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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Fresh oysters at Plowman's. Louis Shaw visited relatives in Illinois this week. "Gifts of Utility" A knife or safety razor. The Home Store. "Gifts of Utility" A pair of scissors or shears. The Home Store. Gifts from the furniture store are gifts that always please and endure. "Gifts of Utility" A Monarch or Majestic range. The Home Store. Twenty-five head of yearling White Face steers for sale by E. J. Clawson. "Gifts of Utility" A piece of Mirro aluminum. The Home Store. Don't overlook those fancy box candies, and other Christmas goods at Barton's. The Plowman Cafe is especially prepared to supply your holiday candy needs. One good Jersey cow, to be fresh the last of this month, for sale by W. S. Savage. Plowman's cafe is headquarters for Christmas candies, both in boxed and bulk. Strained honey in 10 pound lots, 15 cents the pound, bucket furnished. T. M. Elliott, Busy Bee Apiary. There will be the usual delivery of mail on the rural routes Christmas day but none on New Year's day. On account of the Christmas exercises at the churches, there will be no picture show Saturday night of this week. A Christmas tree with the usual program by the Sunday school will be held at the Methodist church Saturday night. Candy, nuts, oranges, grapes, bananas, celery, lettuce, figs, dates, cranberries and fresh oysters for Xmas at The Home Store. Ed. Randall was here from Brookfield Friday on a fur buying trip. Ed. is an old hand at the business and knows every trapper in the country. When you want a fine roast or a good juicy steak, or any of the best quality of meats, remember you can get it at Plowman's and the price is always right. Frank Kuhn and Claud Kuhn, whose farms lie on opposite sides of the road north of Laclede, have installed an electric lighting system, both places being served from the same plant. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knott of Mendota visited their uncle, J. T. McKanna, and family here the first of the week. Mr. Knott is an over-sea soldier and was severely wounded in one of the big fights. Three former Laclede people, now residing in California, Mrs. Mary Mize and Miss Neva Thomas of Los Angeles and Miss Emma Lee Johnson of Santa Ana, remembered The Blade with renewal checks the past week. "Gifts of Utility" A chest or piece of silverware. The Home Store.

Special School Elections

By a vote of 94 to 30 the Forker consolidated school district voted bonds to the amount of \$20,000 at a special election held last Tuesday to build a new high school building. The bonds are to run 20 years.

The new high school will be on site of the present building, the grounds being increased to five acres. The present plans are to have the new building ready for the opening of school next fall. The structure will be of brick and modern throughout. The people of that district are being congratulated on their progressive movement for better educational facilities for their children. A special election was held the same day in the South Eagle consolidated district to vote \$28,000 in bonds for a high school building. The proposition lost, the vote being 87 against to 70 for the bond issue. It is understood that those favoring the high school will now start a movement to dissolve the district and form a new one, lopping off those who are opposing and taking on some who favor the better school proposition.

Reading Circle Meeting

Mrs. Wm. Bassett was hostess to the American Reading Circle Tuesday evening, with nearly every member present at roll call. Yuletide decorations were beautifully used throughout the home.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Talbot and Mrs. J. H. Brown, had planned an evening of games and other amusements that proved a pleasant surprise to the circle. In a hunt contest Mrs. H. W. Lomax and Mrs. Ella B. Standly here awarded prizes. Mrs. J. E. Welsh was the auctioneer and sold the Christmas packages to the highest bidders, the buyers being delighted with their purchase.

Assisted by her sister, Mrs. H. Butterfield, the hostess served a three course luncheon.

The next meeting will be held January 9.

Methodist Episcopal Church

W. H. Yount, Pastor

Preaching Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:45, Wm. Kraft, superintendent.

Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:46, Miss Hazel Wilson, leader.

Subject for Sunday morning sermon: "The Three Great Verbs of Life."

To Observe Christmas

Notice is hereby given to telephone users that central will be closed on Christmas day from 11:00 in the morning to 5:00 in the afternoon. Wm. Matthes.

Special Turkey Dinner Sunday

I will serve a special turkey dinner on Sunday, December 24, instead of on Christmas day as our dining room will be closed Monday. Clark's Caf.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many neighbors and friends who so kindly gave their assistance and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our mother, also for the many kindnesses shown her in the past, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Harry Welsh and Family.
Mrs. E. L. Joyce.
Mrs. A. L. Findley.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

The December term of circuit court adjourned Saturday without reaching the oiling tax case from Laclede and it goes over to the next term.

Only eight days more in which to pay your taxes and avoid the penalty of one per cent that goes on January 1. Better hurry as you are already too late to avoid the rush and may get crowded over into next year.

The steel for the bridge on the drainage ditch west of town arrived and was hauled out yesterday. The foreman of the construction company informed us that with good weather continuing it would be ready for traffic within ten days.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. M. F. Clay, Wednesday afternoon, January 3, at 2:00 o'clock. Study your mystery box questions in the November Friend and come with a good lesson. Leader of lesson, Mrs. F. W. Burke. Leader of mystery box, Mrs. Ida L. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newland write to have the address of the Blade changed from Stewartsville to Breckenridge. Mr. Newland's appointment as agent at Breckenridge from Stewartsville is quite a promotion and Harry's many friends down this way are glad to hear of the recognition of his splendid services by the Burlington.

Regular meeting of the Modern Woodman camp next Wednesday night, December 27. At this meeting arrangements are to be made for the installation of officers in conjunction with the Royal Neighbors on the second Friday night in January. There should be a full attendance at this meeting as committees are to be appointed and other important matters attended to.

Christmas subscriptions to The Blade have been coming in the past week. Miss Josephene Welsh called and paid for the paper for her nephew, Herbert Welsh; C. E. Goosey had the paper sent to Howard Goosey, Rutledge, Mo., and to C. S. Lewis, Downing, Mo., and Mrs. Ida Benson has the paper sent to her brother, Ralph Loomis, Oberlin, Ohio.

As has been our custom for many years, The Blade will not be issued Christmas week. Our next issue will be dated January 5, 1923. Several hundred subscriptions expire with this issue and during vacation we hope to be kept busy most of the time writing renewal receipts and are willing to work over time at it if necessary. Drop in and see us. The office will be open the usual hours each day and job printing and other business given prompt attention. In the meantime we wish our patrons and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Passing of a Good Woman

Mary M. Fawcett was born in Flushing, Belmont county, Ohio, on the fifth of January, 1835, and departed this life December 16, 1922, having been privileged to spend almost 88 years in active useful living.

The passing of Aunt Mary Welsh, as she was called by hosts of relatives and friends, will leave a vacancy in the community which can never be filled; and her many acts of kindness to those in sickness and distress will long live in the hearts and memories of all who knew her.

A woman of strong religious convictions, she early united with the Presbyterian church of Bellaire, Ohio, to which organization she belonged until 1913 when she joined the M. E. church at Forker.

On the seventh of March, 1865, she was united in holy wedlock with Henry Welsh; to which union were born four children, two of whom are living, Mrs. Myra Joyce of Brookfield and Harry E., with whom she has spent her declining years; Ella Eugenia, at the age of eight years, and Mary Erford at the age of one year having preceded the mother to rest. This family also reared three motherless children, one a sister of the deceased.

In 1877 the family came from Ohio to Johnson county, Missouri, settling near Warrensburg, where they resided three years, from which place they removed to the present home. On August seventh, 1892, the husband died after twenty-seven years of journeying together down life's pathway. Henry Welsh at the time of his death was 78 years, 4 months and 2 days old.

For a number of years Aunt Mary enjoyed reasonably good health, taking an active interest in affairs at home and abroad. Being a great reader she has never lost step with the issues of the day. On the evening of December 1, while preparing to retire, she fell and fractured her hip; from which time she was a constant but patient sufferer, thoughtful and appreciative of those in attendance.

Mrs. Lizzie Finley of Scotia, Neb., a sister, and the only living member of her immediate family was at the bedside since her illness and together with children, grand children and friends did much to comfort her last days.

The funeral services were held from the home at 1:30 o'clock, December 18, conducted by Director W. G. Thorne. Rev. Mendenhall read the services, taking as his text that beautiful passage of scripture, "Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The beautiful floral offerings mute tributes of love and respect, bespeak the fact that Aunt Mary will be missed by every man, woman and child in the neighborhood, as well as by a host of relatives and friends.

The remains were laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery.

Farm Loans

Money to Loan on terms of 5 per cent. W. S. Savage.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

"Gifts of Utility" A piece of china ware. The Home Store.

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Loren Potter is home from the state university for the holidays.

Miss Jean Brown is home from the Kansas university for the Christmas vacation.

Give that little boy or little girl a rocking chair for Christmas. Thorne Furniture Co.

Miss Lula Harrison, student at Stephens college, Columbia, is home for the holiday vacation.

Harold Butterfield was down from Osborn and spent Sunday with his family at the Brendahl home.

Mid-week picture show next Wednesday night and regular show on the following Saturday night.

Emily, Cordelia and Seth Evans of Meadville spent the weekend here with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Ausmus have moved to Brookfield, Mr. Ausmus having a good job at the Burlington shops.

Victor J. Pitney of Louisiana spend Friday here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Loisa Hetrick and other relatives.

J. L. Welsh spent a part of last week in Iowa buying corn for patrons of the Farmers' Exchange. The first car is expected in this week.

The Royal Neighbors will meet this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ida Groes to make arrangements for the installation of officers at the regular meeting in January.

J. Paul Jones of Russell Springs, Kansas, has joined his wife and two daughters who are spending the winter here, and will remain over the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lydia Terry has been here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Jacobs. Mrs. Terry lives in Iowa but is spending the winter with her brother and family at Hamilton.

Russell J. Welsh came home from Missouri Wesleyan college, Friday, accompanied by Coach Davis and Herman Johnson of the college football team, and will spend the holiday vacation here.

Mrs. Lula Welsh and her sister, Mrs. Nora Dicks of Brookfield left Sunday night for Nodaway, Iowa, in response to notice of the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Pearl Agnew. Mrs. Agnew passed away, however, before they reached her bedside and they remained for the funeral.

Rev. E. R. Kelley, a former pastor of the Laclede Methodist church, spent Tuesday with friends here. Since leaving Laclede two months ago he visited in the east and the past few weeks has been holding a meeting at Malden, Mo. He left Wednesday to join his family in California.

"Gifts of Utility" A Coleman lamp. The Home Store.