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HIGH WATER CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE HERE

The water in the creeks around Mexico is higher now than it has been since 1906. Three and thirty hundredths inches of rain fell from 3 o'clock Monday afternoon until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

J. M. Dunn was coming into Mexico from the Walker Pollock farm northeast of Mexico Tuesday morning and was crossing the little stream which crosses the road near the Military Academy when his horse was swept down the stream and he barely escaped drowning. Mr. Dunn is connected with the St. Clair Oil Company.

Walter Sannbeck, who owns the base ball park east of Mexico, reports that two panels of the fence which enclosed the park have been swept away and several hogs have been drowned and seven or eight hogs and a beef marooned on a little knoll.

The small bridge near the Western Stove Lining Works was swept away Monday night.

All morning persons mounted to the tower of the court house to get a view of the high waters. In every direction it is possible to see the effects of the storm and get an idea of the great amount of water which fell.

Almost all of the rural mail carriers found it necessary to return to Mexico after learning the conditions of the creeks near town.

The large numbers of fishing worms on the walks Tuesday morning are causing old settlers to again tell the old story of it raining fishing worms in the spring.

Mr. Sannbeck says that he believes his loss will amount to about \$500 although it is impossible yet to make an estimate as the water rose during the morning at the rate of a foot an hour. The water is over the bridge near the Country Club which is a most unusual occurrence.

T. C. Botts, one of the jurors in the case of Paulina Smith vs. the Northern Assurance Company, was unable to come to Mexico Tuesday on account of the high waters and the court did not hold a morning session.

The bridge over the creek east of town was covered with eight inches of water at noon. Ten tons of sand in sacks was used to reinforce the east end of the bridge and it is believed that the structure will hold all right. The bridge over the creek near the J. T. Johnson farm is under water. The Paris bridge is still above water.

The work at the septic tank is not hurt as the tank proper is surrounded by a large wall and the only water in the tank is that which fell in. This can be pumped out with little time and expense.

All the members of the office force at the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company and as many extra helpers as could be secured were busy during the day reinforcing the pit with bags of sand and attempting to keep the water back. About two hundred were at work during the day. The girls of the office force and Mrs. Green undertook the work of feeding the workers.

D. C. Owens says that the water is higher now than it has been in any of the forty-three years that he has been here. Old settlers say that in 1899 the water was at about the same place it is now.

Since noon the water has receded somewhat and it is believed that the danger of it breaking into the pit is passed. However if such a thing had happened it would probably have resulted in the closing of the plant for three or four months.

WATER CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE IN CENTRALIA

The water was so high in Centralia Tuesday that it backed up in the sewerage pipes flooding the basements in many parts of the town and doing extensive damage. The water was so high around the schools that it was necessary to dismiss classes.

Mrs. H. L. Burrell of Wellsville and Mrs. William Butler of Middletown are the guests of friends in Mexico.

Maurice Barth, of Omaha, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Joseph Barth.

Mrs. William H. Coons of Kansas City is the guest of Mrs. Frank Sanford.

LOCAL SCHOOL RECEIVES MONEY FROM FUND

Hardin College has received \$40,786 of the \$30,856,391 which has been raised by the Baptists in their \$75,000,000 campaign. The Missouri Baptists have contributed \$1,190,754.70 of this amount.

The sum raised has been used for the work of foreign missions, home missions, state missions, Christian education, embracing the 120 Baptist schools and colleges throughout the United States, hospitals and the relief and annuity board.

A statewide campaign is now on among the Baptist Churches of Missouri looking to the end of bringing the campaign payments up to the highest possible standard between now and May 1, when the books of the Southern Baptist Convention close for the year.

JOHN BARCLAY ELECTED HEAD OF ELKS LODGE

John Barclay was elected exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge here Friday evening. The other officers elected were: Sam D. Byrns secretary; Earl Brown leading knight; Rodes Jesse, loyal knight; Harry Stocks, lecturing knight; J. H. Whitmore was elected trustee for three years. Several minor officers will be appointed later.

Joe Davis was elected delegate to represent the Mexico Lodge at the national convention which will be held in Atlantic City some time this summer.

WILL BE GUESTS AT BANQUET HERE APRIL 7

There will be a get-together banquet at the Hotel Hoxsey the evening of Friday April 7th to which the business and traveling men of Mexico will be invited. There will be a delicious five course menu served without expense to any of the guests. The meeting is a novel one and should result in great mutual benefit.

Invitations will be mailed this week. The traveling men will take this opportunity to present to the local merchants business building ideas they have gleaned from a close inspection of their various territories.

These plans will be presented with the idea that any of them that can be used here will be gratefully accepted by the local business men. The traveling men are also anxious to learn how they can further develop and promote Mexico and will seek the advice of the business men at this gathering on what lines they should follow.

The banquet will be of great mutual good. It is a novel idea and those fortunate enough to be invited should attend prepared in every way to make the gathering a success of great cooperative benefit.

MR. TORREYSON ATTENDS MEETING OF COUNTY ASSESSORS TUESDAY

Sam Torreyson attended the meeting of county assessors, which was held in Jefferson City Tuesday. About eighty-five assessors attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to equalize the valuation of property in the various counties. Abstracts have been received from 112 counties and it is impossible to take any action until the abstracts from the other two counties are in.

After examining the abstracts of all the counties, the tax commission will make recommendations to the State Board of Equalization, which will then take action in the matter.

MRS. WALTER McNAB MILLER TO ADDRESS PAR- ENT-TEACHER MEETING

The regular March meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association will be deferred until March 17 when a joint meeting will be held with the association of the Central School at McMillan High School. Mrs. Walter McNab Miller of St. Louis will make an address at that time.

The Oat Crop

Another week and Audrain will again start putting in an oat crop.

The oat crop means something in Audrain. It always places this county in the lead in Missouri in both the acreage and yield of one of the state's greatest crops.

We are among the leaders in wheat and corn as well as poultry, mules and fine horses, but as an oat producing county we lead the entire state.

It may not impress a lot of folks as much but to us we consider it very worthwhile to be a leader in this great state in at least one of its several great farming activities.

L. Mitchell White



FARM CLUB MEETINGS (Send us your dates)

CEDAR GROVE FARM CLUB—Every Thursday night.

BEAVER DAM FARM CLUB—Every Friday night.

Molino meets every other Friday night.

CANADA—Meets first Monday night each month at 7:30. W. H. Battersett Secretary.

MACEDONIA—First and third Wednesdays.

PISGAH—First and third Tuesdays.

PINE—First and third Mondays.

DANIEL—First and third Tuesdays.

FOX—First and Third Friday nights. D. Miller, President, John O'Brien, Secretary.

PAYNE—Every second and fourth Friday nights.

OAK GROVE—Third Monday night of each month.

ELM BEND—First Monday night of each month.

GATEWOOD—President Lewis Callaway, secretary F. L. McGee.

BENTON CITY—Starting February 9th meets Thursday night every two weeks.

LIBERTY—Meets First and Third Wednesday evening of each month. Lon Smith, president; Martellus Barnes, sec'y.

PAYNE—Second and Fourth Friday nights.

JACKSON, 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights.

HICKORY GROVE—Every other Wednesday night. Carver Brown, President, Carl Renner, secretary.

CORNETT—Every other Friday night. Curtis Houchin, president; Sherman Howell, secretary.

CAUTHORN—Second and fourth Friday nights. L. J. Gollon, president; W. J. Kennedy, secretary.

The Benton City farmers' club meets twice a month at the school house.

AGRICULTURAL STATION SENDS RADIOGRAMS

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 15.—The first agricultural experiment station in the United States to send out wireless telephone messages of timely interest to farmers was the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri, which inaugurated this modern service in co-operation with the Reserve Officers Training Corps signal station here this week.

The service will be continued daily, each day a message of special importance to the farmers of the state being released into the air, at a wave length of 385 meters. The first two messages sent are of special interest to the people of this county as Audrain is the largest oat producing county in the state.

Radio gram No. 1 University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

Early sowing increases the yield of oats. The University of Missouri College of Agriculture reports that oats sown in central Missouri on March 17, last year came safely through the Easter freeze and yielded 48 bushels. Oats sown two weeks later yielded 37 bushels, and a month later only 25 bushels.

The second radiogram was as follows:

Oat smut is the cause of great annual loss to Missouri farmers, yet it can be prevented, says the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, by treating the seed with one pint of formalin in four gallons of water. Ask your county agent.

Doolin Motor Co. Moves.

The Doolin Motor Co. is vacating the Deval Building and moving to the corner of Liberty and Washington streets.

Chas. Guthrie and Cave Johnson, will attend the funeral of Fred Niedermeyer in Columbia Thursday. The dead aviator was a classmate of the former and a schoolmate of the latter.

Mrs. James Pollard, who has been visiting her mother in Mexico, returned to Fulton Monday.

E. B. Schorr, flutist from Columbia, will arrive in Mexico Wednesday evening for rehearsal with the Hardin Conservatory Orchestra.

Ledger ads bring results.

TESTIMONY FOR PLAINTIFF CONTINUES

The trial of the case of Paulina Smith vs. the National Assurance Company of London continues in the Circuit Court here. Evidence is still being introduced by the plaintiff and will probably continue for some time. Jacob E. Smith, son of the plaintiff and general manager of the Smith Manufacturing Company went on the stand before noon Thursday and his testimony was not completed by 11 o'clock Friday. The case was called here Tuesday morning and no testimony has yet been introduced by the defendant.

A decree of divorce has been granted to Esther Greenburg in her suit against Edward Greenburg and her maiden name of Esther Dilks restored. Cruelty and non-support were given as grounds in the petition.

In the case of the Hoxsey and Shroul Motor Company vs. Morris Given, the court entered judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$458.06. Suit over an account for merchandise.

Judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$390.06 was entered by the court in the case of Hoxsey-Shroul Motor Company vs. Jack Pulis et al.

Two cases have been appealed from the probate court to the circuit court. They are: Alma Devaney vs. the estate of Michael DeVaney and M. A. DeVaney vs. the estate of Michael DeVaney. Both are suits on claims.

J. T. Johnson and son sold 66 head of hogs to Powell & Woolery this week for \$27.70 a head. They were good ones.

The Davis Shoe Co., is papering its quarters and making them most attractive.

Miss Gladys Abington of Vandalia will be with the Wolf-Berger store which is soon to be opened here. Miss Abington has been taking a course in Chillicothe Business College.

Howard C. Rhodus left Wednesday for St. Louis. Mr. Rhodus will return to Mexico for the week-end but will leave the early part of next week for an extended trip through the South.

Ward Ruth of Wellsville was in Mexico Sunday.

DOLLAR DAY ASSURED FOR THIS MONTH

It was announced at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday noon that the Dollar Day plan were well underway and that the Merchants were going ahead and arranging for this event to be held in conjunction with the Automobile Show March 30, 31 and April 1st in this city.

The matter of soliciting advertising was taken under discussion and it was decided that no local institution which was handling the proposition itself, as Hardin College and M. M. A., would need Chamber of Commerce cards but all other matters of this type would be referred to the committee of the organization for investigation.

Jerry Smith, of St. Louis, was present and made a short and interesting talk on better business conditions developing at this time and Judge W. W. Fry addressed the meeting on the splendid work the Chamber was doing and could do for Mexico.

Misses Mary Louise Hawthorne, Francis Gooch and Willie Morris gave a most delightful musical program. About 70 men were in attendance.

HEARING OF SMITH CASE CONTINUES

The case of Paulina Smith vs. the Northern Assurance Company of London is still on trial in the Audrain County Circuit Court. Evidence for the defendant is being introduced Thursday morning.

John S. Leahy, attorney for the defendant, asked Wednesday that all Russian Jew witnesses who were called to the stand should be sworn by a rabbi as in that way they would consider their oath more binding. Rabbi J. J. Grodsky was called to the stand to testify on this point. Mr. Grodsky does not speak English and his testimony was given through interpreters. Mr. Grodsky said that the oath administered by the clerk of the court would be just as binding as one administered by the rabbi so the motion of the attorney was overruled.

The case of Julius Mallinckrodt vs. the estate of George Schaeffer which was tried here several years ago and taken to the St. Louis Court of Appeals was dismissed on the motion of the plaintiff. This was a suit brought by the plaintiff against the estate for taking care of the deceased during his lifetime.

The court entered judgment for the sum of \$1,380.20 in favor of the plaintiff in the case of the Molino Bank vs. M. B. Ridgeway et al.

In the case of the Bank of Thompson vs. V. T. Hulen for vendor's lien, the court entered judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$130.62.

Joe Considine in his suit against V. T. Hulen for special lien was given judgment of \$394.60 by the court.

In the case of W. H. Logan vs. A. R. Bushnell et al, the judgment was given in favor of plaintiff, allowing him to perfect title to real estate in east end of county.

In the case of John F. Matijka vs. Henry Inglemann, suit over a note, a judgment of \$2,211.84 was entered for the plaintiff, and attorney's fee for sum of \$221.18.

Jesse Silvers and Earl Carpenter, arrested recently charged with violation of the prohibition law, were arraigned before the court, pled not guilty and trial set for March 18.

The Grand Jury made partial report of its findings and retired to complete its work. Will probably adjourn Friday.

HARRY E. BACKER TO HEAD FULTON COMMERCIAL CLUB

Harry E. Backer was elected president of the Fulton Commercial Club at the meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday evening. He will succeed L. U. Nickell, who has been president of the organization for the last two years.

F. R. Wyatt of Laddonia was in Mexico Sunday.

Mrs. William Francis Ramsey and Miss Gladys Van Ness have returned from a few day's visit in St. Louis.

WILL GIVE TOWNSHIPS HEARINGS

The county court is setting aside one day for each township in the county, at which time the persons living in the different townships may come before the board of equalization and make complaints or suggestions concerning the valuation of property in their particular district.

The county board of equalization will meet the first Monday in April and will be in session about a week.

The county board of equalization is composed of the sheriff, the assessor, surveyor, county clerk and when the valuation of property in Mexico is considered, the mayor and city assessor are members of the board.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED

The friends of Miss Mary Lee Burks were informed Saturday of her engagement to Ben Locke. The date for the wedding has not yet been announced but if it is understood that it will take place in the early summer.

Both young people were reared in Mexico and have a large circle of friends here.

Miss Burks is the daughter of Mrs. W. G. Burks and is one of Mexico's prettiest and most popular young women. She attended Hardin College and is an accomplished musician. She is a member of Eta Upsilon Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Locke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Locke. He attended the University of Missouri and later went to Cornell University from which he was graduated last year. He is a splendid young man in every respect.

He is now connected with the Missouri Utilities Company.

The Ledger extends sincere best wishes to these splendid young people in advance.

BOYS SAY HONESTY ALWAYS THE BEST POLICY - GET REWARD

Eugene Tyson called at the Ledger Thursday with Thomas Sewall and stated they wished to thank Mrs. O. B. Anderson, whose diamond and pearl brooch they recently found and returned to its owner through a Ledger lost ad.

"Honesty is the best policy," remarked Eugene. "We received \$20 apiece for returning the pin which we found near the C. & A. station. We looked in the Ledger the first thing for the lost advertisement. Of course we knew the pin was valuable but we would have returned it whether we were given a reward or not."

JAKE REED DEFEATS JOE McVEY

Jake Reed of Fulton defeated Joe McVey for the third time in a match in Moberly Thursday evening. Reed won the first fall in forty-three minutes and the second in sixteen. McVey and Reed wrestled on Priest Field in July 1920 for the Missouri championship. McVey won the first fall but Reed rallied and won the next two. In the early months of 1921 McVey again met Reed, this time in Fulton, and was again defeated, Reed winning two straight falls.

Moves to Linn Creek.

John Davis has returned from Linn Creek, Mo., where he has been for the past two weeks. Mr. Davis will go back Friday and take possession of his farm six miles southeast of that city.

Mr. Davis has many friends here, where he has always lived; and the Ledger joins them in wishing him much success and happiness in his new home. However, we wish to remind him that "it— all come b—"

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JUDGES FOR CITY ELECTION ARE CHOSEN

The judges for the city election to be held in April were chosen at the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening. They are:

FIRST WARD

Democrats: Miss Cassie Canthorn, George N. Johnson, W. W. Nichols.
Republicans: Mrs. M. F. Horton, W. T. Keath, J. W. Squires.

SECOND WARD

Democrats: Mrs. R. W. Borrey, J. D. Greer, J. M. Cowherd.
Republicans: C. F. Chappell, C. W. Squires, Mrs. McGabbie.

THIRD WARD

Democrats: Mrs. Wallace Fry, C. C. Heizer, W. A. Wayne.
Republicans: Mrs. F. L. Crosby, Ed Kidd, John Renie.

FOURTH WARD

Democrats: Mrs. John Lane, Frank Eller, R. C. Carter.
Republicans: Garrett Barnes, C. F. Clark, John Ripst.

The report of the financial committee showed the following balances in the various funds:

General fund \$3,212.90
Light fund \$2,069.12
Cemetery fund \$ 324.96
Septic tank fund \$17,324.48
Septic tank building fund \$6,135.32
Vehicle fund \$ 11.01

Bills to the sum of \$2,241.08 were allowed.

A petition accepting the curbing on South Washington Street was presented but no action was taken.

It was moved that the Mayor appoint someone to act with himself to buy or rent a road roller.

D. C. Owen proposed that the pictures of the deceased mayors and chiefs of police be framed and hung on the walls of the council chamber.

AUTO, TRUCK AND TRACTOR SHOW TO BE FREE

At a rousing and enthusiastic meeting of the Automotive Dealers' Association of this city, Friday night, it was decided to change the name of the show to Mexico's Auto, Truck and Tractor Show, as there will be trucks and tractors, in addition to the cars shown. All preliminary arrangements were made at this meeting. Much enthusiasm was shown, and if enthusiasm has to do with the making of the show a success, it will be one of the biggest things Mexico has ever had. There will be some fifty or sixty exhibits at this show. A farm speaker has been invited to speak Friday and Saturday in the show building. There will be music, speaking and vaudeville. The dealers decided to make this show a free show.

BOY INJURED IN FALL FROM FREIGHT TRAIN

George Peacher, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Peacher of Renick, attempted to hop a freight train near that place Sunday. His foot slipped and he was thrown under the wheels. Both legs were cut off above the knee and he may die.

Prairie Chapel School Closes.

The winter term at Prairie Chapel School, five miles southeast of Benton City has closed. Mrs. George Hamilton is the teacher of this school.

Barth's is adding a handsome lot of new fixtures and generally improving the store.