

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

On your label is a date;  
Renew before it is too late.

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## GIRLS OFFER FOR "PREPAREDNESS"

Are to Go to Washington and are to Be The Guests of Speaker Champ Clark of The House.

Vandalia, Mo., April 16.—Not to be outdone by men in advancing the country's preparedness program, Missouri's fairest daughters are beginning to offer their services for relief work "at a moment's notice" in the event of war.

Appreciating the fact that the country's women will be needed to do their "mite" if a call to arms results from the present crisis, Miss Ruby Turner of Vandalia and Miss Helen Lovell of Louisiana, Mo., have enrolled in the National Service School under the women's section of the Navy Service League.

These two patriotic young women from Speaker Champ Clark's district are now in Washington, D. C., to attend the National D. A. R. Convention. Miss Turner is there as a delegate from the Jonathan Pettibone Chapter at Louisiana.

Miss Turner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Turner of Vandalia, and Miss Lovell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovell of Louisiana.

The two young women expect to attend a session of Congress as the Speaker's guests.

"It is just as necessary for the women of the nation to be prepared to do their part in case of trouble as it is necessary that the men and the nation itself be prepared," was the gist of the sentiment expressed by the girls.

We call attention to the announcement of D. M. Slonaker for County Representative in this issue of the Message.

### SCREEN DOORS.

WE have a Good Line of Screen Doors and can supply you at right Prices. They will please you.

THE BOOSTER STORE.

We learn that Mrs. W. Hafner of near Worcester has been quite sick.

H. Hassan, native of Amassar, near Beyrouth, Lebanon, in Syria, gave a talk before the class in Sunday School at the Presbyterian church that contained an interesting sketch of Mt. Lebanon, and an account of old-time customs of the people of the ancient Biblical countries. The picture he showed the class showed his native town nestled at the foot of the great Mt. Lebanon, famed for the fine cedars that went toward the building of the temple at Jerusalem. Talks from people so familiar with the historic lands are rare and, I am sure, highly appreciated.

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Mrs. Sam Bise, southeast of Mexico, has the care of 200 young chicks, and has also set 200 goose eggs.

### EASTER DISPLAY

at The Vogue.

Successor to Miss Rosamond.

### BELCHER-LUCKMAN.

Mr. Sherwood Belcher, a prosperous grocery merchant of Columbia, and Miss Hylda Luckman, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Luckman of Mexico were married in Moberly, Rev. Smith of the Christian church officiating. Many friends extend the happy couple best wishes.

## WINS VALUABLE HOG AS PRIZE

Our excellent friend, P. T. Bruce, of Thompson, has been awarded first prize in the Poland China letter contest conducted by The Missouri Ruralist. The letter will appear in the April 20th issue of said paper. Mr. G. E. Petty of Versailles, Mo., Morgan county, contributed the first prize—a pure-bred gilt, farrowed Sept. 13, 1915; weight now 240 to 275 pounds, and valued at from \$50 to \$100.

The contest was open to all "Missouri Ruralist" readers, and all the letters of last year's Poland China contest were eligible in this year's test also.

The following letter is from John F. Case, editor of the Ruralist, under date of April 13, 1916:

My Dear Mr. Bruce:—I take pleasure in informing you that you have been awarded the first prize in the Poland China letter contest. Your letter will appear in the April 20th issue of The Missouri Ruralist. I have notified Mr. Petty in regard to the award but it is possible he will not care to send the gilt to you until after the letter appears. I know that you are going to get a gilt that you will prize highly.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. CHASE.

The Message congratulates Mr. Bruce in his success as a letter writer and for the fine prize he gets. He has won a distinction worth while.

### MISS ELAINE MILLER WINS.

At the Booster Contest at Cantrell's the judges, C. F. Lange, D. L. Morton, and Ran Kendall, awarded first prize to Miss Elaine Miller, with 785 sentences written on the postcard.

Annie B. Selb came in second with 687 sentences. Mrs. Frank Pimpell, 3rd, with 640 sentences, Clarence B. Ecton, 4th, 598 sentences, Fletcher Powell, 5th, 552 sentences. Some skill in close writing, all write right.

### NORTH MOLINO.

Rain Saturday night, followed by a cool wave, hard on early gardens.

Rev. Henry Neighbours will preach at Molino Baptist church next Saturday night, April 22nd.

Mrs. John Cauthorn has purchased a new phonograph.

We are sorry Joseph Wilson is so seriously ill with pneumonia. Thad Bouliware who has had a serious attack of pneumonia is improving.

Clay Berry of Mexico was out on his Youngs Creek farm several days.

L. W. Jones, on the Duncan farm, has been quite sick but is better now.

Neva and Paul Cauthorn are guests of J. A. Cauthorn, also Mrs. Nannie Williams and her son, Groves.

John Goodrich has his grist mill in fine shape. Grinds meal and chicken feed. We know where to send.

We are told that measles victims in Fisher district are all about well.

Mrs. R. Hurd and Miss Carrie were guests of Mrs. Geo. Goodrich Sunday.

Among those who have tried for Berea School are Mr. Langmeyer of Monroe City, Miss Styles of near Strother, Miss Deans of Worcester, Miss Cotrell of Hardin College.

Mrs. David Beam of Santa Fe visited her daughter, Mrs. Marion Worley of Mexico Thursday and Friday.

Wedding bells will soon again ring. This is leap year, remember.

### EASTER DISPLAY

at The Vogue.

Successor to Miss Ida Rosamond.

Frank James southeast of Mexico lately is laid up with rheumatism.

Joseph Wilson of Molino is reported very ill of pneumonia.

## WOOD CRAFT STORY FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

### Third Story.

Old Brother Rabbit is the finest fellow, he is so good and kind around the house. If there were any wood to carry or water to bring from the spring, he would do it with a smile, just like a good boy does when he wants to help mother. But, you see, Brother and Sister Rabbit don't have to carry water, for he always remains with the children while she goes to get a drink and when she returns then Brother Rabbit goes for a drink. Neither do they have to build a fire for Mother Nature has given them the nicest, warmest fur overcoat, and it is always thick enough for Sister Rabbit to pull a few handfuls out to line the nest, and she doesn't miss it. She has also given them warm fur boots and they love to run about right after it has snowed, before anyone has been out except the field mouse who always leaves the print of his tail in the snow. Brother Rabbit loves to make tracks and little paths that the boys are so fond of following. Brother Rabbit is very sharp, too, for he always puts his hind feet in front when he travels and sticks his front feet back between his hind legs, to make his tracks look like he is coming, when, really and truly, he is just going. He is such a happy little fellow. He would love to get acquainted with the boys, but he has seen them shoot the young robins with their yellow spotted breast, which, if they would let them live, would become a beautiful red breast before long.

The other day as Brother Rabbit passed the Coon tree he heard something like this, "It's my time to hide, you always want the best of everything." It sounded very much like the Coon children. The Possum children replied, "We will take our acorn marbles and go home." About that time hot words were exchanged between Brother Coon and Brother Possum. The result was, Brother Terrapin suggested they settle the question with a fight. This just suited the Coon who is always ready for a scrap, but the little Red Squirrel said, "Shame on you, Brother Terrapin, I thought you were a friend of Brother Possum." But Brother Terrapin just winked and whispered something to Red Squirrel. The result was Brother Terrapin was to make all the arrangements and at the appointed time he led the bragging Coon and the shrinking Possum to the battle ground. The little folk of the forest arrayed themselves on fallen logs to witness the battle. The funniest thing of all was, they were going to fight it out in a hollow log just large enough for them to crawl in.

Red Squirrel dropped a hickory nut as a signal and in they went. For awhile not a sound could be heard, but after a little bit the voice of Brother Coon was heard to say, "Let go of my ear. Ouch, you are choking me. You know I can't fight unless I am on my back; I believe this is a put up job."

Brother Brown Bear took the log in his arms and shook them both to the ground and the fight ended with Brother Coon beating a hasty retreat.

Brother Rabbit who was walking home with Brother Muskrat remarked, "It doesn't always pay to take up children's quarrels." To which the Muskrat replied, "That's so, Brother Rabbit, that's so."

L. R. Ferris.

## KICKED BY HORSE.

Died Shortly After—Body Brought Here For Burial.

Matthew (Mat) Shoup, 72 years old, who visited six weeks recently in Mexico and vicinity, died Saturday morning at Hymore, South Dakota, his home, after being kicked by a horse. He had lived in Dakota 30 years and owned a fine ranch at Hymore, dealing quite extensively in draft horses.

Charles Shoup, a brother, departed Saturday afternoon to bring the body here for burial.

Mr. Shoup was a bachelor. He leaves the following brothers: Chas. H., Harry, Mike C., Clyde, Wilbur and Edgar Shoup, all of this county. A sister, Mrs. E. B. Norris, died in Mexico a few years ago.

leaves the following brothers: Mike Shoup, Mexico; F. M. Shoup, near Mexico; Edgar Shoup, Montana; Harry Shoup, near Rush Hill; Wilbur Shoup, near Laddonia; Charlie Shoup,

near Mexico, and Clyde Shoup, Endicott, Wash. He was the oldest of eight brothers. Three sisters died some years ago—Mrs. E. B. Norris, Mexico; Mrs. R. L. Day, Laddonia; and Miss Della Shoup died at home.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Littleby Methodist church conducted by Rev. Henry Neighbours.

E. M. Crooks, down near Worcester, has 10 acres of corn planted and has sown 150 acres of oats. Oats up fine. He shipped two cars of fat cattle to the St. Louis market yesterday. They cost him \$6.10 and he thinks they should bring him some good money.

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

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

Third Missouri District of Baptist Women's Missionary Society close Interesting Session of Two Days. The Third Missouri District Women's

en' Missionary Convention held at the Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday was attended by more than 100 delegates from various parts of the State. An interesting program was carried out. Sunday evening, the closing session, was marked by a pageant of young women students of Hardin College, Mexico, and Stephens College, Columbia. The Pageant was participated in by 60 young ladies and was representative of the mission field in seven different countries.

Addresses were made by Mrs. Trueblood of St. Louis, Mrs. J. A. Guthrie and J. W. Millon; the principal address being from Dr. H. E. Truex of St. Louis, Secretary of the State Mission Board.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. O. Olin Green and Mrs. Trueblood were hostesses at a tea for the visiting delegates. Monday morning the Audrain County Baptists met to arrange for "The Efficiency Campaign" which starts the first of June.

See our \$2.98 Specials, Easter Hats. JURGENSEN.

The Centralia City Council passed an ordinance that bars carnivals and shows of that nature.

See our \$2.98 Specials in Easter Hats. JURGENSEN.

See our \$2.98 Specials, EASTER HATS. JURGENSEN.

Rev. Henry Neighbours will preach at Mt. Zion church, Molino, Sunday night.

McMillan Base Ball team plays Montgomery City on the M. M. A. field at 3:30 this afternoon.

Miss Sarah E. Devaney of Kansas City, Mo., will spend Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Devaney, near Rush Hill. Miss Sarah has an important position as stenographer in the city.

Mrs. Emma Davidson at Rush Hill has been quite sick.

## AUCTION OF Furniture and Rugs

Saturday, 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

## GREER'S GOODS MUST BE CLOSED OUT BY MAY 1ST

C. T. Howard, of near Moberly, was here last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Ester McDonough, and to see that new grandson in the McDonough home.

Special prices on Easter Hats. Hats in endless variety at Mrs. Pasqueth's. All styles and all colors.

Ethel Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Bob Paige and Joe Geisel, all of Laddonia, located at Mussai Shell, Mont., recently. We understand they are not pleased with the country Joe Geisel has returned.

## FORMER MEXICO GIRL A WINNER

Miss Annette Smith won the debate in the high school contest last Friday night on the subject, Resolved, That Missouri should adopt the system of rural credits advocated by the Gardner Land Bank Bill. Miss Smith defended the negative side and the points she made would have sent cold chills down the back of Fred D. Gardner had he heard her denounce his bill and point out more reasons against it than Cornelius Roach possesses. Virgil Buzbee upheld the bill.

Miss Smith will represent the high school at the General Missouri Teachers' Association in Warrensburg next week. She does not know which side of the question she will have to debate in the State meet—says the Boonville (Mo.) Central-Republican.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith, formerly of Mexico, and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Smith here.

There were nine boys in the debate and Miss Smith was the only girl contestant. She is a successful debater. She won second in the debate at Warrensburg, speaking on the affirmative side of the question mentioned above. She is a product of the Mexico schools, getting her first inspirations for school work here, and the Mexico girls and boys never fail to gather distinction for themselves.

L. R. Ferris, president of the Commercial Club, has appointed Col. Fred Morris, Nate Phillip and C. P. Malone as a committee on trade extension for Mexico.

## LISTEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

Whether you live in town or in the country the Audrain County Sunday School Association would like to have you attend Sunday School.

They think the Organized Class will help you in your work and cause you to be more interested in other schools and in our County Convention which is held each year.

If you would like to organize your class and secure the certificate which makes you a part of the great International Sunday School Association, and also learn about many things an organized class may do write to the "Teen-age Superintendent" in care of the Message.

## HIGH HILL LETTER.

Rev. White of Martinsburg filled his appointment at New Hope the 1st. Mrs. Bill Wilmott is home from Columbia where she was treated for cancer. She is now doing fine.

Mr. Gosatch and grandson of Indiana are here visiting friends.

Mrs. Hernden and Virginia Boyd, sisters of Mrs. Elmer Shock, visited here last week.

J. G. Lakenan is at the farm this week. Mrs. Lizzie Beatty is in Kansas City being treated for cancer of the breast.

Dr. Todd will move to Centralia in the near future. He has rented the Dr. McCallister office.

The illness of Margaret Pulis called W. T. Pulis and Mrs. B. F. Pulis recently. B. F. and wife were in Centralia Tuesday. W. D. is having his house re-covered, by Campbell & Roland.

James Reed of Centralia will move to the Reed farm near Gant.

Lora Shock has been quite sick. Misses Marie, Sarah and Elsie Sims visited their grandparents Sunday, P. H. Turner and wife.

## LAWN MOWERS.

We are overstocked on Lawn Mowers and are selling them at a big reduction to save money on them.

THE BOOSTER STORE.