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ROAD BONDS AND TAXATION.

On Thursday last the regular meeting day of the Police Jury, the sale of the road bonds for the Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Wards consumed a great deal of the time of the members. After much deliberation, the bid of Porteus R. Burke, attorney, was accepted, covering an amount of \$170,000.00. The bonds brought par with accrued interest and the tax payers of the Wards interested, as well as the citizens in general can now look forward to an early start on road construction in this Parish. The next step will be awarding the bid to contractors. This will no doubt be done within the next thirty days, because the Police Jury intends to have as much of this work done during 1919 as possible. A committee was appointed to consult with the United States Highway Department at Washington to see if aid cannot be given all of the public roads in the Parish. According to a recent piece of legislation at Washington a great many of our citizens feel that an appropriation can be secured from the Federal Treasury that will at least cover all of the expense of ditching and draining. Road supervisors were also appointed to look after the interest of the Parish in several different ways while the work is under way. The gentlemen who will look after the road construction in the Fourth Ward are: Messrs. Edgar Oubre, Jules Pilet and Dr. Guy A. Shaw. The Sixth Ward—Messrs. James W. Wyche, John Curtis, Sr., Fred Liettemeyer, Clot Dumesnil and Jean Courregre. The Seventh Ward: Messrs. E. A. Mellhenny, Albert Deleambre, Omer Landry, D. D. Avery and Marcel Derouen. The services of the State Highway Engineer has been accepted which will save the expense of a Parish engineer. The committees to be known as road supervisors will point out the road to be constructed and otherwise have full power to see that contractors live up to the specifications. After this important work is under way and the people of the Parish see the great benefits derived from model gravel highways there will be no trouble experienced in getting the taxpayers in the Wards where the taxes have not been voted to change their opinions.

In some of the different Wards there are a few citizens who feel lukewarm over the tax for roads because they fear that after the taxes are voted and the roads completed, their assessments will then be increased and for that reason they are opposed to special taxes for an improvement of this kind. It is unfortunate that such an impression was ever circulated, if it is to have the effect of defeating a road tax. The very fact that property owners levy taxes upon themselves for public improvement should tend more to have the assessments lowered, instead of raised. This feature of our taxing laws is just the opposite of what it should be, and a taxpayer should not be punished because he improves his property and assists in internal improvements. The whole taxing system of the State should be revised, if one is to be punished because he contributes in making his community one that is fit to reside. We know of instances in New Iberia where houses that had been renovated and painted was placed on the assessments rolls at a higher value than delapidated property in the same neighborhood. This is unfair and tends greatly towards retarding progress. It is unfortunate that cases of this kind can



be cited and which cannot be contradicted. It has a serious effect. The citizen who takes pride in his home by painting and otherwise making his holdings presentable should be encouraged instead of taxed. The method of applying taxes on buildings, at least should be just the reverse and then every home owner would strive to make his property as attractive and presentable as possible. It has been the custom in former years to raise the assessments on houses when they looked fresh, and new, while on the other hand may be a house of equal value in the same neighborhood was lessened because of its unsightly appearance. We feel satisfied Assessor Labauve has adopted different tactics since he has assumed the responsible office of Assessor.

ROAD TAX CARRIES IN SECOND WARD.

On Tuesday last the special road tax election in the Second Ward, wherein the land owners were asked to levy upon themselves a tax of \$60,000.00 to build model roads throughout the Ward came off as expected, a glorious victory for the champions of a changed condition in their respective settlements. Only one vote was cast against the proposed improvement that will mean so much to the residents of the Second Ward. While on the other hand taxes were voted in favor of the proposition amounting to \$123,580.00.

A splendid showing for the thrift and enterprise of the farmers in that vicinity and henceforth they will be termed as the leading spirits of the Parish. It was always thought the property holders in the Second Ward would not place any hindrance towards accomplishing the aims of the Police Jury in the plans of building good highways in Iberia. The question that will now confront the citizens of that Ward will be which highways are the most essential for the masses. It is regrettable that the tax levied will not be sufficient to gravel every road in that Ward so that all would get the full benefit. It remains now for the committee in charge of this part of the work to select the highways used the most by the greatest number. The Second Ward is peculiarly situated in this respect having so many lateral roads covering a large area with but a scarce population. We trust however, that the greater number will be satisfied and feel confident it is only a question of a short while but what all the roads will receive thorough attention. Once the Police Jury is relieved of the expense of maintaining these model highways they will then have sufficient money to watch the drainage more closely. The Police Jury should always keep in mind the fact that to have good roads it is urgent that all drains be opened so as to prevent the highways from getting in bad shape. The question of more and better drainage is one that should always be kept in mind and it behooves those interested to do what they can to keep the water off the roads in the future.

TWO IBERIANS IN TELEGRAPH BATTALION.

Battalion Was Organized at Leon Springs in Summer of 1917.

The men who established the first communication lines over Hindenberg's famous fortifications, using the Huns' own poles and wire, are back at Camp Travis and report themselves "in good order," as linemen are wont to say.

They include forty-four men of the 412th Telegraph Battalion, which was organized in 1917, at Leon Springs. They arrived at Camp Travis Wednesday night for discharge, having been on active service in France for thirteen months.

The 412th was composed principally of Texas employees of the Bell Telephone System and a number of the boys are San Antonians. Seventy-two days of hard work under shell fire and not a casualty in the record made by the 412th. They worked in front of British, Canadian, Australian, French and American troops and established telephone and telegraph lines even ahead of the artillery—something that the allied officers said had never been done by their own men, according to members of the battalion.

They were with the 27th, 30th and 33d American Divisions, being in the Cambrai drive when fighting was thickest. It was at this point that Hun artillery shot long lines of poles down at one shot, having the exact range, as the lines were formerly their own. Although no man of the battalion was killed in action, two of them died of pneumonia after the armistice was signed. They were Sgt. Jesse J. Wilson, Dallas; Private Blanchard B. West, Wisconsin, and Private Rogers J. Jett, San Antonio.

Members of the unit who came to Camp are Lieutenant Hicks, Sgt. W. Collins, Aaron A. Melheran, John J. James, John W. Eaton, John C. Lumpkin, Clyde T. Rugel and Henry E. Hull, Houston. John L. Perry and Cleve S. French, New Iberia, La. Ralph M. Gordon and H. N. Follis, Fort Worth. Gustave D. Denecamp, Roy E. Dunning, Eugene E. Mergele, George S. Harris and Edwin F. Carle, San Antonio. Thomas P. Smith and Lora K. Dickerson, Sulphur Springs, and others.

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MARDI GRAS AT THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL.

Somebody said there was to be no Carnival this year, because the Flu was on, and the war was off, and some other things, but if you had been in East End on Tuesday afternoon, and have seen the gathering of the fairies in their bright and many colored garments, as they came skipping and laughing as they hurried to the beautiful grounds around the Magnolia school, you would say, this is an ideal Carnival. From every direction they came, Miss Cleve Sanders, the very intelligent and all-round capable superintendent, was most ably assisted by the other teachers in preparing the delightful entertainment. Candies, cake and ice cream were sold for the laudable object of buying a Victrola which would furnish music for the physical culture classed, also for marching in different times during school work. The children were mostly in mask and many were dressed to some extent in character, but the majority were in pretty combinations simply Mardi-gras. Especially charming were a number of tiny ones who were having the time of their short lives playing under the wide spreading oaks, whose branches seem to bend down in living protection over the bright bobbing little heads underneath. "Oh! the laugh of a child in its innocent glee, is the merriest sound in the world to me." In the large hall-way music was calling the nimble feet to dance. Several of the teachers playing in well-marked time upon the old piano. In the meanwhile, Miss Sanders selected the judges who were to decide which of all the maskers was most completely in costume. A very difficult task they found it. There were numbers of twin clowns "The two Dromios" you know. There were several Indians, a few little Japanese, a few sweet little girls who represented Martha Washington, but, as we do not remember Martha when she was such a lovely little girl, how could we know whether she looked just like

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that. There was a sweet little girl with golden curls who represented Folly, she was all in red from head to foot, "with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes," even her wane had streamers and bells, her costume was complete, but she slipped out of sight not wishing to be counted. One very effective costume in red, white and blue, was worn with an Indian mask, presumably intending to represent America from first to last, and so naturally, the prize was hers. All together the affair was a great success, such a large concourse of delightful people and a picture gallery of beautiful children, it will be a pleasant memory during the quiet Lenten season. M. L. P.

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