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KILLED IN A CYCLONE.

WERE FORMER RESIDENTS OF AUDRAIN COUNTY.

Relatives of Mrs. Milt Householder of Near Mexico.

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Milt Householder, northwest of Mexico, received a telegram to come to Leeton, Mo., that Mrs. Householder's sister living near that place, Mrs. Don Carlos, and her husband, had both been instantly killed, the telegram not stating how they were killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Householder left on the 5:15 evening Wabash train for Leeton. Arriving there they learned that Mr. and Mrs. Carlos had been killed by a cyclone that struck their home in the early morning, demolishing it and killing the aged couple in their bed. Their house was a two-story frame and the storm left it a wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos were former residents of this county but moved from here about 20 years since.

The storm wrought destruction in other parts of the country near Leeton.

Saturday afternoon there was a great storm at Excelsior Springs. Hail stones weighing a pound fell. Many crops were entirely ruined.

In different parts of the State last Saturday storms did great damage. Over 20 people are reported to have been killed. Kansas and Oklahoma also suffered.

HIGH HILL DISTRICT

We are having lots of rain at present. It will mean weedy corn if it continues.

L. L. Spencer lost a good mule colt last week.

C. E. Sellers delivered fat hogs at Centralia one day last week.

C. E. Pulis and family and Grandma Roberts visited at B. F. Pulis' last Monday and gathered cherries.

Ollie Sims and family visited at W. D. Barnes' Sunday, also Edgar Sims and wife.

Rev. W. D. Pulis preached at Beaver Dam church Sunday.

John Rediger and wife are at his brother's in Southeast Missouri.

Charley Campbell lost a good work mule lately.

Miss Viola Dalby visited her grandparents last week, Philip Dalby and wife.

Rev. Presser filled his regular appointment at New Hope Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Campbell is on the sick list.

Lillian Lanham spent last week in Centralia visiting relatives.

Ray Miller lost a valuable mare last week from the effects of a wire cut.

Philip Dalby sold a mare for 75 dollars.

Quite a number of our young people attended the basket dinner at Hickory Grove Sunday.

Christian Church Convention.

The State Christian church convention meets in Brookfield this week. The following will attend from Mexico: Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dry, Mrs. George Denham, Miss Alicia Mason, and Miss Hilda Brand.

G. E. Darnaby, 75 years old, father of J. A. Darnaby, of this city, died a few days ago at his home in Lexington, Ky.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

A Fine Program Given at The Methodist Church.

The Intermediates of the Methodist Sunday School, in charge of Misses Grace Morris, Lena Bryarly and Agnes White, gave a fine program last Sunday night, before an immense audience, as follows:

Song—"March Along."
Opening Prayer by the Primary Class.
Song—"Welcome."
Recitation—"Do It Now," Felton Kunkel.
Recitation—Philip Bell, Lakenan Barnes and Floyd Bradford.
Drill by the Intermediates.
Song—"Children's Day."
Recitation—Virginia Handy.
Song. "Loyal to the Sunday School"—Choir.
Clock Exercise by Marjorie Barnes, Norman Toalson, Wallace St Vrain, Hubert Saunders.
Recitation—Sallie Thompson.
Quartet, "Smiles."
Song' "Jesus Bids Us Shine"—Paul St. Vrain.
Exercise, "Four Little Rosebuds—Helen Wren, Mary Louise Hawthorne, Mable Keiser, Ruth Wells.
Song, "Childhood Toys." Frank Kunkel.
Song, "The Month of Roses."
Children's Day Offering, by the entire congregation.
Song, "Good Night"—Fred Campbell.

There were 22 graduates from the Infant Class who received diplomas.

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Mrs. Fred Feutz, of Kansas City, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Miss Ruby Thompson of Bowling Green, is visiting Mrs. P. B. Yates.

Floyd Peery, third trick operator here, is enjoying a visit with his mother.

Mrs. Will Doolin and Miss Emma Mae Barney left for California last week. They will be gone for two or three months They have been gone scarcely a week and Mr. Doolin has the blues already.

Mrs. H. C. Carnes and son visited Miss Abbie Sullivan, of near Mexico, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Reese were shopping in Mexico last Saturday.

A great many from here had intended to go to Littleby last Sunday but were disappointed by the rain.

The ladies of the German church will give an ice cream supper next Saturday night, June 22nd. A most cordial invitation is extended to every one.

The Ladies A. and M. of the Christian church meet this week with Mrs. Henry Stuart, west of town.

Good Roads Delegates.

President George Robertson, of the North Mo. Cross State Highway Association, has appointed the following delegates to the Tri-State Good Roads Convention, made up of delegates from Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, which is to be held at Monte Ne, Ark., July 3 and 4:

Mexico—Ns. Myers, Wm. Pollock, Geo. Kellerhals.
Laddonia—John Scott.
Montgomery City — H. W. Johnson, W. L. Gupton.
Centralia — Arthur Bruton, John T. Mitchell.
Wellsville—Frank Everett.
Sturgeon—G. W. Batterton, Ben Canada.
Renick—Judge Chilton.
Moberly—H. F. Holman, H. P. Jennings.

Miss Elizabeth Pearson is visiting relatives at Omaha, Neb.

STROTHER NEWS

The Storm's Doings—Lightning Kills Horses—"A Sly Old Fox."

Quite a storm swept over this territory last Saturday evening. Trees were blown down in the forests, roofs blown off of buildings, all of the early corn was damaged so that most of it will be to replant, oats will not bear half the crop they promised and gardens badly bruised and mashed up.

Byron Winn delivered hogs to Paris dealers recently.

Mrs. Geo. Smiley and children spent Sunday with Mrs. F. T. Smith and family.

The storm killed two of Emmet Smith's fine horses, one an extra good driver and the other a two year old. It also struck another in the head, which will likely die.

Geo. Smiley and F. T. Smith went to Rowena for a pleasure trip, fishing and visiting. Hope the storm did not keep them from enjoying themselves up in that country.

Mrs. James Asheraft has had the "blues" for the last few days. No wonder, a fox caught 25 turkeys one day, and later caught 25 more with a small boy watching them.

Mr. Sim Creed's, who have been on an outing over on Elk Fork, went back last Saturday, all reporting a fine time.

Mrs. Geo. Smiley and children attended the basket dinner at Berea last Saturday. They were in the storm but no harm done.

Preaching at Strother next Sunday. They want a big crowd. Be sure and come and wear your new dresses.

Rev. McMutcheon preached two sermons at New Hope last Sunday. Not a very big crowd on account of the roads and threatning weather.

Mr. Grubbs lost a fine single driver Saturday night by lightning. About a week ago he had a good mule killed by lightning.

Miss Edna Styles is entertaining Miss Nora Craighead of Centralia.

OAKLAND STOCK FARM.

Fine showers for some days. Corn and vegetation of all kinds growing nicely.

Joe Quinlan and Arthur Paulin went to St. Louis last week and bought a new threshing machine. It is to be hoped they will have a large crop of oats to thresh for the wheat crop is almost a failure in this part of the country.

Mrs. Theo. Selb has over 100 young turkeys.

Frank Summers spent from Saturday till Monday in Mexico with friends and relatives.

Very few at Trinity Sunday, owing to the heavy rain cloud which came up about starting time.

Miss Lucy McIntyre spent several days with Miss Mary Quinlan recently.

J. M. Dyson has gone to Santa Fe to live with the Misses Snyder and to take the place of their brother, Frank, who recently married.

Paul Hale, 10 years old, and his sister, Donnie, who is 9, arrived at Laddonia recently from Artesia, N. M., they making the trip alone. The children are visiting their uncle, A. B. Hale. Their father is Ben W. Hale, formerly of near Laddonia.

Mrs. M. J. Sallee, of St. Louis, is visiting the family of her son here, W. R. Sallee. R. L. Gay and sister, Miss Leona, are also guests with Mrs. Sallee at the same home.

WANT FARM COMMISSIONER.

EXPERIMENT STATION TOO—COMMERCIAL CLUB MAKES MOVE.

Farmers and Editors to Meet in County Convention.

Mexico and Audrain county are endeavoring to work together as one for the prosperity and good of all.

The Mexico Commercial Club entertained the roadoverseers of the county at a free luncheon a few weeks and this time it is to all the editors of the county and two or three of the near-by counties and also a delegate from each of the near 100 school districts in the county.

The following letter, which has been mailed to all parts of the county, will partly explain the object of the meeting:

"At the weekly luncheon, Friday, at the Hotel Hoxsey, it was decided by members of this organization to appoint a reception committee and to request the Chairman of every School Board in Audrain county to call a meeting of the residents in his district, for the purpose of appointing a delegate to a convention to be held in this city, at the noonday luncheon of the Club, Saturday, June 29, 1912, (12 o'clock sharp) for the purpose of making a concerted effort to secure a farm expert for Audrain county and to discuss the most feasible plans for establishing an Agricultural Experiment Station near Mexico.

You are therefore kindly requested to have as large an attendance at the meeting and to hold it at as early a date as possible and to forward by mail to the Mexico Commercial Club the name of the Chairman, Secretary, number of people present at the meeting and the name and post-office address of the delegate appointed.

The County Court will also attend the meeting.

It is hoped that a delegate from each district will accept the invitation and be present at the luncheon as the result of this noon-hour meeting means much for all the citizens of the county.

It is now possible to secure a donation in the neighborhood of $1750.00 for the salary of an expert if early action is taken. S. M. Jordan, corn expert, is now the expert for Pettis county. Thanks are extended in advance for your efforts.

Very truly yours,
R. D. Worrell, Pres.
R. E. Race, Sec'y.
By order of Committee:
W. W. Pollock, Ch'r.
F. L. Crosby,
J. B. Graham.

Big Basket Dinner.

Rev. W. H. Hook announces that there will be a great reunion of old friends and neighbors and preaching services the fifth Sunday in June in J. D. Pitt's Pasture, three miles south of Farber. Basket dinner also. Bro. Hook preached on this spot 30 years ago—the old Joe Sisk place. Music and a grand social time. Preaching, also after the 11 o'clock hour, in the afternoon. George Adams and others have the arrangements for this meeting in hand. Don't fear the rain or weather, Bro. Hook says, he wants to see you at this meeting.

Prof. C. C. Roselle is attending summer school at Columbia.

BENTON CITY.

A Tramp's Steal—Pastor Duff Resigns—Personal Mention.

The King's Daughters will give an ice cream social on the lawn at the Presbyterian church here, Saturday evening, June 22nd. Everybody invited.

Edgar Woodson and family of East St. Louis came in Friday evening in their auto and are the guests of Mrs. Woodson's mother here.

Miss Henrietta Douglass spent last week visiting at French Douglass' and Henry Clark's.

Mr. Barrett of Troy, Mo., lost a valuable mule here Monday night.

Rev. Guy Duff has resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian church here, on account of ill health, and has accepted a call in New Mexico. Mr. Duff is an excellent gentleman and not only his own congregation, but all other denominations as well, regret to see him leave and all hope that his health may be speedily recovered.

Mrs. Chas. Cunningham had the misfortune to have $25 in cash taken from her home one morning last week. The money is supposed to have been taken by a tramp who passed along while Mrs. C. was out at the barn lot. However she didn't miss the money until the next evening.

Mrs. Henry Hildebrandt of this place lost last Thursday, either between here and Mexico or in Mexico, a black leather handbag containing an account book with Tratchel's store here. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning to Mrs. Hildebrandt.

Fred Kellerhall and family visited at Mr. Holbrook's Sunday.

Sol. Garver and wife visited at Wm. Tratchell's Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Pierson who has been suffering with rheumatism has gone to Bowling Green Springs to spend a few weeks.

Eld. Leonard and family were guests of J. W. Douglass and daughter Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Rutter Dead.

Joseph Rutter, of this city, died last Saturday from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered a day or two before. He was 71 years old. The funeral was at the home Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, interment in Lockridge cemetery, south of this city.

Deceased was a native of Quincy, Ill. He was a farmer in this county for many years. His wife died 14 years ago. The following children survive him: Mrs. Amos Jenkins and Elmer Rutter, of this city, and Mrs. Jennie Fredde, of Marlin, Texas. The following brothers and sisters also survive him: Charles and Jason Rutter, Mrs. Maggie Hill, Mrs. Addie McLaughlin, Mrs. Villie Miller and Miss Ada Rutter.

Mr. Patton Dead.

James W. Patton, 84 years old, for many years a resident of this city, died last week in the State Hospital at Fulton. The funeral and burial were at Fulton.

A brother of deceased, Charles Patton, resides at Fulton, and another brother, Edward Patton, lives in Mexico. Four daughters and one son also survive him: Misses Florence and Anna, who are missionaries in Japan; Misses Kate and Mattie and Charles Patton, who reside at Chenoa, Ill.

Deceased was in the saddle and harness business in Mexico for a number of years.

Were Married Here.

Mr. Myron Winn, of Paris, and Miss Mattie Downs, of this city, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Threlkeld here last Saturday, Rev. John E. Ayscue officiating.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Celebration at Littleby Methodist Church Last Sunday.

It was a little rainy and gloomy last Sunday forenoon but "you can't bluff the country people." They observed Children's Day at Littleby Methodist church, seven miles northeast of Mexico, as per program published elsewhere in this paper. It was one of the best services of the kind we ever witnessed. They have some fine talent among the young people in that community. J. R. Snook is superintendent of the school, and he has some able assistants in his work, too. There was a large attendance. At the close of the program a collection of $17.30 was taken, which will be used to help schools in destitute fields. Rev. W. C. Rice, the pastor, made a short talk and then dismissed everybody for dinner—"for fear that ice cream might melt." A general dinner was spread, and such a dinner as it was! Everybody ate and ate and ate.

After a delightful social hour Rev. W. C. Rice preached an able sermon, talking more directly to the young people, having for his text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." He made a splendid application of the lesson, and we hope the young people who heard him may never forget what he said.

We append here a list of the heads of families or the representatives of families and others who were present:

Rev. W. C. Rice, J. R. Snook, F. S. Kelly, Charlie Givens, M. M. Givens, J. B. Weaver, H. L. Smith, M. T. Pierce, J. W. Stevens, W. C. Melahn, O. B. Melahn, John Beal, W. F. Canterbury, Benj. Canterbury, Tom Hook, F. M. Shoup, H. W. Shoup, J. Hord Davis, J. F. Ruse, D. L. Rogers, Frank Erdel, Albert Erdel, Val Erdel, Jr., P. J. Erdel, F. F. Witschie, Louis Kircher, Harry Elam, L. B. Winterhalter, E. K. Winterhalter, Ollie Winterhalter, Bert Davis, Frank Miller, W. H. Ray, Mrs. Mary O'Neale, Fess Cauthorn, Ora Crockett, Mrs. J. R. Lampson, Dave Crockett, George Downs, Robt. Walter, Sr., Robt. Walter, Jr., J. E. Hodge, Louis Kochs, Dr. Jesse Goodson, A. B. Weidler, Joe Bailey, Fred Peterson, J. H. Fairchild, Louis Boerger, O. H. Martin, John Worley, J. H. Wilkins, O. M. Dunn, Herbert Cauthorn, George Stuart, Mrs. May Green, O. M. Quinn, R. A. Miller, S. J. Bishop, L. F. Stuart, Hugo Doerge, Joe Yostemeyer, Leo Shire, Les Honiff, Willie Cornett, Tommie Sneed, Gallaird Bush, Willie Hodge.

Flag Day Observed.

The Daughters of the American Revolution observed a very appropriate program in celebration of Flag Day at the home of Mrs. John Gregory last Friday. A business meeting was held at the Rest Room at the Court House preceding.

A Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Head and their children enjoyed a family reunion last Sunday. The following children sat down with the parents at a fine dinner: Lee Head, of Joplin; Frank Head, New York, and Charles, Ralph and Miss May Head, of this city.

Henry Shawnee, colored, convicted on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced last week to two years in the pen and afterwards paroled for five years.

John Hill has returned from San Antonio, Texas, where he spent the winter.

GRADUATES IN AGRICULTURE.

A WOMAN — AND SHE'S FROM MEXICO.

Others Complete Studies at the State University.

The Missouri University graduated 427 persons last week, the largest list in the history of the school. A number of Audrain county young people were among the number.

Audrain had but one graduate from the College of Agriculture and she's from Mexico, too, Miss Velma Johnson is her name. The girls generally beat the boys in the line of school work and they'll be beating them in farming next.

Miss Anna Margaret Shannon, of Vandalia, a brother of Attorney E. A. Shannon of Mexico, won honors in the University, completing six years' work in four and graduating with the degrees of A. B. and B. S. Miss Edna Ralston, also of Vandalia, graduated from the School of Education with Miss Shannon.

O. L. Herlinger, of Vandalia, received the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Miss Mary Carter and Miss Mary Frances Glandon, both of Mexico, each received degrees in the School of Education.

Miss Lucy Agnes Coontz, of Vandalia, graduated with the degree of A. B. and also won a University Scholarship in History.

Miss Lena Johnson, of Mexico, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Miss Ruth Mason, of Mexico, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and had the honor to be historian of her class. She was also awarded a life certificate to teach.

Audrain girls won their way at the University all right, but where do the boys line up?

GANT ITEMS.

John Smoot and family are entertaining his sister this week.

J. W. McCammon and wife visited Geo. Carter and family of near Hickory Grove.

The Hon. County Court members passed thru this neighborhood one day last week inspecting bridges.

J. W. Dry of Mexico was in this vicinity one day last week.

W. P. Denham has purchased a blower for his thresher.

John Smoot and family were Centralia visitors Tuesday of last week.

Quite a number from this neighborhood attended the basket dinner at Hickory Grove.

Mrs. W. P. Denham visited her son, Jim, of Rush Hill, recently.

Tom Duffy and sister, Effie, visited friends and relatives in and near Centralia.

Sent to The Pen.

Bob Bannister, colored, of this city, plead guilty to the charge of assault with intent to kill in the Circuit Court Monday and was sentenced to State's prison for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Erdel, Jr., paid the Message a pleasant business call Monday.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital Stock, $150,000.00
43rd Year in Business.
W. W. FRY, President.
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.