

## The Band Boys Are Deserving of Your Help. Next Week Will Be Your Opportunity.

### WITH THE WHEAT SPECIAL

#### A Trip Over The Scott City Branch With the College Experts

We were given an invitation last week to accompany the Agricultural College Santa Fe wheat special on its trip to Scott City last Friday, and were pleased to accept and make the trip. This is the second train of this kind that has been run. By permission of the Attorney General the Santa Fe furnished the train free, consisting of an engine, baggage car, one coach for those who accompanied the train, and one coach for the meetings to be held at in towns where the train made no long stops. Trainmaster Coffey and Traveling Freight Agent Hogreland of the Santa Fe were on the train, and the college was represented by J. H. Miller, superintendent of extension, Prof. Ten Eyck of the agronomy department, Prof. Freeman of the Botanical department, Prof. Headlee, the bug man, Prof. Webster, director of the experiment station.

Coach meetings lasting about thirty minutes each were held at Hixlar, Shaffer, Rush Centre, Alexander, Bazine, Beeler and Scott City. At Alamota Prof. Freeman left the train and held a longer meeting. At Ness City Prof. Ten Eyck left the train to hold an afternoon meeting, and in the evening on our return trip, having stopped at Ness City for the night, another meeting devoted principally to dairying was held. At Dighton we dropped Prof. Freeman for a meeting, and at Grigsby Prof. Miller dropped off for his meeting.

At these meetings lectures were given on the results of experiments at the Agricultural college and the experiment station at Hays City. The lectures treated principally of the manner in which seed beds, plowing, and other work should be done to secure the best results, and also what precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of smut. Charts, and other data were carried to show figures on experiments. Also a booklet giving some of the lectures was distributed.

The college takes this means of getting the efforts of their work before the people of the state of Kansas. They are continually making experiments with soil and seeds at the college, giving the results through bulletins and by every other channel that they can reach the public. On this particular trip, through the most sparsely settled country that they will traverse, they talked to over 800 people. In no other way could they as cheaply reach that many tillers of the soil. On the trip, lasting a week, they talked to about 6500 farmers. Much good results from these meetings. Of course you always find some who know more about farming than any one else. On the other hand you will find some who will give their experience in certain localities, which results in an interchange of ideas beneficial to both. For the man who wants to learn, there is always something new, regardless of what occupation he is following.

We enjoyed the trip very much. We met several former Great Bend people. At Alexander we saw Harry Wildgen of Hoisington, who in company with Ben Krause, a former Great Bend boy, now county clerk of Rush county, and Treas. Scheurman of that county was looking at some land. We also met Will Bannister, who seemed to look the same up there that he does when he is here. At Bazine we saw Chas. Travis, formerly from near Clifton. He is now in the general mercantile business at Bazine, and is doing nicely. Also saw at that point, W. L. Stickney of Wheatland township. Also one of the Sharpe boys, who formerly lived in Olmitz. At other points we met other acquaintances, and had a pleasant visit with them.

The outlook for wheat is not encouraging. Through Rush county there will be some wheat. Also some at Bazine, but after that nothing until you get pretty close to Scott City. Mayor Spangler of Ness City informed us that he did not know of a single piece of

wheat in the neighborhood of Ness that would be cut. We were at this point shown one field, comprising 800 acres, that had been swept absolutely bare. Not a spear to be seen. At Dighton and west of there the same conditions prevailed. We saw field after field that was not only cleaned of the growing wheat, but of the seed bed as well. We noticed plum bushes that had been almost completely covered with dirt. In Scott there will be a little wheat, but not much. Things look mighty blue, and yet with all of that we met a general lot of people who are making the best of the situation, looking for new methods to farm in that section, and hanging onto what they have with the grip of a bull dog. They will come out all right in the end, if they can but hang on. Every new country has time is coming when that territory will have the same crop results that we have. But it is hard to stick on until then.

Miss Kate Woods of Kansas City is in the city the guest of Miss Francis Cole.

L. C. Breeden has not only got the fever, but he has got the auto, having traded for Dr. Amend's car.

The regular meeting of the county commissioners occurred this week. They also have been in session as a board of equalization.

H. S. White, of Downs, Kas., National Chaplain of the Sons and Daughters of Justice, is in the city in the interests of that organization.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Russell, Dr. Marion Russell, Miss Alice Russell, and some of the younger Russells, made an auto trip Saturday down in the vicinity of Nickerson for a visit with friends.

Messrs. B. E. Giles, C. G. Morrison, and J. S. Morrison, accompanied by their families, picniced at the Dalzel grove Sunday. In years gone by many picnics were held out there, but of late years, parties from this vicinity have stopped at the horseshoe bend on the creek.

Mrs. Tom Winstead and Miss Mae Foster entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. A. M. Collins Wednesday afternoon. High five was the amusement of the afternoon, supplemented with delicious refreshments. Miss Irene Hooper and Mrs. George Turner won the prizes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Business Men's Association was held Wednesday evening. Not many were present, but the routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Wednesday in July, as on the regular meeting night the Chautauqua will be in progress. It will stand all members in hand to be present at the next meeting.

It appears that the report that Mrs. Ewing of the east side assaulted by bums last week wasn't exactly the case. As she was entering the house she saw two men who had evidently entered the house ostensibly for the purpose of robbing it, coming down stairs, and as they passed her they pushed her into the parlor, frightening her, causing her to faint.

Some one got a little too promiscuous around Lyman Dodge's home last Monday evening while Lyman was at the store, Mrs. Dodge and Miss Hager being home alone. The nerve of the two ladies was shown by getting a gun and making Mr. Intruder hike out. The police were called and made a search for the individual, but without locating any one. Another one, a colored man, passed Mrs. Wal Dodge on the sidewalk in the north end of town just before that, and either he thought he knew her or was trying to scare her, for he tipped his hat to her. He was rounded up by the officers and put to work. He disclaimed any intention of making himself obnoxious or trying to cause trouble.

### Auto Club Meeting

The second annual meeting of the Barton County Automobile Association was held at Ellinwood Tuesday afternoon. About a dozen of the members from this city went down, each inviting a number of friends to go along. They all left town together about four o'clock and returned between six and seven. The business of the club was transacted in the elegant new hall of the "Manner chor." The next session of the club will be held in this city two weeks from last Tuesday. A number of new names were proposed for membership.

The run to Ellinwood was a pleasant one, although a little dusty for those who kept too close to the car ahead. We enjoyed the trip, likewise the little stay in the "old home town," which is progressing along with the rest of us. The new water and light plant is completed and is a very fair building. The town is now protected from any more disastrous fires such as have visited the same on various occasions.

Herman Koelsch and Joe This of southeast of town were in the city Wednesday morning. They reported a big rain in their vicinity, also some considerable hail, doing damage to some wheat fields of about forty per cent. No damage was reported from any other locality.

Miss Mary Keenan has returned to her home in Kansas City after a pleasant visit in this city and vicinity.

Miss Bertha Harris has accepted a position with the Great Bend Furniture Co. as book-keeper and stenographer.

The many friends of Miss Mauc Hagen will be pleased to learn that she is slowly recovering from her attack of the typhoid fever.

Miss Lulu Grosh, formerly a member of the faculty of the Great Bend High Schools, is in the city visiting Mrs. R. C. Russell.

Lost—A lady's green jacket, southwest of Great Bend last Saturday. Finder please leave at office. Reward offered for the return of same.

Edward Eberhardt, accompanied by his mother, also Mrs. August Lanterman and daughter, Etta were in the city Tuesday afternoon on business.

Miss Mary Sutherland of this city has been elected one of the high school teachers of the city of Anthony. Miss Sutherland was connected with the Hoisington schools the past year.

Emery and Robert Grizzell were in the city Thursday morning. They were returning from a trip west and said that at the time they left Dodge there had been no rain in that locality.

This county has been visited by bounteous rains this week. Monday night a heavy rain fell in the north part of the county, and Tuesday night it rained very hard here and south all night. The wheat is now fixed for this year and the corn will get an excellent start.

About a hundred and sixty persons were present at the wheat meeting in the court house on Thursday evening of last week. Prof. Ten Eyck of the agricultural college was the principal speaker. Considerable discussion was had concerning the growing of wheat and the meeting was generally considered a success.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stoke entertained the "Double Seven" club Tuesday evening. At this meeting Mr. and Mrs. Giles, who withdrew from the club and returned to Hutchinson, were present with a set of elegant tea spoons by the members, as a remembrance of the good times they have had with us in the past seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lundblade will fill the place in the club made vacant by the Giles. A good time was had at the Stoke meeting, and an excellent dinner was served.

### For An Experimental Farm

While Prof. Miller and others connected with the Agricultural college were in our city last week they held a conference with the county commissioners, which resulted in an agreement whereby the board will lease some ten or twelve acres of ground on the poor farm to the college for experimental purposes, under a law that was passed by the last legislature.

### Leaving Old Friends

We regret that Mr. Ben Giles and his interesting family have decided to sever ties of thirty years or more standing, and that they will leave this week for their new location, on the outskirts of Hutchinson where Mr. Giles has purchased an elegant suburban home comprising eighty acres. Since the latter seventies, the Giles family of which Ben is one, have been affiliated with the people of Barton county and have been a part of her history. With the removal of Ben, Mrs. Fred Newcomb is the only member of the family who will continue to claim Barton county as her home.

The family located in an early day on what is now the site of Clifton. Here Ben grew up and in that locality he began his life as a farmer. Beginning with nothing, working hard and struggling through the pioneer days and the bad years of this country, he has never faltered a minute, until today he is considered one of the wealthy men of central Kansas, nearly all of his property being Kansas farms. With the sale of his houses in this city he had disposed of all his real property in the county. His removal to Hutchinson is not because Great Bend is too small for him, or that he has tired of his friends in this county, but that it gives him a better opportunity to visit his various farms. He will continue to be a member of the firm of Young & Giles, and we hope to see both he and his estimable wife, likewise the others of the family, in our midst frequently. Ben says it is a little harder to break old ties, than he thought it was, but the friendships made in this county will last for many years to come and that his years of residence in the county will always be cherished in his memory. We all wish that the star of happiness and prosperity will continue to hover over him and his.

### Notice to House Movers

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the undersigned on work of moving the present Catholic Church at Seward, Kans., a frame structure, to another site in the same block. Rev. Stephen Hermanns, 1719 Broadway, Great Bend, Kans.

Mrs. A. L. Felton has returned to her home at Caney after a pleasant visit in this city.

A Schwager was over from Hoisington Monday on business with the county commissioners.

Miss Elsa Zutavern, who recently underwent an operation at the hospital, is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Stark of Macksville were in the city to attend the Harris-Trout wedding.

Miss Sadie Dale and Miss Nellie Mathewson have been re-engaged for the schools at Hutchinson for the coming year.

All members of the A. O. U. W. are requested to be present at the meeting Saturday. Important business will be up for consideration.

John Schmidt and Cornelius Schmidt of the west side made an auto trip to Newton and return last week, accompanied by their families.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Didechisen of Montrose, Colo., are in the city visiting their many friends and relatives. Mrs. Didechisen was formerly Miss Eloise Dawson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson. She is a Great Bend girl.

### The Sewer Question

A number of citizens attended the council meeting Monday evening, called there by the fact that it was thought some action on the sewer question would be taken. They were given an opportunity to be heard and were heard. Among those who discussed the subject were F. G. Strothman, Isom Wright, F. D. Wilson, H. P. Moore, G. W. Thatcher, Edwin Tyler, J. F. Lewis, F. V. Russell, S. A. Newcombe, E. W. Moses, D. F. Shirk, Porter Young, E. R. Moses and the Mayor.

Some of the gentlemen were against a sewer any place, thinking that it was an expense that should not be settled upon the city as a whole, unless it could be borne by the localities in the city in the various districts. In other words they were against bonding the city to provide a system for part of the city alone. Others were favorable to a sewer, still others were for a sewer if it could be put in without too much cost, and others favored a drainage could be provided for the low parts of the city where no sewer would be installed.

No action was taken by the council, except to let the matter go over until such time as Mr. Palmer, the engineer who made the preliminary survey could meet with the council and citizens generally and go over the project.

It appears that there is a difference of opinion as to the attitude of the people of the city on the subject. Some are inclined to think the majority are for a sewer and others think not. The council, as we previously pointed out, have the authority under the law to put in this system without submitting the same to a vote of the people. However, we believe that the people of a community are the real governing body of that community, which means direct legislation, and it occurs to us that no public improvement as extensive as a sewer system for this city, should be undertaken without a reference of the matter to the people for an expression. We are firmly convinced that while individuals may err in their judgment on these matters, the people have a right to be heard and can be trusted. Let us have this matter submitted to them for a vote, and then thrash it out along proper lines. Let us not act too hastily in the premises, as such action would no doubt leave more feeling than a campaign on the sewer question would.

### More Attempt at Incendiarism

What was doubtless another attempt to burn part of the city was frustrated Tuesday evening. Soon after nine o'clock, while the electrical storm was in progress, Miss Florence Hough, who has been in the central office of the rooms in the Willner building, was in the central office of the telephone exchange. As she was looking out of the window she happened to see three or four men prowling around in the rear of the Lundblade Grocery. They were watched for a few minutes and were seen to be working with some excelsior and boxes, which they set on fire. A call was sent in for the fire boys, and while they were gathering Wilber Kepple went to the scene of their efforts and had the fire stamped out in short order. Had it been a little later, it had there been no storm, it is likely another fire would have resulted. It seems from the work done that the Hulme implement shed was what they were after.

Mr. Harry G. Warner and Miss Anna A. O'Dell of this city were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents, Sunday evening at six o'clock. Rev. R. L. Selle performed the ceremony. They will reside here.

Lee M. Morgan and Miss Rosa Belle Tullis, both of Olmitz, were united in marriage Wednesday evening by Rev. R. L. Selle. The wedding occurred at the residence of Mrs. Bitner, 2510 18th street, this city. The young couple will live in Hoisington.

### Council Meeting

The council meeting Monday night had a busy time. In addition to the big discussion on the sewer system matter, the regular routine work was disposed of and a great deal of business transacted. Every council man but W. G. Merritt is present. After the reading of the minutes of previous meeting and the accepting of the reports of the city official: two ordinances, one providing for a side walk on both sides of Odell street, from the south side of Sixteenth street to the north side of Tenth street and along the west side of Block 62, and the ordinance vacating the alley in block 18, H. P. Addition, was passed.

E. Price was employed as street commissioner at a salary of \$75 per month for the eight months up to Nov. 15, and \$60 for the next four months.

The money received from the sale of the Missouri Pacific bonds must be used for the payment of the indebtedness from those bonds and was transferred to the sinking fund.

At the next meeting of the council an ordinance providing for the licensing of automobiles and one for prohibiting of painting signs on side walks, will be presented.

A petition asking that curbing be ordered in on both sides of Forest Avenue from Main to third avenue was referred to the Improvement Committee for investigation.

A request from J. F. Lewis, that Holland street be opened at a place near his home was referred to the Improvement Committee. It had been closed by property owners and never by action of the council.

At request from Wilson and Hickman that they be allowed to tear out the front of the Berlin Theatre and substitute the same with an asbestos arch was granted. The building already comes under the fire ordinance.

The matter of the three or four old shacks about town being ordered torn down was left over because of the rush of other business.

S. A. Newcombe appeared before the council and asked that the corner just east of the Hotel Briggs and owned by him be taken from the fire limits so that he could build a small office and coal sheds. The council wanted him to build cement sheds and office, but he explained that it would be too expensive. Mayor Moses explained that when this corner was put in the fire limits Mr. Newcombe had promised that it would be taken out should he desire to use it that way. The council didn't care to vote on the matter and it was left over by tacit consent.

The three banks of the city made some good bids for the city funds, 2 per cent on daily balances, and the Citizen's National Bank was made the depository.

### The following bills were allowed:

E. Miller, sprinkling	\$ 800
Panhusser & Holman, horses	500
Fred Hemker, mdc.	250
E. C. Cole, city attorney	1500
A. Wemmer, salary	5000
F. A. Moses, city clerk	600
John G. Malla, night watch	3000
Tribune Pub. Co.	400
J. E. DeMotte, work	5000
J. T. Yarboosh, meat ticket	700
I. Sowards, street work	3000
Harrison Bros., street sprinkling	3500
Fire Co., two fires	6000
W. F. Marshall, street work	3700
L. C. Breeden, tracing records	500
P. Cooper, brick work	2000
O. Johnson, blacksmithing	2000
R. A. Charles, lumber	1000
D. Asher, street work	700
Gl. Bend Elec. Co., 3 months	2000
L. Zutavern, paper transportation	1000
E. Price, street work	7500
D. Miller, street work	6000
Sam Althart, street work	400
Jas. Goodwin, street work	2500
J. Laubster, street work	1500
L. Zutavern, for Walter lot	40000

Bill of C. Samuels returned for purchaser. On motion the fire company was allowed \$20 for services in sprinkling streets night before previous. Council then adjourned to meet on Wednesday night, June 9.

"Senate has reached the lemon schedule," says a heading in the Capital. Well, from the action of the senate the past several weeks we thought they were in the midst of a lemon forest, because of the way they were handling lemons out to the consumers.