

The circulation of a newspaper determines the value of its columns as an advertising medium. The NEWS-HERALD has by far the largest circulation of any paper in Highland county, which fact advertisers would do well to bear in mind. Our lists are open to their inspection.

Next Monday is Decoration Day.

You ought to visit Bowers' ice cream parlors. Harry Richards & Co. have closed their feed mill for the summer.

We pay 82c. for good wheat at Model City Mills. HINSHAND & COWMAN.

Miss Cad Glenn, of New Vienna, is visiting her cousin, Miss Maggie Glenn.

Call and see Hiestand & Cowman, at Model City Mills, before you sell your wheat.

These hot days a dish of Bowers' ice cream at his handsome parlors is very refreshing.

Mr. Scott Holmes, of Cincinnati, spent Sunday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Enos Holmes.

A number of our teachers attended the H. C. T. A. meeting at New Lexington last Saturday.

Mr. Mills Gardner, of Washington C. H., visited relatives in this city several days last week.

Embroidery silk, embroidery linen, buttons, braids, and an extra assortment of notions at Hibben's.

Mrs. Arch Harwood returned to her home in Loveland last Saturday, after a several weeks' visit in this city.

The bargains at Kelly's will not last long, so make no delay, but go and see him, as he will do you good.

This office has received late copies of Nebraska City, Nebraska, papers marked "Compliments of W. C. Woodrow."

We have a large assortment of corsets; Ball's, Warner's, and all the leading makes. S. E. HIBBEN & SON.

Bowers' Ice Cream Parlors have been handsomely refitted and refurbished. An elegant resort for you and your best girl.

Mrs. Alcinda Glascock left Saturday morning for a several weeks' visit to her son, Mr. A. S. Glascock, of near Jeffersonville.

Tom Langley has had his oil wagon repaired and repainted, and it is now a regular "stunner." Jerry Fidler was the artist.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dynes and child, of Emporia, Kansas, visited relatives and friends in this city and vicinity during the past week.

Mr. J. T. Potts, a prominent citizen and merchant of Ash Ridge, Ohio, accompanied by his wife, was in this city Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush E. Evans and children, of Niles, Michigan, spent several days of last week in this city the guest of Kush's mother, Mrs. A. Hart.

Don't forget that we make a specialty of kid gloves, and have all the new shades in plain, stitch-back, undressed, etc. S. E. HIBBEN & SON.

The Lincoln Club of Hillsboro have their regular meetings the first and third Tuesday nights of every month at 8 o'clock, at their rooms in the Straus building.

The NEWS-HERALD job rooms executed a handsome twelve-page programme for the commencement exercises of the Princeton Collegiate Institute, Princeton, Ky., within the past week.

The annual reunion and picnic of the Conard and Edwards families will be held on Monday, the 6th day of June, at the usual place. All the connections of the families are invited to attend, and bring their baskets well filled.

The Baltimore Sun was fifty years old on the 17th of this month, and celebrated its semi-centennial birthday by sending its many friends an exceedingly handsome souvenir—indeed, one of the handsomest we ever saw.

Mr. G. T. Green, of the Children's Home, Cincinnati, called at this office last Saturday to say that he is thinking of bringing a company of boys from the home to place in the country around Hillsboro. Should any think of taking a boy they may learn the conditions by addressing Mr. Green as above.

During the past week Hanlon & Lemon have shipped two extra fine and handsome monuments—one to Morrow and one to Clarksville. These are each family monuments, the first named having inscribed upon it the name of Glehla, and the latter Bowman. The work of this firm is gaining a wide reputation.

Rev. Lawrence Sullivan, the popular and devoted assistant at St. Edward's Church ever since his ordination, left on Tuesday last for Hillsboro, where he has been appointed to the pastorate and missions. His departure is a loss to St. Edward's congregation, but his removal is a deserved promotion.—Commercial Gazette.

The commencement programme of Highland Institute will be rendered at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, the 8th of June, in the Institute Chapel, addressed by the Rev. S. A. Alderson, of Washington C. H., Ohio. On Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock the preparatory and primary classes will give a short programme of English, French and German selections, for the entertainment of their friends, at the same place.

The street-cleaning brigade is out in full force.

Chinese illumination at the College Friday evening.

Go to Bowers' ice cream parlors—and take your girl with you.

Willis H. Wiggins, Esq., of Chillicothe, will deliver the oration next Monday.

Mr. Harry Wright, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting his cousin, Mr. John D. Bell.

Remember the most enjoyable occasion of the season is expected at the College, Friday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Meek and children left Monday morning for an extended visit to relatives in Cincinnati.

A number of our young society gentlemen and ladies are at the Rocky Fork Caves to-day (Wednesday).

Miss Josie Morgan, State President of the Y. W. C. T. U., lectured at the M. E. Church last Saturday evening.

The entertainment to be given at the College Chapel Friday evening at 8 o'clock, promises a grand success.

Mrs. Sarah E. Anderson, of Snow Hill, visited relatives and friends in this city and vicinity during the past week.

Late copies of the Denver Republican have been received at this office through the kindness of Mr. C. A. Doggett.

Mr. Hugh Evans, of Greenfield, was the guest of his brother, Greenberry Evans, several days of the past week.

City Solicitor Morrow deserves great credit for the masterly manner in which he has conducted the prosecution in the city's local option cases.

The First and Sixth Internal Revenue Districts have been consolidated. This places Highland county in District No. 1, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

Mr. W. C. Smith left last Saturday for Sandusky, as a representative from this place to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which convened on the 24th, at that place.

The improvements being made at the College will benefit the city in many ways. Go to the entertainment and festival Friday evening, and thus assist the worthy cause.

Dr. Juan Hough, of Culican, Sinaloa, Mexico, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Chenoweth, and granddaughter, of Paris, Tennessee, was the guest of Mr. Ed. L. Warson last Monday.

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. N. W. Chaney gave a six o'clock tea for Mrs. D. W. Clark and other friends. All present report that the hours sped by swiftly and pleasantly.

Miss Anna Law, a sister of Mrs. Chas. Meek, of this city, and who has visited here several times, is to be married at the First Presbyterian Church at Walnut Hills on Thursday, June 2d, to Mr. Chas. W. Bell.

Mr. John J. Fallon, of Helena, Montana, visited his parents here Monday, and on Wednesday he was united in marriage to Miss Rose Fallon, of Cincinnati. We wish John and his happy bride a prosperous and happy future.

All members of the G. A. R. and S. of V. are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' Hall next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock sharp, and march in a body to the Baptist Church, where Rev. E. B. Smith will preach the Memorial sermon. Let the church be crowded.

The announcement cards of the wedding of Mr. Chas. E. Given to Miss Carrie M. Fletcher on last Thursday, at the residence of the bride's mother in Cincinnati, have been received by friends at one time a resident of this city and also a typo at the News office, and many are the hearty congratulations and well wishes of her numerous friends in this city.

We again noticed on our streets the active, wide-awake and hustling Ellis Pence, Agent of the Harsha Marble and Granite Works, of Hillsboro. Mr. Pence can get over more country in less time than any living man, and do more business in his line. Prompt and absolutely reliable, he sells more marble and granite supplies than any agent in the country, and at better rates. He was the successful bidder for the splendid Mitchell monument, and goes to Hillsboro this week with orders amounting to about two thousand dollars.—Brown County News.

"Hello, reporter, do you want a pointer?" "Certainly." "Well, I was over at Morrow last week, and a class of six young ladies had just graduated from the High School there. But the pointer is this: In that class of six were two who were not able to afford the fiery generally displayed by the fair sex on such occasions, and the other four generously consented that the whole class wear calico dresses. Now, that's what I call common sense and pure generosity." The reporter seconded the motion.

One night about 11 o'clock during the past week a tramp knocked at the door of the residence of Mr. Alfred Swadley, a few miles north of town, and demanded a place to sleep for the night. After gaining admittance he claimed that he was Bob McKimie; that he had been released from the penitentiary on account of good behavior; that he had been arrested by the Dakota detectives, taken to that State, tried and cleared; and in fact related many incidents and exploits of McKimie's life, and especially of his many adventures in this country. He also looked very much like Bob. Of course his hearers did not believe the tramp's story, but he gained his point and was given shelter for the night.

Mrs. J. M. Hibben and Master Fred are visiting relatives in Piqua.

John A. Collins, Esq., was in Cincinnati last week on legal business.

The Creamery is now manufacturing over 350 pounds of butter each day.

Isaac Kaufmann & Co. are fitting up their business room for a wholesale and retail drug store.

The jewelry establishment of Wm. Matthews has been purchased by Mr. Frank Emmerling.

The Hillsboro High School will this year graduate a class of seven. The College class will consist of six young ladies.

W. R. Smith & Co., the old and reliable druggists, have an article in another column which will pay all to make a careful perusal of.

New telephones were placed in the following places last week: O'Connell & Co., Creamery, and creamery office at J. S. Kilfrith & Co.'s store.

The machinery for the gas well is about all in place, and boring will be commenced within the next twenty-four hours, should no accident occur.

Judge Advocate D. Q. Morrow left Wednesday morning for Cincinnati to make arrangements to try Capt. Wilkinson, of the camp formerly bearing his name, by court-martial.

At a called meeting of Council Tuesday evening the appointment of Mr. U. S. Newman as police officer was confirmed. Bills were allowed and appropriations for culverts were made also.

Mr. John Hamill, an old Hillsboro boy, but now engaged in the milling business in Waverly, led one of that village's smiling young maidens to the matrimonial altar yesterday (Wednesday). Much happiness to you, Johnny.

Mr. Ellis Pence and wife gave an ice cream supper on Monday evening to the following persons, being old friends from New Market: Messrs. H. S. and J. O. Vance, D. Q. Morrow, John Gaines and H. D. Davis. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Waste Not entertainment at the M. E. Church last Friday evening was attended by a fair crowd, and an exceedingly pleasant and entertaining programme was rendered. After the literary exercises were over refreshments were served. The girls realized a nice little sum toward the support of their orphan charge in China.

On Thursday evening of next week the ladies of the Episcopal Church will give an entertainment at the City Hall. From five to six a supper will be served, for which twenty-five cents will be charged. Tickets entitling the holder to supper can be secured at the door or of the committee who will wait on our citizens for that purpose. After six o'clock refreshments of every kind will be served, and an admittance fee of ten cents will be charged.

Rev. Wm. Smith lectured to the Young Men's League Monday evening upon the subject, "Man and His True Worth." Mr. Smith pictured to them in a beautiful and profound way what man is competent to accomplish if he only has the will-power. He proved by glowing illustrations that determination is calculated to characterize man to achieve wonders under any and all circumstances. All were highly pleased, and the young men hope that they may be permitted soon again to listen to another of Mr. Smith's productions.

The Hillsboro School Board at its meeting last Saturday evening selected Prof. Samuel Major, of Chillicothe, as superintendent of our public schools at a salary of \$1400 per year. This is a selection which does and should highly please our citizens. Prof. Major is an old Highland county boy, having been raised near Stringtown, and is well known to many of our citizens. The Professor is a highly educated and cultured scholar, a polite and honest gentleman and a prudent disciplinarian. For the past six years Mr. Major has been principal of the high schools at Chillicothe, and prior to that period had filled the position of superintendent of the public schools at Greenfield and Lancaster. In every instance he gave the utmost satisfaction.

Shooting Serape. On last Saturday morning, Martha Ellen Johnson, a well-known colored character of this city, got into a dispute with Maggie Davis, who resides at the home of Moses Johnson, the divorced husband of the said Martha. Moses and Mrs. Col. Trimble, for whom he works, were on the way to Mrs. Trimble's house, and hearing the angry words Moses ordered Martha to leave and picked up a stick of wood. Immediately Martha pulled her revolver and fired two, but done no damage, other than frightening Mrs. Trimble very badly. Mrs. Johnson will be tried next Friday before Mayor Harman on the charge of shooting at with intent to kill.

Boyle Bumped. On last Saturday Mr. Dan Boyle, who resides on West street, north of Collins avenue, went over to the Carlisle district after his son, who was working for Jake Borden. He found the boy working in a field and jerking him from the corn-planter on which he was riding, commenced whipping him unmercifully. Borden remonstrated and urged Boyle to stop, when the infuriated man made at him. Borden started to run, and grabbed a single-tree as he ran. Finding that Boyle was gaining on him rapidly he turned and threw the single-tree, striking his pursuer across the head and falling him to the ground. At present Boyle is in a precarious condition and doubts are entertained as to his recovery.

Won't Have to Wait Long. Hillsboro, Manchester and Felicity are boring for gas and as soon as they strike the stuff Ripley will begin. That is all we are waiting for.—Ripley Bee and Times.

The Thirteenth Regiment. Since the general consolidation of the regiments of the Ohio National Guards, the following companies compose the 13th: Co. A, Springfield; Co. B, Hillsboro; Co. C, Georgetown; Co. D, Mansfield; Co. E, Greenfield; Co. F, New Vienna. The field officers are: W. J. White, Colonel; C. D. Thompson, Lieutenant Colonel; Edward Rott, Major.

Wedding of Colored People. Mr. George Bolden, of Hillsboro, and Miss Lilla Hansboro were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Martha Hansboro, on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. Silas French, of Hillsboro, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by quite a number, the two races being about equally blended. A collation was served. The couple will reside in Hillsboro, the groom being connected with the Kramer House.—New Vienna Record.

Alumni Election. At the meeting of the High School Alumni last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Ella Williams; Vice-President, Miss Lida Willis; Rec. Secretary, Miss Lida Pence; Cor. Secretary, Miss Fannie F. McKeenan; Treasurer, Miss Madge Carson; Executive Committee, Misses Kittie Oldaker, Lida Ambrose and Minnie Williams and Mr. P. B. Zink.

The Liquor Cases. The case of Dan Koch, of which we made mention last week was continued until Monday, at which time he was fined \$25 and costs.

Since our last Kaufman & Co. have been arrested on two charges—one for selling on prescription and one for selling at wholesale. These charges were both heard Monday, and on the prescription charge they were fined \$50 and costs, and on the other \$25 and costs. Sentence on both these cases and that of Dan Koch were suspended ten days on motion of defendant's counsel to enable defendant to perfect proceedings in error.

Willis-Harris. A very informal wedding was celebrated last Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. at the residence of the groom's parents, 723 Tracy avenue. The young couple were Mr. T. L. Willis and Miss Bessie Harris, sister of Mr. George L. Harris of this city. The ceremony was pronounced by the Rev. J. C. Morris, pastor of the Walnut street M. E. Church, the bride and groom occupying a position in the bay window directly under a horse shoe composed of roses, lilies and India mull with tulle front, bouquet of white roses, diamonds. After the ceremony an elegant supper was served in the dining-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis were happily remembered by their many warm friends, the presents being numerous and elegant. They will be at home to friends for the present at 723 Tracy avenue.

We clip the above from the Kansas City (Mo.) Times of May 15th. It will be of interest to our many readers, as Miss Harris was at one time a resident of this city.

Water! Water! Water! "Mr. Editor.—We think in view of the scarcity of water in our city, that it is the duty of the County Commissioners and the Council to unite and employ the gentlemen, who are now sinking the gas well to sink wells on the Court House square. They have the machinery, and can soon sink wells and secure a good supply of water, which would be a great benefit to our city and the people of the county."

The above has been handed us, with the signatures of our principal business men attached to it. We heartily endorse the spirit of the letter, and would suggest that the Commissioners and Councilmen take immediate steps toward the consummation of the plan suggested. "Water, more water," has been the crying want of Hillsboro ever since it was laid out, and now that there is an opportunity to remedy the evil to a great extent, it is the duty of these officers to do something.

Ministerial Association. The Hillsboro District Association met at Mainville, Warren county, O., May 16th and 17th. The most of the brethren on the district were present, and when called on to report the condition of their work were ready to report progress in every feature of the work.

The opening session on Monday evening was one full of interest and encouragement. A good degree of revival interest has pervaded the district during the past winter. It was soon discovered that there had been a fight all along the line against the great evil intemperance, and in many instances there had been great victories.

The Hillsboro Ministerial Association are a unit on the temperance question. The unanimous voice of the brethren is, the war is not yet over, and will not be while there is a place left to ensnare our sons and brothers. The spirit of a Haddock, Northup and Gambrell was in the air, and everything indicated that the fight was becoming hotter and hotter.

Although these great temperance workers have fallen, yet there was no indication of anyone flinching from the conflict.

The other leading feature of the association was the marked enthusiasm on the great work of missions.

The Hillsboro district under the able leadership of its Presiding Elder gives every indication of making a grand advance in the collection for missions.

The next session of the association will be held at Leesburg, O.

L. M. DAVIS, Sec.

H. C. T. A.

An Interesting Meeting—Election of Officers.

The Highland County Teachers' Association met in New Lexington in the M. E. Church, May 21, 1887, with the President, D. S. Ferguson, in the chair. The morning session opened with music, followed with prayer by Rev. Pamphrey, Miss Adda Goodbar then read an interesting paper on "Early Training." After a song by Miss Maud Wright, the names of the places where the teachers were to be entertained were read by Prof. Barrett, and the association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

The afternoon session opened with music. Prof. Wright, of Wilmington College, was then introduced, and read an excellent paper on "Literature in Common Schools." After music Prof. Wilkinson, of Linwood, Ohio, presented a paper in a lively manner, which was appreciated by all. A recess of ten minutes was given, and a committee appointed to solicit names as members of the association.

An invitation for the next meeting to be held in June, at Belfast, sent by Fenton Gall, was presented by Prof. Barrett. The motion to hold the meeting in September at that place carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. B. Barrett; Vice-Presidents, Charles Swadley, R. B. Fairley; Treasurer, Adda Goodbar; Executive Committee, Lena Simpson, Paulina Horst; Secretary, Sarah E. Williams.

A vote of thanks was tendered Professors Wright and Wilkinson and Miss Goodbar for their excellent papers, the people of New Lexington for their entertainment, the Trustees for the use of the church and the choir for music. The meeting then closed with the benediction by Rev. Conger.

ANNA SHINN, Secretary.

AMONG OUR COLORED PEOPLE.

Elder Smothers was to leave Tuesday morning for Richmond, Ind., but was detained on account of the death of Mrs. Margaret Kittler, who died early that morning. The deceased while living often expressed her desire to have Elder Smothers officiate at her funeral obsequies, and her husband, daughter and mother prevailed on Rev. Smothers to remain a few days and officiate at the funeral.

Elder A. Lawrence, the popular pastor of the Wesleyan Church of Xenia, is on a visit to this city for a few days to see old friends. Elder Lawrence was formerly pastor of the Wesleyan Church of this city, but was stationed at Xenia in September last. His success last winter in revival meetings has distinguished him as one of the most successful revivalists in the State. Over sixty were brought into the church through his efforts. May success ever attend his earnest efforts.

One of the most successful quarterly meetings that has been conducted in that place for quite a long while was held in the Wesleyan Church Sunday last. The members and friends of the church are feeling quite happy over the quarterly visit of their presiding elder, Rev. S. M. Smothers, who is using his energies to hold the church together while they are without regular weekly preaching. Rev. A. P. Parker, of Springfield, will visit the church at the invitation of the presiding elder about the first of June. Rev. Parker is a member of the Ministerial College and an eloquent preacher, and will doubtless draw a large audience.

Since Rev. Smothers was located in this city he has been promoted to the Presidency of the "Ministerial College," an institution which meets annually and is conducted on an intellectual, moral, religious and charitable basis. This college was founded in Richmond, Ind., two years ago, and numbers over one hundred members, with an individual capital of \$85,000, and is composed of some of the best and wealthiest colored people in the country. Elder Lawrence was honored with the position of Secretary at the last session held in Dayton a few weeks ago. Mrs. E. Taylor, of this city, was made a subordinate lecturer.

Excursion Rates on C., W. & B. on May 28th, 29th and 30th.

Round trip tickets will be sold by the C., W. & B. R. R. on above dates at excursion rates, good going only on date of sale and good returning May 30th and 31st, from all stations to all other stations.

Order. A meeting of the Sons of Veterans Saturday evening, to which all S. of V.'s are requested to attend.

H. D. DAVIS, Captain.

STRINGTOWN.

May 24th, 1887. Farmers are about done planting corn.

Boys.—To Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Barrett, a fine baby girl last Saturday.

Miss Irene Cowgill will visit her father and brother in Indiana soon.

Mr. Isaac Brown has suffered a relapse and is now in a very critical condition.

Miss Emma Milligan is at home after several months' visit to friends at Mutual, O.

Thos. Duff, living a few miles southeast of here, is dangerously ill. His life is despaired of.

Thos. Pittman has been engaged to teach the winter term of school here at \$40 per month.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Overman and daughter, Sallie, are expected home from Florida next Saturday.

Miss Emma and Tibitha Clements, of Bainbridge, spent Sunday and Monday at their homes here.

Mr. C. M. Overman, of Hillsboro, spent last Sabbath in this place, the guest of his brother, Wm. O. Overman.

Mr. Isaac Hawley has concluded to quit work and rest in his old days. He will visit Xenia soon to see his daughter.

Mrs. Gertrude Karree left on Wednesday of last week for Missouri on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Doris Montgomery. She expects to be gone about four weeks.

Mr. Robert, of Greenfield, has traded his property in this place to Thos. Clements, for Mrs. K. Boddy, of Leesburg. They make the exchange September first.

L. M. DAVIS, Sec.

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WILLETTSVILLE.

May 24th, 1887. Generally speaking the health of this place and vicinity is very good.

Mr. Morris Morrow is progressing finely with his new house east of this place.

The farmers are done planting corn. The seed being of an excellent quality, but little replanting will be necessary.

Quite a storm of rain, hail and wind passed a short distance north of this place last Saturday evening. Doing much damage in the way of blowing down fruit trees and fencing.

SUGARTREE RIDGE.

May 24th, 1887. Farmers are mostly done planting corn in this locality.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church next Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Hill preached at Miller's Chapel last Saturday and Sunday.

Silas Parker and wife, of Hillsboro, were visiting near here Sunday.

Several of our young folks attended meeting at Olive Chapel last Sunday night.

Dr. W. H. Bunn and wife and W. W. Igo and wife were visiting relatives at West Union Sunday.

Mrs. Miner is having a new kitchen added to her house. Mr. Alfred Lewis doing the carpentering.

E. O. Hetherington will soon have a new fish pond completed on his farm, his brother Frank being the architect.

DUNN'S CHAPEL.

May 25th, 1887. Farmers are most all done planting corn. Children's Day will be observed at the Chapel June 1st, at nine and a half o'clock.

Mr. Samuel Newell and wife, of Bainbridge, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Miss Emma Cowman has been quite sick, having had malaria fever for a few days, but is improving slowly.

Mr. Samuel K. Hill died at the residence of his son, Mr. David Hill, last Wednesday evening of dropsy, and was buried at the Chapel Thursday. The deceased was born near Hillsboro, Highland county, March 6th, 1812. His family have the sympathy of the community.

As we won the "champion belt" in the snake stories, we will not hesitate to tell a rat story. Charles Ayres called us for rat neighbors and their dogs Monday afternoon to make a raid on the "varmints," as they had almost taken possession, and in about three hours succeeded in capturing one hundred and sixteen. One hundred big ones and the rest little ones. Who is ahead?

RAINSBORO.

May 24th, 1887. James W. Roads made a business trip into Ross county yesterday.

G. L. Garrett has been spending the past few days with his parents.

H. W. Roads has repaired his house, now occupied by Flavins Hodson.

James Rowe and wife, of Fayette county, Sandusky, with his parents here.

Lon Havens, of Good Hope, has been among his friends here for several days.

Charles Gossett and wife, of Bainbridge, spent the Sabbath here with friends.

Harry and J. B. Spargur, of Hillsboro, were guests of their aged parents Sunday.

Professor Nulle and wife, of the Hill City, were among the Cave visitors on Monday.

Daniel Weyer, of Washington C. H., was the guest of Frank Hill and family last week.

Joseph Cohn, of New Lexington, was among a few days since looking after the wool trade.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gossett was gladdened by the arrival of a fine boy last night.

Henry Hettiger came home from Beaverfoot