

;; COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE ;;

AVON

Frank Graham of Libertyville was a visitor near this place Monday. Edgar Bauer of Weingarten was a week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. Anthony Bieser.

Eustace Rockwell of St. Louis is spending a few days the guest of his cousin, C. A. Boyd and family.

Henry Bauer, who has employment at A. J. Gordon's, spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bauer, and family of Coffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Castiel of Farmington Route 1, were guests of relatives near here one day last week.

Mrs. Antoine Valle of Coffman spent a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. Berl Evans, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Boyd and little son spent Sunday with Joseph Coffman and family of New Church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitener were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheer last Sunday.

The whooping cough is raging in this community at this time. There are several cases now and many more have been exposed to it.

Little Miss Leanna Evans has been on the sick list the past week, but we are glad to report that she is improving nicely.

Clarence, Henry and Homer Bowling of near Oak Grove spent Saturday night with relatives near Yount.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Boyd and little son departed Tuesday for Lutesville for a few days visit with Mrs. Boyd's sister, Mrs. Robert Coffman, and family.

This community was the recipient of as fine a rain as could be wished for, beginning Tuesday afternoon and continuing throughout Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

There will be services at the Baptist church at this place Sunday, Aug. 19th. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Ada Ellis, who has been spending the past several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ellis, departed last week for Fredericktown, where she expects to visit relatives before resuming her school work at Caruthersville.

Several from here attended the ice cream social, which was given by the members of the M. E. Church at Wesley Chapel last Saturday evening. All report an excellent evening spent and a large crowd present.

Mrs. Sinton and Corbit, who have for the past two weeks conducted services at the M. E. Church at Libertyville, were guests of J. M. Blaylock and family one day the latter part of last week.

Raymond, the 12-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Boyd, peacefully passed away at his home last Wednesday, August 8, at 2 p. m. A complication of disease caused his death. He leaves to mourn his departure a mother, father, two sisters and one brother, also grandparents and a host of other relatives. The funeral took place at 12 m. at St. S. Philip and James church at River Aux Vases, where services were conducted by Rev. F. Brockleman, after which the little body was conveyed to the Parochial cemetery and laid to rest. The bereaved have the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

DOE RUN

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lacy and children were Farmington visitors Saturday.

Miss Frankie Neal of Tennessee is visiting Miss Clara Strake and other relatives.

Mrs. Anna Elser spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Elser of Doe Run.

Mrs. Thos. Litteral of Elvins was visiting her uncle, John Mitchell, and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Fleming spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Lummer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neidert and children of Herculaneum were guests of relatives here and on Route 6 recently.

Richard Corine, who has been in Bonne Terre hospital for the past several weeks, was able to be removed to his home here on last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Halter returned to her home near Flucum Monday, after having been at the bedside of her sister, Miss Lena Smith, who has been very ill, for the past few weeks.

and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zimmer, of near Doe Run.

Louis Bourgeois and son, Fred were visiting relatives and friends in Herculaneum the first of the week.

Misses Fossie and Julia Herbst and brother, Walter, were Farmington visitors Saturday.

Louis Bourgeois and daughter, Lucy, and son, Fred, were Farmington visitors Saturday.

Misses Lucy and Ruth Kinzer returned to their home Wednesday from a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Mary Mathews.

Miss Jerusia Turpin of St. Louis is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Mathews.

Amos Horton, who went to St. Louis to take examination for military service, failed to pass on account of his eyes. He is now visiting home folks.

Geo. Hulsey was visiting home folks Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bourgeois and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weiss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Weiss and family, Jim Lovvorn and daughters, Bertha and Elsie, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Barnes visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Weiss Sunday afternoon.

Misses Maud and Effie Jansen were visiting their uncle at Flat River last week.

Mrs. Frances Turpin is visiting her daughter on Route 6 this week.

We had a fine rain Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Revor and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Goeltz were at Iron Mountain Lake Sunday.

Miss Frieda Revor returned home Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends in St. Louis.

SUGAR GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hunt and little children and J. Y. Gossett spent Friday with Rev. R. C. Martin and family.

Mrs. Nellie Murphy and little daughter, Loretta, and Mrs. Ed Blackwell of Staunton, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hartshorn Thursday and Friday.

Henry O'Bannon of Farmington made a business call in this neighborhood one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niedert and daughter, Miss Anna, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Shultz of Route 5.

Those who spent Thursday evening at the home of Dave Hartshorn here were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams and daughter, Fannie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes and children and Mrs. Chas. McCarthy and her mother of Farmington.

Mrs. Joe Byington and daughters, Edna and Ethel, visited Mrs. Dave Hartshorn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Giessing of near Farmington visited her mother, Mrs. J. Short, Sunday afternoon.

James Buford of Ellington, Mo., and Wm. Martin of Farmington called at the home of Rev. R. C. Martin Sunday evening.

Mrs. Philip McDaniel, Mrs. Highley and Mrs. Wm. Williams and children were guests of Mrs. Dave Hartshorn Friday.

Miss Edith Weiss is spending the week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Giessing near Farmington.

Marion Haynes and Miss Nellie Byington made a short motorcycle trip across the country Sunday.

An automobile party from Esther spent Friday evening at the home of Harry Noltkemper. Those composing the party were Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Crabtree and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoy and children and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fender and daughter, Misses Mayme White, Marie Williams and Naomi and Rella Parks, Clinton and Van Parks, Robt. Burgess and Mr. Saunders of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Short of Elvins spent several days of last week at the home of John Short.

Miss Nellie Byington visited relatives in Farmington Saturday night.

B. E. Zolman and family of Route 3 visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gossett Saturday.

BISMARCK

The farmers of this vicinity are rejoicing over the rain which fell last Tuesday afternoon.

A baby boy came to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer last Monday.

S. M. Beard was a Farmington visitor Monday.

Misses Fay and Artie Walters of St. Louis are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Tullock. The Camp Fire Girls are camping

at Arcadia this week.

Winifred Baugh of Farmington was a Bismarck visitor on Monday.

A concrete water tank is being erected at the rear of the building which is to be occupied by the Bank of Bismarck.

Miss Ethel Bisplinghoff is suffering with typhoid fever.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cooley is seriously ill.

B. L. Tompkins is confined to his bed with a siege of sickness.

Judge C. I. Garrett and Geo. Lindsey were Farmington visitors last week.

Misses Ida and May Collins of Marquand are visiting here.

Harry Jackson of Blackwell, Okla., was a Bismarck visitor on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Woodford have as their guests Roy Woodford and family of Arizona.

Miss Hester Beard is visiting in St. Louis.

A new time table has gone into effect on the Missouri division of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. Quite a number of changes are made.

The members of the Methodist church are having opening week services in their new church building.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beard of St. Louis were guests of Mr. Beard's parents last week.

Miss Viola Beard left last Sunday to take charge of a school near Doe Run.

DESLOGE

Mrs. L. M. Reeves and Mrs. H. L. Jones motored to Knob Lick Monday to visit the former's aunt. Her mother, Mrs. James Gordon, and her daughter, Miss Irene, who have been visiting relatives there for the past few days, accompanied them home.

Prof. H. L. Jones, Dr. L. M. Reeves and Wm. Haws attended the baseball game at DeSoto Sunday. The game resulted in a victory for Desloge, the score being 2-1.

John Clark, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, is quite ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Smith, of Parsons, Kansas, arrived Thursday and will remain until his son is better.

Opal Evans of Farmington visited friends in Desloge Tuesday.

Mrs. Belle Rose and Miss Leona Hartzell visited friends in Bonne Terre Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robertson spent Monday and Tuesday in St. Louis.

Miss Grace Newman, who has been attending the Normal, Cape Girardeau, returned home Monday.

Paul Nations of Farmington visited friends here Tuesday.

John Ball of Bonne Terre was a Desloge visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. May Smith who has been visiting friends in Red Granite, Wis., for the past two weeks, returned to Desloge Friday.

Mrs. Ernest Wescot and daughter, Bernice, Mrs. R. B. Lester and Miss Rose Turner were Bonne Terre visitors Friday.

Dr. R. B. Lester and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wescot motored to Melzo Saturday.

Chas. Calverd and family of Farmington visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Violet, Lucille and Myrtle Simpson and Mary Keith, and Frank Simpson and Chas. Keith visited relatives at Bonne Terre last Saturday and Sunday.

A much-needed rain fell here last Tuesday night.

FLAT RIVER

Dr. Topping and family, who have been visiting in the East for the past month, returned home Thursday.

Arthur Crews went to St. Louis Wednesday for a few days visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Leach left Wednesday for a few days visit with friends in St. Louis.

John Gibson and family of St. Louis are spending the week with friends and relatives here. Mr. Gibson formerly lived here and has many friends throughout the Lead Belt. He has a good position with the Fulton Iron works and is now taking his vacation.

Mrs. T. Gottlob and little daughter, Regina, left Sunday for a week's visit with relatives in St. Louis and Maplewood. Her eldest daughter, Rosemary, who has been visiting there for several weeks, will accompany them home.

Rev. Markley delivered an address at the Methodist church in Bismarck Wednesday evening.

Clarence Marshall visited homefolks in Fredericktown Sunday.

Miss Mabel Beaudin is visiting friends in St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Jack Freeman entertained the "True Blue" Sunday School class of the Christian church last Thursday evening. Their teacher, Miss Etta Kennedy, and Miss Ethylene Carmichael, assisted. Various games were played and all reported an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Dr. Williams spent several days last week with relatives in St. Louis.

Miss Ruth Chew of Hinnin, Ill., is the guest of her uncle, C. W. Murrill, this week.

Mrs. H. Tucker returned Wednesday from a few days visit with relatives in St. Louis. Mrs. B. Susan accompanied her home for a short visit. Mr. Tucker went to French Lick Springs, Ind., for a few days visit.

Frank Sevensing left the first of the week for a few days visit with friends in St. Louis and Peoria, Ill.

Clay Parker, C. R. Bramblet and brother, Ora, of St. Louis, and Rev. Markley and spending the week fishing on Black River.

Milton Tucker will leave the 27th of this month for training in the officers' Reserve Corps training camp, Sheridan, Ill.

Dr. and Mrs. Stophlet, who have been visiting friends in Minneapolis, Minn., for the past three weeks, returned home Thursday.

Miss Mary Stophlet and sister, Gene, who have been attending the University at Columbia, returned home this week. Miss Gene will teach at Linn Grove, Iowa, this year.

Mrs. E. Bryer and little daughter, Cathryn, are both on the sick list at this writing.

Marguerite Belle Combs, aged four months and 26 days, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Combs, Sunday morning at 9:45, after a short illness of stomach trouble. The funeral service was held at the residence by Rev. Pierson of the Christian church, Tuesday morning, and the remains taken to Knob Lick for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

KNOB LICK

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ing. Miss Mary O'Bannon spent a few days last week with home folks.

Miss Bertha Wells left Friday for Farmington.

Eva O'Bannon visited her sister a few days last week. Mrs. Clara Belkin of Libertyville.

T. W. Marshall and T. D. Wells were Knob Lick visitors Tuesday.

Miss Mary Clark was a Farmington visitor Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Marshall and Elsie were shopping in Knob Lick Friday.

Miss Maud Wells returned home from Farmington Sunday.

Rollo and Cleve Crepps of Esther visited at the home of Geo. Skinner Sunday.

Joe Brown and Roy Skinner were in this community Tuesday.

Mrs. C. W. Marshall spent the day with Mrs. John Wells, Sunday.

Thos. Chapman was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

Miss Aline Black of Farmington spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Garrett.

John Chapman of Spenite was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Laura Clark, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Lemmon spent Sunday evening with Bertha Parrott.

Mrs. Ruby Barnes visited her sister Mrs. Hutchings, of this place, Tuesday.

Rodger Black of Farmington attended the singing at Brightstone Sunday night.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wells Thursday night in honor of their daughter, Lena. Those present were: Misses Mildred Hawk, Emma and Birdie Kinnerman, Eva Marshall, Mary Clark, Grace, Mary and Sadie Erwin, Bertha Wells, Minnie Kassabaum and Mrs. Mary Anderson; Tom and Everett Marshall, Oscar Kinnerman, Dan Clark, Herman and Charley Cassabaum, Fred Schrum, Grover and Schell O'Bannon, Lee and Carl Hewitt, Dewey and Jess Erwin, Everette Anderson, Edgar Raby, Sam Clark, Bart Cook and Ernest Parrott. All report a good time.

ROUTE 3

August Mayberry and Clell Counts of Mine La Motte spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Bowling.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harter and children spent Sunday with Mr. Joel Hammors and family.

Jackson McDaniel and family, near Miller Switch, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coffey of this route.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Womack, John Thomure, Frank Harter and son, Burl, motored to Ste. Genevieve Friday.

Ralph Wade spent Sunday with his cousin, Julian Gordon.

and Carlin Counts, and Asie Smith, Frank Gregory and Nicholas Thomure spent Sunday at the home of Thos. Gregory and family.

KAISER'S NOTE TO WILSON CALLED BY GERMAN PRESS 'IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT'

Copenhagen, August 15.—Publication of Emperor William's telegram to President Wilson in the memoirs of former Ambassador Gerard and the lame and belated attempt at explanation made by the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, calls forth criticism in the German press of what is termed the German Emperor's irresponsible conduct of the foreign affairs of the empire.

The various Berlin newspapers comment on the system which permits a sovereign to pass upon such a proposal from a neutral power and to draft an important state document without consultation with a responsible minister, or even without the necessary record subsequently being made.

The incertitude of the semi-official organ, which can only say that "possibly" the emperor may have drafted some such memorandum, occasions general discontent.

The German press also sharply criticizes the action of the censor who prevented the publication of any reference to the Gerard disclosures for nearly a week after the entente and neutral newspapers had printed full particulars, and the inability of the new German foreign secretary, Dr. von Kuehlmann, in his first official action, to produce a firmer or more convincing refutation or explanation.

The Berlin newspapers intimate that the question of ministerial responsibility or nonresponsibility for Emperor William's autographed document will be raised in the Reichstag, the situation in general lines resembles that arising from the famous interview with the Emperor printed in the London Daily Telegraph several years ago, which likewise appeared without the chancellor, foreign secretary or other responsible official having any definite idea of its contents.

The most comprehensive presentation of press opinion is given by the Hamburger Fremdenblatt. It criticizes the delay in appearance of the semi-official statement, which, the newspaper says, was neither adroit or forceful, betrays the embarrassment of the writer and adopts a tone of discouraged defiance.

The Fremdenblatt is inclined to question the veracity of the assertion made by the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung that the document was not a telegram, saying that if Ambassador Gerard really characterized mere notes jotted down to assist his memory as a formal telegram from the emperor, it would undoubtedly be incorrect, but adding that the semi-official newspaper does not question that the ideas were the emperor's.

The Fremdenblatt concludes that the explanation of the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung is not calculated to raise German prestige and admonishes Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann, when next he is confronted by revelations from the other side, to deny them boldly and stoutly.

Count von Reventlow, writing in the Tages Zeitung, shifts the blame for the emperor's irresponsible action from his majesty to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former imperial chancellor, who, the writer says, should have been present.

The count attacks the former chancellor for "falling to warn the emperor about the insidious personality of the ambassador."

In all the press comment the German emperor and the government officials get most of the hard knocks. The substance of Mr. Gerard's statements is largely ignored.

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LIBERTYVILLE

Rev. Harral will preach at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Mildred Keith and Miss Bertha Strahlman, who have been attending the summer term of school at Cape Girardeau, returned to their homes here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Holmes visited the latter's parents at Fredericktown last Sunday.

Mrs. King and daughter, Annie, visited relatives at Farmington last Monday.