

GOSSIP OF SOCIETY

W. R. C. Elects Officers
The Woman's Relief Corps met regular session Wednesday afternoon and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Eva Oliver; vice president, Alice Kaufman; junior vice president, Jessie Rose; treasurer, Della Rodney; chaplain, Alice Stoffer; conductor, Sylvia Redman; guard, Minnie Smith; delegates, Della Rodney, Jessie Rose, Freda Matteson, Fannie Krepis; alternates, Alberta Smith, Minnie Crane, Melissa Mellor, Sarah Brightbill.

The L. R. club met with Mrs. Harvey Zook Wednesday afternoon. The business of the afternoon was the election of officers. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Chas. Howland; vice president, Mrs. Howard Cooley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Clayton Habacher; correspondent, Mrs. Harold Howland. Plans were laid for a community Christmas

tree and program to be held Friday evening, December 22 at the Johnson school house. After the close of the business meeting the ladies were served a dainty lunch by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Freda Barber and Mrs. Hansen. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Freda Barber, December 27.

Contrum-Hill
The marriage of Miss Mary Julia Contrum and Mr. Alfred G. Hill will take place at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 16 at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary H. Contrum, West Franklin avenue, near Belair road, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. John Contrum, sister-in-law of the bride, will be matron of honor, and Mr. John Gleissner, formerly of Abilene, now managing editor of the Baltimore Post, will be best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will return to Lawrence immediately after the wedding and will be at home at the Oread apartment, 1203 Oread avenue.

Mr. Hill is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hill, of Kansas City. He attended the Kansas State Normal and was at one time

a reporter on the Daily Capital. During the World war he was a lieutenant, and after the war was on the staff of the Philadelphia Public Ledger. In 1920 he returned to Kansas as secretary of the Kansas University Alumni association. More than anyone else, Mr. Hill is responsible for the success of the K. U. stadium project.—Topeka Capital.

The Brethren in Christ Sewing Circle met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. D. S. Wagaman. Officers for the coming year were elected: Mrs. J. T. Lasher, president; Mrs. N. E. Zook, vice president; Mrs. G. E. Whisler, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Kern, treasurer. This society spends one afternoon each month in making garments and bedding for the needy of their own community and institutions where homeless are cared for. Yesterday's work consisted of turning out ten beautiful garments for the Kansas Children's Home Society, Topeka.

Celebrate Golden Wedding
The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alstrom was celebrated in the home of Chas. Alstrom Monday, December 11. The congregation of the Swedish Mission church of which the couple are members, gave a delicious dinner. A number of relatives and intimate friends of the bridal couple were also present.

After the dinner a program was given of Scripture reading, prayer and thanksgiving, talks by Rev. Smithberg, Messrs. John Forsberg, Chas. Hanson, Chas. Waulander, C. W. Peterson who also read a poem written especially for the occasion.—Enterprise Journal.

Kohrs-Wutnow
At high noon Wednesday, Dec. 6, the marriage of Miss Olga Hulda Kohrs to Mr. Benjamin H. Wutnow, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kohrs at Hope.

Zeigler-Hollinger
We were a little belated in getting our information regarding the marriage of Miss Laura Roxanna Zeigler of Kansas City and Mr. James Hollinger, of the Rinehart community, which occurred at Junction City, November 23. Rev. Claggett of the First Presbyter-

ian church, performing the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Isler.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger left for a wedding trip to Chicago. They returned last Thursday and are now at home on the groom's farm in the Rinehart community.

Had a Radio Dance
About twenty couples of Country club members had the city's first radio dance last evening at the club house. With Frank Geofroy's receiving set music was received from the Handel orchestra of Minneapolis, Minn., and later from the orchestra playing at the Hotel Statler, St. Louis. The music came clearly, filling the parlors and making a novel experience for all. After 11:30 the Kansas City Star concert was enjoyed.

Marriage License
Earle Raymond Stott, Navarro, 26 Mabel Pearl Homler, Enterprise, 25

ACREAGE IS SAME
Dickinson's Acreage Is 100 Per Cent Also
Kansas has seeded 12,284,000 acres to wheat this fall, according to estimates released last night by Edward C. Paxton, statistician for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. This is the same as was seeded a year ago which was the largest in the history of the state. Of the acreage sown a year ago only 9,741,000 acres were left for harvest the past summer on which the average yield was 12.6 bushels per acre for a total crop of 122,737,000 bushels.

The December condition of the present crop is 73 per cent of normal as compared with 60 per cent a year ago; 88 per cent two years ago; and 82 per cent three years ago. The ten year average December condition of Kansas wheat has been 84 per cent of normal.

Dickinson county with 186,000 acres seeded has a 100 per cent acreage and the wheat condition is estimated at .84 per cent in this county.

General, this fall has witnessed a slight increase in wheat acreage in the western half of Kansas and a decrease in the eastern counties, where abandonment was so heavy last spring, also show increased acreage. The eastern Kansas farmer shows increasing tendency to get back to corn and away from the war acreages of wheat, leaving wheat production to the cheaper lands and more easily farmed areas of the West.

FIRE LOSSES INCREASED
Record Shows Them Greater in Kansas During 1922
Fire losses in Kansas during the first eleven months of 1922 almost equal the entire losses in 1921. The total loss of November just past, was \$408,785 caused by an even 300 fires, bringing the entire losses for the first eleven months of the present year to \$5,153,806, as compared with a total of \$5,301,203 for the twelve months of 1921. Losses during November, as given in the report for the month issued today by State Fire Marshal L. T. Hussey, show a favorable decrease from those of the preceding month, October, during which 391 fires were reported with losses aggregating \$505,923.

The losses during November by counties shows Wyandotte leading with property worth \$88,545 destroyed. Crawford is next with a total of \$20,720. Douglas county reported fires costing \$18,739; Leavenworth, \$14,426; Labette, \$13,599; Franklin, \$13,625.

MONEY COMING IN FAST
County Treasurer Has Taken in \$73,000 in Two Days
The money is coming into the county treasurer's office in a hurry now as Wednesday is the last day for paying taxes before the penalty goes on. Saturday the treasurer's office took in \$21,000 and Monday more than \$52,000. People were standing in line to pay up all during the day.

Special for This Week

Fifty pairs of Felt Cushion-sole HOUSE SLIPPERS; men's and women's odd lots, values up to \$2.25; not all sizes but bargains, if we have your size, at per pair. \$1.19

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Condensed Statement of THE COMMERCIAL STATE BANK of Abilene, Kansas at the close of business December 11, 1922

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts...\$141,758.52	Capital stock...\$ 25,000.00
Real estate loans... 10,025.00	Surplus and undivided profits... 11,235.01
Furniture and fixtures 1,800.00	Deposits... 138,656.97
U. S. and municipal bonds 14,311.90	Rediscounts... 19,736.96
Cash and sight exchange 26,733.52	
\$194,628.94	\$194,628.94

I hereby certify the above statement to be correct.
C. D. SIMMONS, Cashier.

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. G. Whitehair, President	Ruby L. Hill, Assistant Cashier
A. B. Seelye, Vice-President	F. W. Karl, Director
J. L. Krueger, Vice-President	J. G. Glatt, Director
C. D. Simmons, Cashier	R. D. Hunter, Director

Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennisson were pleasantly surprised Monday evening, December 4, by the members of the L. C. C. and their families, it being their fifth wedding anniversary. The evening was spent with music and games. The club presented them with a beautiful picture.

Philadorea Party
The Philadorea class of the Lutheran Sunday school was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. H. Eicholtz Thursday evening. The assisting hostesses were Mrs. E. Boudeman, Mrs. George Watkins and Mrs. Harold Eicholtz. The children of members of the class were invited and a Christmas tree was provided from which Santa Claus took gifts to distribute. There was a program during the evening, a reading by Mrs. Geo. Watkins, piano solo by Miss Pearl Johntz and a delightful Christmas song by a quartette of which the members were Misses May Sexton, Hazel Royer, Meda Reese and Carrie Hubenett.

Teachers Have Party
The teachers at Junior high school will have a chicken dinner and Christmas party in the domestic science room of the Junior high building this evening. In keeping with the Christmas spirit they will have a Christmas tree bearing a gift for each one present.

The Golden Bolt Social club met at the home of Mrs. Lottie Duffy, December 7. The business meeting was presided over by the

STATE PRISON EARNED \$512,259 LAST YEAR
The Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing earned a total of \$512,259 from July, 1921 to July 1, 1922, according to a report submitted to Governor Allen today by Warden M. E. Amrine. This figure includes the earnings from brick, coal, twine, grain and livestock and other resources of the institution. During the same period, Mr. Amrine's report says, the prison's expenses for maintenance and salaries and wages totaled \$434,114, leaving a net profit in earning capacity for the institution during the year of \$78,145.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

Now is the time to select your Christmas Slippers while the stock is complete. We are special agents in Abilene for the well-known Daniel Green Slippers; styles and qualities were never so good as this year.

Women's Hi-lo Slippers of felt, comfy soles with turn-back collar, color blue—special at \$1.50

Women's gilded Satin Boudoir Slippers in black, blue and gray—special \$2.75

Women's Satin De Orsay Slippers—special \$4.00

Men's Hi-lo Slippers of felt, comfy soles with turn-back collar; color, oxford—special \$1.75

Children's Red "Puss in Boots", high top—\$1.25, \$1.50

For the Little Miss: Tell Mamma to come here and buy her or Daddy Slippers and we will put in a pair of DOLL SHOES FREE.

DAVIS Shoe Store
Third and Cedar

We Announce to Begin Wednesday Morning a **THREE-DAY "DISPOSAL SALE"** in Women's Coats, Suits, Dresses

The incentive of offering Outer Wear at a uniform discount has brought much enthusiasm. We have decided to clean up our stocks of Women's Ready-to-Wear apparel THIS WEEK instead of after January 1st. This policy will not only clear out our stocks and give us the money now, but it will give every woman who secures the garments most of the season's wear with her bargain, in addition to having the new things for Christmas affairs as well. Better for us, as you clearly see—better for you, as you will realize, of course—and that is why we take this unusual action at this timely moment.

Included in the extraordinary presentation are—

69 Women's Coats, in correct new modes
15 Women's Suits, smartest we've seen
35 Women's Dresses, cleverest fashions

Not a garment but was purchased to sell at the regular price—not one that was selected for any reason except its individual desirability and beauty. And now the price story ready like this—

20% OFF

on Entire Stock of Suits, Dresses, Coats!

35 Women's and Misses DRESSES—Rachanars, Poirat Twill, Canton Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Seville Corda, at 20% Off Regular Price

15 Women's and Misses' Tailored SUITS—a remarkably broad variety of models, complete assortment of sizes; a thorough-going down-coming of prices 20% Off Regular Price

69 Women's and Misses' COATS—Including over-all Sport Coats in stock; many have fur collars; all are offered at 20 per cent discount for three days 20% Off Regular Price

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"The Store for Better Values"

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Dickinson County Building and Loan Association
J. E. KEEL, Secretary

Used Ford Big Winter Used Car Sale

1918 Touring, good tires.....	\$125
1920 Touring, this is a dandy..	\$215
1915 Touring, this is a good buy.	\$75
1920 Roadster, demountable rims, a peach.....	\$195
1915 Touring, cheap	\$40
Velie 6 Touring, good tires.....	\$75
Jackson 8 Touring, new paint...	\$75
1922 Touring, fine condition...	\$275
1914 Roadster, can't be beat....	\$25
Overland 75, fine buy.....	\$75
1919 Touring, starter, good ...	\$195
1914 Touring, peach	\$50
1919 Touring, sure fine	\$125
1917 Touring, good shape.....	\$100
1918 Roadster, blinger	\$100
1917 Touring, good tires.....	\$100
1918 Touring, winter top.....	\$125
1916 Touring, new top.....	\$75
1922 Coupe (60 days old), Oh Boy!	\$525

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ABILENE, KANSAS

OUR SINCERE AND BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES

May this humble token in part express our sincerest and best wishes for a Merry and Happy Christmas. We cannot count the many blessings that we hope will be yours during the year to come.

CARR'S

Our Christmas Greetings

to all our customers and friends is a wish that you gifts may be many and happiness reign in all homes. We appreciate the liberal patronage of all our departments and hope to serve you faithfully and well during 1923.

- Furniture
- Hardware
- Floor Coverings
- Farm Machinery

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