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County Teachers Association  
Geo D Riley, President, Houston.  
J B Burns, Vice-President, Thorn  
Miss Mary Ausley, Secretary, Houston, R F D 1.

This department will endeavor to furnish, from time to time, items of interest to teachers, patrons and pupils. We hope to make it instructive as well as interesting, and hereby solicit the assistance of every teacher in the county.

Remember the Teachers Meeting at Houston, Saturday, January 22. Your attendance may be an index to the interest you feel in the work. Come prepared to discuss some of the subjects.

Chickasaw county has the largest school enrollment, and the greatest per centage attendance in its history. We believe that this is a fine testimony to increased interest and a better school spirit.

We are not running a matrimonial agency, but three of our teachers, during the Christmas holidays, What could we do if we advertised?

Consolidation and Transportation are two different things, but both are mighty good in their places. Watch this department for something on this subject.

Mr R S Mitchell, Local Agent in charge of the Farm Demonstration work in Chickasaw county, will spend Saturdays in the county superintendent's office, alternating between Houston and Okolona.

**TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
The Chickasaw County Teachers Association met in the auditorium of the Houston school building on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Music was furnished by Misses Walterene Beasley, Mae Lorene Ford and Lucile Collins.

At the request of the president, Mr Weaver, Mr L B Reid discussed the question of School Management. Mr Reid suggested the idea that one of the strongest factors of the teacher making for good discipline is broad and accurate scholarship.

Mr J B Burns discussed the question of grading in the Rural schools and called attention to some of the difficulties of this question for the average rural school.

Miss Alice Campbell also responded to this question and gave a clear statement of the standards to be recognized in a correct system of grading.

Officers for the association was elected as follows: President, Geo. D Riley; Vice-President, J B Burns; Secretary, Miss Mary Ausley

The fourth Saturday in each month was selected as the regular time of meeting for the session of 1915 and 1916.  
The meeting for the FOURTH SATURDAY in January will be held in Houston and the following program will be rendered:

1. Arrangements for the Annual County Field Day. General Discussion.
2. Is it time to work for Consolidation in Chickasaw? If not why not? Discussed by J B Burns and W M Huffman.
3. Methods and Aids for Securing Rural School Libraries. J J Weaver, L M Jones, Misses Emma Champion and Evelyn Davis.
4. How to Teach the Relation between Fractions, Decimals and Percentage. L B Reid, Mrs Mary Feden and W M Cox.
5. Should the Attendance of the Teachers upon the County Association and Summer Normals influence the superintendent in the fixing of Salaries? General Discussion.

## Houston's Opportunity to Hear Misses Hadley and Young



One of the most notable musical events of the season will be the appearance of Misses Martha Hadley and Elizabeth Young, both of Boston and also of the music faculty of Blue Mountain College, on January 21st at the High School Auditorium at 7:30.

Both these talented young women are graduates of the New England Conservatory of Music, and both have had experience in teaching and concert work. They are artists of recognized ability.

Miss Hadley is possessed of a rich, sympathetic soprano voice of rare quality and wide range. Her program will be extensive including grand opera and modern songs. Miss Hadley's piquant rendering of the lighter things is as delightful as her heavier work is strong.

Miss Young is not only a capable performer on the but a talented one as well. Her playing shows warmth of feeling and fineness of expression. Besides being a piano soloist, Miss Young is also a fine musical accompanist. Houston is to congratulate itself on the appearance of these two brilliant performers. The music lovers are looking forward with an anticipation of much pleasure to their appearance.

We not only feel confident that the whole public will be highly entertained but that the music students will be greatly benefited by the coming of these two artists—for this reason, special seats will be reserved for all music students of the town with no extra charges.

Tickets can be purchased at both drug stores. Prices 25 and 50 cents.

## DEMONSTRATOR MITCHELL

### ORGANIZES CORN CLUB

At the Bethel School last Friday, R S Mitchell organized three schools, Pearsall, Midway and Bethel into an enthusiastic corn club. Miss Mary Ausley is the principal at Bethel, Prof Tom L. Blizzard of Pearsall and Prof. Wooldrige of Midway. All three schools met at Bethel and Mr Mitchell outlined the plans for the future work in raising fine corn. The boys and girls took special interest in the meeting and it is thought that sometime soon they will organize a poultry club so every girl can be induced in the movement for better living at home. This is Mr Mitchell's first club in the county and he will later organize others in every town and community. It is a great and good movement and we are happy to see the boys and girls take an interest in the club work. What this movement will accomplish after becoming organized all over the county is impossible to estimate. That it will spell PROGRESS in capital letters is a certainty. That it will put money in pockets and educate young people to LIVE right is also a resultant possibility. All over the state similar clubs are in force and being organized and at last Old Miss is coming into her own. Hooray for the corn, poultry and tomato clubs, for they are marching on to victory.

Miss Mary Ausley is the teacher who won a prize with her pupils at Bethel when they gave a real GROWN IN MISSISSIPPI dinner last year. We hope such dinners will happen again and all the clubs strive to win over the others.

The Hummer has the good word to Demonstrator Mitchell for his immediate activity in this organization and also in his readiness to HELP the farmers in terracing cultivation, fertilizing, diversifying, harvesting, land preparation and inoculation.

## Chickasaw County Road workers

The Supervisors have chosen the following men to work the roads in the different beats: Beat 1—P E Griffin, Beat 2—C H Nelson.

The men selected we are sure will faithfully carry out every part of their work that will be an honor to them and a great progress to the county. They are reliable men and all of them understand road making. The outgoing Supervisors have left the roads in better shape than any Board in the history of the county and it was caused by the new system of FIXING a bad place at the right TIME. It was an especially noticed fact that autos could go over every road easily up to Christmas Day—a record unknown for several years. Congratulations to both Supervisors and road workers. We Believe IN Your Ability.

## PLEASE FORGIVE US

We want to humbly beg the pardon of W. A. Dendy for the error last week in leaving his name out of the front page list of newly installed officers. With exceeding humbleness we ask forgiveness. Honest, it was NOT intentional for we are happy to say that Tax Assessor Dendy is our good friend and the error has hurt us more than any mistake we ever made. Mr Dendy, again we ask your forgiveness and make this public confession of our error.

## --NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS--

We heartily appreciate the liberal patronage you have extended us during the past year, and with the earnest desire ever in mind to be more deserving of your future favors, we extend to you and yours our most sincere wishes for a Prosperous New Year and continued good health.

**W. A. BASKIN**

J. M. Black, Salesman

HOULKA, MISSISSIPPI

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**H. Ashkeneze is going out of business. Everything must be sold in 30 days.**

Watch this paper for the date and bargains. Look for our circulars. Don't miss it.

Special Notice.

**H. ASHKENAZE**

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## CIRCUIT CLERK HILLER GILFOY DIES THURSDAY MORNING

After a long illness of pneumonia, the great and good man Hiller Gilfoy, died at his home, Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Gilfoy was 35 years old, having been born at Woodland in 1881. He was the only son of Mr and Mrs J R Gilfoy. A few years ago he was happily married to Miss Corinza Davis, a most estimable and refined young lady, only one child blessed this home of ideal happiness.

For the past year Mr Gilfoy had gone thru a siege of plaster casts, sun baths and leather jackets and up to a few short weeks ago everybody thought he was well on the road to complete recovery. He was gaining flesh and was able to get about better and better every day. All the doctors thought he would soon be able to take up his regular duties in the office of Circuit Clerk, the position he worked so hard and faithful to get by the popular vote of the people. During the campaign last summer he made one of the most remarkable races for a sick man ever recorded in Chickasaw history. Over five or six strong opponent he won the honor in the second primary. It looks hard to think that after fighting month after month for his health and then winning a county honor, and then be stricken right in the beginning of his duty. But the Master who knoweth best said come and the Christian spirit went happily into the Great Beyond.

If he had a real enemy we don't know it, for he lived the gentle-man—the clean man—the good man—the faithful man. A devoted husband and father he always loved to make his home the ideal as laid down in the great Book of Books. Friends and relatives by the hundreds mourn his death and the shock will be felt for many, many days. His body was interred in the Woodland Cemetery Friday Jan. 14th at 1:30 o'clock.

The Hummer, with sincere thought, sympathizes with the sorrowing family, for they have lost a father and husband who loved them and we have lost a friend