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POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.

Every person in the United States ten years old or over may open an account in a postal savings bank after July 1st, according to an instructive leaflet on the Postal Savings System just issued by Postmaster General Burleson. This important extension of the service will be made possible by permitting persons living in communities so sparsely settled as not to justify the designation of their local post offices as regular postal savings banks to open accounts by mail.

Governor Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who has direct supervision of postal savings, was so impressed by appeals from all over the country to open postal savings, was so impressed by appeals from all over the country to open postal savings accounts by mail that he took up the task some weeks ago of working out a feasible and safe method of meeting a demand well illustrated in a letter from a Saline County Missourian, who resides many miles from a postal savings bank.

"Having a few hundred dollars saved from fifty years of hard and assiduous labor and skimping economy on the part of my wife and myself, we concluded to deposit it in the Postal Savings Bank of ——. We wrote to the postmaster at that place and received reply to the effect that none but patrons of that office could deposit in that office, which is very disappointing news to us. Our little farm is not large enough to support us and land is so high that it is impossible for us to buy more with what little we have saved and we are so old that we can't labor much now and would be so glad to lay by at least enough to put us away in decency."

Under the plan adopted by the Postmaster General for opening accounts by mail an intending depositor, residing where there is no regularly designated postal savings bank, will apply to his local postmaster who will see that necessary identification data is prepared and forwarded to a nearby post office authorized to accept deposits. The intending depositor will then be given permission to forward his first and subsequent deposits by money order or registered mail direct to the postmaster at the banking point, for which receipts or certificates will be issued. He may withdraw all or any part of his postal savings by mail and on demand together with any interest that may be due him.

The new leaflet points out that any person ten years old or over may open an account in his or her own name; that an account may be opened by a married woman free from any control or interference by her husband; that the post office officials are forbidden to disclose to any person, except the depositor, the amount of any deposits; that withdrawals may be made without previous notice; and that the Government guarantees to repay all deposits on demand with accrued interest.

The leaflet will soon be printed in 22 foreign languages for distribution through local post offices. The foreign-born citizen has taken very kindly to postal savings, and literature in his own language will be of great assistance to him. In a recent article, Postmaster General Burleson commented on the foreign-born depositor as follows:

"Upwards of 500,000 depositors now have accounts in the Postal Savings System and they represent every nationality on earth. They also represent almost every known occupation—professional men, theatrical people, mechanics, laborers, fishermen, pack peddlers, etc But the majority are wage-earners, and of this class the foreign-born largely predominate. A census of depositors taken by the Post Office Department shows that approximately 40 per cent (200,000) of the depositors are foreign-born citizens, and they own more than 50 per cent of the deposits—splendid evidence of the confidence of our newly acquired citizens in the ability and good faith of their adopted country to fulfill its obligations.

"There is another reason which led immigrants, unfamiliar with our language and business methods, to turn to the Government to safeguard their humble savings and that reason is the disastrous experiences many of them have had by the failures of bogus "private banks" officered by swindlers of their own tongue who have preyed mercilessly upon their loneliness and credulity."

Postal savings receipts have broken all records the past year. During the eight months prior to April 1st there was a net gain in deposits of $19,000,000, as against a gain of $8,000,000 for the same months the year before. Thousands of new accounts have been opened and the millions made up largely of hidden savings have been turned back into the channels of trade just at a time when there was pressing demand for every dollar.

The closing exercises of the St. Joseph High School will be conducted at the Court House on next Tuesday evening, to which the public is cordially invited.

LOUISIANA TRAINING INSTITUTE.

The Training Institute at Monroe, the State school for delinquent and incorrigible white boys between the ages of eight and sixteen years is prepared to receive about 80 boys, and the superintendent desires to know at once of any boys who are being held pending the opening of the institution. Parents or friends desiring to have a boy committed to the Training Institute are advised to bring the case to the attention of the Juvenile Court of their city or parish. Board, clothing and tuition are furnished by the State free of all charges. Baggage and extra clothing other than shoes and underwear must not be sent to the Training Institute.

To sentence a boy to the Training Institute for a definite term as for punishment usually excites a feeling of resentment and may result in cases of truancy; why as a matter of fact inmates will be clothed and treated as school boys rather than as prisoners, and the length of term for each one will depend upon his progree in school, upon his deportment and upon evidence of fitness for earning a livelihood. Each group of boys will be under the immediate charge of an expert teacher or instructor all the time, about half the boys attending school a day while the other half is helping with the building, farming and gardening, domestic duties and all work about the Institution.

There are to be sixteen cottage homes for the boys, all steam heated and fitted with hot and cold water for shower baths. Only two of these have been built as yet. A married couple in charge of each cottage will be the foster father and mother of the boys assigned to their charge. The living room in each of the two cottages now ready must be used for school room and chapel too until other buildings can be provided. The school is to have a beautiful chapel, a handsome graded school building, a large dining hall, a modern barn for the dairy herd and work stock, and other buildings for the industrial and manual training department A private sewerage system is in operation and a flowing artesian well furnished an abundance of pure water for the school.

At a meeting of the North East Louisiana Agricultural Association, held at Tallulah on the 11th inst., the following resolution was offered by Mr. R. K. Boeny, and unanimously adopted:

Be it Resolved by the North East Louisiana Agricultural Association, That the members of the Legislature from the Parishes of Tensas, Madison and East Carroll be and they are hereby requested and instructed not only to vote for, but to work for an appropriation for the Agricultural Department of the Louisiana State University as may be asked for by its President and within the financial resources of the State, and further that these representations shall likewise support all other organized institutions working in behalf of the agricultural interest of the State.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all tax payers in Tensas Parish, that all my lists are made out, and the rolls of property assessed are open to inspection for the next THIRTY DAYS.

A. BONDURANT, Assessor.

ST. JOSEPH, LA., May 1, 1915.

CONSISTENCY A JEWEL.

Governor Luther E. Hall appealed to the National Government to prevent ex-Governor Sanders from addressing the people of the State on the question of the proposed Constitutional Convention, a question of the most vital importance to the people of this, his native State, and the State which has so honored him, a question which is not supposed to be a political issue; he ordered Dr. Pierson, Superintendent of the Insane Hospital at Jackson, to return to Jackson and attend to his duties, because the doctor had the nerve to go to Baton Rouge and give a statement to the press, giving his views on the subject, which views did not correspond or harmonize with those entertained by His Excellency, but at the same time had as many of his appointees as he could control at Baton Rouge to lobby for the bill which he was trying to force through the General Assembly, regardless of the wishes of the people.

"Consistency, thou art indeed a jewel."

COLORED SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

On Wednesday night, at the colored Knights of Pythias Hall, in St. Joseph, the closing exercises of the private school of Nicey Wallace, wife of Geo. A. Wallace, were held.

The hall was taxed to its full capacity, standing room soon being at a premium. Garlands of evergreen were entwined around the columns, and banks of greenery were appropriately placed, giving a pleasing and picturesque appearance to the whole.

At the rear of the hall a stage with a movable curtain was arranged. At a given signal, and to the accompaniment of piano music rendered by the instructress, the curtain was parted and there appeared a score or more of bright and eager faced pupils singing a chorus, which was well rendered and rceived a well deserved and hearty applause.

This number was followed by other songs, recitations and dialogues, and in each and every instance showed plainly the patience and care of the teacher in training her pupils and reflected credit alike on both teacher and pupils.

In each and every case the pupils, tho' all quite young, showed to a marked degree composure and self reliance. During an intermission, occasioned by the pupils retiring preparatory to rendering the closing number of the program, Amanda Randal, the sister-in-law of the instructress, rendered several difficult pieces on the piano quite gracefully, and which filled in the gap pleasantly for the audience.

Soon the piano played a march and in came the pupils, all in uniform of white, with red cape and bearing their brooms at "carry arms." After reaching the stage, and entirely to the time of music, without spoken command, they executed their drill, consisting of a portion of the manual of arms used by the army, with some special features added, all of which was executed with precision in perfect time with the music, and when concluded they retired in good order in true soldierly manner.

At this time, Geo. A. Wallace, who presided over and directed the whole entertainment, came forward to make award to two of the pupils for having excelled in their respective classes. In a few chosen remarks and with words of good advice to the two pupils, he presented them the two prizes, commending them for their good work and admonishing them to strive to attain greater deeds.

After the benediction, delivered by the Rev. Campbell Pierson, the assemblage dispersed with due decorum.

The scope of the school is vast, but each unit adds each unit to the great multitude, which all point to the same goal—education and knowledge.

INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT L. S. U.

During the last eighteen years (1896-97—1914-15) the attendance at the Louisiana State University has increased from 122 to 777 in the number of college students enrolled in the regular session. This has been accomplished in spite of the fact that the requirements for entrance has been raised from six to fourteen units. In other words, the student who enters the Freshman class now must have had two more years of preparation than were required in 1896-97.

The attendance in all departments the current session (1914-15) is 1740.

In 1896-97, more than forty-four per cent. of the students were in the subfreshman, or preparatory, class; in 1914-15, less than one and a half per cent. are in the corresponding class.

In 1896-97, it was necessary for the University to have a preparatory department; but as the high schools throughout the State have multiplied and become more efficient, there has been less need for the University to do preparatory work, and this department has been gradually abolished.

The first class was graduated in 1868-69. During the next twenty-eigh years only 173 students were graduated, while during the last eighteen years 787 have been graduated. The number of graduates during the current session will exceed the total attendance of college students in 1896-97.—Press Bulletin, L. S. U.

Mrs. C. W. Van Hoose went to Vicksburg this week to attend the commencement exercises of All Saints' College. Her eldest daughter, Miss Anna Maude Van Hoose, is of the faculty of this institution. Miss Marguerite Beaubien is also a student there.