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FARMERS ASK FOR STATISTICS AND CUT IN MILLING CHARGE

Farmer's Co-Operative Company Offers to Join Association In plan to Control Rough and Clean

Pursuant to an adjournment of the mass meeting of rice producers held on Thursday, March 3rd a meeting was convened at the Welsh Auditorium, Monday evening, March 7th. There were present approximately four hundred (400) rice producers representing every section of Jefferson Davis Parish. There were also present a number of rice producers from Calcasieu, Acadia, and Vermillion Parish.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. L. G. Lewis. He announced the general purpose of the meeting.

Secretary, John T. Hood, read a resolution embodying a report from the Committee of three appointed at a former meeting for the purpose of making recommendations.

The general discussion which followed covered all various phases of the interests of the rice producing industry in this immediate section. The discussions were earnest and to the point and a sentiment prevailed throughout the discussions clearly in favor of close co-operation and organization with a view of saving the rice industry. There was a general feeling that the rice producers are just at this time facing a crisis and in order that the problems confronting the industry shall be successfully met there must be prompt, intelligent and concerted action on the part of the producers.

Mr. A. R. McBurney lead in a discussion of the situation, who was followed by Messrs. A. T. Jones and L. A. G. Goodeau, and Senator H. L. Gueydan.

Mr. A. H. Quatman, a prominent rice producer of the Sacramento Valley in California, was present and addressed the meeting in a very instructive address, giving to the farmers of this section the experience of the rice growers of California.

A number of the members of the Rice Farmers Co-Operative Company Incorporated, of Crowley were present. Mr. L. A. Gooden presented the following resolution and moved that the same be received and ordered filed in the proceedings of this meeting. The motion was seconded and upon being put was carried.

The resolution is as follows:

"Resolution"
"I, David Loewer, President of the Rice Farmers Co-Operative Association, Inc., certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Rice Farmers Co-Operative Association Inc., adopted unanimously on March 3rd, 1921:

"The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Reynaud and was seconded by Mr. I. N. Link and carried:

"As the Rice Farmers of Welsh have called a meeting for Monday March 7th, to discuss the rice situation and the best methods for the farmers to organize, and

"Whereas, it is shown that the farmers favor the creation of a fund to purchase and operate rice mills and warehouses, as the subject of the Rice Farmers Co-Operative Association, Inc., is stated to handle both the rough

and clean rice market, it was "Resolved, that Mr. L. A. Gooden be authorized to present our plans to the rice farmers and to assure them that we are willing to join in any movement that will carry out the objects above set forth to the end that there will be but one organization of all rice farmers."

DAVID LOEWER, President.

Senator H. L. Gueydan offered the following resolution which was adopted by the meeting. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION
"Be it resolved by this mass meeting of rice producers assembled

(1) That it is the sense of this body that under present conditions the toll milling charges on rice milled is excessive and that the Southern Rice Growers Association be requested to discontinue at once any contracts or other arrangements for further milling of rice on tolls.

(2) That the Southern Rice Growers Association be requested to compile statistics showing the present stocks of rough and clean rices.

(3) That the Southern Rice Growers Association be requested to assume control of the association's clean rices with a view of directing the sale of said rices,

(4) That the Southern Rice Growers Association be requested to keep its membership promptly and fully informed as to markets, sales, shipments, deliveries and location of rices.

(5) That the Southern Rice Growers Association be requested to approve and ratify the appointment of the Committee of three (3) heretofore appointed by this body consisting of A. R. McBurney, A. T. Jones and Dr. L. G. Lewis, and clothe the said committee with full power and authority to make a full and thorough investigation of all matters arising under the contracts between the association and the mill and between the producers and the association, in so far as the interests of the producers of the Welsh Section of the rice producing industry is concerned.

Be it further Resolved that the committee of three (3) heretofore appointed be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Southern Rice Growers Association with a request that it give a prompt expression of its attitude toward the above recommendations."

Thank You.

The Journal is grateful to Mr. C. L. Abel for a copy of the special Odd Fellow edition of the Baton Rouge News issued March 9th on the occasion of the meeting in Baton Rouge of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Rebekah Assembly. The entire twelve pages of the "News" is devoted to the convention and delegates representing the different lodges throughout the state, carrying the picture of many of those prominent in the fraternity. Welsh Lodge was represented in the meeting by Messrs. C. L. Abel, W. F. Lovett, and J. W. Narans. They all seem highly elated over the results of the meeting, having picked some nice ripe "plums" which had been closely guarded by the Crescent City delegation.

Methodist Church

9:45 Sunday school.

11:00 Worship. Message by the pastor on "The Soul-Winning Layman."

3:00 Junior Epworth League.

6:30 Senior Epworth League.

7:00 Gospel service. The pastor will speak of "A young fellow who heard something. Investigated and saw for himself." Young people especially invited to be present. Everybody welcome. Good music.

Robt. L. WELDON, Pastor.

Miss Myrtle (Tootsie) Bottorff of Crowley is visiting in Welsh this week, guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Heistand.

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BEING DESMANTLED

Workmen began Monday morning tearing down the old Welsh High School, and the dismantling will be rushed to completion.

The building was completed in 1904 and at that time was a source of community pride, considered ample for the educational needs of the community for an indeterminate period. It is yet in a good state of preservation, though inadequate, and, beside the big new \$175,000.00 stately structure has the appearance of a miniature model. A comparison of the two buildings presents a true picture of progress, and the past seventeen years have seen progress at a high ebb.

Speaking of the opening of the first term of school in the old building, the Rice Belt Journal of Oct. 28th, 1904, says:

"With a magnificent new and spacious building and accoutrements, a new principal and scores of pupils eager to begin the work that prepares them to cope with life's many obstacles, the Welsh public school opened Monday morning, after preliminary talks appropriate to the occasion."

The faculty was composed of D. R. Read, principal; Miss Cora J. Miller, assistant; Mrs. D. R. Read, third grade; Miss Lenore Anderson, second grade; and Miss Nettie Shaw, primary.

The initial enrollment at the beginning of the 1904 session was 136.

THE TICK ERADICATION LEAGUE

In previous articles the League emphasized the importance of the farmers at each vat organizing to promote their interests. By organizing and having a committee to represent them, all the troubles that have vexed us in the past can be met and dealt with successfully. A letter before me saying, "the vat at our place is so filthy to put cattle in" another saying, "the inspector wanted me to drive my cattle into the vat when it was frozen over with ice" another saying "the inspector doesn't know a cattle tick from a lone star tick," and so on for pages. A committee of citizens is the remedy.

This League has had conferences with U. S. and State authorities and they assure us that next year their inspector will co-operate with the citizens committee to the fullest. In addition to this, the League will be active in helping to solve difficultly. We believe the work can be finished in one season. We know it can if the farmers will dip all the cattle regularly. There's not a difficulty that the farmers can't solve if they set their mind to it.

Keep the main purposes in mind. We want our cattle to go on the market on the same plane as other cattle. We don't want them run off to a quarantine pen, sold as ticky cattle for 25 per cent less than the market. We want to sell our hides for as good a price as others get and not from three to five cents a pound less. Last week buyers refused ticky hides at any price. These low prices the laborers. The quarantine line is a mark of inferiority on the South. Let's wipe it out!

Write the League if you think we can help you. Even if we have to say "We can't help you", we will do that so pleasantly that you'll be glad you wrote.

Miss Olevia Istre, daughter of Mrs. G. H. Ewing, returned Wednesday from Midland, where she visited a few days.

HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT

Colored Soldier Knew Exactly What He Was Going to Do With All Those Black Clothes.

Here is a story of two negro soldiers, who were talking just after the signing of the armistice:
"Rastus," said one, "what you gwine to do when you-all gets home?"
"What am I gwine do? Wal, in the fust place, nigger, I's gwine buy me a white suit o' clo'es, 'n white shoes, 'n a white shirt, collar 'n tie, 'n a white hat. I's gwine be white all over, nigger, an' den I's give you nigger folks 'n allus do my 'sociating wid white folks."
"The boy paused, then asked: 'What you-all gwine do, Jake?' 'Wal,' says Jake, 'I's gwine buy me a black suit, 'n black shoes, 'n a black shirt, 'n a black tie, 'n a black hat. I's gwine be black all over. Den, when dat's done, I's gwine buy me a big piece of black crape and fasten it round my black hat.'
"Man," says Rastus, "what you-all mean by all dem black clo'es and by dat black crape? What for you gwine wear dat black crape?"
"Nigger," says Jake, "I's gwine wear dat black crape to your funeral!"
Wendell D. Howie in the Boston Transcript.

WELSH MACHINE SHOP IS BEING ENLARGED

Ground was broken Wednesday for an addition to the Welsh Machine Shop. The building will be one story 30 X 100 feet, according to the statement of M. B. Van Ness.

The building referred to will cover the lot north of the VanNess shop, and will be of brick, with composition roof. The front part of the addition will be arranged for offices and the rear for the machine shop.

The new building, besides accommodating Mr. Van Ness' growing business, will add much to the appearance of that corner.

GULF REFINING COMPANY ABOUT READY TO DRILL

Drilling Machinery Has Arrived And is Being Set Up.

The Gulf Refining Company is about ready to begin drilling at its location north and east of the Welsh Oil field. The exact location of the derrick is 300 feet west of the central point in the SW quarter of section 22-9-5.

The derrick was completed Tuesday of this week and Thursday the big drilling rig was being hauled out. Three cars of pipe for this well have already been unloaded on the siding in Welsh.

It is expected that actual drilling operations will begin on the Gulf well not later than March 15.

This will make three wells drilling in close proximity of Welsh, leading an observer to the belief that the oil boom is already upon us.

The Humble Oil Company is reported to be securing leases close by, as is also the Amerado, a company having large interests both in the United States and Canada. Besides these there are a number of others looking in.

MALE CHORUS WILL SING NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Mary Harris Armbrister will lecture at the auditorium Tuesday night under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. It is announced that the male chorus is on the program for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Hughes of Eldorado, Kansas; Mrs. Maggie Hughes of Potwin, Kansas; Mrs. Annie Gorman of Eldorado, Kansas; arrived in Welsh Wednesday for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. Maggie Hughes is a sister of Mrs. J. W. Bower. Mr. Hughes' son, has just completed a term as Sheriff of Butler County, Kansas. Mrs. Gorman is a sister of Mrs. Elmer Bower of Iowa.

Mrs. R. S. Greer, son Charlesberry, and daughter, Geraldine Miss Essie Johnson and Marvin Van Ness motored to Lake Charles last Sunday, being guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dennett.

Mrs. Everett Shaw of Lowry visited at the home of her brother, Geo. H. McKay Tuesday of this week.

If you want to know what Journal advertising will do, ask Geo. McKay. George started a poultry plant this spring, and a little Journal advertising has made him wonder if there's any limit to the amount of business that is coming his way. At present he has thirteen incubators going, with more than 2,500 eggs in course of hatching, and is having trouble to supply the demand.

Mrs. B. J. La Cour and daughter Anette, spent several days visiting friends and relatives in Broussard and Lafayette last week.

Auto and Tractor Repairing—See me for auto and tractor repairing. Will contract to keep up cars by the month. No job too small, none too large. Prices reasonable. Work guaranteed. Wallace Maxfield. Phone 240. M12-4p

Wanted to Purchase—Discarded drag harrows. M. B. Van Ness, Welsh Machine Shop.

FOR SALE—Three burner oil stove, very good condition. O. M. Stansbury. M12-1tc

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Wish for all the readers of this paper a big 1921
Should you get sick, write us for Hospital rates
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Yours sincerely,
D. R. Pevoto, Supt.

DRILLING RESUMED ON THE TODD WELL

Officials of Company Express Confidence In The Outcome

Drilling was resumed Monday on the Todd No. 2 well, and is progressing steadily. The drill at 1,425 feet was working in a very hard formation. This well was begun about a year ago by the Welsh Oil Corporation, an independent concern, in which local investors were interested. The well rig and leases covering about 2200 acres were recently taken over by the Interstate Oil & Mineral Development Co. They have contracted to complete the present well and drill at least one more to a minimum depth of 3,000 feet. A considerable gas pressure has been encountered so far in the well, requiring heavy mud to check.

C. C. Kimball is in charge of the drilling.

BUSINESS SCIENCE CHAPTER MEETING POSTPONED

Prof. L. L. Squires requests the Journal to announce that the regular business science chapter lecture scheduled for Friday night March 12th, will be postponed until Friday night April 1st, on account of the dedication of the Welsh High School which takes place on the 18th.

The Business Science class is progressing splendidly, the sixth lecture having been delivered, with growing interest manifest. Four new members were recently added from Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Faught attended the funeral services for Mr. Fought's uncle, the late Mr. J. F. Brittain in Jeanerette March 2nd. Mr. Brittain was past 89 years of age at the time of his death. He had been a resident of Jeanerette for sixty years. He was barely interested in rice and sugar plantations and prominent in the affairs of his section.

The Misses Alice and Elizabeth and Mers. Furgis' and Neil Jeffreys of Jeanerette spent last Sunday at the Robinson home. Returning home Sunday evening they were accompanied by Miss Iona Robinson, who spent a few days with them in Jeanerette.

Mr. Dupre Hebert is very seriously ill at his home in south Welsh.

Epworth League Social

The Epworthians of the Methodist church were again delightfully entertained last Friday by the Jennings Epworth League in the M. E. church of that city. Those attending from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Jongema, the Misses Mae Carlisle, Edrie Doan, Olive Scoggins, Hilda Morrill, Amy and Dora Radeke, Lillian Grauke and Bernice Sullivan; Messrs. Charlie Doan, Fred Davis, Elmer and Frank Harris.

A number of interesting games were played and refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and marshmallows, and sandwiches were served. Various gifted singers rendered amusement in the form of music, and following a special selection by the Welsh girls a "Negro Woman" was delivered by Charlie Doan. The Epworthians from Welsh then expressed themselves as having had a very delightful time and departed at a late hour.

J. E. Ervine, popular grain merchant of Houston, was a business visitor in Welsh Tuesday.

PEOPLES OF OUR TOWN



The Easy Talker is all warmed up and is going so good that he has forgotten all about the Speaker of the Evening, whom he is introducing. Every town has a Self-Made Orator who can go to the Mat with the Dictionary on short notice and Comes in Handy when the Regular Speaker can't Get There.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

At its last meeting the Police Jury adopted a resolution calling upon the sheriff and constables to enforce the Automobile License law rigidly.

Auto owners are given until April first to display the said license, after which all violators of the law will be immediately reported to the district attorney for prosecution.

A part of this license tax reverts to the parish for road improvement, and the parish needs the money.

CITIZENSHIP LESSON IV. MASONIC HALL 3 P. M. MARCH, 24TH.

1. Define primary and give us history.
 2. When and where held? How the expenses paid?
 3. Who are entitled to vote?
 4. Name and explain three kinds of primaries
 5. Which form is used in La.?
 6. What is the poll tax? How used?
 7. Who takes the list of poll tax payers? List of registered voters? Who delivers them?
 8. What are official ballots? Sample ballots?
 9. Explain procedure in balloting.
 10. How are watchers and commissioners chosen?
 11. Explain their duties and powers.
 12. How are ballots counted?
 13. What is done with the ballot box?
 14. State times fixed for elections in Louisiana.
 15. What officers are elected at each one?
 16. Give in details steps leading to a general election in La.
 17. Presidential election, when held?
 18. How are electors chosen, number from La? How is the number determined?
 19. Explain in detail the Electoral College.
- Citizenship Committee.

HOW A DOLLAR CIRCULATES

Spend a dollar with your home merchant and you will have an opportunity of spending it again.

Spend a dollar away from Welsh, and that dollar is forever out of circulation as far as Welsh is concerned.

Spend a dollar in Welsh for shoes, the shoe man spends it in the grocery store, the grocer spends it at the hardware store, the hardware man spends it at the dry goods store, and the dry good man spends it with the jeweler. The jeweler owes you on account and now is able to pay you, because you spent a dollar in Welsh.

That dollar has bought seven dollars worth of goods while it was coming back to you. Seven men besides yourself made a profit on that dollar.

The question of "Buying in Welsh" is much more than mere loyalty to home merchants—it resolves itself into a matter of weather or not, one can reduce or increase their chances to accumulate money, have less money, or more money to spend.

Every dollar sent away from Welsh simply reduces the chances of profit for the man who sent it away.

Looking at it from a hard-headed, business standpoint—it is good common business sense to spend your money where you have a chance to get at least a part of it back.

Now will you "Buy in Welsh?"

R. S. Greer and Z. W. Todd were in Crowley yesterday attending a committee meeting of the Progressive Program Louisiana Presbytery. They were accompanied by Charlesberry Greer.

HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATION NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

State Superintendent, T. H. Harris is on the Program. Basket Ball Lunch Announced

The new Welsh high school building will be formally dedicated next Friday, March, 18th, when State Superintendent, T. H. Harris and Parish Superintendent W. P. Arnette will be present to participate in the ceremonies.

Although the interior arrangement was lacking in a few details, classes all took their places in the new building Monday morning and are settled there for the balance of the school year. Moving from the old building to the new caused no delay in the routine of school work.

The program is as follows: 2:30 p. m.—Call to order by President of Parent-Teachers Association.

Music—School Orchestra. History of Parent-Teachers Association. Address—Principal, B. F. Mitchell.

Music—Quartette. Inspection of School Building. 3:30 p. m.—Free Basket Ball Game. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, chocolate and pop balls will be sold from the domestic science department during the afternoon and evening for the benefit of the school.

7:30 p. m.—Music by High School.

Prayer—R. L. Weldon. Song—Male Chorus. Opening Address—Supt. W. P. Arnette.

Violin Solo—Miss Rogers. Address—State Supt. T. H. Harris.

Music—High School. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the ceremonies.

RICE FARMERS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES OPPRESSED

The present situation, from a producer's standpoint is pretty well summed up in a letter just received from Andy Notestine, formerly of Welsh, but now a (prosperous) Kansas farmer. We are quoting from Andy's letter without his permission, trusting that he will not be offended:

"Sorry to hear," he says "that the rice industry is so hard hit. Even at that it doesn't seem to help us up here any, as we are paying nine cents per pound retail for clean rice. That's nearly as bad as corn. I note that a warehouse in Welsh is quoting corn at \$1.30 per bushel down there. I raised over a thousand bushels last year, and a few days ago I was offered 40 cents per bushel for it.

"A couple of hundred miles from here, in the edge of Oklahoma, cotton is going to waste, not worth picking. Here they charge ten cents per spool for thread.

"If you and me were out for the money, we are in the wrong kind of business. We should be middlemen, or commission men, or somewhere between the producer and consumer."

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