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Relative to the division of Calcasieu parish, the division papers of the parish are making a grand stand play upon the action of the recent parish division convention representing the will of the people. Now this is all tommy-rot, and there is not a well informed man in the parish but that knows it. There is no one who is even half way familiar with the conditions that exist in Calcasieu parish, but that knows that the division of the parish on the proposed lines is in no sense the will of the people, and that, should Gov. Hall be as fair to the people as was Gov. Sanders, and submit the proposed division to a referendum vote the question of division would be defeated by an overwhelming majority. Our representative knew this, when he stated in his opening address to the convention that it would be impossible to decide on a set of lines upon which the parish could be divided if left to a vote of the people. The delegates, many of whom were instructed to oppose division if there was any chance to oppose it in the convention, know it, and everyone who is familiar with the referendum vote on the subject less than two years ago, knows that the people expressed in no uncertain terms their opposition to division. The action of the convention in adopting the lines submitted to the convention does not represent the will of the people, but it does represent the will of a few politicial schemers and wire-pullers of a few of the towns of the parish which hope to be benefitted by division.

In his telegraphic appeal to California for their support at the State presidential primary held Tuesday, President Taft very adroitly reminds them of their obligation to support him, because of the part he played in securing the Panama Exposition for California, rather than Louisiana. While it is generally conceded that it is largely due to the activity of President Taft that the exposition went to the west rather than to the south, we are surprised that he should offer it as a reason for demandtng the vote of the state. If California is indebted to the president for the exposition to the extent that she should give him her support in the National Convention, why, by the same token, should not Louisiana deny him her support on the ground that by not keeping hands off he robbed them of the exposition.

The parish division convention at Lake Charles held last Saturday used the carving knife with artistic effect on poor old Calcasieu and when the legislature endorses its action she will look like a wreck of her former self. The western boundary of the new parish which will take in Lake Arthur consists of a series of connected straight and crooked lines which will require a full load of "tangle foot" to follow with certainty. A drunk man on a blind horse in a dark night would be about as certain of his bearings as he would on a trip up Nezpique.—Lake Arthur Herald.

If anybody had told Jennings ten years ago that she would obtain parish division only with the help of Lake Charles, she wouldn't have believed it. And neither would Lake Charles, says the American-Press. And if anybody had told Lake Charles a year and a half ago, when she was spending hundreds of dollars and sending out her best men to defeat Parish Division, that within two years for purely mercenary reasons she would be lined up fighting for division, they would have been accused of having patronized Lake Charles blind tigers too freely.

A colored man, brought before a police judge, charged with stealing chickens, pleaded guilty and received sentence, when the judge asked how it was he managed to lift those chickens right under the window of the owner's house when there was a dog in the yard. "Hit wouldn't be no use judge," said the man, "to try to splain dis thing t you tall. Ef you was to try it you like as not would get yer hide full o' shot an' get no chickens nuther. Ef you wants to engage in any rascality, jedge, yo' better stick to the bench where yo' am familiar."—Shreveport Times.

This is the way the Port Arthur News sees it; "Imperial Calcasieu has been chopped into so many pieces that she can no longer refer to herself as the biggest thing on the Louisiana map. Incidentally, all those new offices for the three new parishes ought to be a mighty good thing for the tired citizens who wish to earn their living without any great amount of labor.'

We don't pose as a prophet, nor as the son of a prophet, and especially on matters of as doubtful a character as that of the choice of presidential candidates, and yet we cannot forbear the reflection that it looks a good deal as though "history is going to repeat itself" and the two old party standard bearers may be Roosevelt and Bryan.

Users of tobacco cannot in the future hold seats in the general conference of the Methodist church. Few really good Methodists that ever aspire to that body, however, use tobacco, so that the ruling was hardly necessary.—Lawrence (Kas.) Gazette.

The most supreme example of irony that has ever come to our notice is the proposition advanced by some of the parish divisionists to call the new Jennings parish "Mentau" meaning peaceful.

A "little farm well tilled," is better than a big plantation cultivated in slovenly fashion and depending on the commission merchant for supplies. —The Country Review.

Alpha Embroidery Club Entertained at Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alf Martin.

Another of those delightful social functions, which are given quarterly by the members of the Alpha Embroidery Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alf Martin, on South Elm street Tuesday evening. The evening was delightful in every respect, and about sixty including members of the club, their husbands and friends assembled to enjoy the evening's festivities.

The ladies are not anything, if not original in their methods of entertainment, and while no word of what the occasion held in store for them was breathed, to the masculine portion of the assembly, who were the guests of the club, still a feeling of uneasiness prevaded the atmosphere, and forebodings were freely indulged in that, the S. S. S. which was engraven upon the invitations sent to the gentlemen had some sinister signficance. Nevertheless the gentlemen bore themselves with commendale courage, even to being corelled in a room to themselves while loud preparations for the secret sensational slaughter were being made in the adjoining rooms. Finally the dread summons came that called for a squad of four to be conducted through the mysteries of the secret order of the S. S. S. To the solemn strains of a funeral dirge the victoms were led to the altar of execution, where, amid resounding whacks administered by the sturdy arms of twentieth century women, and regailed by savory odors that reminded one the odors supposed to eminate from the retreat for retired and superannuated eggs, the solemn lessons of the S. S. S. were inculcated. Thus by fours and fives the gentlemen were apprized of the secrets of the S. S. S. and came forth simple simpering simpletons. At the conclusion of the initiatory ceremonies there remained no doubt in the minds of candidates but that the ladies were past masters at degree work, and that their degree team would pull a fellow out of the bogs of dispair no matter how deep he might be in.

Following this feature of the evening's entertainment, an auction was held of some fifty or more packages that were brought by the guests. Much merriment was evoked by this portion of the entertainment, especially when some of the gentlemen risked all their available resources in buying a spacious band box, expecting to get nothing less than some lady's last year's bonnet, only to find upon opening their purchase, that they had secured a very recent this year's member of the feline family.

Delightful refreshments of cream and cake were served at the close of the evening, while fruit punch was served throughout the evening.

Mesdames J. Alf Martin, W.P. Arnette, L. E. Robinson, D.R. Read, E.S. Goodreau Wm Fear and E. H. Boling composed the committee on entertainment, to whom the thanks of all present were due and cheerfully accorded for a most delightful evening. The club and its friends are also under recognized obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Martin for the use of their delightful home for the evening.

Still Another New Auto For Welsh.

To the large list of automobile owners of which Welsh may justly feel proud, another was added the last of last week, when Ralph Reeve purchased a new Ford. This car was purchased from Dr. L. G. Lewis, who is the Ford representative here. Mr. Lewis also sold a car this week to a gentleman in Jennings.

Welsh High School Graduates Being Entertained.

That Welsh is justly proud of her school system goes without saying, as it has been frequently asserted by those high in educational circles that the Welsh schools have few equals and no superiors in the state. And the people of Welsh are not only proud of their schools but especially of the graduating class of the year 1912. The class this year consists of eight members, four young men and four young ladies, and it is the biggest class ever graduated from the school. The personnel of the class is as follows: Misses Bonnibel Doan, Jessie Robinson, Mabel Gabbert and Irma Robinson; Messrs. Benjamin Gabbert, Truman Fear, George Mortland and Reynolds Logan. The girls of this class are all that the "sweet girl graduate" ever are, being refined, cultured girls, who culture is not of the head alone but of the heart as well. The boys are as clean, honorable and energetic lot of young men as one need wish to find, and are an honor to any community.

In token of the high esteem in which the members of the class are held, the people of Welsh are entertaining them in regal style. The following receptions have been planned for the class, and the only apparent reason that the number is limited is the lack of more nights in which to entertain:

On Wednesday night of this week, the Sophmores entertained the class at the home of the class president, Miss Bessie Davis.

Thursday night they were entertained at the home of Ex-Mayor A. T. Jones.

Friday night School Director W. B. Gabbert and his most excellent wife entertained the class at their home.

Monday night Mr. Roy Carter, the enterprising proprietor of the Carter's Ice Cream Parlor, will entertain the class at his establishment.

On Tuesday night Misses Ruth McLees and Allie Thurman, two of the teachers will hold a reception for the class at their boarding house, the hotel Kiplinger.

Wednesday night Mrs. Chas. Ryder will tender a reception to the members of the class at the Ryder home.

Thursday night Mayor L. G. Lewis and his charming daughter, Miss Helen will entertain the class at their elegant home on Polk Street.

Friday night the final entertainment will be tendered the class at the spacious home of Hon. and Mrs. L. E. Robinson.

On the following Sunday, May 26 the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Auditorium, by Rev. W. L. Chilcress, D. D., Ph. D., of Roanoke.

On Monday evening May 27th, the class play, "A Spoiled Darling" will be rendered at the Auditorium.

And on Tuesday evening the Commencement program will be presented. And then—Life.

Stewart-Martin.

Arthur Stewart of Cameron Parish and Miss Stella Martin, of Ruston, La., were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byerly, on Buckeye Plantation, seven miles north of Welsh, Thursday evening at six o'clock.

The bride has been teaching the Meadow Prarie school during the past six months and has made a large circle of friends in the Meadow Prairie community.

The groom is the son of one of the prominent planters and stockmen of Cameron parish, and is reputed to be a young man of excellent worth.

After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs Stewart will be at home in Cameron parish.

LOCAL CONTINUED

Mr, and Mrs. S. W. Day and little daughter Hortense, of Alexandria, arrived in Welsh Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives.

5 gallons coal oil for 65 cents. L. R. Barbee, Phone 71. 48-2t

Johnnie Robinson, of the Hawkeye Ranch arrived in Welsh Thursday noon after having spent a month sight seeing and enjoying life in California. Mr. Robinson comes back more pleased with Louisiana than ever, after having seen a large portion of the far famed Pacific Slope.

CHARTER

OF

Roanoke Farmers' Telephone Company.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of Louisiana,)
Parish of Calcasieu)

BE IT KNOWN, That on this, the 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve (1912) before me, W P. Russell, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the said Parish and State, duly commissioned and qualified, and on this day personally came and appeared J. M. Booze, E. E. McMillan and T. B. Compton, all residents of aforesaid Pairsh and State, who declared unto me, Notary, in the presence of the two undersigned witnesses, that desiring to avail themselves of the laws of Louisiana, relative to the formation of corporations, and to acquire and enjoy the rights, privileges and powers of a body corporate and politic in law, they do hereby form themselves into such a corporation and body politic, under the name and style and for the purpose hereinafter set forth, viz:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the corporation here formed shall be the ROANOKE FARMERS' TELEPHONE COMPANY, and its domicile and principal place of business is hereby fixed at Roanoke, Calcasieu Parish, State of Louisiana. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President of the corporation is hereby declared to be the proper person whom service of citation and a other legal process shall be made. The first Board of Directors shall consist of the following stockholders, to-wit: J. M. Booze, President; T. F. Clayton, Vice-President; E. E. McMillan, Treasurer; E. E. McMillan, Secretary; who shall hold their office until the first Monday of April, 1912, or until their successors shall have been duly elected. The officers of said corporation shall be vested with the power and authority and duties usually vested in officers holding such offices in corporations. The President is authorized to execute any and all bonds, affidavits or other instruments that may be neccessary in any legal proceedings in which the corporation may be a party. The Board of Directors shall have full control of all the property of the corporation, and shall conduct manage and use the same in the manner in which the business of the Corporation may be best carried out, and the promotion of its welfare most certainly secured. They shall have the right to hire and fix the salaries and wages of the employees and to name and appoint all agents, employees and laborerers necessary for the successful operation of the business of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shal have full power and authority to frame and adopt such by-laws as in their judgment the best interests of this Corporation may require, Immediately after their election each year, the Board of Directors shall meet and organize by electing the officers of the Corporation from among their number.

ARTICLE II.

Under its corporate name this Corporation shall have the power to contract, sue and be sued; to make and to use a corporate seal; to buy, sell, own, lease, pledge or hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed, and generally to do and perform all acts and things that may be necessary, legal and proper to carry out the objects and purposes for which this Corporation is organized.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this Corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared to be as follows: To own, construct, maintain and operate a system of telephone lines for the use of the inhabitants of the Town of Roanoke, and the Parish of Calcasieu, and other Cities, Towns and Parishes of the State of Louisiana, and generally to do any and all things incidental to or necessary for the successful maintainence and operation of the above line of business.

ARTICLE IV.

This corporation shall enjoy succession by its corporate name and shall possess all of the powers incident to and vested in corporations under the laws of the State of Louisiana for a term of Ninety-nine years from the date of this act unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE V.

The authorized capital stock of this Corporation is hereby fixed at Seven Thousand ($7,000) Dollars divided into Two (200) hundred shares of the par value of Thirty-five ($35.00) Dollars each. This Corporation shall be authorized to begin business as such as soon as Ten Shares of capital stock shall have been subscribed and paid for. No stock shall be issued for less than its par value, and not until it sha have been fully paid for in cash or its equivalent, or by services rendered to the corporation. The capital stock of this association shall be non-assessible, and shall be issued at such times and in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine.

ARTICLE VI.

The corporation powers of this Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors to be composed of ———— stockholders, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders, which shall be held on the first Monday of the month of April of each year, beginning with the first Monday of the month of April, in the year 1912. At all stockholders' meetings, all elections shall be by ballot, each stockholder being entitled to one vote for each share of stock owned by him. Each stockholder shall be entitled to vote, whether in person or by written proxy. Notice of all meetings of stockholders shall be given by sending a notice by registered mail to each stockhold at his or her last known postoffice address, at least ten days prior to the meeting designated.

ARTICLE VII.

The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, a Secretary and Treasurer, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person at the same time.

ARTICLE VIII.

At the termination of this Charter by limitation, or upon its dissolution at any time, its business and affairs shall be liquidated and wound up by three commissioners, to be selected by the stockholders, from among themselves, at a meeting convened for such purpose, after ten days written notice shall have been given by registered mail to each stockholder, at his or her last known postoffice address: its dissolution may be affected in a similar manner, at any regular meeting of the stockholders of this Corporation fixed by a vote of the majority of the stockholders of this Corporation. The duties of the liquidating committee thus selected, shall be defined and their compensation fixed by a vote of the majority of the stockholders present or represented at such meeting, and said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of the Corporation shall have been liquidated in full. In case of the death of one of the commissioners the survivors shall continue to act.

ARTICLE IX.

No stockholder of this Corporation shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults thereof, in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the Company on shares of stock subscribed for or owned by him, nor shall any informality in organization have the effect of rendering this Charter null, or of exposing any stockholder to any liability, beyond the unpaid balance, if any, of his stock. This done and passed at Roanoke, Louisiana, in the presence of W. B. Gabbert and Jno. W. Armstrong, competent witnesses, who hereunto sign as such, together with said parties and me, after due reading, on the day and date first above mentioned.

Subscrib :

(Signed)

E. C. Robinson,	One Share
John Thomas	
Bower Bros.,	One Share
J. E. Earl & Son.,	One Share
J. C. Minninix,	One Share
R. M. Harris,	One Share
W. L. Bower,	One Share
C. Winchell,	One Share
O. L. Sutter,	One Share
Morgan Smith,	One Share
	Two Shares
T. F. Clayton,	Two Shares
A. & M. Longnecker,	One Share
T. B. Compton,	One Share
A. McMillan & Son,	
Per Earl	Two Shares
J. B. Firestone,	One Share
David Thomas,	One Share
Albert A. Sutter,	One Share
J. W. DeVilbiss,	One Share
L. A. Williams,	One Share
A. & M. Clayton,	Two Shares
W. F. Tietje,	One Share

(Witnesses)
WM. B. GABBERT.
JNO. W. ARMSTRONG.

WM. P. RUSSELL, JR.,
(Seal) Notary Public, Calcasieu Parish Louisiana.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,)
Parish of Calcasieu.)

Before me, Wm. P. Russell, Jr., a Notory Public, in and for the said Parish and State, on this day personally came and appeared the persons whose names are signed to this document, each of whom declare unto me, in the presence of the hereinafter named and undersigned competent Witnesses, that they do hereby subscribe to pay for the number of shares of the capital stock of the Roanoke Farmers Telephone Company set opposite the respective signatures hereto, each share being of the par value of Thirty-five ($35.00) Dollars.

Name	No. of Shares
E. O. Hiemler	One
E. T. Robinson	One

Witness my official signature and seal, at Welsh, Louisiana, in the presence of Wm. B. Gabbert and Jno. W. Armstrong, competent witnesses.

(Witnesses:)
WM. B. GABBERT.
JNO. W. ARMSTRONG.

(SEAL) WM. P. RUSSELL, JR.
Notary Public.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,)
Parish of Calcasieu.)

I hereby certify that the within Act of Charter, the ROANOKE FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY, was this day duly recorded in my Notorial Recor Book 1 on Page 204, Witness my official signature and seal at Welsh, Louisiana, on this 6th day of April, 1912.

(SEAL) WM. P. RUSSELL. JR.,

The Foregoing act of incorporation, having been submitted to me for examination as to its legality, I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the same, and I am of the opinion that the purpose and objects as herein set forth are legal, and that none of the the provisions therein contained, are contrary to law. In testimony whereof witness my official signature at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on this 10th day of April, 1912

(Signed)
District Attorney of the 15th Judicial District of Louisiana.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,)
Parish of Calcasieu.)

Clerk's Office, 15th Judicial District Court.

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Charter of the Roanoke Farmers Telephone Company, filed in this office on the 10th day of April A. D. 1912, and duly recorded in Book "41" of Mortgages, pages 359 et seq.

In testimony whereof, witness my official signature and seal of office, at Lake Charles, Louisiana, this 10th day of April, A. D. 1912.

(SEAL) J. H. LYONS,
Deputy Clerk of Court.