

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## TOWN AND COUNTRY

### About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Rev. Sisson spent the first part of the week in St. Joseph.

Navy, lima and pinto beans 12 cents the lb. at Carothers & Allen.

Dr. F. W. Burke was in Kansas City on business Wednesday.

T. L. Irvine went to Macon county last Saturday for a few days visit.

It's liekem good! A barrel of Welsh's sorghum just opened up. Carothers & Allen.

Willis Stoddard has moved to Brookfield this week where he has work in a garage.

FFOG seeded raisins, 15 oz pkgs, 2 for 25 cents. You paid this price years ago. Carothers & Allen.

Blue Rose rice 10 cents the lb. Here's a food product that should be used more. Carothers & Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonnell and Mrs. Kessler were dinner guests of Mrs. Wm. Brott in Brookfield last Friday.

54 oz. round, 61 oz square packages rolled oats 25 cents the pkg. Did you ever buy them cheaper? Carothers & Allen.

Sherman and Frank Watson have put up a building just east of the station and are to open a lunch house.

Pork and beans. No. 2 size can for 10 cents. Can't kick on the high cost of living on this item. Carothers & Allen.

Red Kidney beans, 10 cents the can. Now kick on this price. You never bought them cheaper in your life. Carothers & Allen.

Big value! 3 packages jello for 25 cents. This is a gellatine food product and should be used in every home. Carothers & Allen.

Homer Hurlbut of Kansas City spent the week end with relatives and old time friends here, guest at the home of his cousin, Mrs. A. G. Groes.

Mrs. Luella Kessler returned to her home at Kansas City last Saturday after a visit among friends here, guest of Mrs. J. M. McDonnell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ausmus, formerly of Laclede, have this week moved from Brookfield to Bigheart, Okla., to make that place their home.

Mrs. C. C. Bigger was hostess to the Reading Circle at the regular meeting last Tuesday evening. An interesting lesson was conducted by Mrs. A. J. Baum.

Buy your food as you need it. Don't hoard it; that makes a scarcity and higher prices. Use judgement in your buying and we can sell you cheaper. Carothers & Allen.

Judge O. F. Libby has bought a strip of four acres off the north side of W. B. Calhoun's tract and adjoining Mr. Libby's property on the west, paying \$225.00 per acre.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Carl Sayles, Tuesday afternoon, January 15, at two o'clock, leader, Mrs. Laura Patterson. Everybody welcome.

Miss Lois Young has been employed to teach the Bruner school, taking the place made vacant by resignation of J. W. Lind whose certificate was revoked by the state superintendent of schools.

## Our Soldier Boys

Wesley Love who was home on a furlough and spent several days here with relatives and friends returned to Fort Sill yesterday. Wesley is looking fine and has no complaint to make about army life so far.

Edgar Bartop has been transferred from Camp Pike, Ark., to Camp Henning, Ill. Along with four others Edgar was selected from the 87th Division of Little Rock, and taken to Peoria to be instructed in the repair and operation of the British tanks which are made at Peoria by the Holt Catipiliar Tractor Co. Some of these days Edgar will be taking one of those tanks over the top in France and when he does the "boche" better get out of the way.

Orville Mahurin, who has been at Jefferson Barracks since enlisting in the quartermaster's corps several weeks ago, has been transferred this week to Camp Meigs, near Washington D. C. He writes that they have fine quarters there and are well taken care of.

## "The Slacker's Heart"

There will be a special seven reel program put on at the opera house next Thursday evening, Jan. 17. "The Slacker's Heart," a strong, powerful story telling an undeniable truth. A production of magnitude with over 3,000 people taking part. No battle scenes; no bloodshed; no weekly news cut ins.

A photo drama which appeals to the honor of every true American citizen, regardless of birthplace, creed or station. Heart gripping pathos, startling situations, forcible convincing acting, and a sensational climax which brings the spectators to their feet. The greatest lesson in patriotism ever taught. Don't fail to see this great production, Thursday night, January 17.

## Thanks For Flowers

To the Bruner Mutual Improvement Society: Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful plant and flowers. I have certainly enjoyed them and appreciate your kindness so much.

MAUDE McLAIN.

## Offer of Great Newspaper

Do not fail to note the real "money saving proposition" made by that sterling newspaper, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, elsewhere in this issue. In spite of the enormously increased cost of production, the Daily Globe Democrat, except Sunday, is offered to rural free delivery and star route patrons (yearly subscriptions only) at the remarkably rate of \$3 per year, or in complete clubs of three or more, at the net rate of only \$2.50 for each yearly subscription. The Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is offered \$5.50 per year or in clubs of three or more at the rate of \$4.75 for each yearly subscription. This offer is also open to subscribers who receive their mail at post offices where the Daily Globe-Democrat is not handled by local newsdealers. The regular price of the Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is now 7.50 per year; daily without Sunday, \$5 per year; Sunday, only, \$2.50 per year; issued twice a week, 50 cents a year. Again we urge you to read the "money-saving proposition" and send in your order at once. Address, the Globe Printing Company, Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

## ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

### Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

On account of several of the officers-elect not being able to be present, the Woodmen installation of Wednesday night did not take place but was deferred two weeks and will be held January 25.

Thirteen Brookfield merchants are advertising in THE BLADE today a special sale to run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. All lines are represented and all are live merchants.

The P. E. Os met in regular session with Mrs. L. E. Hamilton Wednesday afternoon. Among other business transacted was a donation of \$15.00 made to the Red Cross fund, a part of which was from the benefit picture show recently given.

Earl Foster and Thomas Wade went to Columbia on Thursday of last week to enter the state university for a short course in agriculture. Both these industrious young men are graduates of the Laclede high school and are to be congratulated on their effort to further fit themselves for one of the most useful occupations open today.

THE BLADE has received many fine letters from former Laclede people now living in various places accompanying their remittances for renewal of subscription for 1918. We hope to have time to give them a careful reading and possibly publish extracts next week. In the meantime there are quite a few others we would like to hear from in the same way.

We are glad to state that Mrs. J. Knight, who was so seriously ill last week that all her daughters were summoned to her bedside, is slowly recovering and it is thought will soon be around again. Those who were here were Mrs. Cochran of Aberdeen, S. Dak., Mrs. Cady of Utica, and Mrs. Kent of Osgood, as well as Mrs. Nora Kuhn of route two. Mrs. Cochran returned to her home last Sunday.

We are in receipt of a letter from D. R. Graves requesting his address changed from Springfield, Mo. to Lake Charles, La. Mr. Graves and his daughter, Miss May, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Phares Shive at Crossett, Ark., and from there they went to Lake Charles to spend the remainder of the winter with his son Ed. H. and family. where Uncle Dick says he hopes to get rid of his rheumatics. They send best wishes to all old friends in and around Laclede.

As Wayne Shell was getting his shotgun ready to go hunting Wednesday afternoon the weapon was accidentally discharged in the kitchen at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shell. Mrs. Shell had just recently put in a new high oven range. The charge of shot tore a hole through the oven and imbedded itself in the wall. Mrs. Shell was standing near and is said to have been objecting to the boy going hunting but happened to be just out of range when the gun was discharged. A boy and a gun is a dangerous combination.

## Missionary Society Meeting

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in regular session with Mrs. J. L. Burke on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. C. C. Bigger, president, presiding, and a most interesting meeting was held. The numbers on the program were readings by Mrs. J. E. Welsh, "Only a Woman;" by Mrs. J. L. Burke, "Something That the Foreign Missionaries Have Done;" by Mrs. Harry Landree, "From a Doctor's Note Book."

The mystery box was conducted by Mrs. Etta Forman and responses given by members of the society.

The year just closed was one of the most successful in the history of the auxiliary. The proportionment was more than met and as this was the first meeting of the new year the society extends a cordial invitation and urge all members of the church to attend the society's meetings and help make them the best of any previous year.

The Ladies Aid held a short session at the close of the missionary meeting.

## The L. C. N. Club

The L. C. N. club met with Mrs. Ada Aderson on Thursday of last week. A large majority of the members were present and the usual good dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Figgee of Schuyler county and Mrs. Luella Kessler of Kansas City were guests. As Mrs. Kessler was an old friend and former neighbor of the members they were delighted to have her with them.

This being the original starting place of the club new officers were elected: Mrs. Ada Anderson as president and Miss Bessie Perry, treasurer.

After a pleasant afternoon the guests departed declaring Mrs. Anderson a delightful hostess and congratulating themselves on obtaining her for president.

The club will meet with Mrs. Geo. Anderson on February 14.

## Saturday Night's Program

After showing the initial two reels Saturday night, Manager Myers concluded that "The Fatal Ring" was not going to take with his patrons and cancelled the balance of the serial.

He has booked for Saturday night, "The Law That Failed." Five reels. This is an intensely interesting drama written by Louis Reeves Harrison, the well known motion picture journalist. That a man who is proven guilty of murder can be acquitted on a legal technicality is the surprising and dramatic theme around which this unusual drama is built. Rodin, a prospector finds the cabin of Estrella, whose husband has deserted her. Estrella, knowing Rodin has struck it rich, makes him believe he has killed her husband, and blackmails him for years. Broken-hearted over a love affair in which she meddles, he finally kills himself.

Alma Haulon, America's magnetic screen star, portrays the role of heroine, while Edward Ellis, a distinguished legitimate actor, makes the leading male character realistically human throughout.

There will also be one reel of comedy Saturday night.

The reception held by the Ladies Aid at the M. E. parsonage on last Friday evening was an enjoyable event and quite a few were in attendance. The ladies served coffee, hot chocolate, sandwiches, and wafers.

## DEATH FROM FREEZING

### T. J. Thompson Disappeared Tuesday, Found Saturday

The dead body of Thomas J. Thompson, the farmer who disappeared from his home two miles north of Brookfield on Tuesday of last week, was found in a cornfield three miles south of Brookfield Saturday morning by Clarence Reams, one of the boy scouts who were searching for the missing man. Thompson was in Brookfield Tuesday and when it became known that he had not returned to his home inquiry was made concerning him the next day. It was learned that he had been seen going south in the country and later it was reported that his coat and vest had been found in the road but no systematic search was begun until Saturday morning when fourteen boy scouts under the direction of Rev. E. L. Robison took up the hunt that resulted in recovering the dead body.

Without coat or vest, Thompson had crawled through a hedge fence and was found lying on his back with his hands folded over his breast. The body was frozen stiff and he had probably died Tuesday night.

The verdict at the inquest was that freezing caused his death.

Thompson is said to have been a hard drinker of late years and spent much of his time about the Brookfield saloons on account of which his wife, by his second marriage, left him a few weeks ago since which he has been living alone. For several years he lived just south of Laclede and is well known here as "Smiling" Thompson. Mrs. C. N. Ausmus is a daughter.

## Red Cross Notes

The Laclede Red Cross made another shipment of bandages and knitted articles to headquarters at St. Louis on Thursday of last week and the ladies are still busy preparing more.

The following donations have been made since the last report: Chris Eyman, \$10; Laclede Rebecca lodge, \$5; Less Brewer, \$3.

The following new members have been enrolled the past week: J. B. Carothers, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Monser, S. W. White, G. W. Syms, G. A. Syms, Paul J. Syms, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kraft, Roxana Rankin, Nora Wade, Rolla Wade, Alfred Fruin, J. Mac Deininger, Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Kling, Mrs. C. R. Hamill, Mrs. Alice Murphy, Ross Welsh.

## Illustrated Lecture

James Norvel Crutcher, who is to lecture on Monday night, January 21, at the Laclede Christian church, is spoken of by the Chilli-cothe Constitution as one who did more good for that community than any minister who ever lived and labored there. Mr. Crutcher has done social and religious work in most of the western states and has had wide experience in the matters which give him the material for his lectures and addresses. For ten years he has been a member of the Missouri state board of charities which supervises the state institutions, and he has done faithful and effective work. Our people should hear his lecture and see the pictures of the state penal and charitable institutions.