

FARMERS' INSTITUTE IS IN SESSION

Annual Gathering of Marshall County Agriculturalists is Attended by Customary Large Crowd--Program is an Exceptionally Strong One.

- NEW OFFICERS
President--Ell Freece West tp.
Secretary, Ralph Kline Plymouth
Vice-Presidents
Center tp.--Charles Heim
Bourbon tp.--William Anglin
Polk tp.--Lorie M. Chase
West tp.--William Seymour
Union tp.--Roy Wickizer
German tp.--Jonas Romig
Walnut tp.--Clyde Bunch
Tippecanoe tp.--Hiram Hahn
North tp.--H. P. Berlin
Green tp.--John Romig

The Marshall County Farmers' institute is one of the most important meetings of farmers and farmers wives held annually in this county. Nothing has done more to increase the value of farm property, the value of crops, and the comfort of farmers than the institutes, and they are growing better every year.

Institute was called to order at 9:45 A. M. by Ralph Jacoby, president. Rev. Frank O. Fraley invoked the divine blessing. This was followed by an excellent piano solo by Miss Catherine Stevens, of this city, after which the president introduced Mrs. L. Z. North of Bourbon, who read an excellent paper on 'The Co-operative Creamery.'

Mrs. North was followed by Mr. H. C. Mills of Purdue University. He presented the various plans of Co-operation for large and small co-operative creameries. He showed how some organizers or promoters from stock companies.

The creamery promoter, like all other promoters, is working for his own interest and so soon as he gets a sufficient number of stockholders he leaves, a collector comes along and often there is much dissatisfaction among stockholders and after a few thousand dollars are paid in, the stockholders find that they are sold at a big profit instead of the product of their own.

Where such plants are managed as they should be, butter can be produced at less cost than it can be produced by individuals. Unless there is an absolute need for such a creamery, farmers will do better not to adopt this plan.

make better farms, better farm stock and enhance the value of farm and farm products. Silage is, especially of great value in feeding milk cows and producing milk and butter.

But Prof. Crane delivered an excellent address showing that the silo does pay. It pays not only this year but in years to come by leaving on the farm the products of the farm to enrich the farm in coming years.

Can a young man pay for a home? was the question assigned Mr. Charles Heim to answer. Mr. Heim presented an excellent paper, showing that a young man of energy, ambition, industry, of good habits, good judgment, and economical ideas, can pay for a home in Indiana, starting as a farm hand, and then as a renter, if he will do with his might what he can do best.

Mr. Cantley spoke extemporaneously and gave scores of reasons for rotation which elicited close attention from the intelligent farmers present. He proved conclusively that proper rotation will preserve the fertility of soil, while a failure to rotate crops always impoverishes the soil.

The afternoon session was opened by a vocal solo by Miss Hazel Vanactor accompanied by Boyd Stephenson. The subject was 'How to Make Good Butter on the Farm.' This was presented by Mrs. Eli Freece of West township and Prof. Mills.

The annual session of the Farmers' Institute of Marshall county, adjourned Friday afternoon, with the completion of the program, as mapped out. New officers for the next year, were elected as given above.

The meeting Thursday evening was not so largely attended as would have been had the weather not been stormy, but there was a fair crowd and the address of Mr. Cantley on 'The Farmer as a Citizen' interested and instructed all present.

The institute opened at 9:30 A. M. with music by Boyd Stephenson. The first subject discussed was 'Silos and Silage.' Twenty years ago the number of silos in Marshall county could be counted on ones fingers but with improved methods of farming inaugurated in every section of the county has made silage one of the important products of the county.

Mr. Claude Newman of Culver, presented a paper showing the best methods of constructing silos and the best methods of preparing the product and filling. He thinks the round silo best and thinks that cement, metal or wood may be used for construction, but the silo must be so constructed as to exclude the air, and the corn, beans, peas, and fodder sorghum and other crops used should not be too green. Corn and fodder perhaps better for silage than anything else if properly prepared.

Close Inwood Meetings
Rev. L. B. Ragan returned to his home in Danville Ind. Thursday after conducting a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church at Inwood. Rev. Ragan stated that the meetings will be continued after the holidays.

GIRLS OUTSPELL BOYS IN CENTER TP. CONTEST

OUT OF TEN BEST SPELLERS IN THE TOWNSHIP ONLY ONE BOY MAKES SHOWING

Inwood School Has Two Best in Contest Held Saturday--County and District to Meet Here.

After a contest lasting all morning the three best spellers in the district schools of Center township were determined. These three will represent Center township in the Marshall county contest which will be held in Plymouth on February 3rd, 1911. From this contest three representatives will be chosen to champion Marshall county, in the Thirtieth District contest. This event in which the seven surrounding counties participate will also be held in Plymouth and will be on February 18th.

The three best spellers in Center township are Fern Hindle, Marie Denman, and Zerolla Stump. The first two are from the Inwood school and the latter is from District No. 1, or Maple Grove. The three alternates or next best are Noble Nifong Dist. 2 Stuckman school, Orpha Ringer Dist. 16 Hazelton school and Hulda Manuval Dist. 15, Oak Grove school.

The township contest was held in the K. of P. hall in this city beginning at 9:30 o'clock, and was not finished until a few minutes before twelve. Twenty-eight contestants started, among whom every school in the township outside of Plymouth, excepting Brightside and Walnut Grove No. 9, was represented.

Prof. E. B. Rizer, superintendent of the Bourbon schools, pronounced the oral contest until half of the number was spelled down. For this purpose the speller was used, and fifty minutes were required to spell down fourteen of the number. These fourteen were then given paper and pencils and required to write fifty words, which were pronounced from the list recently published in the Tribune and which contained words considered to be the hardest available.

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KEEP CLOSER TAB ON STREET COMMISSIONER

COUNCIL ORDERS THAT NO SUPPLIES BE PURCHASED WITHOUT ORDER FROM THAT BODY

Unimportant Meeting of City Fathers Held Monday Evening--City Officials Draw Quarterly Salaries.

Hereafter the city council will keep closer tab on the office of street commissioner. The conduct of that department of the city, will come under a close censorship of the city fathers. At the meeting of the council Monday evening that body passed a ruling that henceforward all supplies purchased by the street commissioner, must be done only after an order has been obtained from the council. Street Commissioner D. H. Bowles, was also instructed to take an inventory of all of the tools and implements owned by the city, and report the same to the council at the next meeting on Monday Jan. 9th, 1911.

The council instructed city attorney Hess to make an abstract to the city farm for the recent purchaser Harry E. Buck.

A bill presented by Marshall county, for the examination of the city records, in the amount of \$325.25, was referred to the city attorney. The statement was presented by the field examiners to the county officers and included bill for work done on county and city records.

The report of Dr. J. S. Martin, city health officer, covering the health conditions of Plymouth was received and placed on file.

The following is the report of William Hahn city treasurer, of receipts and disbursements of the office from Dec. 12, to Dec. 26th. Amount on hand Dec. 12...\$5835.49 Received from Water rental 26.81 Cemetery Lots..... 17.00 From County Treasurer..... 2856.37 Total 8736.67 Disbursements 2637.64 Bal. on hand.....\$6098.03

Aspinall, was had been summoned by telegram to meet the train and care for the injured who were being taken to their homes in Chicago. The collision was the result of false orders issued by an operator at Nevada. Number 48 left Plymouth at 7:45 Friday evening and Number 15, is due to arrive here at 5:02 A. M. The trains were due at Nevada at 1:26 Saturday morning. A false report was circulated in Plymouth that John O'Ryan, formerly of this city had been killed in the collision. O'Ryan passed through Plymouth Saturday morning.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

County Clerk Is Swamped in Issuing Licenses to Marshall County Couples. Nine more licenses to wed were Saturday making a total of fifteen Christmas weddings, in two days. The licenses issued Saturday were as follows: Ira P. Mikel South Bend 25, to Mary E. Knapp Bremen 18. Jesse Vintelman Culver 27, to Cora Kershner Culver 16. Lloyd W. Ritchey Plymouth 20 to Clara L. Grimm Plymouth 20. Walter L. White Plymouth 21, to Grace E. Bender Plymouth 19. Irwin B. Landis Nappanee 27 to Lena N. Slayter Argos 24. Marvin I. Maurer 21, to Myrta B. Johnson 17, Marshall county. Vincent S. Holmwood South Bend 27, to Hazel V. Stevens Bremen 20. Ray E. Marshall Culver 22, to Lottie A. Hawkins Culver 21. Wilbur J. Redick Inwood 21, to Edna Parker Inwood 19. Four Christmas marriages, were licensed by county clerk Joseph Whitesell Friday as follows: Harvey M. Wyatt Bourbon 21, to Ethel M. Miller Bourbon 19. Arz Weaver Connersville Ind. 23 to Myrtle N. Smith Tyler 17. Arthur Awtal Starke County 22 to Daphne Kester, Kootz Lake 19. Ralph B. Beljon Teegarden 24, to Anna McCreger Teegarden 20.

Sunday School Classes Join A joint meeting of the St Elmo Class of the Methodist church and the Young Ladies Bible class of the Presbyterian church was held Friday evening. The joint Sunday Schools were entertained by the Misses Inez Reisch, Josephine Hodges and Mrs. Helen Love. A delightful time was enjoyed. The evening was spent in playing games and music. The St. Elmo Class presented its teacher, Mrs. S. N. Stevens with a beautiful cut glass dish.

Messiah Is Postponed The Mozart Club, has postponed the presentation of 'The Messiah' which was to have been given at the Presbyterian church, on Friday December 30th. The date for its production has not been set. Move to Kokomo Bert Flora and family left for Kokomo Friday where they are moving from this city. Miss Daisy Flora accompanied them. Death Ended Sufferings of Woman at 9:00 o'clock Thursday Night Leaves Large Family. Death finally ended the sufferings of Mrs. Levi Stoneburner at 9:00 o'clock Thursday evening. The unfortunate woman who was fearfully burned by an explosion of gasoline at the home of her mother Mrs. Jonathan Wilson, west of Tyner, lingered since Saturday morning, when the accident occurred. Mrs. Stoneburner was thirty-five years old, and is survived by her husband and five children, the oldest of whom is sixteen and the youngest, two and a half years old. The children are Ruth, Arthur, Harry, Carl, and Roy. The funeral was held at Tyner, Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment took place at the Tyner cemetery. The death of Mrs. Stoneburner was a gloom over the entire village of Tyner. Mrs. Stoneburner was a character beloved by everyone. She was one of those who always strive to do for others and in fact it was in pursuance of a mission of relief that she met her death. The oldest child, Ruth is a Sophomore in the Tyner High School and she will act as mother to the youngest children, and will keep the family together. On last Saturday, Mrs. Stoneburner had gone to the home of her mother to assist her in her household duties, as the latter was in bad health. In attempting to start a fire in the kitchen stove, Mrs. Stoneburner mistook a can of gasoline for kerosene, and poured the liquid on the fire, which resulted in an explosion, which enveloped her, and her smallest child, in flames. The mother exerted her efforts in extinguishing the child's clothing, and when neighbors came to the rescue, the woman had been fatally burned.

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EDGERTON M'FG CO. CELEBRATES PROGRESS

The Leading Industry of Plymouth "Basket Factory" Has Banquet and Smoker--Review of Great Business Done by Local Factory.

The Edgerton Company gave a dinner and smoker at Hill's Cafe on Wednesday in honor of a few of their Salesmen's visit to the city and to several of the heads of Operating departments. This is an annual affair and is given with the intention of bringing the working force together in closer operating spirit. Seybold's Orchestra made the occasion pleasant with several fine selections, while the following menu was being served: Noodle Soup Wafer Crackers Cream Slaw New York Counts Oysterettes Celery Nut Salad Lettuce Leaf Smothered Chicken Cream Dressing Stuffed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Lettuce German Style Fried Oysters Hot French Buttered Rolls Plain Vanilla Cream English Walnuts Dark Cake White Cake Coffee Nuts Cigars.

After dinner several short talks were made by the Salesmen, in which they spoke of their experience of the past year--their appreciation of the treatment given them by the Company, and the general satisfaction of the trade handling Plymouth Baskets. The Officers of this Company are: C. S. Cleveland, President; A. C. Mortland, Vice-President; A. M. Cleveland, Secretary; D. E. Snyder, Treasurer. The Working Organization is composed of: A. M. Cleveland, General Manager; Carl Strombeck, Superintendent; A. C. Mortland, Sales Manager; Will Hahn, Assistant Superintendent; Chas. Carver and Chas. Fruits, Mechanical Department; Paul Hintz, Veneer Department; George Seeger and W. J. Nier, Shipping Department; John Strombeck Stock Keeper; Will Mathews, Foreman; M. J. Miller, Timber Buyer; Jeff. Forin, Stave & Mill Department; Will Schomer, Stave & Mill Department. The Selling Department is composed of: C. E. Meek, Kokomo, Ind.; W. A. Pele, Chicago; W. J. Spruce, Kokomo, Ind.; A. B. Enoch, Buffalo; E. E. Tyner, St. Louis Mo.; L. M. Kenny, Sarinaw; S. C. Tyner Indianapolis; S. M. Wells, Grand Rapids; D. B. Tyner, Omaha, Neb.; Geo. Clayton, Milwaukee; J. J. Flynn, Whitehall, Ill.; Loy Zangmaster, Columbus; E. W. Schrock, Plymouth; E. T. Steel, Pittsburg; E. L. Tanner, Plymouth; C. L. Taylor, Canton, O.; H. S. Marvin, Plymouth; G. D. Taylor, St. Paul Minn.; O. W. Moeller, Chicago; W. R. Wood, Wilson, N. C.; J. Bany, Cincinnati. Territory was covered and sales made in every state, except Maine and Vermont, showing the effort made by the selling force to make the \$35,000 increase over last year. Output of Factory sold in 1910. The output of this Company during the year 1910 consisted of 149,347 dozen baskets and for comparison of figures bear in mind that the smallest basket sold was one-quarter bushel size, and on up in quarter and half bushel sizes to the largest which is found in the twenty bushel Laundry or shipping basket. Do not confuse the number of dozen of these general purpose baskets with the small fruit packages that are made in pints, quarts and one-half bushel sizes and are made by automatic machinery at the rate of 10,000 per day and sold at the rate of 18.50 to \$20 per thousand baskets, but consider these baskets as being assembled by all hand work assisted only by some labor saving machinery for manufacturing the stock parts. The output is made up of 38 different grades of baskets into 37 different sizes selling as low as 20 cents per dozen to \$100 per dozen. The Grades are known as: Prime Oak Stave in three styles--The Special Oak Wide Band--Racing Pattern Wide Band--The Double lay Stave and the Common stave all used for grain and produce purposes, as well as shipping the larger fruits. Shipping Baskets for fruits, vegetables, crackers, candy and coffee--Coal, lime and cement carrying baskets--Bamboo and Split round baskets for Feeding and Cotton picking. Peas, Split and Diamond Clothes--Bamboo, Split and Diamond Display, Markets, Display, Cracker, Satchels or Lunch, Fancy wares, Hammers and all kinds of Lumber. Of the amount sold there were: 10,298 dozen Oak Staves consisting of 3,209,232 stock part. 37,713 dozen Common Staves consisting of 12,671,568 stock parts. 4,056 dozen Reed consisting of 232,320 stock parts. 4,056 dozen Bamboo consisting of 1,574,440 stock parts. 12,733 dozen Split consisting of 5,880,472 stock parts. 53,117 dozen Diamond consisting of 16,572,504 stock parts. 21,231 dozen all others consisting of 2,123,100 stock parts. 140,241 dozen with a total of 41,123,100 pieces in 1,682,892 baskets. For comparison of the year 1910 and the year 1909 the first year baskets were made in Plymouth and the output of 14,000 dozen baskets. There were employed in the manufacture and selling department this year an average of 175 people as against 60 people in 1892. The sales were increased \$65,000 over 1908 and \$35,000 over 1909. There was 2,150,000 feet of logs used in 1910 as against 375,000 feet in 1902 with an average cost of \$20 per M. in 1910 and \$10 per M. in 1892. The relative Expenses were for: 1910 Material \$42,509.07 1892 \$4240 S. Line 35,404.90 1891 3200 Operating 65,092.15 1892 3200 Total of \$143,006.12 against \$2040, a difference of about \$123,000. The payroll shows for factory an increase of \$40,000. The output represents shipments to the amount of 547 carloads or 27 trains of 20 cars each reaching over 4 miles long. This would require a warehouse 200 feet long by 50 feet wide and 10 feet high and would take one man 3 years to stack them up in one half and one dozen bundles. If placed end to end--1,682,892 baskets would make one row 4,206,120 feet long or about 415 miles, and if piled one upon another would make a tower 319 miles high. The logs from which these made were manufactured amount to 2,150,000 feet or about 15,000 logs cut 12 feet long, which if placed end to end would make a row 34 miles long, and would require 600 cars to deliver them to the factory. The logs consist of Oak, Elm, Beech, Maple, Sugar, Basswood, Poplar, Cottonwood, Gum, Sycamore, Ash and Hickory and other kinds--75 per cent of which is shipped in at a distance of 75 to 130 miles. There were 15 cars of Elm Hoops shipped from the Elm District of Upper Michigan averaging 170,000 pieces of the car or 2,550,000 pieces out 5 feet long would make a strip of wood over 2,400 miles long. In some of the Baskets manufactured there was used 55,900 pounds of Rattan imported from Germany at a cost of 5 cents per lb, which if the strips were placed end to end would reach 6,300 miles. In one grade of baskets there was used about 40,000 pounds of galvanized iron bands 28 gauge, cut in strips of about 4 1/2 feet long by 3/4 inch wide, that would make one strip 150 long. There were nearly 101,000,000 nails and tacks used in these baskets averaging one inch long, which if placed end to end would make a row about 1600 miles in length. An expert Nailer can drive 18,000 nails in 10 hours and it would take him over 5,600 working days or nearly 18 years to drive the nails used. The manufactured stock parts used and counted for Cost purposes amounted to 41,273,636 pieces--90 per cent of which were from rotary veneer and the balance from saw material. The annual Inventory was taken one day--Nov. 30th, by four people and consisted of 67,260 finished baskets--4,021,752 pieces of finished stock parts--the weighing of 22,900 pounds of nails, tacks, rivets, washers and iron bands, and the log measure of 508,941 feet of logs, together with 27,500 items in Factory supplies used in the manufactured product. Baskets were sold and delivered to every state this year with the exception of Maine and Vermont--represented by ten territory salesmen and eight General sales agents.

Have Party of Guests Mr. and Mrs. David Greiner, Mrs. A. C. Greiner, F. H. Greiner, L. A. Greiner and Mrs. Bertha Long who reside at various points in Michigan, arrived Saturday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Greenwald.

Attends Brother's Funeral Dr. J. Kaszer went to Pittsburg Pa. Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother John Kaszer which occurred today.

LOWEST TAXES OF COUNTY IN BOURBON TP.

TOTAL RATE OF THAT TOWNSHIP IS \$1.28 ON THE \$100 VALUATION

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CHRISTMAS DANCE

Merry Event Attended by Large Number of Locals and Visitors.

The Christmas dance given at the Apollo Club Monday evening was attended by thirty-seven couples. A large number of out-of-town visitors were present. The affair was thoroughly enjoyable one. At the middle of the dance a fine three course banquet was served in Hill's Cafe. Music was furnished by the Seybold Duo.

Court Takes Recess

The Marshall Circuit Court adjourned this afternoon, until next Tuesday afternoon, because of the Christmas season.

Suit on Contract

John A. Moller is complainant against Charles E. Denman in a suit on contract.

TYNER WOMAN SUCCOMBS TO GASOLINE BURNS

MRS. LEVI STONEBURNER AGE 35 DIES AFTER LINGERING SINCE LAST SATURDAY

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