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## The Pike's Peak Region of Colorado

Wonders of Red Rock Canon—To Conserve Food—The Hoe and The Flag—A Word for Mexico Friends.

Mrs. F. C. Zaugg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beal of this city, who was a former teacher in the Mexico Schools, has written the following letter to her parents here:

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 17, 1917. Dear Father and Mother:

We had such a delightful trip yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Siegle Northrup, formerly of Centralia, and their daughter, Mrs. Chester Perry, and little son, Vincil, of Kansas City, joined us for a hike thru Red Rock Canon, a beautiful place a mile west of our home.

I had seen nearly all of the more noted canons always pointed out to tourists but had never heard much of Red Rock Canon until very recently, so I was surprised to find its wild beauty as much to my liking as the wonders found in the others.

The entrance is near opposite the road leading to the Garden of the Gods. The rock formation is similar to that in the Garden. One is surely a continuation of the other.

The giant walls of rock on both sides, which would make fine barriers for a line of German soldiers, are a shade between an old rose and a yellow vermillion, in the sunlight very brilliant, in the shadow a rich gray.

Here and there, where a foothold is possible, a pine tree clings closely to the steep sides, its roots often bursting the rock in places.

At one time this was probably a molten mass in the earth. The color of the soil is a smoky red and looks as if it had been burned. Many small loose rocks are crumbling to red powder. It reminds one of brick dust. They tell me this red sandy dust can put one over on the "Gold Dust Twins," so I may, when times get hard, send my friends in Mexico a package of this wonderful cleanser.

We walked by a stream of clear cold water, a mirror for the white-limbed cotton-woods which are the most common tree here excepting the Pine Tree Family. This water comes rushing from the melting snows on the mountains beyond. It is the finest drinking water to be had. In many places one finds large reservoirs into which the water is always flowing and from which all of the Pike's Peak region is supplied.

It is a very common sight to see a fence sprinkling a lawn or garden. This watering has to be done twice daily and where the gardens are large the people put that job off on the fences for they never get tired and haven't much else to do. These fences are of pipes with openings at regular intervals which spout out like fountains when the water is turned on.

Nearly all the streets have irrigation ditches at the curbing. From these the water may flow in under the lawns.

The wind was blowing a gale when we started but the high rock walls protected us. We found a sheltered nook between rocks where we built our fire and ate lunch in perfect calm and sunshine.

Any of my little school friends in Mexico know how fond I am of the first spring flowers in the woods, for we had so many good times together picking violets. How I wished for all of you when, in our climbing around, we suddenly came upon myriads of anemones, delicate lavender blossoms opening their dainty faces to the sun. They grow close to the ground, and wear fuzzy jackets on their stems to keep warm.

As we gathered bunches of anemones we could see in the distant mountains a heavy snow-storm and Mrs. John W. Gregory.

J. A. Reighley and family and J. vancing. Soon no mountains could be seen, only the clouds of falling whiteness. It was quite a novelty to me to gather wild flowers and watch a snow-storm at the same time.

We found a quarry where the great machines had cut out the rock. They use no dynamite. Great drills and saws leave the surface smooth and regular in shape. Many houses here are made of this stone—it gives a beautiful effect. They have built of this material in other States but

found that in other altitudes the stone loses its delicate coloring.

Colorado Springs is making garden this week. We are late, aren't we, but we didn't want our seeds snowed under or frozen up. The daily rains began last Friday, the first shower I've seen since I left Missouri last October. One thinks a terrible storm is coming judging by the fast rolling clouds and the angry look of the mountains but it is soon over, the sun bright and streets dry and clean.

Everyone here is intense upon showing his patriotism with hoe as well as flag. A flag waves from nearly every house but the hoe and seed packages reign supreme in the back yard. Many people are leaving town to rent small ranches where they will grow potatoes and meat.

Our stores were emptied last week by the sudden demand for flour and sugar, but the people are now realizing how selfish it is to grab food away from those who haven't a ten dollar piece ahead and who most likely will not have very soon.

Our schools are also superintending home-gardening thru the children. I think it only right that the children are given a share in the work of the nation. Led by members of the National Guard, with flags waving from every hand and with their young voices swelling the volume of "America", 5,000 students of the City schools, from the grades to Colorado College, will participate in a patriotic parade thru the business section this afternoon. The parade is under the auspices of the D. A. R. I shall think of the Mexico children when I see them.

Later—I wanted to add to that school parade comments how I was impressed by the way the children marched eight deep and no teachers trying to keep the lines straight—they did it and the turning of square corners well by themselves. It looked funny to me to see the squad of black boys and girls, well behaved, well dressed and looking as well as they ought.

The Boy Scouts of the Pike's Peak Region are having great times now. With the Springs as headquarters, they are being organized 500 strong in such a way as will be of inestimable value to the preparedness program of the community.

I was glad to hear of the reorganization of the Camp Fire Girls at Mexico. Under the leadership of Miss Cunningham and Miss Threlkeld they may find definite work to do at this critical time. Success to the Camp.

Mrs. F. C. Zaugg.

**ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.**  
The Christian Endeavor Societies of the Fifth District, including Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Osage, Davies, Linn, and Marion counties, are to hold a convention in Mexico June 26, 27 and 28. About 100 delegates are expected.

The joke is Uncle Rufus Pearson. Uncle Rufus is near 90 years young and can't focus an enemy when he is attacked as easily as he used to. The other day a big green fly came hitting him hard dabs about the face. He hit back, but Mr. Fly dodged and Uncle's hand came with a hard smote against the side of the window. That hand is quite badly crippled and Uncle says the flies may eat up the whole place hereafter if they want to—he is opposed to war anyway.

**Our Optometrist Says**  
That it is astonishing the great number of children who possess eyes incapable of school work. Education is based principally on the use of the eyes. If these be deficient the chief base of learning is hampered. Don't allow these defects to go on uncorrected—it may prove serious. The advice of our Optometrist may be fully relied upon.

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With the disfiguring seam or hump

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## Dr. Wiley's Proposed War-time Bill of Fare

Establish immediately two meatless days a week.

Prohibit the use of grain in the manufacture of whiskey and beer.

Prohibit milling of white flour or "refined cornmeal."

Compel use of whole wheat flour and whole corn meal.

Taboo polished rice; substitute the unpolished—and healthier.

These are, epitomized, some of the hints in the war diet which Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, original pure food exponent, gives to the Nation. Such a war diet as Doctor Wiley proposes would not only conserve the Nation's food supply immeasurably but it would result in a far healthier Nation. Dr. Wiley contends.

"In milling white flour," Doctor Wiley said, "we throw away nearly one-third of the grain. By milling whole wheat we can turn two bushels into as much flour as three bushels now make.

"Whole wheat flour is far more wholesome than white, for it contains all the vital elements that have been taken from white flour.

"We eat meat to supply the vital

elements which have been thrown out of our bread. If we will keep them in the bread we can get along with less meat.

"American distilleries and breweries use enough grain every year to feed 12 million people—one-eighth of America's population.

"Manufacture of white flour and refined corn meal wastes enough to feed 25 million more.

"Those who eat whole grains, such as oat meal, wheat and corn, don't need so much meat.

"It's poor economy to do without potatoes and other vegetables, even though their price may be high.

"It's a mistake to eat rice as a substitute for potatoes. Polished rice is little better than poison, and in many cities it's impossible to buy unpolished rice.

"I urge everyone to eat less sugar, because sugar is a fuel that only those working at day labor can use without harm.

"And above all, I advise plenty of pure milk for the children of the Nation. There is no better food than milk."

### CHILDREN TO HELP.

**Will Grow Gardens—To Conserve The Food Products of The County**

—All Land to Be Tilled.

The boys and girls of Audrain county are to help win the war—to help fill their own mouths and the mouths of others. County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson has appointed persons in each school district to help him organize and oversee this work. There are to be no idle boys and girls. They are to be formed into clubs, the boys to raise corn and other crops and the girls to give their attention to vegetables. The parents are earnestly asked to co-operate in all this work.

A man from the Agricultural College at Columbia will be in the county for a week and lend his support. The leaders Mr. Johnson has appointed are as follows:

M. C. Thomas, Vandalia P. O., Vandalia district.  
F. A. Daniels, Vandalia P. O., New Michigan district.  
W. S. Boyd, Vandalia, Boyd.  
J. W. Humphrey, Vandalia, Prairie Mound.

O. S. Miller, Farber, East Lick.  
H. L. Hickman, Laddonia, Bear Slough.  
W. O. Hostetter, Vandalia, Prairie Hill.  
L. E. Morris, Farber, Farber.  
Miss Beulah Hagan, Laddonia, Oak Grove.

W. C. Shoup, Laddonia, West Lick.  
S. T. Torreyson, Rush Hill, McClintic.  
J. C. DeLaporte, Laddonia, Laddonia.  
W. W. Braden, Laddonia, Elm Bend.

Frank Wilfley, Laddonia, Ringo.  
Marston W. Beamer, Molino, Fisher.  
Miss May Hofrehter, Molino, Botts.

R. T. Byars, Mexico, Bean Creek.  
W. I. Britt, Rush Hill, Dye.  
O. F. Hafner, Rush Hill, Beagles.  
Wm. Hollingsworth, Mexico, Hazel.  
Cladye W. Ellis, Molino, Ellis.  
James Crawford, Mexico, Bryan.  
Robert Powell, Mexico, Duly.

J. J. Wakefield, Mexico, Sneed.  
T. B. Ridgeway, Molino, Molino.  
Lewis Callaway, Thompson, Centralia.

Miss Kate Sievers, Centralia, Goodwater.  
J. T. Shoush, Centralia, Naylor.  
Doyt Miller, Thompson, Fox.  
Elmer Gatewood, Thompson, Gatewood.

D. W. Walker, Centralia, Excelsior.  
W. A. Johnston, Centralia, Friendship.  
Halleck Bland, Centralia, Lawson.  
T. J. Arnold, Centralia, Burnham.  
A. C. Brockman, Centralia, Strother.

Benjamin Burkey, Clark, Sames.  
Mrs. T. B. Robinson, Clark, Poland.  
J. F. Brundige, Clark, Macedonia.  
R. L. Barnes, Clark, Pisgah.  
Mrs. Edna Gorman, Sturgeon, Canada.

I. D. Crosswhite, Centralia, Pine.  
W. T. Northcutt, Centralia, Daniels.  
Wm. Creasey, Centralia, Skull Lick.  
F. M. Marsh, Centralia, Harrison.  
B. B. Daniel, Centralia, Highland.  
J. L. Miller, Centralia, High Hill.

A. L. Gallip, Centralia, Pleasant Green.  
C. W. Wilson, Centralia, Payne.  
E. M. Morris, Mexico, Hurdle.  
W. A. McMurtry, Mexico, Carter.  
B. B. Barr, Mexico, Maple Grove.  
Ed. Pearl, Thompson, Sims.  
O. B. Davis, Mexico, Jesse.  
H. Pryor, Mexico, Mexico.  
R. C. Barkley, Rush Hill, Hedge Dale.

Mark Pierce, Mexico, Lawder.  
E. W. Lierheimer, Benton City, Erisman.  
W. R. Thompson, Laddonia, Caithorn.  
R. F. Dye, Benton City, Rush Hill.  
Will Ray, Benton City, Eureka.  
W. P. Kennedy, Laddonia, Edwards.

J. F. Parker, Laddonia, Hickory Grove.  
G. L. Williams, Laddonia, Black.  
J. J. Johnson, Laddonia, Cornet.  
Jesse Lofton, Wellsville, Hall.  
G. R. Mosley, Gazette, Culwell.  
W. E. Lewellen, Vandalia, Pleasant Plains.  
J. R. Gatewood, Vandalia, Crow.  
O. B. Lease, Gazette, Carter.  
Albert Davis, Martinsburg, Fennelwald.

J. E. Northcutt, Benton City, Prairie Chapel.  
Amos Harris, Martinsburg, Chapel Grove.  
R. L. Brown, Benton City, South Liberty.  
Miss Sallie Crane, Martinsburg, Crane.

Julius Kreiger, Martinsburg, Martinsburg.  
Miss Blanche White, Mexico, Liberty.  
George Watts, Mexico, Jackson.  
J. E. Stratton, Benton City, Benton City.  
J. H. Stumpf, Benton City, Sunrise.  
Mrs. E. C. Nieman, Mexico, Stauffer.

J. W. Hamilton, Mexico, Washington.  
John Kane, Mexico, Cedar Grove.  
Hiram Threlkeld, Mexico, Beaver Dam.  
Rothwell Crews, Mexico, Eller.  
A. J. Crum, Mexico, Union.  
S. C. Groves, Mexico, Hisey.  
B. A. Smith, Thompson, Gant.  
James Offutt, Mexico, Burke.  
J. A. White, Thompson, Flynt.

**POWELL FORD.**  
Wm. Mason is shearing his big flock of sheep.  
Wallace Johnson had his sheep sheared last week. Several more in this neighborhood have some to be sheared.

M. N. Powell purchased a load of corn of Grover Dowell recently.  
W. A. McMurtry purchased an Overland car last week.  
Miss Joe Powell, of Auxvasse, is the guest of N. M. Powell and sister.

Mrs. Alex Kemp spent a few days in Mexico with relatives last week.  
Miss Emma McMurtry, who teaches in this district, will close her 8-months term of school next Friday.

Some have had lettuce out of their gardens and plenty of onions and greens.  
Farmers are busy plowing for corn. All are glad to see Hobart Cook home again.

Many from Mexico attended Rally Day last Sunday at Rising Sun.

**MEXICO BUSINESS COLLEGE**  
C. L. Padgett, B. A., President and Manager of St. Charles Business College, writes The Message that he has definitely decided to open a "Business University and Night School" in Mexico May 8th.

The course will be as thorough and complete as can be had in any business college anywhere.  
Mr. Padgett will let the public know more about his school thru the press later.

**FROM KANSAS.**  
L. R. Torreyson, near Independence, Kas., in remitting for The Message, adds this little note:  
"We are having nice weather. A little dry. Our corn is coming up nicely. Wheat looking well"

**NOTICE, MEN!**  
Buy your spring suit at Glasgow Tailors for \$15. sw

**GIVE \$60,000.00.**  
Sam Morris attended the Mystic Shryners meeting in St. Louis last week. The Shryners had planned a great meeting at Minneapolis this year, the preparations for which would have cost about \$60,000, but they withdrew the plans and will give the \$60,000 to forward the Red Cross movement in this country.

## ELD. W. H. HOOK.

The "Last Dance in Slaughter Neighborhood"—Mrs. Kemp's Baptism—John Gordon's Political Success.

Chapter VI.—We finally moved into Mexico. Rented a home in Northwest Mexico, and we were settled for a while—out of the reach of snakes.

I had some more work at Slaughter, or, rather, Dye, School House. My first work, the first after I had moved to town, now began.

We were in the midst of a political campaign. Saturday before, my meeting began they had a political meeting. The principal speakers were C. T. Quisenberry and John Gordon. They were seeking the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain County. It was a great gathering. And I had a good opportunity to announce my meeting for the next day, Sunday. In passing I will say, Gordon was elected, and Brother Quisenberry was a fearfully disappointed man. But both have gone home to Heaven many years ago.

We had a great gathering under the arbor where they had music and dancing. When the dancing had lulled for a moment I stepped upon the platform and made a short speech. I told them that there had been a time in my life when I loved the dance and the ball room, but that the time for such trifles with me was now over. I made announcement for my meeting the next day. I extended an invitation to all to attend the meeting.

That was the last dance in that neighborhood, to my knowledge. I had preached at 11 o'clock and gave out an invitation. Two came to the front, two old people—old Uncle Wesley Kemp and his companion. The meeting went on several days. Many turned to the Lord and confessed Him before men.

We made arrangements for baptizing. Old Mother Kemp was a very large lady, weighing about 300 or 350 pounds, and she had not walked without her crutches for years. She had with her her rocking chair. She sat in the chair and Brother John Dye and W. B. Canterbury, two strong men, took hold of the chair, one on either side, and carried her into the water and I baptized her as nicely as anyone could ask. Then the old gentleman and a number of others were immersed.

I continued to preach in the school house until the building of Rock Hill Church, the house where Rev. J. R. Patton and myself held the only debate ever held in that neighborhood. Will tell about it later on.

(To be continued.)

**HARDIN GRADUATES.**  
Twenty-three in All—Twelve in Literary Course, Four in Piano, Two Each in Voice, Expression, Home Economics, and One in Art.

Hardin College will graduate 23 young women this year. The list is as follows:  
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## Audrain County Sunday Schools

Striving to Meet The Points Set for Last Year—Dates for Township Conventions.

The Audrain County Interdenominational Sunday School Association has almost arrived at the goal for 1917 set last year at the County Convention in Martinsburg. This was brought to light at the recent "Efficiency Conference" held in Mexico.

Dates have been set for the township meetings to be held between now and the County Meeting, which is to be held at Rush Hill early in June.

The dates for these meetings and the places where they will be held are as follows:

April 29, Wilson Township, at Skinner.  
May 6, Loure and South Linn townships, at Benton City Christian Church.

May 13, Prairie and North Linn townships, at Laddonia.  
May 20, Saling township, at Macedonia.

May 24, Culvre township, at Mt. Olivet.  
May 27, Salt River township, at Bethel.

Audrain County ranks eighth in efficiency in the State and to reach the standard set last year it is necessary for the following townships to add the classes given after their names: Prairie, one cradle roll, two home departments.  
Saling, one cradle roll, two organized classes, one teacher training.  
Salt River, one cradle roll.  
Loure, two cradle rolls.

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