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PLAN TO EXPORT 25 PER CENT. OF RICE FAVORED BY FARMERS.

Meeting at Auditorium Last Tuesday Night Was The Largest Of Its Kind in History

In response to a call issued by manager R. L. Abbott of the local Southern Rice Growers' Association, the Auditorium was filled Tuesday night, mostly with Jefferson Davis parish farmers, bent on hearing what was to be said in regard to the rice situation. The meeting proved a drawing card stronger than anticipated, as was evidenced by the presence of bankers, producers, and business men from all adjacent points, Lake Charles, Iowa, Rice, Woodlawn, Fenton, Thornwell, Roanoke, Jennings, Crowley, and Rayne, included.

There were many present who were noticeably displeased with the trend of argument advanced. For they had come out expecting to hear a plan exploded by which they would be enabled to recoup losses. It took some time, in fact most all next day, for the real facts to soak in, but when they then had, all heard on the subject have agreed that the conference came at a logical time. "Fearing the worst and hoping for better," has served a very good purpose in the rice industry up to the present time, but as the planting season approaches a knowledge and understanding of the conditions has become essential, for the future welfare of the industry.

The meeting was called to order by Chas. E. Carr, local director of the rice association. During his opening remarks, Mr. Carr issued a gentle warning to the farmers to investigate fully new organizations undertaking to supplant the association, before giving their support. Mr. Carr introduced Mr. D. C. Ritchie as the first speaker. He stated that he believed the rice industry was far from dead, and that the farmers would get back on their feet in reasonable time, advancing logical reasons for his view. Mr. Ritchie discussed the work of the association during its ten years of service, and the problem confronting it at present. In this connection he said:

"It has tried to market the crop of three states under the most adverse conditions ever known. Its chief work has been to steady prices and check the slump as much as possible. It has not advanced prices, not even maintained them, but had it not been as a brake price would have reached bottom long ago and farmers been far worse off than they are."

"You and I," said Mr. Ritchie, "are now carrying Liberty bonds worth 85 cents on the dollar, but we do not believe the government is going to fail. We have confidence in it and thus it can operate. The association though it has not held up prices, has steadied them and enabled the banks to carry your paper. But for it you would have had \$1.00 rice four months ago, when as it is you have not struck bottom. In fact, we are at a turning point and nearing a better market. The association could not make public its difficulties. That would have been giving information to its enemies. All it could do was to keep silent and play the game. You have not had your way nor have I had mine. We have been up against world conditions and had to take what they brought us."

Mr. E. A. Eignus, secretary and manager of the association, was the next speaker. He went minutely into the details of the rice market and world conditions affecting it. Mr. Eignus is unquestionably the one advertised in the circular calling the meeting as "the best posted man on rice in the United States." His talk was interesting and instructive, and made it very plain that he was not trying to sidestep blame for any mistakes made by him in the effort to market the present crop. Mr. Eignus in closing his remarks offered as a suggestion the choice between two remedies, either the material curtailment of acreage or the pooling of a percentage of the crop at any figure.

"We must do one of two things," he said. "We must restrict our acreage to raise not more than six million bags or we must provide for exporting our crop. No one can dictate acreages to the American people. An attempt at it would produce the opposite result to the one desired. That will have to take care of itself. Nothing

L. O. O. F. AND REBEKAHS VISIT CROWLEY LODGE

Wednesday evening some 27 members of Welsh Lodge No. 76 L. O. O. F. and Welcome Rebekah Lodge No. 55 motored to Crowley where they attended a "get-together" meeting of Crowley Home Lodge, in honor of Grand Master J. O. Modisette of Jennings. Among those who went from here were Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Abel, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Van Ness, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Greer, Mrs. Emma Russell, Mrs. C. L. Davis, Mrs. Anthony Hebert, Mrs. Doris Buchinham, Mrs. Will Carr, Miss Jennie Goldsmith, and Messrs. J. P. Campbell, Chas. C. Carlisle, A. C. Moore, R. Smith, R. A. Estes, Willie Day, L. C. Purviance, J. A. Burress. Visitors included Miss Eric Hunter of Jennings, and Raymond E. Abel; Edward Abel, Charlesberry Greer, and Marvin VanNess.

"JOHN PETTICOATS" PRESENTS HART IN MOST NOVEL ROLE

Deserts Lumber Camp and Travel to New Orleans in New Photoplay

Ladies, how would you like to buy your spring hat from Bill Hart. That's not as probable as



W. S. HART
ART-CRAFT PICTURES

it seems, for the noted two-gun man is proprietor of a modiste shop in his new Paramount-Art-Craft picture, "John Petticoat," which is coming to the Auditorium, Saturday, February 20th. The filming of the story, which was supervised by Thomas H. Ince, took the famous star from the great North woods to the old Creole section of New Orleans. He starts as a lumberjack and is surprised to learn that he has inherited a modiste shop from a deceased uncle in the Southern city. Determined to investigate, "Hardwood" John Haynes, the hero, played by Mr. Hart, travels to New Orleans and there becomes involved in a serio-comedy of big dramatic scenes, laughs, and a pretty little romance.

Mr. Hart is said to be thoroughly at home in this strikingly new type of role and to shine as brightly in a dress suit as he does in the familiar garb of his Western parts. A good cast was assembled to support him, including Winifred Westover, Walt Whitman, George Webb, Ethel Shannon and Andrew Arbuckle.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our appreciation to the friends who rendered us kindly assistance following the accident which occurred to our son, Carl Curtis, on Sunday, February 6th, and for the kindly interest shown us.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cole.
Htp.

THE MOVIE PROGRAM AUDITORIUM

Friday, February, 18th.
WALLACE REID
-in-
"SICK ABED"
Riflin Comedy

Saturday, February, 19th.
BUCK JONES
-in-
"JUST PALS"
Sunshine Comedy.

Friday, February, 25th.
MARGURITE CLARK
-in-
"LUCK IN OAWN"
Rollins Comedy

Saturday, February, 26th.
WILLIAM S. HART
-in-
"JOHN PETTICOATS"
Century Comedy

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Town Hall, Welsh, La., Feb. 1st. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh met in regular session at the Town Hall, Welsh, La., February, 1st, 1921.

Present: Mayor, John W. Armstrong, O. J. Toups, C. F. Jeter. Absent: S. O. Scoggins, E. H. Boling, R. F. Weichert.

There being no quorum present the meeting was adjourned until February, 2nd.

Town Hall, February, 2nd, 1921 The Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh met in regular session adjourned from February 1st, called to order by Mayor J. W. Armstrong.

Present: O. J. Toups, C. F. Jeter, S. O. Scoggins.

Absent: R. F. Weichert, E. H. Boling. The minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, were read and approved.

It was moved by S. O. Scoggins and seconded by C. F. Jeter that all bills approved by the finance committee be allowed and ordered paid. Motion carried.

LIGHT

J. T. Smith, January salary	\$ 150.00
A. L. Arceneaux, January salary	100.00
James Jensen, Jan. salary	100.00
Chas. C. Carlisle, labor at plant	77.25
F. F. Fuller, labor at plant	37.50
S. R. Smith, labor at plant	42.50
Calcasieu National Bank of SW La., draft	957.70
L. M. Ducote, freight on fuel oil	118.28
Armstrong Machine shop	91.05
Gulf Refining co., oil	92.25
Sanitary Rag Co., wipers	40.29
C. L. Davis, drayage and express	14.25
Geo. Alexander, drayage	.50
W. C. Rowland, telephone service	3.25
Miller Hardware & Fur., Co. supplies	2.10
Busch-Sulzer Bros. Diesel Engine co., repairs	214.37
Total	\$2035.29

STREET

L. M. Ducote, freight on	gravel	58.77
	L. M. Ducote, freight on gravel	36.06
	L. M. Ducote, freight on gravel	133.06
	L. M. Ducote, freight on gravel	136.07
	L. M. Ducote, freight on gravel	49.40
	L. M. Ducote, freight on gravel	140.02
	Pelican Gravel Co., gravel	229.08
	Pelican Gravel Co., gravel	1311.60
	Rapides Gravel Co., gravel	191.80
	N. O. Gravel Co., gravel	387.41
	E. E. Kimball grading and hauling	108.25
	Geo. Zittle, grading	18.40
	A. R. McBurney, hauling and spreading gravel	400.00
	Geo. Alexander, hauling	16.00
	Geo. W. Barnett, St. Com. salary January	40.00
	Joe Noel, labor	63.00
	Total	\$3318.92

CURRENT

Welsh Civic League, semi-annual appropriation	60.00
O. C. Yantis, screening jail	1.50
Rice Belt Journal, advertising	5.22
Welsh Machine shop, water service	18.00
W. C. Rowland, telephone service & tolls	6.30
C. A. Martin, M. D. fumigating	5.00
F. G. Seward, insurance	293.99
Geo. W. Barnett, Marshall salary, January	60.00
Total	\$450.11

There being no further business it was moved by O. J. Toups and seconded by C. F. Jeter that the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

F. G. SEWARD, Clerk.

C. P. SIMS CUCIDES

C. P. Sims, banker and corn merchant, of Adeline, La., committed suicide Tuesday by shooting himself in the head, according to press dispatches. No cause for the deed was given. Mr. Sims was quite well known here having visited Welsh on a number of occasions in connection with the sale of corn to local farmers.

Jake Cline, formerly resident of the Fenton neighborhood, who is now a resident of Lake Charles, spent Saturday in Welsh.

BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES ADOPTED BY THE POLICE JURY FOR THE YEAR 1921.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 162.

"An Ordinance adopting a budget of expenditures and making appropriations for the year 1921 and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith."

Section 1.—Be it ordained by the Police Jury of the parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, that the following budget of expenditures and appropriations of the revenue derived from an estimated three-and-one-half (3 1-2) mills tax for general purposes for the year 1921 be and the same is hereby adopted and authorized.

Estimated Revenues for 3 1-2 mill tax	\$ 63,000.00
Less 5 per cent tax collector's commission	\$ 3,150.00
Total	\$ 59,850.00
Estimated Revenues from parish licenses	\$ 400.00
Estimated Revenues from State Automobile licenses	\$ 6,000.00
Estimated budget Surplus from Previous years	\$ 38,393.65

Net Estimated Revenues for the year 1921 \$ 104,643.65

Section 2.—Be it further ordained, that the said estimated revenues dedicated for the following purposes, to wit:

1—Public Schools, 1 1-2 mills net	\$ 25,435.00
2—Salary of Parish Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00
3—Salary of Secretary & Clerk of Police Jurors	\$ 900.00
4—Mileage and Per Diem of Police Jurors	\$ 1,000.00
5—Stationery and office supplies	\$ 750.00
6—Official Printing	\$ 500.00
7—Assessor's Compensation	\$ 717.28
8—Sheriff's Salary	\$ 494.92
9—Court Expenses	\$ 450.00
10—Jurors and Witnesses	\$ 575.00
11—District Attorney's Fees and Expenses	\$ 500.00
12—Transporting Prisoners and Insane	\$ 300.00
13—Feeding Prisoners and Expenses (Medical and clothing)	\$ 750.00
14—Maintenance and repairs, Court House and jail	\$ 3,500.00
15—Coroner's Jury and Expenses	\$ 100.00
16—Parish Board of Health	\$ 150.00
17—Justice of the Peace and Constables	\$ 915.00

Good Roads Maintenance

18—Ward One	\$ 1,164.38
19—Ward Two	\$ 1,348.29
20—Ward Three	\$ 2,034.00
21—Ward Four	\$ 2,146.00
22—Ward Five	\$ 2,164.00
23—Ward Six	\$ 2,682.60
24—Ward Seven	\$ 2,332.50
25—Ward Eight	\$ 2,458.93
26—Ward Nine	\$ 692.00
27—Election Expenses	\$ 1,350.00
28—Compensation of Registrar of Voters	\$ 175.00
29—Beneficiary Students	\$ 200.00
30—Agricultural Demonstration work	\$ 900.00
31—Tick Eradication	\$ 8,000.00
32—Paupers	\$ 120.00
33—Contingent	\$ 3,000.00
34—Court House Bonds and Coupons	\$ 12,354.10
35—Draw Bridges and Ferries	\$ 1,500.00
36—Salary of Parish Physicians	\$ 499.92
37—Widow's Pension Fund	\$ 1,000.00
38—Excess Revenue	\$ 19,629.73

Total Estimated Expenditures \$104,643.65

Section 3.—Be it further ordained, etc., that all Ordinances are parts of ordinances and especially ordinance No. 152 in conflict herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 4.—Be it further ordained, etc., that this ordinance be and the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and promulgation.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICE JURY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH

Jennings, La., Feb., 3rd, 1921.

The Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, met at the Court House, in Jennings, Louisiana, in regular session on this day at nine o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. C. E. Carr, president, and upon roll call the following members were present:

- J. A. St. Germain, Ward, 1.
- W. Krielow, Ward, 2.
- J. M. Davis, Ward, 3.
- J. S. Treme, Ward, 4.
- D. E. Cole, Ward, 5.
- C. E. Carr, Ward, 6.
- A. E. Bourgeois, Ward, 7.
- Dolze Bourgeois, Ward, 8.
- David Marcantel, Ward, 9.

The minutes of the regular session held on January 6th were read and approved in open session.

Mr. Treme moved that U. S. Dem. Agent, Stafford, be and he is hereby authorized to purchase the necessary supply of vaccine for the season of 1921 for use in the Parish for the prevention of charbon, the same to be paid for by the users as distributed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcantel and upon being put was carried.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Police Jury of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, That

Whereas, it appears by an examination of a plat of a survey presented to this body that the presently traveled public road from the SW corner of S.14, T.9, South Range six (6) west and extending north one mile is not located as originally laid out:

Therefore, be it resolved, etc., that the property owner along the said road be requested to remove their fences which obstruct the road as originally declared a public road and that Hon. Dolze Bourgeois, Police Juror of Ward, No. eight (8), be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the said property owners.

The above resolution was introduced by Mr. Treme who moved that the same be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcantel and upon being put was carried.

Hon. Griffin T. Harkins, District Attorney, was present at this meeting of the Police Jury upon invitation and advised with the Police Jury upon legal phases of the duties of the Police Jury.

The noon hour having arrived, Mr. K. Ielov moved that the Police Jury adjourn for noon until 1:30 p. m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dolze Bourgeois and upon being put was carried.

Afternoon Session. The Police Jury re-convened at 1:30 p. m. with all members present.

Federal Inspector, H. K. Midkiff appeared before the Police Jury in connection with tick eradication work to be prosecuted in the Parish during the coming season and made the following recommendation: "That the appointment of A. C. Hatfield, as Tick Inspector for Ward One (1) be ratified and confirmed by the Police Jury and that the appointment of W. B. Clark as Tick Inspector for Wards Two (2) and Three (3) be ratified and confirmed and that their salary be fixed \$75.00 per month until April 1st, 1921." Mr. Treme moved that the appointments be ratified by the Police Jury and salaries fixed as above stated. The motion was seconded by A. E. Bourgeois and upon being put was carried.

Federal Inspector, Midkiff further recommended that the salaries of A. C. Hatfield, W. B. Clark,

Charles Ripley, S. E. Carroll, Lucius Corbello, and O. N. Richard be fixed at the sum of \$100.00 per month for the months of April, May, and June, 1921. After considerable discussion, upon roll call for the adoption of the said recommendation the vote resulted as follows:-

- J. A. St. Germain, Nay.
- W. Krielow, Not voting.
- J. M. Davis, Nay.
- J. S. Treme, Yea.
- D. E. Cole, Nay.
- C. E. Carr, Yea.
- A. E. Bourgeois, Yea.
- Dolze Bourgeois, Yea.
- David Marcantel, Yea.

Totals: Yeas 5- Nays 3- Not voting 1-

Whereupon, the recommendation was declared duly adopted.

Ordinance No. 162. "An Ordinance adopting a budget of expenditures and making appropriations for the year 1921 and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith."

The above ordinance was recommended by the Ordinance committee and after due consideration upon roll call the same was adopted by the following votes:-

- J. A. St. Germain, Yea.
- W. Krielow, Yea.
- J. M. Davis, Yea.
- J. S. Treme, Yea.
- D. E. Cole, Yea.
- C. E. Carr, Yea.
- A. E. Bourgeois, Yea.
- Dolze Bourgeois, Yea.
- David Marcantel, Yea.

It appearing to the Police Jury to be necessary for the intelligent disposition of bills coming before this body for payment, Mr. Krielow moved that all bills to be allowed by the Police Jury at any ensuing meeting shall be filled in the office of the Parish Treasurer not later than the last Thursday in the month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and upon being put was carried.

BILLS ALLOWED

Salary of Parish Treas.	\$ 125.00
Public Schools	\$ 9976.79
Salary, Clerk of Police Jury	75.00
Mileage & Per Diem of Police Juror	73.40
Stationery & Office supplies	86.11
Official Printing	60.20
Sheriff's Salary	41.68
Court Expenses	22.20
Jurors & Witnesses	1.00
Dist. Atty's Fees & Exp.	27.39
Feeding Prisoners and Expenses	62.25
Maintenance & repairs Court House & Jail	300.47
Board of health	10.00
Justice of the Peace	76.25
Good Roads Maintenance	
Ward One	49.37
Ward Two	425.98
Ward Three	111.77
Ward Four	299.06
Ward Five	14.00
Ward Six	50.20
Ward Seven	236.93
Ward Eight	248.10
Beneficiary Students	30.00
Agricultural Dem. work	75.00
Tick Eradication	1422.62
Contingent	54.42
Court House Bonds & Interest	11050.85
Draw bridges & Ferries	45.00
Physician salary	41.66
Excess Revenue	2099.20
Good Roads Maintenance, General	29.90
Loans & Transfers a/c	4,571.52
Special Road and Bridge fund	
Ward One	1008.15
Ward Two	79.67
Ward Three	963.43
Ward Four	1102.62
Ward Five	265.73
Ward Six	1109.22

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NOTICE!

The Calcasieu National Bank will remain closed all day, Tuesday, Feb. 22

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