

## COMMERCIAL CLUB NOON-DAY MEETING

CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND DINNER  
IN LARGE NUMBERS. COM-  
MITTEES ARE BUSY.

### THREE DAY JUBILEE IS PLANNED

Large List of Attractions to be Pro-  
duced. Detailed announcements  
to be made soon.

The noon meeting of the Commercial club at Bowen's restaurant last Monday proved that the interest of the club is decidedly on the up-grade. The attendance at this meeting was the largest in the history of the club.

The report of each committee demonstrated that the members were awake to their work. The members in charge of the preparation for the entertainments for the three days' jubilee have the finest line of attractions that have ever been offered in this section.

The colt and horse show division will pay premiums which should interest every breeder and owner of horses and colts in the county. The races will be filled with fast ones, and success is assured.

The City Improvement committee has in view several things which will add to the appearance as well as the health of the city.

Mrs. E. H. Hoyt presented an extended review of the preparation for a play ground. This created great interest, and was referred to the City Improvement committee, which will co-operate with the officials of the Child Conservation league and the Parent-Teacher's association, in an effort to fit out a children's play ground. This is a matter that should interest every person in Manchester and the different associations that are working for this improvement should have the hearty support of every individual in the city.

The Membership of the club is increasing steadily, and the 150 mark will soon be reached.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the council rooms Tuesday night, August 8th, at 8 o'clock.

Let every one boost for Manchester and Delaware county. XXX

### JULY A GREAT MONTH FOR THE CORN CROP.

The month of July this year was the warmest July since the year 1901 and with one exception the warmest month since the establishment of the weather station in Dubuque 43 years ago. This heat has been the occasion of some damage, but it has also been of inestimable benefit to the farmers of Iowa. It is an old saying that you have to break some eggs to make an omelet. On July 1st something out of the ordinary had to happen to prevent another failure of the corn crop. On July 1st it was worse, if anything, than a year ago. But something out of the ordinary did happen. For 31 days preceding the 1st of the month, the average daily temperature was 91.4 degrees. Did anyone ever see corn grow faster than it did during those 31 days? Of course some corn on gravelly soil was damaged, but taken as a whole the corn crop made an unprecedented gain.

And barring the heat the dry warm weather of the past month has been ideal for haying and harvesting. The hay in this locality was never better made than it has been this year, and the small grain was never put in the shock in better shape.

### LANPHERE-WOOD.

Miss Pauline Lanphere of Grinnell, Iowa, and Mr. John R. Wood, of Earlville, were united in marriage at Montezuma July 22d, 1916. The Presbyterian minister of that city performing the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lanphere of Grinnell, and is a charming and talented young woman. She graduated from the Grinnell high school last June.

Mr. Wood is an only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wood of Earlville. He had been a student in Grinnell college, and it was while he was attending college that he met his bride. He is an energetic and straightforward young man. He is employed in the Farmers & Merchants State Savings bank of this city, succeeding Mr. W. W. Matthews as bookkeeper.

The young people have gone to housekeeping on Prospect street, and will make their home in this city. Manchester people will wish them much happiness throughout their married life, and heartily congratulate them upon their marriage.

### MISS WINNARD LEAVES SITKA.

Manchester friends of Miss Bertha Winnard, who has been a teacher in the Sheldon Jackson schools at Sitka, Alaska, during the past few years will be interested to learn that she is to be transferred by the mission board to the Menaul school at Albuquerque, New Mexico. She left Sitka on August 1st, and will spend a few days with her mother and sisters at Arriba, Col. From Colorado she will go to Albuquerque to resume her duties in her new field. Miss Winnard is pleasantly remembered in Manchester. For some time she was a successful teacher in our schools.

—Listen Tomms and wife are the parents of a daughter, born July 23rd.

### THE ICE CAVE WONDER

In Bixby's Park, three miles east and thirteen miles north of this city there is a natural wonder. It consists of a small cave which pours out, at this season of the year a frigid current of air and it is cold, exceedingly cold, freezing cold 12 to 15 feet inside the entrance.

The writer recently visited this freak of nature. The topography of the country in its vicinity is not unlike many places in northeastern Iowa. Bixby's Park is 2 miles north of the town of Edgewood. The road for about a mile before the Park is reached descends gradually to the bottom of a valley where a small spring brook winds its way toward the Turkey river, distant about ten miles.

The Ice Cave is about 100 feet up the hill in a southerly direction from the creek. The mercury was up in the nineties at the time when the writer made his visit to this wonderland. Looking up from the bank of the creek he saw what seemed to him like a volume of steam issuing from an opening 4 or 5 feet square in the side of a small rock ledge. Upon closer examination what looked like steam proved to be frosty air, and a few feet in from the mouth there was thick ice on the walls and bottom of the cave and the atmosphere was exceedingly frigid. The writer cut from the ice in the cave about half a pall full of solid chunks and brought them home with him and at this writing, about 30 hours after being removed from the cave, this ice is still in a good state of preservation in a refrigerator here in Manchester.

And, what is equally strange and unnatural, this cave becomes warm in winter. At that season of the year the ice disappears and the issuing current of air is so warm that it melts the snow in the vicinity of the cave entrance.

Can Science explain this phenomenon?

### DELAWARE COUNTY ROADS.

Delaware County seems to be gaining considerable notoriety among tourists, and a notoriety which is not altogether to its credit. Tourists from every direction appear to be outspoken in their criticism of the highways through the county, and particularly so of the Hawkeye leading through the county. Some of the motor enthusiasts of Manchester declare that the Hawkeye Highway is in worse condition this year than it has been for five years. In fact that it has been getting worse for the last few years. The Manchester-Odessa Rapid road is another piece of road which has been in a deplorable state all this year. Fortunately however, tourists can take another route south which is in fairly good condition all the time. About the only decent roads in the County are to be found in the extreme north-eastern corner, where motoring is a real pleasure.

Dr. B. H. Byers, who with his family, has been making a trip to Adel, and other Iowa cities, passed through two counties on his trip and he declared upon his return home that the roads in this county were by all odds the poorest which he found. Another Manchester man who traveled hundreds of miles through northern Iowa and away into Minnesota, found the same condition. This man stated that the worst roads he found were between Manchester and Winthrop.

Another piece of road which is a disgrace to the county is the road leading from the Hawkeye Highway to the United States Fish Hatchery. It would seem that this piece of road, with all of the natural drainage and with a supply of gravel at convenient points, might be put in better condition than it is and at a very small sum. Hundreds of cars with visitors from all over eastern Iowa visit the government hatchery, and more would visit this beautiful spot if the roads were so as to afford some degree of comfort to auto tourists.

### MANY HORSES SUCCUMB TO HEAT.

During the past ten days of excessive heat our dumb animals, especially the faithful horse, have come in for their share of real suffering.

Sunstroke and heat exhaustion are terms applied to conditions brought about by excessive heat usually accompanied by a humid atmosphere.

During the last ten days a number of farmers and teamsters have lost valuable horses due to hot weather and improper care as to feeding, watering and working their animals. Doctor C. M. Morgan says, "It is best to keep work horses, even though at heavy work, on a moderate ration, and not over feed them, especially at the noon hours. Horses should be watered as often as they will drink when in the field, and as much as they will drink, for they will not drink too much cold water, if watered often."

"Should a horse succumb to the heat he should be bathed immediately in cold water and if possible ice pads applied to head and along the spine. Powerful stimulants should be resorted to as quickly as they can be had."

In case of heat stroke, or heat exhaustion, the temperature sometimes goes beyond 110. A cynical thermometer will only register 110, so there is no way of knowing how high temperature will run if not checked by cold applications.

Moderate feeding, watering horses often, using sponges on top of bridles, or providing light shades for horses' heads will reduce the mortality rate.

## IOWA TROOPS HAVE A FINE TRIP

BOYS GIVEN TREAT BY FORMER  
IOWAN AT ST. LOUIS, MIS-  
SOURI.

### MANY COURTESIES ARE SHOWN

Numerous Stop-overs Makes Trip  
Comparatively Easy and In-  
teresting for the Boys.

Manchester people were greatly relieved to get word from members of Company H, which now is encamped at Brownsville, Texas, and to learn that the boys were having a comparatively easy and pleasant trip. No doubt the boys suffered less from heat since starting on their journey, than they would have had they been at Camp Dodge. It was reported last week that the mercury soared higher in Iowa than in any state of the union, and Camp Dodge no doubt would have been the hottest place in Iowa.

According to cards and letters received by relatives of the boys the trip south has not been as hard as was feared. The boys were shown many courtesies along the line. At St. Louis a wealthy business man, formerly of this state treated the boys with an appetizing lunch. The railroad companies also did their part to make the boys as comfortable as possible while on their long journey. Lieutenant Fred W. Miller, writing to Mrs. Miller from Jonesboro, Ark., on the 27th of July, says: "I am writing this in Jonesboro, Ark. We have been here since 6:15 and expect to leave at 8:45. We met the Third Battalion here, and paraded the streets with the two Battalions. We have had a fine trip so far, only it has been hot. The people all along the road, have treated us fine. A man by the name of von Hoffman met the train 12 miles out of St. Louis and have been given all kinds of lunches, to each man. All along the line we have been given all kinds of lunches, melons, fruit and cigars."

The farther south we get the more cotton fields we see. There are vast cotton fields all along the road, and hundreds of acres planted to Sun Flowers. The natives all live in tumble down shanties, that are certainly not built for protection against the elements. Everything seems to be in a tumbled down condition, and there are no very promising."

"We are not moving very fast. We came to a place along the track this forenoon which looked like a good swimming hole, so we stopped the train twenty minutes and every body went swimming."

"We met the troops from the state of Delaware in Illinois, Missouri, this morning. They are having some trip from Delaware to Deming, New Mexico, which is sixty hours beyond Fort Worth Texas. They are going from one corner to the opposite corner of the United States."

### MISS PAXSON TO SPEAK.

Miss Ruth Paxson will speak in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 10:30, and will tell of the work in China. Miss Paxson spent five years in the mission fields of China, and during those years she came in close touch with the development of that country. Her message will be full of interest, and her friends will be pleased to learn that they will be afforded an opportunity to hear her. This will likely be the only public meeting she will address, and every one is cordially invited to attend the service.

### LOOY-HAYES.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Florence Mae Looy to Charles Paxson Hayes, on July 27th, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Hayes is a son of Mrs. Nell Paxson Hayes of Omaha, Nebraska, who was for many years a resident of Manchester.

### EASTERN STAR MEETING.

Orient chapter, No. 15, O. E. S., will meet Tuesday, August 8th. The past matrons will do the work.

—Mrs. C. W. Hayes of Omaha, Nebraska, came last Saturday and is spending a few weeks with her sisters, the Misses Paxson. Mrs. Hayes had been at Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she attends the wedding of her son.

—Miss Kate Slinger is enjoying a visit this week from her friends, Miss O. C. Murray and Miss Scott, of Newark, New Jersey. Miss Murray was formerly superintendent of Park View hospital, and is now engaged in hospital work in Newark. Miss Scott is an instructor in the schools in Newark.

—Mrs. Harry Wolcott who has been a matron in the Wesleyan university at Mitchell, South Dakota, arrived in Manchester last week, and will spend a few weeks among her relatives here. Mrs. Wolcott came here by way of Des Moines, and spent a short time with her son, Nelson, who is a member of Company H, now at Brownsville.

—Robert Fishel Jr., who several weeks ago submitted to a severe operation at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, returned home last week, greatly improved in health, but still quite weak. Robert's many friends are pleased to learn the operation was a success, and that he will soon be able to resume his work in the county auditor's office.

### FRANK L. CARPENTER.

Frank L. Carpenter, whose illness was reported some two weeks ago, passed away Thursday morning at the sanitarium near Des Moines. His family were notified Sunday that the disease had taken a change for the worse and his wife and family hastened to Des Moines to be with him when the final summons came. The body accompanied by his family, arrived at Almorat station Friday afternoon and were taken to his farm home from whence the funeral was and was one of the largest ever held held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Oneida township, Rev. A. W. Wiggins speaking words of comfort and consolation to the grief-stricken family and friends who suffer an irreparable loss in his death. Frank L. Carpenter was born on a farm near Bolloft, Wisconsin, March 14th, 1855, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, July 27, 1916, aged 61 years, 4 months and 13 days. He came with his parents to Delaware county, Iowa, when he was 5 years of age. When he was 12 his parents moved to Kansas and after a two years' residence there they moved again to Illinois and later to Wisconsin. In 1875, having reached manhood, he came again to Delaware county, and November 27, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Smith. To this union 10 children were born, 7 boys and 3 girls. Four children died in infancy and early youth. He is survived by 3 brothers, George of California, Elisha J. of Delhi, McDonough of Oregon, and one sister, Mrs. A. D. Long of Manchester, Iowa. His wife and 6 children, 4 boys—Charles D., Ernest F., Reuben, and Lorenzo M.—and two daughters, Mrs. Bert Bishop of Almorat and Mrs. Harvey Holscher of Earlville. Mr. Carpenter settled on a farm in Almorat 34 years ago, and has been a trusted and honored citizen of this community through all these years. He was a lover of a quiet home life and was always to be found there unless called away on business. In his home a most cordial hospitality was always extended to his many friends. Mr. Carpenter lived for his family and home, it may be said, and will be sadly missed by those nearest to him and in the community that trusted in his honor and integrity. He united with the Almorat Congregational church 21 years ago and was a liberal supporter of his church and a charitable helper to the needy. His will be a place hard to fill in the community. He was a kind and loving husband and father. A citizen who was honored by the community. A business man in the zenith of his life, he has been called and the whole community are mourners. His rests from his labors, and his works will follow him. The burial was made in the family lot in Fairview cemetery in Earlville, and the abundance of floral tributes and the large concourse of people that followed his remains to the cemetery attested the high esteem in which he was held. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. XX

### DELAWARE'S BALANCE SHEET.

The state of Iowa has just issued a bulletin giving the agricultural census of Iowa. Some very interesting information may be gleaned from it. According to the bulletin there are in Delaware county 2,053 farms, comprising 338,746 acres, and valued at \$29,872,677. The improvements are valued at \$6,113,226 and the machinery at \$676,378.

In the year 1915 the farms of Delaware county produced 3,398,865 bushels of corn valued at \$1,879,958; 1,632,062 bushels of oats, valued at \$1,812,872; 136,506 bushels of barley, valued at \$75,265; 40,204 bushels of rye, valued at \$36,625; 1148 bushels of buckwheat, valued at \$1,069; 9,548 tons of clover hay, valued at \$4,129; 52,028 tons timothy hay, valued at \$474,959; 7,320 tons wild hay, valued at \$47,275; 1,347 bu. clover seed valued at \$10,895; 8,796 bushels timothy seed, valued \$20,216; 28,275 tons of silage, valued at \$98,483; 85,287 bushels of potatoes, valued at \$47,548.

The census figures place the number of fowls in the county at 312,366, with a value of \$151,828; the number of dozen eggs produced 1,078,829, valued at \$204,840. The value of dairy products produced reached the sum of \$688,186. The total number of horses and mules in the county is given at 13,355, with a value of \$1,281,244; the total number of cattle 49,391, with a value of \$1,619,482; the total number of swine 74,629, with a value of \$647,449; the total number of sheep 5,232, valued \$24,216; 15,431 pounds of wool produced, valued at \$3,054.00.

What could be more convincing of the financial soundness of this county than the above figures?

### SUCCESSORS TO HEAT.

Adolphus Huene, a brother of O. E. Huene, of this city, died at Bliss, Oklahoma, on July 15th, his death being caused from the excessive heat. Mr. Huene was in his 90th year. In 1865 Mr. Huene came to Delaware county and located on a farm in Honey Creek township. Here he resided for some years. In the early fifties he drove across the country, spending some time in California. He is survived by one daughter, who resides in Kipton, Ohio, and three sons, living near Oberlin, Ohio. Many of our old people remember Mr. Huene, and will regret to learn of his death.

—Mrs. Mary Sherman and Mrs. Belle Edmunds were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Knox last week.

## LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

WHAT MANCHESTER PEOPLE  
ARE DOING AT HOME AND  
ABROAD.

### REVIEW AND FORECAST OF THE WEEK

Items of a Personal and General  
Nature Picked Up About the  
City.

—Mrs. T. J. Jacobs was in Dubuque last Saturday to consult an eye specialist.

—B. W. Grems and his family are spending a short time at Clear Lake, enjoying a delightful outing.

—Miss Marie Schranek of Cedar Rapids is a guest of her brother, Joe Schranek and family this week.

—Mrs. Belle Armistead Pitzer and baby of Red Oak, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Armistead.

—A Thorpe Jr., who recently submitted to a severe operation at the Mayo hospital, is expected home this afternoon.

—Mrs. Floyd Morse, who has been spending a few weeks with a brother in Mechanicsville, Iowa, returned to Manchester last week.

—P. M. Starbird of North Manchester is critically ill at his home, his illness being due largely to the excessive heat of the past ten days.

—Miss Clara Wolcott came home from Cambridge Mass., Saturday of last week, after completing a course of physical education in Dr. Sargent's school.

—Miss Rose Hedlund, who is pursuing a nurses training course in Chicago, is spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hedlund.

—Hunt Armistead, of Doone, Iowa, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Armistead, several days this week. He returned to his home Tuesday evening.

—Miss Stella Mutschler, who was called to her home on account of the death of her mother, returned Friday to resume her work in the offices of A. M. Cloud.

—Miss Luella Caskey, who has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. X. D. Caskey, for several years, leaves Thursday for Gregory, Michigan, to spend an indefinite time with her mother.

—Rev. W. J. Suckow, pastor of the Congregational church, is enjoying his annual vacation, and will spend a part of it in the delightful climate of Alabama, close to the Gulf. He expects to be south for about ten days.

—Mrs. Harvey E. Hanna and three children of Mountain Home, Idaho, are guests of her parents at Alburnette, this week. After a visit with her people she and her children will come to Manchester for several weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hanna.

—Mrs. J. J. Bushnell and five children of Sheldon, Iowa, are expected in Manchester on Thursday of this week for a visit in the Henry E. Bushnell home. They have been visiting with Mrs. Bushnell's parents at Fayette for several weeks.

—Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Dittmer and daughter, Miss Dora, and Miss Ida Hummel, of Chicago, and Mrs. Hubert Carr, and daughters, Misses Virginia, Helen and Mary Louise, and Miss Eleanor Powell of Cedar Rapids, had a delightful outing at Guttenberg last Thursday.

—John Tierney has been enjoying a visit yesterday and today from Mr. Norman Reynolds, of Spearfish, South Dakota. Mr. Reynolds is on his way to Lapeer, Michigan, the place where he was born and spent his boyhood days. It has been 35 years since he visited the scenes of his boyhood, and is anticipating a most delightful time.

—The families of H. F. Arnold O. A. Dunham, H. A. Dittmer, Mrs. M. R. Patty C. W. Keagy, A. B. Holbert and R. D. Graham, and Mrs. A. M. Billingsley, and the Paxson family enjoyed an out door breakfast at Brownfield's mill near Greeley last Thursday morning. The guests of honor were the members of the Paxson family, who are enjoying a family reunion in the old home this summer.

—The Democrat is pleased to state that, after a most thorough examination at the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, Capt. J. F. Merry will not be obliged to submit to an operation, in order to gain relief from an illness which will be spent in Omaha, Nebraska for some months. The specialists at Rochester assured Mr. Merry that by following a prescribed course of treatment he would soon be enjoying good health.

—The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Calvin Yorlan Wednesday of last week, about sixty ladies forgot the warm weather and attended this most enjoyable meeting. After the singing of a hymn and Mrs. Fleming's prayer, Miss Ruth Paxson addressed the ladies in her pleasing and interesting manner. The theme of her talk being "How Best Each One in the Home Church or Society Can Help the Missionary in the Field." Some excellent musical numbers were rendered by Miss Gladys Sabin and Miss Margaret Adams. Following its program ice cream and cake were served. XX

—Miss Margaret Stanger went to Mason City today to visit college friends for a short time.

—Miss Alice Jones is at home from Milwaukee, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones.

—Mrs. Don. Preussner, who has been with her husband at Camp Dodge for several weeks, returned home.

—Mrs. Burton Clark, who has been spending a few weeks at Lake Okoboji, returned home the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bloesch and daughter Mabel went to Dubuque to spend a few days with relatives and also to attend the Beekeepers' convention.

—Miss Ursula Clark has accepted a position as operator in the telephone exchange at Independence, commencing her work there last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burbridge of Palla Alto, California, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Noble, and other relatives in and near Manchester.

—Miss Tille Grifflie of Newell, Iowa, went to Chicago Tuesday morning, after spending a few days with her friend, Miss Edna Cowles.

—Miss Mona Goodwin returned home Monday evening from Lawrence, Nebraska, where she has been visiting her mother during the past four weeks.

—Miss Rose Maurer went to Sioux City last week to enter the German Lutheran hospital, where she will pursue a course of study and training as a professional nurse.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rae Dunham and baby, and Miss Atkins, and Forrest Jones have been enjoying an outing at McGregor for several days. They are expected home today.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Weir left last week on a vacation trip, a part of which will be spent in Omaha, Nebraska. They will make the trip in their new Mitchell touring car.

—The Ladies' Aid society of the Golden church will serve ice cream and cake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Acres Friday evening, August 4th. Everyone is cordially invited.

—Hobart Evans, who submitted to an operation at the Mayo hospital several weeks ago, returned home last week, and is making a satisfactory recovery, a fact his friends will be pleased to learn.

—Carl Kullberg, who recently sold his blacksmith shop in this city, has purchased a shop at Luxemburg, and will move his family to the Dubuque county town as soon as he can find a suitable residence.

—Miss Clara Tierney left last week for a month's visit with friends in the Black Hills country, and Wyoming and Nebraska. She will spend some time at Spearfish, South Dakota, where her family formerly resided.

—J. H. Morrissey, who has been spending the past week with his relatives in Manchester, left Monday evening for his home at Indianapolis. His wife and daughter will remain here for a more extended visit.

—Miss Enis Taber, and her friend, Miss Lolo-Dore of McIntyre, left on Tuesday morning for Lawden, Iowa, where they will spend a few days with friends. Miss Deree had been a guest for several days in the Taber home.

—Miss Lorna Palmer and Sarah Kelley of Mason City were guests of Miss Margaret Stanger several days last week. The young ladies, who are college friends of Miss Stanger, returned to their homes Thursday morning.

—Miss Gladys Downing of Chariton, Iowa, is a guest of her friend, Miss Margaret Stanger. Miss Downing sang a solo number at the morning service in the Congregational church, her number being greatly appreciated by the congregation.

—Hon. and Mrs. A. M. Cloud and two children leave Thursday for Duluth, Minnesota, for an outing. Mrs. Cloud and the children will remain until about September 1st. Mr. Cloud remaining at Duluth for a week or ten days.

—Some of the girls of the Intermediate Sunday school class of the Sand Creek church will give an ice cream social at the home of Arthur Ludley Friday evening, August 4th, 1916. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Ladies please bring cake. XX

—The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. H. A. Dittmer next Wednesday afternoon. Miss Ruth Paxson will address the ladies of the society at that time. All the members of the society are urged to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

—Extensive repairs are to be made to the interior of the First Congregational church during the month of August. The auditorium is to be redecorated, new furnaces are to be installed, and a hard wood floor laid. The work will be commenced this week, and it is hoped to have the building in shape so that services can be resumed by the first Sunday in September.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bauer and Miss Gladys Stetson, of Deer Lodge, Montana, are expected in Manchester Thursday afternoon, and will be the guests of Judge and Mrs. George W. Dunham. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer will later in the summer go to their home in De Land, Florida, and Miss Stetson will enter some college of the middle west about September 1st. Mrs. Bauer and her sister are pleasantly remembered by many Manchester people, and their friends will be pleased to have the pleasure of meeting them again.

## ROBERT L. WOODS KILLED BY BANDITS

STRAWBERRY POINT MAN MURDERED AT FT. HANCOCK, TEX.,  
LAST SUNDAY.

### TWO CAVALRY MEN ALSO SLAIN

Numerous Members of Bandit Gang  
Killed in Encounter with  
Troopers.

Robert L. Woods, American Customs' Inspector, who has been stationed at Ft. Hancock, Texas, has been murdered by Mexican bandits, according to reports which reached here Tuesday. Mr. Woods, it appears, was attacked by the bandits at the customs house, on Sun'y. The detachment of cavalry in the vicinity of the customs house soon routed the bandits. Mr. Woods, leaving where the gang of outlaws were in hiding, directed the cavalry to the spot, and in the skirmish which ensued, he and two of the troopers were slain.

Mr. Woods was born and raised near Strawberry Point, and is well known in the northern part of the county.

### JOYOUS BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Upwards of fifty of the friends and neighbors of J. C. Parrott of Coffin's Grove township, assembled at his home last Sunday and helped him to joyously celebrate his 49th birthday.

The women of the party were largely, if not entirely, responsible for the event, and, according to their plan, Mr. Parrott was to be kept from knowing anything about it until they commenced to assemble at his home. How far they succeeded in that respect is open to some doubt, but in every other respect their plan was an enthusiastic success. The entire party partook of a sumptuous dinner and enjoyed a genuine, neighborhood social.

A couple of comfortable chairs were presented to Mr. Parrott as reminders of the occasion.

The following are the names of those who were present: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Straub and son Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Will Speck, Mr. and Mrs. Himebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolf and son De Vere, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Halmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zebuhr and daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann, Mr. John Reiger Jr. and son Wayne, Mr. Ed. Clint Gray and children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zebuhr and daughter Wilma, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Straub and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams and children, Mr. Clarence Goodrich and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parrott and daughter Lela and son Andrew, Messrs. Jay Turner and Elmer Parrott and the Misses Mary Tyler, Floris and Ruth Parrott.

### FORDS TAKE BIG DROP.

The Ford Motor Car company of Detroit made an announcement, the first of the week which has about taken the wind out of the automobile business. Effective August 1st, the price of the Ford touring car was reduced by \$80, making the price of this popular car \$360, f. o. b. Detroit. The Runabout Ford car is reduced in price by \$45.00, selling now for \$345.

J. M. Jones & Sons have had the agency for the Ford cars for several years, and they have literally sprinkled this vicinity with Fords. With this big cut in the price they are going to have a hard time getting cars fast enough from the factory to meet the demand. In just a comparatively short time they have sold thirty-three cars, and have this week received several carloads of new cars. On another page of this issue this firm makes a more detailed announcement of the remarkable price for which Fords can be purchased. If any of our readers are contemplating buying a Ford better see J. M. and place your order at once, for their might be delays in getting them fast enough from the factory.

### CORNELIUS PRATT.

Cornelius Pratt, aged 72 years, and a veteran of the Civil war, died at the home of his nephew, Joseph Pratt, early Tuesday morning, heart disease being the cause of his death.

Mr. Pratt had been in poor health for some time, and it is believed that the excessive heat of the past ten days was in a measure responsible for the sudden breaking down of his strength. Funeral arrangements could not be made until the arrival of the daughter, Mrs. Martha Verb, of Minneapolis.

Mr. Pratt is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Verb of Minneapolis, Mrs. Casey Bailey, and Grace