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## DROWNED IN CHARITON

Pipe Line Man Found Sunday Only Clue Collar Mark Potters Field

Rudolph Kaiser of Dalton was strolling along the Chariton river near the farm of Henry Schulte about six miles south of this city Sunday morning when he saw a body lying in the mud at the waters edge. Investigation disclosed a dead man and consulting with neighbors, Henry notified Herring and Son, undertakers of this city who attend to the burial of unidentified dead, and by them the coroner was notified. Coroner Hawkins was professionally engaged south of the Missouri river, and gave his attention to the case Monday as soon as he could reach home.

He found the drowned man to be N. George, a pipe line hand engaged with the men south of the city laying pipe, the only clue to his name at the time of the inquest was a name on the collar band of his shirt. The victim had on only his shirt, collar and tie, the remainder of his clothing being down the river several yards. These circumstances permitted the conclusion that the man had undertaken to wade the river at the point where his body was found, and the bank being muddy and slippery, he went in and was unable to reach the shore. It is supposed that he undertook to carry his clothes and losing them when trouble came, they floated to where they were found. The man evidently had been in the water about two days, the river falling disclosing his condition. He weighed about 140 pounds, was 5 ft 10 in. high, gray eyes, smooth shaved and fair complexion and about 25 years old. There was a tattoo mark on his left arm of a nude woman which furnished no special identification, the name on the collar band being the only evidence on the unfortunate.

His remains were taken to Dalton where the coroner investigated and Herring & Son took charge of the corpse and buried it in Potters Field at the County Infirmary.

### Water Works

A consulting Engineer, W. B. Rollins of Kansas City, met with the City Council Tuesday night and discussed the problem here.

Mr. Rollins was engaged to make an estimate etc. and report to the board at a later date.

### Christian Church

Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Everybody out. Morning worship at 11. Sermon, "The Church and its Relation to the School." Evening service at 7:30. All are welcome to these services.

Jim Garrett will be tried at Marshall Mo. May. 4 on a charge of murdering Mrs. Sarah Campbell at New Franklin Jan. 6

The automobile will be on exhibition early in April and also the remaining prizes at Sigloch Drug Store.

Ambrose Rucker took civil service examinations at Moberly last week. While facilities were poor we predict he made a good showing.

Recorder Hunt, Jas. Worsham Rec Brewer and Ambrose Rucker went with J. W. Taylor to Moberly Friday night to see Birth of a Nation. Tickets were not to be had when the party reached Moberly and some of the boys had to while away the time in hotel lobbies and other resorts.

### K. H. S. Won

The subject "The Government should own and control railroads" was debated at Prairie Hill last Friday night K. H. S. being represented by Misses Helen Zillman and Roberta Parks and Prairie Hill H. S. by Miss Genevieve Naylor and Merrill Williams. The Judges were Supts. Burnside of Huntsville and Marklan of Clifton Hill and Prof. Ryals of Clifton Hill H. S. Prof. E. H. Bash served refreshments to the participants and Courtney Miller as substitute and Prof. Bond chaperone of the party from this city with Jas. Rucker in his Chalmers, report a delightful and successful trip. There was a good sized audience present to hear the orators and it was not disappointed in the argument or its rendition by any of the debaters. The Christian Church was tendered and used for the debate.

We heartily congratulate Misses Zillman and Parks on their victory over the splendid debaters of P. H. S. Misses Zillman and Parks debated the same subject with the best of H. H. S. at Huntsville Thursday night, taking the negative and will engage at Salisbury with the champions S. H. S. Saturday night. Our school presented the affirmative at Prairie Hill and we predict that we win against all opponents.

### Wm. Binford Dead

Considering the limited time of his visits here and their infrequency, no man ever made more nor more permanent friends than Mr. Wm. Binford, brother of one of our prominent citizens for years, Thomas Binford deceased, and the last of the Kentucky family except a sister in Kentucky.

Wm. Binford was born in Kentucky April 22 1833 and died at the home of his nephew, Ola Binford in Kansas City, Mo., March 20, and his remains were taken for burial to a cemetery at his old home in Topeka, Kas.

Wm. Binford was of commanding appearance, clean in thought and act, honorable and profusely charitable and a friend of any possessing the right to his friendship who never faltered in loyalty. He was worthy in every way of the respect he commanded.

### Flags at School

At the suggestion of county Supt Cross of Macon Co. the State Supt. of Schools, Uel W. Lamkin has addressed a letter to all schools in the state asking that on April 2 a flag be displayed at each school house in the state. Congress will meet in extraordinary session on that date.

### Missouri Twp. Election

The election in Missouri township Tuesday resulted as follows: R. W. Goll Trustee George Young Collector T. J. Brand Clerk and Assessor J. K. Desmond Constable Members of Board W. G. Dickson and J. E. Colson. Justice of Peace Geo. Young and Joe Stratman

R. H. Asbury, erstwhile third trick man at the Wabash station here and during the vacations of former managers, the acting manager, was let out permanently last week for putting evasive witticisms over the dispatcher. He was being interviewed by the dispatcher concerning an incident of importance which took place at the station, and not desiring to tell what he knew, indulged his well known repartee with the result mentioned.

## Thousands Of Votes Received In Courier's Automobile And Prize Contest.

Interest Spreads to Every Section of the County—Contestants Working For the Costly Prizes and Subscriptions and Votes Come From Everywhere—Big Bonus Vote Offer of 30,000 Extra Votes With Each Dollar Closes Saturday Night, March 31st. Saturday Will Be a Big Day.

About the liveliest business proposition in Missouri is the Courier's big Automobile and Prize contest.

Since last week contestants in most every section of the county have gone to work and are working with all the possible determination to win the big Ford Touring car, Smith and Barnes Piano or other prizes. They are working this week to secure many subscriptions while they may avail themselves of the big extra vote offer of 30,000 Bonus votes that will be allowed with each and every dollar turned in for subscriptions by Saturday, March 31st. This big extra vote offer will positively close Saturday night, March 31, and will not be repeated or extended, and at no time during the remainder of the contest will as many votes be allowed and contestants who make their best efforts this week will profit thereby.

The result of the second count of ballots is published below.

Votes have been coming into the contest department rapidly and the many votes cast for the various contestants show beyond question that this big contest has met with the hearty approval of the public in general. The contestants appreciate the opportunity to secure such costly prizes without cost and their friends are taking great pleasure in helping them. The interest is not confined to any one section, as votes are being received from the most remote sections of the territory covered by the Courier. The Courier's popularity as a county newspaper is so well established that contestants find it easy to secure subscriptions and votes.

### Turn In Subscriptions At Once.

Contestants should turn in subscriptions as they are secured. They will be given votes for all subscriptions. These votes may be held until the last day of the contest, if the contestants so desire. The contestants who are working have learned early in the contest that it is best to build up a good reserve vote, and they are not telling their most intimate friends the number of their reserve vote.

While the rivalry is absolutely friendly, the workers are determined and are all working with that stick-to-itiveness so characteristic of Missouri ladies and especially Chariton Countians.

### Badly Needed Bridge

The old covered bridge, one of the relics of years ago, on the main road north west of Mendon on Yellow Creek was condemned last week and the ends boarded up preventing its use. It has been unsafe for a long time.

Monday a delegation from Mendon headed by Mayor B. P. Chapman and including Frank Laughlin, Frank Evans, W. R. Bash, Harry Shupe, M. A. Griswold, Editor E. L. Wicks, Dr. West, Alex Steinback, Chas Littrell, F. F. Ackberg, Chas. Scranton, J. A. Engleman, C.

There is yet room for other nominations, and plenty of time for any lady to enter her name as a contestant. Start now and make a winning campaign. There are some who are receiving votes from their friends who have not started to work. These young ladies should get busy before it is too late. Start early and get the benefit of working before the territory has been canvassed. Your friends are interested in your success or they would not trouble themselves to vote for you. Show your appreciation of this support by making your best effort to win.

If there are any details about the contest that you do not understand, call on the Contest Manager in person or by phone and he will gladly inform you.

Tomorrow (Saturday) will in all probability, be one of the biggest days of the contest, as the big extra vote offer comes to an end and many contestants residing out in the county have notified the Contest Manager that they would call to turn in subscriptions.

All are requested to call any time.

In this issue Miss Corine Phipps of Brunswick is in the lead in district one. Miss Pauline Allen leads in district two. Many others are near leaders in each district. It is interesting to watch the progress made by the different contestants and the public is watching them closely.

### DISTRICT ONE.

Edith Brown	1000
Ruth Adams	128600
Myrtle Hunt	142400
Roberta Parks	28600
Gladys Herford	1000
Corinne Phipps Brunswick	230600
Lena Green, Marcellae	28600
Vona Wilson	181200
Luey Phillips	13600
Jack Moore	168200
Anna Parker	161200
Stevie Brockman Prairie Hill	90300
Nannie Harlan Prairie Hill	18900
Genevieve Naylor Clifton Hill	82200
Maude Colley Prairie Hill	48200
Izora Smith Salisbury	110400
Dollie Nesley Mendon	130300
Lizzie Bennett Keytesville	18600
Nettie Jaeger Dalton	122200
Fonta Barnes, Salisbury	160200

### DISTRICT TWO.

Elsie Horton, Keytesville	192200
Bessie Buchanan Hamden	172400
Ruth Simple Rothville	186600
Pauline Allen Forest Green	233400
Ola Hulett, Bynumville	200000
Emma Warren Marcellae	179200
Emma Jansen, 2	136000
Bertha Cuddy, 2	38200
Dixie Bushnell 2	149600
Edith Price, 1	18200
Anna Lou Fetzer 3	139900
Leta Schulte Dalton 1	160400
Katye Hurt Salisbury 2	201600

O. White, Jas. Long, Curt McCollum, Chest. Felt, Lloyd Stewart, Geo. Barte and Verd Eisle, came before the court and presented a petition which was not in proper form however, for action thereon, but had it been the court could not have made an order at this time because of the law which does not permit the court to make such appropriation unless there is sufficient funds on hand or until a new levy is made to cover the expense.

The bridge will be granted in May, according to good authority.

### Salisbury Scribblings

Ben Davis and Joe Jackson had a narrow escape Monday morning when Jackson lost control of the car he was driving near the cottage of Mrs. Fred Wanger on west second St. The car turned over pinning the occupants under it. Mrs. Wanger saw the accident and was able to raise the car enough to liberate Jackson and the two helped Davis out. Both men were slightly injured but were lucky indeed to escape serious injury.

Mrs. Mary Anna Sutter died Sunday at the home of her son U. E. Sutter, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Deceased had not been well for some time but was unable to resist the ravages of the disease.

She was a kind and good woman and will be sadly missed. She leaves four sons, W. E., Emel J, Albert and John and one daughter, Mrs. Ed Huss to mourn her loss. The funeral occurred Tuesday at St. Joseph church and the body was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

A. W. Johnson went to Kansas City Tuesday to consult a specialist. He has not been well for some time. We hope his malady may not be serious and we hope for a speedy recovery.

The residence of Mrs. Lucy Minks near the Wabash mainline was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Mrs. Minks was at the home of her son near Hamden getting acquainted with the twin babies recently born to them.

A new girl is reported at the home of Harry Taulouse and wife at Oil City.

The Election passed off quietly Tuesday and the following officers were elected.

Township Trustee, John Legender.  
Members of Board, Ed Spellman and T. E. Leach  
Assessor, H. T. Leach  
Collector, B. I. Davis  
Justices of Peace, J. R. Mason, S. F. Trammel, J. C. Doney.

The Dickson Hotel property, sold by the Executor for payment of debts, was purchased by J. A. Collet and Roy McKittrick. It is a good location for a hotel, but needs additional room to accommodate the trade.

Matt Hurt is still confined to his bed with liver trouble.

Mrs. Maggie Wanger and Frank Rich left Saturday to visit Mrs. M. Vroom at Pueblo, Colo.

Twins arrived at the home of Wm Wescott Sunday, a boy and a girl.

Rev. Crutcher will fill his appointment at the Christian church Sunday night and will deliver a lecture at the church at 3 p. m. on "Life."

City Collector, M. B. Williams is again at his post after a severe illness.

A car driven by Miss Willie Jackson, Sunday turned over with her near the depot. Luckily she escaped without injury.

Cheese Holman was placed under arrest for taking a shot at No. 4, the midnight passenger train one night last week. Cheese fancied he saw a german democrat on the train or some other equally terrifying spook to some Americans lately, and being ready for war, he shot, as it is claimed, over the train to let it be understood what he would do under more provocation. He is awaiting preliminary hearing with his usual jollity.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

Germans Pushed Back In France Raiders and U Boat Active Russia Undecided

Allies have advanced far in France but last engagement ended in German favor.

The raider Mowe was more than successful on last trip, the 600 prisoners stampeded while raiders was fighting armed merchant vessel.

A separate peace for Russia has been proposed and being considered. Modification of submarine war on U. S. vessels is contemplated by Germany.

### Dines Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grotjan who own one of the most beautiful rural homes west of town entertained at a midday dinner Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Selby Littrell, Mr. and Mrs. Will Richards, Mrs. Teut and daughter Miss Lillie and son Ernest and Judge A. S. Taylor and Archie Carter.

The sumptuous repast was most highly enjoyed by all, from choice roast and fish and vegetables to ice cream and fruits and nuts with dozens of other dishes between and after dinner the party enjoyed splendid music rendered by Miss Mamie and Denton Grotjan and Mrs. Littrell. Selby Littrell demonstrated Wagner and Liszt compositions in masterly style. Denton Grotjan, 14 years old promises to be one of the leading violinists of the country and Miss Mamie, the young is an accomplished pianist. No more enjoyable day has been spent by those favored on this occasion.

### Caught By Wire

What proved to be a narrow escape from serious injury was encountered by a party attending a social dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butler Allen near Forrest green Thursday night of last week.

Elbert Anderson and Misses Marybeth Smith, Ruth Martin and Pat Martin and Miss Elizabeth White in the Anderson car attended the dance. The rain storm prevented the return of the party to this city as well as others who attended the dance from leaving the Allen home until daylight, prolonging the pleasure. Mr. Anderson and party left the Allen home about 5 p. m. and no trouble was encountered until the party was just north of New Hope church when a telephone wire across the road which could not be seen in the haze shattered the windshield, struck Mr. Anderson in the face and disfigured an eye, knocked Mr. Martins hat from his head and sent it a hundred yards. The young ladies were not struck by the wire, they having made a quick dive to the bottom of the car at the first crash. The frame of the windshield prevented beheading of the entire party.

Wade McAlister and Ed Fleetwood of Triplett were here Monday.

The fine piano which will go to some contestant in the Courier race for one of the prizes, is on exhibition at the Courier office.

Miss Myrtle Harpole married Clyde Stoner at Elsberry Thursday of last week. Mrs. Stoner was formerly near Chraneyville and one of the best girls as well as attractive in the neighborhood. Congratulations to the young couple.