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## ARBOR DAY FAIR TO BE HELD ON NINTH

### Farmers' Short Course at the Country Schools Has a Big Attendance

#### FLETCHER GOES TO MEXICO



Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, has started at last for his post in Mexico, where it is probable his official life will not be especially easy.

#### FAIR TO HAVE ARBOR DAY AT GROUNDS ON MARCH 9

Friday, March 9, 1917, will be a day at the fair grounds that will mark a new epoch in the history of the St. Tammany Parish Fair. The success of the past is intended to be only a preliminary of the success that is to come, and the time is looked forward to when a united fair of the Florida Parishes will be held at the fair grounds of Covington.

#### RESOLUTIONS BOARD OF HEALTH AS TO BREAD, ETC.

Covington, La., Feb. 24, 1917. Meeting called to order by the president. Present: B. B. Warrin, A. V. Smith, A. D. Schwartz and F. Pateck.

#### FARMERS SHORT COURSE AT THE SCHOOLS IS A SUCCESS

State Demonstration Agent Gives Good Lecture on General Farming. PROF. ROLF LECTURES ON POULTRY RAISING. Mr. Redhead, Prof. Wright and Miss Williams Give Talks.

In last week's Farmer we announced that agricultural meetings would be held at Waldheim, Pilgrim Rest and Progress schools. These meetings were held and were very successful and no doubt will result, in days to come, beneficially.

G. C. Lewis, farm demonstrator, was then introduced and briefly told the object of the three-day short course and why they were held at this time.

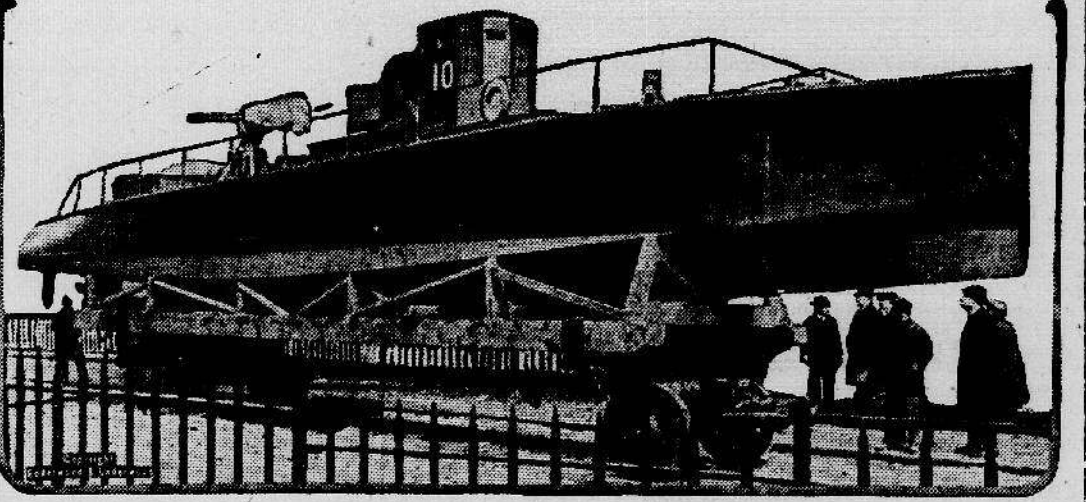
Prof. A. F. Rolf, state poultry specialist, then gave one of the best lectures on poultry raising and making money in that important branch of farming ever heard in St. Tammany parish.

The meeting was closed by Farm Demonstrator Lewis, who explained how benefit might be derived from it, how boys in the pig and corn clubs could be assisted if they would first agree to assist themselves.

The meeting at Pilgrim Rest on Tuesday was also good and the house was packed with people longing to know more about the soil and its treasures. The same people were there to speak and all seemed to enjoy the meeting.

The Middle Roads and the Union Grove schools were there with their teachers. These teachers are all to be complimented for dismissing school one day and coming the distance they did with their pupils that lectures on better farming might be heard.

#### VESSEL DESIGNED TO CHASE SUBMARINES



Submarine chaser Chinagacook being transported through the streets of New York city to the Brooklyn navy yard. The craft has two rudders and two propellers. It is long and sits low in the water, is of a dark green hue and mounts a small cannon in rear of pilot house. This is the type of U-boat chaser that may be adopted by the United States to watch and patrol our coasts should the necessity arise. Other governments have found this type of boat of great value.

#### SENSATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTRIGUE OF GERMANY

Charged Germany Made Overtures to Japan and Mexico. ASKED THEM TO JOIN AGAINST THE U. S. Mexico to Win Back the Old Provinces, Texas New Mex. and Arizona.

Washington, March 1.—A copy of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's instructions to German Minister von Eckhardt, at Mexico City, at Washington, is in possession of the United States government. It is as follows:

"Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917. 'On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

Washington, March 1.—The Japanese embassy made the following statement: 'With regard to the alleged German (Continued on page 2)

#### THERE WILL BE NO LOUISIANA FLOAT IN PARADE, 4TH

Washington, Feb. 26.—No floats will be allowed in the parade in honor of the second inauguration of President Wilson. Chairman Harper of the Inaugural Committee, found it necessary to alter the original plan in this regard.

#### A DEMONSTRATION OF TREE GRAFTING

Wade B. Hewitt, state nurseryman, spent Thursday in St. Tammany and gave two very successful grafting demonstrations. The first visit was to Waldheim school.

The boys seemed to take much interest in the work. Miss Rayne did splendid work in seeing that these boys had an opportunity to witness this demonstration.

#### THE POLICE JURY.

The St. Tammany Parish Police Jury will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Covington, La., Feb. 22, 1917. The police jury will receive bids to be sent in to their next meeting, March 6, 1917, for the following: Painting iron fence around courthouse grounds, one heavy coat, color black.

#### SLIDELL NEWS AND SOCIAL DOINGS OF WEEK

Slidell Benevolent Association Organized on February 22. SOLDIER BOYS WILL GET WARM WELCOME. School League Votes An Amendment to Its Constitution.

The Slidell Benevolent Association was organized on Thursday, Feb. 22, 1917, when the report of the committee of seven, appointed for the purpose, reported on by-laws, and nominated officers, as follows: Dr. F. R. Singleton, president; W. L. Ellis, vice-president; F. F. Wigginton, secretary; C. M. Liddle, treasurer.

The Woodmen of the World have been quite active and a large class will be initiated at the next convention of the local camp. The home of Dr. F. R. Singleton was visited by the stork on Feb. 24, 1917, when a rising young medical was left as a memento of the call.

The Washington Artillery, which was mustered out in New Orleans this week, had several Slidell boys in its ranks who will be home soon and will be given a warm welcome on their return.

Miss Lucille Roy has returned to her home in New Orleans, after a week spent with Mrs. Voorhies. Miss Louise Roberts has resigned as operator at the telephone office.

Miss Lillian Toulon, of Bay St. Louis, Miss, left Friday for home after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Perry Hardee and Miss Pearl Toulon.

#### SIMMONS-SYKES.

Mr. Miller Frederick Simmons, formerly of this place and now of Slidell, and Miss Mamie Sykes, of Columbia, Miss., were quietly married on Tuesday, February 20, 1917, at Slidell.

#### ROBT. L. AUBERT, WHO ANNOUNCES HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



To the Citizens of Covington: I announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of Covington. I make this announcement with a full comprehension of the difficulties to be met in a proper administration of its affairs, but I have been urged to take this step by those who feel, as I do, that good citizenship requires sacrifice in the interest of the community advancement.

#### ASSESSOR A. D. CRAWFORD TO COMMENCE WORK

Assessor A. D. Crawford has now completed his arrangements for assessing the property of St. Tammany parish. Probably no assessor has ever entered upon his duties under more trying conditions.

The "Uncle Oliver," a large Mississippi river steamboat plying the Red and Ouachita rivers and waters of that section around Vicksburg, is now on Slidell Shipbuilding Co.'s ways for extensive and general repairs.

Mr. Crawford says that it is his intention to be absolutely fair and impartial in the assessment of the property of this parish. He has appointed deputies that he believes to be competent for the task, and he has required each of them to take oath to do his duty fairly and impartially, and every property holder will be called upon to make oaths as to his statement of property.

Mr. Crawford intends to carry out his pre-campaign promises. He desires the co-operation of the people. (Continued on page 2)