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BENTON, LA., DECEMBER 16, 1915.

News Notes of the Week

Dr. J. B. Hall of Rocky Mount was a visitor in Benton Monday.

A regular meeting of Cypress Lodge, F. and A. M., will be held in this place this evening.

Don't neglect to use the road drag after the winter rains—as soon as the soil becomes crumbly.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Fontaine have ordered their Banner forwarded to Couchwood instead of to Mer Rouge.

Messrs. Tom and Caleb McKinney, sons of Mr. J. J. McKinney, of Rocky Mount, were welcome visitors at this office Monday.

Mr. M. B. Stampley, always jovial and friendly, was an appreciated caller at this office Monday. He is one of the substantial citizens of the Red Land community.

Mr. J. M. Coile called Monday to renew his subscription and order the Banner mailed to a brother who resides in Stephenville, Texas. He left that afternoon for his home, near Cotton Valley.

Among the callers at this office Monday was Mr. Frank Rogers of the Red Land community. During a conversation with him the reporter learned that it is planned to have a Christmas tree on the night of the 24th at Oak Grove school house, near Burgess.

Mr. Albert Kirch, who farms near Vanceville, was an agreeable caller Monday. As he has only been a resident of the State four years, the reporter made some inquiry as to how he was satisfied. He replied that he had all his life been farming, and that here in Bossier Parish, where practically anything can be grown he has no grounds for complaint. He has now grown four crops in this parish (two for himself) and says he hasn't yet made a crop failure. Mr. Kirch is a hard worker and a practical man—in fact, just the type of man we need to come and settle on our side lands.

Mrs. S. C. Adger, whose illness and operation were mentioned in the Banner two weeks ago, was dismissed from the North Louisiana Sanitarium (of Shreveport) last Saturday. She is now in Mansfield visiting her sister, Mrs. Clint Williams. Because of her weakened condition it was necessary to use a conveyance to and from the railway stations and even then the trip proved so exhausting that a physician was summoned to see her after she reached her destination. We are pleased to state that she is now said to be fast improving.

Local sportsmen are not finding many quail this season. A large acreage was planted to oats during the past cropping season and when this and grass crops were cut many nests were destroyed in a reason advanced by some, but others claim that the past season was not favorable to nesting. The writer suggests that perhaps some disease has thinned the ranks of this noble little game bird, and also urges all sportsmen to make war on their natural enemies—hawks, minks, weasels, snakes, skunks, etc.—and prevent bird dogs from running at large in the fields during the nesting season.

A nonjury term of Bossier District Court, with both Judge Sandlin and District Attorney Robertson present, was in session here for a short time Monday and again Tuesday. But little business worthy of reporting was disposed of. Messrs. J. M. Coile and H. A. Finley, both recently convicted of selling intoxicating liquors without license, were paroled, the last named with the condition that he permanently leave the State. The court will be reconvened to-morrow, when the principal case to be called will be that of Gus M. Adams versus S. H. Bolinger & Company. The plaintiff seeks to recover damages in the amount of \$10,000 for the loss of a foot. His injury resulted while he was a member of the steel laying gang of the defendant company.

Cotton Quotations.

Yesterday's Shreveport cotton quotations were as follows:
 Ordinary, 9½ cents.
 Good ordinary, 10¼ cents.
 Low middling, 10¾ cents.
 Middling, 11¼ cents.
 Good middling, 12¼ cents.
 Receipts for the day, 800 bales.
 Total receipts, 94,424 bales.
 Shipments to date, 71,926 bales.

Our North Bossier patrons are reminded that Hon. J. T. Manry is one of the Banner's active agents at Plain Dealing. He will be pleased to receive your subscription or to talk advertising with you.

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Phases of the Moon.
 New moon 6th Full moon 21st
 First quarter 13th Last quarter 29th

Library Shower and Oyster Supper.

The following reader was contributed by a resident of our town who is keenly interested in its social and literary development:

"The members of the Benton Self-Culture Club are endeavoring to establish a library in this town, to be used not only by members of the club, but by every citizen of the community. Next Saturday evening they will give an oyster supper at the K. of P. Hall. No charge will be made at the door, but every one coming is expected to bring a book or a good magazine for the library. A committee will be at the door to receive the books and magazines. There will be two or three short talks on the subject of libraries, then oysters will be served in all styles at reasonable prices. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of books for the library. As every one in Benton may have the free use of these books, the club hopes to have a large attendance. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock."

"The Dixie Calendar."

The prettiest 1916 calendar we have yet seen is offered by the Page Publishing Association, 849 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Md., and bears the above title. It makes upwards of fifty pages and is handsomely printed throughout, showing on its cover page a timely engraving. It is dedicated to Madison Cawein, the Kentucky poet whose verses are so much loved and often quoted, and the quotations throughout are from the pens of poets of the Southland. It is published with a view of increasing interest in and appreciation of Southern literature. The calendar is appropriate and seasonable as a gift. The retail price is 50 cents per copy, but by special arrangement readers of the Banner may secure two copies for 60 cents, or four for \$1. Be sure to enter clip this notice or mention the Bossier Banner when ordering.

Card of Thanks.

During the last illness of my husband, the preparations for the interment and during and following that sad ordeal so many kindly and charitable acts were proffered that it is fitting to acknowledge them in print. To our friends in both Sarepta and Plain Dealing I feel grateful and shall always fondly cherish the memory of your deeds of love and compassion. I wish particularly to thank Dr. Deloach and Mrs. Maud Martin of Sarepta and Dr. Keoun of Plain Dealing. They were untiring in their efforts to offer relief to the suffering patient. In this expression of thanks I am fully joined by the near relatives of my deceased husband. With sore but grateful heart, I am,

Faithfully your friend,
 BESSIE MARY KELLY.

A Christmas Program.

The faculty of Benton High School cordially invites every one to attend their Christmas program, to be given Thursday, December 23d, and which will be as follows:

1. Christmas song by society.
2. Recitation—Jeannette Hill.
3. Song—Margery Ogden, Josephine Teague, Elsie Smith and Mattie Gray Logan.
4. Story—Car Gayle.
5. Reading—Lucy Smith.
6. "Christmas Guest"—Gray Stinson, Alma Byrd, Clotie Rogers, Maude Smith and Clarisse Gayle.
7. Recitation—Cheatum Spataro.
8. "Hard Times for George"—Eugene Wyche.
9. "Christmas"—Giroud Burt, Maggie Belle Burt, John Spataro, Inez Heifner, Will B. Wilbourn, Alma Heifner, Calvin Vance, Mary Sue Logan and Gracie Burt.
10. "Her Vision"—Inez Gayle.
11. "The Way to Christmas Land"—Mamie T. Burt, Giroud Burt and Bobbie Byrd.
12. "Sammy Jones"—John H. Stinson.
13. "The Two Sides"—Alvin Fortson and Henry James.

—J. E., Secretary.

DIED—At Rocky Mount, on Thursday, December 2, 1915, little Robert Andrew Greyroy, aged five years and eight months, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gregory. Good-bye, little Robert. It is hard to give you up, but Jesus has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."—B. C. J.

Country-Made Ribbon Cane Syrup

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CORRESPONDENCE

Plain Dealing.

Tuesday, Dec. 14.—Plain Dealing merchants are fast putting the finishing touches on their stores, preparatory for the holiday trade.

Mr. Harmon Drew, a popular young Minden attorney, was a recent visitor here with relatives.

At a meeting of the Town Council held one night last week an election was ordered for January 4th, to elect a Mayor and Marshal and five Councilmen to serve for two years.

Prof. R. W. Eggleston, principal in the Plain Dealing High School faculty, was in Monroe several days of last week to attend the meeting of the high school principals of the State.

Mr. Henry Bounds, aged about eighty-five years, and a pioneer citizen—one of the early settlers of Rocky Mount—died last Wednesday at his home near that place. He leaves four sons and two daughters and a host of other relatives to mourn his death. The interment was in Rocky Mount Cemetery the following day.

The Purcell store, now nearing completion will be a credit to the town. The building is 30x40 feet, one story, and the brick work was completed in fifty-one and a half working hours. Within a few days it will be ready for occupancy by Messrs. Demoss & Oglesby. The brick were burned here and practically all materials used were procured here.

The charitable impulse of the citizens of Plain Dealing was well exemplified one day last week, when a destitute lady, with her enfeebled son, reached here. She wished to reach her relatives, residing in Helena, Ark. One of the charitably inclined and Christian ladies of our town was soon circulating a subscription list, and in a few moments ample funds were forthcoming for her relief and, needless to say, the unfortunate ones left with lightened hearts. Those residents of our town who are thus inclined have many like requests made of them, but they never turn a deaf ear to any case of real need.

Mr. W. H. Kelly a former resident of Plain Dealing, but for the past year a resident of the Sarepta community, died at his home last Saturday evening from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Bessie Mary Kelly, and one little girl, Willie Randolph, aged two and a half years. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelly, two brothers, J. G. Kelly, of Hosston, and J. A. Kelly, of Plain Dealing, and one sister, Miss Mattie Kelly, also of this place. The interment was in Plain Dealing Cemetery Sunday afternoon, the services at the grave being conducted by Rev. C. B. Powell. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the sad rites.

WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Lat Houston and his daughter, Miss Gerlie, of Sarepta, brother and niece of Mrs. J. A. Kelly, left yesterday for their home, after remaining here since Sunday.

Mr. Robert Curry, who for some time past has been located in Houston, Texas, where he held an important position with the Southern Pacific Railway Company, has been transferred to Gila, Arizona.

Mr. G. C. Lee, who acted as shipping clerk for some years for the Bolinger Lumber Company, at Bolinger, died Saturday afternoon after a protracted illness from malarial fever. The remains were buried in Greenwood cemetery, Shreveport, Sunday. His widow (nee Nell O'Brien) and several children survive him.

The Sweet Potato Weevil.

Mr. G. E. Gilmer, of Shreveport, Secretary for the Northwest Louisiana Farmers' and Planters' Co-operative Association, has mailed the writer the following two communications, which are self-explanatory:

Shreveport, La., Dec. 14, 1915.

Local Editor Bossier Banner, Benton, La.

Dear Sir: I am enclosing you copy of letter from J. B. Garrett, State Entomologist, which I deem of such importance to the growers of sweet potatoes of North Louisiana that I am asking you to publish it in full.

I have traced the source from which this weevil infection came and find that they were introduced into this section through several cars of seed potatoes shipped in from South Louisiana last spring by C. M. Porter and distributed either by him or through the firms of H. M. Well, Henry Rose and Foster & Glasell. Any one buying sweet potato seed this spring from any of the above firms, or who obtained seed or slips for planting from some one who bought from them, may suspect that his potatoes are infested with the potato weevil and should at once make a thorough investigation.

I ask, and insist, that every one who finds his potatoes infested report the

Dr. A. M. EICHELBERGER
 Graduate Veterinarian
 Shreveport, La.

Office and Hospital Spring and Millam Streets
 Telephone: Office, 1143; residence, 1322

same to me, as secretary of the farmers' association, and I shall use my best efforts to have the matter at once taken up by the State authorities, with the hope of eradication for this section. This is important, if we hope to continue to grow potatoes in this section.

Very truly yours,
 G. E. GILMER, Sec'y.

Calhoun, La., Dec. 13, 1915.

Mr. G. E. Gilmer, Shreveport, La.

Dear Mr. Gilmer: I have your letter of the 10th instant and have also received the specimen of sweet potato which, I regret very much to say, was infested with the sweet potato weevil, one of the most destructive enemies of this crop. This pest has been present in the southern part of the State and in South Texas for a number of years and has inflicted great damage on the sweet potato crops of those sections. It has been gradually working its way northward, but this is the first specimen I have received from any portion of North Louisiana. In all probability it has been introduced in the vicinity of Shreveport by the importation of seed or eating potatoes from infested locality to the south of that point.

This pest hibernates during the winter in the sweet potatoes themselves and in other places of protection, such as stumps, moss, leaves, logs, etc., and emerges in the spring and attacks the growing crop. The adults burrow down the vine until the tuber is reached and then eggs are deposited and a generation of weevils soon follow.

The following steps should be taken by farmers: Hogs should be turned into all sweet potato fields after the crop is harvested and allowed to remain there until all potatoes left in the field are eaten. Where potatoes are infested they should be enclosed in a tight room or bin and fumigated for thirty-six to forty-eight hours with carbon bisulphide (high life) at the rate of five to ten pounds for each 1000 cubic feet of room space. Infested potatoes that have not been fumigated and that are to be fed to live stock should be boiled before feeding. Seed potatoes should not be secured from infested premises. Sweet potatoes should never be planted on the same land two years in succession and the crop should be planted as far distant from the last year's crop as possible. A farmer who has infested fields should secure his planting seed from some locality where this pest does not occur. Sweet potato tubers should be distributed in and around last year's infested field in the early spring and collected at intervals of a week or such matter and destroyed and fresh potatoes put in their place, as many adult hibernated weevils may be destroyed in this manner. Morning glory vines and those belonging to this class should be destroyed as the pest will subsist on them.

This weevil is provided with two fully developed wings, but has never been observed in flight. It is probable that it does make short flights, but it evidently does not travel very rapidly by flight as it has been so many years in gaining new territory. For this reason every precaution should be taken to prevent its further spread.

This is another striking illustration of the great need of an efficient body of trained men and stringent laws to prevent the spread of such injurious pests. With stringent laws properly enforced and the farmers advised of the seriousness of the situation no doubt this insect would not have reached North Louisiana. If it becomes generally disseminated throughout the northern portion of the State it will damage the sweet potato crop thousands of dollars each year.

It would be a good idea for you to bring this matter to the attention of the members of your association and write an article for the Shreveport papers warning the farmers about the seriousness of this pest.

The tuber which you sent me contains some active adult weevils, and if they had not been destroyed this community would no doubt have become infested. I simply mention this to show how easily this insect can be introduced into new localities over a very wide territory by shipment.

If I can be of further service at any time call on me. Very truly yours,
 J. B. GARRETT,
 Assistant Director in Charge and Entomologist.

The Knights Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of Center Lodge No. 21, K. of P., held Tuesday evening at their hall in this place, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- L. G. Smith, Chancellor Commander.
- J. H. James, Vice Chancellor.
- E. W. Doran, Prelate.
- R. A. Smith, Master of Works.
- J. T. Hanks, Keeper of Records and Seals and Master of Finance.
- E. H. Belcher, Master at Arms.
- W. L. Gayle, Master of Exchequer.
- L. Swords, Inner Guard.
- R. O. Silliman, Outer Guard.

Maria McCarthy, an aged negress died here Sunday night as a result of burns received that day. Her clothing is thought to have caught fire during an epileptic spell, which she was subject to. She formerly resided in Bellevue for a number of years.



A ONE PIECE FROCK.

This graceful model is featured in plum colored broadcloth. Ball crocheted buttons are used freely as trimming, while interesting patches of embroidery strap the waist line perpendicular to the full skirt. Please notice how the rather tight sleeves flare in a bell shaped cuff. The snug collar has a dash of embroidery as finish.



A PEASANT EFFECT.

A royal blue velvet is used for this peasant gown. The snugly fitted basque has an apron-like tunic, while the effect is further accentuated by the pockets, which are set like those on a Normandy apron. The short skirt is quite full, and the V shaped neck is finished with a turnover collar lined with white satin.

An Appropriate Christmas Gift.

Young folks, have you ever wanted a certain article as a Christmas gift, and when Christmas came around you didn't get it and went and bought it yourself? Well, that is just the way to do in this case, but first take the matter up with your parents. If you present the matter in the right light they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them. It is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to make a good living throughout life. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Stenotyping, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60; Shorthand, \$50; or the two, \$95; Telegraphy, \$55; Cotton Classing, \$50; Business Administration and Finance, \$75. Board and room is from \$11.50 to \$15 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one-half months; Stenotyping, three months; our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping course, four months; Business Administration and Finance, five months; our Bookkeeping and Shorthand course com-

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For Father: A box of cigars, humidor of tobacco, pipe, or a safety razor and shaving accessories, a fountain pen or a traveling kit, a Thermos bottle or a pocket knife. For Mother: A manicure set, dressing table articles of Parisian ivory, a clock, WHITMAN'S CANDIES, toilet articles, picture frames, hand mirror, powder box, stationery, etc. And for all others in the family and on your list are gifts here sure to please.

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Christmas Bargains

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 L. C. KEOUN.

For Sale

I have for sale two shares of stock in the Bossier Parish Fair Association. If taken immediately and the cash is offered I will let them go at a reduction.
 Mrs. ED LOGAN, Benton, La.

Devotional.

Services will be held at different churches in this parish Sunday as reported below by those authorized to care for the several charges:

HAUGHTON, La., Dec. 13, 1915.
 Local Editor Banner, Benton, La.
 DEAR SIR: Please announce that there will be preaching at Bossier City at eleven a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. each Sunday in the month of Sunday school at three p.m. Midweek prayer meeting, Friday evenings at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Senior Epworth League. Meetings of the Junior Epworth League (Mrs. V. L. Thompson, Superintendent) every Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.
 J. M. BROWN.

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 W. B. PERRITT, P. C.