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PARISH COUNCIL OF DEFENSE ORGANIZED

The called meeting for the purpose of organizing a parish committee, Council of Defense, was held Saturday afternoon at the court house. Inclement weather interfered largely with the attendance, which in more favorable circumstances would have been notable. As it was those present were well repaid by the excellent addresses delivered by Col. T. Sambola Jones of Baton Rouge and Judge S. McC. Lawason of St. Francisville.

The formal minutes of the meeting follow:

At a meeting of the citizens of the parish, held at the court house in St. Francisville on Saturday, Sept. 15, in pursuance of public notice previously given for the purpose of organizing the parish as an adjunct, or as assistant to the State Council of Defense, recently established at the extraordinary session of the State legislature, Judge Jos. L. Golsan was chosen to preside and Mr. J. R. Matthews was selected to act as secretary.

Hon. T. Sambola Jones of Baton Rouge, representing the State Council of Defense, in a forceful and patriotic speech explained the object and purpose of the legislative enactment as a war measure, and asked the cooperation of the parish.

Judge Lawason, in his usual vein of easy speech and good judgment, addressed the meeting and urged that West Feliciana must do her part in rendering the State more service, and incidentally the Federal Government, now at war with Germany, an enemy to most of the civilized world.

Permanent organization was had, Judge Golsan being selected as chairman of the Parish Committee of the State Council of Defense, with authority to name the balance of the committee.

Whereupon the chairman announced the personnel of the committee to be as follows: Dr. Chas. F. Howell, President of the Police Jury; R. E. Crump, Parish Superintendent of Education; A. A. Frederick, Farm Demonstration Agent; and the following citizens of the parish: J. G. Perkins, Edw. Butler, Howard Spillman, W. B. Davidson, Dr. W. W. Burekhalter, B. I. Barrow, Lee O. Lester.

Members of this committee are earnestly requested to meet at the court house on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing and appointing committees.

J. R. MATTHEWS,
Secretary of the meeting.

JEWISH NEW YEAR

Hebrew citizens began the observance of the New Year, Sunday evening, by services in Temple Sinai, conducted by Mr. Ben Leopold. Services were also held Monday fore- and afternoon. The choir was composed of Misses Freda Stern, Leida Golsan and Mrs. J. L. Golsan, Mrs. O. Leonard, organist, and ably assisted the reader in the beautiful service of prayer and song.

The Jewish New Year is known by different names, and each expresses something of its spiritual significance. Numbers XXIX, I, designates it as "The Day of Blowing the Trumpet (Shofar)." New Year occurs in the autumn, when the falling leaf and fading flower turn man's mind to serious reflection.

Rosh Hashana is also known as the Day of Memorial, the Day of Judgment, of self examination. Tradition tells us that on this day the ruler of life weighs the doings of man, and allots to each his destiny, as it were, for the coming year, for weal or woe, for life or death. "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not tremble?" (Amos, III, 6). "For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our law-giver; the Lord is our king: He will save us."

Its message to man is threefold (1) to contemplate all experiences of the year—joyful and sorrowful—in the light of discipline, by the ruler of human destiny, and to renew our trust in him; (2) to scrutinize our conduct, conscious that God, the just judge of the world, searches the heart, and to consecrate the New Year to a nobler life; (3) and to look upon the life story of Israel as of one's self in the light of God's revelations on Sinai, Moriah and Zion.

On the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 25, the fast of Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement begins, and which will end at early evening on the following day, Sept. 26.

OCTOBER 17 NAMED REGISTRATION DAY

Under the act creating the State Council of Defense, Governor Pleasant has authorized the issuance of a proclamation fixing October 17 as the registration day in Louisiana for women.

It is the first time in the history of Louisiana that a similar proclamation has been issued and the full text follows:

"Whereas, by Act of Congress a Council of National Defense has been established in the interest of national security and welfare; and

"Whereas, this council deems it wise and essential to secure a census of women power of the nation—which census shall serve to inform the government

"(1) as to the present state of preparedness of women along industrial lines;

"(2) as to the training that is desired by those wishing to equip themselves for industrial, philanthropic, or social service;

"(3) as to those who are homemakers, and who, by registering, automatically place themselves in a position to be reached by the Council of National Defense when its program demands their co-operation;

"(4) as to actual service, volunteer or for remuneration, that may or may not be counted upon in time of emergency; and

"Whereas, on account of the fact that this information will be of great permanent value to the government, the Council of National Defense has asked that the aforementioned census be taken state by state; and

"Whereas, the legislature of the State of Louisiana has empowered the State Council of Defense to require such a registration; and

"Whereas, the State Council of Defense has decreed and required that such a census be taken under the personal supervision of the Governor of Louisiana,

"Now, therefore, I, Ruffin G. Pleasant, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1917, as Registration Day in the State of Louisiana, and do hereby require that, on the above appointed day, every woman in Louisiana of the age of sixteen complete or more, shall appear at the registration booth in her political precinct to register such information as the State Council of Defense requires.

"In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the great seal of the State of Louisiana, at the capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this the fourteenth day of September, 1917.

"By the Governor:
(Signed) "R. G. PLEASANT,
(Signed) "JAMES J. BAILEY,
"Secretary of State."

JULIUS FREYHAN HIGH SCHOOL

The opening exercises for the session 1917-18 took place at Julius Freyhan high school, Monday morning, in the presence of parents and friends. The addresses made were all good and listened to with respect and appreciation.

Hon. Jos. L. Golsan, district attorney, made a forceful address in which he referred to proper school ideals, the development of real boyhood, and the grades as they succeeded each other were best met by a thorough preparation in the one preceding. Thus when the 11th grade was completed, the pupil was ready for college, or if need be, for the sterner realities of life in the outside world.

Rev. A. W. Skardon, rector of Grace Church, next spoke pleasingly, dwelling on the improvements made in the later methods of teaching as compared with when he went to school. (He did not say, but this was not so dreadfully long ago, either.) His remarks were lightened by pleasant anecdotes.

Mr. R. E. Crump made a few remarks principally on the harm and folly of pupils' "skipping grades," and insisted that from now forward it would be his policy and that of the School Board not to permit this to be done. The graduations in the course of study were carefully planned with a view to the development of the pupil and must therefore be respected.

The new principal, Mr. C. L. Mackey, made a short talk, saying that he did not propose making a set of cast iron rules, full of shalts and shalt-nots, but would conduct the school along lines of general courtesy and obedience. He insisted however that respect to teachers must be absolute.

The opening exercises concluded, the

pupils repaired to their various classrooms for assignment of lessons, etc., for the morrow. Several busy hours ensued. The faculty of the high school is now complete. Miss Cluxton of Ohio resigned at the last moment, and her place has been filled by Miss Nancy Stephens of New Orleans. The number of pupils enrolled the opening day were 147. The number has since been increased to 154. The number in the high school proper is 55.

NAVAL RECRUITS NEEDED

Announcement has been made by Commander L. J. Clark, Navy Recruiting Officer at New Orleans, that beginning September 16 as soon as a man enlists in the Navy he will be sent to one of the naval training stations or receiving ships.

Commander Clark states that the Navy is still in need of recruits and is enlisting apprentice seamen and that there are excellent opportunities at the present time for men with skilled trades such as machinists, firemen, bakers, cooks and waiters.

The Navy will not enlist a man who has been notified to appear before a local board for physical examination but will enlist all others between the ages of 18 and 25.

The recruiting officer is working on plans to carry out an educational campaign to impress upon the people of Louisiana that the Navy is a branch of service that offers wonderful opportunities to ambitious young men. At the present time the lowest rate of pay is \$32.50 per month, plus clothing, lodging and subsistence and every man who enlists has an opportunity to learn a trade and to become an officer at a high rate of pay.

ROSENFIELD'S

BATON ROUGE, LA.

New Fall Silks and Dress Goods

Thousands of yards of beautiful New Fall Silks and Dress Goods are now being shown here. New assortments of Satin Lunette, Crepe, Charmeuse Satin, Princess Chiffon, Faille, etc., all moderately priced.

Counter of Fancy Silks, in contrasting colors, a yard..... \$1.00

36-inch Silk Poplins, per yard..... \$1.00

36-inch Fancy Silks, per yard..... \$1.50

40-inch Georgette Crepe, in toque, light gray, Belgium, light blue, flesh, pink, rose, myrtle, champagne, prune, turquoise, peach, medium gray, black and white; per yard..... \$1.50

36-inch Plain and Fancy Pongee Silk, per yard..... 69c

40-inch Crepe de Chine, first quality, no flaws, clear finish, per yard..... \$1.65

36-inch Crepe de Chine, per yard..... \$1.19

SAMPLE WAISTS

Five dozen sample Silk Waists, some slightly soiled with oil stains during manufacturing, in whites and colors; values to \$10.00, at..... \$3.75

NEW GEORGETTE CREPE WAISTS

Waists that reflect the very latest modes for present day wear. They are fashioned of first quality Georgette Crepe, accurate copies of higher-priced models,.... \$5.75

VOILE WAISTS

Crisp and new, daintily trimmed, well made and finished. We consider these the best values, above the average, considering the present trend of the waist market.

98c \$1.98

GIRLS' GINGHAM DRESSES FOR SCHOOL WEAR

Well made in a variety of patterns and color combinations that would be hard to equal, and are actually worth \$1.00 more than we ask; sizes to 14 years.

\$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00

JUST RECEIVED a new line of Knitted Goods for baby and grown-up folks.

Important Showing New Fall Styles in Coats, Suits, Dresses

Our buyer has returned from the eastern market, having made selections earlier than usual to avoid the inevitable advance in labor and material. This early visit brings completeness and extensive showing at prices that are decidedly moderate.

SILK AND SERGE DRESSES

Extra values in Ladies' and Misses' Silk and Serge Dresses, latest fall models, reproduced directly for us at

\$10 \$15 \$19.75

SERGE SUITS

Wonderful showing of Serge Suits, belted coats, velvet collars, in blues, browns and green, trimmed with buttons..... \$10.00

SPECIAL IN LADIES' AND MISSES' SUITS

Lightweight Summer Suits for early fall wear, suitable for immediate wear; values to \$20, at..... \$7.50

Ladies' New Fall Boots

Most Fashionable and Attractive Styles Moderately Priced at

\$7.50 \$9.50 \$12.00

A masterful display of Women's Fine Footwear for Fall. At no time, this early in the season, have stocks been so nearly complete. The style leaders are here—the new things Dame Fashion favors—and women are buying them, too. Already we have had to re-order some sizes. And the prices—they'll prove a pleasant surprise to you, they are so extremely moderate. Among the charming styles shown are: Boots with gray and black kid vamps, with gray Romaine tops; all-gray Kid oBots; Black Kid Boots, with fawn and gray cloth tops; Black Kid Boots, with Canary cloth tops; Black Kid, with sand Romaine tops; Patent Leather, with white Romaine tops, and many others. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$12.00.

BOYS' SCHOOL SUITS

We can supply your needs in Hats, Shoes, Stockings, etc., at moderate prices. Juvenile Suits, in Serges, Wreathed, Cassimere and Velvet, in the new Norfolk style with straight parts..... \$2.50 to \$5.00 Boys' Norfolk Knickerbocker Suits, in Wadsted, Cassimere, Serges and Corduroy, \$4.50 to \$10.00

New Fall Styles in Silk and Cloth Skirts

The style assortment embraces every new whim of Dame Fashion, plain color, fancy stripes and figures in all the wanted colors. Every woman's wardrobe requires at least two separate skirts this season—a dressy one and one for more strictly business services. The newest styles are revealed in our displays, featuring many of the bright colors and plainer colored ones in silk or cloth.

\$1.00 to \$30.00

SWEATERS FOR FALL

These new arrivals, which we have just received, are of plain colors as well as those of contrasting hues, and here in abundant variety. They are the slip on over the head and open coat models, fitted with sailor collars and big pockets and smart belts all around.

\$2.00 to \$15.00

Fine Shetland and Wool Zephyr Sweaters, all colors..... \$5.00

A large assortment of Children's Sweaters..... \$1 to \$3

GINGHAMS

Large assortment of Gingham in stripes, plaids, etc., all colors, per yard 12½c, 15c, 19c.

OUTING FLANNELS

Outing Flannels in light and dark colors, per yard 12½c and 15c.

NEW FALL MILLINERY

Our Millinery Department was never better prepared to supply the needs in Ladies' and Misses' Attractively Trimmed Hats for Fall and Winter wear. Our assortment far outstrips that of all hats which have appeared in many seasons past.

\$5.00 \$7.50 \$10

FELT SPORT HATS

All the wanted shades in the new sweater colors, all shapes, worth \$4..... \$1.98

A large assortment of Children's Hats for school and dress wear..... \$1 to \$10

DRAPERY

A beautiful assortment of Cretonnes, Satin and Sateen Drapery to match your room, in floral and oriental designs, light and dark patterns, a yard..... 15c to 75c 36-inch Cretonnes in floral and oriental and stripes, all colors, per yard..... 25c

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

As customary the teachers of West Feliciana Parish assembled for a two days' institute before going to their respective schools. This meeting was held last Friday and Saturday.

The purpose of this meeting was to get the teachers together, have them meet their fellow workers, and to give the parish superintendent an opportunity to outline the work for the year. In addition to the several talks made by Superintendent Crump, short addresses were made by Mr. Redhead, representing the extension department of the Louisiana State University, and by Mr. B. W. Hensley, representing the Louisiana School Work. Miss Elsworth told of some of the things she had learned during her summer's stay in a Michigan school. Prin. C. L. Mackey also made a short talk.

The second day's work was handicapped by the unfavorable weather. The general session was omitted. Mr. Mackey called together his faculty to consider plans for the opening of school. Supt. Crump held consultations with the individual rural school teachers. The afternoon session was adjourned in order that the teachers might attend the meeting for the formation of the local Council of Defense and hear the patriotic addresses of Col. T. Sambola Jones, Judge Lawason and Judge Golsan.

All of the schools of the parish were represented. A teacher was secured for each school in spite of the great scarcity of teachers. It is believed that we have as good a corps of teachers as we have ever had, or possibly better. The schools opened under very favorable auspices, and we hope to have a very successful year's work.

R. E. C.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Every public spirited citizen of this parish is willing and anxious to help advertise our Free Fair. If any one is found who is unwilling to help in this good work, we are forced to believe that a proper interest in the public welfare is lacking. We are speaking now of citizens of this parish. But an example of public spirit that comes from a source not only outside the parish but outside the state as well has come to our attention and we cannot refrain from mentioning it and expressing our gratitude publicly.

Secretary Crump wrote to the manager of the moving picture show at Woodville, Miss., asking for rates for advertising the Free Fair by running a slide at the picture show. The following reply was received:

"In reply to yours of the 17th, we beg to say that as long as showing the slides for the welfare of the State of Louisiana, we will gladly show with pleasure all the slides you send. Hoping to hear from you, we remain,

"Yours very truly,

"MAJESTIC THEATRE,

"Sam Rosso, Prop."

To our mind this shows the spirit of one who is a booster for the heart—one whose boosting spirit is willing to help anything for the welfare not only of his own state but of a neighboring state and the nation.

Is not this the spirit that should animate us all? Too many of us are inclined to confine our interests to those things that mean dollars and cents to us, and if the dollars and cents are not forthcoming, our interest does not hold.

If you are not doing your share in helping advertise and boost a Fair which belongs to you and your home

parish, does not the example of this public spirited man from another state who is willing to donate space, cause you to hang your head in shame? It should do so, and it should make you resolve that hereafter—from now on—you will not be mean and selfish, but that you will be broad-minded and helpful and do your full share whenever an appeal comes to you to help a movement that looks toward the welfare of all.

Three cheers for Mr. Rosso,
WEST FELICIANA FAIR ASS'N.
Per R. E. Crump, Secretary.

FARM AND LIVE STOCK SHOW

At the National Farm & Live Stock Show which is to take place in New Orleans for ten days from November 10 to 19, this year, will be held a live stock buyers' convention. Buyers from all over the United States and also from Latin-American countries will attend. Special invitations to attend the show have been sent to prospective purchasers in the Latin-American republic. This creates a point of contact of which breeders may avail themselves with ever increasing profit.

The Department of Agriculture of the United States Government will make the largest exhibit ever seen South under the following different headings: Weather bureau, bureau of plant industry, bureau of soils, forest service, bureau of markets, bureau of animal industry, bureau of chemistry, bureau of entomology, bureau of biological survey, states relations service, office of public roads and rural engineering.

In all the years to come the young Latin student will get a new thrill from Caesar's phrase, Fortissimi sunt Belgae.