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THE FIRST, SECOND AND FOURTH DISTRICTS OF LOUISIANA FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUBS HELD IN MAY

Many federated clubs have elected new officers during the past month, preparatory to disbanding for the summer months and I would like to urge all of these to send the new list to the state president or corresponding secretary that all mail may be properly addressed.

The fourth District convention of the federation was held in Shreveport May 4th and 5th, with a large attendance and an interesting program which did not lag for a single moment. New officers for the district were elected as follows: president, Mrs. D. A. Lee, Shreveport; vice president, Mrs. E. M. Browne, Jr.; correcponding secretary, Mrs. B. Pickett; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert Iler; treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Weiner; parliamentarian, Mrs. D. W. Saunders, Mansfield. Three new clubs are reported from the fourth district, The Parent-Teacher Association of Mansfield, Mrs. Saunders, president; The DeSoto Department Club of Mansfield, Mrs. F. A. Leaming, president; and Les Amies of Arcadia.

Mrs. Lee, the new president of the fourth district, reports department chairmen appointed as follows: loan scholarship, Mrs. John Shuttleworth; club extension, Mrs. J. P. Hird; moving pictures, Mrs. Marcus Jacobs; applied education, Mrs. David Samuel; fine arts, Mrs. J. L. Scales; press, Mrs. Belton Pickett; American citizenship, Mrs. H. B. Croxson; highways, Mrs. J. H. Kline; Parent-Teacher, Mrs. C. V. Porter.

The first and second districts met in New Orleans on May 19th. Reports were given by representatives of 21 clubs out of 24 and a most interesting program on educational subjects was given by Dr. Fletcher of Tulane, Professor Gwinn, superintendent of the city schools, Miss Cooley, Miss Agnes Morris and others. Your state president was the guest of honor at a lovely luncheon and spoke at the afternoon session on federation plans urging the closer union of New Orleans and the rest of the state.

Mrs. Thompson, the first and second district president, announced the following appointments of district chairmen: industrial and social conditions, Mrs. Wm. Lamb; public welfare, Miss Agnes Morris; legislation, Mrs. F. C. Gandolfo; community service, Mrs. J. E. Friend; thrift, Mrs. Vincannon; civil service, Mrs. John Cleggs; publicity, Miss Tinette Lichenstein; child welfare, Mrs. Stephen E. Smith; anti-tuberculosis, Mrs. E. G. Sandoz; parent-teacher, Mrs. Clayton; loan scholarship, Miss Cooley.

Two new Parent-Teacher clubs hace come into the federation in the sixth district; the Parent-Teacher Association Councfil of Baton Rouge, Miss Rene Alexander, president and the Parent-Teacher Association of the Brusley High school, Mrs. W. M. Whopple, president.

For the rural clubs and Parent-Teacher Associations that want a short literary program once a month, the federation is ready to supply an ontline and bibliography made out by Mrs. L. C. McVoy of the L. S. U. faculty. This outline furnishes one or two interesting numbers for a monthly program partly made up of other club work and is adapted to the need of a club that has not access to a large library and at the same time is not too elementary to interest almost any group. The program is from American writers, especially Southern and Louisiana writers and the bibliography furnished will make it easy for a club to provide itself with the nucleus of a small library.

Urgent letters have been sent out by Mrs. Sessions during the past few days to the federated clubs in behalf of the Mother's Pension bill and the acceptance by Louisiana of the federal aid offered by the Sheppard-Towner Maternity bill. The clubs are asked to request the representatives from their respective communities to vote for these two measures sponsored by the federation. The state has only to accept the $5.000 each year offered by the government for maternal and infant hygiene to be administered by the department of child hygiene under the state board of health. Only three states, including Louisiana, have failed to accept the money thus offered and it is expected that the legislature at this session will accept for Louisiana.

The campaign for kindergartens has been very ably handled by Mrs. Weaver of Shreveport and her committee and has done much to inform the public as to the value and need of kindergartens. The kindergarten bill will be introduced by Mr. Douglas of Caddo and will be vigorously pushed by the committee. All women interested are asked to use their influence for this bill.

MRS. A. G. REED.

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Read This!
The Woman's Shop
(Misses Effie and Fannie Rex)
This is the last four weeks of our closing out sale, all winter underwear out for cost and below cost. Heavy Robes at attractive prices. Ladies' and children's lisle and cottom bloomers less than cost. Great opportunity to buy all you need for winter, with a small amount of money.

A FIRM THAT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Few business establishments of Baton Rouge have grown from a modest beginning to proportions unsurpassed by any of like character as rapidly as has that of Tobias-Gass, located at the corner of North and Gaines street. Those who were acquainted with the firm when it first threw its doors open, just across the street from its present site, marvel at the proportions to which its patronage has grown since the present large and commodious building was erected in 1916. Stocked with goods of the very best quality and grades, with prompt and courteous response to all demands it is ranked among the foremost establishments of this city.

It is not only a grocery on the delicatessen order, but a general store as well, where everything in home or on farm may be purchased at a small profit over cost. Orders received by telephone constitute a large patronage to say nothing of personal purchases. The manager, Mr. Gass, comes as near knowing the demands of patrons as any one in business. He is a native of Baton Rouge and was reared along best business lines. Polite, affable and courteous his genial ways have won a legion of customers whom he is ever ready to serve whether to a package of baking soda, a high grade bicycle of a sack of Peruna chicken chow. Tobias-Gass is certainly a big firm under excellent management.

WOMAN-I-TORIALS.

Club Federation Biennial.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, including club women from all North America and many countries elsewhere, will meet at Chautauqua, N. Y., for a ten day Biennial Convention, June 20-30. Hereafter this meeting will be annual, and in the nature of a world parley on matters of interest to women.

Dental Hygiene is a new field open to women. This, among other things, is what they will teach our children:
"Brush 'em up, brush 'em down,
Brush 'em well from base to crown,
Every morning and at night,
Will keep your teeth both clean and white."

WOMEN'S CLUB HOUSE NOTES

Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th and 8th of June, will be red-letter days in the history of Woman's club, when the "Old-time Minstrel Show" for the benefit of the club house will take place.

The women who have charge of the management of the club house this year, looking for ways to meet the payment in June, decided to ask the men folks to help them, and called upon some of the leaders in the famous "Mammoths," a local amateur minstrel organization that made Baton Rouge famous several years ago, for aid. The response was very gratifying and others besides the Mammoths were asked to assist in an old time minstrel show.

State Treasurer, Howell Morgan, and City Treasurer, Louis Ricaud, are both in the cast, while E. T. Woolfolk, Dr. E. P. Flower, Frank Baker and Ralph Chambers constitute the end men. All four are high class black-face artists. The interlocutar, J. St. Clair Favrot, is known all over the state, but few have seen him in such a role. The chorus and soloists consist of Profs. Stopher, Jordan and Hendrix; Messrs. Roger Swire, Izzy Ruman, George Fulton, Walter Eichelberger, M. V. Robbins, Pike Burden, Doc. Cozedessus, Frank Posey, Fred Benton, Sou' De Generes, Bill Mydick, Billy Mott, Malcolm Doughtery, Lionel Billeaud, Holliday Dupuy, Richard Cooter, Shirley Hebert, Dalton Reymond, J. A. Batten, and others, and stage manager, Hon. H. F. Brunot.

As the club house can only seat two hundred fifty (250) persons tickets will be sold in advance and any one wishing to be sure of seats had better phone to some member of the board of managers and ask that seats be reserved.

There have been several called meetings of the Board of Managers during the past month to discuss means to meet the first payment on the Club House which falls due on June 11.

Several of the clubs that own stock in the Club House have been very active in raising money to meet this note of $2,480, and have taken varied means of raising the small amount of $50 asked for by the Board from each club.

Housewives' League	$1000.00
Music Club	80.00
Reading Club	60.00
Rest Room	50.00
Little Theatre Guild	50.00
Study Club	50.00
Joanna Waddill Chapter, U. D. C.	50.00
Philistoria	50.00
League of Women Voters	40.00
Reviewers	10.00
Civic Association	10.00

SHOULD MUSIC BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

The most important work of the schools is to give the children of the coming generation the proper point of view toward life and thei rown responsibilities in living in a busy world. This must include an adequate knowledge of the ways and means of communication and something about methods of conducting their own profession or calling. To this end, reading and arithmetic must be givein first and second places. After that, music is the most important subject which may be taught in the schools.

Music, more than any other subject, gives the child an outlet for surplus energy, and induces an attitude of mind which allows the child to do his best work in all the other subjects. Furthermore, it is a powerful agent in securing beter discipline as any teacher can vouch for. It was for this reason that the old time country school teacher never neglected to have singing for the morning exercises. It was too bad that this custom ever abated.

If utility is to be the test as to whether or not music is to be included in the curriculum, then is should be next after reading and the simplest operations in arithmetic. Honorable P. P. Claxon, recently the United States commissioner of education, said that the average American woman writes an average of thirty minutes a month after she is married. On the other hand, if she learned to sing or play an instrument during her school days, she will average thirty minutes a day for the rest of her life after she is married at singing or playing. This is not an argument against learning to write, but should show that if music is used thirty times as much as writing, that it might be well to spend a little more time on music, to say the very least.

In this day of keen competition, the most important factor in success is an attatude of steadiness toward the world about and toward ourselves in particular. There have been many times in the lives of every person over age or even past ten years old. that a crisis would have been averted if that person could only have had the courage to sing or whistle at the critical time. Now a person can not sing if he does not know any songs. The schools should teach singing to all the children as a regular subject. If all the children are taught beginning at the age of six, there will not be any greater differences of ability to read and understand music than there are now with respect to the reading and writing of the mother tongue.

Music should be taught in the public schools.

ISTROUMA CLUB OF HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE

Mrs. Hattie Morgan, one of the leading members of the Housewives' League has written the following open letter giving a history of the movement.

Istrouma Heights is a suburb of Baton Rouge which has made phemonmenal growth within very recent years, and due to the rapid increase in poulation the people in many instances did not know their neighbors living in the same block with themselves. Realizing the advantages to be derived from social intercourse, a little band of interested ladies determined to attempt an organization which should cement the bonds of friendship and widen into avenues of civic improvement and school betterment. Several attempts were made to organize a Parent-Teachers' club, but without success until finally the aid of the Extension department of the State University was invoked and a meeting of the ladies of the community called; but due to various causes, when the day for this meeting arrived and Miss Deshotels and Mrs. Giesen, accompanied by Mrs. Sessions, president of the Housewives' League, drove out to the school house through the rain, they only found assembled the thirteen teachers.

Unpromising as the situation seemed this little band of workers was not discouraged. Another date was set and plans for advertisement and organization discussed and literature distributed. Arrangements were made to have a dress form demonstration and, incidentally, refreshments, at this meeting.

Notices were run several days prior to this date in the local paper, and when the time rolled around, great was the satisfaction to find a full house.

The Women's Department of the University explained what had been accomplished in other communities. A permanent organization was effected, and president ,vice-president, secretary-treasurer and publicity shairman elected.

The dress form proved a grand success, and the delicious lunch prepared and served by the club girls of the school was much enjoyed, and since then our club has grown steadily, numbering now more than forty regular members.

We meet twice each month in the school auditorium, the first meeting being devoted to household problems while at the second monthly meeting we study and discuss civic matters.

At the demonstration meeting we arrange to have with us an expert along some particular line of home economy. The Extension department has given us invaluable assistance, and we have had lectures and demonstrations upon gardening, cake making, food problems, and a four day's course in millinery, at which about twenty ladies designed and made their spring hats. Just now we are busy planning for the summer. Arrangements have been made to purchase an oil stove which will be used for community canning and preserving.

At the alternate meeting each month subjects of widespread interest are discussed. On one occasion an interesting address from our parish superintendent of education did much to timulate interest and cooperation in school work. At a recent meeting we studied taxation and papers were prepared and read by members upon the apportionment of the various taxes. At present we are studying the constitution of our state.

BATON ROUGE'S FIRST KINDERGARTEN WAS ATTENDED BY MANY PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN IN YEARS PAST

It may be of interest to those now endorsing the Kindergarten system of instruction to young children, to know that one of the first Kindergartens in Louisiana was established at Baton Rouge, years ago, and successfully carried on for two years in a building on North Boulevard, now the site of the City Hall. The want of a suitable building to conduct it in, caused a suspension of the school. Later on from time to time other teachers of its principles, followed at intervals from year to year, until now it is one of the necessary auxiliaries to all the leading schools in different localities, and has the approval of the Louisiana Federation of Woman's Clubs, as well as some of the members of the legislature.

Frederick Froebel's educational principals met with little interest at first by the people of the country, for the simple reason that a correct knowledge of the system was never fully understood, but for the last decade it has awakened some degree of enthusiasm upon the subject, causing a more universal adoption as a prelude to primary instruction in the foremost educational institutions all over the country.

From a copy of the Baton Rouge Advocate of December 1881, we reproduce an interesting account of one of the entertainments of the Kindergarten, showing its popularity even at that date.

"Christmas Eve Celebration to the Kindergartens.

"Last night, Governor and Mrs. McEnery assembled a number of their friends at the reception given by them under their hospitable roof, to the pupils of Mrs. Sennette's Kindergarten school. While the little pupils were merrily singing and dancing in the parlor and otherwise exhibiting the acquirements gained by them under the intelligent direction of their accomplished preceptress, the folding doors were suddenly thrown open, whereupon the real ideal of a Santa Claus, Major J. G. Richardson, appeared beside a brilliantly illumined Christmas tree, laden with trinkets, which, in the eyes of the little folks, seemed to have been drawn from the realms of fairy land, so rich and tempting were they in appearance. But their happiness was made complete by the good Santa Claus as he called them to him, one by one, to hand each the presents allotted to them.

"After the Christmas tree had been demolished, the pupils again treated the audience to several charming songs and dances, all of which showed the great usefulness of the Kindergarten system, which, for developing the voice and imparting sweet manners to little children, cannot too highly be commended. After the Christmas tree scene, the supper and refreshment table, supplied with the choicest delicacies, were placed at the disposal of the company, who, one and all, did them ample justice. During all this good time the Governor and Mrs. McEnery, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Phillips, were moving around doing the honors with a cordiality that made every guest feel perfectly at home.

"To make the occasion still more pleasant, some fifty or sixty merrymakers drew up in front of the residence and treated the company to quite an extensive display of fireworks with musical accompaniment, winding up the compliment paid the Governor by giving him three rousing cheers and a tiger. Altogether the affair was one of the most enjoyable of the kind, that we have ever attended. It was the general verdict of the guests that the Governor and his good lady deserve great praise for the interest they so munificently evidenced in the Kindergarten school, which will, doubtless, soon become one of the favorite institutions of Baton Rouge.

"The Governor's reception will long be held as a pleasing reminiscence by all those who attended it.

"The pupils enrolled were Maud Chambers, Irene McPhail, Daisy Thiel, May Brown, Mary Burgess, Mary Boyd, Maud David, Inda Garig, Katie Paulsen, Mercedes Garig, Josie Holt, Maud Bates, Arthur Boyd, Rex Boyd, Lee Boyd, Willie Bates, Edward Robertson, Tom Senette, Charley McEnery, Robert Richardson, Ralph Chambers, George Burgess, George Garig."

(The lady who taught the first Kindergarten School as referred to above was Mrs. Lee R. Harris of this city).

(The above school was established by Mrs. Lee R. Harris, of this city, who was a prominent educator in the state.)

A WORD ABOUT OUR HIGHLAND CITY

(The following pretty compliment to Baton Rouge was received through the mail without the name of the writer and while our rule is not to publish matter unless the writer's name is attached, as nothing but praise of our city is contained therein, we depart from the custom and offer it to our readers.)

"Baton Rouge, where the delicate perfume of the Magnolia ever fills the air, where the Camelia and Cherokee rose flourish in glorious profusion, where the mocking bird in joyous and riotous abandon warbles its songs the live-long day, city in its mantle of emerald green setting upon the first highland to greet the treveler northward bound bathing its feet in the 'waters of the mighty Mississippi'. Land where the blood of Puritan and Creole, Saxon and Celt mingled into one harmonious mass from which has sprung a race, brave, chivalrous, patriotic, hospitable, boasting of a history ladened with more momentous events more romances, more tragedy, than is to be found elsewhere on the continent of North America. Romance and tragedy following the wake of transition from nationality to nationality, following changes of languages, changes of customs and habits. Baton Rouge with its hand outstretched to welcome the stranger who enters her gates and bid him welcome.

Baton Rouge, how I love thee! Love thy history, thy climate, thy birds, thy flowers, and above all that warm welcome and open handed hospitality to the stranger. Lovely city crowning the hills overlooking the mighty Mississippi.

A RECENT SETTLER."

FULL-WEIGHT GROCERY.

The housewives of Baton Rouge appreciate the benefits of dealing at the Full-Weight Grocery Store, where a co-operative system is carried on. Phone Mr. Saurage for particulars.

A Correction

In putting the forms to press last night a cipher dropped out of Sommers' ad, which made it read $200.00, and it should have been $200,000. This is one of the biggest sales of the season.

"Drive in and Save Time"
GLADDEN-EDGERTON OIL CO.
How About a Mohawk Today?
Corner Church and Convention