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Correspondence

Red Land.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.
Business visitors to Plain Dealing last Saturday were Messrs. Sanders Goodwin, Floyd Denmon, Milton and Thomas F. Johnson and Austin Stampley.

Miss Robbie D. Stewart, who teaches in the Springhill High School, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Mrs. M. R. Johnson and Miss Alta Elliot were visitors to Shreveport last week-end.

Misses Vivian and Sybil Norris were delightful guests of the Misses Randolph and Miss Carrie Johnson the past week-end.

Misses Myrtle and Brude Rodgers and Della Anderson, Messrs. Marcus Cason and Austin Stampley were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dodson yesterday afternoon.

Misses Bertice Chamlee and Vera King now at home from Helffer, where their school closed Saturday, with a picnic.

Don't forget that Friday night, May 6th, "Deacon Dubbs" will be given at the School House, as a closing program. It is a splendid play and as put on will be well worth seeing. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

The first Saturday and Sunday in each month are the regular service days at the Baptist Church. Try and be present Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Roberson was a business visitor to Shreveport one day last week.

Misses Mary Lee and Ruth Rogers, of Plain Dealing, spent the past week-end here with relatives.

Mr. L. C. Koon left Tuesday of last week for Haynesville, where he expects to remain for some time.

Mr. Denison Barnett, who has employment at some point in Texas, is visiting home folks.

Miss Vivian Norris, who taught the Walker School this term, is at home, as her school closed last Friday.

Mr. E. C. Dodson, of Plain Dealing, spent last Wednesday night here with relatives.

Mr. S. C. Garrett spent last Thursday night in Plain Dealing with relatives.

Brother Becker preached at the Baptist Church here yesterday.

Rev. Cantley filled his regular appointment at the Union Grove Church yesterday.

Mr. Marshall Adams, of Helffer, was a guest of Mr. Ivor Barnett yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roberson were shopping in Plain Dealing last Friday.

Mrs. A. J. Gamble was shopping in Shreveport last Saturday. —PAT.

Around Met.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.
Mr. Frank Allums, who has been at a Shreveport sanitarium for over two weeks, underwent an operation for appendicitis. His many friends hope him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bounds spent the week-end at home with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lynn.

The many friends of Mr. Seymour Garrett will regret to learn that he is sick.

Miss Myrtice Matlock and Mr. Martin Matlock, mingled with relatives and friends near Rocky Mount Saturday and yesterday.

Miss Della Anderson was the attractive guest of Misses Myrtice Cason and Alberta Wilcox, near Springhill, the latter part of last week.

Messrs. R. B. Kilgore, Josh Matlock, Marshall Anderson, Thurman Stroud and Atward Stroud mingled with friends near Sarepta Saturday.

Mr. Marcus Cason, Misses Brude Rodgers, Della Anderson and Myrtle Rodgers were guests of Mr. Leonard and Misses Estelle and Charlie Dodson yesterday. Also, Mr. Austin Stampley, of near Red Land.

We have organized a Sunday school, to be held every Sunday afternoon at Union Grove Church. Everybody has a welcome invitation. Come at three o'clock. Also, prayer meeting is held every Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Norris entertained with a rook party last Friday night. After playing rook a while a sumptuous lunch was enjoyed by the several guests.

Everybody has an invitation to be present at the Boggs Cemetery Saturday, the 30th, on which date it will be cleaned off. —RAINBOW

Plain Dealing, Route Three.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.
Mrs. J. F. Strayhan, Jr., entertained the Double Four Book Club April 14th at Mrs. Hube Strayhan's. Mrs. Hugh Strayhan scoring highest, received the club prize, a lovely box of correspondence cards, and Mrs. George Nattin second prize, a salt and pepper shaker. Delicious strawberries and whipped cream, devil's food cake and tea were served. Those present were Messrs. W. A. Rhodes, S. C. Sebring, G. W. Nattin, Will Hedge, Jeff Rivers, Verette Rivers, R. C. Strayhan, Isaac Hottel, Hugh Strayhan, and Miss Willie Strayhan.

The club will meet with Mrs. Hugh Strayhan April 28th at 2:15 p.m.

Phillips Hill.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.
Miss Herta Burks has been confined to her bed the past week, but is a little better.

Mr. Joe Hill, residing near Al-Rim, was a guest last Friday night of Mr. Charlie Burks. They spent the night on Bodcan.

Worn, Thursday, the 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bounds, a sweet little girl. This is their eighth child and fourth girl.

Caney was up again last Friday and Bodcan is about like it has been the past two weeks—nearly hub deep to a wagon at the crossing.

There was a singing last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Booker. A pleasant time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hughes, from Bossier City, are visiting Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. Malcolm Young.

Mr. Charlie Burks and family spent Saturday night and yesterday at the home of little Ples Johnston, of the Emma community.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry and children spent Saturday night and yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes McCall. Lots of rain, and more coming. Corn and cotton are on a stand—too cold for it to grow any.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnston have a right sick boy at their home, but he is reported some better.

In a letter from Mrs. S. N. Morrison (now in El Paso, Texas) to the writer she says she has been quite poorly again, but was a little better at the time she wrote. —FRECKLES.

Rocky Mount.

Dated: Wednesday, April 27th.

Another big rain this week, but today promises to be fair. As a result of the heavy rains the Hughes Spur bridge was washed away.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bounds had as guests Saturday night and Sunday Misses Lizze and Ita Bounds. A rook party was given that night. Quite a few enjoying the games.

Mrs. J. W. Eckardt, of Shreveport, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bounds, this week.

Misses Jessie Mae Hall and Althea Bland spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Bounds and daughters, Misses Yashti and Pauline, of Plain Dealing, were pleasant guests of friends and relatives here the past week-end.

Messrs. Paxton Ziegler, and Fred Gregory came home from Shreveport last Friday. They came up to attend the school picnic and ball game. (Also, some pretty girls were part of the attraction.)

Our school closed last Friday. Saturday nearly every one in our community was present with baskets full of good dinner for the picnic. All seemed to have a most enjoyable time. After the sumptuous spread, many went to the baseball game, which Rocky Mount won by a score of 13 to 3. Lintou must come back again, though.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bounds spent the past week at Springhill with Mrs. Bounds' home folks.

Mrs. W. O. Odon spent the week-end with her father, Mr. H. F. Ogelsby.

Little Misses Marie, Edith and Maurine Martin spent Saturday and Sunday with their aunts, Mrs. G. A. Bounds, and Mrs. J. M. Bounds.

Rev. H. J. McGehee filled his regular appointment Sunday. Due to weather conditions, only a few were present.

Mr. Francis Horton was a pleasant guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Ziegler, last Saturday and Sunday. Cheer up, "brown eyes," he will come again.

Every one regrets to see Miss Parker leave. Especially will she be missed in the younger set. —STIX.

Pleasant Hill.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.

"More rain, more grass"—and the farmers are in the grass now.

Mrs. J. D. Gleason visited her daughter, Mrs. Regger Hance, last Saturday. Messdames B. F. and I. A. Gleason were pleasant guests of Mrs. Frank Arnold's last Thursday.

Miss Mattie DeMoss visited Mrs. Besse DeMoss, of Plain Dealing, Saturday.

After spending two days with his family, Mr. B. F. Gleason will leave tomorrow for Gillette, Ark., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. Alie DeMoss and niece, Miss Mabel DeMoss, were pleasant guests of Mr. A. J. DeMoss and daughter, Miss Mattie, Saturday night and yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. DeMoss visited their daughter, Mrs. Caleb McKinney, yesterday afternoon. —ALT.

Miller's Bluff.

Dated: Tuesday, April 26th.

The farmers on Red River are beginning to talk overwork again, as the weather bureau observer has reported another rise coming down the river.

Our Sunday school was reorganized Sunday, with a good attendance present. The teachers appointed were: Mrs. S. D. Pittman, Mrs. J. H. Ward, Mrs. L. Wallace and Mrs. John English.

All are cordially invited to attend. We meet each Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

The change in our singing class, as announced at the last meeting, is that hereafter the meetings will be held on Saturday evenings at 8:30 o'clock. All are invited.

Miss Melissa Arnold, of Plain Dealing, spent the past week-end here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. Stiles was a guest of Mrs. Tom Gardner Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Arnold had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. B. Winham and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward.

Miss Cornelia Chandler was a guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Jeff Morgan.

Mrs. Amos Barker, of near Arkana, is reported to be somewhat indisposed. Her mother, Mrs. Chandler, and sister, Mrs. J. Crouch, are at her bedside. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. Griggs and children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Stone spent some three or four days of last week with Mrs. Stone's mother, of near Shreveport.

Mrs. Mary Morgan visited friends at Arkana from Saturday until yesterday.

The North Bossier farmers have suffered considerable loss on account of the heavy winds and rain which swept through this vicinity last night and this morning. Much damage was done to cotton, which had sprouted and was just beginning to come through. Also, many fields are badly washed.

Plain Dealing, Route Two.

Dated: Tuesday, April 26th.

How is this for rainy weather? After looking over the condition of fields following last night's rain, the writer can truthfully say that he believes the damage to crops would not come shorter than 20 per cent and to field lands not less than 15 per cent.

Brother Becker, from Taylor, Ark., preached a good sermon Sunday at Red Land. His text was, "Alas, the axe was borrowed."

Prof. M. R. and Elston Johnson made a short call on J. H. O'Daniel Sunday morning.

Paul Roberson, Drew and Lay Matlock, Jasper, Jr., and John Norris were pleasant callers on Elmer and Gerald O'Daniel Sunday.

Mr. Mark Cason and Miss Della Anderson motored through this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. T. F. Johnston was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. J. H. O'Daniel Sunday night, entertaining the crowd with songs and music. The visitors were Edwin Rogers, Nelly Stanley, and Irrey Arnold, of State Line, Ark.

Mrs. Margaret Rogers is reported on the sick list this week.

Messrs. T. A. Stewart and T. H. Blanton were among the callers at Mr. J. H. O'Daniel's home Sunday.

I suppose myriads are still plentiful from the fact that Mrs. Clara Boulware and Miss Lizzie Morgan and the three Misses Hendrix gathered 10 gallons in about fifty-five minutes Monday afternoon in this section. —STIX.

Miller's Bluff.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.

Cloudy again this morning. Expect we are to have some more rain.

Mrs. Mary Morgan visited friends at Arkana yesterday.

Miss Susie Crowley returned home last Friday. She spent the greater part of the week near Longspur with her grandmother.

Mr. J. D. Wilson was mingling with friends of the Shiloh community one day last week.

Mrs. W. F. Arnold was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morgan yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson had as guests yesterday Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griggs.

Miss Melissa Arnold was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crouch Saturday night and yesterday.

Mr. Pete Johnson, who has been working at Bossier, spent Saturday and yesterday with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Winham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stiles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner yesterday. —MERRYDOCK.

Oak Grove.

Dated: Monday, April 25th.

The continued heavy rains are proving a serious set-back to our farmers, and operations in the direction of more planting seem suspended for a while, at least.

The Apostolic meeting near Clifford, in Webster Parish, has been in full swing the past week. Lots of excellent sermons and good singing are reported.

"Judge" Rufford Kilgore spent Saturday night with relatives and friends residing in this community.

Mr. C. M. Malone, of Webster, was a visitor in these parts Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Denmon and family spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Neil.

Mr. M. V. Boyd spent yesterday evening with Mr. A. J. Logan.

Rev. Cantley, of the Met community, was a visitor in this vicinity last Friday.

Mr. Jacob Cady visited friends here Sunday of last week. —ONE STX.

Colored Burglar Held at Shreveport Hospital

Charley Jones, or Charley Johnson, whichever may be his true name, has come to grief. He is an inmate in a ward at the State Hospital in Shreveport, with a bullet hole through his brain. And to make sure he remains on the job (for he ran seven blocks in an effort to escape Monday morning) he is chained to his bed. The surgeons at the hospital say he will recover, and as soon as he is convalescent he will be turned over to Sheriff Adair.

According to the story as secured, the criminal evaded capture on the morning of the 18th, when Deputy Sheriff Job Wilson and others pursued him with bloodhounds, by boarding a passing freight train some miles above Benton. Landing in Shreveport he soon grew lonesome and addressed a letter to the woman, Willie Mae Brown, then held in the Parish Jail—which he no doubt didn't know. The letter was directed to the Alden Bridge postoffice and when forwarded here to the woman fell into Sheriff Adair's hands. The woman was told to answer the letter and forward her reply to Bossier City, as Charley had instructed. The dictated letter went forward and Charley would no doubt have fallen into the trap and been captured had he at the time been physically able and free to walk over to Bossier City and call for his mail.

Thursday night of last week the negro was arrested in Shreveport by two policemen on the charge of robbing a box car. While being held at the K. C. S. freight depot awaiting the arrival of the patrol wagon, he made a run for his freedom and was shot by one of the officers. The bullet entered the back of the head, coming out above the forehead, and not only brought the negro to a stop, but has rendered him practically speechless ever since.

Friday at last week Deputy Sheriff Wilson went to Shreveport to visit the hospital and look the negro over. At the time he could not be positive he was the much wanted burglar from Bossier Parish. Monday he returned to the hospital, talking with him the prison woman to identify the wounded man. She recalled him at once, greeting him: "Hello, Charley." Mr. Wilson then asked the woman if he was the man wanted for the Bossier Parish burglary, if he was the one ahead of the bloodhounds early Monday morning of last week, and if the wounds were not close in behind him? The negro in turn nodded his head as reply to all these questions. Also, his right arm has once been broken, and it would seem that his identity has been established beyond doubt.

Levee Board Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee Board was held in Shreveport this day, Friday, April 22, 1921, at the office of the Board.

The following named members, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, were present: President A. Curtis, W. H. Hodges, Jr., J. H. Mercer, H. L. Stansell, and J. I. Thomas; Messrs. L. R. Kirby and T. W. W. Stinson, being absent.

On motion of Mr. Stansell, and seconded by Mr. Thomas, the following tax ordinance was unanimously adopted for the year 1921.

TAX ORDINANCE.

As adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District for the Year 1921.

An ordinance levying a 10-mill tax on all property in the Bossier Levee District subject to taxation for levee purposes for the year 1921.

It is ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District, in regular session convened, that a district levee tax of 10-mills on the dollar of its assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property situated in the Bossier Levee District for the year 1921.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A. CURTIS, President.

E. B. HEATON, Jr., Secretary.

Bossier City to Celebrate.

Monday of next week, May 24, residents of Bossier City are to give a barbecue at the Parish Fair Grounds in celebration of the traffic bridge at that place being made free. According to the report, there will be plenty of good meat, etc. for all, and the invitation is general. A feature of the occasion will be a parade of length to lead across the bridge into Shreveport and then back to the Fair Grounds. Several prominent speakers have been asked to be present.

Something to Be Thankful For.

"The late William Dean Howells," said a publisher, "was an incurable optimist. I called on Mr. Howells one day, and as I lit a cigarette I complained about the quality of the matches. This complaint brought out Mr. Howells' optimism beautifully. His eyes twinkled and he said: 'Let me be grateful, he says like these, for something that doesn't strike.'" —DETROIT FREE PRESS.

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INCOME TAX—CLAIMS FOR REFUND AND ABATEMENT.

Retiring from Congress after sixteen years' service, I wish to announce the opening of my Washington office for the handling of income tax matters and the presentation of questions arising before the various Government Departments.

I have the services of high class experts in income tax matters.

All business will receive my personal attention and be kept in absolute confidence. Most respectfully,

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