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\$1.50 Per Annum in Advance

FARM LOANS

LOWEST RATES PROMPT SERVICE

Southwest Louisiana Farm Mortgage Co.
Lake Charles, La.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$500,000.00

A strong home company, with ample capital and the desire to properly care for real estate loan requirements.

Frank Roberts, President R. L. Hale, Secretary
G. A. Courtney, Vice President E. C. Willard, Manager
Welsh, La.

WON TWO OUT OF THREE IN MONROE SERIES

The Welsh Base Ball Club returned home Monday afternoon having completed the series of three games with the Monroe team on Sunday.

The fact that they won two of the three games from the strong Monroe organization speaks highly in their favor. In the series at Winfield their lineup was badly upset, due to illness and injury of several players and the loss of the first game at Monroe is mostly credited to a pitcher hired from Winfield to help out in the emergency. Considering that the odds are very much against the team playing away from home our team did splendid work in taking four out of six successive games.

The results at Monroe were: Friday, 9 to 9 in favor of Monroe; Saturday, 11 to 2 favor of Welsh; Sunday, 13 to 7 favor of Welsh.

Thursday the team went to Sulphur for a game, winning by a score of 7 to 3. It was 3 to 0 in favor of Welsh in the ninth inning, when Sulphur tied the score. There was no more scoring done until the eleventh, when Welsh made four runs.

A return game is being played with the Sulphur team here today (Friday). Saturday and Sunday the Welsh team will play at Glenmora.

Reception in Honor of Mrs. Colbert. The Ladies' Guild of the Presbyterian Church gave a reception Friday July 30th at the home of the Misses Robinson in honor of Mrs. Walter Colbert.

A delightful social hour was spent by all, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Colbert will be greatly missed in church and social work.

As a parting remembrance the ladies of the Guild presented her with an Eastern Star pin.

Mrs. Colbert was accompanied home from Abbeville last Sunday by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Alex Davidson and her son, Percy, who, with Mr. Davidson are making their home with the Trahan family for the present. Percy is employed at the R. Smith store.

Harold Narans spent Saturday and Sunday in Welsh, returning Monday to Lake Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris and children of Lake Charles have been guests at the home of Mrs. Morris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Davis, in north Welsh.

Mrs. W. M. Tittle has as her guests her sister and nephew, Mrs. Ernest Bullard and son, James, of Macon, Ga.

FACULTY AND TEACHERS WELSH HIGH SCHOOL

The following teachers have been selected for the Welsh High School for the coming term:

H. F. Mitchell, principal; Miss Rose Juneau, Miss Rhoda Robinson, G. M. Middleton, Miss Ione Robinson, Miss Ina Callahan, Miss Eula Walker, Miss Natalie Varnado, Miss Lillian Carroll, Miss Irma Robinson, Miss Frances Carr, Miss Bess Davis, Miss Essie Johnston.

MRS. PENNENA GRAVELL.

Died, at her home near Jennings La., July 27th, 1921. Mrs. Pennena Gravel, nee Vessot, whose father was one of the early Protestant Missionaries in Montreal, Canada.

Mrs. Gravel was born at Joliette Quebec, Canada, on May 16th, 1848. She was married to Mesac Gravel at Joliette on September 21st, 1873.

Funeral services were held Sunday Rev. Robert Murray Pratt, minister of the Congregational church preaching the sermon at the house and speaking the words of committal at the grave in Greenwood Cemetery in Jennings.

Having given her heart to her Saviour in her youth, she lived a consistent Christian life and died as she had lived, cheerful until the end. For her death had no terrors, and she felt that it was only going to sleep, to wake up in Heaven, where the Saviour whom she had loved and served was waiting to welcome her with the loved ones who had gone before.

She leaves to mourn her loss five sons and two daughters. They are Louis Eugene, of Corning, Calif., Charles Henry of Jennings; George William of Jennings; Fred Gravel of Moro, Calif.; Mesac Albert, of Apots Calif.; Lucille Desjardins of Jennings and Emma Davis of Jennings.

The following fitting poem written by Mrs. Gravel was found in the family bible by her children after her death:

When life's dreary journey is done
To Thee, my Saviour I come.
I am just waiting for the call,
The call that comes to one and all

I long to join that happy band,
With them sing the songs of the lamb
I am just waiting for the call,
The call that comes to one and all

To see the King in His glory,
And to enjoy His victory,
I am just waiting for the call,
The call that comes to one and all

He rose again victorious,
Through Him I will be glorious,
I am just waiting for the call,
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PETITION LEGISLATURE FOR VOLSTEAD LAW.

Local W. C. T. U. is Making Strong Effort to Get Favorable Attention to Matter.

The local W. C. T. U. is putting forth special effort to get before the State legislature when it meets in September a bill that will insure local enforcement of the prohibition laws. A petition is being circulated which with the signatures of the citizens of this locality will be presented to Gov. Parker requesting that the Volstead Act be included in the call for the special session of the General Assembly. The petition reads as follows:

Gov. Jno. M. Parker,
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Sir:

Since prohibition has been written into your National Constitution becoming one of our fundamental laws, and believing that lawlessness is a menace to our National life and prosperity, we, the undersigned citizens of Louisiana, respectfully petition you to include in your call for an extra session of the legislature the forming of a bill that will be in line with the Volstead Act and the 18th amendment.

(Signed) VOTER.

For the convenience of those who have not already signed this petition copies of it are on file at the following business places in Welsh: Miller Hardware & Furniture Co., P. H. Goodreau (Model Grocery), Welsh Carriage & Implement Co.

Mrs. J. B. Lee, chairman of the committee having the petition in charge urges all who have not done so to sign as quickly as possible.

DR. SMITH ON PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. R. L. Weldon, who is holding a series of meetings at Summit, Miss., requests us to announce that Rev. J. D. Smith, president of Port Arthur College, will preach at the Methodist church both morning and evening Sunday, August 7th.

Other services will be held as usual.

REPUBLICANS EMBALM THE BONUS BILL.

One of the best evidences that this Congress does not intend to revive and pass the Soldiers' Bonus Bill is the fact that it rejected an amendment setting a date when the bill should be reported back.

How effectively the bill was disposed of, so far as this Congress is concerned, was humorously stated by Senator Reed (Democrat, of Missouri) when he declared that "in sending it back in that way it will be as effectually killed and as thoroughly dead as was Julius Caesar," and then said:

"If there is a spark of life left in it, when the veins are filled with the Penrose embalming fluid, the Angel Gabriel could not resurrect it. It will be in as bad condition as the corpse of the mother-in-law was after it had been treated in accordance with the request of the son-in-law in the very ancient story—which is the only kind I know—when he replied to a telegram:

"Mother is dead. Shall I cremate, embalm or bury?" and he replied: "Do all three—take no chances."

—Camden (Ten.) Chronicle.

Hon. Jos. F. Fuselier, Jefferson Davis Parish's first sheriff, was a visitor here today from Elton. Mr. Fuselier reports that crops are good in his section of the parish and the farmers are going right ahead as though nothing had happened to mar the pleasures of their pursuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutter surprised the party with delicious ice cream. Mr. Compton was asked to eat a dish of cream for each year, but he being forty-two years old couldn't put down quite that much. We think he had "enuff" cream for one time.

Those present were Mrs. J. E. Earl, Mrs. A. H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hine and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sutter and Miss Frances and Mr. M. C. Mitchell.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

The four years that we have spent in Welsh will always be remembered most pleasantly by us, for we highly appreciate the many social and business courtesies shown us while among the good people of Welsh and vicinity. We leave with no little regret at severing these relations and wish to assure all our friends here that we shall always be delighted to hear from them should such be our good fortune.

MR. AND MRS. W. M. COLBERT

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY MEETING.

Town Hall, Welsh, La., July 5th, 1921.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh, La., met in regular session at the Town Hall in Welsh, La., July 5th, 1921, called to order by the Hon. Mayor Jno. W. Armstrong.

Present: C. F. Jeter, R. F. Weichert and S. O. Scoggins.

Absent: O. J. Toups, E. H. Boling. It was moved by C. F. Jeter and seconded by R. F. Weichert that the meeting adjourn until July 5th. Motion carried.

Town Hall, Welsh, La., July 6th, 1921.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh, La., met in continued session at the Town Hall, Welsh, La., July 6th, called to order by the Hon. Mayor Jno. W. Armstrong.

Present: R. F. Weichert, C. F. Jeter, E. H. Boling, S. O. Scoggins, O. J. Toups.

Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 7th were read and approved as read.

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

LIGHT BOND ISSUE.

Calcasieu National Bank of Southwest Louisiana, interest on bonds \$312.50

LIGHT.

J. T. Smith, June salary \$150.00

A. L. Arceneaux, June salary 100.00

James Jensen, June salary 100.00

Gulf Refining Company, lubricating oil 58.60

Welsh Carriage & Implement Co., supplies 12.15

Fred I. Getty, fuel oil 36.80

Armstrong Machine & Well Works Co., supplies 2.95

W. C. Rowland, telephone tolls 3.25

Welsh Ice Co., ice 2.20

Busch-Sulzer Bros. Diesel Engine Co., valve 132.00

Total 598.05

STREET.

Geo. W. Barnett, sal St. Com 40.00

Sam Kelly, team work 35.00

Ed. Lumpkin, labor 26.00

Robert Trent, labor 5.00

Welsh Carriage & Implement Co., supplies 4.95

Armstrong Machine & Well Works Co., repair 2.00

Faught Lumber Co., lumber 96.37

Miller Hdw. & Furn. Co. lawn mower 18.25

George Alexander, hauling trash 16.00

Alex. McMillin, labor 2.00

Sark Kelly, ditching 22.00

L. M. Ducote, agent freight on gravel 74.25

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 225.33

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 37.30

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 55.41

Pelican Gravel Co., gravel 1101.47

A. R. McBurney, hauling and spreading gravel 260.00

A. R. McBurney, hauling and spreading gravel 504.90

A. R. McBurney, grading 311.10

Adam Viney, labor 1.00

Civic League, mowing park 7.00

Total 2,945.47

CURRENT.

Geo. W. Barnett, Marshal salary, June and impounding 62.50

McCoy & Moss, retainer fee 25.00

Jno. W. Armstrong, Mayor's salary 75.00

W. C. Rowland, telephone service and tolls 4.10

T. C. Simmons, election clerk 2.00

M. L. Prentice, election clerk 2.00

P. E. Louvier, election commissioner 2.00

G. C. Dumlot, election commissioner 2.00

W. Fear, election commissioner 2.00

Geo. Gillett, election commissioner 4.00

L. G. Lewis, election commissioner 2.00

Total 182.60

It was moved by C. F. Jeter and seconded by E. H. Boling that the meeting adjourn until Thursday, July 7th, at 8:0 p. m. Motion carried.

JNO. W. ARMSTRONG, Mayor.

Attest: F. G. SEWARD, Clerk.

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

(By Jake)

Quite a surprise was given to Mr. C. J. Compton Sunday night. He was sitting in his usual place of rest when he heard some rattle up to his gate in the darkness. He ran for his Sunday shoes, but the party was wise "enuff" to have Fred hide them.

Mr. Compton received the usual birthday spanking; all talked of dipping him in the water tank, but poor fellow, he begged so hard 'till that was omitted.

The children played games in the yard while the old folks talked about their neighbors and olden times. Miss Belle Compton played a few selections on the piano and then came Miss Bertha Compton who played some old time hymns and all joined in the singing.

Mrs. Hine and Mrs. Sutter surprised the party with delicious ice cream. Mr. Compton was asked to eat a dish of cream for each year, but he being forty-two years old couldn't put down quite that much. We think he had "enuff" cream for one time.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST MEETING.

Town Hall, Welsh, La., August 2 1921.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh, Louisiana, met at the Town Hall, Welsh, Louisiana, August 2nd 1921, called to order by the Hon. Mayor W. E. Faught.

Present: R. W. Howard, R. F. Weichert, O. J. Toups, S. O. Scoggins, J. T. Hood.

Absent: None.

The application of F. G. Seward for the position of clerk for the ensuing term was read by Mayor W. E. Faught. There being no other applications it was moved by R. F. Weichert and seconded by O. J. Toups that F. G. Seward be declared elected Clerk. Motion carried.

The following applications for the position of Marshal and Street Commissioner for the ensuing term were then read by Mayor W. E. Faught: Chas. Ryder, M. L. McMillin, S. F. Tatum, Geo. W. Barnett, P. E. Louvier. It was moved by R. W. Howard and seconded by S. O. Scoggins that the Mayor be authorized to appoint on probation a Marshal, who shall also serve as Street Commissioner and Sanitary Officer at a salary not to exceed \$100.00 per month. Motion carried.

It was moved by John T. Hood and seconded by R. F. Weichert that O. J. Toups be named Mayor pro-tem. Motion carried.

Mayor Faught announced the appointment of the following committees:

Electric Light—R. W. Howard, O. J. Toups, S. O. Scoggins.

Park and Cemetery—S. O. Scoggins, R. W. Howard, J. T. Hood.

Auditorium—O. J. Toups, R. W. Howard, R. F. Weichert.

Streets—S. O. Scoggins.

Ordinance—J. T. Hood, R. F. Weichert, R. W. Howard.

Library—Prof. B. F. Mitchell, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Mrs. R. R. Arceneaux, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. W. E. Faught.

It was moved by J. T. Hood and seconded by R. W. Howard that Mr. E. C. Willard be elected Treasurer for the ensuing term. Motion carried.

It was moved by R. F. Weichert and seconded by O. J. Toups that Messrs. McCoy & Moss be elected attorneys for the Town of Welsh at the usual retainer fee. Motion carried.

It was moved by R. W. Howard and seconded by R. F. Weichert that Dr. C. A. Martin be elected President of the Board of Health. Motion carried.

It was moved by S. O. Scoggins and seconded by R. F. Weichert that the salary of the Clerk be fixed at five per cent of tax and license collections and \$2.00 per diem for each meeting of the Board. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Meeting of June 7th and 8th were read and approved as read.

It was moved by J. T. Hood and seconded by R. W. Howard that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be allowed and ordered paid.

LIGHT.

J. T. Smith, salary July \$150.00

A. L. Arceneaux, salary July 100.00

James Jensen, July salary 100.00

Fred I. Getty, fuel oil 257.60

Gulf Refining Co., lubricating oil 64.20

L. R. Ringuet, labor 3.00

C. L. Davis, freight and dray 16.00

Welsh Ice Co., ice 5.17

Wels Car. & Imp. Co. supplies 3.40

Welsh Insurance Agency, insurance 93.67

Total 793.97

STREET.

Geo. W. Barnett, St. Com. salary 20.00

Arthur Viney, janitor school 50.00

Geo. Alexander, hauling trash 16.00

L. M. Ducote, agent freight on gravel 135.04

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 35.60

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 138.99

L. M. Ducote, agent, freight on gravel 45.47

Ed. Lumpkin, labor 10.00

Ed. Lumpkin, labor 8.00

Peter Clark, labor 2.00

Pelican Gravel Co., gravel 96.16

State Gravel Co., gravel 85.22

Sam Kelly, teaming 42.00

Welsh Car. & Imp. Co., scythe stone 1.10

E. E. Kimball, grading and hauling 195.75

Total 880.39

CURRENT.

Rice Belt Journal, advertising 6.60

Rice Belt Journal, printing 10.75

C. C. C. Carlisle, expenses firemen's convention 14.50

Geo. W. Barnett, marshal's salary June 60.00

M. B. VanNess, water service Auditorium 18.00