

Louisiana Supreme Court Gives Decision on Cases

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Supreme Court has agreed to review a case in which Roland F. Coppola of Lafayette, a state police officer, was ordered suspended.

The case began in January 1968 when Coppola was accused of accepting favors from business firms regulated by his office. The Louisiana Commission on Governmental Ethics suspended Coppola for six months last May, but the First Circuit Court of Appeal ruled in November that the penalty was too severe and amounted to an unconstitutional exercise of the commission's discretion.

The commission appealed the court's ruling to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court handed down the following other decisions Thursday:

Application Withdrawn — *Corkern v. Corkern* (Washington Parish).

Writs Granted — *State ex rel Howard v. Henderson, Wardens* (Calcasieu Parish); *State ex rel Moore v. Henderson, Wardens* (Iberia Parish); *See order*.
State, through the Department of Highways v. Lamar Advertising Company of Louisiana, Inc. (Tangipahoa Parish).
Laecho Enterprises, Inc. (Acadian Parish); *See order*.
Champane (Beria Parish); *See order*.
Writs Refused — *Cooling v. United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company* (Calcasieu Parish).
Barham is granted the writ of habeas corpus.
Fassin v. South Louisiana Port Commission (East Baton Rouge Parish).
Deshotel v. Aetna Casualty & Surety Company (Acadian Parish).
State ex rel O'Leary v. Henderson, Wardens (West Feliciana Parish).
State ex rel Asher, Jr. v. Henderson, Wardens (Orleans Parish).
Broussard v. O'Brien (Vermilion Parish).
Weisgerber v. Weisgerber (West Baton Rouge Parish).
Shepherd, et al v. Fort Sherwood Apartments (East Baton Rouge Parish).
Summers is of the opinion the writ should be granted. Barham concurs in the denial.

Local Student Named to Attend Seminar in D.C.

Louis Scott Thomas, a student at Baton Rouge High School, has been selected to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., March 24-31.

Scott is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis O. Thomas, 1417 Richland Ave. He is president of the student body at Baton Rouge High.

High school students from 50 states are selected annually for the program, which is now in its fifth year and is operated by a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization.

Students attend seminars and participate in discussion groups designed to acquaint them with the workings of government. Briefings are held in the Capitol, the White House and the Pentagon.

Students are nominated for the Presidential Classroom by school principals.

Group Sets Renewal

The community of St. John the Apostle, Catholic charismatic prayer group of Baton Rouge, will hold renewal meetings Monday through Thursday at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, according to Dr. Paul Koenig, group leader.

The Revs. Duane Stenzel and Steve Sampson will be guest speakers for the series at 7:30 p.m. each evening and 10 each morning except Thursday.

All interested persons are invited.

GSU Specialist Talks on Lights For BR Gardens

Harriet Babin, consumer specialist for Gulf States Utilities, discussed the "lighting of gardens" Friday in an address to the Civic Beautification Council of Clubs.

With the aid of slides, Miss Babin demonstrated five different techniques for making the landscape enjoyable after dark, according to a press release.

Joel Summerhill outlined final plans for the council's awards reception scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Monday in the Camelot Club, top floor of the Louisiana National Bank building at 451 Florida St.

The event will close a council-sponsored contest designed "to promote interest and pride in the beautification of our city" by publicly recognizing those who are involved in good site planning, landscaping and maintenance in Baton Rouge, the release said.

Mid-East Topic Set For Seminar at LC

PINEVILLE — The Mid-East will be the topic of the fourth annual history seminar at Louisiana College on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The seminar will deal with the origins of Israel, the 1967 six-day war and the role that the big powers have played in the Middle East, including the mistakes made by Britain and France during the mandate period, said Dr. Edward McMillan, chairman of the history department. He said that another aspect of the discussion will be the accommodations which must be made before peace will come to the Arabs and Israelis.

Seventeen area high schools have been invited to participate in the seminar.

Kennel Club Slates Show In Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria Kennel Club will hold a sanctioned A match dog show Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Rapides Coliseum Exhibit Hall here.

Judging for junior showmanship will begin at 11 a.m. and conformation classes at noon, according to a news release from the club.

Deadline for entering the show is noon Wednesday. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Charles S. Pellingier, 101 Lenora St., Pineville.

Revival to Start Sunday Morning

The Rev. Bruce Hilburn of Laurel, Miss., will lead a revival beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday at the Victoria Baptist Church, 7133 Greenwell Springs Road, a church pastored by his son.

Services will be held Sunday at 10:45 a.m., and at 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. Sermons will be based on selections of the Book of Revelation.

The Rev. Joe Hilburn, pastor, said the public is welcome.

KC Opposes Visiting Rules In LSU Dorms

OPELOUSAS — The Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, is opposed to the new rules at LSU allowing boys and girls to visit in each other's dormitories.

Members of the assembly, attending a ladies night supper in Opelousas last week adopted a resolution opposing the new rules.

Walter Champagne Jr. reported on the progress being made at the Constitutional Convention where he is a delegate.

Murray Rabalais of Arnaudville was reinstated as a member. A. K. Soileau, Washington, was elected assembly controller to replace Matt Cormier, and Will Morell was moved into Soileau's office of sentinel.

BABY MURDERED — GRAND PRAIRIE (UPI) — Juan Hernandez Torres Jr., 6 weeks, was beaten to death Saturday. A man was arrested in connection with the infant's death. The child was taken to Grand Prairie Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner ruled his death was homicide.

Cane Harvest Described As 'Worst in History'

CONVENT — The sugar cane harvest for St. James and St. John parishes was described as the "worst year in the history" of the two parishes by County Agent Daniel Fontenot Jr.

Fontenot said the year was plagued with adverse conditions, with the final blow coming at the end after farmers had to leave about 17,000 tons of cane in the fields in St. James Parish and about 8,000 tons in St. John. This amounted to a total value of about \$275,000, Fontenot said.

He said the federal government would aid farmers in the amount of about \$10 per acre for cane left standing, about \$320 less than could have been expected from the harvest.

"This has been the worst year in the history of St. James and St. John parishes," Fontenot said.

He said the remaining cane could have been harvested except that heavy rains caused the headlands and field roads to become impassable.

"The wear and tear on machinery was extremely high," Fontenot said of the season.

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"There were a lot of breakdowns due to the mud." He said the cane crop had excellent weight, but the sucrose was low and the trash content was high.

He said one reason for the low sucrose content was a late growing season. The county agent said the cane was relatively short when grinding started, but excessive rainfall and warm weather caused the cane to start growing again.

Acidity was high at the end of grinding, he said, and he added that gas to the sugar mills was cut off for three days at a critical period when cane needed to be processed hurriedly. The gas was cut off after a hard freeze started deteriorating the cane, Fontenot said.

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