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WILL DEDICATE PARK

Harvey Park will be Formally Dedicated this Afternoon with Appropriate Ceremonies.

The formal dedication of the beautiful Harvey Park, presented to the City of Leon by Mrs. J. W. Harvey and son, Jas. F. Harvey as a memorial to their husband and father the late Judge John W. Harvey, will be held at the park this afternoon, the program commencing at 3 o'clock.

The dedication program will commence at 3 o'clock, and Jas. F. Harvey president of the Park Commission will be the presiding officer.

The following is the program: Overture.....K. of P. Band Song.....Public Schools Invocation.....Rev. G. T. Ronk Song.....Public Schools Short Talk.....Gen. D. J. Palmer

Dedicatory Address.....Hon. H. M. Towner Announcements.....Led by Public Schools The W. R. C. will serve one of their famous bean suppers at the M. E. church, commencing at 5 o'clock, and at 7:30 o'clock there will be a camp-fire held in the auditorium of the M. E. church, at which General Palmer and others will talk.

At the conclusion of the camp-fire a smoker will be given at the Commercial Club rooms in honor of Congressman Towner, General Palmer and other visitors.

Judge Evans Was Speaker at Temperance Meeting Tuesday. Judge H. K. Evans, of Corydon, addressed a temperance meeting Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. He spoke upon the subject of state and national prohibition, also urging the citizens of Iowa upon the importance of securing woman suffrage at the primary election next June.

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Ankle Broken in Auto Accident.

George Cox, who last week bought a new Buick six touring car, says he is satisfied the car will outrun anything in the country, forward or backward, although it cost him a broken ankle to find it out.

Superintendent Gass will be ably assisted in the High School by Miss Marea Sears, principal, the other members of the High School faculty being Misses Margaret Hurst, Himena Hoffman, Hattie Whitney, Mina Walker, Dorothy Scott, Ruth Golding, Mida Bradley and Prof. Fred J. Ehrhardt, the latter having charge of the manual training and agricultural classes.

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Band Concert, Sept. 11th. The following is the program for the band concert by the K. P. band for next Saturday evening, Sept. 11: March, German Fidelity, Blankenburg.

Overture, LeClaire, Dalby. March, Freaks of Blackville, Dalby. Grand Medley of War songs in Camp, Dalby.

March, 53rd I. N. G., Fraser. Waltzes, Zingaro, Dalby. March Comique, Old Settlers on Parade, Dalby.

March, Colonel Miners, Rosenkranz. L. D. Wheeler, Director. J. D. Gardner Died Wednesday Morning.

Mr. John D. Gardner, of Decatur City, who was operated upon at the Leon hospital in this city a couple of weeks ago, passed away at the hospital yesterday morning about 8:30.

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SCHOOL BEGAN MONDAY

Leon Schools Opened Monday with Increased Attendance. 178 in High School. Total is 619.

The Leon public schools opened Monday morning, and there is quite an increase in attendance this year over the opening day of last year. This year there are 178 students enrolled in the High School as against 174 a year ago.

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5th grade—Miss Nellie Mullin.....42 6th grade—Miss Ora Konkkin.....39 5th and 6th grade—Miss Nora Colter.....34 4th grade—Miss Josephine Cooney.....30 2nd and 3rd grades—Miss Harriett Beavers.....38 Primary—Miss Bernice Bruce.....35 Primary—Miss Adaline Crawford.....52

SOUTH BUILDING 4th and 5th grades—Miss Ella Grogan.....47 2nd and 3rd grades—Miss Grace Beavers.....41 Primary—Miss Lyda Epperley.....33 Primary—Miss Frances Menough.....31

Court Again in Session. Judge Evans returned to Leon Monday and convened court again after a ten day recess, and court will be in session until the last of the week.

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ROBERT WARWICK COMING.

Will Be Seen in "The Dollar Mark" at The Idle Hour Theatre, Monday, Sept. 13th.

Theatre goers who have seen the popular actor Robert Warwick, will be delighted to learn they will have another opportunity to see Mr. Warwick at the Idle Hour theatre on next Monday, Sept. 13th, in "The Dollar Mark," a five act feature presented by the World Film Corporation.

Baylis, with a party, visits the Cobalt district to look over the ground. During the visit one of the party, Alice Chandler, while sketching is caught in a terrific storm.

The party once safely on land, Jim is again approached to sell, but still refuses. Several years later Martin has become a friend and a partner in Jim's bank, which Baylis attempts to break.

The news reaches Jim while at a party. Seeking a means to get to New York, Alice's brother offers his yacht. During the voyage Baylis purchases the yacht and forces the captain to put to sea.

In addition to the regular evening shows, the first one starting at 7 o'clock, there will be the popular 3 o'clock matinee. Prices for this great special attraction are 10 and 15 cents.

New Express Rates. A schedule of the new express rates that went into effect Wednesday, Sept. 1st, on the Adams Express system has been received by H. L. Tullis, local agent.

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TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

Geo. W. Blair, of Lamoni, declined the democratic nomination for county recorder and Mike Grogan was named by the county central committee to fill the vacancy.

Several Leon people had their pockets picked at the state fair last week. Among them were Mrs. Mary Warner and Mrs. J. D. Brown, who lost their pocketbooks, and Miss Ida Brooks, who lost a watch.

Mrs. Kate Weatherly went to Chicago last Saturday to visit a few days. A surprise party was given Miss Cora Biggs by a number of her young friends Tuesday evening.

Miss Hortense Disaver went to Des Moines Monday morning where she will attend school the coming year. Frank Cook, of near Kellerton, was in Leon Tuesday trying to buy a residence property here with a view of moving to this place to educate his children.

J. E. Brooks, L. P. VanWerden and Charles E. Harvey started for Iowa City, where they will attend the State University the coming year. Williams Showers died at his home southeast of Woodland on August 31st, at the age of 71 years.

Rebecca Schenck, daughter of Daniel and Jane Schenck, died at her home in Decatur City on August 30th, and was buried in the Decatur cemetery the following day.

Mrs. Hattie M. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Johnson, died at the home of her parents in Leon on Sept. 3rd. Her home was at Fairfield, and she came to Leon for a visit when she was taken ill.

Visited Her Old Home. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butts and daughters, Misses Madeline and Berenice, and Mr. H. W. Lewis, of Wichita, Kansas, spent Saturday night in Leon. They were enroute home from Flint, Michigan, where they went to secure one of those fine big Buick sixes, one of the nicest cars ever seen in Leon.

Sunday morning they detoured down to Pleasanton in order to visit the old home of Mrs. Butts, which she left when she was a girl of eleven years, forty-four years ago, and she had a longing to see the old place.

Her father was Jacob King, who will be remembered by some of the older residents of this county. The King family resided on a farm in Mercer county, Missouri, which adjoins the Iowa state line, just west of Pleasanton.

Mr. King was one of the pioneer school teachers and taught a number of terms of school at Pleasanton, then various places in Decatur county. While in Leon they met Dr. O. W. Foxworthy, who was raised near Pleasanton, and went to school to Mr. King.

Rural Carriers Will Carry More Equipment. The five rural mail carriers of the Leon postoffice, last week received a lot of additional equipment which they must carry with them on their daily trips.

The equipment consists of scales, maps and rate books of the parcel post business, and will enable patrons of the rural routes to mail parcel post packages and find out how much they cost.

Heretofore when a rural patron wanted to send parcel post package they had to come to the Leon office or get the carrier to bring in the package and pay the postage for them.

It will be quite a convenience for the patrons, but makes more work for the carriers. Pleasanton High School Defeated Town Team. Last Friday the Pleasanton High School base ball team matched a game with the Pleasanton town team, which had been playing mighty good ball, but the youngsters were too much for the older players, the game being a fast one and the High School team the winner by a score of 1 to 0.

The Pleasanton High School team want to match games with any High School team in Decatur county or adjoining counties. Bought a Bunch of Good Steers. T. J. Smith, of Lamoni, who is recognized as one of the best judges of good cattle in the state, drove up Saturday and bought a bunch of thirty head of two year old steers from James Haslet, of Edon town, from James Haslet, a mighty good ship, and they were a mighty good bunch. Mr. Haslet has been feeding them slugs, and they put on flesh in good shape.

RINGLING CIRCUS ANNOUNCED

World's Greatest Shows and Spectacle "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba" Now On Way.

Official information confirms the announcement that on Monday, September 20th, Ringling's circus will give two performances in Centerville. Many new features have been added this year, the most notable of which is the spectacle "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba."

This colossal production is presented with a cast of 1,250 people, a ballet of 300 dancing girls, 735 horses, and a trainload of scenery, costumes and properties, on the biggest stage in the world.

Following the spectacle, a circus program of unusual brilliancy will be presented, including an array of foreign and American acts new to the circus world. The menagerie contains 1,003 wild animals, 41 elephants, and a "baby zoo."

The circus is transported on 89 double length cars. Special arrangements have been made by the railroads to accommodate the crowds that will visit the circus from this city and the surrounding country.

Many New Residences Being Built. Many new houses are being erected in Leon this year. In north Leon, Mrs. Hale's new residence is almost completed.

Mrs. Nancy Moon has commenced the erection of a neat residence on her lots on north Main street purchased from Vince Robinson. Lew Gillham is occupying his commodious new residence and Milan Sanger has completed a fine little bungalow on his lots, C. E. Stuber has just moved into his pretty new bungalow on north Church street.

Fred Townsend is living in his new summer home in the new VanWerden addition, Wm. Mitchell has built a new residence on his lots in the new Smith addition and others are getting material on the ground to build. Mrs. Len Hamilton is building a modern new home on Church street and Miss Helen Whisler recently completed a new bungalow in west Leon.

Geo. W. Pennwell has moved into his elegant new home on west Commercial street, and Frank Farquhar is occupying his big new bungalow in south Leon. J. A. Caster is erecting a big new residence on the Gardner lot on south Main street, and a number of other residences are in course of construction in various parts of the city.

It has been a pretty prosperous year in Leon in regard to new residences. Auto and Motorcycle Met. A touring car driven by Fred Hadley, of Cainesville, Mo., and a motorcycle ridden by Glenn Detrick and Will Sanger met at the northwest corner of the square Sunday evening and the motorcycle and riders came out second best.

Mr. Hadley was driving west along the north side of the square and was turning south on Main street at the corner when the motorcycle came from the north and turned east along the north side of the square, being on the proper side of the street while Mr. Hadley was off side.

Both car and motorcycle slowed down before they met or the result might have been more serious. The riders of the motorcycle were both thrown to the pavement, Sanger receiving a severe cut on the leg and Detrick being considerably bruised and cut up, but neither were seriously injured.

The motorcycle was somewhat disfigured. Mr. Hadley acknowledged he was at fault and gave orders to have the motorcycle repaired and he would pay the bill. The frequency of accidents of motor vehicles, makes it absolutely imperative that all drivers should observe the state rules and drive on the proper side of streets and highways.

The Decatur County Improved Stock Breeders Association held a meeting Saturday to see if it would be possible to hold a stock show this fall. There has already been several inquiries about making entries, so it was decided to elect all the old officers to hold over, and appoint a committee to canvass all of the old members and as many new ones as possible to see if they could raise the necessary funds to pay premiums.

The president appointed the following members on committees: Lewis Garber, W. H. Hazlet, Milton Manchester, A. G. George, C. M. Kline, M. J. Porter and A. E. Cotterill. It is to be hoped the committee will meet with a favorable response. The stock shows that have been held the last few years have created quite an interest in better stock and Decatur county is especially adapted to stock raising on account of its being located in the best grass country known, also growing all the forage crops necessary to maintain stock through the winter at a minimum of expense, combined with a good climate.

Speaking of school teachers who jump contracts, the Anthon Herald advocates legislation disqualifying any teacher who breaks a contract for any other reason than the failing of health. "If there is one thing a teacher should hold sacred it is his or her word," the Herald contends. Nevertheless there are two sides to the question. If the teacher is determined to get away she is like the employe who is anxious to go, the best thing the employer can do is to fill the place with somebody who wants it and who will work willingly. So far as teachers' contracts are concerned they are no more sacred than other contracts between employers and employes. The reason we think they are is because the teachers are especially true as a class to their pledges as they are to their work.

Voss & Sons, the home place, Edwards Piano Co., Humeston, Iowa.