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JOE GIRTHOFFER DEAD

Former Decatur County Resident Shot Himself at Des Moines Early Sunday Morning.

Joe A. Girthoffer, for a number of years a resident of this county having worked for many years for E. Housh, committed suicide at the Hawkeye hotel in Des Moines Sunday night. Mr. Girthoffer was working for Lud Robbins on a farm near Des Moines, and no reason is known why he should take his life.

Mr. Housh went to Des Moines Monday afternoon to make arrangements for his burial. The deceased was a reliable man, and had many friends in this vicinity. The following account of his suicide is from Monday's Des Moines Register:

With a bullet through the right temple, the body of J. A. Girthoffer of Osceola, Iowa, was found lying on the floor of a room at the Hawkeye hotel last night by a colored porter who entered the room at 10:30 to make the bed.

The dead man clutched a 32 caliber revolver in his right hand and police officers who investigated said that the case was plainly one of suicide.

The man had been dead for at least fifteen and perhaps for twenty-four hours, when the body was found, the police said.

Effects found on the man's person indicated that his name was J. A. Girthoffer, and that his address was Osceola, Iowa. A brother, Robert Girthoffer, lives at 4136 V street in Omaha, according to a letter found in the man's pocket.

Girthoffer registered at the hotel at 8 o'clock Saturday night the clerk at the hotel said. He went out to a show right after registering. Hotel employees did not see him return, and saw nothing more of the man until the porter found his body late last night and notified W. J. Ferguson, manager of the hotel, who reported the matter to the police.

The man who probably 40 years of age. Nothing on his person indicated his occupation or any motive for suicide. The night telephone operator at Osceola said last night that there was no record of a man by the name of Girthoffer residing at Osceola. The man's brother at Omaha has been notified of his death.

Inter-church World Conference.

The Decatur county conference of the Inter-church World Movement was held at the M. E. church in this city last Wednesday, the conference starting at 10 a. m. and continued throughout the day. All of the ministers of Decatur county were present at the conference, and a good representation of laymen from the various churches, the conference being exceptionally well attended.

Harveys to Leave Leon.

It is with sincere regret that we announce that soon he is going to lose the Jas. F. Harvey family, as they have purchased a residence on Grand Avenue in Des Moines, and will move to that city the coming summer. No family in Leon will be missed more, for both Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have been very active in all public work, and their place will be hard to fill in many ways.

The Ducks Came Back.

The Madison Lake Times relates this story: "George Knapp raised two wild mallard ducks last year for use as decoys, but when the freeze-up came they picked up and left for Mexico to spend the winter. George must have set a mighty good table for his ducks, for yesterday the pair of greenheads separated from a flock passing over and settled down in the chicken yard—tame wild ducks again until next fall.

Horses and Mules for Sale.

1 gray mare 7 years old in foal by Jack, 1 brown mare 6 or 7 years old, 1 black mare 6 years old. Also 1 large and good ones. 1 coming yearling mule extra good. Gray pony weight 850; 2 Jersey cows and 1 black cow, all to be fresh in May and all bred to Jersey bull. Cash or bankable note. Ed H. Sharp.

K. of P. Convention in May.

The district convention of the K. of P. lodge will be held at Leon this year, on either May 20th or 27th, the date being left with the district deputy Grand Chancellor. The local lodge is planning on some big doings at the convention, and there will be a large number of visiting Knights in attendance.

Notice.

I don't want to make trouble for any Leon citizens but the ordinances against speeding with autos and allowing chickens to run at large will be strictly enforced. Don't speed with your car and keep your chickens up or you will have a fine to pay. J. L. McClain, Mayor.

Fordson Tractors.

If you are a prospect for a tractor and wish to see the Fordson demonstrated on your own farm, let us know. It will cost you nothing and you will be under no obligation to buy. Estes & Co.

Help Wanted.

Chamber maid work and dining room girls. Good pay. Hotel Leon.

Class of Thirty Will Graduate.

The graduating class of the Leon High School this year has thirty members and is a class of which any High School may well be proud. The commencement exercises will be held on Friday evening, May 28th. The following is a list of the graduates: Blanche Andrew, Mary Beavers, Edith Beers, Jennie Campbell, Quenetta Carroll, LaNelle Cartwright, Margery Cester, Martin Cester, Rosamond Cowles, Florence Davis, Alice Davis, Mabel Dingman, Fernie Estes, Arlean Evans, Marie Finkbeiner, Esther Garber, Harry Gillham, James Hansell, Imogene Harden, Opal Hewson, Marie Horney, Marie Manning, Madge Manning, Mildred Merwin, Gladys Muck, Dorothy Osborn, Gertrude Pearson, Hazel Smith, John Springer, Josephine Toms.

Will Make Her Home With Leon Relatives.

A few weeks ago The Reporter published a little item signed by Miss Helen Brown, of Upton, Wyoming, asking for information as to her father, Elmer Brown, a former resident of Leon, who after the death of his wife allowed their three children to be placed in a Christian Home for Children at Council Bluffs, from which home the children were afterwards placed with people in Nebraska. Mrs. Brown was a sister of Mrs. Charles Gunter, of Leon, who had lost all track of her niece, but on seeing the advertisement when Helen had printed, she corresponded with her, and a railroad ticket was telegraphed her to come to Leon. She arrived here last week, and will make her home with the Gunter family, and she is very happy in finding her relatives and in being provided with a home here. Her sister and sister are still with families in Nebraska, where they have good homes.

Caddock Came Back.

Earl Caddock, the great Iowa wrestler, showed Monday night at the Coliseum in Des Moines that he is not a has been, winning his match with Zbyszko in two straight falls, the first in one hour, fifty-six minutes and ten seconds, and the second in one minute and fifty-six seconds, both falls being the result of a head scissor and wristlock. There was a record breaking crowd in attendance, the big part of which was from outside town. The match was a rough one, Caddock twice throwing his opponent through the ropes, and the second time Zbyszko struck his shoulder on the edge of the platform, and was injured. After the first fall, the Pole refused to go on with the match claiming he was injured so he could not do himself justice, but the managers and crowd insisted he should continue as it was a finish match, and he went on the second time, Caddock throwing him in less than two minutes.

Not Half Have Registered Discharges.

More than two hundred of Decatur county's soldier boys who had quite a bit of trouble in securing their discharge papers have failed to register them with county recorder Mrs. Alexander. There were more than four hundred Decatur county boys in the service, and but 211 of them have registered their discharge papers. It costs nothing to have your discharge recorded, and in years to come it will probably save you a lot of trouble in case your discharge papers have been lost or destroyed. Many a soldier in the civil war was put to a lot of trouble in expense years after they were discharged from service, because their discharge papers had been lost. We hope that every Decatur county returned soldier will take advantage of the provisions made for having their discharge recorded, and will do so at once.

Be Careful About Registering Cars.

The Superintendent of the motor vehicle department at Des Moines, gave particular attention should be given to the date of purchase of motor cars which have been previously registered. If the date of purchase is given as after January 1, 1919, registration should be made by the owner of the car on January 1st, is personally liable for the payment of the fees until the transfer shall have been made. As no transfer can be made until registration is completed it will be because that the fees and penalties are to be paid by the owner on that date. This applies to dealers as well as to individual owners, and any violation of this section of the law constitutes a misdemeanor, and the party is subject to a fine.

F. N. Hansell Retires.

Frank N. Hansell, who has been cashier of the Leon Savings Bank for the past few months, has retired from the bank, having decided that the business did not suit him. No cashier has yet been selected to fill the vacancy, but it will be filled in the near future. Frank says he is going to have all the time he needs now to make garden for his wife.

Second Hand Cars.

If you have a second car to sell or want to buy one—SEE US—We handle more second hand cars than any other firm between Des Moines and Kansas City. Estes & Company, Leon, Iowa.

Court Convenes Next Monday.

The April term of the district court convened at Leon next Monday with Judge P. C. Winter presiding. The term will last three weeks, the trial jury being summoned to appear on Tuesday of the second week, April 27th.

PROF. GASS WILL STAY

Popular Superintendent of the Leon School Contracts for Next Year with \$600 Salary Increase.

Prof. O. M. Gass, who has been superintendent of the Leon Schools for the past nine years, will remain as superintendent for next year, Mrs. Marie Sullivan has also signed Friday evening, raising his salary from \$1800 to \$2400 a year, and although Prof. Gass could easily secure more money elsewhere, he has decided to remain in Leon. Under his supervision the Leon Schools have ranked with the very best schools in the state, and patrons and students will be mighty glad that he is to remain in Leon for another year. Mrs. Marie Sullivan has also signed a contract for next year as principal of the High School, and Miss Elia Grogan has signed a contract to remain as principal of the south building. The school board will hold another meeting Friday evening to take up the election of other teachers for next year.

Prince of Wales Buys His Calves.

Mrs. Isabel Buys of Leon has received a clipping from an Edinburgh, Scotland, paper, telling of the Prince of Wales buying four calves from his Scotch herd, and this big price deemed the matter of sufficient importance to publish the portrait of Mr. Massie with the article, which reads as follows: Short horns representing the leading Scottish herds, there was a striking instance of what a smallholder can accomplish in the matter of breeding pure stock. Mr. J. Massie, Mill of Warley, Aberdeen, who has a croft extending to something like 20 to 30 acres, had the remarkable distinction of selling four representatives from his small but select herd at an average of £127 5s. 9d. The Prince of Wales bought two of Mr. Massie's heifer calves at 230 gns. and 140 gns. respectively. Mr. Massie is one of the most capable herdsmen in this country, and his selection of the best sires, modern requirements, and the different families of the breed are as accurate and comprehensive as any fancier could wish to possess. Before taking over his present herd, he had a herd of 150 head in Newton, and subsequently with Mr. Parkin-Moore at Mealegate, Cumberland. Everyone will wish Mr. Massie the maximum of success as a Short horn breeder. Industrious and progressive men like Mr. Massie who begin in a small way deserve every encouragement to get on.

First Consolidated School District in Decatur County.

At the election held last Thursday to vote on the question of school consolidation comprising nine sections in Clarke county and twenty sections in Decatur county, embracing the Leroy district the question of consolidation carried by a vote of 82 to 59. This is the first consolidated school district to be established in Decatur county, but the other sections in Clarke county will vote on the question on April 24th, and the Decatur district will also vote on consolidation in the near future. From the best information we can obtain it is believed that consolidation in the whole state of Iowa which did not have one or more consolidated school districts, Decatur being one of them, the others being Audubon, Monroe and Scott counties, and in other counties where consolidation has been tried, it has proven very satisfactory and the first consolidated school was soon followed by others. We predict that the same will be true in Decatur county, and before another year rolls by we will have a number of consolidated schools in this county.

Record Breaking Iowa Farm Sales.

R. C. Waller, of Archer, Iowa, sends us a copy of the Sheldon Sun, which tells of some record breaking farm sales in O'Brien county and Mr. Waller says he is well acquainted with the farms. One sale was a 55 acre farm which was bought a few days previous at \$800 an acre, and sold for \$1025, which netted the owner a profit of \$225 an acre within two weeks. The farm was finally purchased by F. E. Corwin, a successful farmer and breeder of Holstein cattle, and he bought the place for a home, not as a speculation. Another sale was a 100 acre farm for \$50,000, being \$643.75 an acre. This farm had been in one family since 1873 when it was purchased for \$7 an acre, or a total of \$560, less than what one acre now sold for.

Long Court House Won.

Pocahontas, long the only county seat in Iowa without a railroad, and later distinguished by having the poorest shack of a court house in all Iowa, last week redeemed itself and voted to build a new court house at Pocahontas to cost \$400,000. The county had tried several times to vote a new court house, but they had a bitter county seat fight, the towns of Fonda and Rolfe both trying to have the county seat removed to their towns, but as Pocahontas was located in the center of the county the voters refused to have it moved.

Notice to Receive Bids.

The Kellerton Mutual Telephone Company will receive bids for an operator to take care of switchboard and lines. House rent is furnished free and good wages will be paid to right parties. Bids will be received up to April 25th. The Co. reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Write F. J. Eurrill, Kellerton, Iowa. 36-2t.

2247 Motors Registered to April 1st.

2,247 motors were registered in Decatur county up to April 1st, with county treasurer Chew, and the owners paid in license fees \$31,440.60. There are still quite a few cars in Decatur county which have not been registered and the owners will be brought up with a sudden jolt some of these days.

Lost—A lady's hair ornament set with green stones. Return to The Reporter.

New Court Cases.

Wm. McCullough vs. Dora McCullough. Plaintiff sues for divorce. The parties were married at Garden Grove on January 28, 1920, and lived together until Feb. 22, 1920. Plaintiff alleges child was born to the defendant on Feb. 27, 1920, and he is not the father of the child. McGinnis & McGinnis attorneys for plaintiff.

First National Bank of Calneville vs. L. V. Tullis et al. Suit is on a promissory note for \$1000. Forest Lawhead and W. J. Springer attorneys for plaintiff.

Ray Wells vs. Tullis Bros. et al. Suit is on a note for \$215. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Wallace & Farmer vs. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. Suit is for \$200 damages for loss on a car load of hogs shipped from Weldon to Chicago, which were delayed in transit. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

A. P. Woodard vs. Vern and Grace Woodard. Plaintiff asks that an order be made cancelling and setting aside an entry of satisfaction of a judgment for \$225 he declared in force and effect, he having had a sheriff's certificate of sale on certain real estate, but by oversight no sheriff's deed was issued to him until more than sixty days after the year of redemption had expired and before a sheriff's deed was issued to him the land was sold to other parties. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Schwartz Bros. vs. C. G. Lewis. Suit is on an account for goods sold and delivered which there is due \$90.50. Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

E. J. Delk vs. L. P. Hastings. Suit is on a note for \$73.53. S. A. Gates attorney for plaintiff.

Ansley Goodman vs. L. V. Tullis et al. Suit is on a note for \$190. S. A. Gates attorney for plaintiff.

Mrs. Henry Delk vs. L. P. Hastings and John Barbour. Suit is on a note on which there is due \$350. S. A. Gates attorney for plaintiff.

Gertrude Briggs vs. Ida Osborn et al. Plaintiff asks that a mortgage on lots in Lamoni which she owns, for \$1000 be cancelled from the records, alleging the mortgage has been paid in full, but defendants deny this. Plaintiff has a mortgage. P. Olsen attorney for plaintiff.

D. Dunwoody vs. E. H. Schwake. Plaintiff alleges he contracted to buy a Decatur county farm from defendant, trading in real estate at Waterloo, Iowa, a brick building at Braymer, Mo., and assuming a mortgage on the farm of \$16,530, paying \$500 in cash when the contract was signed and was to pay the balance in \$800 a month for 24 months. Plaintiff has conveyed his Waterloo and Braymer properties to defendant but defendant has refused to deliver a deed to the farm and plaintiff asks that the contract be specific performance of the contract. Thomas J. Bray attorney for plaintiff.

Presbyterian Pastor Gets Delightful Surprise.

Rev. T. F. Campbell got the surprise of his life last Friday evening. He had a birthday that day, the numbers of which he will not count. He was surprised by his wife and out anybody finding it out. But a little bird must have told, for he was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cline, to share a birthday supper in honor of Mr. Cline, who was celebrating his birthday on the same day. About eight o'clock in the evening he received a telephone message that he was wanted at home and rushed back to the manse, which he found crowded with friends and neighbors. For once in his life he found himself at a loss for something to say. A very delightful evening was spent in songs, readings and interesting stories, including a very taking "wedding." An old fashioned donation party was a feature of the evening and Rev. Campbell and his folks were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. The interesting incident was the presence of two other persons whose birthday also fell on the same day. Mr. C. G. Cline and little Miss Mary Jane Pennwell. Mr. Campbell says that such delightful occasions are rare and he is glad to have birthdays. He appreciated, more than he can tell, this cordial evidence of friendship and good-will.

Letters for Football Team.

Last Wednesday morning Mr. Bell, on behalf of the school board, appeared at High School Chapel and presented football players with an interesting letter. The letter had participated in four full games and were therefore entitled to this honor. The students thus honored were:

- Charles Barr, Alton, Okla., Harry Gilham, Forest Grimes, Fair Griffin, Leo Keller, Clarence A. Pollette, Walter Officer, Guy Scott, Harry Sears, John Springer, Paul Swope.

Mr. Bell announced that hereafter more attention would be given to physical fitness for this sport. Players must be more careful in their training and each one working for a place on the team must undergo a physical examination by a physician to determine their fitness for this sport.

Conference News By Wireless.

This year Lamoni citizens are receiving a brief summary of the business transacted at the L. D. S. general conference in session at Independence, Missouri, by wireless. Within a very short time after the close of the business session every day the wireless bulletins are on the streets in Lamoni. This wonderful service is made possible by the wireless station at Independence, Missouri, operated by the church and the wireless station at Graceland College. Any profit made out of the venture will be used for the benefit of the wireless department at Graceland. Lamoni Chronicle.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

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

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: Charles W. Luse 22 to Etta Dunn 18. Charles C. Jennings 24 to Leota Keller 19. Samuel C. Downey 25 to Kate Pierce 21. Wm. Lovell 23 to Nora McLain 18. Anderson Hopkins, the old bachelor who died at his home in Grand River last week, leaves quite an estate, valued all the way from \$12,000 to \$20,000. He owned something over 500 acres of land. Mr. Hopkins was never married, and his nearest relations are twelve cousins, most of whom reside in this county.

Francis Varga received a telegram yesterday morning from Louis Bechtold, of Chicago, announcing the death in Chicago of his father, H. C. Bechtold. Mr. Bechtold was for many years a resident of this county, locating with a colony of Germans at New Buda. He afterwards conducted a Grange store in Leon, and left here about twenty years ago, going to Keokuk and from that city to Chicago, where he gained a national reputation as a journalist. He was the editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, the leading German paper of Chicago at the time of his death. Arbeiter Zeitung translated into English means workman's news. Mr. Bechtold had many warm friends among the older residents of this county who will be pained to learn of his demise.

The school board has re-elected Prof. Sam Darrah as superintendent of the Leon schools for next year at a salary of \$800 and one-half of the outside tuition. They also purchased the McClelland block of ground in south Leon for a south school building site and voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$3,000 to build a new school house on the grounds.

Rube Myers, of Osceola, was visiting with Leon friends Monday. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Daugherty and daughter Mary returned Monday from visit with relatives at Leroy, Illinois.

The case of Margaret Miller vs. C. W. Norman, the famous \$10,000 breach of promise suit, was tried last week before a jury in Justice's court, and created a great deal of amusement for those in the court room. The case was hotly contested from start to finish. The plaintiff was represented by J. H. McVay, Marlon Woodard and J. W. Norman, the Bethany, Mo. attorney, while Mr. Norman's interests were looked after by Hoffman & Baker and Curry & McGinnis. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$200, and it is needless to state that Mr. Norman is very well satisfied with the outcome of the case, and will cheerfully pay the amount of the judgment.

I. N. McDonough has traded his store at High Point to E. E. Thomas & Co., of Leon, and they have now Wade and Bert Macy to run the store for them.

Mary, the eight year old daughter of Oscar Brann, of near Leon, died Sunday and the funeral was held at the Leon M. E. church Monday afternoon.

G. A. Vanderly, of Cumberland, has accepted a position as pharmacist at W. A. Alexander's drug store in this city. Mr. Vanderly was employed at Van Venderly's drug store in this city several years ago.

Henry Briggs Alden.

Henry Briggs Alden was born near Pleasanton, Iowa, February 8, 1859, and passed away at his home in Edmond, Oklahoma, on January 25th, 1920, at the age of 60 years, 11 months and 17 days. He grew to manhood in Decatur county, Iowa. In June, 1885, he was married to Sadie Fair, of Blue Ridge, Mo. To them were born three sons, Virgil D. of Oklahoma City; Earl P. and W. J., of Edmond. In 1905 Mrs. Alden died and in 1907 Mr. Alden was married to Fannie Hunt of Edmond, Oklahoma, and to this union was born one daughter, Anna Lillian, now 12 years of age. Mr. Alden was a sufferer of cancer of the throat many months. A year ago he was informed by eminent physicians that there was no hope, but that did not prevent him from walking the streets with a cheerful smiling face. Many who met him each day did not realize that the Angel of Death was waiting to call him soon to his eternal home. He was a good husband, father, friend and citizen. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, January 27th, at the Christian church in Edmond, Oklahoma. E. T. Lane, of Oklahoma City, officiating. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present, including those from a distance as follows: W. T. Alden, of Chicago; Sarah L. Alden, of Pleasanton, Iowa; Mrs. S. J. Richardson and son W. A., of May, Oklahoma; D. E. and Joel Fair, of Gilman, Mo.; Frank and Andrew Hunt, of Davis, Oklahoma. One sister, Mrs. Mollie Smedley, of Brook, Nebraska; being at that time, unable to attend.

Death of Infant.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Owen of east of Leon, was born March 29th, and departed this life on April 1st, being but four days old, being too frail to stay with us, although everything was done to save its life, but Christ said "Come unto me" and it had to go. The bereaved relatives are comforted by the saying of Christ, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." A loving father and another, three brothers and one sister, and a devoted grandmother mourn the loss of the little one.

Only One Fire in 1919.

Corydon's fire department made but one run inside the town limits during the year 1919, and that was a false alarm, at the W. King home. This is a record that very few towns can compete with.

Will press your suit any hour you say.

Leon Laundry.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Representative. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative from Decatur county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in June. E. J. Wilson, of Woodland township.

For Sheriff. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in June. L. J. Hill, of Leon.

For Sheriff. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. Roy Wood, of Leon.

For Sheriff. I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Decatur county subject to the will of the voters of the republican party at the June primaries. C. E. Thompson, Center Township.

For Recorder. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for recorder, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. Miss Gertrude Keown, of Lamoni.

For Member of Board. I will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for member of the board of supervisors for the term beginning Jan. 1, 1922, subject to the will of the voters at the June primary. H. T. Rauch, of Fayette township.

Sixty Years in the Poor-house; Has Cost County Over \$6,000.

The burning of the Mercer county poor house brings to light a unique character—Smith Watts, who is believed to be nearly 80 years old. He has been cared for by the county since before the Civil War and it is estimated that Mercer county has paid more than \$6,000 for his support.

He is supposed to be a native of this county but nothing is known as to his parentage or relatives. Smith Watts and Jane Scott were the first inmates of the Mercer county Poor Farm. Jane died two years ago at the age of eighty-five. It is known that Watts has been supported by the county since before the war. L. J. Curtis who conducted the farm in its early days, says at the time of the war, Smith Watts was a grown man with a beard on his face. There is no evidence as to his real age, his parentage is unknown and so far as has ever been found out, he has no relatives.

During the sixty years that this man has been in the custody of the county, he has never eaten a meal from a table. He has always preferred to eat from the floor or the ground with his hands and by picking the food with his tongue. It is supposed that he imagines himself a horse or some other animal. For years it was his custom to walk in a circle. The pens that he was kept in during his early days, says at the time of the war, Smith Watts was a grown man with a beard on his face. There is no evidence as to his real age, his parentage is unknown and so far as has ever been found out, he has no relatives.

Bucy—Hemery.

Mr. Oscar Bucy and Miss Verda Hemery were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hemery, near Grand River, on Sunday, April 11th, in the presence of a few intimate relatives. Rev. E. C. Vanderpool officiating.

After the ceremony they were all invited to the dining room where Mrs. Hemery had prepared a table of good things to eat, to which all did ample justice.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hemery, and is a highly respected young lady. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bucy, of Tuskego, and is a noble young man.

This young couple will go to housekeeping at once on a farm near Tuskego. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Pickens—Scott.

Mr. Robert J. Pickens and Miss Audrey Irene Scott, two well known young people of Davis City, were united in marriage at Davis City last Thursday, the ceremony being performed by Wm. J. Campbell, minister of the gospel. Mr. and Mrs. Pickens will go to housekeeping at Davis City and their many friends extend hearty congratulations.

Big Tax Collection in March.

County treasurer J. Wesley Chew made a big tax collection during the month of March, almost a quarter million of dollars, the exact amount being \$244,895.86, while during the month of March a year ago, he collected about \$207,000.

Marriage Licenses.

- Robert J. Pickens, Davis City.....23
- Audrey Irene Scott, Davis City.....23
- Oscar J. S. Bucy, Lamoni.....23
- Bertie N. Hemery, Grand River.....18