

HOLIDAY HINTS

While we have a large store room full of good things to eat, as well as kitchen conveniences and necessities, at this time we are going to mention a few things of which we have purchased largely, in order to add to your convenience in buying, as well as to your Christmas holiday cheer.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

LEADWOOD

The regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge was held Saturday night. The lodges have been seriously handicapped in their work this fall because of the influenza ban.

The Red Cross women met at Bael's hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to complete some unfinished work before the December report was sent in to headquarters. Quite a few sweaters and other garments are being made and will be sent in soon.

Leadwood is almost entirely free from influenza at last. There are only a few cases and these are all in light form. Mitchell has only one case left but this is a rather serious one. Cherryville is also in much better shape than it was a few weeks ago.

The morning train reaches Leadwood now at 11 a. m., instead of 11:25 as it used to. This is a step in the right direction as our mail reaches us late enough anyway. The time table for the evening trains has not been changed.

Miss Grace Wilson's mother was on the sick list the latter part of last week but is up again now. Miss Grace did not have the influenza, as was reported.

A. N. Sherrill made a business trip to Leadwood Tuesday morning.

A Christmas treat will be given to the children of the Church of God Sunday school Christmas day.

The Leadwood High School band gave a splendid concert on the street in front of the Company store Monday afternoon. The concert was given as a part of the program in the big Red Cross Drive that was started Monday.

The Leadwood band is now capable of doing splendid work as was demonstrated here Monday. The band has meant a great deal to our town in all of our war activities and we are greatly indebted to Prof. D. E. Motherhead for having trained our Leadwood boys for this service. The next thing in order now will be a good band stand where regular concerts can be given at stated times through the summer months. The Leadwood band has come to stay and let us show our appreciation by giving proper recognition to this work.

Dr. J. D. Morris, Dentist, who formerly had an office here at Leadwood, did not locate in California as he expected to do when he left here some months ago. He is now in St. Louis and has written some of his friends here that he will probably spend the holidays here. It is not so easy after all for any one who has stopped in Leadwood long enough to get a drink of water, to leave here and forget all about the wonders of this great town. We should not be surprised that the great State of California has no such places as Leadwood, for it must be remembered that "Joe" Evans was willing to leave Washington county in order to live here.

An English helmet came by parcel post to one of the Akin boys here at Leadwood Thursday of last week. This unusual parcel attracted quite a bit of attention at the post office and some of the boys who were permitted to examine the helmet said that they were glad to know that the war was over as heavy as that one was.

One of Rudy Lang's little girls is very sick with typhoid fever this week.

From all indications, it seems that Leadwood is soon to be one of the leading towns of the Lead Belt. Why should we not have paved streets, with street lights, street cars (not automobiles) and a regular police force with "Sport" Bearden as its

chief? We would suggest that "Square" Levels be appointed as traffic policeman and "Dearie" as mayor. "Dearie" could fill this place in a very acceptable way and take a quail hunt occasionally, too.

Rev. C. W. Dunmire has announced that there will be choir practice and prayer services at the Church of God every evening next week. Rev. Dunmire is anxious to have a good attendance at all of these services.

One of "Square" Levels' boys has been sick with typhoid fever for some time but is gaining strength again now. Leadwood has had an unusually large number of typhoid cases this winter.

Now that our town is about free from influenza our churches and school should try to make up for lost time. Both of these institutions have been handicapped seriously in their work this fall and winter and we must make an earnest effort to regain some of the valuable time we have lost. There was a noticeable increase in the congregation at all the churches Sunday and Sunday night which shows the right attitude on the part of the people. Automobile spins have become very popular in Leadwood and they have had a large place in the Sunday program since the churches have been closed. But now that the churches have opened up for services again, it is the duty of the Christian people to attend church regularly and not allow the automobile to keep them away. Let every Christian in Leadwood attend church somewhere next Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Birch Myrick, of Cherryville, died last Friday morning after a brief illness with influenza and pneumonia. Grandma Myrick came to Cherryville only a short time ago and took sick soon after she had arrived. Mrs. Myrick was born in Hickman county, Tenn., in 1852, having reached the age of 66 years at the time of her death. She lived for a number of years in Piedmont, where she was known and loved by a large number of people. A short funeral service was held at the home in Cherryville Saturday morning by Rev. G. A. McFarland, after which the remains were taken to Piedmont for burial. Mrs. Myrick was a member of the Baptist church.

Riley Poston of Bonne Terre, and his niece, Miss Hazel Poston, were Leadwood visitors Sunday.

How about your Red Cross membership? If you are not already a member you should join at once. If you are already a member you should renew your membership.

Epsy Jackson, who was in the furniture business here for some time, is reported to have bought property in Clayton, St. Louis county, where he will operate a large furniture business. Mr. Jackson will own a half interest in the new store.

An old-fashioned Christmas entertainment will be given at the Methodist church by the Epworth League Christmas Eve night. It is thought that Santa Claus is planning to attend this entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rabadaux were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hamer Sunday afternoon.

Eugene Williams made a business trip to Bonne Terre, Desloge and Flat River Monday.

J. F. Poston and a party of hunters tried for some rabbits Thursday of last week but had a rather bad day's hunting because of the constant rain. It is said that J. A. Evans is greatly disappointed that the Peace Conference was not held in Washington county instead of France.

The Victory Girls gave a box supper in the basement of the Methodist

church Friday night to raise money for the United War Work Campaign Fund. Mrs. B. F. Towl is president of the organization.

The Red Cross meeting that was held on the streets here Monday afternoon for the purpose of securing new members for that organization, did not bring about the results that had been expected. A considerable crowd came together to hear the music and speaking but the speakers who were to have addressed the crowd failed to get here and the meeting soon came to an end. The number of applicants for membership was very small and it was decided that a house to house canvass is the only hope of getting a reasonable showing for Leadwood.

Leonard Montgomery, son of Geo. Montgomery, who has been sick for some months, was taken to the Hospital at Farmington Saturday morning. It seems that the young Mr. Montgomery's long continued illness has affected his mind and he slipped away from his father's place Friday morning and started to walk to Herculaneum where he has wanted to go for a long time. He was soon missed from the home and a search was started. His father found him on the railroad near the Big River bridge walking toward Bonne Terre.

Miss Mildred Sherrill, of Cherryville, was on the sick list the latter part of last week but is able to be out again now.

Our public school is running again this week but the attendance is a little below what it should be.

Mrs. James Sullivan, of St. Louis, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. McFarland, this week.

Ernest and Emmett Mason visited the Farmington Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Aeff were Bonne Terre visitors last Sunday afternoon.

FLAT RIVER

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bramblet, Clarence Robert, died at their home here, after an illness of one week, from scarlet fever, Monday morning at 6:30. Clarence Robert was only 3 years and 4 months old at the time of his death. He leaves a father and mother and one little sister to mourn his death. The funeral services were held at Parkview cemetery, where interment was made, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. M. H. Markley; also participated in by the little one's grandfather, Rev. J. E. A. Vaughan. The services were brief but very impressive, and at the request of the parents, T. C. Marsh sang two songs, the first being "The Lord Knows Why," and "Where He Leads I Will Follow."

There were many very beautiful floral offerings from friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bramblet are well known here and have many friends. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Jake Alper recently received a letter from his nephew, Israel, who is in France, saying that he has been seriously wounded in action.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Owen and little daughter, Myra, and two little sons, Franklin and Earl Dean, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ledbetter.

Alex. Hawn and Allen Burks and Miss Rachel Murrill of Farmington were guests of Miss Blanche Beard Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kate Dempsey expects to go to St. Louis Friday, where she will meet Miss Arline Sleeth who will come home from school to spend the holidays, and also little Miss Rosemary Gottlob will accompany them home to spend the holidays with parents.

Miss Irene Buhmeister supplied in the absence of Miss Caroline Hess, one of the teachers in Central School, last week.

Mrs. Sarah Gordon, who lives in Riverside, Calif., but who has been visiting her brother, J. P. Laws, and sister, Mrs. Tom Counts, for some time, returned to her home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fitzpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Parker motored to Bellevue Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Phillips entertained the following at six o'clock dinner Sunday evening: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wallen, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sykes, Miss Edith Leadbetter, one of our teachers, worked in the post office a few days last week in the absence of

Jess Howell, who was out with the "flu."

Charles Neims was a business visitor in Bonne Terre Saturday.

S. W. Davis spent Tuesday and Wednesday in St. Louis.

There was an automobile accident between Leadwood and Desloge Sunday afternoon. A car owned by Irvin Thurman of Leadwood turned turtle and pinned its occupants beneath it. Mr. Thurman and wife and three children and J. V. Mayberry had been to the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Thos. Benham, who lives on a farm between Leadwood and Desloge, to spend the day and had started on their return home, when, it is supposed, a wheel gave way, causing the accident. Mrs. Thurman received a crushed ankle but the other occupants escaped injury so far as we learned.

Miss Thelma Mergentheimer left Wednesday for St. Louis to enter a hospital for an operation.

Mrs. J. B. Thomure was taken to St. Louis Thursday of last week to Barnes Hospital, and Monday underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Thomure returned Monday evening and reports Mrs. Thomure doing nicely.

Private Hurst Wilson of Camp Funston was home on a four-day furlough the latter part of last week, returning Sunday. Mrs. Wilson accompanied him as far as St. Louis, where she will visit a sister of Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Capt. Hunter, until the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Chas. Rehkopf and Mrs. Ed Crump returned Monday from Detroit, Mich., where they visited their sister, Mrs. J. T. Green, who has been ill of appendicitis.

Hedgeman Adams died at the St. Johns Hospital, St. Louis, Thursday of last week. His remains were brought to his home here Friday. Rev. R. G. Ramsey conducted a short service, the mother and brother, Wes, and wife, Mrs. Golda Reinwalt of Bonne Terre was the guest of Mrs. John Murry Monday.

Little Daisy Clouse daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clouse died at her home Friday at the age of 9 years 11 months and 20 days. The family of Mr. Clouse have the influenza at present, the mother and little son, 13 years old and little year-old daughter are confined to their beds with the disease. Little Daisy was taken sick first and then developed into pneumonia from which she succumbed. The funeral was held at the home and interment was made at Fredericktown Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

Raymond Caldwell was dismissed from the Government service and returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henson and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ragsdale and daughter, Pearl, returned home from Marquand Sunday after several days visit there with relatives.

Little Burton Long, the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkland who is spending the winter with his uncle and aunt, is in a critical condition at present and his recovery is very doubtful, we are sorry to say.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Payne received a letter from their son, Henry Harris, who has been in the Government service some time, stating that he expects to be home to spend Christmas with them.

The family of Jess Dean have the influenza but are reported to be improved slightly.

Jess Bunch of Bonne Terre was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Lea Newman who is employed in the Brewin store is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Arthur Crews was called Tuesday to the bedside of her brother, who is very ill with heart trouble.

Mrs. Wm. Cunningham received a letter from her brother, "Frenchy", Aubuchon, who is in France, that he is expecting to come home real soon.

Mrs. Albert Dalton, who has spent the past five months in Chicago with her sister, returned home Monday. Mrs. Dalton's husband is in the Government service in France and does not know yet when he will return.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caldwell has been very ill with pneumonia but we are glad to report is somewhat improved.

Grandma Ragsdale is here spending a few days visiting her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ragsdale.

Mrs. Hurst Wilson returned from St. Louis Tuesday, where she had been visiting for several days.

Little Miss Naomi Rehkopf has an attack of appendicitis.

Tom Whitaker received a telegram that his mother, Mrs. Perry Whitaker, of Jackson, Mo., had a stroke of paralysis and he and his brother left immediately to see her.

(Too late for last week.) Mrs. E. E. Whitley of San Francisco, Cal. was here a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Bennett and other relatives.

Miss Lucille Bennett was the guest of Miss Mary Kieth of Elvins Sunday.

Clarence Heitman, who has been in training at Camp Grant, Ill., arrived home Tuesday. He is another of our Flat River boys mustered out of the army.

J. W. Nossett who lives in Farmington but is employed by the Federal Lead Co., has bought property in East Flat River and will move his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and little daughter, Mary Ellen, were St. Louis visitors Friday.

Rev. Stamm, the new pastor of the Christian Church visited the High School Wednesday morning and gave the pupils a very interesting talk on the necessity of a good education, which was most appreciated by all. Supt. White extended to Rev. Stamm an invitation to visit the school each week if possible.

Bryan Coffman is substituting as manual training teacher in the absence of Gather Ranny this week.

George Johnson transacted business in Bonne Terre Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Lewis was called to Roselle Sunday on account of the illness of her sister-in-law who has influenza.

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day morning. We sincerely hope it will not be necessary to close again.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Meador were called to Bellevue Friday on account of the illness of the family of Mrs. Lasater. Mr. and Mrs. Lasater were very ill with pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Their two children were also ill.

Arthur Norwine is reported very ill with influenza.

Mrs. Emma Cozean has gone to Cornwall to visit with home folks.

John Murry has again moved his family back to their home here, having been at Fredericktown for the past 18 months, employed there by the North American Lead Co.

Little Miss Anna Gough of Mineral Point has come to spend the winter with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Center.

Claude Lincoln is reported very sick at this writing.

David Moody and family were Leadwood visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gough of Pitcher, Okla., and M. L. Miller and family spent a very pleasant day in Leadwood Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott.

Flat River High School football team played Marvin College at Fredericktown Saturday, defeating them again with a score of 7 to 0. This is the third victory for the Flat River team this season.

Miss Leah Alper, who is one of the teachers in the High School, is ill with influenza.

J. U. White and family were Leadwood visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Parker and Miss Jennie Allen, also Mrs. J. F. Fitzpatrick were business visitors in Bonne Terre Monday evening.

The friends of W. E. Bennick will be glad to know that he is again home, this time to stay, having received his honorable discharge from the army.

John Laws transacted business in Leadwood Wednesday.

Will Cole arrived Monday from training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., having received his honorable discharge from the army.

Dave and Dolphus Westmoreland were called to Roselle Monday on account of the serious illness of their sister.

Mrs. Geo. Phillips and Mrs. George Johnson were called to their home a few days ago, near Fredericktown, on account of the death of their youngest brother. Death was caused by pneumonia following influenza.

Mrs. Wes Swearingen is reported on the sick list.

Dr. M. H. Topping made a professional visit to Roselle Monday.

T. J. Short of Farmington was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson Wednesday.

Miss Addie Smith and Ralph Watson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Louis Johnson, Friday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. M. H. Markley officiating.

Mrs. Euhler, wife of Gus Euhler, whose home is in Cantwell, died of influenza one day last week and the eldest daughter, Miss Virgie, died on Tuesday night of this week. The deaths of mother and daughter occurred in less than one week's time.

Louis Maurer, son of Lon Maurer, died at his home here Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, at the age of 19 years. Deceased leaves a mother and father, one sister and two brothers. Louis had been a sufferer for some months of tuberculosis. He was converted some time in October and died a Christian, through the influence of Rev. M. H. Markley. The funeral was conducted at the M. E. Church at 1:30 p. m. Thursday evening, and interment made at Bonne Terre.

BISMARCK

Grandma Barth is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

Miss Florence Bonesteel spent the week-end with relatives at Bonne Terre.

J. F. Schroeder, editor of the Gazette, has been ill the past week with the "flu."

Miss Mildred Robinson is a new pupil in the High School, having enrolled Monday.

Misses Ethel Lindsey and Fern Hughes and Messrs. Rolla Garrett and Frank Keathley motored to Arcadia Sunday.

The Camp Fire Girls met with their president, Miss Mary Ramsey, Monday evening.

Miss Josephine McGeorge is spending the week with Flat River relatives.

Miss Nellie Lucas spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Miss Essie Anderson.

erson.

Grandma Beard is some better at this writing.

Wm. Eversole of Fulton passed through Bismarck Tuesday en route to Caledonia, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Kerlagon left Wednesday for Texas, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Lorraine Templeton came down from St. Louis Wednesday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. Pickett and family went to St. Louis Wednesday, where they will make their home there.

Geo. Keathley was down from St. Louis Saturday and Sunday.

Horace Blanton and wife came down from St. Louis Tuesday to spend a few days with his mother and father.

Private Roy Downs, lately of Camp Dodge, Iowa, is spending the week with relatives here.

Rev. Hicks filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday; Rev. Henry preached at Walnut Grove morning and evening.

The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry is spending the week at home.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools are arranging a program for Christmas.

The body of Mr. Huff, nephew of Mrs. Murphy, is expected to arrive from Oklahoma tomorrow.

Word was received Tuesday that Cora Sherrill's wife was dead, having died of pneumonia. Mr. Sherrill and family were former residents of this city, he having taught in the public schools here.

The Masonic Order here has enlarged the cemetery and put up a new fence, which adds much to the appearance of the place.

Three airplanes passed over our city Sunday. On learning that they were to land at Ironton, several motored there and witnessed several flights by the air-men.

Private Lee Polk came home Friday from Des Moines, Iowa, where he has been in training for several months.

Word was received that Jos Sparks was killed in action in France. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Hattie Pirtle, and chief operator at the telephone office, and a little six-months old baby.

The remains of Elmer Polk were brought here Monday, from a training camp in Texas, where he died last Friday of influenza. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Baptist church by Rev. J. I. Hicks. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

AVON

Mrs. Jerry Haney of New Church is guest of her son, Jerry, Jr., at this place.

Mrs. Wm. Sheer spent Tuesday as guest of Mrs. W. W. Rodgers.

Clarence Bowling, who has employment on Route 3, was in this community Sunday afternoon.

Guy Haney, eldest son of Jerry Haney, spent the week-end the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Weatherington, of near Libertyville.

Mrs. John Biri of near New Church spent a few days the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hawthorn, of Womack.

Influenza is reported to be raging at the Cold Water Slave Factory.

James Haney of New Church was called to the bed side of his sister, Mrs. John Howlette, of Sikeston, who was seriously ill, being sick with influenza and it having developed into pneumonia.

Paul Bloom and family of near Eads passed through here the last of the week, moving to Flat River.

W. H. Sheer of this place is near Minnith this week, where he has employment.

Sherman Blaylock has been honorably discharged from army service and returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodgers and little son, Lester Earl, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Boyd and family.

The New Church school, taught by Miss Ethel B. Rodgers, re-opened Monday morning, after having been closed for two weeks on account of the influenza.

Quite a number from this place attended the funeral of Mrs. M. L. Sebastian, who passed away at her home on Route 3 Friday night. The remains were interred at the Pleasant Hill cemetery Sunday. The bereaved have the community's sincerest sympathy.

The mail was delayed considerable the latter part of last week on account of Indian Creek, between Bismarck and Flat River, being up.

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