

Good Drainage Often Means Good Crops.

A properly drained soil may be worked earlier and later than a poorly drained one. The length of the growing season can be increased from one to three weeks in some cases, to say nothing of being able to get on the land sooner after a rain. This extra time, at the beginning of the season especially, frequently means the difference between a good crop and absolute failure.

E. B. Doran, assistant professor of agronomy, Louisiana State University, gives other reasons for farm drainage, as follows:

1. To remove surplus water. Soil that is saturated with water is not in condition to produce ordinary farm crops. Water is present in the soil in more than one form but for practical purposes we may say that capillary moisture is the only form of water that ordinary farm crops can use. All in excess of this, such as free or flood water, is injurious.
2. To ventilate the soil. If the soil is saturated with water all air is excluded, and this, among other things, prevents all bacterial action having to do with nitrification or breaking down of the organic matter essential to plant growth. Again, such soils tend to become sour, or acid, and this is harmful to plant growth.
3. To lower the water table. If the level at which the soil water is relatively high the feeding area for the plant roots is limited. On the other hand, if the plants, at the beginning of their growth can send the roots to a considerable depth a larger root system is developed and in time of drought the plants are not as likely to suffer.
4. To prevent soil erosion. Whenever water runs off the top of the land it usually carries with it a large amount of fine top soil. This is a severe loss in many ways, and may be prevented by proper drainage. A well-drained soil will absorb much of the surplus moisture.
5. To warm the soil and lengthen the season. A well ventilated soil is a warm soil because, being well drained, the moisture is not allowed to evaporate at the surface. Any surface from which moisture evaporates is cooled.

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New Inventions.

The following patents were just issued to Louisiana inventors, reported by D. Swift & Co., patent lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers: J. T. Amis, Baton Rouge, typewriter ribbon; G. H. Magee, New Orleans, egg-holder; F. D. Merde, Lake Charles, combined receptacle-cover and insect trap.

DIED.

Borne—On Friday, February 16, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. Paul J. Borne, beloved husband of Emma Babin, aged 56 years, native of St. John Parish, La., and a resident of Algiers, La., for fifteen years. The body was shipped Saturday morning on the Texas & Pacific train, at 6:35 o'clock from his late residence, No. 513 Elmira avenue, Algiers, for interment in St. John Parish, La.

The remains were laid to rest Saturday morning in the St. John Catholic Cemetery at Edgard, La.

Installation Ceremonies of Rev. Theophile Stenmans

The solemn installation of the new Rector of St. John the Baptist Parish, Rev. Theophile Stenmans, formerly of Gretna, La., took place with impressive ceremonies at St. John the Baptist Church, Edgard, La., Thursday morning, Very Rev. Dean C. Chambon, of Donaldsonville, presiding.

High Mass was celebrated by Father Stenmans at 9:30 A. M. and a full choir rendered a beautiful Mass for the occasion. Very Rev. Canon F. B. Bogaerts assisted by Very Rev. C. Chambon gave the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. The church was filled with parishioners who had come from far and near to witness the important event, notwithstanding the heavy roads and the inclement weather.

Other priests present in the sanctuary were: Rev. F. Chas. Brockmeier Rector of St. Francis of Assisi Church, New Orleans, Rev. T. G. Cassagne, S. M., of Algiers, Rev. F. N. Remy S. M., of St. Joseph's Church, Paulina, Rev. W. Parrot, of Taft, Rev. Leveque, Chaplain of Little Sister of the Poor and Rev. J. Gelabert, who was Father Stenman's predecessor here, and who is now at St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans.

The ladies of the parish extended the new Rector and his friends a hearty welcome and prepared a grand dinner for the occasion holding on to their splendid reputation as one of the most hospitable parishes in Louisiana.

Pastor of St. Philip Departs.

Reverend J. W. A. Janssen, who for the past five months, has zealously and successfully administered the affairs of the Parish of St. Philip, departed Tuesday morning for his new field of labors. He has been assigned by Archbishop Blenk, as assistant at Abbeville.

It was with deep regret that the parishioners of St. Philip bid Father Janssen farewell. During the few months that he held the rectorship of St. Philip's Church, this energetic young priest, by his zeal and fidelity, endeared himself to all.

The parishioners will always hold him in the highest esteem.

Reverend B. Fontaine has been assigned to the rectorship of St. Philip's Church.

REGISTER NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Last Thursday, February 22nd., being Washington's Birthday, (and a legal holiday) Registrar of Voters Hamilton M. Bodin, cancelled his appointment to Register Voters at the Goldmine Store on that day.

Mr. Bodin wishes to announce that he will be at the Goldmine Store on Wednesday, February, 28th, 1917 on which day he will be glad to meet and Register every voter of the upper end of the First ward.

GRAND MISSION at the St. Peter's Church

Beginning Sunday, March 4th, 1917.
Ending Sunday, March 11th, 1917.

French and English Sermons on the most interesting, practical and up-to-date questions, by the well-known

A. BIEVER, S. J.

Everyone and all the members of the Congregation are earnestly requested to attend and will find a very cordial Welcome.

Those who like to hear the TRUTH wonderfully announced will be more than pleased to hear a real Apostle, the most eloquent Missionary in the South.

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Will be at St. John Court House every Thursday.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that I will open my office as Registrar of Voters in the different wards on the day and date, as follows:

Ozémée Jacob	4th	Ward	Wednesday February 14, 1917
W. O. W. Hall	4th	"	Thursday " 15, "
Albert Heltz	5th	"	Friday " 16, "
P. R. Montz	5th	"	Monday " 19, "
René Pancaire	1st	"	Wednesday " 21, "
Gold Mine Store	1st	"	Thursday " 22, "
Garyville (J. of P.)	6th	"	Friday " 23, "
Garyville	6th	"	Saturday " 24, "
A. Granier	3rd	"	Monday " 26, "
M. Trégre	3rd	"	Tuesday " 27, "

Office is also opened at the Court House daily.
H. M. BODIN,
Registrar of Voters.

NOTICE.

The next examination of applicants for teachers certificates will be held at Edgard, La. on March 26, 27 and 28 for white March 29, 30 and 31 for colored applicants.

The examination of teachers upon the books of the Reading Course will be held Saturday March 24, 1917.

Attention is called to the recent laws enacted upon the subject. No longer are graduates of approved institutions exempted from all subjects of examination but the Theory and Art.

Either they are exempt from examination upon their diplomas or are required to take the examination in all subjects.

Applicants not personally known to the superintendent will be required to furnish proper identification.

L. J. Bourgeois
Superintendent.

Death of Jules P. Foulon.

Mr. Jules P. Foulon, a native and esteemed resident of New Orleans, La., passed away at his residence, No 1923 Elysian Fields Avenue, between Prieur and Johnson streets last Wednesday February 21st, at 4:05 o'clock aged 52 years, and 6 months.

Funeral services took place Friday, February 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., from the late residence of the deceased. Interment in the Metairie Cemetery.

Deceased leaves many close friends in St. John Parish who were shocked at the news of his death.

The Meschacébé together with a wide circle of friends of the deceased here proffer sympathetic expressions of condolence to the grief stricken, and bereaved ones.

Vaccinate Animals

By March First.

All animals should be vaccinated regularly where charbon once existed, and the owner should not wait until the disease has broken out, as it requires about one month from the first injection for the animals to become protected. It is better to set date on which to begin vaccination each year. This should not be allowed to pass without having the animals given the first dose of a double-dose vaccine. They ought to be protected by the first of April, as charbon, as a rule, rarely breaks out previous to that time.

The symptoms of charbon vary according to the channel through which the infection (germs) enter the system, and may be from sudden death, without any external signs, to sickness for a few days with swellings on the exterior of the body. Where the infection has been inoculated through the skin, a primary swelling will be seen at each point of inoculation. Hogs usually show swelling of the throat, which is sometimes mistaken for sore throat or quinsy.

During the summer months, especially where charbon has previously existed, all cases of sudden death should be looked upon as suspicious of charbon, and the carcasses treated as such, as most of them are likely to have resulted from that disease, and it is much safer not to take any chances. Besides, the regulations of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board require this.

— W. H. Dalrymple, Louisiana State University. L. S. U. Press Bulletin.

LOCAL PERSONALS.



Mrs. John D. Reynaud attended the New Orleans Carnival, returning to St. John Thursday evening. During her stay in the Crescent City she was the honored guest of her friends Misses Nellie and Doris Power.

Misses Roberta and Osciana Haydel, of St. Gabriel, La., and Miss Annette Haydel, of Edgard, La., were the pleasant guests at the home of Mrs. Léon D'Arensborg, of Lucy, La. recently.

Miss Léonie D'Arensborg accompanied by her mother Mrs. Léon D'Arensborg left Lucy last Saturday afternoon for Donaldsonville, La., where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ayo.

Misses Osciana and Roberta Haydel, the two charming young daughters of Mr. Robert Haydel of Reserve, La., paid a short but most delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haydel, and family of Edgard, La., last Saturday.

Misses Léa and Una Ory returned to St. John last Wednesday evening after spending a most delightful Carnival with relatives in the City.

Mr. Alphonse Ory was a New Orleans visitor during the past week.

Mardi Gras day being one of the finest we have had for years many took advantage not only of the ideal spring weather prevailing, but of this grand yearly celebration to pay a visit to New Orleans. All those who attended the 1917 Carnival tell us that it was the grandest and most up-to-date they have seen for years.

The numerous friends of Attorney Louis M. Reynaud will be pleased to learn that he is up and about again after being confined for over a week with a mean case of La Grippe.

Hon. Hamilton M. Bodin, Clerk of Court and Registrar of Voters spent Wednesday at Lucy registering voters.

Every voter of the lower end of the First Ward presented themselves for registration and kept the registrar busy until late in the afternoon.

The Misses Myrtle Manberret and Blanche McClintock, the two popular assistant teachers of the Berthelot School spent the Carnival Festivities very delightfully with relatives in New Orleans, La.

The many friends of Mr. Horace D'Arensborg will be pained to learn that he sustained quite a severe shock last Wednesday when he ran a nail in his right foot while at work on the Waterford Plantation in St. Charles parish.

Prof. M. Charpentier's multitude of friends will learn with joy that he has fully recovered from a severe attack of La Grippe which kept him indoors for several days.

Our popular friend, and Ex-Sheriff Paul Berthelot returned to his home in St. John Thursday morning after spending Carnival in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. DeBautte attended the funeral of Mr. Jules P. Foulon in New Orleans last Friday.

Mr. Paul Champagne, accompanied by his estimable young wife paid us a short but much appreciated visit on Friday.

Julian Street Writes Of City.

Collier's Has Article Devoted to Old New Orleans and Mardi Gras.

Appearing as the leading article of Collier's for February 24 is a delightfully intimate and characteristic word painting of New Orleans by Julian Street. The article is mainly devoted to the old New Orleans—its history, Latin traditions, social gayeties, quaint lore, Mardi Gras and French restaurants. But Mr. Street admits that of late years New Orleans has developed an almost perfect case of dual personality, and he finds space to enumerate some of the accomplishments that have placed the city in the rank of progressive municipalities planning carefully for the future. He also pays tribute to the Association of Commerce.

"The City of the Creole and Mardi Gras" is the title, and the cover design is supposed to be apropos, though evidently the product of an artist who never saw a Creole or a Mardi Gras celebration.

DIED.

On Wednesday, February 21, 1917, at 3 o'clock P. M. aged 1 year and 4 months, Evelyn Alice Guenard, daughter of Hamilton Guenard, and Evie Brugier, a native of New Orleans, La.

Funeral from the parent's residence, No. 3354 Esplanade Avenue, Thursday February 22, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock. Interment private.

Le Meschacébé joins the many friends of the grief-stricken parents in sympathizing with them at this dark moment of life.

NOTICE!

Riding, and Driving on the Public Levees within the Lafourche Basin Levee District is prohibited by Law. Violators will be prosecuted. Lafourche Basin Levee Board.

LOST

ONE PROMISSORY NOTE, drawn by me to my order and by me endorsed, for the sum of FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, dated the 13th day of February, 1914, and Paraphed "NE VARIETUR" by William J. Hart, Clerk of Court & Notary, for identification with an act of Mortgage passed on the same day.

The Public is cautioned not to ACCEPT OR NEGOTIATE said Note because the same has been fully paid.
(Signed) OZEME LABICHE.