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A REAL BOOSTER MEET

Booster Meeting and Banquet by Leon Chamber of Commerce will Bring Forth Real Results.

A meeting which will probably result in more real good to the citizens of Decatur than any meeting ever held in Leon, was the booster meeting and banquet given by the Leon Chamber of Commerce on last Friday evening at the Presbyterian church in Leon.

At the conclusion of the banquet Rev. G. T. Ronk was announced as toastmaster, and took charge. We have always been leary of a preacher as a toastmaster at a public meeting, but in this case we were agreeably surprised.

He introduced as the speaker of the evening Dr. Henry W. Wapello, county agent, Iowa, who came as a representative of the community interests of Wapello county, where there exists a closer union of the business and farming interests than exists probably in any county in the United States.

Dr. Henry made no pretense of being an orator. He is a practicing physician in a small town, but he did tell, in a very interesting manner, what had been accomplished in Wapello county. He told how the Ottumwa Commercial Club, the Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau, working together, had accomplished wonders.

The meeting developed into an old time experience meeting. Man after man made brief remarks but all agreed that now was the time for all interests to get together.

The result of the meeting was that a motion prevailed that each Commercial Club, Farmers Union and Farm Bureau section appoint delegates to attend a meeting to be held at Leon on March 12th, for the purpose of formulating plans for a permanent organization, including a grievance committee to handle any matter where there may be a difference of opinion, and that all business and farm organizations in the county be invited to participate in this organization.

The seed has been sown. Watch it grow and develop into a golden harvest for all the people of Decatur county.

LENT BEGINS MARCH 5.

Catholics and Episcopalians Will Begin Annual Observance of Holy Days.

Ash Wednesday, the opening of the Lenten season, a time in which the members of all the Catholic and Episcopal churches, as well as of other denominations, observe with prayer and special services, will come March 5 this year.

Holy week, which closes the Lenten season, commences with Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are observed during that week, and the season is closed with Easter Sunday, when a special service is celebrated in nearly all the churches in the world.

New Court Cases.

Beulah Butcher vs. Orville Butcher. These parties were married at Davis City on Feb. 23, 1910, and lived together until Feb. 6, 1919.

Waltham Piano Co. vs. W. L. Barry. Plaintiff asks for a writ of replevin on three pianos belonging to defendant for sale and damages in the sum of \$50 for their detention.

George Lloyd vs. James and Ben Owens. Suit is for \$36.17. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Catherine Bradford vs. Clyde Merrill. An action to recover rent on a farm amounting to \$125.00. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

A. J. Owens vs. Ida and A. M. Elmsinger. Suit is for a commission of \$150 which plaintiff claims for selling a farm owned by defendant.

D. C. Thurlow vs. Joanna R. Coppock. Application for appointment of guardian. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

Joe L. Warner Raises Big Lemons in California.

The following clipping from a Stockton, California, paper has reference to a former well known resident of Leon, Joe L. Warner, a brother of Mrs. C. M. Akes of Leon: Joe L. Warner, residing at 242 South Sierra Nevada street, planted a slip of a lemon tree two years ago in the yard at his home.

Deserted Stolen Car.

A Buick Six car was deserted and left at the side of the road near the Dennis Daughton home just east of Leon last Thursday morning. Sheriff John A. Fulton was notified and went out with a team and found the car had been stolen a few days before from Geo. E. Robinson, at Valley Junction, Iowa, by three boys of that town.

Bought Back His Old Mare.

About a year ago when Millard Gardner decided to move to Leon he had a sale, and among other stock was the old family mare which was bought by Fred Dale for \$25. Last week Mr. Dale had a sale as he is going to move to the Hansell property in Leon which he recently bought.

Back to Old Decatur County.

When Elec Housh moved to Des Moines a year ago we said it was only a question of time until he would return to old Decatur county, and our prediction comes true, for Mr. Housh and family, including his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Caster, and children, arrived yesterday, and are moving on the fine farm which he recently purchased just west of Leon from John Dale, who is moving into Leon. And the Housh family have many good friends here who are mighty glad to see them come back, and will extend a cordial welcome to them.

COURT AGAIN CONVENES

Jesse Albee Sentenced to Penitentiary for Five Years. Other Criminal Cases Disposed of.

Judge Evans returned to Leon Monday evening after spending a week in Des Moines hearing the contested election case between Judge Hunter and his opponent Wheeler, the court deciding in favor of the incumbent, Judge Hunter.

The grand jury returned an indictment against Jesse Albee for stealing Fay Macy's Ford car, and Albee on Tuesday entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary at Ft. Madison, being taken there by Sheriff Fulton Tuesday evening.

Ethan Caster, of Garden Grove, entered a plea of guilty to assault with intent to commit murder, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Wesley Lorey, son of Will Lorey, was brought before the court as an incorrigible, and he was ordered sent to the industrial school at Eldora, but no mittimus was issued.

Barber & Weldon vs. W. H. Hazlet et al. Dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Leonard Still vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Settled and dismissed. Roscoe Scott et al. Referee's report of sale and deed to John T. Robertson approved.

Guardianship of Emma Quayle. H. J. Culver appointed temporary guardian with bond of \$1,000.

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Had a Fair Sale.

The weather was against C. M. Akes and E. E. Anderson with their Hereford cattle sale held at Sunny Summit Hereford farm just south of Leon last Thursday, the snow storm and bad roads keeping many away, yet fair prices were realized considerable all things, 41 head selling for a total of \$9,125.00 an average of \$222.53.

The following is the list of the buyers and prices paid: No. 1-Bull, H. F. Grimes & Son, Melrose \$160.00 No. 2-Bull, E. E. Elder & Sons, Humeston 475.00 No. 3-Bull, G. F. Scott 130.00 No. 4-Bull, W. H. Bronson, Decatur 115.00 No. 5-Bull, Grover Hamilton, Delray 130.00 No. 6-Bull, Elva Baker, Leon 115.00 No. 7-Bull, Grimes & Son, 160.00 No. 8-Bull, Grimes & Son, 135.00 No. 9-Bull, Roy Hines, 160.00 No. 10-Cow, W. T. Waller, 100.00 No. 11-Bull, Chas. A. Bidson, Leon 335.00 No. 12-Cow, Spence Moore, Pleasanton 235.00 No. 13-Cow, W. T. Waller, 160.00 No. 14-Cow, R. H. Akes, Leon 700.00 No. 15-Cow, W. T. Waller, 220.00 No. 16-Cow, W. T. Waller, 140.00 No. 17-Cow, W. T. Waller, 190.00 No. 18-Cow, B. F. Redman, Van Wert 200.00 No. 19-Cow, Roy Hines, 185.00 No. 20-Cow, Roy Hines, 340.00 No. 21-Cow, Grimes & Son, 340.00 No. 22-Cow, A. S. Sherwin, Davis City 185.00 No. 23-Cow, Geo. Merrill, Kellerton 275.00 No. 24-Cow, J. R. Richardson, Lamoni 135.00 No. 25-Cow, F. B. Emery, Ridgeway 265.00 No. 26-Cow, T. A. Sutherland, 240.00 No. 27-Cow, T. A. Sutherland, 235.00 No. 28-Cow, W. Anderson & Son, Des Moines 300.00 No. 29-Cow, Guy Smith, Van Wert 205.00 No. 30-Cow, Roy Hines, 290.00 No. 31-Cow, George Merrill, 290.00 No. 32-Cow, Leon Leeper, 205.00 No. 33-Cow, Leon Leeper, 220.00 No. 34-Cow, Roy Hines, 250.00 No. 35-Cow, F. B. Emery, 310.00 No. 36-Cow, F. B. Emery, 285.00 No. 37-Cow, W. T. Waller, 185.00 No. 38-Cow, W. T. Waller, 235.00 No. 39-Cow, T. A. Sutherland, 245.00 No. 40-Cow, Roy Hines, 240.00 No. 41-Cow, Grimes & Son, 145.00

Leon Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Leon, assisted by Scoutmaster, Rev. P. F. Campbell, appeared in a good program at the M. E. church Friday night, under the auspices of the local scouts.

The exposition of Scout Craft was excellent and consisted of demonstrations in signal work, first aid, knot tying, camp fire building and other things.

The members of the association are only fifty cents a year in addition to the state union dues. Anyone wishing to obtain membership, should see the secretary.

Co-Operative Marketing is Profitable.

Have just received a letter from the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co., of St. Joe, and we note that, up to the present time, there is a net gain in commission of 4 per cent to be returned to the members of the Farmers Union who have shipped live stock to St. Joe markets and sold them on the co-operative basis. Therefore, all union members should get in line and ship their stock there, the Farmers Union live stock shipping association if they expect to receive their pro rata part of the commission sales.

Palmer—Foland.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 23rd, at 6 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Esther Foland and Mr. Ralph Palmer at the home of Rev. E. C. Vanderpool. They were attended by Mr. Homer Foland and Miss Pearl Brannon. The bride was dressed in a beautiful gown of grey crepe over lavender silk and the groom wore a blue serge.

Sams—Brannon.

Mr. Edward Sams and Miss Maude Brannon, both of near Decatur, were married at the M. E. parsonage in Leon on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. H. Hiller. The bride and groom are both well known among a large circle of friends in the vicinity where they reside, who extend congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Sams will make their home on a farm near Decatur.

Baker—Beasley.

Mr. Luther Baker and Miss Georgia Beasley were married Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1919, by Justice Frank Cox. Both bride and groom were born and raised in the community in which they were married, and they have endeared themselves to a wide circle of friends. They will go at once to housekeeping at the groom's home three miles north of Davis City. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

Watch for Tullis Bros. Big Sale, Tuesday, March 11th.

Tullis Bros., of Decatur, will hold probably the biggest sale in Decatur county this season, at their farm adjoining Decatur on Tuesday, March 11th, 100 head of horses and mules fat and ready for market, 200 head of cattle, including 165 head of two and three year old steers, and lots of other stock. Keep this date in view and make arrangements to attend this big sale.

The Leon Savings Bank is prepared to make some good farm loans at reasonable rates.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

Yesterday evening at 4 o'clock when the doors of the Farmers & Traders bank closed, bank business under the firm of D. & A. B. Stearns and L. P. Sigler closed, and when the doors open this morning it will be under the name of Teale Bros., although the old name of Farmers & Traders Bank will be retained. J. E. Teale, of Davis City, is president and Fred Teale of this city is cashier of the new organization. Arthur Teale, of Davis City, will be assistant cashier. The new firm, as everyone knows, is possessed of ample capital to conduct the business, and are safe and conservative business men.

Mr. Ellsworth F. Renner of Pender, Nebraska, and Miss Ada F. Springer were married at the home of the bride's father, David Springer, in Burrell township, on Feb. 22, the ceremony being performed by Elder Jones, of Leon. They will make their home on a farm near Pender.

Charles T. Bigley and Miss Mary Brooks were united in marriage last Saturday by Mayor Marior Woodard. Jasper W. Spargur and Miss Allie Acton were married at Davis City last Thursday evening by Squire Geo. P. Campbell.

We learn that a sixteen year old daughter of John Wells living near Westerville has been asleep now for over three weeks and still shows no signs of awakening from her long sleep of trance.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: Jasper W. Spargur 30 to Allie Acton 21. Charles T. Bigley 22 to Mary Brooks 18. Wm. A. Dodge 26 to Lizzie Houdeheldt 26. Albert Konklyn 29 to Dell Hollinger 28. John M. Francis 42 to Rosa Williams 15.

I. N. McDonough has bought the stock of general merchandise at High Point. He will be assisted by Perry Cochran, of Decatur, and Miss Eliza VanNostrand of Leon, in conducting the store.

F. J. Parsons has traded a horse to Jack Thompson for a pair of possum hounds, and got a bargain. John S. Parrish has gone to Mt. Airy to commence the practice of law in that town.

Navy Plans to Return Its Dead.

Plans for bringing home the bodies of all officers, sailors and marines now buried on foreign soil are being worked out by the navy department, and the actual work will be undertaken within the next few months.

The wishes of relatives, however, will govern not only as to the return of the bodies, but also as to their final disposition. Those brought home will be sent forward for private interment or buried in the Arlington or some other national cemetery, as the relatives may decide.

The department's announcement has expressed a preference for bringing home all bodies, but if the nearest of kin desire the dead will be left to rest in France, probably in special purchased American cemeteries where the best care and recognition will be assured.

Of the bodies brought home where private interment is desired the navy will prepay all expenses up to delivery of the casket to relatives, and the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury will refund burial expenses not exceeding \$100 in each case.

Girls' Class Entertained Scouts.

Miss Freda Feren's class of girls at the Presbyterian Sunday school entertained very delightfully the Boy Scouts on Monday evening of this week, at the Presbyterian manse. Covers were laid for twenty-four and a dainty and delicious luncheon was served. The favors were small hatchets, and the national colors were in evidence. Colonial costumes were worn by the guests, and many striking and novel effects were seen. After the luncheon the young folks played a number of jolly games and everybody agreed that they had had the time of their young lives.

Bronze Lapel Button Will be Emblem of Honorable Discharge.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The "honorable discharge" emblem to be issued by the war department to soldiers leaving the army will be a bronze lapel button somewhat similar to that of the G. A. R. It was announced that a design had been selected from fifteen models submitted by American artists and sculptors.

To Avoid Delay Better Packing and Better Marking is Required. We are depending on you to help us in better packing and better marking. Erase old marks, as to inventing a new one, is not to be done. The period from July 1, to Nov. 30, 1918, 127859 packages were lost in transit or delayed in delivery on account of being poorly marked. We ask our patrons to help us along this line.

American Railway Express Co.

H. L. Tullis, Agent. Every Thursday, Mack Bennett comedies at New Theatre.

AT THE THEATRES.

Program for Coming Week at the Leon Theatres.

Thursday, Feb. 27th, at New Theatre, Vivian Martin in "Unclaimed Goods," a Paramount picture. The Mack Bennett Comedy "Sherlock Nell's Tussle," and the Current Events. Big program, all good.

Friday, Feb. 28th, at New Theatre, Jack Pickford in "Huck and Tom," and the Ford Weekly. Saturday, March 1st, at New Theatre, Jack Pickford in "Huck and Tom," and Brax Photograph.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28th and March 1st, at Idle Hour theatre, Mrs. Charlie Chaplin in "For Hands Only," a drama that is as tantalizing as a pretty girl's wink. Mainly Saturday, 3 o'clock.

Monday, March 3rd, at New Theatre, Tom Moore in "Thirty a Week," and a Pathe Comedy. Tuesday, March 4th, at New Theatre, Mae Murray in "Danger, Go Slow!" and a Pathe Comedy.

Wednesday, March 5th, at New Theatre, Constance Talmadge in Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots," and the Holmes Travelogue.

Farm Bureau Notes.

About 150 county agents, home demonstration workers and boys and girls club leaders met at Leon on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27 and 28, for a conference of extension workers from all over the state.

The meeting was essentially a business one, and was devoted to and to discuss problems which arise daily in the work of an extension worker.

Although no special entertainment was planned on account of the short duration of the conference, the feature of the program was a special worthy of mention, namely the speech by President R. A. Peterson of Iowa State College, who is a member of the committee which recently returned from Duroy where they made a study of agriculture in the countries of our allies.

During Friday the different groups were separated, the county agents, home demonstration agent and the extension club workers each holding separate conferences, which their individual problems were taken up.

Mr. J. D. Kirkpatrick will be the proud possessor of the banner accord trophy for next year. Mr. Kirkpatrick won this cup by growing 88.6 bushels of corn on one acre. Would like to see some Decatur county farmer carry away this cup next year.

We are almost ready to complete the details of the sheep and wool growers association of the county whose object is to improve methods of marketing wool and mutton.

1st. To improve methods of marketing wool and mutton. 2nd. To promote the breeding and improvement of sheep. 3rd. To aid members in buying, breeding and selling first-class animals.

4th. To disseminate information that is of vital interest to the sheep industry. Now is the time to cull your poultry flock and prune your fruit trees; if you wish advice or bulletins on these subjects call the county agent's office and we will gladly respond.

Don't forget the good roads meeting Saturday, March 1st. Navy Plans to Return Its Dead. Plans for bringing home the bodies of all officers, sailors and marines now buried on foreign soil are being worked out by the navy department, and the actual work will be undertaken within the next few months.

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