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PRIZES FOR RURAL SCHOOLS.

Boys and Girls Under 14 Are to Have a Free Day at the County Fair.

Mexico Fair date is August 8-11. The first day of the 1916 Mexico Fair will be County School Day, and every country school child under fourteen years of age will be admitted to the fair free. Tickets of admission are being distributed by Supt. Johnson, who will have the special program on that occasion and be assisted by people from the State Agricultural College at Columbia.

The following list of contests for first day is open to students of Audrain country schools. These events of the County School Day at the Mexico Fair, August 8, 9, 10, 11, in 1916, will be under the direct supervision of the County Superintendent. Each school will file its entries for these events with Clyde Johnson as soon as they are chosen.

There will be \$3.00 in prizes for each event, if filled. \$1.50 first prize, \$1.00, second prize, and 50 cents, third prize.

- Poultry Judging.
- Beef Cattle Judging.
- Drift Horse Judging.
- Dairy Cattle Judging.
- Button-hole making.
- Corn-stringing.
- Judging canned goods.
- Ciphering match.
- Corn Judging.
- Patching.
- Stocking Darning.
- Spelling match.
- Best club work.
- Best map of United States.
- Best Map of Missouri.
- Best map of Audrain County.
- Best Agricultural note book.
- Best note book of Nature Study.
- Best free hand drawing of model farm scene.
- Best free hand drawing of model rural scene.

BOOST THE BOOSTER.

I am a booster, boosting for the BOOSTER STORE—(E. E. Cantrell's Hardware.) South Side Square, Mexico, Mo. Please help me win the Piano, by trading at the Booster Store, and save coupons for me. I am 13 years of age. The contest is now on, and closes July 26, 1916. I will appreciate your help, with many thanks. Mail coupons to me or leave at Booster Store, for

MISS MARGARET SELB,
Mexico, Mo., Route 7, Box 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuel B. B. Stephens are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10 and a half pound girl, which was born to them Sunday, Feb. 27. They have many friends who are glad to know that both mother and baby are doing nicely. The baby has not been named yet. Her name is so large he can't find a name large enough for her.

J. Robert Boatman started on his return to British Honduras on Monday.

SKINNER JOTTINGS.

March came as a lion, send the lamb. At Lindell Rudaill's sale prices were good. He had good stuff. Mules bro't from \$150 a head to \$532.50 head, per span. Cows from \$70 to \$80 per head. Sows from \$27 to \$46. Glits around \$20 each. Average shoats 7 to 8c per lb, perhaps some of them not over 5c. Corn 66 to 67c per bushel. Sale footed up a little over \$6,000. Lindell will stay here this season and in the fall depart for the northwest.

We were sorry indeed to learn of the death of J. J. Wakefield's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Weaver are home from the Mayo Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, where she underwent a surgical operation several weeks ago. She is now nearly in her former good health.

Grover Chapman is now in the Mayo hospital. Wednesday he underwent operation for appendicitis and other complications, too. They make two or three operations in one up there. Mr. Pollard, of southwest of Thompson, has rented the south part of the King place.

John L. Irvin rented 180 acre farm just east of Judge Baker Barnes. Tommy Davenport is on the J.H. Springer 80 acre farm this season. John Vanhorn rented Mr. Shrou's 100 acre farm for \$300. It's the D. W. Butler farm.

The entertainment Wednesday night was very good, the actors departed themselves in a creditable way. The minstrels was enjoyed by all. The Mock Trial likewise held the audience to good attention. The recitations were somewhat of the "gem" order and the extemporaneous talk by Hon. Ed. Woodward could scarcely be beaten by Speaker Clark or minority leader, Mann. He touched upon live subjects of the day, including state and national issues. In the Leap Year proposition he begged pathetically for his own great big self.

We hear that the Duly entertainment still goes on and is good. The next two Friday nights will especially be rich, rare and racy and likely close the season.

Roses didn't have a ghost of a chance to bloom on the reported wedding. This time Mr. Billy Welch and Miss Anna Murphy were the ones to be made happy Saturday awerk. In Mexico was the knot tied by Father Casey. They will live on the Burnette farm at Naylor Schoolhouse. We wish the greatest amount of happiness and usefulness for them in life.

Another knot or two soon not far from here, our best young people. Don't be afraid I'll let the news out for secrets can be kept as good as the best, with your telling us we will let it down.

Misses Mildred Cook, Gladys Patrick, Dora Cauthorn, Mildred and Ruth Ellis and Hazel Holloway and Messrs Dick Patrick, Arthur Ellis attended the entertainment at Duly Friday night.

We were made intensely sorrowful on hearing of the death of Madge

Householder Ketter on Wednesday morning. Twenty-four years old—just in the morning of youth, she was hewn down by that dread pneumonia at Wichita, Kansas, where they had moved six months ago. She leaves a host of friends and relatives bowed with grief at their loss.

Mrs. James Chapman and Mrs. Grover Chapman are in Rochester, Minn. Miss Eula Wisman of Moberly is here the guest of her uncles, the Spurlings, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Hickman, after a months sojourn here with Mrs. H's son, R. T. Baker, and her brothers, the Bruce boys, departed to take up their duties at the Masonic Home at Sullivan, Ill.

P. T. Bruce has 25 bu. Early Ohio potatoes, the large mealy kind, just the kind for seed. 1st come, 1st, serve. There are many kinds of love,

As many kinds of light;
And every kind of love
Makes glory in the night;
There's a love that stirs the heart,
And a love that gives it rest,
But the love that leads life upward
Is the noblest and the best.

J. C. Ringo, candidate for County Treasurer.

And they say the peach crop prospect is killed. Jack Frost got it several weeks ago.

John Atkins is a candidate for Constable of Cuivre township. John believes in enforcing all the laws—and that's the kind of official the people want.

U. S. (Boss) Goran, of Cuivre Township, is announced thru the Message this week as a candidate for Sheriff. Boss Goran is all right. He has been tested and found true. He would make a fine county official.

Judge D. H. Harris, who is presiding over the Circuit Court this week, is a good one. The lawyers, litigants, witnesses, and all, have to come at the call. Yelling out the window for a witness, or who not, is now out of date. Punctuality is the slogan. It saves time and money, too.

Albert Price, seven miles southwest of Mexico, has traded his 200 acre farm to Charles Dean for the latter's 172 acre piece one mile southwest of Mexico. Mr. Price some time ago, we understand, refused an offer of \$110 an acre for his farm. The Dean place is adjoining the Pease 90 acre farm which recently sold for \$21,000.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Griffin of this city are home from Lafayette, Ind., where they spent the winter with their children, Rev. Kelly and family.

Sam Morris a 32-degree Mason. He was raised to that sublime degree in St. Louis a few days ago. He wears a beautiful emblem in proof of the fact—a fine specimen of the jeweler's art.

MOLINO LETTER.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Flynt and little daughter, Helen Joe, returned home Thursday from a visit to Halleville.

Mrs. John Heizer and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday in Santa Fe, guests of Mrs. James Camplin.

Miss Crystal Williams returned Friday from a three weeks stay with Mrs. T. J. Davis of Santa Fe.

Mrs. A. J. Cauthorn was the guest of Mrs. H. L. Brown Thursday.

Miss Nannie Ruth Elliott returned to Mexico Monday after spending the week with home folks.

Miss Annabelle Worley of Mexico spent several days the guest of the Misses Fisher.

Miss Blanch Cauthorn spent the week with friends in Mexico.

Miss Crystal Williams has the measles. Only case in the community far as we have heard.

Miss Lillian Flynt, teacher at Ringo, had to close her school for a week or two, every child in school except one has the measles.

Herman Worley and family have moved back to Molino from Callaway. Ira Fisher and family have moved to Dr. Woods house formerly occupied by Will Plybon.

MARTINSBURG NEWS.

Miss Lottie Cornett of Mexico was the guest of Miss Josephine Jacobi Wednesday and Thursday.

R. W. Taylor and Jas. H. Scott, Jr., made a trip to St. Louis Friday.

A. H. Burchard of St. Louis spent the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. D. L. Blanchfield and Mrs. Joe Hughes were in Mexico shopping Monday.

Mrs. Paul W. Risk is visiting relatives in St. Louis this week.

Frank Morfeld of Wellville spent Sunday with H. S. Hilkemeyer here.

Miss Elizabeth Holterman is visiting Miss Anna Cunningham in Montgomery City this week.

Dr. J. C. Blain of Wellsville was transacting business here Monday.

Frank Jacobi is in St. Louis.

Frank Jacobi, Hubert Fennewald, Jos. H. Fennewald, Steve Welschhaus, Joe and Lawrence Murray attended the K. C. banquet at Moberly, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richards are visiting their daughter Mrs. A. H. Whitmore, this week in Mexico.

Mrs. Malissa Moiser went to Wellsville Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Goullie.

Jeff Cornett of Mexico was in town on business Monday.

Frank Fennewald, Fred Gelsker, N. D. Martin, John Gillaspie and C. Carr were business visitors in Mexico Monday.

Dick Stuart of near Laddonia visited friends in town Monday.

POWELL FORD ITEMS.

Plenty of snow. On and gone again. Misses Hattie and Carrie Keenan of Mexico spent last week with their sister, Mrs. Wm. Mason and family. Many friends of Mrs. Lee Barnes are glad that she is improving. Her son, Dr. Noah Barnes, of Idaho, is here with her. Mr. Noble Barnes is able to be up again.

Earl Carter is having a nice lot of hay baled.

Miss Anna McMurtry who teaches at Clark spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMurtry. Mrs. J. P. Powell of Mexico spent first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Milford Berry and M. N. Powell and sister.

Ora Boatman's condition is reported improved.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my friends in Mexico and Rush Hill for many courtesies shown me in my late illness, also I thank the Rush Hill Sunday School for flowers.

HIGH HILL LETTER.

Edgar Sims has moved to Geo. Brown's place south of Gant.

C. E. Sellers delivered hogs at Centralia at 8.25; Frank Berry took hogs Wednesday at 8.30.

Mrs. J. O. Sims is very ill with bronchitis, the doctor was called Monday. Robert Flynt went north Sunday evening but not far.

Eugenia Smith is able to go back to Columbia to school.

Mason is back from the hospital, is getting better. Joe Pullis is home from Centralia.

Lee Miller sold hogs in Centralia Thursday at 8.25. W. P. Barnes sold two loads of hogs at Centralia to Curtright at 8.25.

Bob Farmer and Elza Pullis are breaking a half dozen poung mules and horses.

People here are losing sheep. Mr. Shock lost three. Mr. Lakenan has lost quite a number sheep and lambs.

Our School closes Friday.

Omer Miller has been sick.

Mrs. Edwards is getting better.

Drury Mayes, who died at Centralia March the first, was born and raised in Audrain County near New Hope church and lived there until a few years back. He has many friends here that are sad to hear of his death. It can be truthfully said, a good man is gone. Drury was a true man of God, one that lived his religion every day. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, they will rest from their labors and their works follow them.

Mrs. L. F. Austin and Miss Helen Austin went to Vandalia Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Butts.

Ike McCowan and Stonewall Sanford have bought the Dean & Son's feed and grain business in Mexico.

I. N. Bailey of this county visited his son, Brace Bailey, last week, who is attending Chillicothe Business College.

Wilkerson Nursery & Orchard Co. will have a full and complete line of nursery stock on hands for sale this spring.

Mr. Jay Ray Truesdale and Miss Bettie Sneed, both of Clark, Mo., were married at the home of Rev. I. M. Turnage in Mexico Tuesday of last week.

The Circuses, Hagenbeck-Wallace among them, have gone to cutting out the "wet" towns for their exhibitions. Looks like everything heads toward national prohibition.

The Christian, Methodist and Baptist churches at Centralia are holding a union revival meeting, and at one of the services last Sunday 100 persons "hit the sawdust trail."

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Atkins of Beaver Dam were the surprised at a party that gathered at their home the night of March 4. Music on violin and guitar by Tony Davis and his father. Refreshments were oysters, wafers, cakes, etc. Near 45 pupils were there for a good time.

John Woltering, Barney Woltering, James Dermody, James Quinlan, Jr., Jon Quinlan, Jr., John Hays, Robert Hays, Harvey Kearns, Frank Creagan, John King, Carl Wetland and Rodes Green all of Mexico were initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of Columbus at a meeting at Moberly Sunday.

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O. A. Edison.

DEMOCRATS RESOLVE.

County Committee Holds Meeting in This City.

The County Democratic Central Committee held a meeting in Mexico Friday and were the guests of Col. Fred A. Morris for dinner at the Hoxsey Hotel. Members of the committee present were: Fred A. Morris, chairman; C. A. Davault, secretary; D. M. Stonaker, Fred Detienne, Oscar Smith, Theo Williams and J. H. Sallee.

Tuesday, March 14, was chosen as the date for the County Convention, to be held in Mexico. The convention will convene at 2 p. m.

... Precinct meetings will be held thru out the county on March 11, when 70 delegates to the county convention will be chosen. At the county meeting 13 delegates will be chosen for the State Convention, which is to be held at St. Joseph March 21.

Be it resolved, by the Audrain County Democrats, in session March 3, 1916, that we keenly appreciate the patriotic motives of our Senators, Hon. Wm. J. Stone and Hon. Jas. A. Reed, and our representative in Congress, the Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House, in their stand with President Wilson in this hour of national stress and crisis; that we most heartily commend their action and express our faith in their sincerity of purpose and their ability to cope with a situation that we, as Missourians, are proud of the parts our distinguished representatives are taking in the momentous questions that trouble the government and people of the United States.

The apportionment of delegates to the County Convention is to be on a basis of one delegate and one alternate for every 50 votes or fraction cast for Woodrow Wilson for President. The apportionment will be as follows:

- Canada voting place, two delegates.
- Naylor, two delegates.
- Mexico, First ward, 9 delegates.
- Bengles, two delegates.
- Black, two delegates.
- Crow, two delegates.
- Martinsburg, three delegates.
- Rush Hill, three delegates.
- Vandalia, seven delegates.
- Gant, three delegates.
- Benton City, two delegates.
- Laddonia, three delegates.
- Farber, three delegates.
- Friendship, two delegates.
- Rowena, two delegates.
- Molino, three delegates.
- Edwards, one delegate.
- Thompson, two delegates.
- Mexico, Third ward, 8 delegates.
- Mexico, Second ward, 5 delegates.
- Mexico, Fourth ward, 5 delegates.
- Union, two delegates.
- Macedonia, two delegates.
- Burk, one delegate.
- Burnham, one delegate.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return thanks for the many kindnesses extended to us by our friends and neighbors during the last illness of our husband and father, John P. Keeler, who died Feb. 22, 1916.

The Wife and Children.

Robbers blew open the safe and wrecked the First National Bank at Mounds, Okla., last Saturday and escaped with \$8,000 in money. J. Frank McGee, son of D. G. McGee of this city, is cashier of the bank.

Clarence A. Barnes was in Fulton on legal business last Saturday.

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 \$ Mexico Savings Bank \$
 \$ 44th Year in Business \$
 \$ Capital Stock, \$150,000 \$
 \$ W. W. FRY, President. \$
 \$ J. R. JESSE, Cashier. \$
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REMOVAL SALE!

We have leased the Greer Building and get possession May 1st, and beginning MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, will sell everything, except Farm Tools, at from 10 to 25 per cent discount. We have a large stock and must reduce it before we move. A trial will convince you we mean what we say.

E. E. CANTRELL
 South Side Square