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## ELECTION RESULTS

### A Small Vote Out Tuesday But Few Contestants Good Selections

The vote was lighter than any one expected, being only about half of the number of voters in the township. It was a surprise that comparatively few women voted and the colored vote was very small. The main contest was for the office of township collector and the fact that the successful candidate was asking for a second term and had a fine record for his first term made, it all but a cinch for the winner.

It was the first entrance of a woman for a township office and her defeat may be a fairly good intimation of the disposition of the voters in the township. At any rate, one of the unmistakable conclusions to be drawn from the results of this race is that no woman can command all the woman vote for any office in this township.

The township board elected is altogether a new one except the old reliable trustee, and that it is a good selection will be conclusively proven. We offered a chance to make the board an exceptional one but the vote indicates that the chance was not seized with avidity. Still it cannot be said that the two tailenders would not have 'boarded' the township as well as any and stayed on the job as long as the cash held out. The other offices were filled without opposition and that we have a good lot from top to bottom all will agree.

### The Township Election

The total number of votes cast was 644.

Township Trustee	
A. D. Hurt	612
Township Collector	
T. F. White	370
Rebecca Moore	251
Township Board (Two to elect)	
L. B. Owens	291
W. D. Richards	259
J. E. Mitchell	198
C. C. Cash	157
E. B. Kellogg	143
Jas. W. Cox	102
For Assessor	
T. E. R. Ewing	632
For Constable	
Sam J. Coy	625
For Justice of Peace (Two to elect)	
W. G. Agee	593
Jno. Q. Perkins	472

Miss Ida Minter returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Joplin.

Jay Fulbright of Fayetteville Arkansas was here the latter part of last week visiting his sister Mrs. A. F. Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Patterson and son Brick David, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hayes Spence and Mrs. Brick Patterson of Forrest Green shopped here Monday.

We printed bills this week for T. W. Eneyart who will stand two splendid jacks at his stables at Mike this season. Mr. Eneyart has a new proposition for patrons.

Mrs. A. F. Arrington has consented to the use of her name as one of the candidates for school director for this district petitions numbering 75 or more names of patrons of the school having been presented to her signed by women voters requesting her to serve. An excellent selection for the board.

## Juniors Entertain Seniors

The big event of the school year took place last Saturday night when the Juniors entertained the Seniors in honor of their last year in K. H. S.

The building was beautifully decorated in the Junior class colors, gold and white, which were also suggestive of Easter. The tables which were arranged in the form of an H, were placed in the lower hall and the decorations were highly praised by all who were present.

A lattice work ceiling of gold and white was used and the centerpiece was a large basket of jonquil. Candles were used for lighting the tables and the class flowers, cream and white roses, being used as favors added greatly to the decorations.

A five-course dinner was served soon after the guests arrived the following menu being used: First course, Fruit cocktail. Second course, creamed chicken rosettes, asparagus on toast, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, olives. Third course, candle salad with wafers.

Fourth course, brick ice cream, angel food cake.

Fifth course, mints and coffee. The color scheme was followed thruout the dinner. After dinner toasts were given by the class presidents and teachers. Mr. Baker acted as toast master and began by proposing a toast to Mr. Davis. He then called on Miss Ida Lou Richardson, the Jr. class president, who in a charming manner gave a toast to the Seniors of '21. Mr. Florian Harms the Senior class president responded with a toast to the Juniors.

Mr. Davis praised the ability of the Juniors highly in their preparation for the banquet. The Juniors greatly appreciated the efforts of Miss Hutcheson in helping to make this affair a success. The other teachers responded graciously when called upon.

Music and games were enjoyed by the guests until a late hour. Everyone reported this an occasion to long be remembered.

## Rucker-Bean

Harvey Rucker, an old Keytesville boy and now of Kirksville and Miss Nellie Bean of Salisbury were married Saturday afternoon at Salisbury Rev. Heaton tying the hymenial knot.

Mrs. Nellie Rucker is well known in this city having visited her relatives Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mason while they were residents. She is a teacher and possessed of more than ordinary personal attractions. Harvey Rucker was born and raised here and tho not one of the community since boyhood, is known to nearly everyone and esteemed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate of Sedalia came last Friday for a few days visit with home-folks. They like their new home and appear to be well provided.

Handsome little Miss Elaine Wilhoit, niece of Josh Bunton, came with him from Kansas City Saturday for a visit.

Linn Miller spent Easter Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller, returning to St. Louis the first of the week.

Miss Lucy Long Taylor was stricken with acute appendicitis last Friday and taken to Moberly where she was operated on immediately on her arrival. She is recovering rapidly, not withstanding adhesions of the appendix had formed in several places.

## SHOT-GUN ROUTE

### Emil Heflinger Shoots Self No Cause Is Assigned Dead Three Days

Emil Heflinger of Brunswick was found by Henry Meyer, next door neighbor, Tuesday afternoon about 4.30 lying on the floor of his room at his home in the east suburbs of Brunswick, a big hole over his heart, a gun, string and note telling the story. Saturday evening was the last seen of him when Mr. Meyer who takes care of the premises during the absence of Heflinger, hailed him about night and was answered pleasantly. Heflinger had been on a deal for his nice property, a fine large lot, new bungalow not quite completed and a hollow brick garage which he valued at \$16000 but the deal was not put thru and he had recently returned from Kansas City where he was making the sale. Heflinger came from Illinois several years ago and purchased a tract of land north of the Wabash railroad and west of Palmers creek and so improved it that he sold for a big profit and purchased part of the T. E. Gilliam property where he lived and died. His wife died some years ago and he lived with three daughters until some time ago when one married Lon Grotjan and the others lived away from home.

Henry Meyer became suspicious Wednesday afternoon that all was not right and instituted an investigation of the premises. Finding the bungalow unlocked, he looked thru it and the new garage building, which was also not locked, an unusual thing for Heflinger had always locked the buildings when absent. This fact alarmed Meyer who tried the dwelling in which Heflinger roomed, three rooms off the Gilliam dwelling moved back to make room for the bungalow, and found it unlocked. He procured a trestle and leaned it against the house to get a view of the interior thru the high window on the south side of the hill. He saw Heflinger lying stretched on the floor at right angles to his bed, his arms crooked at the elbow and drawn up with hands tightly closed, no coat, vest or hat on his person but a rosary lying across his body opposite a big hole over his heart.

Evidently preparations were carefully made by the dead man to commit the final and fatal act. He placed his double barreled shot gun on the bed, the butt resting against a pillow, a string tied to the trigger and passed around an upright rod in front of the bed. His cross was laid on a pillow and his rosary clasped in his right hand. Standing at the edge of the bed he placed the muzzle of the shot gun against his body over his heart pulled the string, fell as the blood spurted in a stream over the bed, dropped the rosary which fell on his breast and expired. A note found on the bed directed that \$1000 be paid to his daughter, and she was requested to pray for him. His wealth is estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000, and no reason whatever can be assigned for his act of self destruction.

A coroners jury returned a verdict after hearing the evidence that the deceased came to his death by a gun shot wound self inflicted with suicidal intent. It is rumored that Heflinger was the victim of some swindlers in a land deal. It is known that he recently deposited in a bank at Barlettville,

## Bum Day Easter

Another bad day for the display of Easter toggery. Cloudy, drizzly, snowy and only a peep of sunshine now and then for a moment, there were but a few abroad or out to services, compared to the number which would have been on parade had weather conditions permitted. The sky cleared about midnight and the thermometer registered 18 and a half inch thickness of ice was on water left outdoors and even after sun-up, freezing was still on tho by eight o'clock the sun had decided control and the day was a fine one. The weather prophets from Washington to Frisco missed their guesses badly.

## Hawkins-Frohock

Mrs. Myrtle Hawkins and Jno. Frohock furnished their friends a delightful surprise when the announcement of their marriage on Tuesday evening became known.

The two were joined in wedlock at the Trinity Methodist parsonage, the Rev. J. M. Gross officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Frohock are both well known in Miami where they will continue to make their home on N. E. Fourth street.

The bride was a few years ago one of our handsomest girls and popular. Everyone remembers Myrtle Ford with pleasure and wish her much happiness.

## Salisbury Scribblings

Tom Hamilton of Dalton was over Tuesday.

We send in our items one day earlier now in order to get our name in the pot.

Rich Tillerson of Warrensburg long time a resident of this place is here on a visit to relatives.

The township election Tuesday created no excitement and but a nominal vote was cast.

We learn Judge Lamb is in Jefferson City attending the meeting of the Circuit judges of the state.

Dr. Robert Sweeney of Kansas City spent the week end with his parents, W. R. Sweeney and wife.

J. H. Trent has about disposed of all the lumber of the dismantled church building except the foundation.

The remains of Mrs. Shupe were taken to Mendon Saturday for burial. This mother in Israel has gone to her reward.

Miss Mary Ruth Craven of Columbia and Miss Rosalie Jennings of Kirksville, students, spent Easter with home folks.

Mrs. Lucy Vandell left for her home in Kansas City Saturday afternoon, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives.

Easter proved to be more of a Wester here Sunday. The freeze at night knocked flowers silly and may have bursted the fruit.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Bean, one of our popular teachers, to Harvy Rucker of Kirksville was the result of a romance which started some time ago and we congratulate Mrs. Rucker will continue her school duties until the end of the term.

Miss Helen Temple entertained a number of her young friends Saturday afternoon with games, luncheon and setting easter eggs for rabbit hatching.

Mrs. Latimer Hughes is recovering slowly from an operation for appendicitis performed last week in Kansas City.

Okla. something over \$14000 and that money seems to have disappeared.

## MILLIONS LOST

### Fruit And Oats Crop Frozen Much Wheat Damaged Vegetables Nipped

Beginning with Sunday night the freezing temperature put a prospect for a big fruit crop this year in this section out of the calculations of farmers with orchards and to make the loss heavier, oats, clover and wheat which was jointed were frozen and ruined and those plumping themselves on early garden sass view blackened radish, onion and lettuce tops with anything but pleasure. Perhaps the loss would have been but slight had the cold wave let up after Sunday night but each night the freeze made doubly sure the big damage. Of course gardens will be planted again and oats will be put in once more by those who have seed or can get seed, but the wheat and clover damage cannot be repaired nor the fruit trees made to blossom again. Nipped in the bud settled it in all cases.

## New Judicial District

Governor Hyde signed the re-districting bill which will make Linn, Chariton and Saline counties the new district, number 33 and but one judge in place of Judges Lamb and Davis. The governor signed this bill against the advice of his lawyers and many leading politicians.

Preparations are being made to submit a number of bills passed by the legislature to referendum and among the lot will be a constitutional amendment in connection with the 60 million dollar hard surface road project which at this time seems to be the object of considerable contention among metropolites and different opinions concerning it obtain among ruralites. Not until the presentation of the arguments for and against the several proposals for the disposition of the big fund will any one feel sure of just what he does think of it.

## Stock Market

Kansas City, Wednesday  
Top cattle \$9.25, top hogs \$9.65 and top lambs \$9.50.

Ashton and Douglas Edwards entertained six of our society girls at a house party Saturday night and Sunday and a jolly time was had by all. Misses Margaret Elliott, Opal West, Nell White, Joe Martin, Hulda Taylor and Edith Brown were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan put on an Easter party last week, and visiting at the Jordan home were, Dale Flowers and wife, J. H. Degginger and wife of Albany, Wallace Applegate and wife, Sedalia, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Flowers, Standberry, and Geo. F. Jordan and family of St. Louis. Mrs. Applegate also visited at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Applegate. All returned to their homes early in the week.

Geo. West and J. W. Taylor dragged the boulevard from town to the Wabash station again last week and put it in fine condition. A result of the dragging was little harm to the street by the rain and snow Sunday. Is it not about time the city spent a little money on this street which is traveled so much more than any other in or about town? It is a decided hardship for the two men who have advanced time and money for the work several times, to have it to do or let the street get in bad shape.

## Farm Bureau Notes

By R. D. Jay, County Farm Agent.

At the request of some of the farmers of Chariton County who are acquainted with Mr. Sam D. Gromer of Columbia, Missouri, the Farm Bureau has been able to get Mr. Gromer to come to Chariton County Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd. Mr. Gromer will speak at the Methodist Church south of Dalton Friday night April 1st, at the city hall in Salisbury, Saturday afternoon, April 2nd, at 2:30 p. m. at city hall in Brunswick, Saturday night at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Gromer is one of the best informed men in Missouri on farm marketing, farm credits and farm organizations and we are very glad indeed to present him to the farmers in Chariton County in these three meetings, which you cannot afford to miss.

Remember the DATE and the TIME nearest you.

## BIG FREEZE

The hard freeze Sunday night will no doubt put a crimp in some of our expectations for fruit, especially peaches and pears but we are not yet ready to say the apples are killed. Many of the apple buds are not very far along and we believe that many of them will escape.

## CHINCH BUGS

A lot of folks say there will be chinch bugs to contend with this year and we wish to suggest the planting of soy beans with your corn in order to keep out chinch bugs. Farmers who have tried it say that chinch bugs will not bother corn which is planted in the same hill as soy beans.

## Eccles

Bro. Clayburg filled his appointment at this place Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. P. Epperly returned home Sunday from a visit to her mother in Marceline.

Miss Zelta May Farthing spent Sunday with her friend Betty May Riley.

Mrs. Kathryn Kimble and daughter, Mrs. Roy Perkins spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Steve Bennett.

L. H. Davis and wife visited Mrs. John Riley last Sunday.

Mrs. Jeff Wilks and sons Joe and Sidney visited at S. E. Watsons last Sunday.

The Easter program at the Eccles church last Sunday night was well attended in spite of the bad weather.

I. N. Jaco spent Sunday with Walter Johnson and family.

Jack Dameron handles the county's cash for two years, beginning today and Jess Richardson will have for a handle to his name plain "pill mixer."

Another cold snap Wednesday after the appearance of balmy weather. March is trying to play the lion rather late but may step over into April and make it worse.

The successful candidates in Musselfcrk township Tuesday were, Lucius Faudree, trustee; Walker Mott, clerk and assessor. Will Smith, constable and collector, J. E. Chrane and J. E. Washam j. p's and members of township board.

J. Q. Kibble, brother of P. O. Kibble of north of town, suicided last Friday by taking carbolic acid. He was 68 and in good circumstances but worry over something prompted him to swallow the poison and he lived but seven minutes. He had a family and a farm in Sullivan county where he and his family lived.