

FLOOD STAGE EXPECTED AT M'BAINE SOON

Missouri River Now Only Three Feet Under Flood Stage—Will Reach Crest Wednesday.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER Stretch of Land 2 or 3 Miles Long Between River and Perche Creek May Be Inundated.

With the Missouri River rising moderately fast and now only three feet under the flood stage, there is danger of an overflow before the crest of the flood wave is reached at McBaine on Wednesday morning, according to George Reeder, head of the local office of the United States Weather Bureau. The river has risen nearly three feet since Saturday.

A special flood warning was issued today by the weather bureau, advising caution all along the river but saying that no overflow has been indicated except at Brunswick. The river below Lexington, however, will rise for several days, according to the warning, and there is now water enough in sight to give bankful stages from Waverly to the mouth of the Grand and nearly bankful stages from the Grand to the St. Charles River.

The weather bureau gage at Booneville recorded the river at 16 feet 4 inches on Saturday, and today it reached 18.4 feet, nearly 3 feet below flood stage of 21 feet. As the crest of the flood wave is not expected until Wednesday morning, it is probable that the river may overflow in low places at McBaine. Without fresh heavy rains, however, it is not likely that the overflow will be great.

Heavy rains in Kansas and flood waters from Colorado have combined to make the Kansas River near flood stage and the Kansas River, emptying into the Missouri near Kansas City, has swelled the Missouri. Nebraska and headwaters of the Missouri experienced heavy rainfall last week.

In Missouri north and south of the Missouri River, practically all the tributaries are swollen from heavy rains of the last few days. The Missouri River, which is to take care of practically all this water, which is the fact that, McReeder says owing to the greater the ground is full of water and nearly all the additional rainfall lately has run off as surface water.

Should the river rise near McBaine, the chief danger would be to territory from two to three miles long lying down the river from McBaine between the Missouri and the Perche creek. There is a stretch of lowland between the streams which will likely be inundated forming one vast river more than a mile wide. No immediate danger threatens McBaine.

Farmers living in the vicinity have already been warned by the weather bureau to be on the lookout for flood waters.

McBaine's chief danger will be from the Perche creek waters backing up and overflowing because the Missouri River, being high, will not allow fast emptying, said Mr. Reeder this afternoon. When asked regarding the likelihood of more heavy rains, Mr. Reeder remarked that heavy rainfall was expected over for the present but that there would be scattered showers for several days.

The Missouri River will fall slowly when it does begin to recede, Mr. Reeder says, and there is danger as long as the river is at bankful stage. No trouble is expected at St. Louis as the Mississippi River is low enough to handle all the Missouri rise.

MAY BE MORE EXCURSIONS Washash Man Says Low Rate Trips May Come Regularly.

One hundred and fifty-six tickets were sold for the Washash excursion to St. Louis Saturday. One extra train was run on the return trip, leaving Centralia at 10:45 o'clock last night.

J. C. Abbott said the run on this excursion was not so great as the one about a month ago when approximately four hundred tickets were sold, and explained it by the decrease in University enrollment. He also said that possibly these excursions would be run regularly in the future.

Larkin to State Teachers College. Uel W. Larkin, whose resignation as director of the Federal Board of Vocational Education became effective Saturday, will return from Washington, D. C., to Maryville, Mo., to take up his duties as president of the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College.

Columbia Man Married Yesterday. H. J. Nichols, of Columbia and Miss Lena Maude Coates of Huntsdale were married yesterday at 10:45 at the home of the Rev. R. S. Cunningham. They will make their home in Columbia.

Warren Named Japan Ambassador. WASHINGTON, June 27.—President Harding sent to the Senate the name of Charles Warren of Michigan as ambassador to Japan.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, probably with occasional thundershowers; not much change in temperature.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather, probably with showers and thundershowers west and north portions tonight, and northeast portion Tuesday; continued warm.

The weather continues more or less unsettled in the Plains, the Missouri Valley, upper half of the Mississippi Valley, and in most of the Lake region. During the last 24 hours local showers fell in Kansas, Missouri, the southern part of Iowa, and across Illinois to the Lakes. Amounts were moderate, except 2.54 inches fell at Kansas City. A heavy rain also fell at New Orleans, and Tampa, Florida. In other parts of the country generally fair weather prevailed.

The Missouri river will continue to rise for the next several days. Without more rain close to bankful stages will be reached by Tuesday or Wednesday. With more heavy rains the next few days flood stages will be general.

Missouri roads are muddy. Unsettled weather with occasional showers will continue over Tuesday.

Local data: The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 83 degrees; and the lowest last night was 70 degrees. Precipitation 0.11. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 91 degrees and the lowest was 66 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. Sun rose today 4:45 a. m. Sun sets 7:39 p. m. Moon rises 11:45 p. m.

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HIGH TRIBUTE PAID WAR HERO

3,000 Attended Funeral of First Boone County Man Killed in France.

Three thousand persons, in a procession three miles long attended the funeral yesterday of John C. Ridgeway, the first Boone County soldier killed in the World War. The Herbert Williams Post of the American Legion had charge of the funeral. The Rev. Walter M. Haushalter conducted the services.

Set upon a Battery Battalion, the body was taken from Columbia at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to the Olivet Church at Harg.

After the Reverend Haushalter had conducted the services, the military escort, about 150 uniformed men, took charge of the body. A volley was fired in salute. The flag which had accompanied the coffin from France was given to the mother.

ENGLISH WANT FEWER BABES

Birth Control Now Being Preached As "Constructive."

LONDON, June 27.—Until recently the subject of birth-control was just as much taboo in England as in America. They didn't send people to prison for talking about it, but public opinion was more effective than any police measures in repressing the subject. It simply didn't exist. It may be more coincidental, but that was while England needed sons so much it wasn't particular how it got them, when the recently organized colonies made a constant and heavy drain on the manhood of England.

Today that is all changed. The subject is now respectable. It is freely discussed in public. It is called "constructive birth control" and its principles and practice are advocated from press, platform and pulpit. The drain on English manhood from the colonies has ceased. England wants fewer and better babies. More immediate reasons than these are given by those who are writing and speaking on the subject; they don't need to step outside the slums of London and the big industrial cities to find them.

The Dean of St. Paul's preaches control as an economic necessity of the national situation. He believes that a steady reduction of the population in quantity is as essential as an increase in quality.

Dr. Marie Stopes is also one of the leaders of a nation-wide movement to spread the principles of constructive control. Meetings are taking place in London and all the large cities in England, Scotland and Wales at which men and women of national standing are advocating a reduced and healthier birth rate.

Working people, scientists and economists are finding common ground, and public opinion, once as deaf as American law to the subject, admits birth control as a proper subject for public and private discussion and constructive birth control as a beneficial policy.

Hospital Admits 4 Since Friday.

Mrs. Minnie James was admitted to Parker Memorial Hospital and discharged the same day. Ernest Hanon was admitted Saturday and discharged yesterday. Mrs. Vera Chapman was discharged Saturday. Those admitted yesterday were: Miss Elizabeth Black and Kenyon Halmon. Hartley Richardson was admitted this morning.

WAR RUMORS BRING CABINET INTO MEETING

Prediction of Hostilities With Japan Arouses Harding and Other U. S. Officials.

SITUATION MORE OMINOUS May Be Renewal of Anglo-Japanese Alliance to Involve U. S., Says Report.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—President Harding, Secretary of State Hughes and other members of the cabinet are in a meeting after hearing predictions of war between the United States and Japan, says a report from Washington.

Another report stated the Far East situation was more ominous than ever before and that it was an act of British design to bring about war between this country and Japan. It is said to be a renewal of the old Anglo-Japanese Alliance to involve the United States into a conflict.

ESCAPED PATIENT RETAKEN Six Inmates of Insane Asylum and Five Convicts at Large.

EXETER, June 27.—One of the seven patients in the Insane Asylum here, who escaped with five convicts Saturday night by cutting bricks from a third story wall and sliding to the ground by means of sheets tied together, has been retaken.

The five convicts at large are: John W. Neely, serving ten years for forgery; Charles Kopocus, St. Louis, five years for robbery; G. W. Bell, Jasper County, four years for bigamy; C. Kelley, four years for robbery; and Wade Ely, Kansas City, life term for murder. In addition to these Leo Smallwood, Vienna, Mo., escaped. The men were taken from the penitentiary to the asylum with a certificate that they were insane.

WARNS BAPTIST DELEGATES Speaker Says Church Must Help Solve Nation's Problems.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 27.—Emphasizing the need of Christian education, Dr. Gilbert N. Brink, of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, today sounded a warning to the delegates at the Northern Baptist Convention here, that.

Unless the nation is to pay dearly for neglect in developing character, the church must be as efficient in religious education as the state is in secular education; that

The church must take its part in solving social unrest and acute industrial questions by expressing Christ's spirit of brotherhood and confidence.

FORMAL OPENING POSTPONED Columbia Country Clubhouse Will Not Be Completed Friday.

The formal opening of the Columbia Country Club which was to have been held on Friday, July 1, has been postponed for one week until Friday, July 3. This was decided today at noon at a meeting of the house committee. The postponement came because it would have been impossible to complete the clubhouse by July 1.

TO CROSS U. S. IN 24 HOURS Airmen Try Non-Stop Flight From Riverside, Cal., to New York.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., June 27.—David Davis and Eric Springer started on their transcontinental, non-stop flight from Riverside to New York this morning. They expect to make the trip in twenty-four hours, landing at Long Island. The machine was declared to be in good condition.

APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 30 Recruiting for Citizens' Training Camp Ends This Week.

Applications for entrance to the citizens' military training camp to be held at Camp Pike, Ark., during the month of August, will not be taken after June 30, according to Captain H. Pierce Niemeyer of Battery B. Those accepted will be given railroad fare, clothing and all other equipment needed at the camp.

JOHN BOTTS DIES TODAY Former Gas Works Superintendent Had Been Ill Several Months.

John Botts, former superintendent of the Columbia Gas Works, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his home, 215 St. James street.

Five Cars of Stock Shipped Today. R. T. Tandy and S. P. Keene each shipped a car of sheep to National Stock Yards, Ill., today.

A. Ridgeway shipped a car of hogs to St. Louis. The Co-operative Shippers Association shipped two cars of sheep and one car of hogs to the National Stock Yards, Ill. Farmer Fined for Disturbing Peace. Jess Roberts, a farmer living near Centralia, was fined \$1 in the Circuit Court this morning by Judge David H. Harris for disturbing the peace.

TALKS FOR CHURCH UNITY

Rev. W. M. Haushalter Preached Union Meeting Sermon Last Night. "The spirit of our sectarianism is far spent, and the daytime of church unity is dawning," declared the Rev. W. M. Haushalter in the course of his sermon on "The Invisible Church" delivered at the union held in the First Baptist church last night.

Before an audience that filled every pew and crowded the church corridors, the Reverend Haushalter extolled the invisible church and said that none of the great cathedrals of the world can compare with it. Each denomination is building its great part of the cathedral of the invisible church and making a contribution, which through church unity, may count for much, he went on.

The tendency to exclude from our denominationalism those who have made heroic and worthy sacrifices, men such as William Penn, and John Fox, is to be deplored, he said.

FARM PRICES ARE UNSTABLE

Difficult to Tell Whether Prices Have Reached Rock Bottom.

Missouri farm prices, according to the latest returns received by E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician for the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, and Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, show declines for nineteen products, principally among live stock, dairy and poultry products. The articles increasing in price include hay, corn, wheat, grass and other seeds; also some of the less important items for sale at this time of year such as fruits and vegetables. Lambs and mules remained the same during May and June.

From price movements during the last month it is difficult to draw any conclusion as to whether farm products have finally reached rock bottom, says Mr. Logan. For six articles purchased by farmers, the price of clover, timothy, and alfalfa seed advanced, while that of bran and cotton seed products declined.

The following table compares the price movement on Missouri farm prices during May and June of this year.

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, May 1921, June 1921. Includes Hogs, Beef calves, Veal calves, Sheep, Lamb, Milk cows, Horses, Mules, Timothy, Clover, Alfalfa, Corn, Wheat, Oats, Soybeans, Cowpeas, Clover seed, Timothy seed, Alfalfa seed, Cream (butter fat), Butter, Chickens, Eggs, Milk wholesale, Milk retail, Apples, Beans, Sweet potatoes, Potatoes, Cabbage, Onions, Sorghum molasses, Wool, Washed, Wool, unwashed.

ARTICLES BOUGHT BY FARMERS

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, Price per unit. Includes Clover seed, Timothy seed, Alfalfa seed, Bran, Cotton seed meal, Cotton seed hulls.

NEW BULLETIN READY NOW Publications of University Library Listed in Pamphlet.

Two new bulletins are ready for distribution upon request at the University Library. One is volume 22, number 10, library series 10, a Check List of the Official Serial Publications of the University. This is the second edition of that work, the special feature of this one being a general index of the subjects and authors contained.

The other pamphlet, volume 22, number 16, library series 11, is a list of the periodicals currently received by the library. Besides naming those that the general library receives, each school library is listed, and the periodicals it receives regularly, are in alphabetical order.

Fees to Be Paid June 29 and 30.

Students enrolled in laboratory courses may pay their fees next Wednesday and Thursday at the secretary's office. Failure to pay laboratory charges on these dates will result in the exclusion of the student from the laboratory course. After such exclusion a student will be reinstated only upon the payment of a fee of one dollar for each laboratory course in which there is a late payment in addition to the regular charge.

NO SOLUTION YET FOR DEATH OF 11 PERSONS

Charred Bodies of Two Families Found in Debris of Log House Near Mayfield, Ky.

NEIGHBORS HEARD SHOTS Revolver Found With Three Chambers Discharged but Officers Are Still Mystified.

MAYFIELD, Ky., June 27.—County officials under the leadership of Sheriff McClain vainly ended their search in the effort to solve the mystery of the death of eleven persons, two entire families, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of a three-room log house near here. The bodies that were found are: Benjamin E. Lawrence, 31, wife and three children; Otis Drew, 28, wife and three children; and Mrs. Drew, the mother of Otis.

Neighbors say they heard gun shots and screaming last Saturday night and rushed to the scene of the fire but were driven back by the flames. Blood-soaked clothing covered some of the bodies and a revolver with three chambers discharged was found among the ruins. Investigation has been going on since the mystery occurred but no clues have been found. Officers say they are baffled and that indications are that it will never be cleared up.

LABOR BOARD CUTS WAGES

Wages of Railroad Workers Cut 12 Per Cent—Saves \$4,000,000 Yearly.

CHICAGO, June 27.—The United States Railroad Labor Board, which is meeting here, passed a resolution cutting the wages of railroad employees 12 per cent effective July 1. The reduction applies to all divisions and to those effected by the original cut. The brotherhoods affiliated with the American Federation of Labor will call a meeting of their representatives to accept or reject the cut. The reduction will amount to more than \$4,000,000 a year.

TO CAPITAL FOR HEARING Alleged Robber of Mokane P. O. Will Go to Jefferson City.

LARRY DAVIS, of Mokane, Mo., who has been held here over the week-end by Sheriff Fred Brown, suspected of being implicated in the \$22 robbery of the Mokane postoffice last Thursday night, probably will be taken to Jefferson City for a preliminary hearing before the United States District Court. J. L. Myers, postoffice inspector, who is in Columbia investigating the case, made this announcement today.

The same bloodhounds which were used here in connection with the Guitlar Building robbery recently, were taken from Moberly to Mokane by R. E. Hodges, postmaster at Mokane, to find the robbers. Their trail led to the home in Mokane of Harrison Benson, brother-in-law of Larry Davis.

Davis had come to Columbia. The police here were notified, and Sheriff Brown arrested Davis at a picnic on Sexton road Friday night.

Postmaster Hodges and Inspector Myers came to Columbia yesterday to see Davis. The postoffice in Mokane was robbed of \$20 in stamps and \$2 in cash.

HERB'S SECRET OF ACTING Stock Company Manager Gives Us Bernhard's Formula.

"A man or woman who has no education can never be an actor, because plays are written so that an actor must know what he is saying. One cannot be a successful actor unless he has a good education," believes Robert Lewis, who has charge of the fourteen road shows of Dubinsky Brothers, the Globe Theater in Kansas City and the Tootle Theater in St. Joseph. This he says, sums up the relation of acting to education. Mr. Lewis went on to say that actors are not made, and that while two out of every ten actors turned out by dramatic schools are successful, most of the greatest actors have never gone to such schools.

The secret of acting, according to Mr. Lewis, who also acted for many years, "is to be natural—not to try to act but to lose one's personality in the part in the play."

FORMER GRADUATE RETURNS W. L. Skaggs Will Do Research Work on Officer's Lists.

W. L. Skaggs, who was graduated from the University in the class of 1900, is in Columbia for the summer. He will do research work in the historical library, to compile a more correct list of regimental officers in the Confederate army.

FARM IS SOLD AT AUCTION W. A. Gray Buys Land Four Miles West of Columbia.

A 104-acre farm brought \$13,953.42 at a sheriff's sale in partition this afternoon in front of the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gray were the highest bidders for the land, belonging to Jesse and W. L. James, four miles west of Columbia. Mr. Gray, who has just sold his farm near New Franklin, Howard County, will get possession November 1, but will probably not move to Columbia until after Christmas.

MUSIC REACHES ALL CLASSES AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS HERE

The line that separates the city from the country is no more! Musically speaking, the farmer and office man are the same under their skin.

Of this, all the music companies here are agreed. In speaking of the belief that city and country people buy different kinds of music, the representative of one house said it was "just a notion." "While the country people may, years ago, have liked the 'Uncle Josh' class of music, now we find many of the country people as well or better musically educated than many town people," while another music man said that there was "no distinction."

Music, according to sales-people in the music houses here, is a matter of individual taste, not of class preference. When speaking of music one must always talk of personal tastes, and tastes vary, some country people buy cheap music and so do some town dwellers. Those with musical idiosyncrasies are the only buyers who form a class, as those who come in to buy, but having no idea what they want; those who all ways buy one type of music and will not even listen to music of another kind; and lastly those who still prefer the old sentimental songs.

In matter of age, most of the music is bought by young people, who either buy for themselves or for the older people.

This has a direct influence upon the kind of music sold. Young people like to dance and so they buy more jazz and dance music, which in number of sales far outstrips all other classes. The amount of jazz and dance music sold is estimated by different houses to be from forty to seventy per cent. Next in sales is the semi-classical song, with classical music at the end with a very small sale.

However, more and more good music is being sold. That the taste of the music public is improving, all the houses are sure. They say that it is not infrequent that a lover of jazz will develop into one who will have only classical music. This development is attributed to the increasing familiarity with good music due to the large number of people having a phonograph of some sort through which they have access to the best music. The difficult thing is to get one to buy the first piece of good music, but that accomplished the rest is a matter of time and development of taste.

The music houses think that half the families in and near Columbia have phonographs, and many of the rest have pianos or organs. They say that now the exception is the home that has no musical instrument, rather than that which has.

"EVE'S" SISTER IN LONDON Moses Quite a Young Chap Beside This 8,000-Year Old Woman.

By A. J. West. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) LONDON, June 27.—Eve's sister has arrived in London.

She lies in a square dead packing-case in the Egyptian section of the University College, Gower street, and she doesn't mind in the least being called the oldest young woman in the world.

Professor Flinders Petrie, who has been reawakening the centuries in Egypt, has just brought this Mummy to London. She is at least 8,000 years old. Besides her Moses is quite a modern young fellow, and to her the twelve Caesars are but as yesterday.

She lived in pre-dynastic Egypt, long before history began. She was thousands of years old before the Pyramids and before men climbed on stone the record of their lives and times. Although other pre-dynastic skeletons have been discovered in Egypt, this is the oldest preserved body of a woman ever known.

Experts say she was about twenty years old when she died. She lies with her knees drawn up to her chin and one hand resting before her mouth. Her preservation is due to exposure in the sun. She has been sun-dried and then left in the sands of Egypt while empires rose and fell and centuries, like tides, washed over the world.

Most of her bones are exposed, a pale amber color, and here and there a few inches of neatly woven cloth adhere to them—her 8,000-year-old gown. Her head is wonderfully preserved. Her eyes were large, her forehead broad, and she was certainly a tall, slim girl.

The museum, in which she lies, contains some beautiful, soft Egyptian fabrics. Perhaps some night a poor little ghost will be seen looking for a new dress, because at the moment Eve's sister is by far the worst dressed woman in London.

Mexico Couple Marry Here. Joe Waltering and Miss Vera Landrum of Mexico were married Saturday evening at the home of D. R. Miller, 716 Gentry place, by the Rev. W. S. St. Clair.

HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY MORE BIRDS?

Editor the Missouriian: Few Columbians realize the many different kinds of birds that make their homes here every summer. A story printed in the Missouriian not long ago mentioned about a dozen different species.

I have seen this spring and summer no less than forty kinds of birds. I wonder if anyone can add to the list below:

- Blackbird, Mockingbird, Redwinged Blackbird, Nuthatch, Bluebird, Baltimore Oriole, Bluejay, Orchard Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Pewee, Buzzard, Phoebe, Cardinal, Pigeon, Catbird, Quail, Chickadee, Robin, Cowbird, Sparrow, Crow, Snipe, Cuckoo, Swallow, Dove, Scarlet Tanager, Fieldlark, Summer Tanager, Flicker, Brown Thrasher, Goldfinch, Whippoorwill, Rose-breasted Noddy, Woodpecker, Grosbeak, Redheaded Woodpecker, Hawk, Hummingbird, Martin, Wren.

I would be glad to know if any I have missed. FREDERICK GORDON (The Missouriian will be glad to hear from other bird-lovers—Editor.)

COUNTY CROPS ARE EXCELLENT

Corn Has Prospects for 100 Per Cent Yield—Wheat Is Also Good.

"Corn in Boone County never had better prospects for a 100 per cent crop," according to W. T. Anderson of the Boone County Milling Co. There is corn on the river bottoms that stands above a man's head, according to Mr. Anderson, and he says that corn that is "laid by" by the Fourth of July is almost an assured crop.

T. F. Armstrong, a Boone County farmer, says that he cultivated corn this year ten days after it had been planted. This, he says, is four days sooner than he has ever been able to do before.

Recent rains will mean an increase of 2 to 5 bushels of corn per acre or a total of 15,000,000 bushels throughout the state, according to E. A. Logan, of the U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates. At the present price of corn it will mean about \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 gain. It will be worth \$1,000,000 on the timothy and clover crops and \$2,000,000 on the pastures, he says.

Threshing will start as soon as the wheat is dried off and the prospects are good for a big yield. A sample bunch of wheat in Mr. Anderson's office shows the heads to be long and well filled while the berry is plump and of an excellent color.

LANDMARKS STILL STANDS First Courthouse Here Was Erected in 1824.

Columbia's first courthouse has never been completely obliterated. It was built in 1824 and a part of it still stands, but it is now incorporated into another house, built of the material which Karl Kehr bought when the first courthouse was torn down. The house built of this material was located on Broadway a little east of the M. & T. station.

The first courthouse was a square building of two stories. The roof was old looking, with a round box at the apex.

In 1843, Colonel Thomas Benton passed through Columbia in a stage coach, and made a political speech at the courthouse. He remarked during the course of the talk that very soon there would be a railroad by the river. This remark caused the greatest ridicule by Benton's political enemies, who used his predictions to hinder his political aspirations.

In 1847, the new courthouse was built and it was erected on the site of the present one. There many stirring scenes took place and there the lawyers of Boone County have met four times to mourn the death of public officials, Presidents Garfield and McKinley and Vice-Presidents Hendricks and Hobart.

There was a bell in the cupola of the old courthouse. It was rung for the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of court. It was rung every time a public meeting was held and for every fire. But when the new courthouse of 1847 was completed the bell passed into the possession of J. K. Fyler.

The courthouse was torn down and the present one built in 1909. The occasion was celebrated by a possum dinner given by the Possum club. The organization has since passed out of existence. Some of its members were R. B. Price, Frederick Lehman, J. A. Reed, W. D. Vandiver and W. M. Williams of Booneville.

Aviators Killed in California. By United Press. SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 27.—Cadets Harold E. Page and J. W. Weatherby, aviators, were killed near the Vista Vista aviation field. Aviation headquarters were notified but no details of the accident were obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henry returned this afternoon from Jefferson City, where Mrs. Henry had been ill for a week in St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Henry is much better.

OLD TRAILS TO BE IMPROVED IMMEDIATELY

To Be Put in Satisfactory Condition for Four Miles on Each Side of City.

ROAD MEN MEET TONIGHT Commissioners of Columbia Special District to Have Charge of Repairing Here.

Immediate improvement of the Old Trails road for four miles on each side of Columbia will be undertaken by the commissioners of the Columbia special road district, according to R. L. Hill, president of the Commercial Club. He said today that he had been informed by the commissioners that the road would be put in as satisfactory condition as the funds available will permit. The commissioners plan to scarify the road, roll it with a 10-ton roller and put on the proper shoulders for the roadbed, Mr. Hill said.

The repair of the Old Trails road in the Columbia four-mile district has been delayed for some time pending the action of the Legislature, which is now considering the question of the \$92,000,000 road program authorized at the election last November. It was expected that a definite decision on the road program would be reached long before this time and that the Old Trails road would be included in the list of the roads designated for improvement.

Eleven of the fourteen bridges in Boone County are located in the Columbia special road district, and there are thirty miles of rock roads besides the earth roads in the district. These bridges and the roads require as much work to be kept in condition as all the other roads in Boone County except the toll roads, in the opinion of J. A. Hudson, chairman of the Columbia road commission.

The commissioners now intend to get the road in good shape for traffic and to keep it in good condition with a road patrol until additional funds for the improvement of the road bed are available.

A meeting of the commissioners of the Columbia and Harg special road districts, representatives of Rocheport and Midway, the judges of the Boone County Court and the directors of the Commercial Club will be held in the offices of the Old Trails road in Boone County this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Neel Gibbs, one of the commissioners of the Harg district, has already indicated that road improvements will be made in that district, immediately if any action is taken by the Columbia special road district, and it is now believed that the improvement of the Old Trails road from one end of the county to the other will soon be under way.

NOT FOR CROSS-STATE ROADS

Globe-Democrat Correspondent Says Legislators Favor County System.</