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SCHOOLS CONSOLIDATE.

Three Districts Take Advantage of a Late New Law.

Fulton, Mo., May 17.—The school patrons of the Lime Kiln won and Auxvasse Public Schools, at an election held at Auxvasse today, decided to consolidate the three districts by a vote of 57 to 39.

A township high school will be built at Auxvasse. The consolidated district will contain nineteen square miles and will have an assessed valuation of \$350,000. The school children will total 172.

The following were elected directors: R. E. French and W. S. Hopkins of Auxvasse; John Yates and H. F. Moss of the Lime Kiln district; John Meyer and Charles Goldy of the Swon district.

This is the second consolidation voted in the State under the new school law, several districts in Clark county recently having voted to take a similar step.

Auxvasse, Mo., May 17.—Auxvasse High School closed today. Diplomas were awarded to Miss Pauline Wasel, Richard Biggs, James and Carl Woodson. Chas. M. Hay delivered the address.

CUIVRE ITEMS.

Joe Foree Seriously Hurt—James Mann Passes Away.

Guy Lofton of Kansas City is making a short visit to friends in this vicinity.

Willie Belts spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Floyd Lewton near Laddonia. She has been quite sick but is now improving.

Dick Gray has bought a new cream separator and will ship his cream to Chicago.

Charlie Edwards has given his new house a coat of paint.

Miss Nadine Gray has returned to her home in Farber after a short visit with her father here.

Andrew Langford and wife are entertaining a brand new girl.

Edgar Johnson and daughter, Geneva, of New Canton, Ill., came over in their car one day last week on a business trip. They were accompanied home by the Misses Lulu and Cora Belts for a two weeks' visit.

Frank Marshall has moved into R. N. Gray's new house.

On Thursday a merry party of ladies and children from Laddonia spent the day fishing and gathering wild flowers on the banks of Cuivre near the Black school house.

The traffic in new buggies is evidently good this year, Ray Bell and Albert Lehnen have each invested in one.

The body of James Mann, an old time resident of this neighborhood, but later of Columbia, was brought to the West Cuivre Baptist church last Wednesday and after a short funeral sermon by his old pastor, Rev. Beatty Rice, was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the old church.

Joe Foree met with a very serious accident a few days ago. He was kicked in the stomach by a mule. He underwent an operation Saturday morning and it is feared it will terminate fatally. Several of his neighbors met and planted his corn for him and all are hoping he will be restored to his family.

Theo. Hitz, out northwest of Laddonia, has begun the erection of a new dwelling on his farm to take the place of the one he lost by fire some time ago. The house will have seven rooms and will be modern in every way. Mr. Hitz is a progressive fellow and has one of the best farms in the county.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

Marston W. Beamer: I'm happy; finished planting corn the other day. I haven't a big field, but I'm going to do some intensive farming, as they call it—in other words, will try to make two ears of corn grow where only one grew before. Eh?

F. T. Harris: I have lived on the farm where I now reside, on Skull Lick, north of Mexico, since 1870. My father settled there at that time. Very few of the old neighbors of 40 years ago are left. By the way, are the boys and girls as polite and considerate in town and country as they used to be? I fear not. They are smarter now and we call them "kids." Like Jeremiah, I am disposed at times to ask for the old paths.

Mrs. Mary J. Bybee: I live with my son, Horace Bybee, on our old home farm, west of Santa Fe. My husband, who died six years ago, was born and raised on this same farm. I came over to Mexico Friday on the electric car—hoping tho it would not be my last trip, and the road torn up, as the property is to be sold, as you know. Whatever happens, may the line be extended on to Santa Fe.

W. H. Beal: I hear it reported that W. H. Carpenter of Sturgeon was the oldest Mason present at the dedication of the Masonic Hall in Mexico Monday night; he had been a member 54 years. I am ahead of him a little. I believe I am the oldest Mason in Audrain county. I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason 59 years ago, in Switzerland county, Indiana, and I have always tried to remain true to the tenets of this noble order.

Chas. Hubert: I brought in 8 fat hogs to Powell & Mundy this week. Got 8 cents for them. Wheat is looking fine, the best prospect I ever saw, but the dry weather has hurt it some.

Dr. W. H. Douglass: I have read every issue of the Message since the first copy was printed, which was, as you say, Nov. 9, 1899. You have always published a splendid county paper.

Judge Alex Carter: Yes, big time at Rising Sun next Sunday, "Home-Coming Day." Old Audrain hospitality will be bubbling over.

C. C. Lucas: Ah, a Santa Fe man bought the electric railway. We'll sure now get the road extended from Molino north. Don't you think so?

Wm. Frazier: I'm going back to my old home, Toronto, Ohio, for a stay of a month or two. Must have the Message follow me that I may keep up with the doings in Mexico and good old Audrain.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins: I'm feeling like the last rose of summer this morning. A fellow gets in that whim occasionally. Right here something makes me recall the distinction the Irishman made between a dead duck and a dead doctor. Neither ever quacks, he said.

Zell Fisher: I live out near the site of old Hopewell church which they moved to Thompson. My son Earl is helping me look after the farm. I came in to Mexico to the Masonic meeting Monday night. It was a fine body of men that gathered at that dedication service Monday night. The destiny of a nation would be safe in their hands.

Rev. W. A. Shulenberger: In my baccalaureate addresses I advise the boys and girls to take most particular care of the body—the temple of the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul put it. Never take any alcohol into this body. Keep your conscience clear. Find out what is right, and then do it. Never be swerved from a good purpose for the wage of a hireling. A hireling is a quitter. The great men and women of history have not been that kind.

T. J. Bybee: Public interest in the extension of the electric railway has gone to the highest pitch since the sale of the road last Saturday. It is now in the hands of fewer men, and there ought to be something doing. Regain the confidence of the people and there will be something doing.

M. B. Paige: I moved down here north of Wellsville from my place west of Mexico last spring to help my father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Burns, look after their farm. It has been pretty dry in this section; some farmers quit planting corn till it should rain. We like the people in this part of Audrain; they are friendly and sociable. However, we become a little lonesome at times to get back nearer Mexico.

EAST END NOTES.

Leland Moore Dead—Primitive Baptists Hold Meet.

Vandalia, Mo., May 20.—Very dry in these parts and farm work is being retarded considerably. A good rain would be much appreciated.

Miss Beulah Morris of Breckenridge, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Zack Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barbee attended a recital at Hardin College in Mexico last week.

E. D. Webber and family were over last Sunday in their new auto, visiting their son, Edwin and family.

The Primitive Baptists held a three days' meeting at Central Union church last week.

Russel Nuckles is losing most of his hogs from cholera.

A brand new son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moore May 12th.

Thos. Cassidy lost a fine mare recently, valued at \$250.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oden visited W. F. Coe and family at Middle town last Sunday.

Dr. H. M. Renner of Wellsville was visiting his father, John Renner and family, last week.

Walter Kisor lost a good horse recently and W. S. Barbee a good feeding steer.

Leland Moore who was operated on recently for appendicitis and was seemingly getting along fairly well suffered a hemorrhage Wednesday evening of last week and died that night; aged 23 years and nine months, leaving a young wife, father and mother and one brother. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His funeral was conducted by Rev. S. E. McDonald. Interment in the Vandalia cemetery Friday. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moore. The sympathy of the many friends is extended to the bereaved ones.

Mr. Harlow Dead.

E. R. Harlow, formerly a prominent citizen of the Benton City neighborhood, died last Saturday in the State Hospital at Fulton. The body was shipped home for burial, interment at Union church, southeast of this city. Deceased is survived by two children—Mrs. J. E. Dishman of Mexico and Thomas Harlow of near Benton City.

HOME-COMING DAY

At Rising Sun Christian Church Next Sunday.

Next Sunday will be a big day at Rising Sun church, on the electric railway line, north of Mexico. Everybody is invited, and at the noon hour everybody will be seated upon the green sward and the multitude will be fed. A sumptuous feast it will be, too, a spread by as big hearted a people as live anywhere upon this earth.

While everybody is cordially invited to be at Rising Sun on that day, beyond that many have received the following printed invitation, this going mainly to distant states, to those who have parents, brothers or sisters or other relatives back in the old home community of Rising Sun:

Come thee and thine,
And spend the day with me and mine,
For the sake of "Auld Lang Syne."

Rev. R. D. Chinn of Vandalia, a former pastor at Rising Sun, and Rev. A. W. Taylor of Columbia, the present pastor, will preach, one occupying the morning hour and the other using the hour after dinner.

All who go to Rising Sun next Sunday are assured of a most pleasurable and profitable day.

MARTINSBURG NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. French and family and H. L. Burwell and wife motored to Laddonia Wednesday evening.

Mrs. G. L. Graham and little son of St. Louis are the guests of Miss Louise Jacobi.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Horton were in Wellsville Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Krieger, a son.

Miss Elsie Hegner and Geida Bruhin are the guests of Mrs. Joe Kersting this week.

Miss Effie Faddis of Centralia and Miss Flora Wilson of Jonesburg are visiting Miss Hazel Friedman this week.

E. L. Horton is in Kansas City this week.

Miss Minnie and Charles Pine spent Sunday in Centralia.

The Dancing Club gave a dance Thursday evening.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give an ice cream and strawberry supper Saturday evening, May 24th.

Miss Amelia Rogers is resting from her millinery work, finding interest in keeping up the home.

Dr. Jacobi has completed a fine brick office. Near it is the new city hall, not yet completed.

S. B. Ham was a recent visitor in Mexico. Mr. Ham has a flourishing business and is helping Martinsburg grow. Mrs. Ham was Miss Miller from Callaway county.

Misses Hazel and Vera Friedman entertained a house party Sunday and Monday, of last week. The out of town guests were from Jonesburg and Centralia.

Misses Susie Wilburn and Vera Friedman are music students at Hardin College.

Names the Birds.

Mrs. B. T. Willis, wife of the manager of the Cotton Lumber Co. in Mexico, a graduate also of Hardin College, won the \$25 cash prize recently which was offered by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for the best name for the two ostriches that were lately added to the St. Louis Zoo. Mrs. Willis named them Colonel and Mrs. Featherbloom.

The body of the late Col. Green Clay, buried in Elmwood cemetery in Mexico, is soon to be disinterred and taken to Paris, Ky., for burial.

RAY MILLER LEADS.

McMillan High; Miss Lucile Minor, Second Honors.

Ray E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. C. Miller, just west of Mexico, won first honors in McMillan High School graduating class for 1913. Miss Lucile Minor, daughter of Mr. J. H. Minor, was a close second to Mr. Miller and will be salutatorian for the class.

The honor roll, according to their rank, is given below. Under distinctions E stands for an average of 90 or above for four years' English; L for Latin; M for Mathematics; S for Science; H for History; while G represents two years in German, a Junior and Senior subject. This course is before the name and the distinctions after the thesis subjects.

Se. & M., Ray E. Miller—"The Trusts and Their Relation to the Public Welfare," E. M. S. G.

Lat., Lucile Minor—"Calhoun and Nullification," E. L.

L. and M. Dorothy Elizabeth Blanks, "Colonial Society in New England," E. M. L.

L. and M., Mary Edna Dillard, "Colonial Society in the South," E. M. L.

Math., Ben M. Locke—"Panic of 1837," E. M.

Lat., Anna Love Crawford, "Lewis and Clark Expedition," E. L.

Lat., Mary Frances Johnson, "Colonial Industries from 1600 to 1760," E. L.

L. and M., Mary Dearing, "The South Before the Civil War," L.

L. and M., Dorothy Worrell, "Conditions in the Middle Colonies," E. M. L.

Lat., Georgia Miller, "Indian Wars in New England," E. L.

Other Graduates:—The remainder of the class with their course, thesis and distinctions are the following, given only alphabetically:

Se., Clarence W. Baker, "The Construction of the Panama Canal."

Lat., Bessie Beagles, "The Free Coinage of Silver."

Se., Lee Pemberton Blattner, "The Spanish-American War."

Lat., Minter K. Bragg, "American Aerial Navigation," G.

Math., John D. Caldwell, "Immigration into the United States."

Se., Margaret Harrison Cave, "Fiction in America."

Lat., Julia Ward Cave, "Indian Tribes in America," E.

Se., Mildred Cook, "The Monroe Doctrine."

Se., Humphry R. Craddock, "Inventions and Discoveries."

Lat., Rose Crews, "A History of the Panama Canal."

L. and M., Bessie Mabel Day, "The Western Movement," E. M.

Se., Roscoe J. Dobyns, "The United States Bank."

Se., Fred Alvin Doss, "Monopolies Since the Civil War."

Math., Helen Bingle Graham, "French Pioneers in America."

Se., Beulah Greer, "The Hartford Convention."

Se., Mary Alma Griffin, "Independence in Thought in America."

Se., Charles H. Guthrie, "A Century's Development of Our Navy."

Lat., Mary Lee Hanson, "The Louisiana Purchase."

Se., Earl Francis Hays, "Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War."

L. and M., Mary Fern Juelfs, "The American Federal Unions," E.

Math., Howard B. Keath, "The Effects of the Spanish American War."

Lat., Lena Lou Lawrence, "Growth of American Colleges," L.

Lat., Sherman H. McElhiney, "Territorial and Colonial Sys-

tems," L.

Math., R. Shields Moore, "Sanitation of the Canal Zone."

Lat., Anna Frances O'Brien, "Acquiring and Controlling the Philippines," E.

Se., Elizabeth Ward Pearson, "Treaties with Japan," E. G.

Se., Effie Bernice Rinaman, "The Growth of Political Parties," S.

Se., Etta Beatrice Rinaman, "Study of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments," S.

Se., Kenneth Howe Sanford, "The Tariff Previous to 1833."

Se., Beulah C. Snook, "Development of Mining in Missouri."

Se. and M., Lola Mae Spencer, "Lincoln's Attitude Toward Slavery."

Com., Fran's S. Summers, "Expansion of the United States," H.

Math., Calvin Gale Tilton, "Growth of Missouri from 1820."

Se., Lotta Belle Tucker, "Reconstruction of the South," E. G.

Se., Myrtle Vanlandingham, "The Short Story in America."

GANT ITEMS.

Several farmers in this vicinity are thru planting corn.

J. F. Edwards who was quite seriously hurt in a runaway some weeks ago is reported to be improving.

Lee Miller and family were visiting in Mexico one day last week.

S. P. Cunningham of Mexico attended the Masonic meeting at Gant last Friday.

T. M. Broadus purchased a thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hog from L. L. Spencer.

Sunday, the 25th, will be the regular preaching day at Salt River. Sunday school in the morning at 10 o'clock.

Ray Triplett has purchased the old Jenkins place from J. W. Broadus. It is north of Salt River church.

S. P. Loren was a Centralia visitor Friday.

Barton Hubbard was in Mexico on business Thursday.

Dr. W. T. Todd of Gant has purchased an auto, a Maxwell runabout. Guess "Doc" will "go some" now.

Pete Duffy is visiting home-folks this week.

Thornton Spotswood visited Ray Sims and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Effie Duffy entertained Miss Mable Botkin of Centralia Saturday and Sunday.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

Everybody more cheerful since the rain.

The recital at the Methodist church Saturday night by Miss Marlin and Miss Church of Laddonia was largely attended.

Doll Hanger hauled freight from Perry Friday.

Ollie Moore and wife, Charley Lucas and wife, and Mrs. Scobee and Irene were Mexico visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Cowman of near Victor spent Tuesday with Mrs. Lon Sterrett and daughters.

Alva Hanna and sisters, Misses Marie and Lena, were Perry visitors Friday.

Several young folks from here attended the high school entertainment at Perry Friday night.

Mrs. Mollie Peake and Mrs. Ernest Smiley returned home Friday from a visit to friends in Columbia.

Emmett Fairbairn of Perry visited Ver Henderson and family Sunday.

Prof. Clyde H. Blosser of Lexington, Mo., has been elected superintendent of the Laddonia public schools. About a year since he married Miss Essie Hickman of near Perry. He is reported to be a fine young man and able educator.

MOLINO ITEMS.

Little Boy With Runaway Team—Interesting Personals.

Molino, Mo., May 19.—What might have been quite a serious accident happened to Forrest Weaver's little 10 year old son last Tuesday as he was driving a team of young mules to a wagon loaded with a disk harrow. His father was in front driving a team to a corn planter. The little fellow's team started and ran over the planter, overturning the wagon, catching him underneath. Forrest hurried to his rescue and found that he was only slightly hurt.

J. E. Lowry, the tinner, of Mexico, was out Wednesday and furnished Dode Barnes' house with gutters.

Dr. J. F. Flynt and wife gave a reception last Wednesday evening in honor of Harvey Heizer and bride, the latter who was Miss Aura Flynt of near Hallsville, a sister of the Doctor. We wish Harvey and bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

Mrs. R. L. Heizer was called to Mexico Friday on account of the illness of her brother, J. W. Weaver, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Porter Cauthorn visited relatives in Mexico a couple of days last week.

Born, to Andrew Cauthorn and wife, Saturday, May 17th, a daughter. Mrs. Cauthorn before her marriage was Miss Mary Virginia Botts.

C. L. Weaver and brother, D. S. Weaver and family, of near Santa Fe, visited H. L. Weaver's Sunday.

Walter Sannebeck and wife of Mexico were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Lowry and children of Mexico spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bert Bowen and family.

Harve Heizer and bride were the guests of his brother, Harry Heizer and family, Sunday.

Miss Ruth Woods spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cal Barnes, south of Mexico.

Miss Goldie Bybee of Mexico, visited her brother, Ed. Bybee and family, several days last week.

Walter Robinson and wife of Mexico were Sunday guests here. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. P. R. Cawthorn, north of Molino, is quite sick.

Herbert Cauthorn and wife of Little Station visited P. R. Cawthorn's Sunday.

R. L. Heizer and family visited Henry Fisher and family Sunday.

Odd Fellows at Laddonia.

The Laddonia Odd Fellows had a big meeting last Saturday night when a number of candidates were initiated. There were refreshments and a joyful social time.

The second degree team of the Mexico lodge was in attendance and assisted in the initiation. Those present from Mexico were:

A. C. Whitson, Alpha Owens, E. L. Johnson, Joe Pratt, W. H. Phillips, S. J. Sanford, C. T. Flitner, T. H. Stallings, Bert Sims, J. E. Miller, Paul Schultz, J. E. Pratt, Chas. Stratton, Marry McGee, J. J. Wood, Henry Husterman and Isador Taylor.

C. C. Heizer of Mexico was down at Perry last week, meeting friends and looking after some business interests.

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