

ANNOUNCEMENT.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools of Scott county, at the annual school election, Tuesday, April 6, 1908. Respectfully, CHARLES HARRIS.

JOHN FRIEND DEAD.
Uncle John Friend, the oldest native born citizen of Scott county, died at his home in Oran Tuesday morning in his 78th year.

Uncle John Friend was born on June 21 1830, within two miles of his late home. He was born on the farm now owned by Wm. P. Glascock—more familiarly known as the old ore mill site.

He is a descendant of the first settlers west of the Mississippi. In 1790 his great grandfather, Charles Friend, came here from Virginia and located where Benton now stands. At that time this country was a wilderness and populated by Indians.



JOHN FRIEND.

The territory was under Spanish sovereignty and his grand father obtained a Spanish grant to a section of land on a part of which Benton now stands.

In those days land was free. A married man could enter 640 acres and a single man could squat on 160 acres. There was little population and, therefore, no demand for land.

John Friend, the grand father of deceased, was then single and entered 160 acres near where Morley now stands—known as the Parrot place. A little later on the grand father married a Miss Robertson, then living on the place now known as the Jim McMullin place near Sikeston, and in 1806 a boy was born to the union and named Andrew Friend. This boy grew to manhood on what is now the Parrot place and took unto himself a wife in the person of Elizabeth, the daughter of Judge Evans, judge of the county court.

At that time court was held one and one-half miles south of Sikeston at what was called old Winchester, in New Madrid county. There was no Scott county then. When John C. Scott was elected representative in the early part of the nineteenth century this county was carved out and named in honor of him and Benton was made the county seat.

In 1850 John Friend was married to Miss Nancy Snider. The marriage took place on the Friend farm adjoining Oran, now owned by F. M. Friend, justice of the Peace. John Barnes performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Friend was born in Kentucky in 1840 and came to Scott county as a child with her parents. Soon after her arrival here the father, Jacob Snider, died.

To the union was born three children—Virginia, James and Nancy. Virginia was married to J. W. Clemson and in 1884 died, leaving two children—Georgia (Mrs. R. J. Williams) and Virginia (Mrs. Prof. Duckworth). James died in infancy and Nancy is the wife of Andy Metz, Jr., of Oran.

When the war broke out Mr. Friend went with the South. In 1861 he served in the Missouri State Guards and, after 6 months, joined the regular Confederate army under Capt. Parrott at Pocahontas, Ark. He served until the end of the war.

After the war Mr. Friend came home and, in 1867, went out with the first gang of men to break the dirt for the building of the Iron-Mountain railroad in the marsh below Morley. When the road was finished he became section foreman at Oran, which position he held until 1886.

His remains were laid to rest in the Friend cemetery, near Oran, on Wednesday afternoon, beside his wife who died seven weeks earlier.

ATTENTION, SOCIALISTS.
County Secretary Jacob has a call to action in this issue. W. H. McAllister, a farmer and a Socialist lecturer and organizer, is now in New Madrid county. He has done good work in Pemiscot, Stoddard and Dunklin counties, and we need him in Scott county for ten days or two weeks. His charge is \$10 per week and keep.

What this county needs is a thorough, systematic organization. It has never had anything even approaching this. There should be a local in every school district where as many as five Socialists reside. A local with a half dozen working members will accomplish more than a local with fifty non-workers.

Let the Socialists of every school district arrange for a meeting and write Secretary Jacob for one date for Comrade McAllister. Do not try to fix that date. The Secretary will do that and notify you in ample time. Got busy!

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FROM ROCKVIEW.

Mrs. Elberta Walker, of Cape Girardeau, was buried in the Rockview Baptist Church graveyard Friday. A small child of Mr. Meyers, of Chaffee, was buried here on the same day—this being the nearest cemetery. Looks like the Chaffee Real Estate Co. could donate a burial ground to the city.

The late rains have overflowed the low lands and ducks are plentiful. But the successful duck hunters have been scarce. Ben Winer being the only boy to bring in a dozen.

Will Scherer moved to G. B. Murray's farm recently vacated by J. N. Belk last week. Mr. Belk moved into one of his houses in town.

J. L. Green is working in the round house at Edna. He is firing the stationary on the day shift.

Bill Totty went to White Oak last week in the interest of the hoop mill at Chaffee.

Ben Totty, of Commerce, is visiting his brother, Ed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. McLean Tuesday, a girl. Grandpa R. H. McLean of Oran, came up to see his granddaughter.

FROM OAK GROVE.

Mrs. Will Holmes, who has been sick for several weeks, is slowly improving. Health in our vicinity is generally very good.

There will be prayer meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mackley's every Sunday at 8 p. m. All are invited.

The Valentine party at Mrs. N. O. Hopper's was well attended. All seemed to enjoy themselves.

Rudy Pety returned from Kentucky. He still thinks Missouri is the only place to live.

Harley Smith and brother have bought a \$400 team of mules. Went they till the soil?

Ray Comstock and Miss Florence Huffstutler were quietly married Saturday evening.

There is a big meeting at Oak Grove. They have had several additions.

Tommy Deary, of Oran, visited at Mr. Schneider's Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Thompson and brother of Illinois are moving back to Missouri.

There are a few of our farmers who have begun breaking.

Born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Zora Feltz, a fine girl.

J. T. Schneider had business at Sauer last week.

Mr. Simpson is visiting in Arkansas.

The dredge boat started again Monday.

FROM CARY.

The union speaking at Moore's Chapel has been postponed on account of the big meeting at Sikeston.

There will be a revival meeting commencing at Savannah, Feb. 20. All are invited to attend.

J. W. Bate has purchased a farm near Cross Plains and will move there this week.

Mrs. J. W. and Chas. Bate spent Saturday at Oran.

Bob Noel spent Saturday and Sunday in Sikeston.

Sam Neal and Peter Cator were at Keosauqua Sunday.

The mill has shut down for repairs.

Mrs. George Babb died Friday. Henry Huff is at Dexter.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Farmer Jones could hear some of our farmers' Union men criticizing him for his insinuations that the Farmers' Union would fail he would think that his next race for office would be "a rocky road to Jerico."

Many of the readers of the Scott County Democrat are disappointed with their paper. They say: "The Record was very poor and the Democrat is worse."

Dick Taylor and wife have returned from a visit to Arkansas. They speak in high terms of the country they saw.

Mrs. Dave Dodge and Miss Belle Simmons, of Charleston, are visiting in this vicinity.

Miss Flora Fletcher of Mississippi county is visiting at Dave Bonfield's.

Miss Annie Randols, of Morley, visited Miss Marie Knuckles Sunday.

Tom Foster of Stoddard county visited his brother, John, Sunday.

Maxie Hodgkiss is visiting his brother at Sikeston.

Lee Morrow is smiling. He has a new plow boy.

FROM OWENSBY.

Mr. Kiser, of Cary, has moved on the farm which Mr. Finley recently purchased from Geo. Venable.

John Bles spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Mollie Stokes, near Price's Landing.

Bud Pate moved into the house vacated by Albert Vandike.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kee-see on Feb. 8, a fine girl.

Mr. England, of Cary, has moved on Mr. Oster's farm.

LET'S LOCATE THE CAUSE.

Last week the county court shut off the connection between three of the road bosses of the county and the county treasury. Since but two qualifications are required of a road boss—loyalty to "the party" and support of the organ—I would be glad if the deposed road bosses would write the Kicker whether they were so indiscreet as to violate either of these essential requirements.

For every result there must be a cause. And the editor would stake his neck on it that these men were removed for political reasons. Incompetency cuts no ice with a road boss so long as he produces results at an election. The deposed men are R. K. Griggs, Morley; John T. Boss, Illmo; and Wm. Canham, Commerce. Lets hear from you. Didn't you subscribe for the organ or didn't you "root" proper last fall? Or were you so indiscreet as to neglect both?

Wm. Canham is a republican. In fact, I believe all the road bosses of Commerce township were Republicans. It is a REPUBLICAN township, and in such localities the road bosses are expected to stand by "the party." If they fail, the gobbler—uns get 'em.

A republican road boss is expected to go among his republican neighbors and urge that politics counts no ice in county affairs—that we must vote for "the man." And then he must put the load pedal on the gang's man.

As for Mr. Boss, his getting fired explains itself. He has developed into one of those very "undesirable citizens" who wants to "divide up the property," "destroy the home," etc.

FROM ORAN.

Monday a Blodgettite, while changing cars here from the Frisco to the Mountain, was arrested and fined \$9. He paid his fine, caught the train and went on his way. The charge against him was being intoxicated on the streets.

The meeting at the Baptist Church is still in full blast. This is the seventh week. Rev. Montgomery was with us part of last week. Rev. Blackman, the district missionary, is preaching this week.

Oran moved her prisoners to Benton Monday. They are fixing a new jail here.

The road between Benton and Oran is reported very muddy.

Mr. McPheeters, at Benton, was here last week.

FROM CROWDER.

With two dredge boats in sight at town Crowder is on the boom. We have plenty of water, meal and axe handles.

Mrs. Will Page died Saturday. She leaves a husband and seven children.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist Church still continues.

Butler Staley of Ohio visited friends in Crowder Sunday.

There was a temperance lecture here Sunday night.

Mrs. Mahoney died Friday.

FROM ROOTWAD.

We understand that the young ladies of the Tanner District have organized a club in behalf of the bachelors of the district. The purpose of the organization is to supply gentlemen with escorts for the ladies. Wake up, boys!

The people of this neighborhood were awakened Sunday night during the storm by loud and fearful howls. Investigation proved it to be our Sunday night riders returning through the storm.

Most of our people went to town by the way of Tanner Saturday. The main road was so muddy it was almost impossible to travel it.

A young Socialist stopped Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilburn and asked for board.

The Tanner school gave a Valentine party. Many nice presents were presented to the pupils.

Rev. C. M. Darrow preached at Rootwad Sunday.

E. F. Love went to Kentucky last week.

Henry Harmon went to Arkansas Saturday.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Scott county Socialists:—Comrade McAllister, a fine speaker and organizer, can put in a week or ten days in the county after the 23rd of this month. Shall we have him? His fees are \$10.00 per week and his board. Comrade McAllister is especially good in school-houses and I would like to hear from all or any Socialist who can arrange a date for him especially in a schoolhouse. Write me at once that I may have time to route him over the county.

J. W. Jacob, County Secretary, Farnell, Mo.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The following marriage license have been granted since last report: Robert F. Murphy, Morley; Miss Zoe Welker, Morley; Alonzo Hazel, Vanduser; Miss Maggie Graston, Vanduser; Arthur Menz, Keleso; Miss Nellie B. Harris, Chaffee; Frank Blattel, Keleso; Miss Ollie V. Stallings, Charleston; Martin V. Tenny, Chaffee; Miss Anna Reeves, Chaffee.

Subscriber for the Kicker.

FROM MORLEY.

Dr. C. D. Harris recently returned from St. Louis, where he accompanied J. W. Dillon, who had a severe case of appendicitis, to the hospital, where an operation was performed. Mr. Dillon is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Lora LaManse, of Joplin, lectured at the Baptist Church Tuesday and Wednesday nights. A large crowd attended both nights. The W. C. T. U. held an all day session Wednesday.

We hear that George Layton, who recently moved to Muskogee, Okla., will return to Vanduser as soon as he can get possession of his property at that place.

We had quite a sensational wedding in our town Friday. The bride was 13 and the groom 38. Looks like all the children would soon be married.

We don't know whether the ground hog came out Sunday or not. But we know the frogs did. We heard them singing.

Our basket ball team went to Cape Girardeau to play Saturday. They beat us, but—hurray for the Morley girls!

Our climate is just about equal to Texas. One day we are making garden. The next sleigh riding.

H. S. Bonsib, of Indianapolis, Ind., lectured at the Baptist Church on Prohibition Friday night.

Another car load of hogs left our town Tuesday. They were loaded by Early Smith.

Mrs. James Malone went to Illmo Tuesday to see her grandchild, who is very sick.

Jag. P. Howle went to the Mayfield Sanitarium at St. Louis last week.

Well, some more snow and less good time for boys and girls!

Mrs. Allie Evans, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Line were at Vanduser Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia Guthrie is very sick. Mrs. L. W. Underwood is sick.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND.

Ask John Evans and Miss Tillie Graham how they liked the hard rain Saturday night.

Mrs. L. H. Jones, of Columbus, Ky., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Fields.

Miss Josie Gurley, of Caruthersville, is visiting relatives here and at Morehouse.

Miss Tillie Graham, of near Blodgett, is the guest of T. L. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fields are the proud parents of a fine girl, born the 13th.

The dance at L. Dabbs' Saturday night was quite a success.

Roy Holger, of Bugg Ridge, was on the island Sunday.

The last cold spell finished the wheat in this vicinity.

FROM VANDUSER.

C. M. Lanester is moving to the Alex. Wright farm in the sand. Rev. R. J. Blackman has purchased the farm occupied by Mr. Lanester. Desiring to move on it at once Bro. Blackman has purchased possession from Mr. Lanester.

Mrs. Lora LaManse lectured at the Methodist Church Saturday night and held a short institute Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church. She told us something in an interesting manner.

The show company left here Sunday for Lutesville. They were successful and left considerable medicine here. Miss Birdie Vowels won the silver set in the contest.

Alex. Beegles and Mary Elsperman were married Thursday at Crowder. Both were very young—the bride being only 16 years of age.

S. P. Williams' residence on his lots south of the factory on the southeast corner of J. R. Joyce's farm is rapidly nearing completion.

J. W. Greer, mother and little nephew, of Kennett, were the guests of Mrs. C. E. Fulenwider Sunday returning on the 4 o'clock train.

The factory and mill have shut down. But it is reported that they will start again Monday.

Bro. Holland filled the pulpit at the M. E. Church Sunday—at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Mrs. Lorenza Staley and son, Arthur, were at Cape Girardeau last week.

Mrs. Chaney, of Sikeston, visited here this week.

FROM SALCEDO.

Clud Henson has returned from Kennett. He brought back some of the wild meat which he killed.

T. F. Baker is having a telephone put in his house. He says he will be living in town then.

Salcedo played ball Sunday of last week. Score was 15 to 6 in favor of Salcedo.

Sam Baker is the league catcher in our baseball team.

W. T. Brown contemplates leaving our community.

John Ross, of Morehouse, has moved here.

This place has come to life again.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Martin P. Scherer, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott county, Mo., to be held at Benton, in said county, Mo., on the fourth Monday, in February, 1908, to-wit: the 14th day of February, 1908.

H. J. Griggan, Administrator.

FROM COMMERCE.

There was a gold medal contest given at the town hall last Friday night for the benefit of the school library. The contestants were Zerna Daily, Julia Dodge, Jessie Ellis, Ruth Reynolds, Mammie Allison and Maude Wilcox. Miss Jessie Ellis received the medal. All the contestants deserve great credit, as all did exceedingly well.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Worsley returned Tuesday from a twenty-one days' tour of New Mexico and the southwest. They enjoyed their trip. But when a cloud came up and they got the benefit of one of New Mexico's famous sand storms—well, we were led to believe they'd rather be back in Old Missouri.

The local sports have been having a time duck shooting. Some were successful enough to get a duck. But the majority got EXERCISE.

The steamer, Ferd Herold, passed up Monday morning. She is the first packet to start business this season.

B. F. Anderson, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

A. J. Smith, the barber, is wrestling with a slight attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Sewell, of Sikeston, who has been visiting here, has returned home.

J. B. Stubblefield and wife visited relatives at Sikeston last week.

Jesse Nolan, the butcher, made a business trip to Benton Monday.

Mrs. Jesse Nolan is visiting her parents at Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Riggs, of Cape Girardeau, visited here this week.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Mrs. Giddie Roedel, of Cape Girardeau, visited at F. M. Sanders' last week. She returned home Thursday—accompanied by her cousin, Fill Sanders. Fill returned Sunday.

The party at M. V. Sanders Saturday night was well attended—by the young men. But the ladies were rather scarce.

Mrs. Edith Borchell, who was visiting her mother last week, returned to her home in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

While fox hunting last week, Pete Wise and Jess Spradlin saw a white fox.

Miss Laura Smith, of Diehlstadt, is visiting at L. T. Robertson's.

Y. E. Sanders spent Saturday and Sunday in Cape Girardeau.

Ulysses Edmonds, of Illmo, visited homefolks Sunday.

Jack Drury is working on his new house.

FROM EDNA.

A family of Kentucky's undesirable reached this neighborhood Friday. It would touch the stoutest capitalist here—it not his pocket book—to see them. The family consisted of a man, his wife and seven (7) children—the oldest about nine (9) years; the youngest a babe. The four oldest were harnessed up to the cart and pulled it while the mother and father helped.

There was only one pair of shoes for the seven children and it was pretty cold for their little feet wading the mud and water gathering wood and begging something to eat. How can men of ordinary minds vote for a system that compels some to suffer like the above while others roll in wealth and luxury. Think, Mr. Voter, I am talking to you!

Riverview Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America at Edna met in regular session Saturday night with a very large number present and transacted some important business and had a general good time discussing matters pertaining to the order. They were ably assisted by their chief, Bro. F. Hahn, who handles the business end of the meetings in an able and efficient manner.

Special notice to Edna and Illmo Socialists and members of Local Edna.—You are earnestly requested to attend the next meeting of Local Edna, in the Red Men's Hall, over the Laundry in North Illmo. There will be important business to attend to in which every Socialist should take part. By order of the county secretary.

Comrades Griggs and Jacob are organizing a court of the Tribe of Ben Hur at Chaffee. And one at Illmo. They will go to Cape Girardeau or Commerce after they finish at the above named places.

Local Edna votes the editor of the Kicker a brick for the Beanville Speeches. They are certainly opening the eyes of the dupes and the plutes are pulling their hair and cursing.

The town board had a call meeting Friday night and approved the petition of Mr. Bell, taking into the incorporation his 2nd addition, north of the box factory just platted.

Comrade Schultz's son, Raymond, was taken ill in school Monday and it required the services of a doctor to take him home. The doctor says he has malaria.

The down and out club gets a new member this week. Barney Gurley has made application to the same.

The county secretary will organize a Socialist local at Rockview in the near future. Also one at Chaffee.

Chas. Hahmiller is confined to his bed. We failed to learn the nature of his illness.

A Newspaper

May be of benefit to the people of a community, and it may be

AN INJURY

Depending entirely upon the point of view. Some newspapers regard a few selfish and useless citizens as

"THE PEOPLE,"

But the Kicker is not of THAT CLASS. It regards the useful citizens—the workers—as the people and believes that when the producers are

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All is well and the goose hangs high. If this be your idea, patronize

The Kicker.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Last week was certainly a week of amusement. The young folks enjoyed themselves to the limit. Monday night there was a dance at Joe Strack's at Schererville; Tuesday there were two—one at Frank Enderle's near Oran and the other at John Schlitt's—Wednesday it was at John Enderle's at Keleso, and Friday there were two again—one at Adam Schaefer's near Benton and the other at Mrs. John P. Westrich's.

Theon Grojean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grojean, and Miss Ida Menz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Menz, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock here Tuesday by Rev. C. Moenig Lawr. Grojean and Lep Menz and Misses Clara Menz and Clara Grojean were the witnesses. The young couple will live on the groom's mother's farm just north of town.

Leo Brucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brucker, of near Oran, and Miss Theresia Heuring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heuring, were married at St. Lawrence's Church here Thursday by Father Mgenig. The wedding festivities took place at the home of the bride. They will move on Leo Schott's farm near Oran.

Chas. Schlitt has John Urhahn hauling logs to Sullinger and Lambert's mill. Mr. Schlitt will build an addition to his barn with the lumber sawed from the logs.

It is reported that Al. Schwartz has rented a farm at Keleso and will move there next spring. It is predicted that he will not batch very long.

The Sunday "night riders" were frozen out Monday night. That fact saved the Schererville natives a large amount of ammunition.

Cap. Frank Schank boasts of being the only one in this vicinity to receive a made to order valentine.

Wm. Morrie and Ed. Koelker will leave for Idaho after William has disposed of his property.

Leo Grojean went to Cape Girardeau Monday as a witness in a railroad damage suit.

Miss Lena Essner, of Benton, attended the Brucker-Heuring wedding here Thursday.

In our congregation for the year 1908 were 32 births, 5 marriages and 9 deaths.

Joe Urhahn started his sawmill east of town last week.

Mrs. Aug. Schulte is very sick with rheumatism.

Joe Westrich was at Morley Monday.