

PHONE MANAGER HERE ADDRESSES MEXICO C. OF C.

As a result of a committee from the Chamber of Commerce taking up complaints against the local S. W. Bell Telephone Co., with C. W. Morgan, district manager at Moberly, Mr. Morgan addressed the weekly luncheon of the organization Thursday and stated that he had seen all the complaints and believed the local situation was better understood. He also stated that a number of changes had been made that should improve the service. Because of the congestion of the cables in certain parts of the city it would be necessary for a number of two-party lines to be used. These were found to be most satisfactory in other cities in this section, he said. The business of the local exchange has grown faster than was contemplated and it would be enlarged to meet requirements as soon as could be arranged.

Turner Williams, chairman of the Tourist's Camping Ground committee, reported that a number of places had been inspected and that by next week the ground would be decided upon and ready for tourists.

Dr. J. A. Miller, of Hamilton, Ill., father of Dr. C. W. Miller, of this city, was present and spoke upon the excellent work a Chamber of Commerce can do and urged co-operation with it.

It was announced that all preliminaries for the establishment of the Continental Banking Supply Co., factory here had been closed and that work would start soon on the factory building.

Joe Considine, of Thompson, vice-president of the Glacier Trail for this section, stated that a committee should be appointed to see to the raising of funds from Martinsburg, Wellsville and Montgomery City toward marking the trail through those places. This was deferred until Col. E. Y. Burton, president, who was absent, returned.

L. M. White presided in the absence of the officers.

New Courses Added to Rural School Studies

Superintendent Ed C. Offutt has received from the State Superintendent of Schools a synopsis of the courses that are to be taught in the rural schools of the county and which include some new and interesting features in rural school curricula.

In agriculture the rotation plan is to be continued, but special attention is to be given to seed selections and judging contests.

A Good Citizenship Course is to be given that will be of valuable aid in making better citizens out of all Audrain's young people.

The course in thrift is a new departure in curriculum making in Missouri made to meet the growing demand for the teaching of Thrift in the Public Schools. The course as outlined provides that it be taught in connection with other subjects by correlation or by morning talks in general exercises.

Says Business Trend Is More Optimistic

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 29.—The monthly report of the Eighth Federal Reserve Bank District shows little change in the general era of business but prophesies a gradual trend toward more optimistic days and brings as supporting evidence a slowly settling scale of prices. Meanwhile buyers are not inclined to make advance purchases, the intense heat has slowed down building operations and conditions in the manufacturing world approximate a standstill.

In agriculture, reduced acreage, with wheat and oat crops of poor quality and a corn crop imperiled by the long drought, strike a rather gloomy note for this essential industry. Fruit and cotton crops are far below normal and there is a noticeable stringency of credit in farming districts.

The most hopeful factor is the banking and financial condition, which shows a continued improvement, according to the report. Liquidation of accounts is proceeding at a satisfactory rate and there is a marked increase in the number of new cash purchases. All buying is largely restricted to sixty-day basis, merchants showing a tendency to conserve their assets and wait for prices to drop still further.

Resigns His Position.
R. H. Gray, who has been business manager of Hardin College, has resigned his position to take effect August 15. He made no announcement regarding his future plans. No successor has been announced for his position in the college organization.

Jesse School Has Successful Poultry Club

The Jesse School, just west of Mexico, has one of the best poultry clubs in the state and one of the most energetic. Mrs. J. Fecht is largely responsible for the success of the organization and for the interest by the pupils.

Not only have the children raised some of the prize chickens of the county, but the tomato club, also organized by Mrs. Fecht has resulted in some lively competition among the pupils as to who could grow the best tomatoes.

Among those who have raised prize winning chickens are: Misses Leola Josse, Jessie Mosley, Cecelia and Myrtle James and Nadine Spurling. The boys are: Russell Griffin, Russell Davis, George Janda, Charles Dickey, and Carl Jones.

The successful girls in the tomato club are: Misses Mamie Armistead and Marie Feger; while the boys are: Leo Feger, Glen Davis, Stanley and Charles Dickey, James Langley, and Francis Armistead.

President E. E. Reed of Westminster and Rev. E. F. Abbott of Fulton were in Mexico Friday to attend a meeting of the Presbyterian Educational Committee.

Few Rural Schools Will Get State Aid

Not many rural schools in Audrain County have enough pupils to enable them to qualify for state aid that is being offered for 9th and 10th grade work.

Under the new law a district which has 40 children of school age, in which a levy of 66c has been voted and in which room for an additional teacher has been provided, can qualify as a third grade high school and receive \$500 from the state to help defray the expenses of teaching the higher grades.

Only about four schools in the county have 40 children in their district according to Supt. Offutt. They are Prairie Lee, New Michigan, Molino and Duly and is not yet certain that these can come under the ruling.

Another provision of the law that keeps aid from being distributed is that if the valuation of the school district is over \$125,000 no state aid will be given. About 20 of the 99 districts in the county have a valuation in excess of this amount.

Strip Land Like Locusts do Starving Russians Under Soviets

LONDON, July 29.—Demonstrations beyond the control of military and civil authorities are raging in Russia as a result of famine, according to Russian newspapers received here Thursday. Starving refugees sweeping across country by the thousands toward Moscow are stripping the land like locusts. Cities have been looted and all animals seized and killed for food.

Soldiers, discouraged by cuts in rations, have joined in demonstrations in Petrograd and Moscow, the reports said.

Petrograd was the scene of extensive riots July 19 and 20 in which one hundred unarmed participants were reported killed and fifteen hundred wounded.

Women have joined in the demonstrations and many of them have been killed by firing squads, it was reported.

The city of Tamboff was virtually devastated July 20, according to the newspaper Izvestia. Soviet authorities sent troops out to check the starving invaders from the Volga region.

Dr. G. F. Toalson's Mother Dies.
Word was received Friday of the death of Mrs. Lucy Toalson, mother of Dr. G. F. Toalson, at her home in Huntsville.

Dr. Toalson and family left for that place Saturday morning to attend the funeral which was held at Sturgeon Saturday afternoon.

The Ledger joins many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

Col. R. M. White, who has been on a tour of inspection of State Elymptory institution with the new Board of Control, arrived home Saturday.

Miss Kate Biggs and little Miss Belle Buckner Biggs, of Fulton, have been the guests of R. R. Buckner and family.

A Correction.
Through an accident in writing of the funeral of T. S. Reilly the names of his sister, Mrs. Laura Reilly Harper, the brother, Chas. Reilly, of Kansas City, were not included in the article. We regret this very much.



GEORGE TOWN SEND MAY

Recently elected head of the Hardin Conservatory of Music to succeed Prof. Bliff Garrison, who has gone to the University of Kansas.

Altho only about 30 years old, Prof. May has had training under some of the world's most renowned musicians both in America and Europe.

He is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory in Berlin, and studied with Phillip while in Paris.

After returning to this country he

took work under Louis Cornell and later made a very successful concert tour with him.

He is also a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and following work there was associated with Rudolph Ganz, now director of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Of late he has been a member of the faculty of Bucknell University, where he had an enviable record as a pianist.

Guerillas Were Making Raids Near Here Just 57 Years Ago

At least a half dozen residents of Mexico will recall an incident of the early days of the Civil War that occurred fifty-seven years ago near Centralia, when guerillas were plundering farms and stores in this vicinity. Even to this day it is today you would doubtless have forgotten the sweltering rays of Old Sol, when these bushwhackers came up.

The story has to do with a raid by the guerillas or bushwhackers who played havoc in many nearby sections during the days of the Civil War. The incident in question relates to an attack upon the Centralia stage.

A writer of history records the story in substance as follows:

The bushwhackers, who were outlaw soldiers belonging to neither side engaged in the war, frequently plundering farms and places of business. They were characterized as "wandering in armed bands over the country, robbing the citizens day and night indiscriminately of whatever property they possessed."

Stopping the Centralia stage coach at Hallsville, the bushwhackers inquired if there were soldiers aboard. A Mr. and Mrs. Karnes, and a furloughed soldier, by the name of James Palmer, of Cedar township, were in the stage. Palmer was dressed in civilian clothes. He told his name and acknowledged his identity as a soldier.

The bushwhackers ordered him from the stage, took his pistol away, ransacked his trunk, and marched him off on the road leading west from Hallsville into a patch of woods and there shot him. His body was found four days later not from Red Top church. It had been covered with logs and brush. Learning of the affair, the commander of the post at Sturgeon ordered the people around Red Top to bury the soldier's body.

In September of the same year, the guerillas raided Centralia and at that time captured the Columbia stage as it approached Centralia. The stage's passengers included Hon. James S. Rollins, then representative in Congress. Just as the bushwhackers began to search the stage and go through the pockets of the passengers, some one cried out that the train was coming, and the band hurried off toward the station for the purpose of looting the train.

The train was moving northward from St. Louis and among its passengers, numbering more than 125 persons, there were 23 discharged and furloughed Federal soldiers. The guerillas ransacked the train, robbed the express car and rifled the mails. The soldiers were removed from the train and taken to the south side of the railroad and formed in line.

Bill Anderson, the leader of the bushwhackers, rode to the line and addressed the men, saying, "Boys, is there a sergeant among you?" There were several soldiers of that rank in the line, but no one spoke. Anderson repeated the question and added that is there is, "let him step out." Following this, Sergeant Thomas Goodman, of the First Regiment, Missouri Engineers, only five days from his outfit, then in Athens, Ga., stepped to the front and looked the guerilla leader squarely in the eye.

Anderson then ordered his men to remove Sergeant Goodman to a place of safety and to take care of him. The remaining men lined up and were fired upon by the guerillas, and all were killed.

Will Leave Mexico.
C. F. Coleman, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has resigned his position and will leave shortly for St. Louis. The Board of Directors of the organization are arranging for his successor.

YESTERDAY IN MEXICO

10 Years Ago.
The engagement of Miss Hortense Buckner of Auxvase to Mr. Clay Duncan of Kansas City was announced.

The cast of characters for the Hardin Alumnae production of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" included: Mildred Wallace, Miriam Johnson, Dorothy Holmes, Margaret Traile, Hilda Brand, Dorothy Deane, Lida Botta, Myrtle Moore, Willie Hook, Florence Crosby, Maurine Heizer, Lena Bryarly, Marie Rose, Anna Lewis, Mildred Johnson, Lela Winans, Miriam Glandon, Fay Snidow, Helen McIntyre, Harriet Winans, Ruth Hoxsey, Sarah Culbertson, Josephine Wallace, Ruth Cook and Edith Etheridge.

20 Years Ago.
Everett Farrar, 40 years old, died near this city.

Stephen and Forest Roddy of Centralia drove a team of oxen to St. Louis.

Dr. C. T. Varnon, 64 years old, died in this city.

Ben R. Middleton was seriously injured when hit by a Wabash freight train.

30 Years Ago.
George Stauffer was erecting a fine residence near Benton City.

Mrs. Kate Mize, mother of Mrs. W. A. Morris, died in Independence.

Chal Brown and George Patterson of near Santa Fe, went to Fresno, Cal., to reside.

40 Years Ago.
Ed Gibbs the printer, moved to Bowling Green.

Lightning killed two fine horses belonging to Ben Hoffman of Martinsburg.

Elwyn Locke and Robert Morris were home from a business trip in Dakota.

George Poteet was with Gill and Garrett manufacturing washing machines.

**CHICAGO & ALTON TO
HAVE NEW TERMINAL
AT LOUISIANA SOON**

The Bloomington Pantagraph of July 21 says:

"It is planned to go ahead with the new terminal at Louisiana, Mo., which is to succeed Booth and Roodhouse as freight terminals. The management plans to operate freight trains, Bloomington to Springfield, Venice to Springfield, Venice to Louisiana, Springfield to Louisiana; Slater to Louisiana, and Slater to Kansas City. This will be the lineup of the freight divisions out hand west under the new management, thus getting maximum of efficiency with the elimination of overtime, and saving the company a vast sum annually in operating expenses.

Chicago & Alton operating expenses will be reduced approximately \$150,000 per month commencing with July 1, as a result of the wage reduction, says the Bloomington Pantagraph. The company has upon the pay roll at the present time about 9,000 employees, and the average reduction of each employe is about 55 cents per day.

Mrs. Harvey Iman and little son, Melvin, spent the week end with relatives near Fulton and Auxvase.

COURT HOUSE

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Clerk E. F. Elliott has received a quantity of the Session Acts of 1921 which may be bought from him by any person interested.

The case of C. T. Guys, a Warrenton jeweler, charged with a statutory offense, has been brought to the Circuit Court of this district because of the alleged ill feeling against the defendant there.

Guys is married and has made his home in Warrenton for many years. The case will be taken up at the September term of court.

Two divorce suits have been filed with the Circuit Clerk for the September term of Circuit Court.

The first one, Amanda Forgy vs. Sherman Forgy alleges desertion on the part of the defendant.

The second, that of James Clark vs. Nora Clark is on the same grounds.

A suit has been filed with Circuit Clerk Elliott for the recovery of \$1,000 on a life insurance policy that the international life refused to pay on the death of the beneficiary.

The suit is that of Rebecca Giles vs. the International Life Insurance Co., and the plaintiff asks in addition to the amount of the policy \$100 damages.

The petition alleges that Venetta Potter died March 2, 1921 and that the company has since refused to pay the policy, which the plaintiff now asks the court to decide.

It will come up at the September term of court.

Heirs of Rufus Caldwell have filed a suit to establish a will after two and a half years of litigation has failed to establish any legal will left by him when he died.

The document presented as a will shortly after the death of Rufus Caldwell was not approved by the Probate court and could not be proven as the legal will even after litigation extending into the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Now, after almost three years, the heirs have produced another document, claimed to be the original will and which they seek to establish as such.

The case is that of Buddie Caldwell et al vs. Wm. Caldwell et al and will come up at the September term of Circuit Court.

Two more divorce suits have been filed with the Circuit Clerk for the September term of the Circuit Court.

In the first one, Lena Morris vs. Walter Morris, the plaintiff alleges cruelty and failure to support on the part of the defendant.

In the second, Hazel Stuart vs. John H. Stuart, the plaintiff charges desertion and abandonment of child.

Fulton to Have Street Fair.
Altho the executive committee of the Fulton Commercial Club decided that it was inadvisable to have a street fair this fall, the members of the Kingdom Post of the American Legion said they would stage one if they were given the use of the city park and the financial assistance of the merchants.

A tentative date has been set for the first week in October.

Repair Ringo Block.
Workmen were busy Friday making further repairs in the paving of the Ringo block on Jefferson street. The experiment made with tarvia in that block has proven so satisfactory that all the "dimples" will be taken out.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, W. D. PULIS, Administrator, of the estate of

JOHN J. PULIS, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1921.

W. D. PULIS,
Administrator.

Attested by me this 6th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) E. A. SHANNON,
20-td Judge of Probate Court.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, W. D. PULIS, Administrator, of the estate of

G. W. PULIS, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1921.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Fred Fouser, Executor, of the estate of

DAVID FOUSER, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such executor at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1921.

FRED FOUSER,
Executor.

Attested by me this 21st day of June, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS,
20-td Clerk of Probate Court.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Albert Erdel, Executor, of the estate of

VALENTINE ERDEL, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such executor at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1921.

ALBERT ERDEL,
Executor.

Attested by me, this 30th day of June, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS,
20-td Clerk of Probate Court.

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Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Albert Erdel, Executor, of the estate of

VALENTINE ERDEL, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such executor at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County on the 8th day of August, A. D., 1921.

ALBERT ERDEL,
Executor.

Attested by me, this 30th day of June, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS,
20-td Clerk of Probate Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of

REUBEN E. HOWARD, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Rufus A. Howard, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 14th day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

RUFUS A. HOWARD,
Administrator.

Attested by me, this 19th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS,
22-4t Clerk of Probate Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of

CLARA C. MASON, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, ALEX CARTER, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 22nd day of July, 1921.

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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

ALEX CARTER,
Administrator.

Attested by me, this 22nd day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) E. A. SHANNON,
23-4t Judge of Probate Court.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of

JOSEPH BERTELS, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Ben J. Bertels, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri bearing date the 27th day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

BEN J. BERTELS,
Executor.

Attested by me, this 27th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) E. A. SHANNON,
23-4t Judge of Probate Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration upon the estate of

MARY QUINN, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, JOHN QUINN, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 7th day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

JOHN QUINN,
Administrator.

Attested by me this 7th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS L. WOODS,
21-4t Clerk of Probate Court.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given, that letters testamentary upon the estate of

NANCY LEE DODD, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, CHARLES W. DODD, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri bearing date the 11th day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

CHARLES W. DODD,
Executor.

Attested by me this 11th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) E. A. SHANNON,
21-4t Judge of Probate Court.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of

ISAAC C. BECKLEY, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Mary B. Beckley, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 23rd day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to her 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

MARY B. BECKLEY,
Executrix.

Attested by me this 23rd day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) E. A. SHANNON,
23-4t Judge of Probate Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration upon the estate of

BENJAMIN TURNER, Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, DENNIS SPELMAN, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 1st day of July, 1921.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to him 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 granting said letters, they will be forever barred.

DENNIS SPELMAN,
Administrator.

Attested by me this 14th day of July, 1921.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS,
22-4t Clerk of Probate Court.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of Missouri,

County of Audrain.

In the Circuit Court to the September Term, 1921.

Joe Considine and F. E. Wales, a partnership doing business under the partnership name of Considine & Wales, Plaintiffs vs. Joe D. Owens, Defendant.

Civil Action in Attachment. The State of Missouri to the above named defendant Greetings:

Now on this 13th day of July, 1921, comes the plaintiff in the above entitled cause, before the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit in attachment, stating among other things that the above named defendant, Joe D. Owens, is a non-resident of the State, and that the ordinary process of law can not be served upon him.

It is thereupon ordered by the Court aforesaid, in vacation, that publication be made notifying him, the said defendant, that an action has been commenced against him, the said defendant, by petition and attachment in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, founded upon an account, in which the plaintiff demands the sum of \$293.00, and that his property has been attached, to-wit:

Commencing at the Division 1 of Survey thence South 134 feet beginning; run thence West line of said Division 1 of 187 feet; thence thence north along Division 1 a distance thence West 159 feet beginning; all in Section 24, Township 61, north of Range 10 West of the 5th Principal Meridian in Audrain County, Missouri.