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The list of the new teachers for next session of the Public Schools appear in the proceedings of the School Board in this issue.

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Miss May Barras entertained a large number of her friends Tuesday night, on the plantation home. All who attended enjoyed themselves immensely.

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We are informed that the following young men have entered the United States service, will go to Tulane on June 15th., for special work: Allen Ducrest, Edward Davis, C. D. Potter.

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The Council of National Defense requests the Louisiana State Council of Defense to have the Parish and Community Councils and the Woman's Committee make plans now for an appropriate observance of the Fourth of July which will include every member of every community in the State.

Our citizens of foreign extraction have petitioned the President for an opportunity to manifest on the Fourth of July their loyalty to the United States and the cause for which it is fighting.

The Chairman of all Parish and Community Councils of Defense have been supplied with suggestions for an appropriate celebration, including a program which can be adapted to local conditions, and all patriotic citizens are urged to co-operate with the Parish and Community Councils in seeing that this day is fittingly observed. The Woman's Committee is especially requested to take an active part in arranging for the celebration.

The Uncivil War.

As opposed to the civil war between the states the present world strife may be known as the uncivil war. Never before has a belligerent nation been so uncivil as marks the conduct of the German empire. Never before has a nation calling itself civilized waged ruthless war upon helpless women and innocent children. Never before has such hideous atrocities been heaped upon captives. Always heretofore unfortified towns and cities have been respected. Germany respects nothing. Truly this is an uncivil war and Germany least civil of all. —Texas Farm and Ranch.

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Married.

DURAND - WILTZ.

Mr. Leonce Durand, one of our prominent planters was married Wednesday to Miss Louella Wiltz of this parish, the ceremony taking place at the plantation home of the bride, Father Peeters officiating. The wedding was a quiet one on account of both families being in deep mourning.

HEBERT - LEBLANC.

Mr. Gaston Hebert of St. Martinville was married to Miss Antonia LeBlanc of St. Martin parish at the Breaux Bridge Catholic Church Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hebert came to St. Martinville the same evening and will make their home here.

List what you have for sale with me, especially real estate. The demands are good. Laizaire Bienvenu real estate and fire insurance agent.

FARM TRACTORS HELP INCREASE PRODUCTION

Machines Have Been Improved in Many Respects.

Great things are expected of the farm tractor in the present food emergency, and it is safe to say that we shall be absolutely dependent on the gas tractor for a very large part of the immediate peak load.

"The tractor has passed through a marked refining process recently, in anticipation, it would seem, of the increased demands shortly to be made upon it, and it will answer satisfactorily all reasonable demands," says E. B. Doran, assistant professor of agronomy, L. S. U. "It is ready and waiting to be hitched to the plow or harrow or drill or binder. It has not always been the case that gas engines and gas tractors were so reliable. But today just as we ride in our trusty automobile and never give an anxious thought to reaching our destination, with the same confidence we can sit in the comfortable seat of our equally reliable friend, the tractor, and look ahead with assurance to the steady execution of the many jobs on the farm which it is so admirably fitted to perform.

"No longer does the tractor pack the ground with its heavy weight, nor does it require such a large area in which to turn as heretofore. No more does it suck into its vitals dust-laden air to grind and wear and cause useless waste. It cleverly filters all the air it breathes in one of several ingenious ways. More and more frequently do we find the tractor with all gears, pinions, etc., in fact, all moving parts except the drive and steering wheels, effectively protected from dust and provided with abundant and positive lubrication. It is becoming more business-like and smooth and trim in appearance, and more confidence-winning. The tractor is the new found hired man who doesn't complain of long hours. The tractor is the new champion of the cause of more food." —L. S. U. Press Bulletin.

PROFITABLE HENS SHOULD BE RETAINED

Indications Point To Good Poultry Prices Next Fall and Winter.

A large number of Louisiana farmers were unable to commence their hatching early enough to procure the desired number of chicks within the regular hatching period, according to John L. Prehn, Extension Poultry Husbandman, U. S. Department of Agriculture, co-operating with L. S. U. It is therefore advisable, says Mr. Prehn, to make up for this shortage by retaining all profitable hens under two years old. It is essential to cull out the drones or slackers among the hens, but hold and care for the likey layers. Records show that the plans for the 1918 hatching season would use about 19 per cent less eggs for that purpose than in 1917. Added to this we have the fact that most of the commercial hatcheries of the country were unable to carry out their plans through inability to make shipments because of express congestion, etc. It is therefore evident that this year's production will be considerably below normal; and this in the face of greater requirements assures a good price for poultry during the fall and winter months.

On March 15 there was in this country about 20 per cent less poultry than at the same time last year. The Government is urging that every farm in the country carry as many hens as can be conveniently handled, so those farmers who must dispose of profitable hens during the coming summer should sell to other farmers who can care for them. The only poultry that a patriotic and thrifty farmer would sell for market during the next six months are old roosters, no longer required for breeding purposes; surplus young roosters, as fryers and soft roosters, and hens which can not possibly be made to do their bit in the way of laying eggs.—J. L. Prehn, Extension Poultry Husbandman, Louisiana State University.

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