

MRS. A. H. BLAKE ANSWERS SUMMONS

WOMAN IDENTIFIED WITH LIFE OF MANCHESTER FOR MANY YEARS, DIES FEB. 17TH.

A NATIVE OF NEW ENGLAND

Came to Manchester in 1876. Organist of Congregational Church for Many Years.

Mrs. A. H. Blake, a resident of Manchester since 1876, passed away at her home here on Thursday, February 17th, 1921, in her 78th year.

Mrs. Blake had not been in robust health for some time, no one realized that the end was so near. She had been confined to her bed two days. Funeral services were held at the home on Delaware Street Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock.

Frances C. Granger was born in West Milton, Vermont, July 13th, 1843, and grew to young womanhood there. She was united in marriage with Mr. A. H. Blake, whom she had known from girlhood, in 1865.

Mrs. Blake is survived by her husband, one son, W. C. Blake, of this city, one brother, George W. Granger, of West Milton, Vermont, and two grand daughters, Mrs. Marion Heaverman and Mrs. Zella Tolmie of Cedar Rapids.

JUDGE AND MRS. DUNHAM ENJOYING FLORIDA ROADS AND CLIMATE

The Democrat takes the liberty this week to extract a few paragraphs from a business letter which the judge wrote to the Senior editor of this newspaper.

"I understand you have had a very fine winter. We would have done better to have come south last winter rather than this. We are having wonderful weather here. It is like the ordinary spring at home.

HOME TALENT PLAY.

Pupils of the Manchester schools are now working hard upon a home talent play which will be given in the New Armory on March 22nd and 23rd.

WORK ON NEW BRIDGE

The work of taking down the old bridge across the Maquoketa river is practically completed and work has been commenced to excavate for the west abutment.

BINNING-MELKA

Married, at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday, February 17th, 1921, Miss Mabel Binning of Greeley, Iowa, and Mr. Harry C. Melka, of Lamont, Iowa.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FINE SERVICES.

The Evangelistic services in the Methodist church are awakening great interest, and are quite successful. The attendance has been large, and a number of decisions have been made.

The campaign will be closed on Sunday, and we are planning to make it a great day. The pastor will preach in the morning at 10:30, and Rev. Davies will preach in the evening at 7:30.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Church school at 10:00 a.m. Preaching service at 11:00 a.m. Subject for the morning sermon: "Enthusiasm for Humanity."

BAPTIST

Preaching services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The subject for the morning sermon will be "Justification" Subject for the evening sermon: "Redemption."

SAND CREEK CHURCH

The usual services will be held at the church next Sunday, Sunday school at 2:15, followed by preaching at 3:00.

On Friday evening of this week a church party will be held in the church to which the public is cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning services 10:30. Sermon topic, "Missions in Reflex." Evening service 7:30. Sermon topic, "The Law of Liberty."

LUTHERAN

Lenten Services every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in German; also German services first and third Sundays in month at 11 A. M. Balance English services at 11 A. M. Sunday morning, and at 7:30 Sunday evening.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Sunday school at 2:30. Preaching at 3:30 by Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Christian church.

NEIDERFRANK-MOSER

Married, at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday, February 16th, 1921, Miss Elva Neiderfrank and Mr. Edward E. Moser, both of Greeley, Iowa.

K. C. STATE CONVENTION

Davenport, Iowa, February 23, 1921. (Special) The twentieth annual convention of the Iowa State Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held in Des Moines, Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24.

Headquarters will be at Hotel Fort Des Moines. The convention sessions are to be held in the main ball room. The Des Moines Knights plan to entertain the visitors at a ball after the first day's session.

The National Headquarters of the American Legion asked for the privilege of having one of its national speakers address the Convention, and State Deputy McFarland gladly acceded to the request.

One of the matters of importance to be brought up at the meeting will be the establishment of Boys' Clubs in every town and city in Iowa where the people can vote a franchise which guarantees a five cent rate or any other rate.

SCANDALS FIZZLE; CRITICISM POSSIBLE

EVIDENCE IN STATE INVESTIGATION INSUFFICIENT TO WARRANT IMPEACHMENT ACT.

FARM TENANCY COM. URGED

Investigations May Be Extended To Include All City and Township Officers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Des Moines, Iowa, February 25, 1921. Fourteen bills and three joint resolutions have passed both houses of the general assembly and have been signed by Governor Kendall.

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Public Hearings On Educational Institutions.

The needs of State Educational Institutions were never better stated than was done by the heads of these institutions at a public hearing before the appropriation committees of two houses Thursday evening at the Savery hotel in relations to the askings of the State educational institutions.

The-Spring Recess

Commencing February 25th the legislators will take a recess for the purpose of conferring with their constituents concerning pending legislation and to take care of the private business which a large number have to look after before the first of March.

Inheritance Tax Measure

The house by a decided majority passed the Weaver inheritance tax bill with amendment which did not materially change the original draft. The measure provides for a one per cent tax on inheritance up to \$50,000 graduated to larger amounts with increasing percentages.

While the committee is of the opinion that the plan outlined in the Olson bill making the state board for educational institutions the censors for all movie films exhibited in Iowa is not practical there is still a growing feeling among members that the general assembly should take steps to provide for the elimination of the wicked features in the films being displayed which they claim are far below the standards which Iowa should stand for.

Street Railway Fares.

The opinion handed down from the supreme court reversing itself on what is known as the Ottumwa case may throw the matter of fixing street car fares on the general assembly which seems now to face the problem. From the opinion of the supreme court it appears that until the general assembly gives cities the power neither the city council nor the people can vote a franchise which guarantees a five cent rate or any other rate.

Produce Your Tools

Efficiency in the handling of state property is to be established along military lines if a bill presented by Senator Thurston is adopted by the general assembly. Veterans of the world war who had anything to do with the handling of government supplies and war equipment are dumbfounded that the state does not have a system of requiring invoices in every department of the state government.

every municipality where there are street cars are planning on having introduced bills to give cities power to fix fares.

Farm Tenancy Commission

Senator Banta of Delaware county asks that a commission be appointed to study farm tenancy conditions and make reports to the general assembly. It is pointed out that Iowa is fast becoming a state of tenants on the farms and that under such conditions the soil is not being protected as it should be.

Would Pay Jurymen

Senator Wichman of Hancock County, asks in a bill that fees and mileage be furnished jurymen in proportion to the time they are kept from ordinary pursuits. In some counties of the state jurymen are paid for the term because they are subject to call at any time and must be prepared to remain on jury duty when called.

CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY

Would you believe that Mr. Robert Davis, living on East Gay street, celebrated his 70th birthday last Sunday? Well, he did. Mr. Davis' two sons, Alvah Davis, and Walter Davis and wife of Dubuque, were here for the occasion.

DR. WEIR OPENS OFFICE IN CEDAR RAPIDS

Dr. C. R. Weir, who was in the dental profession in Manchester for several years, has just returned from St. Louis, Mo., where he has completed a post-graduate course in a branch of dentistry, and has opened offices at Cedar Rapids in the Granby building.

The Woman Question.

"Is it not as important that one woman be placed on the board of control whose special mission shall be the supervision of the work in which 1,400 women are serving either as inmates or as employees as that another man should be named to look after the 1,400 head of live stock owned by the state when there are two men already on the board to care for this personal property?"

Highways Are Safe.

A preliminary skirmish has taken place in the house because an effort was made to divert special road funds so that boards of supervisors could build bridges and culverts with the money. The advocates of the road system permitted the use of such money on bridges on the recognized highways when authorized by the state highway commission but not otherwise.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DISCUSSES LEGISLATION

MEMBERS OF CLUB GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING CERTAIN PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

SALES TAX BILL GETS A JOLT.

Commercial Club Endorses Work of Investigating Committee of State Department.

The Manchester Commercial Club met at Keckler's restaurant on Monday evening, the meeting being attended by a goodly number of the club members. In the absence of President Madden and Vice-president Meggenburg A. M. Cloud was elected as the presiding officer.

Following the reading of the minutes a number of matters of more than ordinary interest to the public were discussed. Secretary Williams read a communication bearing on the sales tax bill, now before our national congress. After some discussion regarding the proposed legislation the club voted to instruct H. L. Rann to write to our Senators and to the Congressmen, urging them to fight the bill, and doing all in their power to defeat it.

The bill in the Iowa house, which if enacted into law, would place a tax on Chautauqua tickets, was also discussed at some length, and was finally disposed of in a resolution urging Senator Banta and Representative Clyde Doollittle to oppose the bill in its present form. It was the opinion of the club that Chautauqua tickets, because of their educational features, should not be included in a bill which, if passed, impose a tax on entertainment admissions.

The matter of the investigations of the various departments of state were discussed, and a resolution passed that wherever incompetency is shown to exist, after a careful investigation has been made, such incompetency should be removed.

REVENUE MAN LEAVES SATURDAY NOON.

Wm. Lange of Dubuque, who has given such valuable help to many in Manchester and vicinity in making out their income tax reports, leaves Manchester Saturday noon, going from here to Oelwein. Mr. Lange states that he is desirous to have all who want his assistance to meet him in the basement rooms of the court house between now and Saturday noon.

Income Tax Facts You Should Know

Salaries paid to State employees, including also employees of a town, county, or hamlet, are exempt from taxation. Thousands of persons engaged in business for themselves or as employees in private business receive such additional compensation. A storekeeper may be elected mayor of his town. The amount paid for such service should be entered on his income tax return, but is not taxable.

Estate employees, however, must consider carefully their income from all other sources. If, excluding the amounts paid them by the State, it equals or exceeds \$1,000 or \$2,000, according to their marital status, a return of income must be filed and the tax paid or net income in excess of those amounts.

The return must be sworn to before a notary or other person authorized to administer an oath. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 1921. At least one-fourth of the amount due must accompany the filing of the return.

Salary exemptions allowed State employees do not apply to employees of the Federal Government, such, for example, as postmasters.

MRS. B. B. BAXTER.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hyde received word last week of the death of Mrs. Bert B. Baxter, which occurred at Chicago, where she and her daughters had been living for some years. The Baxter family some years ago resided in Manchester, when Mr. Baxter was in the undertaking business here.

ORGANIZE BROTHERHOOD

On last Thursday evening the men of the First Evangelical Lutheran church organized a Brotherhood. The event of such a society had keenly been felt for some time. Over thirty men were present, and the enthusiasm and interest shown by all gave rise to great hopes for the future.

EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL FUND

In handing in this list for publication, I wish to express my personal thanks to all who helped in this campaign and especially to those who made personal effort and sacrificed their time to this work. I feel sure that all who gave to this cause have received their money's worth in satisfaction in the thought of the lives saved with their help.

Delaware Twp. (name withheld by request) \$ 25 00
Milo Township, L. V. Sutton 5 00
Elk Twp, W. M. Goldsworthy 5 00
Honey Creek Twp, F. C. Davis 1 00
Adams Twp, Dr. Cummings 2 00
Hazel Green Twp, Albert Kurth 2 00
Hazel Green Twp, Mrs. A. Graham 5 00

Total \$45 00
Previously Reported 2172 16

Total \$2217 16
Quota \$7329 00

Manchester gave, \$1606 40; Quota-\$1,570
Adams Township gave, 345 26; Quota- 470
Balance of County gave, 265 50; Quota-\$5,789
C. G. YORAN.

ANNALS STATEMENT.

of Receipts and Disbursements of the Independent School District of Manchester, Iowa, from February 23, 1920, to February 22, 1921.

General Fund. Receipts: On hand at last statement \$ 14 720 31, Received from District tax \$ 44 591 50, Semi-Annual Apportionment 1 831 00, From State, Normal Training 750 00, Tuition, from patrons 4 983 75, From other districts 6 793 99, Sale of equipment 3 80, Sales, Manual Training 361 32, Domestic Science 744 40, Interest on Deposits 519 80, Commencement 151 58

Total Receipts \$ 70 029 26

Expenditures: Paid Teachers, male \$ 4 054 96, Female 29 005 15, Secretary's salary 175 00, Library and Text Books 179 07, Fuel 3 167 44, Repairs 1 045 98, Light and Power 744 40, Water 164 81, Telegraph, telephone and postage 274 37, Miscellaneous 483 00, Office Supplies, printing, etc 295 76, Janitors' wages 2 711 92, Janitors' supplies 215 52, Apparatus and equipment 862 69, Domestic Science equipment 455 88, Domestic Science expense 113 17, Manual Training Equipment 310 84, Manual Training expense 12 56, Improvements 94 20, Balance on hand 24 637 17

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Of this balance in School House Fund, \$20,000, is a sinking fund to pay bonds maturing April 1, 1922, in the amount of \$24,000. It is estimated that the following amounts will be necessary to meet the requirements of the District for the next year: General Fund \$ 69 000 00, School House Fund 7 500 00

The annual meeting and election will be held in the Council Room on Monday, March 14, 1921, from 1:00 o'clock P. M. to 6:00 o'clock P. M., at which two directors will be elected for three years each to succeed Chas. E. Baumgartner and Cal Stimson, whose terms expire.

DANCE FRIDAY EVENING.

A big dance will be held in the Armory on Friday evening, February 25th, at which time Maree Skeels five piece orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets to dance, \$1.00 plus war tax, and all spectators' tickets are 25c plus the war tax.

LOCAL SCHOOLS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

SECRETARY'S REPORT SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL BALANCES IN VARIOUS FUNDS.

SCHOOL ELECTION MARCH 14TH

Two Directors to Be Elected. C. B. Baumgartner's and Cal Stimson's Terms Expire This Year.

It is indeed gratifying to learn from Secretary M. J. Yoran's annual statement or receipts and disbursements that the Independent School District is in a sound financial condition, when so many of the school districts in Iowa are unable to meet their obligations at the present time. According to the statement it will be seen that the district has a balance of \$24,697.17 in the general fund, and \$21,074.27 in the school house fund.

The annual school election will be held on Monday, March 14th, 1921, at which time two directors will be chosen. C. B. Baumgartner and Cal Stimson, who have been members of the board for some time are the two whose terms expire at this time. We understand that Mr. Stimson can not be persuaded to run for the office again. Mr. Baumgartner also is reluctant to have his name presented as a candidate for re-election.

The last day for filing nomination papers for directors is Saturday, March 5th. There has been some talk of having one woman on the board of education.

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