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AIRPLANE FLIGHTS TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN HERE

Columbia, Missouri Boy, Former Army Flier, Will Give Stunt Performance Over the City

WILL VISIT AUDRAIN TOWNS

Will Distribute Literature Explaining Hardin Expansion Campaign From His Airplane.

The week of the intensive drive in the Hardin College Half Million Dollar Expansion Campaign will start off in the morning of Monday, August 11, at 9 o'clock with acrobatic aerial stunts and expert exhibition of flying over the City of Mexico by F. W. Niedermeyer, Jr., Pilot, former Lieutenant United States Air Service as acrobatic flying instructor, in a 45-foot wing Curtiss plane.

This novel introduction of the big campaign will be one of the most unique feature stunts ever pulled off in Audrain County and should give Mexico, Vandalia and the County widespread favorable publicity locally as well as through the Metropolitan dailies. The big war plane will arrive here the night before and suitable parking grounds are being arranged near by the city. This machine is an 8 cylinder motor, Curtiss latest army training model and the acrobatic stunts from 9 to 9:30 over the City include: Loops, Rouversemants, Barrel Rolls, Falling Leaf, Tail Spin, Vertical Spiral, Nose Dive, Side Slip, Wing Over, Up-side-down, Flying.

It is also being planned to have the plane bomb the City and County with literature, campaign literature and it will possibly be voted to drop two scholarships for a period of one school year in some one course to be decided upon within the next few days so that unusual interest and enthusiasm may thereby be stimulated from the mothers and daughters of Audrain County.

The big drive will start with the Executive Committee acting as majors and four or more team captains, one in each ward, at 9:30 a. m., Monday morning, August 11.

The city will be divided into districts by wards, with Theo. J. Williams acting for the Executive Committee in charge of ward 1; Messrs Phillip and Pollock, ward 2; R. D. Worrell, ward 3; and J. W. Dry ward 4. Each team captain, who will be named soon, will select his associates for the work. The plane will then soar away on its trip bombing the County, covering all of the towns between here and Vandalia, as well as Thompson.

Immediately after lunch at Vandalia, a repetition of the morning's exhibition at Mexico will be given in Vandalia.

Already a considerable amount of money has been pledged to the fund and more is immediately in prospect from representative local business men and women.

If it should rain on the morning of the 11th, it would be necessary to have the big celebration and flight of the airplane the following day.

Last evening the members of the Executive Committee completed their county organization and there will be one man in each township. Mr. Bush will have charge of the Saling township in the West end of the County, and Joe Considine in charge of Wilson township. These two will collaborate. Salt River township in which Mexico is located will be divided into two equal parts. North Salt River will have one or two competent men in charge and South Salt River the same number. Prairie township will have one man in charge, and Linn township one man. These men will be seen today by the Executive Committee. Wm. Daniel will act as Executive Chairman for Vandalia and the entire township of Cuivre.

MISS EDITH BOWNE DEAD.

Resident of Audrain Dies From Complication of Troubles.

Miss Edith Bowne, 43 years old, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bowne, of Western Audrain, died at her home Thursday. She was buried Saturday from Appleman's chapel by the Rev. Hülcher, of Newton, Ia.

Miss Bowne has been a sufferer for a number of years and her death will be mourned by a wide circle of devoted friends. Besides her parents she leaves three sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Sam Bowne. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

BENTON CITY CHAUTAUQUA ATTRACTING LARGE CROWDS—A SUCCESS

Hardin College Half Million Expansion Campaign Presented to Audience Sunday.

The Benton City Chautauqua of this year, is one of the most successful ever held there and has attracted large audiences. The program is a splendid one and every session has been marked by a large attendance.

The Hardin College Half Million Dollar Expansion Campaign was given a good boost at Benton City Sunday when Mr. Nickerson and Dr. Million, president of the College, spoke in behalf of the big movement before a large audience gathered in the chautauqua tent. J. W. Dowell, chairman for this district presided and there is every reason to believe this section of Audrain County will do its share in the intensive week's drive to commence Monday, August 11, in this city and county.

GOVERNOR F. D. GARDNER BUYS AUDRAIN FARM

Milt Householder Farm, Recently Sold For \$150 an Acre is Purchased by State Executive for \$186

UNUSUALLY FINE FARM

Consists of 440 Acres and is Located Eight Miles North of This City On the Paris Road.

Governor Frederick D. Gardner has purchased the 440 acre Milt Householder farm for \$186 an acre according to an announcement made here Monday by Mr. Householder. Mr. Householder sold the farm recently to O. D. Gray and C. M. Robinson, of Sturgeon for \$150 an acre and they made the deal with Governor Gardner.

The farm is located eight miles north of Mexico on the Paris road and is one of the finest and best improved places in this county. The soil is extra fine and the improvements the most modern.

Mr. Householder says he is going to move to Mexico to reside. This will be good news to his many Mexico friends even if his coming will increase the Republican vote by one.

Governor Gardner's plans concerning the farm have not been announced.

AUDRAIN GOOD ROADS AT 8 CENTS AN ACRE

The Audrain county farmers will only have to pay a little over 8 cents a year on each acre of land he owns for the proposed 200 miles of hard surfaced county roads. This result is the maximum amount that each acre will cost and is obtained by figuring with the total number of acres of farming land in Audrain county and their total assessed valuation as follows:

There are 431,326 acres of farm land in Audrain county with a total assessed valuation of \$7,218,528. At 10 per cent, the maximum amount under the law that can be voted for hard surfaced roads, these 431,326 acres will pay at the outside \$721,852, for the proposed 200 miles of hard surfaced roads. This means that the cost per acre will be \$1.67. But this amount is to be paid in 20 years, then the cost per acre each year will only be a little over 8 cents.

For example, a man who owns a farm of 100 acres will pay about \$8.35 each year for 20 years.

FARMER GIVES BARBECUE.

Fifty World War Veterans in Uniform Among 500 Guests Present.

MARTINSBURG, Mo., July 29.—Five hundred persons were present Sunday at a barbecue dinner given by John Bunch at his home near Martinsburg. Bunch took this means of doing honor to Martinsburg's returned war veterans. About 50 discharged soldiers were present in uniform. Each soldier was privileged to invite his family and friends. After the dinner there were interesting talks by boys who had been in the fiercest fighting. Community singing followed. One of the soldiers present, Price Hale, received a D. S. Cross.

LEDGER CLASSIFIED ADS PAY.

JOSEPH STEINMAN DIES AT HOME FRIDAY NIGHT

Had Lived in This City For Thirty Years. Came Here From Tennessee

WAS 75 YEARS OLD

Had Been Ill Since January of This Year. Died as a Result of a Paralytic Stroke.

Joseph Steinman seventy-five years old, died at his home on N. Western Avenue at 10:15 o'clock Friday evening after an illness of five months from a paralytic stroke. He had lived in this city since 1879 coming here from Memphis, Tennessee in July, 1879.

He was born March 19, 1844 in Westphalia, Mo., and later became engaged in the manufacture of shoes and went to Memphis, Tennessee. From that place he moved to Mexico where he has lived ever since.

Upon coming here he first entered the shoe business as a manufacturer. In that day shoe factories were unknown and all the work was done by hand. In this trade he was an expert. Later he entered the retail shoe business and has been in it to the time of his death. His shoe store on Washington street is remembered by the older citizens of Mexico as one of the landmarks of the city. When he entered the shoe business here, he and his son went in partnership and since that time the firm has been known as Steinman and Son.

He married Miss Caroline Hofman, of Cole County in 1871, eight years before he came to this city.

Mr. Steinman first became really ill in January, of this year. Since that time he has steadily become worse until Friday evening. He leaves four children: Charles, of St. Louis; Gus, of this city; Clara, of Mexico; and Daisy of this city; a brother Frank Steinman, of St. Rose, Ill. Also five grandsons and three granddaughters.

Mr. Steinman is remembered by his business associates as an honest straight forward business man and he had the respect of all. His business relations with the business men of Mexico were always of a most desirable kind. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Macabee lodges here.

The funeral will be held from the home on North Western Avenue, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

BURGLAR BUSY SAT. NIGHT

Allen Home on Calhoun Street Visited But Nothing Taken.

Burglars entered the home of J. W. Allen on South Calhoun street about 12:30 Saturday night, but nothing was missed.

Mr. Allen had gone down town to accompany his wife home from work and upon their arrival at the house, a light was noticed on the second floor. Mrs. Allen went to the back of the house and unlocked the back door then returned to the front and notified the neighbors. When Mr. Allen entered the front door the burglar down the door at the foot of the stairs and escaped through the back door. After a thorough examination of the contents of the house it was found that nothing had been taken.

When the police arrived, the intruder could not be found. Later in the night, however, a neighbor saw what he took to be a negro come out of the Allen garden and run east down the railroad track.

WINN BROS., BUY FARM.

Purchase the Lester Miller Place for \$150 An Acre.

Winn Bros., owners of Gerstdale Jones the great Poland China sire, have purchased the Lester Miller farm, on the northwestern outskirts of this city, for \$150 an acre.

This farm consists of 222 acres and is one of the best improved and most convenient places in this vicinity. Just what their plans are concerning the purchase is not known but it is understood they expect to occupy the place and make it the home of the great \$6,000 Poland China sire.

Ernest Barnett has purchased the Reynolds property at the corner of West Monroe and North Western Avenue for \$4,500. This property consists of two lots and a large house. J. W. Sullivan was the former owner. The property was bought worth the money.

LYCURGAS SIMMS DIES.

Dies at His Home Fifteen Miles From This City Friday Evening.

Lycurgas Simms, 74 years old and one of Audrain's oldest residents, died at his home fifteen miles southwest of Mexico last Friday evening, near midnight. Old age was given as the cause. He had lived in Audrain county as a farmer for the last forty-four years coming here from Calloway county. He was buried at Elmwood Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. John H. Hughes conducted the services.

Mr. Simms married Miss Liza Winn before coming to this county. Besides her, he leaves five children: Annie Kauffman, of Joplin; Mrs. Frank Atkins, of this city; William, Luther and Curt Simms.

Mr. Simms was one of Audrain's best farmers and was greatly respected by all who knew him. The Ledger joins his many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

MISS LAURA ROBERTSON MARRIES IN EAST

Popular Operatic Singer of This City, Comes Bride of Franklin L. Miller, of U. S. Army

IS ARTILLERY MAJOR

Major Miller Attended the Missouri Military Academy in This City and is Well Known Here.

Major Franklin L. Miller, Field Artillery U. S. A., writes the Ledger of his marriage July 21st, at Sound Beach, Conn., to Miss Laura Robertson, of this city, daughter of Mrs. George Robertson, and a prominent operatic singer. The wedding comes as a complete surprise to their many friends in this city.

Mrs. Miller is singing leading roles with the Barcarole Opera Co., of Havana, Cuba, and is appearing in the same cast and singing opposite, in several pieces with Henrico Caruso. She is one of Mexico's most charming young women and for a number of years has been studying music and singing with large operatic organizations in the East. The wedding was to have been in the fall but it was impossible for Major Miller to secure "leave" at that time the wedding date was advanced.

Major Miller, who was in business in Kansas City previous to entering service, enlisted the month the United States entered the war and from a Captain of Cavalry with the 89th division at Camp Funston was rapidly advanced to his present splendid office. He writes that at one time he had charge of the Victory Bond campaign in educational institutions, and that the Missouri Military Academy, of this city, of which he is a graduate, was among the first twenty institutions in the country in volume of sales. Major Miller has many friends here and is a young man of high ideals and exceptional business ability.

The Ledger joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in wishing them much happiness and success.

SUGAR JUMPS CENT AND A HALF

Local Dealers Say That Demand is Greater This Year.

The price of sugar has advanced from 1 to 1 and 1/2 cents a pound the last few days according to the local grocers. It is now selling at eight pounds for a dollar or 12 and 1/2 cents the pound while just before the last raise the price was 11 and 1/2 cents and less a pound.

Grocers say that the demand for sugar this year is greater than it was last year before that, however, the demand just now is nothing like as strong as it will be later. The canning season has not started in full force as yet. Fruits and berries are plentiful this year they say while last year there was a great scarcity of both.

One of the local grocers says that the cause for the raise in the price of sugar in his opinion lies with the larger jobbers above the wholesale dealers. He says that the small wholesale dealers are not responsible because it is very obvious that they are paying the high prices.

Couple Married

Miss Mae A. Dixon, of East St. Louis, and Oswald H. Williams, of Granite City, Ill., were married in Mexico Saturday evening by the Rev. C. V. Lanius, of the Methodist church.

STEINMAN WILL WAS PROBATED TUESDAY

Will of Joseph Steinman Left All of Property to Wife, Caroline Steinman

WIFE AND CHILD EXECUTRIX

After Death of Wife Different Allotments Provided for Children and Grand-Children.

The will of the late Joseph Steinman who died last Friday evening at his home on North Western Avenue from paralysis was probated in the probate court office Tuesday morning. In the will all of the property was left to the wife, Mrs. Caroline Steinman.

After the funeral an other debts were paid he left the residue and remainder of his property to his wife. After her death he willed that his two daughters Clara and Daisy should receive the home, certain lots in this city and also two buildings in the business part of Mexico, one facing Promenade and the other facing Washington. Upon the death of his wife he desired that a gift of two hundred dollars should be given to his grandson, John J. Steinman. The remainder of the estate, after the above provisions had been carried out, should be divided among his four children, Charles M. Gus, Clara and Daisy Steinman. Mrs. Steinman and his daughter, Daisy Steinman, were appointed to execute the will. After the death of Mrs. Steinman, he appointed Daisy to carry out the provisions.

COURT DOCKET FILLS.

Large Number of Cases Being Filed at Office of Circuit Clerk.

The thirty-day suits are coming in at the office of the Circuit Clerk in large numbers during the last few days allowed by law for them to be filed. Saturday, August 2, will be the last day allowed filing the thirty-day suits.

The suits filed are of two kinds, the thirty day and the fifteen day. The thirty day ones are required to be filed at least thirty days before the first session of the court, and embrace all damage and divorce suits. The fifteen day suits must be filed fifteen days before the first meeting of the court and includes cases on notes and accounts.

All indications point that the circuit court will have a very full docket this term as the numbers of suits filed thus far is more than is usually filed this long before the court meets. With the rest of this week for belated attorneys to file their suits and fifteen more days for the fifteen-day suits, it looks as though the court will be kept busy.

LADDONIA CAR HIT BY TRAIN.

Miss Glade Estes of This City Had Been Riding—No One Injured.

An automobile owned by Lee Stuart of Laddonia was struck by a train in that city about 12:30 Saturday afternoon. No one was injured, but the back end of the car was greatly damaged.

Miss Glade Estes of this city was in Laddonia visiting and was riding in Mr. Stuart's automobile just a little while before the accident occurred. She and Mrs. Stuart had gotten out to do some shopping and Mr. Stuart was driving the car alone when the train struck the back end. Mr. Stuart was not injured.

Suits Filed.

A suit was filed by the Vandalia Farmer's Elevator and Supply Co., against James T. Bland and Ray Bland, for damages. Another suit was filed by G. M. Ferrell et al against Kenneth Bachman in partition. This suit is one of the three that concern the estate of the late J. B. Lewellen and his wife. Three cases are now filed to be tried in the September term of the court. One of them is to test the will of J. B. Lewellen, another is for partition of his estate and the last concerns the will and estate left by his wife.

A suit was filed by William P. Botts et al against Nelson Botts in partition.

Leslie H. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Craig and nephew of Mrs. Morgan Daye has returned from overseas where he was at the front twelve months with H. Co. I. 839 Infantry, in Arkangle, Russia.

GOOD ROAD PETITIONS ARE NOW PLACED IN ALL LOCAL STORES

First Day of Soliciting Signers Resulted in Large Number Putting Name on Paper.

The first days circulation of the petition asking for good roads for Audrain county in the form of a \$1,000,000 bond issue realized a large number of signers. It is estimated that already many more have signed the statements than the two hundred made necessary by law to hold the election.

Over three hundred separate petitions were printed each having space for twenty-five names. These were distributed to all of the stores in Mexico Tuesday morning for the patrons to sign if they would. A large number of these papers will be nearly filled by the end of the day.

Petitions will be taken to other towns and also sent to all parts of the county. A large number were sent out Tuesday so that immediate action could be secured. The election will probably be granted as soon as possible.

Just how much opposition the good road enthusiasts are encountering is not definitely known. Although there is some here and there over the county it does not seem to be strong enough to cause any worry on the part of the petitioners. As yet no organized opposition has developed and it is not thought any will spring up before the time of the election.

ALVIN DUVAL DIES AT HOME FROM HEART TROUBLE

Had Lived in Mexico Since April When He Came to be With Daughter, Mrs. Edgar Richardson.

Alvin Motherhead Duval, 60 years old of north Craig Street, died at his home Wednesday morning at 6:30. The cause given was heart failure. He had been living in Mexico since April.

Mr. Duval was born July 7, 1859 in Harrisburg, Kentucky. From there he went to Stamping Ground, Ky., where he lived until the time of his coming to Missouri to live with his daughter, Ella B., who is the wife of Edgar Richardson, local agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He came to this city in April shortly after his son-in-law located in here. For twelve years or more he has had the trouble with his heart but the last attack which lasted just a week was too much for him to stand. While in Kentucky he was a member of the Baptist church, being a deacon and superintendent of the church at Stamping Ground. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

A short funeral service will be held Thursday at the home on North Craig street by the Rev. J. H. Hughes at 1:15 o'clock. Immediately after the service here the funeral party will accompany the body on the 2:38 train for Owenton, Ky. The funeral services there will be held in the Owenton Baptist church. The burial will take place in the family cemetery at Owenton. The pall bearers here will be J. W. Howell, W. J. Rixey, R. E. Arnold, Thad Threlkeld, W. A. Sharp and C. A. Witherspoon.

The Ledger joins the many friends he has made during his short residence in this city in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pigg, who live in Columbia, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Pigg came to Mexico last September from Vandalia, where they had lived for the last forty-five years. They have seven children and eight grandchildren. Mr. Pigg, whose initials stand for George Washington, has every right to that name, for he was born on the twenty-second of February in 1844. He is the father of Chas. Pigg, of this city.

Stoner Yantis, of Fulton, was in Mexico Tuesday evening while enroute to Chicago.

AUDRAIN WHEAT GRADING NO. 2.

In spite of the very stringent federal rules regarding the grading of wheat it is now grading on the average of No. 2, or next to the best grade according to the Pollock Milling and Elevator Company. The first wheat marketed this year was graded just a fraction below No. 2 but that was unusually good for the first wheat. The presence of excessive moisture, damaged kernels, smut and a low test weight in wheat will bring the grade down very rapidly. The oat yield in Audrain county has always led the other counties of Missouri and this year the yield is apparently even better than ever before. The oats average for Audrain promises to be fully 35 bushels.

MUCH ROAD WORK IS BEING PLANNED

Ralls County is Working Thirty-Three Mile Rock Road Costing \$4,000 a Mile

MARION CO. IN FRONT RANK

Federal Government Approves Construction in Scott County Project.

JEFFERSON CITY, July 28.—Although the McCullough-Morgan amendments to the Hawes Road Law have been in effect only a short time, six counties have already secured the approval of plans by the State Highway Department and the Federal Government for the building of roads under its provisions, and many other counties are rushing their surveying and will soon be ready to submit plans for state and federal aid roads.

In all 101 miles of road have been surveyed and approved and the estimated cost for building them is \$1,049,684. All of these roads will receive \$1,200 a mile state and federal aid under the new law, and half of the cost per mile above that figure will be borne by the government.

The first county to secure approval under the new law of its plans was Ralls county. Two projects in that county have been approved as Road No. 1, to be built first.

The first, the plans of which have been completed begins near Oakwood on the Marion county line and extends to the Pike county line by way of New London, a distance of 16 miles. This road, which will be of gravel and cost \$4,000 a mile, has been financed by the Ralls county court and private subscription of citizens living along it. The other project of road No. 1, the plans of which are almost ready, extends from New London to the Monroe county line by way of Center and Perry, a total distance from the two projects of about 33 miles. This is also a gravel project and is to cost \$4,000 a mile. Ralls county prefers to build her roads by public subscription rather than wait for a bond issue.

The Sedalia Special Road District has sent in plans for five miles of bituminous macadam road from Sedalia to the east line of the district. This road will cost \$10,000 a mile and will receive state and federal aid under the new law. Mississippi county has submitted plans for approval for the construction of 15 miles of concrete road from Charleston to Bird's Point. The cost of this road is estimated at \$28,000 a mile.

The Federal Government has approved the construction of 27 miles of gravel road in Scott county from the Cape Girardeau county line to New Madrid on the south. Contracts are ready to be let for this project which will cost \$211,000.

A concrete road, 7 miles long, from Joplin to Carl Junction, to cost \$135,684 has been approved by the Federal Government and work will start as soon as the contracts can be let.

Harrison county has submitted final plans and secured the approval of 9 miles of concrete road in three directions from Bethany, the county seat. The estimated cost of this road is \$75,000, and work will begin on it in the near future.

Surveys are about completed in Clay county, as well as in many other counties in the state. Hundreds of miles of proposed hard surfaced roads will soon be submitted to the State Highway Department for approval.

Czecho-Slovaks Here.

The Czecho-Slovak troops who have been expected to pass through Mexico will arrive here some time Thursday, according to a telegram received by the local red cross organization. They are on their way to fight in Siberia. All persons having magazines should leave them at the Washah freight depot for the Red Cross to distribute.