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NEW RURAL ROUTES ESTABLISHED SEPT. 1.

Postmistress Miss Essie Stewart of Welsh has received assurance from the postoffice department at Washington, D. C., that the two new rural routes, known as Motor Routes Nos. 1 and 3, will be established September 1.

These two new routes cover a distance of 57 miles and will serve a number of patrons north and west of Welsh. At their inception they will be served only every other day, but after the first six months the patrons will be served daily, one carrier carrying both the routes.

These routes were established mainly through the efforts of Congressman Lazaro who is zealously guarding the interests of his district in Washington, working in conjunction with postmaster Wm. M. Terry.

Mr. Terry has requested the patrons of the new routes who want registration mail boxes to communicate with him at once so that no delay may be caused in establishing the route.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FISCAL AGENT

Jennings, La., July 10, 1916.

All Banks and Bankers of Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

Under Act No. 265 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1912, and pursuant to resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, July 6, 1916, you are hereby notified that the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, will at its regular meeting to be held on August 3, 1916, select a fiscal agent for said parish for a period of two years from August 3, 1916.

Each bank submitting a bid to become fiscal agent of said parish, is required to furnish a sworn statement of its financial condition on the first day of the month prior to the day of making said application, as is required by Section 8 of said Act 205, to furnish bond in such amount as may be required by the Police Jury.

NUMBER FROM WELSH ATTEND LAKE ARTHUR CAMP MEETING

A large number of people from in and near Welsh attended the Lake Arthur camp meeting last Sunday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Scoggins and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Willard and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carroll and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd and children, Mr. and Mrs. Zim Todd and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovett and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Narrans and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bowers, Mr. F. O. Radeke, Mr. F. Moor, Mrs. Beatrice Peck, Miss Flora Compton, Miss Katherine Carroll, Miss Euphie Neely, Miss Lillian Carroll, Miss Violet Bortoff, Miss Rachel Patterson, Miss Shirley Davidson, Miss Beulah McCain of Crowley, Messrs. Chas. and Jules Todd, Willie, John and Roy Compton, Andy Notestine and A. C. Moore, Mrs. Mary Scoggins, Misses Dora and Amy Radeke and Mr. Elmer Harris.

On account of the recent issue of \$500,000 bonds for improved highways, the average daily balances were likely to be of considerable size.

The bid of each bank submitting an application to become fiscal agent for said parish shall be made so as to cover the following propositions:

1. The rate of interest to be paid by said fiscal agent on daily balances.
 2. Agree to loan to the parish of Jefferson Davis from time to time as may be required, funds in excess of the average daily balance, not to exceed an amount to be expressly stated in said bill.
- Each bid shall be sealed and delivered to John T. Hood, Clerk of the Police Jury, prior to 10:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, August 3, 1916.
- A copy of Act 205 of the Acts of 1912 is enclosed herewith.
- J. S. TREME,
President of Police Jury.
JOHN T. HOOD,

ST. LANDRY'S SHERIFF SLAIN BY DESPERADO

Sheriff Marion L. Swords of St. Landry parish was shot to death at daybreak Monday morning in a corn field fifteen miles west of Opelousas by Helaire Carriere, outlaw who in April escaped from the jail in Jennings, where he was awaiting trial for the killing of a negro in a boat on the Mermentau river last October, and who since his escape from the Jefferson Davis parish jail has terrorized residents of the western portion of St. Landry parish. J. Durousseau, a negro who was assisting the sheriff in an attempt to arrest Carriere was also shot. Deputy Chas. Chachere and another negro, Jim Ballard, were shot by Carriere.

The sheriff, with the negroes and Chachere, his deputy, left Opelousas late Sunday night to arrest Carriere. They reached the house in Mallet Woods where they had been informed Carriere was stopping. They surrounded the house and waited for the dawn.

Chachere's wound was not serious. He and his chief proceeded to surround the field. They dispatched their two negro assistants to one side of the field, themselves taking separate positions on the opposite side. The two negroes glimpsed Carriere as he moved through the tall corn. They opened fire. Carriere replied and hit both of them.

Carriere dodged through the corn. As he ran he saw Sheriff Swords standing in a clearing between the furrows. He fired. The bullet plowed through the sheriff's heart and he fell dead. Chachere rushed to the assistance of his chief and lost sight of the desperado.

Rewards amounting to \$7,500 have been offered for the capture, dead or alive, of the desperado, Helaire Carriere. Posses from various points all over this part of the state are searching for him, and with the intense feeling aroused it is almost certain that he will be captured and summarily executed in a very short time.

The funeral of the late Sheriff was held from his home in Opelousas Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended by notables from all over the state, among them Governor Pleasant, Senator Stafford and wife, Secretary James J. Bailey and Major Stewart.

Marion L. Swords was one of the most picturesque political figures in this section of the state. He had political friends and political enemies because he "always spoke his mind," but there are few who ever spoke unfavorably of Marion L. Swords personally.

He was born 59 years ago on a farm in Avoyelles parish, but early in life he moved to Big Cane, in St. Landry parish. His boyhood he spent upon a farm at Big Cane and when a young man he engaged in the general mercantile business near Spring Bayou, St. Landry parish. He retired from business to enter politics.

His entrance into politics was made during the memorable anti-lottery campaign of 1896. In appreciation of the service rendered during that campaign by Swords, Murphy J. Foster, successful gubernatorial candidate of the anti-lottery forces, appointed him to the office of assessor and registrar of voters of St. Landry parish. During the fight for white supremacy in 1896 Swords refused to register negroes as voters and was imprisoned for so refusing.

He first was elected sheriff of the parish in 1900 and had served continuously since that time. In the recent state fight he was an ardent supporter of Governor Pleasant, and because of the strong sentiment in St. Landry for the bull moose gubernatorial candidate was elected sheriff by a small majority.

—Some of our most distinguished, influential and strictly moral citizens were observed coming into town at a very questionable hour Monday morning. Should the curfew ordinance have been enforced they would have received the extreme penalty when hauled before the mayor. They would probably attribute their tardy arrival at their homes to slippery roads and automobile trouble while on their return from the Lake Arthur camp meeting.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Democratic Executive Committee, 15th Judicial District of La.

The democratic executive committee of the Fifteenth Judicial district of Louisiana met this day in the court house at Lake Charles, La. Present: A. O. Fontenot, James G. Richard of Jefferson Davis parish; William E. Krebs, J. H. Poe, Calcaisieu parish; E. D. Cormier, proxy to William E. Krebs.

On motion of A. O. Fontenot, William E. Krebs was elected chairman of the committee.

On motion of J. H. Poe, J. G. Richard was elected secretary of said committee.

On motion of J. G. Richard, five members in person or by proxy will hereafter constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

J. H. Poe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the democratic executive committee of the Fifteenth Judicial district hereby is authorized to call a democratic primary to be held at the usual polling places throughout the district between legal hours on September 12, 1916, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for judges of the Fifteenth Judicial district court and one candidate for district attorney for said court;

That candidates for such offices are required to file their applications for places on the primary ticket, accompanied by a fee of \$50 for each candidate for district judge and of \$50 for each candidate for district attorney, with the chairman of this committee on or before July 25, 1916;

That this committee when it adjourns shall adjourn to meet on July 26th, 1916, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of passing upon such applications and of choosing election of officers.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

On motion of J. H. Poe, it was voted that members attending the necessary meetings of this committee to be repaid their traveling expenses in attending such meetings, out of any funds that may be placed in the hands of the chairman to meet the primary expenses.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet July 26 at 1 p. m.

WILLIAM KREBS, Chairman.
J. G. RICHARD, Secretary.

LAYNE & BOWLER NOTES.

Mr. John Ilfrey and family of Houston, Texas, passed through Welsh last Friday evening en route to Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Ilfrey, who is secretary and treasurer of Layne & Bowler Co., is also a pretty good motorist, having made the trip from Houston to Welsh, by the Hudson route, in splendid time.

Mr. Sam Olson, well known to many of our readers, arrived from Houston a few days ago in his Ford special. Mr. Olson intended to make the trip to Memphis in his car but the recent heavy rains caused him to leave his car here and resume his journey over the S. P. Sam is looking much better after his vacation.

Mr. S. O. Scoggins, accompanied by P. L. Scoggins, Mert Morrill and W. P. Trammel, left Monday evening for Alexandria. The object of the trip was to locate the well site for the well to be drilled for the Missouri Pacific Railroad company at that point. Mr. Scoggins returned Tuesday night, the other members of the party remaining in Alexandria to erect the derrick for the job.

Messrs. Romero and Scoggins have recently completed an 11 5-8 inch well for Mr. R. B. Monger near Thornwell, La. We also learn that Mr. Carson Vanarsdall and Mr. W. D. Boyd have completed a fine well for McCain and Ridgeway, near Woodlawn, La.

The recent heavy downpours of rain in this section have flooded almost every field of rice. All the farmers are smiling their approval, and everyone seems to be prosperous except the engineers who have had charge of the many pumping plants in this section.

Some people seem to be able to live without working, but we are kept on the job all the time. Every day is a busy day with Layne & Bowler Co.

JENNINGS CAVALRY TROOP NOW ON THE BORDER

Jennings Times-Record:

For the past few days the patriotic citizens of Jennings have been on the qui vive in anticipation of our pride, the cavalry troop, passing through the city on their way to the border. Yesterday word was received that the boys would pass through here about 7 o'clock p. m., and that a stop of two minutes would be allowed to let the boys say "Howdy!" and "Goodby." Immediately loving hearts and minds began to direct willing hands to prepare remembrances for the boys. Sandwiches were prepared in riotous profusion and such variety that the "57" varieties would not be a marker. Cakes were baked and daintily iced. Loads of cantaloupes and watermelons were gotten in readiness for the boys and then we commenced to await their arrival.

As early as 6 o'clock people began to congregate in the part of the city near the depot, and they kept coming till they were all there. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, sweethearts and brothers, fathers, friends, and small babies. Such a crowd has not been seen around the depot since the world's famous Liberty bell stopped here last November. And they stayed, too.

It was soon apparent that the wait would be a protracted one, but this was no damper on the spirit of this crowd. Ten-thirty came and the first section of the train, bearing the Washington artillery, swept through without stopping. These boys of the Crescent City were vigorously applauded as their train rushed by.

At about this time the whistle on the power house of the electric company gave the shrill blasts to announce that our boys had left Lafayette. After an hour and fifteen minutes the headlight of the engine came in sight around the bend via Mermentau Cove, in two minutes our boys were here, and after handshakes, embraces, kisses and Godspeeds, the cry came, "all aboard," and the signal given to start and as the train slowly gained momentum a mighty cheer went up from the throng of people, and our boys were gone. Not, however, until all the things that had been prepared by loving relatives was placed on the train. It is safe to say that there will not be a shortage of rations on the trip to the border.

It may be that our boys will not see the actual service of real warfare. Be that as it may, the boys have left their homes and friends and relatives of the private citizens at the call of their country and are there and at the command our boys give a splendid account of themselves. Every red-blooded citizen

feels a thrill of pride at the thought or mention of the Jennings Second troop cavalry. The stop was so short that the boys were not permitted to leave the train. Greetings and adieus were from the car windows. One of the touching scenes was that of a little black-eyed bride of a year and a half, being lifted by stalwart arms that she might embrace her husband, and afterward the passing in at the car window a wee bit of humanity, the three months' old baby girl that was showered by kisses by its stalwart soldier papa. This scene convinced the writer that congress should not delay the passage of the act caring for the dependent ones of soldiers.

Another fact that shows how the officers are willing to share in the vicissitudes of the men, is shown by the fact that when it was learned that only day coaches could be supplied without delay, for the transportation of the troops, but a Pullman would be placed at the disposal of the officers. This offer was declined as the officers said, "We will share the hardships of our men."

Our citizens are proud of our boys. Our boys should be proud of our citizens, and we are sure they are, for we heard one trooper remark to another, "It don't make any difference what time we pass through Jennings does it? They are all here to welcome us, ain't they?"

The Times-Record wishes to express its best wishes for the boys and hopes that they will be comfortably located at Camp Mercedes.

The second section bearing the cavalry troop arrived in Welsh about 12:30 p. m., where a number of the members of the troop were greeted by relatives and friends and presented with a number of boxes of good things, which were intended to make the trip to the border seem a little shorter.

LOUISIANA SWINE BREEDERS TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

The Louisiana Swine Breeders' association, of which E. L. Jordan, professor of animal industry, L. S. U., is secretary, will hold a meeting at the association of commerce, New Orleans, August 1. Business men of the city will meet with the association for the purpose of exchanging ideas with its members in regard to the swine industry of the state. The members of the association will visit the local stock yards and abattoirs and be given an opportunity to witness practical demonstrations of modern packing house methods.

Among the speakers will be: H. W. Mumford, one of the leading hog experts of the country, who will address the association on "Starting in the Hog Industry," and George M. Rommel of the U. S. department of agriculture.

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