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St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish La., Saturday, October 9, 1909.

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### Town Council Proceedings.

St. Francisville, La., Oct. 5, 1909.  
—At a regular meeting of the Board  
of Aldermen of the Town of St. Francis-  
ville, held this day, the following  
members were present: A B Briant,  
Mayor pro tem; Councilmen Jos. Stern,  
W T Forrester, K C Smith and Geo.  
Rettig.

Minutes of last regular and adjourn-  
ed meetings were read and adopted.  
Engineer's report read and filed.

Motion made, seconded and carried,  
That the following supplies be pur-  
chased for the Fire Companies:

1 dozen spanners.  
3 dozen rubber washers, and shut  
off nozzle if necessary.  
Motion made, seconded and carried,  
That the following salaries and com-  
mission be paid:  
F B Dennett, engineer..... \$100 00  
W V Canfield, fireman..... 50 00  
G L Plettinger, clerk..... 30 00  
G S Davidson, salary..... 55 00  
A B Briant, attending meeting 1 00  
Joe Stern, same..... 1 00  
K C Smith, same..... 1 00  
W T Forrester, same..... 1 00  
George Rettig, same..... 1 00  
A F Barrow, commission.... 12 00  
G S Davidson, "..... 6 00

Motion made, seconded and carried,  
That \$50.00 be appropriated to road  
fund and \$200.00 to Plant contingent  
fund.

Motion made, seconded and carried,  
That the report of the Auditing Com-  
mittee be received and same spread  
upon the minutes of this meeting.

### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

St. Francisville, La. Oct. 5th, 1909.  
Hon. Mayor and Town Council,  
St. Francisville, La.

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee,  
beg leave to report that during the  
month of September we made careful  
audit of the books of the Secretary  
and Treasurer of the Town, beginning  
from date of last audit, October, 1908,  
to September 1st, 1909, and we found  
same correct with the following minor  
exceptions:

The Secretary upon one occasion  
deposited with the Treasurer for  
License account the sum of \$5.00  
which had been included in a previous  
deposit and upon another occasion  
he deposited \$1.00 for Tax Account  
which had been deposited before, and  
we recommend that a warrant be  
issued in favor of Secretary for the sum  
of \$6.00 to cover said over-payments.

We checked each Water and Light  
Consumer's account separately and  
found same correct with the exception  
of one account which contained an  
error amounting to \$1.00 and which  
will be collected by Secretary and in-  
cluded in October receipts.

We checked the Assessment book  
and found that all taxes had been paid  
in with the exception of three items.  
Two of these we ascertained to be as-  
sessed through error and owning no  
property in the town, and the other  
has not been paid on account of the  
inability of Clerk to locate owners.  
The latter has been handed to the City  
Attorney for attention.

We found all licenses paid for the  
year 1909, except Dog License which  
will be turned in during the month of  
October.

The account of the Mayor and Mar-  
shal shows that all fines assessed have  
been paid, or time served.

The Treasurer's account now stands  
as follows, and balances with Secre-  
tary's book: September 1st 1909:  
Cash in Corporation Fund... \$514 94  
Overdraft Plant Fund..... 240 37

Cash on hand..... \$274 57

The Plant Fund shows an overdraft  
on account of collections for water  
and light bills for August not being  
included, while expenditures for that  
month were included.

The balance due by the Town on the  
Plant amounts to \$2000.00 and will be  
paid out of the proceeds of the 5 mill  
special tax to be collected between  
October 1, 1909 and March 1, 1910.  
The special tax will not have to be  
collected after the latter date.

The report of the Secretary showing  
receipts and disbursements from Mar.  
1st, to September which is attached  
hereto, shows that the Plant is paying  
all running expenses and we do not  
recommend any change in existing  
rates. The run from March to Sep-  
tember shows a small deficit, but this  
is overcome considerably by the run  
from September to March, on account  
of increased consumption of light and  
a decrease in coal used for pumping,  
it being necessary during the summer  
months to pump into tank at least  
twice daily.

We have not taken into considera-  
tion the investment of the town in the

Electric Light and Water Works Sys-  
tem, on account of the fact that the  
Town has not been charged with Street  
Lighting nor Fire Protection. This  
would cost the town not less than  
\$2000.00 per annum if the Plant was  
owned by private interests.

We wish to state that the work of  
Mr. Plettinger, the Secretary, is in all  
respects efficient, the books being  
found in balance and his method of  
bookkeeping enabling us to ascertain  
at a glance the exact standing of the  
town's finances. This work is consid-  
erably more difficult than formerly  
and while we do not, at this time rec-  
ommend an increase in salary, we be-  
lieve that, under better financial con-  
ditions, the pay should be increased,  
and the office placed on a flat salary  
basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. FORRESTER,  
K. C. SMITH,  
GEO. RETTIG.

Motion made, seconded and carried,  
That following Plant and Corporation  
bills be paid:

B. S. Lumber Co., lumber.... \$1 68  
Abe Mann, acct. Fire Co. No. 3 1 00  
True Democrat, 1-4 contract and  
Board of Health..... 38 50  
Frank Paul, oyster shells..... 1 10  
Frank Sansoni, oyster shells.. 1 10  
R C Brasseaux, road and main-  
taining prisoners..... 71 50  
G L Plettinger, cash paid labor 50  
Plant:—  
G L Plettinger, cash paid for  
freight and express..... 1 60  
Ahrens & Ott, bale waste..... 11 56  
Chas. Weydert, supplies..... 20 06  
Rudolph Yunkes, expense..... 2 00

Statement comparing items charged  
and credited to Profit and Loss for 6  
months as follows: March 1908 to Sep-  
tember 1908, March 1909 to September  
1909:

	Mar. to Sept. 1908.	Mar. to Sept. 1909.
Accident.....	\$90 65	\$32 65
Expense.....	165 11	155 12
Fuel.....	1189 32	1213 96
Insurance.....	70 35	181 96
Salary.....	1019 99	1080 00
Labor.....	25 59	31 60
Plant repair.....	54 12	129 05
Packing.....	7 24	10 00
Lab. oil waste.....	51 64	42 60
Old boiler repair.....	78 77	none
Tornado Insurance.....	none	8 14
Difference.....	\$2,752 08	\$2,825 08
Revenue:—		
Light.....	\$1458 06	\$1414 28
Water.....	1309 70	1383 48
Tapping mains.....	55 25	17 04
Difference.....	\$2,813 01	\$2,814 80
Difference.....		\$98 21
Difference in running expenses March to September 1909.....	\$72 40	\$8 21
Difference in revenue Mar. to Sept. 1909.....	\$8 21	\$8 21
Profit run Mar. to Sept. 1908.....	\$180 33	
Loss in run Mar. to Sept. 1909.....	10 28	

On motion meeting adjourned.

A. B. BRIANT, Mayor Pro Tem.  
G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

This is to certify that the foregoing  
is a true copy of the original minutes  
as they appear on pages, 127, 128 and  
129 of minute book "4."

G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.

### A Card of Thanks.

I desire to express, in behalf  
of myself and four motherless  
little girls, our heartfelt thanks  
in the attention and sympathy  
showed upon us in the sickness  
and death of my dear wife, Lena  
Norwood Wells. To Dr. T. S.  
Jones, whose care and attention  
were unremitting, and to Rev. R.  
R. Claiborne, whose ministra-  
tions brought us the consolations  
of the Word of God, I wish to ex-  
press appreciation, as well as to  
the many other friends who did  
all that human pity and affection  
could do to lighten our burden of  
woe.

JOHN L. WELLS.

### Notice for Letters of Administration.

State of Louisiana,  
Parish of West Feliciana,  
24th Jud. Dist. Court.

Succession of John Moncreiff,  
decd. No.

Notice is hereby given to whom it  
doth or may concern to show cause, if  
any they have or can, within ten days  
from the present notification, why the  
prayer of James P. Bowman, Sr.,  
praying for Letters of Administration  
on the above estate should not be  
granted.

Witness the Hon. Geo. J. Woodside,  
Judge of the 24th Judicial District,  
this 1st day of October, 1909.

A. VILLERET,  
Clerk of said Court.

### Minutes of the Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of School Directors of West Feliciana Parish.

St. Francisville, La. Oct. 2, 1909.

The Board was called to order by  
the president, at 11 a. m. The follow-  
ing members were present: Jas. P.  
Bowman, O. D. Brooks, M. C. Levy,  
Jno. I. Daniel, C. H. Argue, E. A.  
Wright, A. E. Rogillio, W. B. Smith.  
The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and approved, also the minutes  
of the meetings of the Executive Com-  
mittee.

On motion, the following resolution  
was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas: The consolidation of  
the Bains and Wakefield schools has  
been strenuously opposed by some pa-  
trons of both schools, some of them  
claiming to be deprived of the privi-  
lege of any school, if said consolida-  
tion should be accomplished:

Be it Resolved: That the action of  
this Board consolidating the said  
schools is hereby rescinded, and the  
continuance of both schools is hereby  
ordered until further action by this  
Board becomes necessary."

And also the following:

"Whereas: The patrons of the Wake-  
field school are manifesting commenda-  
ble zeal in the education of their  
children by providing for the erection  
of a commodious two-room building  
in compliance with the requirements  
of modern school architecture:

"Be it Resolved: That said zeal is  
highly appreciated by this Board, and  
the good work of these patrons is  
strongly commended. Resolved fur-  
ther: That two good teachers be en-  
gaged for this school and the high  
school classes be taught in the same."

Mr. Argue reported that the Police  
Jury had refused to impose the three  
mill tax for the schools, but had ap-  
propriated Four Thousand Dollars  
out of the revenues for 1909 for the  
support of the schools.

Supt. Hendon reported that the  
members of the Town Council of St.  
Francisville had expressed a willing-  
ness to do something for the support  
of the High School, if any legal means  
for doing so could be found.

Treasurer A. M. Hendon submitted  
the following quarterly report, which  
was ordered spread on the minutes:

### QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand June 30, 1909.....	\$3009 32
Poll Taxes.....	5 00
Fines and Forfeitures.....	132 00
Family Fees.....	5 75
School Imp. League, Star Hill.....	20 65
Receipts for the Quarter.....	163 40
Total.....	\$3172 72

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Teacher's Salaries.....	\$50 00
Freight and Supplies.....	74 06
Repairs.....	16 53
Heating Plant and New Houses.....	788 49
Per Diem of Directors.....	39 50
Superintendent's Salary.....	419 70
Assessor's Commission.....	68 52
Janitors.....	2 00
Printing Account.....	26 50
Poll Tax Returned.....	1 00
Clerk of Court's Fee.....	3 00
Hall Rent for High School Com- mencement.....	10 00
Teacher's Examination.....	9 00
Total Disbursement.....	\$1507 99
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1909.....	\$1664 73

The Finance Committee presented  
the following report, which was or-  
dered spread on the minutes:

"We have examined and checked up  
the books and vouchers of the Treas-  
urer and find same correct. We have  
accepted the books and taken up the  
canceled warrants.

Signed, O. D. BROOKS,  
M. C. LEVY,  
C. H. ARGUE."

Supt. Hendon reported that all the  
schools opened were doing good work  
and that they seemed to be giving sat-  
isfaction to the patrons. A good en-  
rollment had been reported from most  
of them, but he feared that some  
children were being kept out of school  
by the inability of their parents, in  
these hard times, to purchase clothes  
and books. The flues of the Ninth  
Ward and Freeland schools were  
blown off by the recent storm and the  
house at Freeland was blown off its  
blocks.

The celebration of the opening of  
the new room at Grange Hall was  
quite a success. A large number of  
citizens from the fifth ward were pres-  
ent, enjoyed a good basket dinner,  
and the addresses of Congressman  
Wickliffe and Supt. Harris were help-  
ful and inspiring. The people were  
especially pleased with the splendid  
house which had been built for them.

All the schools still need maps  
and globes and some of them need  
more seats and desks.  
The following teachers were ap-  
pointed to the vacancies upon the rec-  
ommendation of Supt. Hendon:  
Julius Freyhan High School—Miss  
Nellie Richardson at sixty dollars per

months, vice Miss Mabel Moore re-  
signed. Wakefield—Miss Willie C.  
Garrett, principal, at \$75; Miss Anne  
Lobdell, assistant at \$50. Bains—  
Miss Isadore Maltby at \$50. Laurel  
Hill—Miss Lotta E. Smith at \$50.  
Poplar Springs—Miss Leisa Smith at  
\$50. New Hope—Miss Florence Smith  
at \$40, vice Miss Mattie Frier, resign-  
ed. Cat Island—Miss Sallie Pigott  
at \$40. Tunica—Miss Carrie Shan-  
non at \$45. Beech Grove—Miss Dor-  
othy Maltby at \$50, vice Miss Alma  
Pemble, resigned. Ninth Ward—Miss  
Mae Stockett at \$60.

The following report was received  
and approved:

We, the undersigned committee, beg  
to report that we have had built at  
Grange Hall a commodious, well light-  
ed and ventilated school room 20 by  
36 feet, 13 foot ceiling, with a porch  
6 by 8 feet and a cloak room 6 by 12  
feet and a shed for the wagonette at a  
total cost of \$600.71 including the cost  
of the window shades, a good library  
case, and the painting. We ask that  
this report be received and the com-  
mittee be continued until the next reg-  
ular meeting of this board.

(Signed.) O. D. BROOKS,  
A. M. HENDON,  
E. A. WRIGHT,  
W. B. SMITH.

Mr. Smith reported that he had sur-  
veyed the Grange Hall site and the  
school land near Poplar Springs and  
presented maps of the same. His bill  
for \$20 00 for the work was ordered  
paid.

Supt. Hendon reported that Mr.  
Wright had donated a half acre of  
land to the Board for the Grange Hall  
school, making the lot there now one  
acre.

A vote of thanks was given Mr.  
Wright for this land.

Of motion, the Board adjourned.  
A. M. HENDON, J. P. BOWMAN,  
Secretary. President.

### To The Charitable.

Last week a man came to me  
with a list of books given his  
child by her teacher and asked  
if there was any way by which  
these books could be secured for  
him, as he was absolutely unable  
to pay for them and did not know  
how he could get the money. I  
knew this man was telling the  
sad truth, for I know how the  
disastrous conditions of the past  
two years have made it hard for  
him and many others to buy food  
and clothing for their families.  
I did not want to see those chil-  
dren deprived of the privilege of  
attending school because of hav-  
ing no books, but I saw only one  
way to meet the situation, which  
was to give him the money to buy  
the books, and this I did.

Now I believe there are other  
children whose parents are un-  
able to purchase books for them  
and who are being kept out of  
school on that account, and I be-  
lieve that some of them are here  
in these two towns. If any char-  
itable people anywhere in the  
parish desire to help such, I  
shall find the opportunity for  
them. I believe that I could  
wisely and most helpfully use  
fifty dollars or more in this way,  
if I had it. If any persons will  
give me any money for this pur-  
pose, or will tell or write me how  
much they authorize me to call  
on them for in case I need it, I  
shall use it sacredly for the pur-  
pose indicated, and get the teach-  
ers to help me find the ones most  
in need of help. I want this to  
be entirely voluntary on the part  
of any who give and shall not,  
therefore, take up a subscription  
or ask any one for a contribution.  
I only offer to find the needy ones  
and use the money given me  
where it will do the most good.

Sincerely,  
A. M. HENDON.

The Plaquemine Fire Depart-  
ment has favored us with an in-  
vitation to witness its fourth an-  
nual parade, which concludes  
with a fair and ball, Sunday,  
Oct. 10.

Send for Bulletin on "Fall-  
Breaking and Preparation of the  
Seed Bed," U. S. Dep't of Agri-  
culture, Bureau of Plant Indus-  
try, Washington, D. C.