

RECENT RAINS HELP STRAWBERRIES

Picking Season Will Open About May 20 at Seneca or Anderson.

Charles Carmichael, field agent of the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association reports the present condition of the strawberry crop as follows:

The recent rains were badly needed by the strawberries in the section of Southwestern Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas, and with favorable weather from now on, the picking season should open in Missouri about the 20th of May, beginning probably at Anderson or Seneca. The indications are that but few local sections in the district will have a full crop due to the drouth last summer. Many of the old beds died out and the plants that lived through are not strong enough to make fruit crowns. This is noticeable in the districts around Monett, Peirce City, Sarcocine and the districts south of Monett, which includes Purdy and Butterfield.

Some of the fields in this district show about 25 per cent of the plants that will not bloom. With this condition existing, and the scarcity of plants in the row, the crop will be very short.

In the districts around Anderson, Goodman, Aroma, Seneca and part of the Neosho district, the fields are putting on a heavy crop, and under favorable weather conditions, these shipping points can harvest a crop equal to that of the average season. The recent storms have damaged the crop in some localities, the extent of which damage cannot be determined at this time.

The new fields planted a year ago in many of the local districts, failed to make row on account of the drouth, and the plants that were set in the fall are not putting up fruit crowns. This is especially true of the variety "Aroma."

The freezes did not seem to hurt the crop to any considerable extent. The fields set this spring are most all in good condition and nearly every grower has been successful in getting a fair stand of plants. However, some complain of losing a per cent of new plants set, due probably to the time at which they were set. Also, to the cold northwest winds which we had during the month of April.

The fruit growers over the entire Ozark region are taking a great interest in the strawberry industry at the present time, and indications are that next year, with the acreage that has been planted, a large crop will be harvested from this region. This interest taken by the growers is due probably to the good prices received for berries the last two years. The indications now are that good prices will be received for the crop that is to be harvested this season.

T. F. Starcher, of Neosho, in a recent letter to Mr. Carmichael, said: "In reply to your inquiry as to damages to strawberries from Easter freeze, will say that the damage is very slight, probably one crate per acre. Very few plants had pushed the crown bud above the ground at that time. These were all killed. A hail storm on the evening of the 18th did some damage. Probably more than the freeze."

"All plants are vigorous and strong and are setting a heavy crop. Shipments at Aroma will begin around May 20. We will have about 15 cars."

"As to our reasons for shipping our berries under the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association plan, will say that we have tried it for a number of years and are perfectly satisfied with it."

"We like it because it is a co-operative plan, under which the different associations direct and control the marketing expense as well as other matters pertaining to the marketing and distribution of our fruit. This is done by our representatives who have an equal voice in all matters concerning the management of the sales agency."

"We stick to the plan because we have had a hand in perfecting the organization of this sales agency, and no one has yet produced one for the Ozark region that is any better, or even as good."

"We use our agency because it is ours, and it has the best equipped machinery for getting satisfactory results of any fruit agency in the Ozark territory."

"We have made careful and extensive investigation and are perfectly certain that no other sales agency in the United States is prepared to give the service and secure the results done by this agency for anything like so small an expense."

"It is a farmers' co-operative sales agency. We are farmers and expect to stick to it as long as we grow fruit to ship."

FENCE POSTS

Good fence posts for sale at 10 and 12 cents. Phone 932-22.
D. F. SPERANDIO.

MOTHERS DAY PROGRAM

New Liberty church, Kings Prairie, Sunday, May 9, 1920.
Morning session 9:30 o'clock.
Song and Devotional Service.
Welcome.....Doreas Carter
Welcome Song.....Primary Class
The Good Shepherd.....Roy Stribling
My Grandma.....Anna Carter
My Dad.....Claudie Jackson
Mothers Lost Balance.....Eunice McCormick.
Cracken.
Which Side.....Jessie Powell
I Am Glad.....Leonard Carter
Twenty Times a Day.....Allen Powell
The Helpers.....Agnes Wilks
Recitation.....Arthur Spencer
A Tribute to Father—Luther McCormick.
When Mother Went Away—Francis Carter.
The Boy My Mother Thinks I Am—Ray Wilks.
What a Little Girl Thinks—Edna Jackson.
The Banks of Avonmore—Francis McCormick.
My Sweetheart.....Fay Carter
Mothers Girl.....Fern Carter
Little Sunshine.....Ethel Stribling
Baby's Playthings—Ethel May Jackson.
You Can't Repay Mother—Mabel Stribling.
The Little Cottage Organ—Jessie Wilks.
Mothers Songs.....Bernice Carter
Nobody's Child.....Mary Powell
Song, Somebody's Child.
Since Mother Went Away—Jean Pharris.
Recitation.....Hazel McCormick
Mothers.....Dorothy Latschaw
Address.....R. A. Ellis
12 o'clock, Dinner on the Ground.
1:30 p. m. Song and Devotional Service
Recitation.....Bertha McCormick
Song.....Georgia Stribling
Rose Drill.....Junior Class
Mothers Doughnuts.....Jewell Wilks
After Twenty Years—Mabel Spencer
Address.....Rev. T. S. Carlin
Three Wishes.....Gladys Jackson
Power in Mothers Prayer—Bessie Carter.
Song, My Mother is Waiting There—Quartet.
Mothers Prayer.....Noma Dummit
Drill.....Class in the Corner
Song, A Drunkards Child—Norma Dummit.
2:30 Sermon.....Rev. W. F. Whitlock
Volunteer talks.
Closing Services, Rev. E. R. Stribling
Pastor.
A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and don't forget to bring your mother if living, if she is dead, come in memory of her.
Committee,
Mrs. I. E. Jackson.
Mrs. W. A. Jackson.
Mrs. C. C. Carter.

PROPOSALS FOR DEPOSIT OF SCHOOL MONEY AND FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that up to 8 o'clock p. m. on the 14th day of May, 1920, the Board of Education of the School District of Monett, Missouri, in conformity to the provision of Article 4 of Chapter 106 and of Article 8 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1919, as amended by the laws of Missouri for the year 1915, on pages 249, 250 and 251, will receive sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in such school district for the deposit of the money and funds of said school district; which proposals must be delivered to the Clerk of said board on or before the above named date.

Each bid shall be for one-half of said moneys and funds, and each bidder may bid for one-half or all of said funds or moneys but the bids for each half shall be separate and shall state the rate of interest offered on one-half of the moneys and funds of said school district for a period of time ending on May 1, 1922, next ensuing the date of receiving bids, said interest to be computed on daily balances to the credit of said school district with the depository, and to be paid to the Treasurer of said school district on the first day of each month.

Each if said bids shall be accompanied by a check in favor of said school district on some solvent banking corporation, association or individual banker in said district, duly certified, for not less than fifty (\$50) dollars, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder that if any of its or his bids shall be accepted by the board it or he will enter into bond as provided by law.

Bidders are required to cause their bids to be sealed and to be addressed to D. S. Breece, Clerk of said district, 719 Frisco Ave., Monett, Mo., and to be marked on the outside of the cover: "Bids for deposit of school money and funds". All bids received will be publicly opened by the board at the First National Bank in the City of Monett, on the date above named. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

D. S. BREECE,
Clerk of School District
of Monett, Mo.
(First insertion April 13, 1920.)

OBITUARY

Merriell Grace Breese was born in Monett, Dec. 20, 1895, died April 24, 1920 from complications resulting from an attack of influenza. At the time of her death she was 24 years, 4 months and 5 days of age.

She lived the greater part of her life in Monett, she received her education through the St. Joseph's Catholic school of this city and St. Vincents Academy of Kansas City. She made friends wherever she went and was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her passing a mother, Mrs. Mary Breese, a sister, Mrs. Orel Doyle and a brother Willie, all whom reside in Monett, the father having preceded her some 18 years ago.

Impressive funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father McNamee from the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The church choir furnished sweet music at the service. Miss Margaret Walsh and Miss Pauline Mansfield sang solos.

Six young men close friends of the family acted as ball bearers they were Tom Devine, Paul Mulrenin, Robert R. Wilson, Joseph Randall, Herbert Livesay and Bernard Mulrenin.

The floral pieces were beautiful and profuse, Misses Anna Mulloy, Lenita Randall, Kitty Belle Taylor, Mildred Keithley, Mattie McNeal, Josephine Martin, Lillian Smith and Kathryn Dwyer were flower bearers. The Callaway undertakers had charge of the funeral and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our thanks to those who so kindly assisted us in our recent sorrow. The L. A. to O. R. C., K. of C., Boilermakers Local No. 546, Royal Neighbors and all friends for the beautiful flowers also the Callaway Undertaking establishment for their efficient services.

Mrs. Mary T. Breese
Willie E. Breese
Mrs. Orel Z. Doyle & Son
G. R. Frost.

MR. FLAHERTY BURIED AT PEIRCE CITY

Mr. Flaherty, a brother of Mike Flaherty of this city, was killed in a street car accident in Kansas City and the remains were brought to Peirce City Monday morning. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock from the Catholic church. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Flaherty was a street car conductor.

DUNLAP—BAYLESS

Miss Mary Dunlap, of near Wentworth, and Mr. Loren Bayless, of near Cassville, were united in marriage Saturday evening at eight o'clock at Baptist church parsonage, Rev. C. F. Whitlock performing the ceremony. The young couple were accompanied by Miss Dunlap, sister of the bride, and Miss Ursula and Lila Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Bayless are well known young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for a long and happy life. They will make their home on a farm near Cassville.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Loren P. Withers deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 10th day of April, 1920, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

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

This 10th day of April 1920.
B. W. WITHERS, Administrator
JOHN R. WALLEN,
Judge of Probate.

First insertion April 16.

Mrs. Joe Nelson and little son, of Joplin, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. Barker and family.

Mrs. Joel Cooper returned home Friday evening from a two weeks visit with relatives at West Fork, Ark.

Dr. A. Jones operated upon Louis Maritan at his home in South Monett, Tuesday morning.

Arthur Erwin went to Kansas City Tuesday evening to attend the Republican convention.

J. P. Womack, of Jonesboro, Ark., was an out-of-town visitor in the city, Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe A. Jackson and her mother Mrs. Margaret Baze, went to Webb City, Tuesday, on business matters.

Dr. A. Pettefer and family and Mrs. T. L. Breece motored down from Springfield, Sunday, and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Colquitt Montgomery and Mrs. Willard McGlohn, of Verona, visited in Monett, Monday, and Mrs. George Eckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, accompanied them home.

FIRST MEETING NEW CITY COUNCIL

Transact Considerable Business. Will Improve Streets by Graveling Or Oiling.

The first business meeting of the new city council was held, Tuesday. In the absence of Mayor S. A. Chapel W. S. Blennerhassett, presided. B. Vermillion was the other member present.

The city engineer, Bert Robbins, filed a report of the completion of the work done by J. B. Burg, contractor, for grading and graveling Wishart street from Fifth street west to the city limits and reported that the work was satisfactory. A bill was passed levying a special tax to pay for the work.

The city engineer filed specifications and estimate of cost for graveling County street from Fourth street west to the city limits. An ordinance was passed to improve County street by excavating, filling, grading and graveling.

A resolution was passed providing for oiling districts as follows: 1st District—Frisco avenue and Ash streets from Myrtle street to Cleveland avenue. 2nd District—Central avenue from Front street to Cleveland avenue; 3rd District—Second street from Broadway to intersection of Central avenue; 4th District—Third street from Broadway to County street; 5th District—Fourth street from Bond to Cleveland; 6th District—Fifth street from Bond to Cleveland; 7th District—Sixth street from Broadway to Benton; 8th District—Seventh street from Broadway to Cleveland; 9th District—Eighth street from Broadway to Cleveland; 10th District—Ninth street from Broadway to Cleveland.

These streets are to be oiled when considered necessary by the city council. The oiling will be done under the direction of the city engineer or other responsible party. A special tax bill will be levied against the property owners to pay for the same.

An ordinance was passed to allow current expenses.

The council instructed R. A. Gardner, city marshal, to sell property on hands for non-payment of fines and costs against any such parties.

A resolution was passed instructing the city attorney, John T. Burgess, to bring suit against E. B. Rees for the purpose of having the iron posts under the Rees building across Kelley creek removed on account of obstructing the free passage of water.

J. L. Hobbs, Police Judge and R. A. Gardner, city marshal, reported only three cases in police court during April with fines totaling \$6.00. One case was that of a person loafing around the station and railroad yards after ordered to get off the right of way. Two arrests were made on charge of fighting. Meals furnished amounted to 50 cents.

Edgar Masoner, Electric Light Superintendent reported all machinery in good condition. Twelve street lights were replaced, four meters and service lines installed and poles are ready to extend the street lights on Central avenue, Cleveland and Third streets as soon as the fixtures arrive. He has finished rearranging the transformers on Second and Third street, cutting out the transformer bank. He has put in new choke coils on the switchboard where old ones were burned out, repaired the fire hydrants on Fifth and Benton and repaired the main on East Broadway. The fire hydrants were flushed and the reservoirs were cleaned out.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice for Monett Readers.

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache pains about the hips, blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed, such aches and pains follow.

Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone. Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Monett woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. C. H. Blithe, 708 Frisco Ave., says: "Several years ago I had kidney trouble and suffered dreadfully from backaches. My back became very lame and weak. My kidneys acted irregularly and I suffered from dizzy spells and felt tired out at times. Other members of my family had used Doan's Kidney Pills with such good results that I tried them and they entirely cured me of the trouble."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Blithe had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. J. M. Marbut is quite ill this week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Following is the program of the Sunday school convention at Bethel church, May 16, 1920.

Morning Session
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Sermon, Rev. Sherman Erickson.
12 m. Basket Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Song by Bethel Choir, Welcome.
Devotional Exercises.
Song, Waldesian Choir.

2 p. m. Recitations by Lela May Long, Herbert Tate, Estel Jackson.
Song, Monett Choir.
Recitations, Joe Thomas, Vera Eden Ruby Ennis, Bernice Medlin.

Recitation, Harlan McCoy.
Song, Macedonia Choir.
2:30 p. m. What good should we derive from the Sunday school, Rev. Berryhill.

Song, Bethel Choir.
3 p. m. Teachers Training, Rev. Whitlock.
Song, Monett Choir.

3:30 p. m. The Duty of Church Members to the Sunday school, Rev. Tom Carlin.
Song, Macedonia Choir.

4 p. m. Short talks. Singing by the Waldesian Choir and others.
Everyone is cordially invited to attend and help make this a success.
Albion Erickson, District President

JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the Junior Class party given by Miss Ruth Felst and Ethel Archdale at the home of the former on Tuesday evening, May 4.

Each guest was given a different name for the evening which was placed on their back in large letters.

Names such as Shakespeare, Jiggs, Theda Bara and Maggie created much amusement.

Another event was a mock assembly where the eleven football stars (all girls) were presented with letters.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

As a late hour dainty refreshments were served to the following class members, Della and Florence Courdin, Marie Binney, Florence Hobbs, Ruth Wilhelm, Mildred Freeze, Grace Richardson, Pauline Gabriel, Ruth Mahoney, Octavia Payne, Ruth Cox, Fay Baum, Helen Nordin, Elizabeth Kersey, Ida and Florence Reynaud, Blanche Turner, Paul Wilson, Homer Counts, Sidney Timmons, Earl McCubbin, Alfred Richardson, Lee Polson, James Swartzel, Carol DonLavy Vernon Chumbley, George Geister and Harold Johnson. Other guests were Edna Timmons, Miss Mills and Miss Miller.

The napkins were hand painted with the Junior pennant.

HAD A RUNAWAY

Perry Smith, who was delivering some hay to the J. L. Dorris barn, Tuesday evening, had a narrow escape when his team ran away throwing him out of the wagon with baled hay on top of him.

Perry was driving through the alley back of the Dorris place, when, in driving across the deep drain leading into the alley, the baled hay slipped down in front under the horses' feet carrying the young man with it. The team jumped and ran the wagon passing over Smith. Luckily the wheels missed him and he escaped injury.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

All creditors and others interested in the Estate of Leota Harman deceased, are notified that the undersigned administrator of said Estate, intends to make a final settlement of said Estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry County, to be held at Cassville in said County, on the 10th day of May, 1920.

GEORGE HARMAN,
Administrator.

This 6th day of April 1920.

\$6.00 vs \$600.00
The fines collected in the city police department during the month of April amounted to \$6.00. This is in contrast with the amounts collected in previous years, when the saloons were operating here. During the saloon regime the fines sometimes ran as high as \$600 and one month ran considerably over. This speaks well for the law abiding effects of prohibition law.

Mrs. Florence Kirk and daughter, Hazel, of Newton, Kansas came Wednesday morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and sister, Mrs. Ross Stucky.

Mrs. Raymond Card and children, of Neodesha, Kan., who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Summers, left Monday morning for her home. Her sister, Mrs. Harley Reed, who is visiting here from New Castle, Wyo., accompanied her.

FARM LOANS WANTED

I have \$50,000 to loan on Lawrence and Barry County farms, at once. See me for quick service. Long time annual interest; lowest rates.

WILLIAM SMERDON
MONETT, MISSOURI

FREE OUTING FOR LEE'S CONCERT BAND

Glen Buckley, cashier of the Farmer's bank at Verona, will give Lee's Concert Band, of Monett, a free outing at Verona Sunday. Mr. Buckley will furnish the transportation. The boys will give a concert on the hotel lawn.

MT. GROVE

Miss Ruby Smith visited Miss Ellinor Fly, Sunday.

Miss Helen Jackson visited Misses Leona and Lena Smith Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson visited Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Marbut Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Niskern and family visited Mr. and Mrs. George Lane and family, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children visited with Jim Smith and family Sunday afternoon.
Miss Marzelle Marbut visited Mr. Spencer Smith Sunday.
Miss Fern Alexander visited Miss Ruth Marbut Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Marbut visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson, Sunday.
Elmer, Erle and Ellinor Fly were Purdy visitors Saturday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Willis visited Mrs. Willis' mother, Mrs. Manda Marland, Saturday night and Sunday.
Grandma Hutchens is visiting her granddaughter Mrs. T. G. Marlan for the last two weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. John Morlan were Purdy visitors Saturday.
Oscar Terry visited James Smith and family Sunday.
Mrs. C. A. Fly has 328 little chickens. Pretty good hatch for this time a year.
Misses Ruby, Leona and Lena Smith attended Sunday school at Mt. Grove Sunday.
Olaf Clement was a Purdy visitor Saturday afternoon.
Prayer meeting at Mt. Grove every Sunday night. Every one come.

Dr. Rice, of Stotts City, was an out-of-town visitor in Monett, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Richardson, of Mt. Vernon, were visitors in the city, Monday.

Mrs. Dusenbury & Hawkins operated upon Clyde Justice Wednesday morning.

George Dawson has bought Mrs. Hattie Todisman's property on Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Martin of west of town, were in town Monday, to attend Sales day.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roller and son, spent the week-end with relatives at Seligman.
Rev. Gust Freeman left Wednesday morning for Kansas City, to be gone for several days.
Mrs. Lucy Osborn, of Diamond, returned home Wednesday morning after a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blankenship.
Mrs. Forest Corbin and baby will leave tonight for Muskogee, Okla., where they will make their home. Mrs. Sarah Vinson will accompany her there for a indefinite visit.
Mrs. R. B. Kite, of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Savage, of Neosho, who were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kines the past week, returned to their homes Sunday evening.
C. S. Clark, of Picher, Okla., is here on business. He is making preparations for moving back to Monett. Mr. and Mrs. Clark lived in Monett several years ago and conducted a Variety Store.
George Baker came Tuesday evening from San Diego, Calif., where he spent the winter in company with his mother, Mrs. A. S. Hawkins. Mrs. Hawkins is visiting relatives at Dallas Texas on her way home.
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Girls--Ladies--Women

It is said that nine out of ten females are diseased with Constipation—It's terrible. Constipation often results in pimply face, sallow color, bad breath, and mean disposition.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is a "positive" Laxative—mild, pleasant, certain—so thoroughly cleansing and purifying that CONSTIPATION disappears, and when your Constipation goes—your COMPLEXION improves, you feel better, eat better and enjoy living.

Give it a thoro trial and you will recommend it to all your women friends. 35 cents a package. Tea or Tablets 35 cents.

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