairs of the L. and N. W. being in the hands of the Federal Court, however, the success in this matter has been indifferent, and there is strong probability of the section from Chestnut to Natchitoches being abandoned and junked.

A Special Committee, however, has this matter in hand and will use every

legal and honorable means to protect the best interests of this community. Several complaints of rough handling of express shipments have been received and investigated with the result that this condition has been corrected.

Every assistance has been given the City Commissioners and Police Jury by this Department in every endeavor to improve the condition of streets and sidewalks. The shortage situation has prevented shipment of road material, and this department has been, and is, actively engaged in endeavoring to get priority orders for sufficient cars to keep our road construction under way. With the assistance of this Department the Police Jury succeeded in getting Federal Aid on the construction of a concrete bridge across Bayou Fourcane, a very much needed and desirable improvement.

**AGRICULTURAL**  
This Department has endeavored to co-operate and work with the Parish Demonstration Agent and farmers generally in every way that would best promote the agricultural interests of Natchitoches Parish.

Assistance was rendered in raising funds to enable boys from various parts of the parish to make a trip through the middle west with Super Harris for the purpose of getting first hand information on modern and improved farming methods as used in that section.

**CIVIC**  
Much time and thought was devoted to the proposed Commission Manager Form of Government for Natchitoches Parish, by this department, and thru its efforts, largely, a Bill to this effect was produced in the legislature but failed in passage. Thru this Department a request for the services of an Internal Revenue representative to assist citizens in preparing their income tax returns, was granted. It assisted in every way in organizing the Taft to Natchitoches on his lecture tour and further helped in his entertainment while the guest of the City.

Considerable attention has been given to the construction of a Modern Hotel, Natchitoches' greatest need, and every thing was in readiness for organization this fall, but the slump in price of cotton and other depressing conditions compelled a postponement until more favorable business conditions were in prospect. This Department aided in the organization of the Natchitoches Concert Band and the Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department is yet in its infancy and somewhat handicapped by lack of efficient fire fighting apparatus, but with the premises assistance of the city authorities and the enthusiasm of the men composing it, this will soon be overcome.

**GENERAL**  
The Chamber of Commerce has been called into operation on many local projects which, while important to the community, character considered, not necessarily subject to record.

Since organization the Chamber was concerned with proper quarters. Quarters in which the organization might function efficiently and effectively. Quarters pleasing, not only to strangers, but to the membership. Quarters in keeping with the character of organization the membership determined to establish. From the statements of many of the members and citizens generally it can be assumed that these quarters have been provided. The present lease has a life of four years from August 1st, 1920. As time passes, the quarters of the Chamber of Commerce are being recognized more and more as the community meeting house. While no record has been kept of the number of community meetings held since moving into the present quarters, they have been numerous and the total attendance will most probably run well above five or six hundred.

All of the furniture and fixtures necessary for equipping a modern Chamber of Commerce have not yet been provided but will be in the course of time. The spirit of co-operation shown by our local press should be especially kept in mind, when considering the activities and accomplishments of this organization. The Chamber of Commerce is not interested in, nor does it seek credit for any advancement, progress, growth etc., of this community. It is interested, however, in results. How large or how small its contribution towards the desired end is of no material concern to it. It wishes only to record its sincere interest and things which help to improve the community and to such conditions and things it will loan its full usefulness and resources, and against such conditions and things as in any measure are detrimental to Natchitoches, will it as quickly and forcefully use its full resources to the elimination of the same.

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**PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**  
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Better roads at a cost commensurate with the ability of our people to pay.  
Letter schools and nine month school for every Natchitoches child.  
Sanitation and if possible the eradication of the fly and mosquito.  
Marketing farm products.  
Encouragement of agricultural education.  
Encouragement and promotion of everything tending to improve conditions throughout Natchitoches Parish.  
No doubt many obstacles will loom up in the actual work of carrying out these proposed activities before they are brought to a successful conclusion, but the members and citizens must go about the work and co-operate with this organization to that any and all obstacles may be overcome.

The principle aim of this organization is to have the greatest possible number of the people of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish want the same thing at the same time.

Every good citizen is eligible for membership. The Chamber of Commerce subscribes to no creed, political belief, party or class, but is open to rich man, poor man, merchant, lawyer, doctor, workman, farmer and every one who has the best interest of his city and parish at heart. Every person who wants to aid in the Civic, Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial advancement of Natchitoches should add membership in the Chamber of Commerce. He will find this organization the best medium for rendering service to the city and parish.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. C. DEBRIEN, President,  
J. H. KEYSER, Secretary.

**Gameis, Caravan No. 47**  
An order that has recently been organized in the East and North with the object of helping its community socially, politically and commercially, is the Camels, and while Alexandria claims the distinction of being the first city in the South to organize, Natchitoches followed close on its heels, having organized Caravan No. 47 last week with the help of Mr. A. Rachal of Alexandria acting for J. W. McCroskey, State organizer.

Tuesday night a meeting was held for the purpose of installing the following officers who will lead the thirsty camels thru the desert in search of an oasis: Grand Snek, W. S. Bridges, Bedouin of the Desert, D. J. Hlyam; Bedouin of the Pyramid, Dr. P. W. Prudhomme, Bedouin of the Oasis, C. M. Cunningham, Grand Secretary, J. B. Pressburg; Grand Treasurer, Victor Prudhomme; Keeper of the Camel, Grover Voiers; Grand Inner Guard, Howard Winberg; Grand Outer Guard, Louis Gimber; Grand Caravanier, A. J. Simmons; Grand Prophet, J. C. Pearson.

Haley in 1716 was the first to go to the bottom of the sea by means of a diving bell.

The mask was an invention of Poppea, Nero's wife, to guard her complexion from the sun.