

**M. E. GILLIOS GETS KANSAS BRIDGE CONTRACT**

M. E. Gillioz, a local contractor, has been awarded the contract for building a group of bridges on the Federal Aid road in Labette county, Kansas, his bid being \$33,622.00. Other bidders were Maxwell Construction Company, of Columbus, Kan.; and Campbell Brothers, of Kansas City, Mo. Work is to start within thirty days and is to be completed by October 1, 1921.

Mr. Gillioz has been building bridges in Labette county, Kansas, for the past three years and has a contract for bridges on the Federal Aid road between Oswego and Cherryvale, a distance of twenty-six miles. This work is to be completed by December 30, 1921.

**FORMER AURORA PASTOR DIES IN HOSPITAL**

Rev. Lasiter, former pastor of the Baptist church at Aurora, died at the Bethany hospital at Kansas City, July 3, following an operation for a cancerous condition around the heart. The remains were laid to rest July 5 at Oak Grove cemetery at Oak Grove.

Rev. Lasiter's health failed him about four months ago, and three weeks ago he entered the hospital. After the operation he was never able to be up again.

**T. V. PARTRIDGE**

T. V. Partridge died at Seligman Mo., Sunday from a complication of diseases. The decedent formerly lived in Kansas City and recently moved to Seligman. He was a member of the Masonic and Elk lodges. He is survived by the wife, father, three brothers and one sister at Whitehall, Mich., and one sister in England. The body will be forwarded to Whitehall, Mich., for burial.—Springfield Republican.

**FOR MR. AND MRS. BLACK**

A dinner was given today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Black on Euclid avenue, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Black, of Clovis, California. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marbut and children, Mrs. M. Brunner and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bolton of Pleasant Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Haynes and children, Mrs. Leman Duffer and children, Mrs. Hutchison and little daughter, Misses Elsie Black and Julia Robbins and the guests of honor.

**MAD DOG ON KINGS PRAIRIE**  
B. S. Stribling, of Kings Prairie, was in town, Saturday morning, and told of a mad dog scare on the Prairie. He said that the animal had bitten several dogs and chickens. The farmers in the neighborhood of John Tate's were in pursuit of the animal but had been unable to find it. It was headed in this direction when last seen, so owners of dogs had better keep them at home for the present.

**DOSS**

Mr. and Mrs. Scribner were shopping in Purdy, Saturday.  
Elmer Tucker and family were fishing on Sugar creek, Saturday night.  
Mrs. Mattie Rhea has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Sapp the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bon Sapp and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Sapp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Corn.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. DeCocq and son Lawrence visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corn, Sunday.

Several from around here are attending the Chautauqua at Exeter.  
Opal Moore entertained a number of her friends at Hope Dale district, Sunday afternoon.

Naomi and George Chastain, of Purdy, are staying a few days with their sister, Mrs. Fred Corn.  
A nice rain fell here Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Linebarger and children visited at Albert Bird's of near Wheaton, Sunday.

**NOTED AUTHOR DIVORCED**

Tucson, Ariz., July 15.—Harold Bell Wright, celebrated writer, was granted a divorce here today from Mrs. Frances L. Wright, on grounds of desertion.

Mrs. J. A. Amber went to Springfield, Friday morning to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mansfield, of Muskogee, Okla., are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Keithly and Wm. Keithly, of California, went to Springfield, Friday morning.

Mrs. M. E. Drowley has received a message, stating that her brother-in-law, John D. Miller, had died at his home at Kendallville, Ind., Monday, July 12, following a stroke of paralysis.

The local Strout Agency had three out of town buyers here this week, looking for small farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Drowley and daughter, Clarabell, of Muskogee, Okla., are visiting Mrs. M. E. Drowley.

Mrs. Frank Reed and sons have returned home from a several days visit in St. Louis.

**STRAWBERRY SHIPMENTS MADE BY THE OZARK FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION IN 1920**

By NELLIE MILLS

About the middle of May, the Western Union Telegraph Company put on an extra force of operators and messenger boys in the office at Monett; the strawberry shipments are beginning, the strawberry buyers are arriving, and the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association is sending their representatives to the large markets. This means a great deal of telephoning, as the representatives send their daily reports to the office at Monett, the buyers receive and send daily wires, and a great many merchants order by wire.

The Ozark Fruit Growers' Association establishes the price, which can only be done by receiving daily reports from the different markets. The Ozark representatives not only report daily market conditions, but inspect the cars on arrival and report the condition of the fruit. Perhaps some rainy morning at four o'clock a car arrives in the freight yards, and the representative is on hand to inspect the car on arrival. If there is evidence of rough handling in transit, the representative will protect the growers against unjust claims.

**Short Crop.**

A dry summer in 1919, a record-breaking wintry March, an April snow storm and a May hail storm are the progressive steps that reduced the receipts for Ozark strawberries from nearly nine hundred thousand dollars in 1919 to less than four hundred thousand in 1920; from a total of 350 cars in 1919 to 134 cars in 1920.

The greater number of fields were injured most by the dry summer of 1919; the plants did not thrive and were thin on the ground. The March blizzard with a zero temperature for nearly a week did practically no damage. The snow storm of Easter Sunday killed the earliest blooms. The hail destroyed the greater part of the fruit around Peirce City.

The season began late and ended early. The first car was shipped from Piggott Nurseries in Arkansas, on May 19th, the last from Logan Missouri, on June 11th. Monett shipped first on May 22nd, just a week later than in 1919. Last year their shipments continued for twenty-four days, this year for nineteen days. Monett shipped 15 cars, compared with 49 cars in 1919. It is apparent that a car a day was not shipped except during the height of the season; some cars were shipped light.

Some associations were never able to load a full car, so paid a great deal of freight.

**A Strong Market.**

The market was strong. Eight dollars a crate was realized on May 22nd, 25th and 26th, and the chances are that a much heavier crop would not have reduced the price, as there were often more buyers than cars. The firms in Minneapolis that distribute cars through Minnesota and North and South Dakota shipped very few cars except to Minneapolis. The markets of the east could not pay the high prices, so the buyers from the east were unable to buy for the first week or ten days. The north and west furnished the principal outlets. Oklahoma City was the most southern market.

**Express Service Faulty.**

This season express equipment was in such demand that the buyers were willing to pay twenty-five cents to one dollar per crate more for express cars than for freight cars. Some associations got express cars daily, while others, Peirce City and Seneca, for example got express cars daily, while others, Peirce City and Seneca, for example never had an express car. Merchants who invest seven to eight dollars in a crate of perishable fruit prefer to reduce to a minimum the risk of loss by delay. Markets decline and fruit deteriorates. The average car this year sold for \$3,000.00, and express shipments are safer, faster and surer.

**Quality of Berries Good.**

If the quality of Ozark fruit was not up to standard, it was at least better than the year's average for the country. O. H. Willson, of Lockport, New York, sent Ozark berries into New York City, when Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland were shipping to this market and would have relatively little freight to pay.

**Association Shipments.**

Fourteen associations shipped. Avoca, Ark., shipped nine cars; highest price \$8.00, lowest \$6.50, average \$7.06. One car, containing 158 crates, was consigned to Kansas City, and brought a net return of \$5.59; the average sold and consigned was \$6.78.

Aroma, Missouri shipped three light cars, as compared with sixteen last year; this association was one of the greatest losers from weather conditions. Their average was \$5.71, only two cents higher than last year, while the difference in general averages for the two years was 81 cents. Two conditions that are independent of the quality of the fruit conspire to reduce average—small quantity and period of shipping. Freight must be equalized, and if fruit ripens when the price is low, it must be sold at a low price.

Decatur, Ark., was the heaviest shipper this year, with 27 cars to their credit against 49 in 1919. Their highest price was \$7.50, average \$6.77.

**Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Exchange.**

change, Neosho, Mo., shipped nine cars; highest price \$8.00, average \$6.97.

Garfield, Ark., shipped six cars, highest price \$8.00, average \$6.92.

Gentry, Ark., shipped four cars, highest price \$7.50, average \$5.79.

Goodman, Mo., had ten cars, a half crop; highest price \$8.00, average \$6.95.

Logan, Mo., shipped eleven cars; highest price \$8.00, average \$6.87. One car was loaded half with cherries, which lowered the average.

Marionville, Mo., shipped eleven cars, highest \$8.00, average \$6.89. Marionville won considerable praise this year for their good grading and quality. They suffered losses on two cars because of delay by the Railroad Company in placing cars.

Monett, Mo., shipped fifteen cars against forty-nine cars last year. By being able to load a car a day, when prices were high, they sold three cars on the \$8.00 market. This, together with the quality of the fruit, enabled them to make the best average in the district, \$7.23 sold, \$6.99 paid to the growers, and this in spite of the fact that they paid freight equalization on three cars. No bad luck, no complaints, no delays.

Peirce City suffered most from the hail; their nine cars, all freight brought them an average of \$6.99, the highest price \$7.50. During recent years they have loaded five, six or seven cars a day, day after day. Sixty-five was their total last year.

Piggott, Ark., shipped three cars highest price \$6.75, average \$4.03.

Republic, Mo., like Logan, reduced their average on their eleven cars by loading part of a car of cherries. Their highest price was \$8.00, average \$7.00. Except for the cherries the average was \$7.09.

Seneca, Mo., sold six cars, highest \$7.50, average \$6.78. Remember they were unable to get express equipment.

There were the usual mishaps; one car was returned to Kansas City after several hours' haul, and started out on another line. This was not the only delay by cars being carried back and forth.

A car from Republic, loaded with 528 crates—a heavy load—which was shipped to Butte, Mont., at \$7.25, brought the greatest sum for a single car, \$3,828.00.

Montreal and Toronto were the only Canadian markets.

The season was a disappointment to all, especially to the growers, but one man was heard to remark that many checks the size of the one he received last year might give him the big haul. No loss without some small gain!

**ATTENDED EDISON**

**CARAVAN CONVENTION**  
Earl Callaway returned home, Friday night, from Chicago, where he attended the Edison Caravan Convention. The convention was out of the ordinary in that it gave an actual demonstration on the stage of the selling of an Edison to a customer. This was most interesting and very instructive to Edison dealers. The Caravan began at New York City, went from there to Chicago and then to San Francisco.

Mr. Callaway had the pleasure of meeting Charles Edison, son of Thomas A. Edison, and other noted men. A banquet was given by the Edison people on Tuesday night.

While in the city Mr. Callaway took advantage of the opportunity to buy furniture for the store.

Mrs. Allie Hemphill and two sons, of Purdy, Clarence and George are here visiting Mrs. Hemphill's two sisters, Mrs. O. P. Smith and H. M. Shoe maker.—Aurora Advertiser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hagan have returned home from a visit with their two daughters and one son at Enid, Okla. Their daughter, Mrs. D. W. Lilly, and children, accompanied them home.

Buyers are now beginning to call at the Strout Farm Agency office. We are having numerous inquiries for 20, 40 and 60 acre tracts. If you have a farm to sell, now is the time to list E. A. Strout Farm Agency, First National Bank building. 08-21d-2tv

**PIANO RECITAL BY PUPILS OF PROF. LEAKE**

Prof. Harold H. Leake's musical pupils gave a piano recital in the auditorium of the First Baptist church Friday evening, which was enjoyed by a very large crowd. A large number from out-of-town were present. Pupils from Purdy, Peirce City and Monett participated in the rendering of the program. The pupils taking part were: Florine Watson, Mildred Short, Naomi Price, Marguerite Potter, Vera Brown, Henrietta Leake, Daisy Solomon, Frances Hathaway, Elma Solomon, Hilda Dally, Norine Robbersen, Doris Richardson.

The program consisted of eight numbers, and each number was well rendered.

**ATTEND FUNERAL OF FRED ALBERT**

Among the Monett people who attended the funeral of Fred Albert, at Peirce City, Friday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhoit, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ryan, Mrs. C. W. Johnston, Mrs. R. B. Kyler, Mrs. W. B. Flynn, Mrs. N. E. Spain, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Gillen, and Mrs. A. W. Gilbert.

**ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING GUN INSIDE CITY LIMITS**

Chief of Police Joe Jackson arrested two young men about seven o'clock Friday evening on complaint of residents of West Monett charging the boys with disturbing the peace by shooting a gun. Mr. Jackson caught the boys near the stock yards. When they seen him coming one of the boys threw the gun, a .38 pistol, into a corn field. They were taken before Judge Hobbs and the boy that fired the shots was fined the usual fine for shooting a gun inside the city limits.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCED**

A wedding that will interest many Monett people, will take place Wednesday, July 21, when Miss Jessie Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Ferguson, 501 Frisco avenue, will become the bride of Mr. Winford Thompson, of Carthage. The wedding will be a home affair.

The engagement was made public at the Young Matrons club, Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. C. DeBuque and daughter, Johnny Lucille, of Springfield, came down Friday evening and visited Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Ferguson. Mrs. DeBuque returned home Saturday morning and Johnny Lucille remained for a longer visit.

**Public Sale**

Having sold my farm three and one half miles south of Freistatt, I will sell at public auction

**Friday, July 30**  
**Beginning at 10 a. m.**

- HORSES**  
1 sorrel mare, 9 years old, will work anywhere.  
1 sorrel horse 5 years old, will work anywhere. A fine single driver  
1 bay horse, 5 years old, weighs about 1300, a good work horse.  
1 Two year old gelding.
- COWS**  
1 Jersey cow, 7 years old, a good milker.  
1 Jersey cow, 4 years old, will give 6 gallons of milk a day when fresh.  
1 Jersey heifer, 18 months old—a beauty.
- HOGS**  
1 Poland China brood sow, registered.  
2 shoats subject to register.
- IMPLEMENTS**  
1 McCormick binder, good as new.  
1 Sucker State wheat drill in good repair.  
1 Black Hawk corn planter, good as new.  
1 peg tooth smoothing harrow. 1 spring harrow.  
1 John Deere cultivator. 1 turning plow, Oliver 40.  
1 double shovel plow. 1 strawberry plow.  
1 potato plow. 1 Lafayette wagon, used 1 year.  
1 Haxel cutter, a good one. 1 grindstone.  
1 Studebaker buggy, good as new. 1 hay frame.
- HARNESS**  
1 set double work harness, in good repair.  
1 set of single drying harness.
- MISCELLANEOUS**  
1 perfect Home Range cook stove.  
1 Swedish American telephone in good working order.  
Some outs in bundle and other articles too numerous to mention.

**TERMS OF SALE**

All sums of ten dollars and under cash in hand. Sums over ten dollars, a credit of six months will be given purchaser giving bankable note, to draw interest from date of sale at the rate of 8 per cent. No property to be removed until settlement is made.

The Ladies Aid of Ebenezer Baptist church will serve lunch.

**J. J. ROWLEY, Owner**  
**Col. Al Hudson, Auctioneer**

**Dr. R. B. HORTON'S**  
**FIRST ANNUAL SALE**  
**35 Head Big Type**  
**POLAND CHINAS**  
**Purdy, Barry County, Mo.**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1920**

The offering will consist of 35 head of bred sows and gilts, including a few toppy spring gilts. This being my first sale, am trying to make it a good one. You will find represented the most popular blood of the breed, such as the Giant, Dynamo, Gerstdale, Jone, Wonder Buster.

All the bred stuff are bred to my young boar, K. S. Clansman, Jr. He is one of the best boars in this territory.

**Come to My Sale. Write for catalog.**

**IT WILL BE WORTH YOUR WHILE TO BE PRESENT.**

**Don't forget time and place.**

**DR. R. B. HORTON, Owner**  
**Dr. L. D. Freeman, Manager, Purdy, Mo.**  
**Cols. Al Hudson, Louis Embrey and Garner, Auctioneers.**