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AN UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.

In last Thursday's St. Louis Republic a Jefferson City dispatch gives H. P. Warden of Mexico the credit of suggesting to the Governor a "Bacon Day", wherein the people of this State, especially the farmers, might have an opportunity to contribute of their own product, in the name of Misouri, a substantial gift to our hungry and suffering comrades in France.

Mr. Warden says that the use of the name of any private individual as "sponsor" to the move will add nothing to its success, and hence should have been left out of print.

He is modest about it . However, he furnishes us the following lay editorial on the subject:

The Mississippi Valley is the pork producing country of the world. Our State is in the heart of that great section. It seems that we should make a gift to our friends of one of our staple products, a gift which is of vital use to them at this time.

There are thousands of farmers who have, this winter, put aside a few hundred pounds of bacon for personal use the coming year. These farmers are patriotic American citizens. Many of them are poor, with little or no money left to buy Government Bonds and Stamps after, paying rent or interest on mortgage debt. These farmers know that Uncle Sam will feed our boys, and that our boys do not need the gift. They also know that "Food will win the War", and that by giving food to the French we are helping the fellow who is fighting with and for our boys and is trying to save the lives of our boys. They know that America is now raising and furnishing money to buy food for our Asociates in the War that they may help us win the war, that the greatest need is bread and meat, and that when we give food to our Asociates we are helping our Government and doing what is pleasing to our Government.

These farmers also know that our battles are now being fought largely on French soil and that it was the French People who helped us with their blood to gain our Independence from a tyrant, more than a century ago.

Knowing these things, there are some who will not give a pound of bacon or a cent of money; but there are tens of thousands of Missouri farmers who will experinece a great pleasure in pulling from their private stock a side or two of good country bacon, turning it over to the proper county official or representative of the State Council of Defense for shipment to France, with the thought of easily "getting by" with the use of a few more chickens, fish and game in place of bacon.

With such a gift, the patriotic press and people of the State would see that it landed at the right spot in France. Such a move might also be emulated by other great pork producing states in the Mississippi Valley.

The Audrain Missionary meeting will be held in Mexico Feb. 19 and 20

Auctioneer

See me before making your Sale Dates. I am at your service with reasonble rates.

JOE A. GREGORY.

Phone 116 The Intelligencer for an open date.

RURAL SCHOOL NOTES

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON

The Club Institute Saturday was a success. In all, 18 teachers were present, although a few could not be with us all day. Miss Minnie Keller of Sims school, Miss Anna McMurtry of Carter, Miss Grace Smith of Dunbar, Miss Eugenie Smith of Payne, Miss Myrtle Roberts of Martinsburg, Miss Tommie Roberts of Prairie Mound, Miss Thelma Harrison of Cedar Grove, and Miss Elizabeth O'Brien of Prairie Lea were present at the beginning. Those coming later were: Miss Blanche White, Liberty; Miss Dorothy Seckler, Martinsburg; E. E. Shay and Miss Florence Kirkpatrick, Benton City; Miss Elizabeth Dermody, South Liberty; W. F. Clark, Jackson; Mrs. E. C. Nieman, Stauffer; Miss Beulah Crawford, Botts; Miss Mollie Janes, Jesse; and Miss Bessie Day, Duly.

Messrs. Emberson, Reavis and Keller discussed in detail the work that will be done by the boys and girls that enter the corn growing, poultry raising and gardening clubs. They also helped the teachers to do some of the work that the boys and girls will do. It was all very interesting. Many clubs will be organized and the boys and girls will do their part to help Uncle Sam win the war.

I am sorry that not all of the teachers could be present. They lost something that would not only do them much good but also their pupils.

Last year, as most of the teachers and pupils know, I gave a spelling test in 66 of the rural schools. Nine other county superintendents gave the same test in their schools. These tests were then sent to Dean Charters at Columbia. He checked up the results. This placed us eighth in rank. The best county made an average score of 86, we made 69. They had 33 per cent below standard, we 71 per cent. They had 20 per cent perfect, we 13 per cent. The Crane school, Miss Sallie Crane, teacher, ranked first with a score of 94. She had ten pupils four of whom were perfect. Hickory Grove was second, with a score of 91, six pupils, one perfect, Miss Altha Gregg teacher. A score of 90 was made by Highland, Miss Jennie Atkins, teacher; Hisey, Miss Dollie McKenzie; and Prairie Hill, Miss Geneva Criswell.

Of the thirteen highest ranking schools two had had the same teacher four or more years, eight had had but two teachers in the four years, and one of the others does not make a practice of changing teachers each year. Another thing, with one exception, these thirteen schools pay good salaries.

The poorest school made a score of 43. I shall be glad to have teachers come in and see how their schools compared with the others. I hope that all are making a strong effort this year to correct this great deficiency. I had hoped to get around and give another test to see what improvement had been made, but the weather and the war have interfered. I would like also to test the schools in their arithmetic work. I have a list of words that I shall be glad to send to the teachers on request. In this way you can compare your work this year with that of last year. How soon can we bring our schools up to standard? Are you satisfied to be ranked next to the last? I am sure you are not.

W. J. Heins says this thaw is making the farmer happy, especially the ones who have been out of water for their livestock. Melted snow will fill up the creeks and ponds.

J. C. Hagan near Rush Hill, was in to see The Message Tuesday.

C. E. Robinson of near Montgomery City was shaking hands with Mexico friends last week.

Ernest E. Laws of Kansas City has moved to Stuttgart, Ark. He is manger for a large implement manufacuring company.

Russell Black of Elsberry subscribes for the Message.

J. W. Stevens is a new reader of The Message.

Miss Maud Cornett has been elected to represent Rush Hill Community Church at the Teen-Age Conference for girls to be held at Geneva, Wis., the latter part of July. Oscar Erdel will attend the Teen-Age Conference at the same place. Miss Anna Miller will attend the Adult Conference.

An Aid To Progress

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The Home for Savings

North Side Square. Mexico, Missouri.

HOLLENSVILLE ITEMS.

Miss Mabel Campbell recently sold to Claude Slonaker 4 fat hogs which weighed 940 lbs at $15.75 per cwt.

Ralph Love bought a good young mare at the Tribble sale last week.

Dave Roberts who recently went to Iowa and who had an operation performed on his foot returned Saturday much improved.

Richard Hughes of Sedalia is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dave Roberts.

Miss Mildred Cook,teacher at Gatewood, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks near Mexico.

The play, "Hoosier School of Hickory Holler," prepared by a bunch of young folks in this vicinity, and coached by Prof. Julius Mollincrout, was given at Midway Friday evening. Receipts were $25 for Red Cross

Lewis Callaway and wife spent Sunday with Otto Carpenter's.

Mrs. Henry Rudasill and daughter of near Strother visited her parents, E. H. Carpenter's last week.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

Rolla Yowell is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

John alley is home from Okla., where he visited his son, George.

Avery Peak bought 250 bu. of corn from H. T. Sinclair at $1.25.

Henry Iman is home on a visit.

Born, to Jim Crump and wife, a son, Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. 1917.

A. D. Remdel who was living with his son, John, in Oklahoma, ded January 30 and was brought back here, burial in Santa Fe Cemetery.

Roe Peak and wife and baby spent the week-end with Lloyd Howard and wife.

We are anxious to know what has become of the pet ground hog down at Benton City we read about in The Message last year? He sure saw his shadow before breakfast Saturday morning.

Landy Stuart sold 9 hogs to Powell at Perry at $15.00 per.

WANTED POSITION.

On farm. Experienced. Married man. Call at Message office, Mexico, Mo. 2t

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FARM FOR SALE.

86 acres, on Columbia Road, 4 miles west of Mexico. Three room house, 2 barns, good smokehouse, henhouse and harness house. Three good wells. All improvements comparatively new. Farm is a bargain.

JOHN I. BROWN.

SAYLOR-ISGRIG NUPTIALS.

Mr. Stokley Saylor of near Hatton and Miss Ethel Isgrig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Isgrig of Mexico, were united in marriage on Saturday evening, January 26, at Moberly.

The Message wishes Mr. and Mrs. Saylor long life, happiness and prosperity. They will reside on a farm near Mexico.

Miss Annie Bledsoe returned to Moberly after a visit to Miss Pauline Powell here.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

William Pittman to Edward Adams. Warranty Consideration $6,400. E 1-2 of the NE 8-52-7.

Walter P. Warriner to James W. Gallaher and Harry D. Shrout. Warranty Consideration. $1400. Pt of Lots 7 and 8, Blk 2, Rawlings Add to Mexico.

Perry B. Hendricks to Phineas M. Cadwell. Warranty Consid. $8400. Pt of N E 24-52-12; NW NW 19-52-11.

John Lochridge to Garl Lochridge. Quit-claim consid. $550. 1-2 Int to SW SE and Pt of SE SW all in 18-50-8.

W. A. and Harry D. Shrout to Roland Wray. Warranty Consideration $9,000. W 1-2 of SE and Pt of E 1-2 of SE 35-52-10.

Robert Moore to Oscar P and Orlando G. Leach. Warranty Consideration $8600. W 3-4 of SW Sec 28; and N pt of W 3-4 of NW Sec 33, all in 50-10.

Rachel Cook to E. B. and Jessie W Johnson. Warranty Consideration, $50 1-2 Int in S 1-2 of Blk 10, Farber.

W. A. Sharp to Theo J. Williams. Quit-claim consid. $2000. 1-2 Int in S 1-2 of SW 13-52-9.

Walsh Fire Clay Products Co. to J. R. Smith. Warranty Consid. $1. Lot 4, Blk 1, Walsh's Add to Vandalia.

Lulu Lewellen Whitledge to C. C. Crowdis. Warranty Consid. $100. 1-7 int. in S 1-2 of Lot 7 and 8, Blk 38, Orig. Vandalia.

Hurley C. Shumaker et al to C. C. Crowdis. Warranty Consid. $200. 2-7 int. in S 1-2 of Lots 7 and 8, Blk 38, Orig. Vandalia.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas Albert C. Hendrix and Ida B. Hendrix, his wife, by their certain Deed of Trust, dated the 26th day of October, 1914, and recorded in Book 42, at Page 152, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Audrain County, Missouri, conveyed to the undersigned, Trustee, in trust, the following real estate:

Lots numbered one (1), two, (2), three (3) and four (4), in block numbered eight (8), in Muldrow's Sub-division to Mexico, Missouri.

In trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said Deed of Trust fully described; and whereas it was provided in said Deed of Trust that in the event of failure to pay principal or interest when due or taxes, the whole of said debt should become immediately due and collectible, and whereas default has been made in both principal and interest and the payment of taxes.

Now therefore at the request of the legal holder of said note, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will sell, at the East Front Door of the Court House in Mexico, Misouri, the above described real estate on

Thursday, February 28, 1918,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for cash, to the highest bidder, at public vendue, for the purpose of paying said debt and costs of executing this trust.

S. M. LOCKE, Trustee.

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Mexico, Mo.

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POWELL FORD.

Weather continues cold. Groundhog certainly has to be quiet for six more weeks. Such a long siege of cold is hard on people who are scarce of fuel, feed and water. Plenty of water in the River but it has such an odor and is so black that stock won't drink it. Lots of fish all most dead.

The L. A. C. Missionary Circle gave a shower for Mrs. Mack Ridgeway Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Massey of Mexico. About 18 persons were present and enjoyed the occasion. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway for a happy, prosperous future. They received many useful presents.

Wm. Mason was in St. Louis on business middle of the week.

The January thaw—only two days and even then the snow did not melt very fast.

Miss Minnie Powell has been suffering for more than a week with a sprained ankle, but is now better.

Several from here attended the big hog sale in Mexico Saturday.

F. B. Cook put up a nice lot of ice, 12 inches thick, filled the plant.

LITTLE WORRIES— BIG WRINKLES.

Last week we sprained our ankle; it did not lay us up, but it was painful and it put a limp into our walk. to be fair about it, we admit we limped a trifle more than was necessary, but we figured a slight limp would enlist but little if any sympathy and so while we were about it we limped 'er good and plenty.

We stepped into the business place of a friend of ours and he very naturally said, "What's the matter, Bill, what you limping about?" Right there was our chance and we proceeded to improve it. We told the whole story in detail; just where we were when the thing happened, just how painful it was, what a narrow escape we had from breaking our leg and as we warmed up to our subject we pitied ourself more and more and wondered how we escaped with our life. After we finished our friend, our lifelong friend, yawned and said, "Well, it looks like we'd have more snow."

Nobody is worrying about you or your affairs, Mr. Man, and neither is anybody worrying about how much you worry.

You have got to bait your own hook, and if you are wise enough to have a catch you will also have to clean your own fish. Little worries make big wrinkles—what's the use?

Mr. Business Man, if you would succeed you must advertise your goods—but not your worries.—Selected.

Rev. B. T. Wood has been called to serve his second year as pastor of Rush Hill Community Church. He is a popular fellow and very able man.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon th estate of Edward Davis, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 19th day of December, 1917.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

ADDIE DAVIS, Administratrix.

Attested by me this 19th day of December 1917.

W. W. BOTTS,
Judge of Probate Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Simon C. Lander, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 21st day of January, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

CLAUDE LANDER,
Administrator.

Attested by me this 21st day of January, 1918.

W. W. BOTTS,
Judge of Probate Court.

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D. L. ROGERS, President.

VAL ERDEL, Secretary.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas Thomas Lillard and Mattie Lillard, his wife, by their certain Deed of Trust, dated the 14th day of May, 1910, and recorded in Book 36, at page 342, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Audrain County, Missouri, conveyed to the undersigned, Trustee, in trust, the following:

The north fifty-eight (58) feet in width of lot numbered four (4) of Mrs. Sparks' Southern Addition to the City of Mexico, as shown on plat of said addition on file and of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for said Audrain County.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said Deed of Trust fully described; and whereas it was provided in said Deed of Trust that in the event of failure to pay said note or interest or taxes, the whole of said debt should become immediately due and collectible, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note and interest and taxes.

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will, at the East Front Door of the Court House in Mexico, Missouri, sell the above described real estate on

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AYLETTE H. WHITNEY, Trustee.

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In a time of world crisis, it is a poor thng to allow criticism to take the place of constructve help. Save wheat and meat because that's your duty. You don't stop praying because your neighbor plays golf on Sunday.