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The Legion Dance.

A larger crowd attended and more interest was displayed in the dance given by the George Thomas Cullom Post, American Legion, at the Eagle Hall Monday night, than any affair of like nature given in Lexington for some time. The hours were from nine until one o'clock. Music by Johns four-piece orchestra.

A number of songs by Lexington's "Snowflake Quartet" were given at intervals; also songs and dances by Roy Gaines, the miniature Bert Williams.

About two hundred people were present, including many out of town visitors.

The proceeds of this dance will be added to the Home and Memorial fund of the local Legion Post, which is now \$2,000. It is the intention of the George Cullom Post to have a dance once a month.

Percy Silver Stricken.

A telegram was received here Tuesday conveying the information that Percy Silver had suffered a stroke of apoplexy and was in a serious condition. Previous to this he had been ill of malaria.

Miss Estelle Oliaro, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Oliaro, who recently completed a stenographic course at the Chillicothe Business College, has accepted a position with Stark Bros. Nurseries at Louisiana, Mo.

Miss Izola Bell Fizer entertained about twenty-five of her friends Tuesday night at her home in Southside Addition. Miss Fizer delighted her guests with her piano playing. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Alexander Groves and Mrs. Edward Aull left yesterday for Mercedes, Texas, being called there by the illness of Percy Silver.

Notice.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will hold a sale of cakes and pies, homemade bread, etc., Saturday, January 29, at the Edison Shop (Tevis building). Sale begins at 11 o'clock.

Banks Should be Commended

Various agricultural organizations and certain politicians who would buy votes with vain promises, regardless of consequences, have been accusing the banks of the nation of refusing to finance the farmers in holding their crops, and thereby forcing great loss on the agricultural interests.

As a matter of fact, the banks in every locality have financed the farmers long past the time when many crops should have been sold. Banks have crippled their own resources in extending these loans month after month, and in many localities, refusal of farmers to sell crops caused a serious condition in banking circles.

The Federal Reserve Bank will not re-discount wheat paper, and a local bank has no recourse open but to insist on payment. Any fair minded man can see that a bank which is the guardian of thousands of individual deposits has no right to speculate on any crop and extend loans for an indefinite period while the producer holds for a high price which may never come. The banks are not to blame for present market conditions, and they are to be commended for carrying the load to the extent they have, while at the same time protecting the interests of depositors.

Cake and Pie Sale.

The Central College Girls' Club will hold a cake and pie sale at the Edison Shop (the Tevis building), Saturday, January 22, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. J. Vineyard and Miss Dora Lee of Kansas City, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit at the home of B. M. Little.

Lynn Welch left Monday for a visit at San Francisco and Los Angeles, after which he will locate at Orange, Calif.

Harry K. St. Clair left Tuesday evening for Kansas City, where he will locate.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Liernan announce the birth of a son, Friday, January 14, 1921.

WAVERLY ITEMS.

Mrs. Myrtle Crawford returned to her home in Kansas City, Saturday after a short visit with her brother, Ernest Curry.

Mrs. Fannie Cauthorne and daughter, Miss Florence are attending Farmers' Week at Columbia.

A large crowd attended the third number of the lyceum, The Jenny Lind Quartet, at the Electric Theatre, Friday, January 14.

Eric Williamson returned Friday from Joplin, where he was called by the sudden death of his grandfather, Rev. Williamson.

Mrs. John Steele and daughter, Miss Marcia, of Bear Lake, Minn., are the guests of Mrs. Palmore Brown.

John Petty and wife arrived Sunday from Illinois to visit their father, Charles Petty.

James Tolbert an old and respected colored citizen, died at his home here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Kate Weber returned Friday from a visit in Marshall with her daughter, Mrs. Will Oster.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. White spent several days last week in Kansas City.

Farm Bureau Facts.

Authoritative figures are now for the first time available on the actual membership of Missouri country farm bureaus. These facts are included in the annual report just issued by Director P. H. Ross of University of Missouri College of Agriculture. The total membership of the farm bureaus in the state on November 30, 1920, was 42,375.

This membership is distributed thruout 53 counties of which 45 are organized on the basis of \$5 annual membership, six at \$10 and two at \$1 a year per member. This is a very remarkable growth as compared to the figures issued one year and two years ago. November 30, 1918 the membership was 11,677. In the following year it grew to 18,022, and now it is more than double this latter figure.

That these local organizations are doing a vast work for the improvement of farm life conditions in Missouri is shown by the fact that 1357 community meetings were held during the year just past and these were attended by 53,275 persons. Well defined community organizations were set up in 763 farm neighborhoods. In 21 counties farm bureau activities included home economics work, and in 41 counties they included Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

The social life of these communities, also received much benefit from the organizations of country farm bureaus, for the report show that 35,992 persons attended farm bureau picnics and 1472 took part in farm bureau observation tours during the year.

Dance Monday Night.

The D. A. R. Dancing Club will give a dance at the Eagle Hall Monday night, January 24. Music by Johns' three-piece orchestra. The public is cordially invited.

Marriage Licenses.

A marriage license has been issued to the following: Frank H. Blincoe...Higginsville Myrtle E. Lyons...Higginsville Oscar L. Thompson...Wellington Mary Wilson...Lexington

A Little Touch of Color!

The Fifty-first General Assembly of Missouri was about to convene. The majestic corridors of Missouri's new capitol with their classic lines, were filled with people approaching the chambers of the two houses. Great problems were in the offing—mighty questions involving the prosperity of a state, rich in wordly goods, and richer far in men and women of supreme capacity and intelligence. The welfare of Missouri stood in the balance, with millions concerned in the business of the state.

The hall of the House of Representatives, with its imperial columns and lofty galleries, was the center of attraction. Men and women jostled for place, while in the space reserved for the chosen legislators of the people, dignified personages sought their seats.

It was the Missouri of Thomas Hart Benton, Francis Preston Bair, William Joel Stone, Francis Marion Cockrell, George Graham Vest, Sterling Price, "Jo" Shelby, and a thousand figures of great renown. It was the site of the old capitol of Missouri, in which, for generations, men had struggled for supremacy and a race of giants had lived and wrought. Inside the hall, the cosy fire-places with the massive back-logs drawn from the Cole County forests, were absent, but the memories of other days were there. From the windows, high-set in strong, enduring walls, hewed from Missouri quarries, the fickle current of the Missouri river, the heights of Callaway—with their palisades, rivalling the Hudson—the sheltered homes of the hillsides, the brown woods of the hillsides, gently touched by the frosts of winter, fell in full view. Missouri was looking on.

Down the middle aisle, filled with Missouri's chosen, came a negro waiter from the City of St. Louis, fresh from the pots and pans of the City Club's kitchen. He walked with the assurance of the state's exalted. He strode with the confidence of one invested with new authority, and his black countenance shone with the pleasure of his new role, his eyes sparkled with delight. Passing beyond the lesser lights, he took his seat near Speaker's dais, and claimed his own. Alone, of all the desks in the hall, his was piled mountain high with floral tributes from his race. Others were bare of decorations, but his was conspicuous for the profuseness of its splendor.

He was the representative-elect from the Sixth District of the state's First City—the wealthiest, most highly-cultured constituency in the state. He was the first negro to be elected to the Missouri legislature. Albeit he had neglected to meet the constitutional qualification of paying taxes, he had been provided by the St. Louis machine which had selected him, with what is known as a "politician's lot," a space of ground scarcely large enough to accommodate a good-sized box, with taxes at the princely rate of \$1 a year. He had won at the polls, and he held his seat. Walther Hall Moore had become a full-fledged Missouri representative.

The formalities prescribed by the Constitution—fossilized relic of the white man's rule—were complied with, and the House adjourned. He stood at his place with the broad smile, so natural with men of his race and divid-

Mrs. Mary J. Ewing Dead.

The body of Mrs. Mary J. Ewing, widow of the late Joel H. Ewing, Sr., who died in Carthage Monday, was brought to Lexington Wednesday morning and taken to the cemetery chapel, where funeral services conducted by Rev. Robt. L. Cowan, were held at 10:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Ewing was 83 years old, and formerly resided in the Mt. Hebron neighborhood in this county. She is survived by three daughters and two sons.

To The Hard of Hearing.

Mrs. Ida H. Wilson has completed a normal course at the Cincinnati School of Lip Reading and is prepared to instruct those who wish to learn Speech Reading.

The art of understanding speech by watching the lips. All interested please call at 1912 South street, and arrange for three months' course, as Mrs. Wilson may not remain in Lexington during the summer months.

Card of Thanks.

C. H. Wilcoxon wishes to express his sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown him during the fatal illness and burial of his beloved wife; also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Wilson Frazier and little son, Paul, of Fulton, Mo., are visiting at the home of C. E. Yingling.

Homer T. Phillips of Warrensburg, formerly superintendent of public schools of Lafayette county, spent Wednesday in Lexington.

ed his roses among a congratulating group of Republican members and their wives, who surrounded him in their eager desire to grasp his hand. They bore forth his flowers proudly, while a little group of blacks in the galleries cheered, and the newly-elected Lieutenant Governor of the state—like himself, a St. Louis Republican—welcomed him to his new duties.

The session had opened, and the administration of Arthur of Mastick Hyde, thirty-fifth Governor of Missouri, was under Miss Lamoine Petering of Lexington.—Missouri State Journal.

Mrs. Minerva E. Marshall Dead.

Mrs. Minerva E. Marshall died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James F. Catron, 1604 South street, death being due to old age and general debility.

Mrs. Marshall was born in Virginia, and was 89 years of age. She had lived in Lafayette county since a child. She is survived by three daughters and three sons, as follows: Mrs. James F. Catron of this city; Mrs. W. E. Estabrook, of near Lexington; Miss Fannie Marshall and Charles Marshall of Kansas City; Fred Marshall of St. Louis, and John Marshall of Chicago. One sister, Mrs. W. B. Hamlett, of Kansas City, also survives her.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. Robert F. Cowan, was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. James F. Catron, 1604 South street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Reaping The Whirlwind.

North Dakota, which, under irresponsible leadership, permitted itself to become the testing ground of that political upstart movement called the Non-Partisan League, is now reaping the whirlwind of its sowing. Among its experiments was a state-owned bank, and enthusiastic Leaguers rushed to deposit their dollars, discrediting in large measure the national or regular state banks of the commonwealth. They are at present experiencing that sensation which arises from everything going out and nothing coming in, as unfortunately for the depositors, they are permitted to deposit all the money they can, but for the time being at least, they are unable to make withdrawals.

There is consolation in the thought that there are forty-seven other states in the Union and that they are now given the opportunity to observe closely and then draw inferences.

It is rather rough on North Dakota, but experience is always rough in its methods.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roth of Kansas City, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, January 18, 1921. Mrs. Roth was formerly editor of Missouri, was under Miss Lamoine Petering of Lexington.

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