

Sunny Side.

Mrs. Walter Baker and children spent Monday night with A. E. Woodmansee and family.

Mrs. C. S. Rumley visited Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Ed Rumley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Southern spent Wednesday at the Foltz home north of Leon.

Clyde Maynard and family were shopping in Leon Thursday afternoon.

Jeff Strange and family spent Wednesday evening with A. E. Rumley and family.

J. C. Hull and Walter Baker furnished the music for the dance which was held at Ross Reynolds' Monday night.

A. E. Woodmansee attended K. P. lodge Monday evening.

Sam Southern was a caller at the Rumley home Friday forenoon.

Those who have been absent from school the past week on account of sickness are: Pearl Gammon, Anna Strange, Warren Rumley, Carl Southern and Grace and Ruth Gittinger.

Those who called at the Jeff Strange home Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Minnie Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Southern, and Millard Gardner, of Leon.

Miss Thelma Woodmansee spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Pearl Gammon.

Miss Louva Hanner went to Van Wert Saturday to visit between trains with her sister, Mrs. Harry Fisher and family.

H. L. Decker, of Albert City, Iowa, visited from Tuesday until Thursday with his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Maynard and family.

Crown.

Calvin Ryan was in Des Moines over last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Stiles visited several days last week at High Point.

We had a cloudy "groundhog day" and will have an early easter so look out for an early spring.

George Boyce, of Garden Grove, shipped two car loads of timothy seed from Crown last week.

P. C. Morgan received another car of coal last week and has some of it for sale yet.

J. N. Madden will have a public sale in the near future.

B. M. McDonough and Garfield and Hiram Bunch went to Des Moines last week to see about buying themselves a new threshing machine.

There will be preaching services at the chapel next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Vern Kier was called last Monday to the bedside of his father, who is quite sick at his home near Decatur City.

Fred McMorris has moved to the J. H. Ryan farm north and west of Crown.

Wm. Baker is moving south of Leon to the Leahy farm where he will farm the coming year.

Robert Pearson and Ralph Ridgeway are attending the Leon High School now.

LeRoy.

Mr. Stodgill and son who have been visiting relatives here, returned to their home in Sedan, Mo., Thursday.

Harry Tuttle came from Van Wert Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross who have been visiting relatives have returned to their home in Dakota.

Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mrs. J. R. Wilson and daughter Marie visited a few days last week with the former's son, Charles Baker.

John Kello, of Allerton, came Friday to visit his friend, Miss Julia Buchanan.

Miss Verna Richards, of Humeston, was the guest of Mrs. Mae Ross a few days last week.

Mr. Parker, of Memphis, came last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Roberts.

Abe Pollard was in Weldon Friday.

Chas. McGuire was a Humeston passenger Friday.

Quite a number attended the reception given at the O. M. Jordan home Monday evening. Music and games were the entertainment of the evening. Refreshments were served and all reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buffum were the guests of honor at the reception at the O. M. Jordan home.

Lonesome Ridge.

Dan Griffin and sister, Mrs. Wayne Gammon spent Wednesday at Tade Griffin's.

E. J. Evans and family, George Evans and wife and Sylvia Follmer spent Sunday with Mrs. A. E. Lillie.

Mrs. Levi Virden has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Evans and sister Mrs. Bell Hinds spent Sunday night with Mrs. Walter Blakesley.

Mert Cozad and Wayne Gammon passed through this vicinity one day last week.

Mrs. J. F. Bruny, Mrs. Ashcroft, Mrs. Kelley, of Des Moines, came Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Patrick Flynn.

Mrs. Patrick Flynn, an old resident of this vicinity died Friday evening and the funeral was held at the Catholic church Monday morning. Friends in this vicinity sympathize with the family.

Burr Oak Ridge.

Several from this vicinity attended the funerals of the late Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Oney which occurred Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. George Allen continues quite poorly.

Chas. Chastain and family were Sunday visitors at L. Edgington's.

Miss Lotta Vanderpool went to Akron Saturday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Charley Honn.

Johnnie and George Lillie departed for Shenandoah after a few days visit at the uncle Jim Osborn's home.

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Grand River.

F. A. Greenland made a trip to Chicago with cattle this week.

Miss Mae Hines visited in Leon this week with relatives.

Pat Griffin made a business trip to Des Moines this week.

You ought to hear the spiel that some of those people put up about Texas, who made the trip with the Star Land Co.'s people. It is sure a treat to listen to the tales told by our local people but as far as is known at present none of them are making preparations to move yet.

Miss Margaret Shields, who has been sick with pneumonia, is better again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Daughton returned home from Des Moines Wednesday.

Mrs. Rob Redd, who has been quite sick, is better again.

Dr. Penniwell, of Tangle, made an over Sunday visit with friends here.

Quince Combs and wife are making a visit with his mother.

Miss Artie Smith, of Van Wert, is spending the week with Mrs. Irwin Brannaman.

Rev. Williamson and wife came down from Des Moines Saturday to spend a few days with her parents.

Walter Daughton is spending a few days in Des Moines this week on business.

Mrs. John Stark and her mother, Mrs. Dr. Cole, visited Mrs. Adams at Van Wert last week.

The Junior social at the M. E. church Friday night was quite an affair. They served lunch and had a general good time, the speech of welcome to the new members was welcome to the new members very appropriate.

Mrs. Lina's father and mother of Orient, Iowa, are spending a week with her.

The Royal Neighbors on last Thursday evening gave a banquet to all the members and a royal good time is reported.

Master Charles Brown is reported on the sick list this week.

One of the most pleasant social affairs that has taken place in Grand River for a long time happened at the hands of Miss Shinn, our popular little primary teacher, at the Baker home, all in honor of the young ladies' embroidery club. Luncheon was served.

Sand Creek No. 2.

John Sellers is on the sick list at this writing but is slowly recovering and we hope he may soon be able to be up.

Those who called at the home of John Sellers Sunday were Tyra Baker and family, Austin Sellers, Jane Tillet, Jay Sellers and Frank Sellers and wife.

F. W. Sellers was a Decatur caller Thursday.

Dr. B. L. Elker has been waiting on John Sellers during his illness.

Jay Sellers' children have been on the sick list this week.

Rube McLaughlin visited Saturday and Sunday with his uncle and aunt, Frank Sellers and wife.

Dannie Williams' family is much better at this writing.

Several in this neighborhood attended literary at Terre Haute Tuesday evening.

Harry Cartwright was a Davis City caller Thursday.

The dance at John Stricken's was well attended and all report having a fine time.

Charley Green called at the home of John Sellers one day last week.

Geo. Smith was sawing wood for his son-in-law, Noah Green, Thursday.

Jay Sellers was a Decatur caller Saturday afternoon.

Charley Green delivered hogs to Decatur Sunday and Monday they shipped a car load.

Bob Cheney assisted Marion Spray haul corn the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Henderson of Decatur visited a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dannie Williams.

Round Knoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke of north of Weldon arrived last Tuesday to work on the Hawkins farm.

Mrs. Florence Irving spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. John Smith.

Roy Hawkins made a business trip to Des Moines last Wednesday returning Friday.

Mrs. Schmitt, of Osceola, visited last Wednesday and Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Ramsey.

Judson Vanderpool began moving Wednesday onto the farm now occupied by John Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stein visited Wednesday with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Irving.

Clifford McJinney called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Palmer Sunday.

Claire Palmer and sister, Flossie, called at the John Smith home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Evangeline Hawkins called on Mrs. Lizzie Ramsey Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jones spent Saturday night with relatives on Sand Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Berry visited Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jim Mote and family.

The Ladies' Aid gave an oyster supper at the Frank Copey home Saturday night, about 25 of the near neighbors were present and a very pleasant time was had by all present.

Dean Mote, of Des Moines arrived last week for a visit of 3 or 4 weeks at the home of his uncle, Jim Mote and family.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Palmer which has been quite low for some time with the whooping cough, and lung fever is now rapidly recovering.

Amos Butts called at the John Smith home Sunday afternoon.

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Jack Oak No. 1.

Sunday school at Jack Oak was well attended Sunday. There were twenty-three present. We hope to double the number next Sunday. Don't you want to be one of us?

Mrs. Jim Young has been quite ill, but is reported much improved at the present writing.

Joe Myers was absent from school last week on account of illness but is improved and at the present writing able to be in school again.

Miss Golda Young visited with her grandmother in Decatur last week.

Misses Golda Sly and Opal Quigley visited school Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Powers and son John attended the funeral of Mrs. Power's cousin, Mrs. Patrick Flynn in Woodland township Monday.

Miss Lena Bruner spent Sunday with Miss Edith Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Matteson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Millers in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bruner called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Havens of Decatur Sunday afternoon.

Will Stout met with quite a painful accident Tuesday when a load of hay he was hauling tipped over and he jumped from it, breaking a bone in one foot and injuring the other. He has been confined to the house for some days but it is reported that he is getting along nicely and we hope to see him around soon.

Miss Blanch Roberts visited school Tuesday.

Melvin Hinds of Leon spent Monday at the home of his uncle M. J. Powers.

Mrs. Ray Young spent a few days last week with Mrs. Jas. Young.

Mrs. Hinds of Leon visited the latter part of the week with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Powers.

Fred Young was a Leon caller Tuesday.

Lena and Paul Bruner called on Edith and Joe Myers Wednesday evening.

George Tenney is on the sick list this week.

Oren Bonner spent Sunday with Arthur Young.

Walter Haven called at his brother's, Ray Haven's Sunday.

Foland View.

(Delayed.)

Mrs. Eli Carlton spent a few days with home folks attending meetings at Maple Grove.

There was a large crowd at the Maple Grove church Sunday night.

Charley South and family and sister spent a few days at the home of relatives and attending the meetings at Maple Grove.

Margerie Woodard and Vada Carlton spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Maude McCarl.

Sully Woodard and daughters and Vada Carlton and Pearl South and son called on Nettie Crees and her mother last week.

Margerie Woodard called on Mrs. Ida Donaldson last week.

Pearl South and Vada Carlton called on Daisy Crees.

We are having some fair weather at this writing.

Dewey Crees called on Arthur Woodard Sunday and Laura Beers called on Bessie McKee.

Bird Strong and family spent one day last week at Lute Brown's.

Last Tuesday was hog killing time and everybody butchered.

Charley South and family spent one day last week with Mrs. South's sister, Mrs. Maude McCarl.

Cla de Wookey and lady friend attended Maple Grove meetings last week.

Blanchard Oil Boom Punctured by Science.

The oil boom in Page county has been "busted" by Prof. G. F. Kay, state geologist and head of the S. U. I. department of geology.

Professor Kay adds: "The oil in the Blanchard well evidently escaped from pipes leading from a nearby tank, and seeped through the sand to the well."

The Iowa expert concludes his rather lengthy report with a declaration that oil has never been found in Iowa. He does not contend that oil and gas will never be found in commercial quantities in the deep seated rocks in Iowa, but the survey does hold that it would be a waste of money and effort to drill deep wells, solely to seek oil or gas.

In detail, Dr. Kay's official statement read as follows:

"From time to time during the past few months, statements have appeared in the press of the state with reference to the finding of oil in the railway well at Blanchard, in Page county. An investigation has shown that the oil which is found on the surface of water taken from the railway well is not natural or crude oil but is refined oil related to the kerosenes. This fact has been fully established by detailed analysis made in the chemical laboratories of the University of Iowa."

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Her Disarranging Plans

"How nice to meet you, Martha Shaw!" exclaimed the little woman with her hat awry as she sank into the vacant seat on the elevated train beside a serene faced young woman. "I suppose you also are bound on that necessary errand. Don't you absolutely dread Christmas shopping?"

"Not in the least, you funny Josie Graham," Mrs. Shaw answered with a superior air. "I don't believe in rushing madly around at the eleventh hour to select gifts that invariably prove unsuitable and oftentimes are unappreciated. I'm giving only to my Sunday school class and the children in the family. For the girls I have made dainty little fancy things during the summer; for the children I bought books away back in September. Today I'm going downtown to lunch with a dear friend."

"Fortunate creature!" Mrs. Graham sighed, enviously, another wrinkle appearing in her forehead as she opened her bag, drew forth a list and hurriedly added another line of cramped writing. "I've just remembered that I must get something for the little girl next door. Last year her mother sent the baby a book, and, of course, she'll expect something for Betty this year."

"Don't you think that is a wrong conception of the Christmas spirit, giving because one gets?" Mrs. Shaw asked. "I never will be a party to such a mercenary arrangement."

"It doesn't seem quite right, but I hate to hurt any one's feelings by seeming to slight her," Mrs. Graham replied, looking out of the window anxiously. "Mercy! How this train crawls. I know I won't have time to buy half the things on my list."

"I wish I could persuade you to try my plan," Mrs. Shaw said. "Outside the children and the Sunday school class not a single soul will receive anything from me but a card expressing a Christmas sentiment. You know, that is the custom abroad, and it is a very convenient and pretty one."

"But I'd feel awfully embarrassed on receiving gifts, especially if they happened to be things I really wanted, knowing that I had sent the donor merely a trifling card," Mrs. Graham demurred. "Wouldn't you feel embarrassed under similar circumstances?"

"Not in the least," Mrs. Shaw answered, placidly.

Mrs. Graham looked dubious as she removed a needle from the front of her shirt waist and picked a strand of red silk thread from her skirt. "If one could only make up one's mind to begin one's Christmas work early in the year!" she mused. "Some of my friends did and— That reminds me; can you keep a secret? I can't, I'm afraid. When we were at the lake last summer Mrs. Kemper knit you the most exquisite pale pink porch shawl for a Christmas gift."

"How sweet of her!" Mrs. Shaw exclaimed delightedly. "And pink, too! She knows that pink is my favorite color." A thoughtful look came into her eyes.

At the next stop the two arose and left the car together, parting when they reached the sidewalk.

Late in the afternoon when Mrs. Graham paused beside a handkerchief counter she bumped elbows with Mrs. Shaw, who was frantically inspecting the contents of various boxes. Her calm appearance of the morning had vanished and she was disheveled and wild eyed.

"If it isn't the luckiest thing to meet you now!" Mrs. Shaw exclaimed. "Do you think Mrs. Kemper would like a lace handkerchief for a gift? I've racked my brains and I can't think of another thing. There, that's my bundle that dropped—all these are mine. I must have them made into one. You never know when you'll get things if you have them sent at this busy season."

"But I thought—" began Mrs. Graham wondering.

"Something fine and exquisite, of course," Mrs. Shaw said. "She has taken so many love stitches for me in the pink shawl. By the way, I had a delightful visit today with my friend. She brought me an exquisite centerpiece, her own handiwork. I've just bought her a dainty short silk kimono. I met Mrs. Horton after I left you; she said that Fanny had made me the sweetest little Irish crochet Jabot; I just love them. I got Fanny a belt buckle—young girls love pretty things."

"I think this is the prettiest handkerchief. Is it the last thing I'm going to buy today. I'm completely worn out, aren't you? I'm going to run down again tomorrow and buy the other gifts. I caught a glimpse of my brother Jack's wife at the fancy work counter matching a cord to a pillow top that I know is for me; I have always openly admired hers. I think I'll give Jenny and Jack a piece of cut glass; they are starting housekeeping, you know."

"Haven't your Christmas plans become a little disarranged, my dear?" Mrs. Graham asked, unkindly.

"No, indeed," Mrs. Shaw returned quickly, giving her hat a push which landed it over the left eye instead of the right. She held out her hand encased in a soiled white kid glove for her package and added with dignity, "I am simply elaborating on my plans."

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