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THE CHURCHES.

Van Wert M. E. Church.

The pastor and people were highly pleased with the reports read in the service last Sunday morning concerning the work done as well as victories won, in the several departments of the church for the past year. Special mention should be given each report, but lack of time and space will not permit.

The Ladies' Aid Society during the past year has made remarkable advancement. The meetings were well attended besides a good increase in membership. The amount of profit for the year reached a total of \$430. Mrs. John Hacker is the president. Special interest centered about the treasurer's report because of the great achievements in the financial department for the past year. The accomplishments are due in a large measure to the installation of the "new financial plan."

The following was read before the congregation by the treasurer of the church, W. F. Blair:

"I would like to say that the board of stewards are very much pleased with the 'new financial plan.' They feel that with the help of each member and all working together, that instead of the financial department of the church being dreaded, it will be a pleasant part of the work."

"I want to ask each member this coming year to just do his or her part. You will find it the easiest and most pleasant way and I believe you will enjoy it for you will then know that you have done your duty."

"It is so much better to always have the money in the treasury to meet our obligations when they come due. I believe it is our duty to set this kind of an example. To make it a little stronger, I believe we do wrong when we do not pay our church obligations, when they come due, for if we do not, haven't we wronged the one we owe? Are we not wronging our children and the young people of the church, by our example of negligence? Does it not teach them to be negligent instead of prompt?"

"We have crossed over the most difficult part. Now it is up to each individual member to do his part. Will we do it? If we do not are we the kind of Christians that help to advance the cause of christianity? Our only standard of conduct in church financial matters is that of Malachi 3:10—'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now whether I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.'"

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school.....9:45 a. m.
Preaching.....11:00 a. m.
7:30 p. m.
Young People's Society.....6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wed'ay 7:30 p. m.
Choir rehearsal Thursday 8:00 p. m.

It seems necessary to again announce that "vacation is over" and that there is a crying need for men and women at church. And that cry is represented, not merely in a personal benefit to you, but far more in what you will be able to do for the community; by honoring the church with your presence than by placing it in disrepute by your absence. The church exists for the good of the community. No one has a corner on the church, however vigorously the right may be claimed by a few within or generously conceded by many without. Church obligation for everyone is not something to be assumed or rejected at will; unlike a coat, it is not something to be put on or off according to individual taste. It is an obligation alike binding on church members and non-church members. Ere long men will wake up and appreciate that fact. Are we going to confess stupidity and blindness to that fact now?

The subject for the morning worship next Sunday, "In a Beneficent World—Why is Thore Suffering?" This is a question that arrests the attention of everyone. Come, let us reason together. The theme for the evening will be a message to young people. Special music at each service. Next Sunday closes our presbytery year, preparatory to the meeting of Presbytery at Des Moines next Tuesday. Come with your offering to home missions and your local church subscription.

Our young people are to have a lawn social and entertainment this Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. McGinnis. It will be an evening of wholesome fun and feasting. The program will consist of a garden play, special music and readings and a camp-fire. Come, and have a good time.

Methodist Church.

Last Thursday proved to be an ideal day for our Sunday school picnic, which was held at Caster's lake in the afternoon and evening. A good company of our Sunday school members attended and all had a splendid time. In the contest which was held this summer the Blue side won by fifty-six points. All members of the Red side are to bring a nickel to Sunday school next Sunday to pay for the treat.

The pastor is absent this week in Des Moines, attending the annual conference, and there will be no preaching services next Sunday. Sunday school and Epworth League will be held at the usual hours.

The sessions of the annual conference are held each day this week and Sunday and Monday morning of next, in the First Methodist church, Des Moines. Speakers of exceptional strength have been secured and any

of our members and friends who can attend one or more of the sessions will do so profitably.

Brethren Church.

Sunday school each Sunday at 10. Christian Endeavor at 7:15. Preaching at 8 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00. The S. S. C. E. will meet at the home of Mrs. Addie Brown next Saturday at 2:30.

Christian Church.

There will be preaching at the Christian church, morning and evening. Every member is earnestly requested to attend, as there is business of importance to transact.

Hessian Fly Meeting a Success.

Farmers were in attendance from distant parts of the county and were very much interested in P. C. Taft's address on "How to Control Hessian Fly."

He had a chart and a mount in a glass case showing the different stages of development from egg to grub that does the damage, flaxseed, when in a dormant state before issuing forth a fully developed fly, and the flies, also stems of wheat straw showing how they work.

Mr. Taft told how it was possible to starve out the fly by community effort, and still keep on raising winter wheat, but it is impossible for one farmer alone to accomplish much unless his neighbors put forth the same effort.

If we intend raising winter wheat we will be compelled to quit seeding clover and timothy with it, owing to the stubble being the very best place for the fly to live through the following season. One farmer stated that he had burned his wheat stubble and then disced it and deferred sowing till Oct. 1 and received good results.

Burning of stubble is not to be recommended when as good results may be had by disking and plowing early and then keeping the ground disced to destroy all volunteer wheat before reseeding again.

Another farmer said that he disced and plowed early but failed to destroy all volunteer wheat and his crop was almost a failure.

The discussion following the address was very interesting and brought out some useful information, and everyone felt well repaid for the time spent.

It would be well for those unable to attend the meeting to send a post card to the college at Ames requesting their Hessian fly bulletin.

Mrs. John McCully.

Nelle Marie Beasley was born June 8, 1883, and died at her home in Davis City, Iowa, August 27, 1915, at the age of 32 years, 3 months and 9 days, after a lingering illness of several months, during which she was an intense sufferer from lung trouble.

She was married to Mr. John McCully, December 24, 1902, and to this union three children were born: Hazel Roberta, James Walter, and Overland Wright, all of whom are living.

Mrs. McCully was a member of the Apostolic faith. She was a good christian woman, a devoted wife and mother and a kind neighbor.

Besides her immediate family she leaves to mourn her loss, a father, six sisters and one brother, besides a host of friends.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

Funeral services were held at the late home, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Harrison Hamilton of Leon. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

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Decatur County School Exhibits Won Many Prizes at State Fair.

The exhibition made by the Decatur county schools at the Iowa State Fair, attracted considerable attention and many prizes were awarded the exhibits from Decatur county, a total of \$95.00 being won in prizes, in addition to the honor of winning first prize for the best layer cake, first for best cookies, first for best doughnuts, first for High School manual training, and first for rural schools manual training club work.

County superintendent Miss Mabel Horner was in charge of the exhibit, and to her efforts in having the entries shown are due the success which Decatur county won. A total of twenty-six premiums were awarded to Decatur county, which ranks right up with the best county in the state.

The following is a list of the premiums won:

- 1—South White Oak, set of five water colors, second premium, \$1.
- 2—Sunny Side, three useful articles made from wood, first premium, \$3.
- 3—Eden Prairie, collection of Iowa woods named and mounted, first premium, \$2.
- 4—Eden Center, collection of Iowa woods, named and mounted, second premium, \$1.
- 5—Leon High School, three articles of furniture, first premium, \$2.
- 6—Lamoni High School, four articles of sewing, first premium, \$3.
- 7—Beulah Clappitt, best exhibit of various lines of club work, second premium, \$8.
- 8—Picnic Club, Hamilton township, Jessie Waffle, leader, exhibit by canning and marketing club, third premium, \$10.
- 9—Sunshine club, Center township, Mrs. A. E. Clappitt, leader, exhibit by canning and marketing club, fourth premium, \$5.
- 10—Decatur county, best county collective exhibit of canning work, fourth premium, \$10.
- 11—Beulah Clappitt, school bag, second premium, \$1.
- 12—Beulah Clappitt, sample of patching, second premium, \$1.
- 13—Nellie Bibbey, kimona, second premium, \$1.
- 14—Lura Bibbey, bulletin case first premium, \$2.
- 15—Enid Farmer, house dress, second premium, \$1.
- 16—Lura Bibbey, slippers, crochet, first premium, \$2.
- 17—Lura Bibbey, collar, crochet, first premium, \$2.
- 18—Nellie Bibbey, collar, crochet, second premium, \$1.
- 19—Minnie Williams, doughnuts, first premium, \$2.
- 20—Enid Farmer, sugar cookies, first premium, \$2.
- 21—Enid Farmer, layer cake, first premium, \$2.
- 22—Beulah Clappitt, can of currants, first premium, \$2.
- 23—Warren Rumley, salt box, first premium, \$2.
- 24—Warren Rumley, plate rack, second premium, \$1.
- 25—Decatur county, collection of manual training, second premium, \$2.
- 26—Oak Seminary school, photographs by rural school, second premium, \$10.
- 27—Member of Picnic club, holder, first premium, \$1.

Explosion at Pop Factory.

The neighbors in the vicinity of the pop factory Saturday morning were awakened by an explosion which led them to believe that the German army had invaded our city. The explosion occurred about ten o'clock, and could be easily heard for some distance.

An inferior carbonated water drum exploded, after Sherman Stinson had charged it. The force of the explosion blew off the steel end of the tank, which collided with a heavy oak door. The missile ploughed its way through about six inches of steel ceiling, losing its momentum and falling to the cement floor.

The accident might have resulted fatally for anyone in the path of the projectile. Mr. Moyer says in the future he will inspect the tanks before charging.—Osceola Democrat.

Another Corn Freak.

Another of the most wonderful freaks of nature was exhibited by George Smallwood, of Morgan township, in town on Monday. It was an ear of corn resembling a human foot, with the heel, toes and general shape well nigh perfect. The ear was not shelled and what made it appear so natural was that there was actually a well developed "corn" on each toe.—Lineville Tribune.

Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County, In Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William P. Anderson, deceased.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as administrator of the estate of William P. Anderson, late of Decatur county, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 24th day of August, A. D. 1915.

J. B. ROBINSON,

Administrator of said estate.

Fire losses and the expense of fire prevention cost the United States more each year than the total value of its production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum.

AUTO PLATE MIX-UP.

Iowa Car Owners Will Be Compelled to Secure New Plate Each Year.

Des Moines, Sept. 2.—The only business which the retrenchment and reform committee of the legislature found to do on its visit here this week was in relation to the historical department and the automobile plate situation. In regard to the former the matter of additional janitorship was settled to the satisfaction of all. In regard to the automobile plates a peculiar situation was found. The legislature passed a bill which contemplated a three-year plate to be furnished by the secretary of state to the owners of automobiles. It was the scheme to have one plate issued next year that would be good for three years, though of course the auto owner would have to pay the tax each of the three years. The main purpose of the legislature in changing the system was to get rid of the interminable bother of getting a new plate each year and waiting for months and more for the same to arrive. But a special sub-committee was appointed to make investigation as to what was being done and this committee reported.

It was found, much to the surprise of the members of the legislature, that an order has been placed for plates in such a way that a new plate will be needed each of the three years though the same number may be retained.

This was thought to be hardly a satisfactory situation, and the owners of automobiles will not be pleased with the idea that it will be necessary to get a new number plate each year the same as in the past. Members of the legislature say that they thought that this bother of getting and putting on new number plates each year was the very thing they were trying to avoid, and that the mere fact of having the same number was of small consequence. It probably will be adjusted by the committee to the satisfaction of the automobile owners.

Breakie—Lydick.

Another Graceland wedding was celebrated on Tuesday of this week when Elder J. A. Gunsolly pronounced the words which united Mr. Allan Breakie of Grindstone, Michigan, and Miss Della Lydick, of Wheeling, West Virginia, as husband and wife. The happy event took place at the residence of Prof. C. B. Woodstock at ten o'clock in the presence of a few invited guests. Immediately after a pretty and appropriate wedding breakfast was served by the hostess of the occasion. Friends from out of town were Miss Gela Cook, Independence, Mo., and Mr. Charles Allen, Des Moines, Iowa.

The groom is a well known student of the local college, having spent the past six years in Lamoni. He is a young man of sterling qualities and has been recognized as a power for good among his associates. The bride has been a student at Graceland the past year and has won a host of friends. The good wishes of the student body and the faculty of the college, as well as their friends in this community go with these young people as they enter upon their married life. Mr. and Mrs. Breakie left Tuesday noon for Lawrence, Kansas, where Mr. Breakie will continue his studies in the University of Kansas.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Allen—Mader.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock a quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mader, in east Lamoni, when their daughter, Zella V., was united in marriage to Robert H. Allen, Elder F. M. Weld officiating. Just the immediate families were present.

Both these young people are well known and highly respected in Lamoni, both having held positions in several of the Lamoni stores at different times, both also being graduates from the Lamoni schools, and Mr. Allen having graduated last spring at Iowa City. He now holds a position as principal of the schools at Blairtown, Iowa, for the coming year.

After the ceremony and congratulations, all were invited into Mrs. Mader's large dining room to a feast of good things which proved the skill of Mrs. Mader and daughters.

At one o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Allen were taken by auto to Andover, Mo., where they took the train for their new home in Blairtown.

All who know these young folks wish them nothing but happiness and success in the true sense of the term.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Wed at Des Moines.

The marriage of Mrs. Afton Howell of Davis City, to Mr. I. G. Ward took place Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the Rev. Allan Judd in east Des Moines.—Des Moines Register and Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward expect to make their home in Omaha.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Rosa Hembrey, of this city, whose only daughter she is, also the grandchild of Wm. Frazier. She graduated from the Davis City schools and also finished the course in music at Graceland College at Lamoni. She has been a successful teacher in the schools of this city and also at Omaha, Neb. She has a host of friends who wish her well.

Mr. Ward is known to some of our people, having visited in Davis City during the past summer, and those who know him speak of him in the highest terms of praise. He is a traveling salesman of the Lorillard Tobacco Co., of New York.

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friends in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Ward a happy and prosperous journey through life.—Davis City News.

Rauch—McGahuey.

Last Wednesday afternoon Miss Florence Rauch of Lamoni became the bride of Mr. Mahlon McGahuey of Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Guy J. Fansher at the Methodist parsonage in Leon. Miss Lois Richards and Miss Hazel Buoy acted as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. McGahuey have our best wishes for a happy married life.

Whiteley—McClain.

Miss Merle Whiteley and Mr. Ray McClain, both of Corydon, were united in marriage in Leon last Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Guy J. Fansher and was witnessed by Miss Lois Richards and Mr. Ralph Pickering. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. McClain our best wishes.

Thoughts for the Discouraged Farmer.

They've been a heap of rain, but the sun is out today. And the clouds of the wet spell is all cleared away. And the woods is all the greener, and the grass is greener still; It may rain again tomorrow, but I don't think it will.

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot; The June day thrush is here, the morning sun is shining hot. Oh! let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day, And banish every doubt and care and sorrow fur away!

Whatever be our station, with Providence fer guide, Such fine circumstances ought to make us satisfied; Fer the world is full of roses and the roses full of dew, And the dew is full of heavenly love that drips fer me and you. —James Whitcomb Riley.