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## LONG JAUNT IN AUTO

Frank Ellis of Greenville, N. Y., Drives a Ford Car. Is Traveling From Kansas to New York

From the Wichita Eagle, December 30th.

Frank Ellis, an auto liveryman of Greenville, N. Y., passed through Wichita enroute to Meade, Kansas, for a visit with his father, who is a wealthy ranchman in Meade county. Mr. Ellis was accompanied by Sam Turner, who lives at Fowler, Kansas, but who was in New York spending the summer.

The trip from New York to Meade, despite the bad roads, is being made in an automobile, which is of the Ford make known as the "model" touring car. They report bad roads over the entire distance, and a great deal of the way as much as ten inches of snow. The only portion of the road not snow covered was between Newton and Wichita.

Mr. Ellis said: We did not see many cars on the road at any point outside the limits of the cities, and most of those we saw were light weight cars. Several heavier weight cars were in the road mired to the axle. One of these was so completely stuck that it was left over night and was frozen in the ground.

The day before yesterday the drive was made to this city from 38 miles this side of Kansas City—a distance of 216 miles for the day through the mud. The men seemed to be enjoying their trip immensely, and Mr. Ellis, notwithstanding the fact that he is shy one arm, did not complain in the least of the fatigue from his long jaunt. Three of the tires on the car had been driven 10,000 miles.

He expects to return to New York in February, when he will resume charge of his livery business. He expects to put in an additional number of cars in the spring for livery, all of which, except a 24-passenger car, will be Fords.

## Fruit Conditions

In the published reports of fruit conditions which appeared in the Topeka papers at the close of the state horticultural meeting last week, C. A. Blackmore of this city who represents the Seventh district in the state board of trustees, says: "No fruit hung on the trees to maturity worth mentioning. The crop failure, however, wiped out the insect pests. Small fruits yielded about 75 per cent of a crop in Rice county, 45 in Reno, 25 in the rest of the district. Grapes did fairly well everywhere. Scale has been reported in Reno. Rot, blight and other fungus diseases have made their appearance over the district. Fruit trees are not being planted to any great extent. Forest trees are being planted in considerable number."

## Sale of Jersey Cows

A small, choice bunch of Jersey cows and heifers, belonging to I. H. Gillfillan and Son of South Ryegate, Vermont, will be sold at public auction on next Saturday afternoon at Johnson Bros. Livery Barn. They will be fresh soon and make especially fine milkers. Now is your chance to get a fine Jersey cow at your own price. Don't forget the date, Saturday, January 8th. S. F. Bowman will cry the sale.

Terms: Cash or bankable note.

## Notice

If the holder of tax receipt number 2319 will present it at this office, there is a dollar owing him.

R. L. GROENDYCKE,  
County Treasurer.

## Christian Church

Prayer meeting tonight at 7 o'clock, choir practice Friday night at 7 o'clock. All the regular services next Lord's Day. Let all members of the church be present at the morning service. The subject for the evening sermon will be, "The New Testament Church and the Holy Spirit." Come out to our services, a warm welcome will be given you.

Bishop M. Hopkins,  
Minister.

## Marriage Record for 1909

There were seventy-five marriages in Barber county during the year 1909. This does not include those who were married elsewhere, but only those whose marriage record appears in the office of the probate judge of this county.

Of the total number, Probate Judge Garrison was the officiating magistrate in thirty-three, while the remaining forty-two are divided among the various ministers of the county and adjoining towns.

This is twelve more than Judge Garrison made happy during 1908 and fourteen more than he sent away rejoicing in 1907.

This is the greatest number of marriages for any year in the county's history:

Jan. 13—Archie Allen, Maude Clement, by Rev. H. C. Duckett.  
Jan. 20—W. L. Snow, Joanna Hand, by Rev. Geo. D. Stroutner.  
Jan. 29—William R. Cavin, S. Dollie Colborn, by Rev. C. A. Kitch.  
Feb. 8—Clarence W. Smith, Josie Richardson, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
Feb. 17—Henry Ricke, Katie Bauer, by Father P. J. Moloney.  
Feb. 21—Lemuel H. Dunkin, Lella M. Stoberger, by Elder C. H. Brown.  
Feb. 24—Clarence L. Noggle, Anna Mae Morris, by Rev. H. C. Duckett.  
Feb. 28—George R. Dunkin, Stella M. Cavin, by Rev. A. M. Scoville.

March 1—George Haas, Anna Haas, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
March 4—John R. McGrath, Effie Burton, by Rev. T. J. Hudson.  
March 7—Ernest L. Hult, Golda A. Gibson, by Rev. H. E. Stipe.  
March 4—Sidney M. Carraker, Fay Bales, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

March 17—James R. Olmstead, Ida C. Freeman, by Rev. J. W. Bailey.  
March 15—Cleve Mooman, Agatha E. Bentley, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
March 28—Leroy Chenoweth, Susan Pearl Lemon, by Elder S. E. Hendrickson.  
March 31—Ralph Duncan, Mary Ada Laverne Springer, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

March 31—Ray C. Spicer, Lillian Francis George, by Rev. D. W. VonSchultz.  
March 31—Frank Horton, Lena Robinson, by Elder S. E. Hendrickson.  
March 31—Lee VanAlstine, Carrie Davis, by Elder S. E. Hendrickson.

April 3—Oscar Wolcott, Lizzie Gay, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
April 20—James W. Allen, Rachel A. Merryman, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
April 21—Orville Fager, Edith Broughton, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
April 24—Allen H. Urton, Ruth Yankee, by Rev. Wofford C. Timmons.

April 26—Richard Davaney, Mabel Cox, by Rev. T. J. Hudson.  
May 10—Edward T. Gee, Lillie May Barkley, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
May 12—Clarence G. Nichols, Ethel B. Redwine, by Rev. Wofford C. Timmons.  
May 13—Claude Catlin, Mamie McMillen, by Rev. David J. M. Jones.  
May 20—A. D. Levons, Clara Means, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

June 15—Robert E. Burton, Leona M. Tyrell, by Rev. F. W. Imboden.  
June 16—William M. Riordan, Kathryn B. Weyer, by Rev. Jno. Van den Hondy.  
June 16—E. R. Hester, Anna M. Taylor, by Rev. F. W. Imboden.

June 24—Gus H. Morris, Nora Louise McCullough, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
June 29—Andrew Olson, Mattie Davis, by Rev. Wm. T. Danner.  
June 30—Walker A. Griffin, Mary L. Foreman, by Rev. G. D. Stroutner.

July 7—Ira L. Smith, Maud Hine, by Rev. F. W. Imboden.  
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July 29—Horace T. Watson, Myrtle J. Carr, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

Aug. 2—Harry A. Stafford, Lulu Vincent, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
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Aug. 12—Charles Palmer, Mina Cole, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
Aug. 15—Ulysses Springs, May Scranton, by Rev. J. S. White.

Aug. 18—John K. Richardson, Martha A. Richardson, by Rev. Wm. T. Danner.  
Aug. 25—George C. Swan, Dollie Ruby Jennings, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
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Sept. 13—Day Clough, Laura B. Price, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
Sept. 18—Ernest H. Crim, Hazel Kennedy, by Rev. Wm. T. Danner.

Sept. 22—Jess P. Lasswell, Ida M. Galland, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
Oct. 5—John E. DeWitt, Ethel C. Clough, by Judge S. P. Garrison.  
Oct. 13—Harry C. Hester, Allie Gould, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

Oct. 16—Lawrence W. Stevens, Pannie E. DeWitt, by Rev. Claude J. Spiers.  
Oct. 18—William C. A. Mantey, Elsie A. W. Stahl, by Rev. H. E. Stipe.  
Oct. 23—Paul F. Ritchie, Edna S. Durfee, by Rev. F. W. Imboden.  
Oct. 27—Harry F. Schuyler, Melissa E. Uterback, by Rev. D. D. McSkimming.

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Dec. 4—William Goodman, Julia Gordon, by Judge S. P. Garrison.

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The by-laws of the company were amended so as to provide that members must pay phone rents hereafter the same as other subscribers. Heretofore members of the company did not pay rentals but were assessed as occasion required additional funds. This company has built miles of phone lines since its organization, much of the system covering a sparsely settled country, which has worked a financial hardship on the stockholders but the system is now believed to be on a self-supporting basis.

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William J. Gibbs and Lucy J. Denton of this city were married at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. F. W. Imboden on Saturday evening, January 1, 1910.

The groom is formerly from Sharon but during the past year has resided most of the time in this city. He is well known in this part of Barber county and has had extensive business relations with many of our people.

The bride has been engaged in a clothes cleaning and repairing establishment for the past two years, having come here from Kiowa, and is a lady of refinement and a cordial disposition.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs wish them many years of happiness and prosperity.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1909, Probate Judge Garrison cemented the lives of William A. Richardson of Aetna and Ina Benet of Kiowa.

The groom is a son of W. S. Richardson who is one of the first citizens of Aetna and has long been the principal merchant of that village as well as its postmaster and chief dispenser of public patronage. Aside from the time spent at school, Mr. Richardson Jr., was brought up at Aetna and is known by everybody for many miles around as an energetic, trustworthy and cordial young man.

The bride is one of Kiowa's charming belles and will be a model wife entirely worthy to claim the love and protection of the excellent young man of her choice.

The Index is glad to be among those who extend good wishes to this meritorious couple.

On Thursday, December 30th, Probate Judge Garrison united in marriage Leonard Smart of Gerlane and Dora Wright of Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

The groom is a brother of Mrs. W. L. Iliff of this township. He formerly lived at Sharon and spent most of his years in Barber county. He is an industrious young man of exemplary habits and is destined to succeed in his enlarged responsibilities.

The bride, having only recently come to Barber County from Eureka Springs, is very nearly a stranger here but among her limited acquaintances she is highly esteemed.

Our congratulations are extended.

Card of Thanks

We wish to acknowledge with many thanks, the kindness of our many friends and neighbors, during the sickness and death of our beloved Mabel.—J. H. Cummins and family and Harvey Miller.

I take this opportunity of thanking the many friends who aided me in my long spell of sickness, by their kindness to me in words and deeds and especially at Christmas time for their beautiful flowers that are cheerful at this time of the year especially.

Also the substantial gifts along with other tokens, for which I trust the New Year will bring many blessings.

Sincerely yours,  
BASIL MILBURN.

Stole a Can of Beef

Two brothers who give their names as W. H. and J. H. Young aged 20 and 18 years, were arrested yesterday at noon on complaint of J. N. Davis. The young men went into Davis's store and bought a can of dried beef and when they thought Mr. Davis wasn't looking, slipped out another can. Their actions, all the time they were in the store, aroused Mr. Davis's suspicion and he was almost certain he saw one of them take the beef, and at once notified Sheriff Mathews and City Marshal Stevens who arrested and searched them. They found the beef but nothing else and the boys confessed, after a little parleying. They say their home is Cleveland, Oklahoma. They had about \$9 between them and tickets as far as Enid. They claim to be returning from a visit at Lake City.

The officers had taken no action up to the time the paper was printed and the boys were in jail awaiting developments.

Eldred Post of this city will install officers next Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. All members and all ex-veterans are invited to come and spend a few social hours together.

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H. Fisher, the Coldwater Piano dealer, delivered a fine Melville-Clark Player Piano to Geo. Lott at Sun City last week.

Mrs. J. P. Gibson and daughters, Misses Fern and Helen, returned home from a visit with John Gibson and family at Cherokee, Oklahoma, on Friday morning.

Max Purdy who is employed with Jacob Engle, the big Wellington merchant, came over last Wednesday to visit briefly with his folks, A. B. Purdy and family. He returned on Friday.

G. M. Taylor and wife who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. G. R. Taylor, and other relatives, during the holidays, departed for their home at Burrton last Friday morning.

D. W. Snyder, who has been visiting during the holidays at Wichita and vicinity, returned home last Thursday. Mrs. Snyder went on to Bern, Kansas where she will visit two or three weeks with her parents.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges held joint installation exercises at their hall last night, but as The Index was on the press in advance of the exercises, a report must necessarily appear later. These are two of the thriving lodges of the town.

Miss Rose Fulkerson went to Milan, Kansas last Wednesday to visit two weeks with relatives and friends. Miss Fulkerson is phonist with the Medicine Lodge Telephone Company and there is no person in the city who is more deserving of a vacation.

There is no reason why the people of this city and county shouldn't be as free to call up the newspapers as they are in the large cities, in the matter of giving the news. If you or your friends are going away to visit or if you are entertaining guests, call us up and tell us about it. Do not depend on the editor to find out everything without your assistance.

A copy of the Los Angeles Examiner is before us containing the news that E. E. Teagle, formerly of this place, is operating on what is known as the old "Topsy Johnson" mine at Granite Wells. A company has recently perfected a new machine by means of which mines are being developed in that country which before this invention were valueless because of lack of water. It appears that Mr. Teagle has gotten in on the ground floor and is on the high road to wealth, and we are glad to hear it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tinchler entertained a few couples at a watch party and chafing dish dinner last Friday night. The old year was dismissed in due solemnity and the new year ushered in with becoming gaiety. Covers were laid for eight and a four-course dinner was served. The only after-dinner speech of the evening was made by Dr. Coleman whose subject was "The Chafing Dish." He defined it as "a frying pan promoted into society," but disclaimed originality.

Mrs. W. R. Forsyth and Mrs. S. I. Field entertained at the home of Mrs. Forsyth in honor of Mrs. Thomas Jewel of Enid, Oklahoma, from 2:30 to 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 30th. The house was tastefully decorated in seasonable effect, with carnations as the dominating floral feature. The shades were drawn and the rooms lighted with candles. An interesting program consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings was one of the pleasing features of the afternoon, after which a three-course luncheon was served.

W. E. Marquand is the inventor of a safety appliance to a bicycle. He has applied for a patent and has already made an advertising contract with the Medicine Lodge Cresset. He also figured on advertising with The Index but as there is a clause in the contract providing that the publishers shall exchange advertising for an interest in the patent and also assist in introducing it to the trade, the proposition was declined for the reason that neither of the publishers can spare the time to demonstrate its many advantages. However, we wish the new firm every success and heartily recommend it to all bicycle enthusiasts.