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**OLD JAKE'S SAYINGS**  
(Mansfield Enterprise.)  
Old Jake Jones says, "Mud holes in a road don't cost nothing to make but are the most expensive thing in the world to keep that way."  
"The tax collector makes a fellow squeal like a pig with his head fastened in a crack in a fence, but he don't hit you but once a year, but the mud holes in the roads, hits you harder and harder, everytime you go anywhere."

**SPEAKS FOR ALL AMERICA**  
In a speech in the Senate, the other day, Senator Hale said that the ideals of President Wilson were not those of the people of the nation, that they did not fight to "make the world safe for democracy," to use the President's fine phrase evolved after the war was started. The Senator further intimated that there had been no opportunity in the midst of the war to repudiate the President's ideals hence it was inferred that the nation felt the same aspirations.

The Senator may be speaking for himself, and no one will deny him the privilege of admitting that his war ideals are lower than those of Mr. Wilson, but in attempting to speak for the entire nation, he does grave injustice to a great people, for he speaks without actually knowing his facts. The Senator's words are contradicted flatly by the instant acclaim with which the patriotic press of America, the man in the streets, the schoolboy in the schools, the soldier in the ranks, the jackie on the ship, the women of the land everywhere used the President's "fine phrases" and adopted his ideals as their own, not from any sycophantic subserviency not from blind following of a leader, but for the reason that the President put into fitting words what before had been felt, but could not be expressed.

The ideals had been inarticulate until Wilson embodied them in words. No one, but the humorists have ever thought that the ideal was to make the world safe for the Democratic party. His phrase was understood by even the lowly and the ignorant, and granting that America was "too proud to fight" until it was plainly seen that the safety of the world including her own was at stake, yet in that analysis the fact remains that the fight was made to establish the ideals, as expressed by President Wilson.

**CASE OF MAJOR WIRZ**  
(Mrs. M. A. Vaughn in Times-Picayune)  
Referring to the statement that M. Louis Bourgeois of the French Chamber had cited the trial of Major Wirz as a precedent for a trial of ex-Emperor William, I will say that the cases are similar only to the extent of proceeding to trial.  
Major Wirz was a Confederate army officer detailed for duty at Andersonville Prison. Toward the war's close, bringing to the severity of blockade, it was impossible to obtain medicine or even sufficient food. The large number of prisoners had to be herded more closely as the number of guards was small.  
Their exchange on almost any terms was urged by the Confederate government but refused. General Grant's plan was to keep out of service any and all Confederate soldiers and to force on the Confederates use of guards of food they could not spare, or the use of suffering prisoners.  
Finally some of the most reduced prisoners at Andersonville were paroled to present their case to Mr. Lincoln. They were never permitted to reach the North but heroically returned, observing their parole. A memorial to these devoted men has been erected by the daughters of the Confederacy.  
The Confederate government requested that medicine and surgeons be sent to the United States, free entry being promised, but this humanitarian request was refused.  
Once I met one who had been a prisoner at Andersonville. He told me that men realized the impossibilities of Major Wirz doing better for them. After Lincoln's assassination the North demanded victims and the escapee was found. He refused to implicate Davis and thus lost his chance of liberty. This and the hanging of Mrs. Pratt are the chief blots upon that blood.

The case of William the Butcher can stand on its own merits. Punish him for what he has done on a thousand thousand counts.

**THE ENEMY: BAD ROADS**  
For several reasons, we reprint from the Clinton Watchman a communication on the subject of the roads, only omitting the opening and closing phrase, "How long, O Lord, how long?" since road making is so obviously man's duty, like Adam's being set to tend the garden, that the Lord shouldn't be brought into the matter, even by implication.

It is clearly the duty of the people to organize a concerted, wise and scientific attack on bad roads, and not waste any more time about it. Meanwhile the Watchman's correspondent's surmises are pertinent. They are:

How long are the people of East Feliciana (or West Feliciana) going to put up with the impassable roads that now confront them from one end of the parish to the other?

How long are you going to sit idly by and permit the Police Jury to continue its wasteful and patch-work system of each Juror throwing away his Ward's money in patching mud holes, instead of the whole Police Jury being responsible for working the roads under some parish wide plan that would prevent the mud holes?

How long are you going to continue paying a State Good Roads tax for the construction of good roads in the more progressive Parishes where the people are enterprising enough to vote special taxes for road improvement?

How long are the people of East Feliciana (read West Feliciana) long famed for their leadership in all matters of civilization and progress, going to be content to flounder about in the mud holes and have the rest of the world pointing the finger of scorn at you for your slothfulness?

How long are you who live in the country districts going to submit to being mewed up in your homes for weeks and perhaps months during the winter, deprived of visiting your neighbors, or town or church, delayed in procuring a physician in sickness, your children prevented from attending school and your teams pulled to death in hauling your crops to market and your fertilizer to the farm?

How long are you merchants in the town going to submit to having your business paralyzed for weeks and weeks on end, because your country customers can not get over or around the mud holes?

How long are you going to bear the heavy mud tax you are now paying in inconvenience, lost time, light loads, wear and tear on your teams, and excessive blacksmith bills, rather than pay a nominal road tax for the construction of roads that you can travel every day in the year?

#### TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from page one.)

paid for freight etc. per receipts.....	70.14
L. Szabo, hauling.....	1.50
Crane and Co. valve.....	2.90
Standard Mfg. valves.....	12.31
Fairbanks Co. rope and waste.....	30.60
T. E. Shay, erecting stack.....	60.00
Well Electroical Co. repair work.....	60.25
Rudolph Yunkes, supplies and labor.....	40.32
The Worthington Pump and machinery Co. pump parts.....	331.89
Motion made seconded and carried. That the rates on water be changed to read Minimum on water \$1.00 and minimum on lights \$2.00 allowing the use of 12 K. W. hours all over 15 cents per K. W. hour. Carried.	
Recess Warrants:	
Max Mann, labor.....	18.25
Henry Crump, salary dec.....	15.00
M. B. Osborne, salary Dec.....	100.00
Mrs. A. F. Barrow, state reg.....	5.25
G. S. Davidson, salary Dec.....	40.00
R. W. Tempel, salary, same.....	8.00
H. R. Anderson, salary.....	50.00
G. L. Plettinger, salary.....	60.00
Max Mann, cash paid labor.....	4.00
Cumb. T. & T. Co.....	3.50
Bank of Commerce, Smoke stack.....	107.00
Southern Coal Co. on acct.....	400.00
Max Mann, cash plant-road.....	21.47

The clerk submitted statement of receipts and disbursements for the month of January.

#### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of January

Receipts:	
G. S. Davidson.....	20.00
Water & Light's.....	554.22
Interest.....	.16
Notices.....	1.55
Taxes "1918".....	1951.20
Licenses.....	2.50
	\$2529.63

Disbursements:	
Southern Coal Co.....	400.00
Plant Maintenance.....	126.70
Plant Expense.....	17.52
Plant operating.....	194.00
Corporation Expense.....	94.25
	832.47

Recapitulation:	
Total Receipts.....	\$2529.63
Total Disbursements.....	832.47
	\$1697.16

Cash on hand last report.....299.78

**\$1996.94**

On motion meeting adjourned upon call of the Mayor.

**JAS. KILBOURNE, Mayor.**  
**G. L. PLETTINGER, Clerk.**

**THE CARRY ON SOCIETY**  
Of Julius Freyhan High School  
Will entertain with Musical and Literary program,  
**FRIDAY EVENING FEB 21, 1919, 7:30 O'clock**  
**PYTHIAN HALL, ST. FRANCISVILLE.**  
Benefit of School Improvement Fund  
**ADMISSION 10 and 25 CENTS.**

#### SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

The semi-annual statement of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, located at St. Francisville, La., in the Parish of West Feliciana for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1918.

Assets:	
Mortgage loans secured by vendor's privilege.....	\$21647.00
Loans secured by stock and Due from members on stock.....	1331.51
Due from borrowers for interest.....	2938.00
Due by borrowers for taxes and insurance advanced.....	569.38
Furniture, fixtures and supplies.....	67.26
Real Estate acquired by foreclosure and otherwise.....	116.80
Cash on hand and in bank.....	3400.69
Office fund cash.....	1266.63
Suspense.....	10.00
	27.53

Total.....	\$31374.89
Liabilities:	
Full paid stock.....	3400.00
Installments and dividends on serial stock.....	22974.18
Contingent loss and reserve fund.....	1342.08
Borrowed money and interest.....	2564.85
Sundry open accounts.....	170.73
Undivided profits.....	922.15
Total.....	\$31374.89

State of Louisiana, Parish of West Feliciana.

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, and the Secretary of the above named Association, do solemnly swear that all the foregoing statements of the condition of this Association for the six months ending as above specified are true and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**JAS. H. KILBOURNE,**  
**GEORGE RETTIG,**  
**F. C. SPOHN,**

**W. E. WOOD, Secretary.**

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 3rd day of February A. D., 1919.

**E. S. MUSE, Notary Public,**  
Parish of West Feliciana.

#### IN PRAISE OF BOYS

(Detroit News.)

Boys placed on their honor seldom go wrong, unless they are defectives and unable to recognize a moral standard. These financial center messengers are selected with care. Impressed with the importance of their jobs, these trusted youngsters go about their responsible tasks with only one thought, and that is to justify the faith placed in them by their employers. When one does go wrong it is to be attributed more to evil companions with their vicious advice than to voluntary defection from the line of duty.

With boys even more than with men one gets from them what he puts in. The Boy Scout movement was one of the best social activities started in many years. The basis of that is trust in the lad, who is placed upon his honor and made to realize that he is a free agent; that for him there is a moral code which is inviolate if he wishes to maintain his self-respect and hold the confidence of his superiors and the respect of his equals. In the financial districts the first thing an employer has to give his youthful messenger is trust, and seldom is it betrayed. Distrust will frequently do what temptation will not.

#### SUB CHASER IS OFF BATON ROUGE

Submarine chaser, 336, is anchored at Baton Rouge, foot of North Boulevard for an unknown stay from New Orleans. Ensign I. M. Watson, a Tulane graduate of 1912, is in command. The chaser had been on patrol duty in the Southern Atlantic and came to Baton Rouge on business. Further disclosure was not permitted.

The craft is one of 450 built by Uncle Sam. It is 110 feet long and is equipped with three 250 horse-power standards with a speed of 18 knots. A three inch gun is mounted aft. The depth charge gun has been removed. The crew consists of two officers and 18 men.

It is said that some of these craft will be used as cutters. The commander said "some of them are chasing boobieships in the gulf now."

Tunica Tribe, No. 113, Improved Order of Red Men, has elected officers as follows for the ensuing year:  
**R. C. Brasseaux, Sachem; J. M. Booker, Senior Sagamore; W. R. Daniel, Junior Sagamore; Geo. Rettig, Prophet; H. C. Kaufman, Chief of Records; M. Neustadter, Collector of Wampum; G. S. Davidson, Keeper of Wampum.**

#### FIGHTING FLU WITH FOOD

An exchange prints an article on "Fight Flu with Food," the main idea of which is all right, namely that since influenza at once disturbs the digestive system, the matter of food which will nourish one and yet not tax the digestion, but the author then proceeds to suggest the following menu for the first day or two.

Breakfast—Hot orangeade. Strained oat meal Toast.  
Dinner—Broth or strained soup. Toast, Soft cooked egg, Baked Irish potato, Stewed fruit.  
Supper—Milk toast, Baked Apple (with skin removed.)

If the patient continues to run temperature try to have a doctor prescribe the diet which should be followed strictly. If you cannot get a doctor you are safe in giving milk (preferably buttermilk) or strained soups every three hours until the patient is normal. It is advisable to have the patient wash his mouth out with a mild antiseptic or water with a little lemon juice in it after taking a glass of milk. This does away with the disagreeable taste which follows a milk diet.

The second paragraph redeems the first, since the patient will certainly continue to have temperature if given baked Irish potato for dinner, toast or stewed fruit. "Our doctor" insisted on liquid food entirely while the fever was on, and he lost no cases. And if patients would be very careful to eat only light foods for the first ten days, there would be fewer relapses. This is as important as the patient staying in bed for the first four days even in light cases.

Woodville Republican please copy.

A calf wandered out of the pasture and went through a wood. The owner in looking for the critter, naturally followed its tracks. A traveler, looking for a short cut to the village, seeing the footprints, followed them. A boy and his sweetheart, seeing the same path, walked over it. So did others, and others, and others, until a well-defined but mighty crooked path was made which finally became a road in West Feliciana.

Secretary Daniels says the railroads of the country broke down under the strain of war while "the waters ran idle to the sea." But the railroad interests have not been idle.

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**COTTON MLUES**  
**FARM and SADDLE MARES**  
The kind that have the Pep. **ABE STERN**  
The average man never seems to leave his wife as much when he dies back to earth and read his own obit as he did when he was alive.—Morgan City Review.  
How is it that a friend is always hard up the same time that you are? You can't have a friend without being one.

**PRINCE ALBERT**



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