

PURDY SAYS:
Why let so many of your little chickens die when Conkley's Butter-talk starting feed will save practically all of them?

L. E. Holbrook, down Laddonia way, was a business caller at The Message headquarters one day last week.

R. C. Leritz, a substantial Audrain county farmer, is a new Message subscriber.

Mrs. Mary E. Seckler of near Martinsburg honored The Message with a pleasant business call Friday.

St. John's Catholic Church at Laddonia will give a big picnic on Labor Day, September 3rd. Hon. John L. Sullivan, Secretary of State, at Jefferson City, will be the chief speaker.

Rev. O. O. Green and family left this week for Richmond, Ky., where Mr. Green becomes pastor of the Baptist Church.

Rev. J. M. Hornback will fill his regular appointment at Trinity Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

If you have been dodging the army draft and failed to register, Uncle Sam will get you. Your name will be reported to the Prosecuting Attorney. The other honest fellows are not dodging; line up and march with them.

Eli Nichols and that promising young son of his, who is bigger than his dad but whom the draft will not catch for two or three years yet, from down near Martinsburg, were in to see the Message Friday.

Seed rye for sale. W. R. Thompson, Laddonia, Mo.

Lieutenant Hulén of Centralia was a visitor in Mexico this week. He returns to Fort Riley to assist in training the boys who respond to the first call of the draft.

Clark Gibbs and Jesse Gibbs are rustivating in Excelsior Springs.

Gasoline has jumped again. Gone up one cent on the gallon. Conservists ask that you cut out all joy rides.

Dr. VanSlike left for Camp Cody, New Mexico, this week, where he becomes an army veterinarian, ranking as Lieutenant. He was a very popular young man in Mexico. The Government will find him a faithful officer.

Farmers in Boone County will increase their wheat acreage this fall from 25 to 50 percent.

MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA.
Miss Anna Fikenscher, formerly of Mexico, a niece of Mrs. T. J. Roberts here, was married a few days ago to Mr. Ralph H. Walker, a young attorney, of Visalia, Calif.

Mrs. H. C. Black and children of Slater visited Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Black here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Harriett Zaugg of Centralia spent Tuesday in Mexico the guest of friends. Miss Harriett has just returned from a pleasant visit with the Beasleys, relatives in St. Joseph, Mo.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
There will be English services at St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. The sermon topic will be: Why man cannot be saved by the Ten Commandments. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services. The church is located on 1100 N. Olive St.
Watch the Mexico Message for English sermon announcements. Anyone desiring information in regard to the teachings of the Lutheran Church kindly call on or write to the pastor, Wm. H. Gherke, Rush Hill, Missouri.

GO TO RHODE ISLAND.
Five Mexico boys—Herbert Plunkett, Gideon Powell, Garrett Barnes, Hugh Williams, Daniel C. Mildred and Cecil Roy Watts, volunteers for the Navy, were notified to report in St. Louis Monday morning. From St. Louis they go to the Navy School of Training at Newport, Rhode Island.

L. W. Roberts and family have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bartels at Victoria, Mo.

WANTED: at once, switchboard operator at the Molino Exchange. Two acres of ground and good house furnished.

P. H. Cauthorn, Secretary.

THE WEATHER.
Remarkably cool of late—mercury registering as low as 54—an unusual record for August time. Trying to rain, too, for more'n a week.

SKINNER LETTER.
Protracted Meetings—Schools Opening—\$25 Hogs Predicted—Corn Crop Prospect Better.

Skinner, Mo., August 27.—The Mexico Chautauqua is numbered with the past. Many of our people attended at least part of the program. This week the Chautauqua will be on at Centralia. No doubt many of our people will attend that also. The Chautauqua seems to be growing in favor, as the crowds would indicate.

The protracted meeting at Maple Grove closed with several additions to the church.

The protracted meeting at Bethlehem grows in spirit as the days pass and the good sermons and singing peel forth and make the welkin ring. With present prospects the meeting will be a success. Rev. White, the father of our pastor, is holding the meeting, ably assisted by Prof. Harrison, the forceful gospel singer. Everyone cordially invited to come, and lend a helping hand.

The protracted meeting begins at Midway tonight, Monday. A new piano is installed, we are predicting a successful effort will result.

Quite a crowd at the ice-cream social at Strother school Saturday.

Henry D. Yoder of Kalona, Iowa, is here the guest of his father-in-law, John Douglass, and family the past fortnight.

Miss McCormick of Centralia is the guest of Miss Hattie Boyle.

Miss Mary Stowers visited friends and relatives in Mexico past week and took in the Chautauqua's entire program.

Eugenia Dickerson, wife and baby, visited here tendays. Dickerson is one of our boys of whom we feel quite proud, he continually yields to the front. His wife, an attractive woman, is part an Indian girl. He at present is County Farm Advisor in Okla., at \$2,000 a year. Success attends him.

Messrs Gordon of Rochester, N.Y., and Wm. Neale of Eastern Kansas, were here in quest of their brother, George I. Neale, and family. Gordon held a position with the Educational World at \$250 per month and resigned to enter the Officers' Recruiting Station at the above named place, at only \$100 per month.

Joseph Pickett and wife of Columbia were here Sunday the guests of Judge Spurling and of Mrs. W. H. DeJarnett. They returned by auto.

Brink Bros. of Hallsville are finishing up the threshing on North Prairie. They have a gasoline outfit and move things. Ready to move in 15 minutes and set in same time.

Mr. Farthing, of Columbia, is finishing up the threshing northwest of here. He also makes things hum.

The old reliable thresher man, Chas. Dickey, will in all probability finish his run in ten days. He's had a big run here within a radius of 2 or 3 miles and would have been thru had not the helpful showers come to bless us in other ways.

Corn crop looks 40 per cent better than a few weeks back. Changed from lean fodder to good ears on the stalk. With more rain many nubbins will be spoiled and good ears take the place. We will raise two-thirds crop compared with what we might have had had it rained a month sooner.

Hogs reached the \$20 per cwt. mark Tuesday. Then took a little tumble but are regaining. Horace and Emmett Mundy are a load of their own breeding on a high market day. Few fat hogs in the county, head the high price. The best farnings is the west in the history of our country. A ton of experience paid \$25 per cwt hogs before winter passes.

Rural Schools begin soon. Miss Mildred Cook at Gatewood Sept. 3rd, Miss Sudie Winn at Fox and Miss Beattie Day at Duly the same day. The Goodwater school with Katie Sievers and Central with Miss Tawles The Molino school with Will Cauthorn and Sneed in her new and up-to the minute school house with Miss Ruth Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. DeJarnatt and Zelena Kaylor, Mrs. Zella Spurling and son, McD., Mr. and Mrs. Wes Murphy, attended the Regular Baptist Association at Cedar Grove east of Paris Saturday and Sunday.

THROWN FROM HORSE.
James Barnes, 16 years old, of the east part of the county, was thrown from a horse Monday. His skull was fractured, from which he died within a few hours.

NEW DIVORCE CASES.
Three suits for divorce have been filed for Nov. term of Circuit Court. Mrs. Dorothy Hansel asks divorce from John H. Hansel and custody of their two year old child. Raymond Hutcheson wants divorce from Grace Ann Hutcheson. Mrs. Mary Vasher pleads divorce from John Vasher and custody of their two minor children.

CHAUTAQUA AGAIN.
Coming Back To Mexico Next Year—Full List of The Underwriters.

Mexico will have the Chautauqua again next year. We couldn't do without it. The contract was closed Saturday night. Among the underwriters are the following:

E. F. Elliott, C P Malone, J W Dry, W. Clyde Johnson, S P Emmons, Wm. Strainge, Wm. Pollock, A C Barnes, S N Evans, H W Stuart, Crown Laundry, W W Pollock, Dan C Cauthorn, H S Daniel, J C King, C L Blum, J G Ford, W W Botts, J E Blum, R M White, L. M. White, Mexico Ledger, Sam Morris, J C Davis, C A Buckner, A D Jackson, C. T. Powell, J. F. Harrison, Otis Purdy John W Howell, J. W Plunkett, Henry D Llewellyn, Mexico Message, J. G Moore, LouisBarth, E R Myers, Intelligencer, Rolla McIntyre, J. R Jesse, W H Blythe, R A Markwell, Shurley Thompson, F M Ragsdale, A H Moore, Milt Householder, S D Stocks W. W Fry, C A Witherspoon, S D Stocks, S J Sanford, G W Russell, F A Sannebeck, W L Reed, E R Locke, Wallace Dearing, G W Robertson, R S Nichols, M S Bush & Co., J W Buffington, J Hord Davis, E Y Burton, John T Stewart, T J Kelso, J E McPheeters, Sam Wallace, Gus N Steinman, E A Lawrence, E L Cass.

Butter is expected to go to 50cents a pound in Chicago this winter. It is but five cents of that in some places right now.

BACK TO FORT RILEY.
The following Audrain boys who have received army commissions have been notified to report at Fort Riley September 5: Capt. Wm. Coatsworth, Lieutenants Bryan Wilson, M. J. Sannebeck, and Charles Hanger.

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BUILDING SILOS.
Val Erdel, Jr. of near Rush Hill, is one of the busiest men going, and he is going some. Putting up silos, and is called to different parts or the State. This week he is in the vicinity of Lupus, Mo. There is an increased demand for the concrete silo.

POWELL FORD.
Recent rains put life into everything. Many planted seed for late gardens.
Mr. and Mrs. Will McMurtry is home after a pleasant visit with Mr. McMurtry's mother and other relatives in Indiana.
Earl Carter is having hay pressed and selling it at \$20 a ton.
M. N. Powell on his road to Mexico Saturday afternoon, the rig he was in, the coupling pole broke and there was quite a run-away.
Mrs. F. B. Cook is in Des Moines, Iowa, visiting her parents.
Horace Mundy purchased lambs last week. Messrs. Dowell, Lewis, Berry, and Newberry, all of this vicinity, delivered lambs at Mexico Monday.

Mrs. Durkee of Mexico attended a meeting and assisted to organize a Red Cross Circle, at the home of Mrs. F. B. Cook Tuesday afternoon.

This neighborhood was well represented at the Chautauqua and all enjoyed it very much. There is much pleasure as well as much instruction at a big gathering such as that.
Grover Dowell sold a large span of mules to Earl Carter recently.
M. and Mrs. Ben Robertson spent Sunday with the Robertsons at Molino.

Miss Emma Cauthorn will go to Portland, Oregon, soon, where she expects to spend the winter with her brother, Albert Cauthorn.

Prof. Herbert Pryor went to Jefferson City Monday on State rural school matters.

The wife of Prof. Edgar Lee, superintendent of the public schools at Sikeston, Mo., is reported to be quite ill. Mrs. Lee was formerly Miss Bennetta Barkley of Mexico.

MRS. SULLIVAN'S DEATH.
Mrs. David Sullivan, 29 years old, died Monday night at her home in this city. She had been ill but a short time, the bursting of a blood vessel is supposed to have caused her death.
The funeral was held at the Catholic church yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock conducted by Father H. J. Schleuter of Laddonia. The pallbearers were John Sullivan, Dennis Lawrence, L. R. and Henry Fecht cousins of deceased.
The husband survives and a little daughter, Berenice, three years old.
The Message joins the community in sympathy to the bereaved ones.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING.
The regular annual meeting of the Audrain Mutual Telephone Co. stockholders will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Mexico, Mo., Wednesday, September 5, 1917, at ten o'clock a. m. Business of importance. Come.
W. M. STRANGE, Pres.,
JNO. H. WAYNE, Sec'y.

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Leaves Mexico 7:10 a. m.
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Mrs. Monia Edwards left for St. Louis Saturday to visit her son Elmer, and sister, Mrs. E. D. England.

Mrs. Ditchler Graves of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting Mrs. Lafa Lipp of Molino and Mrs. James Baker and Anna Moore of Long Branch.

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Mr. Henry Sims of Stoutsville visited Mrs. G.E. Younger, and Mrs. Fannie Roberts and Mrs. Edwards.

Miss Mollie Crawford of Youngs Creek went to Slater last week to visit relatives.

PROGRAM OF August Teachers' Meeting
McMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING
MEXICO, MO.
August 29 and 30, 1917
Program--Second Day
AUGUST 30, 1917.

8:00. County Superintendent's Plans. W. Clyde Johnson. My School Plans. Misses Beulah Patrick and Florence Kirkpatrick.
8:30. The St. Louis Method of Teaching Reading. Miss Mary J. Brady, author of the Merrell Readers. My Methods, Misses Amelia Knoebel, Pearle Parker, Beatrice McNeil, and Edna Shearman.
9:30. Drawing in the Rural School. Mrs. J. Z. Campbell, Representative of the Practical Drawing Co. Also Misses Agatha Copman, Beulah Crawford and Mildred Cook.
10:30. Food Conservation. Mrs. G. R. Pennington.
11:30. Writing. Miss Alice Kinman.
12:00. Noon.
1:00. Teaching Children the Fundamentals of Arithmetic. Superintendent M. C. Thomas, Vandalia. Some of My Methods. Misses Ruth Cook, Dulcie Dysart, Anna McMurtry.
2:00. Music in the Rural School. Miss Blanche White.
3:00. The Teaching of Geography and Its Correlation with Other Subjects. Miss Mayme Neal, Teacher of Fourth Grade at Vandalia. Use of Weather Charts, Etc. Miss Alma Brown.
3:45. Correlation of Language with Other Subjects. Misses Florence Begeman and Sallie Crane.
4:00. Correlation of History and Geography in the B Class. Miss Gladys Furber.

CORNER STONE LAYING.
The corner stone of Pike County's new Court House at Bowling Green is to be laid by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the State of Missouri, on Thursday, September 13, 1917. All Freemasons are cordially invited to attend. It is expected that a large delegation from the lodges at Mexico, Martinsburg, Laddonia and Vandalia will be present. The ceremony will be at 2 p. m.

Prof. Wallace Clendenin of Mt. Vernon, a suburb of New York City, is in Mexico and Audrain for a week's visit with relatives. He visits Mrs. Ed Atchison, Charles Hanger, and other relatives in the old Worcester neighborhood.

The Message has enrolled six new subscribers this week. We're growing in spite of war times.

COMING TO MEXICO.
Mrs. Pinckney French and son and daughter of Martinsburg will move to Mexico. The son and daughter will be students in McMillan High.

The Annual Meeting of the Laddonia, Rush Hill Telephone Co. will be held in Rush Hill, Mo., Monday afternoon September 10, 1917, at 2 o'clock. Election of a new board of directors and other important business.
Val Erdel, Jr., Pres.
Charles Martens, Sec.

Miss Margaret Greer of Mexico will teach in the Sumner, Mo., schools thru the coming school year.

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