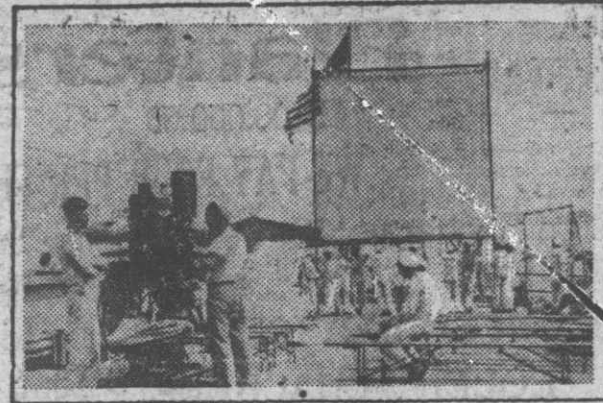


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LARGE CLASS AT
CATHOLIC CHURCHSolemn Ceremonies Took
Place in This City Last
SaturdayFIVE HUNDRED RECEIVE
THEIR CONFIRMATIONFirst Time Here in Several
Years—Largest Class in
HistoryA class of 500, one of the largest
in the history of the local Catholic
church, was confirmed Saturday, Oc-
tober 30th.Confessions of the confirmation
children were heard at the church
Friday afternoon by Father Colliard
and Father Hyland.The first services Saturday began
at 7 o'clock with low mass of which
the bishop was celebrant assisted by
Rev. Father Gruel, pastor of Lawtell.
Many members of the confirmation
class received holy communion dur-
ing this mass. The communion was
given by Father Colliard and Father
Gruel. Shortly after mass, the chil-
dren were dismissed for breakfast.About 9:10, the children gathered
in church again to get their confirma-
tion cards, each of these cards con-
tained the names of the one to be
confirmed and also the name he would
receive in confirmation.At 9:30, the bishop entered the
church from the front entrance, ac-
companied by Father Colliard, Father
Hyland, Father Gruel and the acolytes
Lee Lavergne, Frederick Lavergne,
Austin Lavergne and Rene Lambert.
The bishop first made a brief address.
He said he had come to Opelousas
not only for confirmation, but also, to
make his pastoral visit which he is
supposed to make every two years.
He said the purpose of this pastoral
visit was to look into the general
condition of the church affairs, name-
ly, the condition of the church build-
ing, book registers, vestments, etc. He
expressed gratification with his in-
vestigations of the parish affairs and
with Father Colliard's work here, and
added that he hoped he would soon
have the pleasure of being invited
here to say Pontifical Mass, to cele-
brate the completion of the church.The bishop said, however, he had
one little complaint to make, and that
was that the Catholic convent here
was not well enough attended. He
pointed out the necessity of religious
education to the parents. He said
that reading, writing, and arithmetic
would not stand one in good stead in
the face of temptation.After his address apropos of the
church affairs, the bishop turned to
the confirmation candidates. He told
them that the Sacrament of Confirma-
tion was to make them perfect, and
he was their captain who came to
enroll them as such. He told them
he was going to ask them a few ques-
tions from the catechism.The bishop then began catechizing.
He first questioned the girls, then
the boys. The questions were some
of the simplest, from the catechism
and not at all difficult for the children
to answer.After the catechism questions, the
bishop then had the children renew
their baptismal vows. The whole
class stood and recited after the bi-
shop the promise which is as follows:
"I renounce Satan, all his works and
all his pomps and give myself to
Jesus Christ forever."The confirmation services proper
then began. The children were con-
firmed in groups of twenty, ten boys
and ten girls. The white children
came first, directed to the altar rail-
ing to receive the holy Chrism by two
of the Sisters Marianites of the Holy
Cross. Then the colored children fol-
lowed directed by Sisters of the Holy
Family. There were forty sponsors,
ten white gentlemen and ladies, and
ten colored men and women. For the
white children the bishop was assist-
ed by Father Colliard who called out
the names of the children, and Father
Hyland who removed the Chrism
from their foreheads. For the colored
people, Father Colliard called out
the names, and Father Gruel removed
the Chrism.After the children had received the
holy Chrism the bishop recited with
them the Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer,
and Angelical Salutation. Then he
gave them his blessing.Before closing the services the bi-
shop addressed the colored people in
French.The ceremonies ended with Benedic-
tion of the Blessed Sacrament given
by Father Hyland. Then the chil-
dren marched out of the church by
twos, and the great day, one of the
most solemn days on the lives of five
hundred children, was over.It is not amiss to state here that
the greatest congregations are due to
Father Colliard and Father Hyland
for the excellent behavior of the large
class under their supervision, during
the lengthy services. The confirma-
tion was a success despite the fact
that both priests have just recovered
from an attack of illness and conse-
quently could not give as much time
as they might have done to the train-
ing of the children.BIG LAND DEAL IS
COSUMMATED HERELARGE TRACT ON BAYOU WAXIA
ACQUIRED BY THISTLETH-
WAITESBy act of sale executed before Judge
Gilbert L. Dupre, notary public, on
last Saturday, October 30, the Thistle-
thwaite Lumber company, domiciled
just above Washington, this parish
purchased from the present owners
the Signor plantation, situated on
Bayou Waxia, between Begg's station
on the Southern Pacific railroad, and
Palmetto, on the Texas and Pacific
railroad.The purchasers paid \$54,000 cash for
the property which aggregates 3,683
acres and a fraction. The purchasers
propose to remove the timber standing
on the land and thereafter dispose of
the land to settlers or others who
may desire to purchase small farms.This deal is one of the largest cash
transactions ever pulled off in Opelousas
or St. Landry parish, and farmers
of moderate means can now apply to
purchase small tracts and in this way
secure homes on land where a few
years ago the ax and the plowshare
were unknown. The soil is unsurpassed
for its fertility and will produce
bumper crops of corn, cotton, sugar
cane or rice.Revenue stamps to the extent of
\$54 had to be affixed to the notarial
act of sale before same was recorded.GIN CLOSING IS
NOT POPULAR IN
MANY OF STATESSeveral Executives Refuse to
Issue Appeal to
OperatorsCLAIM NO MATERIAL
GOOD WOULD RESULTGreat Portion of Crop Al-
ready Ginned and Little
RemainsThe move for the closing of cotton
gins throughout the south for a stu-
pulated period in order to give the
speculators something to ponder over
and at the same time act as a boost for
the price of the great white staple,
seems to have died a bornin'.Except in a few sections, the pro-
clamation of Governor Parker of
Louisiana asking that all gins close
for at least a month was not received
with the enthusiasm it was perhaps
entitled to. The governors of several
states complied with Gov. Parker's
request and began to see things in
the same light as he did. On the other
hand, the governors of several of
the southern states saw otherwise and
refused pointblank to comply with his
request and ask the ginnerers of their
respective states to close their plants
for the time stated.The opponents of the entire closing
of the gins claim as a bolster for their
argument to the contrary that practi-
cally all the cotton produced this
year has already gone through the gin-
ning process and that the close down
the gins at the present time would
avail the planter nothing, but might
work as a hardship on him.However, Governor Parker's appeal
to the ginnerers in this state has re-
sulted in some good along the line
suggested by him in his appeal and
proclamation. A large number of gins
have closed and will not turn a wheel
in their plants until the time stipu-
lated has expired. Whether this move
will be for the ultimate benefit of the
cotton growing interests of the state
or not remains to be seen. It is a well
known fact that production of cot-
ton in Louisiana this year is smaller
than ever before, and as the harvest-
ing season was ideal, it is very doubt-
ful if much of the staple remains in
the hands of the producers in an un-
ginned state.In some localities in other states,
so-called "night riders" acting on
their own initiative have taken mat-
ters in hand and threatened to de-
stroy gin plants if they were not closed
down by their owners. In a few
instances the unlawful element has
made its threats good and burned the
plants that offended them by continu-ing to operate despite the warnings
issued by the invisible clan. The
states of Georgia and Alabama and
in a few instances in other common-
wealth have been much in the lime-
light because the acts of the "night
riders" burning gin plants that refused
to comply with the "orders" of the
clan.BANK EXAMINER NOT
TO FOLLOW SUITL. E. THOMAS SAYS ACTION IN
ANOTHER STATE NOT GOOD
PRECEDENTState Bank Examiner L. E. Thomas,
taking cognizance of the action of
the bank examiner in Oklahoma, rela-
tive to all state banks and trust com-
panies forcing the collection of "bills
receivable," has issued the following
circular letter over his signature:To all State Banks, Savings Banks
and Trust Companies, State of
Louisiana.My attention has just been called to
a circular issued by the state bank
commissioner of Oklahoma demand-
ing that banking institution in that
state shall at once collect their bills
receivable and that the farmers must
pay in order to relieve the state banks
and they in turn can then relieve the
federal reserve banks.I do not believe as my confrere
from a sister state. I believe such a
policy will prove still more disastrous
to the agricultural interests of this
country. Secretary of Agriculture
Meredith, in a magnificent address at
the American Bankers association last
week, showed that agricultural prod-
ucts had declined in the past nine-
ty days over two billion and five hun-
dred million dollars. A forcing of
collections will still further depress
prices, thereby entailing still greater
loss. This must be avoided.Cotton, sugar and rice are our
staple crops and the present distress-
ing condition should be helped and
not further demoralized. It is true
that last spring this department de-
sired a curtailment on unreasonable
borrowing by state banks as we feared
financial trouble ahead and it was to
avoid these very breakers that this
legislation was sought. It was not
passed, so we are now facing a condi-
tion that must be met heroically and
sympathetically.The city banks are co-operating and
not bearing down on the country banks
and so they in turn must be patient
with the merchant and farmer. If the
farmer will not dump his products on
a market that cannot at present ab-
sorb it you will see a better condition
of affairs within the next sixty days.
Mutual helpfulness must be the watch-
word and this department will aid in
every legal and reasonable way.Sincerely yours,
L. E. THOMAS,
Examiner of State Banks.HALLOWEEN PARTY
FOR YOUNG FOLKSMRS. D. L. GUILBEAU WAS HOS-
TESS TO MERRY CROWD
SUNDAY NIGHTA hallowe'en party was given at the
home of Hon. and Mrs. Dudley L.
Guilbeau on South Union street and
attended by a large party of young
folks. Misses Julia Roberts, Gene-
vieve Guilbeau and Miriam Sandoz
did the receiving. Games and re-
freshments were the principal fea-
tures of the festivities. The rooms
were suitably decorated for the oc-
casion. A prize for biting the larg-
est piece of pie was awarded Miss
Margery Dejean and Willie Boutte.Those presents were: Misses Muriel
Smith, Lucille Dunbar, Lillian Ja-
cobs, Elsie Lurio, Yvonne Pavy, Bon-
nie Kerr, Connie Anding, Mary Kate
Ballard, Dorothy Lawler, Ethel Boa-
ballard, Dorothy Lawler, Ethel Boa-
gnol, Marie Pavy, Annie Lee Fennel
and Marjorie Dejean; Messrs. Willie
Boutte, Marshall Prescott, Thomas
Sandoz, Elridge Amy, Calvin Fennell,
Norwood Lyons, Rupert Lyons, James
Broussard, Edward Boagni, Louis Ber-
nard, Charlie Walker, Allison Cres-
well, James Troclair, Frank Troclair,
Seth Lewis, David Blacksher and
Harold Guilbeau.HALLOWEEN ENTERTAINMENT
HELD AT GRAND COTEAUMiss Leonie Burleigh entertained in-
formally a party of friends on Hallo-
ween night, at her home in Grand Co-
teau. The reception and dining rooms
were decorated very appropriately
with field flowers, jack o'lanterns,
black cats and witches. A delicious
buffet luncheon was served, after
which guessing games and fortunes
were told. The guests were: Mr. and
Mrs. Simon Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Jas.
Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steele, Mr. and
Mrs. F. C. Smith, Mrs. Dora Barry,
Misses Marie Richard, Myrtle Barry,
Grace Smith, Viola Barry, Leona
Smith, Helen Barry, Mary Burleigh,
Mary Tarleton, Johnnie Barry, Irene
Oge, Cecelia Barry, Eleanor Burleigh,
May Guilbeau, Odella and Mary A.
Brinkhaus; Messrs. Ward Oge, Robt.
Barry, Jr., A. Castille, J. S. Barry,
Richard Burleigh and Tom Barry.Thos. P. Bowden, prominent rail-
road man now connected with the
Gulf Coast Lines, was here Sunday
and Monday on a visit to his mother.NEW REGISTRATION
OF PARISH VOTERS
ON JANUARY FIRSTRe-Listing of Electors Fixed
By Legislative Statute of
Regular Session 1916OLD BOOKS TO BE
THING OF THE PASTEnfranchising of Women
Will Practically Double
St. Landry's VoteThe legislature at its 1916 session
passed an act requiring a new regis-
tration of voters of the state every
four years. This law went into effect
on January 1, 1917, and at that time an
entire new registration of voters was
made and in compliance with the
terms of the aforesaid law. The four-
year limit will expire on December 31
next, after which date the present reg-
istration will be of no effect.On January 1, 1921, Registrar Las-
trapes will begin the re-listing of the
voters of St. Landry, and all voters
who wish to participate in elections to
be held within the next four years
will find it necessary to register again
as the old registration will not count
in the future. The old books will be
done away with, officially, at least,
and a new set will have to be prepared
for the twenty-five voting precincts of
St. Landry parish. It will be something
of a huge task, but Mr. Lastrapes and
his competent assistants will be equal
to it and expect fully to finish the job
in ample time.The old registration was only ap-
proximately four thousand odd voters,
and of this number quite a few were
disfranchised because of failure to pay
poll tax on time. This fact reduced
the voting power of the parish every
year, for, notwithstanding the fact
that the poll-tax requisite has been in
effect for more than twenty years,
quite an element of voters forgot to
pay up on time and were thus deprived
of their privilege of voting.With the enfranchisement of wom-
en, the registration of St. Landry is
expected to be doubled, or almost so,
after the registration is completed.
Following the ratification of the woman's
suffrage amendment some months
ago, a number of women of Opelousas
and other points in the parish took
advantage of the new condition and
registered. These, along with their
brothers already on the list, will find
it necessary to again register after
January 1, next. Many women who
have so far failed to register and who
wish to participate in future elections
also will have to see Mr. Lastrapes
after that date and line-up for the next
political free-for-all in parish and the
state.MOVIES
IN THE
NAVYFROM FILM EXCHANGE
TO BATTLESHIPShowing motion pictures nightly on
practically every ship of the Ameri-
can Navy has become such a gigantic
task that the Navy Department has
established its own film exchange
from which hundreds of ships are
supplied with the "canned shows," as
the sailors refer to them. The Navy
Exchange is equipped to handle and
expedite orders for ships in every
part of the world, and it has been
said by a great motion picture pro-
ducer that the Navy conducts the great-
est chain of shows in the world. It is
a fact that wherever our vessels sail,
and at whatever port they call, they
either have their films or receive
them upon arrival. The moving pic-ture exchange of the navy covers
ships in China and Siberia as well as it
does in the Mediterranean or in home
waters.Every ship has one or two fine mo-
tion picture machines. There is an
expert operator and a host of willing
sailors to rig up the screen. If the
weather happens to be rainy the
screen is rigged on the gun deck, but
on clear nights the quaterdeck or fore-
castle is used. This especially de-
sirable in tropical climates.In the upper picture we see a bevy
of sailors getting things in readi-
ness for the evening's performance.
Even the operators are "tuning up"
their machine which is portable, as
you will note, being placed on a roll-
ing truck, and easily stowed away for
the morrow. The lower view shows
the boys loading a truck with theirfavorite films of the very latest re-
leases. The navy gets many of the
best pictures before civilian houses
do because the exchange is in the
center of the world's greatest picture
industry.The audience of motion picture
houses throughout the country ex-
periences many likes and dislikes in
the type of films exhibited, and they
try to cater to the majority. This
question receives much attention in
the navy, for experts are always
busy looking for films that they
think will suit their sailor audiences,
and for this purpose a card index
the "hit" of the show accompanying
every picture. Final reports are
checked up and good shows are kept
continually on the road—or water-
as it were.FARM RECORDS SHOW
THE PROFIT OR LOSSFarming is a business and to be suc-
cessful it must be conducted in a busi-
ness like manner. It involves the pro-
duction and sale of commodities, just
as does manufacturing. The business
man, whether in factory or on farm,
should be constantly considering two
questions:First—What profit is my business
making?Second—How can that profit be in-
creased?The first of these must be answered
before an intelligent effort can be
made to answer the second. Proper
accounting leads directly to the an-
swer to the first question, and hence
it is essential to any well thought outplan to increase profits.
The problem of the farmer is to meet
conditions on his own farm in a way
that will give him the greatest net re-
turns, year in and year out, for the
use of his capital, his labor and his
managerial ability. Before he can be
considered a successful farm operator
he must produce results that will cover
the value of all these. Capital can
earn interest without labor on the
part of its owner, and labor can earn
wages without owning any capital.
The farmer, utilizing both in the con-
duct of his business, should secure
returns that will cover both interest
and wages. Not until both of these
have been more than covered can
any profit be credited to the
farming operations. Nothing but re-
turn in excess of interest and wages
can properly be considered as netprofit.
There is reason to believe that
many farmers, owing to a lack of prop-
er records, do not know what returns
they actually receive, nor how they
compare with what they should re-
ceive for their work and the use of
their capital. Doubtless many are in-
teresting on the interest on their capital,
making small wages or none, and are
net profits.Write the United States department
of agriculture, Washington, D. C., for
Farmers' Bulletin 511, Farm Book-
keeping, which may be had upon re-
quest.We are proud of the confidence
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the public have in 666 Chills and
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