

**OZARK FRUIT GROWERS MEET**

**Large Attendance of Fruit Men. Directors Elected are O'Dwyer, Buxton and Eastridge.**

The Ozark Fruit Growers Association convened at the O. R. C. hall at Monett Tuesday morning, in their annual meeting. There is a very large attendance at this meeting which will last today and tomorrow. Many of the associations in the Independent Fruit Exchange having joined the Ozarks, the meeting this year is of more than usual interest.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. E. L. Beal, of Republic. Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of the Baptist church, pronounced the invocation. Dr. Beal explained the object of the meeting.

P. A. Rodgers made a very interesting talk on the General Conditions and Cooperative Principles of the Association. E. A. O'Dwyer, of Monett, spoke on Cooperative Marketing of Strawberries in the Ozarks.

The election of directors at the morning session resulted in the selection of E. A. O'Dwyer, of Monett; J. A. Eastridge, of Neosho and D. J. Buxton of Seneca. There were no other nominations made. These directors take the place of the outgoing directors, W. F. Raush, of Monett and Mr. Hitt, of Koskoning, with Mr. Buxton being reelected.

The meeting adjourned at noon for dinner and assembled for the afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

**THE HUDSON CAR WINS GREAT AUTOMOBILE RACE**

The automobile race that started from San Francisco November 8th to the New York City with 17 cars in the race came to a close Sunday morning with the Hudson but a few miles ahead of the Reo. It was a well-contested affair and inspired hard work on the part of the classes. Every class went into the race with a determination to win and each class deserves creditable mention.

The goal for Sunday was 1000 and when the count was made it was found that some had left Sunday school uncounted but the secretary reports 1080 present. It is no doubt the largest attendance ever made in any Sunday school in Barry county. The Sunday school officers and teachers and members extend their sincere thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the success. Dr. Shadrick was presented with a liberal purse as a token of the high regard his Sunday school and church have for him.

**WHISTLE IN THE NEW YEAR**

According to custom, the engineers on duty in the Frisco railroad yards at midnight before New Years, ushered in the new year with the blowing of whistles.

To the residents of a railroad town this is sweetest music and the people listen eagerly for the welcome sound that proclaims the dawn of a new year.

Old residents, whose hearing has become impaired, often request a member of the family to waken them in order that they be able to hear the whistles. New Year parties break up at the blowing of the whistles. Watch meetings close with prayer when the whistles announce that the watch is ended.

Mrs. Opal King and son Jack have returned from a visit at Muskogee, Okla., with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coalter.

Harold Lane and his friend, Everett Smart have returned to Joplin after having spent the holidays with Mr. Lane's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wood.

Misses Ruth Cole, Helen Davis and her guest, Miss Lois Gerkin, of Carbondale, Colo., who spent the holidays in Monett, returned to Columbia, Mo., Monday night, where they are students at Stephen's College.

**POULTRY AND EGGS TOTAL GREAT AMOUNT**

Rogers, Ark., Dec. 30.—Rogers car lot poultry and eggs shipments in 1921 amounted to \$350,800.00, according to C. E. Hoover, Frisco station agent. There were fifty-two cars of eggs valued at \$188,480.00 and fifty-two cars of poultry valued at \$161,000.00. The total freight bill on these shipments was about \$35,000.00. This does not include local shipments or cars originating at other stations and finished here.

**HUMY—WILLIAMS**

Mr. Nick Humy of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Genevieve Williams of Monett, were married Sunday morning at the close of the services at the M. E. church by Dr. Shadrick. Mr. Humy is a barber by profession and comes to Monett highly recommended as an industrious upright honorable young man. Miss Williams is the youngest daughter of E. E. Williams and a favorite among her associates.

The wedding was a quiet affair and only the few that remained after the services witnessed the ceremony. The young couple has the heartiest congratulations and sincerest wishes of the church and friends of Monett. They will reside in Monett.

**Y. M. C. A. ELECTS DIRECTORS**

The annual meeting of the active members of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to elect directors to serve for the coming year. By a majority vote S. A. Chapel, H. I. Bradford and Fred Walton were re-elected. The director's will hold a meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock to plan the year's work.

**MISS PAULINE GABRIEL IS HOSTESS**

Miss Pauline Gabriel was a charming hostess at six o'clock dinner on Monday evening at the Mar-a-Hotel. The guests included the following: Mrs. Alice Gerhardt, Miss Ruth Cox, Miss Georgia Boss; Messrs. George Newman and Leonard Gabriel.

Miss Gabriel departed on the evening train for Nashville, Tenn., to resume studies at Ward-Belmont College.

**FRISCO HOTEL CHANGES OWNERSHIP**

J. C. Lampert, of Lamar, has bought the Frisco Hotel and took charge of the business January 1. Mr. Lampert is an experienced hotel man. He had charge of the City Cafe of Lamar for years, and was also proprietor of the Commercial Cafe at that place for one year. He will have charge of the entire hotel here.

**BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT**

L. C. Moore, charged with robbing a Frisco freight car, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Roller of Washburn Monday. He was bound over to circuit court under \$1,000 bond.

**PASSENGER TRAIN IS DELAYED BY WRECK**

Passenger train No. 2 due to pass Monett at 3 o'clock a. m., was 12 hours late today, due to a freight wreck east of Muskogee, Okla., on the M. K. & T. early Monday evening. It is reported that an engine and seven cars were overturned. George Coleman, of St. Louis was the conductor on No. 2.

Miss Pearl Gilmer, of Peirce City, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Clara Shidler and E. A. Shidler.

Miss Josephine Price was the weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. Clifford Purdy, of Peirce City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, of Oxford, Kan., returned to their home Monday night after a visit with Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Bouldin.

**STRAY BULLET STRIKES RESIDENCE**

During the New Year celebration near midnight, a stray bullet struck the window frame of the residence of M. McClannahan, in the northwest part of town. Had the bullet struck the glass it would have struck near members of the family. The bullet was from an army automatic Colt. It had evidently been fired into the air, and struck the house on its descent. The shooting of firearms, even in celebration of the New Year, is a dangerous practice.

**PAUL GOTTAS BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT**

Paul Gottas, arrested last week by Officer Joe Jackson, charged with passing numerous bad checks, waived preliminary hearing before Judge Hobbs in Police Court Tuesday morning, and was bound over to Circuit court. The case will be tried in March. He furnished the necessary bond of \$1,000.

**ATTEND NEW YEAR DANCE AT NEOSHO**

Among the Monett people who attended the New Year dance at Neosho were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Callaway; Miss Lucille Wagner, Miss Kittle Bell Taylor, Miss Loretta Henry, Miss Rose Smith, Miss Winnifred Taylor, Miss Grace Newman, Alvin Floreth, Earl Wagner, Floyd Callaway, Tom Steele, Leslie Mason and Ralph Armstrong.

**NEW YEAR DANCE**

About fifty couples attended the New Year dance given by the Knights of Columbus in their hall. Dancing was from 9 to 12 o'clock, and the music was furnished by Lee's Novelty orchestra. Among the out of town guests who attended were Miss Alphretta Merritt, of Pittsburg, Kan.; Ed Mangum, Tom and Dan Golden, of Springfield; Tom Baldwin, of Sapulpa Okla.; Leo Ruscha, Edward Larkin, Tom Murphy and Miss Edna Larkin, of Peirce City.

**A FAMILY REUNION**

One of the happiest occasions of the Christmas seasons for many years was the family reunion of Mrs. Fredericka Geister's children and grandchildren. The affair, as a surprise to their mother, was planned and carried out by the children at the home of Mrs. Al Geister on Christmas day. Four generations were represented at the gathering. An elaborate two-course dinner was served to twenty-two guests, all of them being seated at the long dining table. Prayer was offered by one of the grandchildren, followed by the song, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine," on the Edison. The place cards were gifts.

After dinner talks, appropriate to the occasion, were made by members of the family. The evening was spent dancing the old fashioned dances, quadrills, Virginia reel, and singing German songs. The celebration lasted two days. All of the children were present except one son and two grand sons.

Those celebrating the event were Mrs. Fredericka Geister, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Geister, of Lawton, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Geister, and son, of Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warren and son, of Sapulpa; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Geister and two daughters, of Springfield; George Geister, of Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Geister and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blakemore, Mrs. A. W. Wightman, George Geister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Geister, of Monett.

**SENIOR CLASS HOLD WATCH PARTY**

The Senior class of the Monett high school and a few of their friends were delightfully entertained at a Watch Party, Saturday evening, by Miss Fern Breese, No. 302 Euclid avenue. The home was brilliant in decorations in holiday colors. The evening was devoted to games and music. Miss Breese was assisted in serving by Miss Gladys Jeffries, Miss Laura Rice and Miss Louise Rice. Those enjoying the party were Misses Helen Lowe, Mary Wilson, Frances Folger, Laura Rice, Louise Rice, Gladys Jeffries, Edna Walton, Edna Lautaret, Catherine Robbins, Ruth Johnson, of Neosho; Edith Crowder and Emma Geister, of Springfield; Messrs. Dan Taylor, Burl Henderson, Raymond Bonous, Lisle Black, Lloyd McKinney, Rolla Beaty, Fred Steele, Luther Lautaret, Victor Cox, Milton Reynaud, Harold Lane, of Joplin, and Harold Jones, of Rolla, Mo.

Mrs. W. L. Allecock is spending two weeks with friends in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hudson spent New Year's in Peirce City as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wicks.

Mrs. Smith Bouldin returned home Monday from Mt. Grove where she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Dugan, who had a stroke of paralysis.

**FIRE PARTLY DESTROYS RESIDENCE ON SIXTH STREET**

Residence property at 216 Sixth street, was partially destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock Sunday night. Two boys playing near the house discovered the roof on fire and quickly notified the occupants in the house. The fire department was called, but the entire roof was ablaze before the department arrived. The house was occupied by two families, Mrs. Ella Hughes and son, H. H. Hughes, and W. C. Hammers and family. Mrs. Hughes was fortunate in rescuing all her belongings and Mr. Hammers saved the greater part of his household goods, but part of it was badly damaged by water. The families wish to thank their friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them in rescuing their household belongings.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

**MUSIC CLUB MEETS AT CALLAMURA**

The Music club held its regular meeting Monday, January 2, at Callamura. Mrs. Wm. E. Rogers was in charge of the program which was very interesting and highly enjoyed by the club.

In spite of its being held during the holidays, there was a splendid attendance.

The club appreciated very much two charming solos by Lee Adams, who is at home for the holidays.

At the close of the program it was voted to increase the membership to thirty and Mrs. J. W. Patterson was gladly welcomed back as a member, also Misses Medah and Helen Nordin.

The place of meeting for next February was not decided upon, but Mrs. Percy Johnson will have charge of the program.

Following is the program enjoyed Monday:

Current Events, Mrs. Luther Davidson.

Vocal Solos, (a) Neptune, words by Clifton Bingham, music by Stanley Gordon, (b) Lola, words by Comfort Parry, music by Herman Lehr—Lee Adams.

Paper, French Composers—Mrs. J. D. Shaddrick.

Piano Solo, Jonglerie, Benjamin Godard, Op. 107 No. 3—Mrs. E. W. Russey, Jr.

Sketches of French Opera—Miss Josephine Kenney.

Vocal Solo, (French) Autumn Thoughts, J. Massenet, English words by Nathan Heskell Dale—Mrs. J. C. Willis, accompaniment by Mrs. L. E. Lines.

Piano Solo, Agitato, Eugene D'Albort—Mrs. Wm. E. Rogers.

Paul Matthews has returned to Columbia, Mo., to resume studies at Missouri University.

Miss Vera Feist, a teacher in the Joplin schools, who passed the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Feist, returned Sunday night.

Miss Ruth Feist, student at Drury College at Springfield, who spent the holidays at home, returned to Springfield Monday night.

Miss Thelma Williams and brother, Don, Jr., returned Saturday night from a visit with relatives at Van Buren, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bruner and children and Miss Elsie Black spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marbut, of near McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Binion and Miss Jessie Binion spent Monday with Mr. Binion's parents at Calton Mills, south of Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clements and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pennell near Verona, and Mrs. John Pennell near Verona, and Mr. Pennell accompanied them home.

Miss Thelma Matthews, who attends Drury College at Springfield, returned Sunday night to resume studies, after having spent several weeks at home.

Miss Thistle Johnston and John Johnston returned to St. Louis after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Buster and Aleck Carney, of Memphis, Tenn., who spent the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hudson, departed Sunday night for their home.

The Monett Methodist Sunday school had an attendance of about 1100 people Sunday morning, when the "automobile" race reached its finish. That is about a fifth of the population of the town, which is a great record for Monett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rees, of Anderson, Mo., who spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. D. D. Parsons and family, returned home Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spain and Gene Parsons, who visited a short time. They made the trip overland.

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

The High School Chorus will give a concert on January 18th in order to raise money to take the chorus to Springfield. The chorus has been preparing faithfully for almost the entire term under the direction of Mrs. Percy Johnson and Mrs. Lines.

A marked improvement was made in the condition of the school building during the holidays. Mr. LeBeau, the janitor, washed all the blackboards, put in a new drinking fountain on the second floor, and varnished all the chairs and the desk in the Teachers Training room. Mr. LeBeau is without a doubt the best janitor in Southwest Missouri.

There were a large number of absentees throughout the system Monday, but they are now rapidly returning to their work.

The debate with Springfield will be held at Springfield on Friday afternoon. The judges have not been selected yet but it is almost certain that two of them will be from Teachers College and one from Drury College. Our team, composed of Noveta Brown and Louis Bonous, is expected to make a good showing.

Leland Bougher and Fern Breese succeeded in passing the Underwood Credential Test for December for the initial certificate. The Underwood Typewriter Company is issuing these certificates under new rules this year. The initial certificates are issued for a net rate of thirty words, bronze medals are given for forty words. As for the past three years ten points are deducted for each error, but the tests continue for fifteen minutes instead of ten. Leland made a net average of thirty-seven words, Fern's average was thirty-two words. These people are members of the Commercial department of the high school which is taught by Miss Nellie Mills. To Miss Mills undoubtedly belongs much of the credit for the success of the two young people.

A meeting of the boys was held at 11:40 this morning to discuss plans for the better cooperation of the student body and the teachers for the rest of the year. Mr. Engleman and Mr. Galbraith were the speakers.

The High school has had a number of visitors this week. Visitors are always welcomed in any school in town.

Carrie Fink and Burton Easley have enrolled in the high school. Superintendent Engleman reports that about twenty-five new pupils have enrolled throughout the system just lately.

**BANQUET AND WATCH PARTY**

The members of the 1921 graduating class of the Monett High school formed a dinner party at 8 o'clock at the Broadway Hotel, Saturday evening, and later enjoyed a Watch Party at the home of Miss Ruth Cox, No. 107 Broadway. Mr. Oral McCubbin presided as toastmaster, and called upon the following for brief talks: Superintendent Finis E. Engleman, Homer Counts, Paul Wilson, William Stewart, Harold Johnston; Misses Ruth Feist, Pauline Gabriel and Ruth Cox.

At the home of Miss Cox the evening was devoted to music, dancing and various games.

Those enjoying the affair were Misses Grace Richardson, Ethel Archdale, Florence Courdine, Ruth Feist, Ruth Mahoney, Ruth Wilhelm, Ruth Cox, Mildred Freeze, Thelma Matthews, Pauline Gabriel, Octavia Payne Messrs. Homer Counts, Alfred Richardson, Oral McCubbin, Carl Donlavy, Paul Wilson, William Stewart, Leonard Owens, Cecil Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Finis E. Engleman.

**HE "HELPED" THE WRONG WAY**

A green brakeman was making his first trip up the Sierras. The train was going up a very steep grade, and with unusual difficulty the engineer succeeded in reaching the top. At the station, looking out of his cab, the engineer said with a sigh of relief:

"I tell you what, my lad, we had a hard job to get up there didn't we?" "We certainly did," said the brakeman, and if I hadn't put on the brakes we'd have slipped back."—Locomotive Engineers' Journal.

Mrs. Esther Murphy has returned from Springfield where she spent the holidays with her son and daughter.

Dr. Van Feist, student at Washington University at St. Louis, Mo., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Feist during the holidays will leave tonight to resume studies at the University.

Mrs. Ralph H. Kinser, of Channa-nooga, Tenn., who passed the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gillio, departed Friday and was accompanied as far as Springfield by her mother, who spent the day with relatives.

**BUSINESS OF U. S. BETTER**

Statement Issued by Federal Reserve Board is to Effect That Conditions Are Improved.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Continued upward movement of business and the gradual restoration of normal conditions are indicated in the comparison of reports of the last month with those of the corresponding month of 1920, according to the December review of the economic situation issued tonight by the federal reserve board. Not improvement was found despite the recession of business activity in December, as compared with the same month last year.

"The holiday trade," the board said "is a test of the soundness of preceding business activity. Reports from the various federal reserve districts for over half the month show this year's demand in the eastern district has registered an increase running as high as 10 per cent over that of 1920, while in other districts the situation is decreased as satisfactory."

Manufacturing conditions the board reported as far from uniform, there being a decrease of activity in iron and steel, while textiles showed little change from previous months and uncertainty exists as to the future of the clothing industry, due to labor disturbances and the continued demand of consumers for lower prices. "Freight rates," the board said, "continue as a disturbing factor due to the belief that reductions already affecting some commodities may be much more widely extended in the near future."

Relatively lower prices for cereals and cotton, the board continues, had discouraged trade in agricultural districts. Hardware and related lines were also said to be in an unsatisfactory condition, but wholesale prices are showing increased stability. Unemployment conditions are reported by the board as but little changed.

**ATTEND NEW YEAR'S DANCE AT PEIRCE CITY**

The following young people from Monett attended the New Year's dance at Peirce City, Saturday night, given by Mr. and Mrs. Seufart at Mickey's hall: Misses Rose Smith, Florence Hobbs, Mildred Keithly, Lucille Wagner, Loretta Henry, Bee Masoner, Georgia West, Helen Davis, Anna Mulloy, Josephine Price, Kitty Bell Taylor, Lois Gerkin; Messrs. Earl Wagner, John Charles Wagner, George Newman, George Reed, Treava Lea, Tom Steele; Otto Boss, Norman Nordin, Lon Perry, Allen Harrison and Max Alexander, of St. Louis.

**ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myers, of Fayetteville, Ark., have announced the birth of a fine ten-pound boy, on Saturday, December 31. He is named Earl Franklin. Mr. Myers is a brother of Wm. C. Myers, shoe salesman at the Durnil Dry Goods Company.

Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Wilmesbir returned home Tuesday evening from a delightful visit with relatives at Pacific and Burbon, Mo.

**SHOP AND RAILROAD NEWS**

C. D. Huckias, blacksmith, is laying off on account of being ill.

Thirty-four members of the car department who were laid off December 22, resumed work January 3.

Thirteen employees of the round-house crew returned to work January 3. There were 25 employees of that department laid off in December.

**Mules Wanted**

Want mules 14 to 16 hands high, 3 to 8 years old. Show me your good mules and get the highest market price, for I come to buy and not to look. Will be there rain or shine.

- Mt. Vernon, Wed., morning Jan. 11
- Freistatt, Wed., afternoon, Jan 11
- Rocky Comfort, Thurs. morn., Jan. 12
- Fairview, Thurs., afternoon, Jan. 12
- Butterfield, Friday morning, Jan. 13
- Purdy, Friday afternoon, Jan. 13
- Peirce City, Saturday morn. Jan. 14
- Monett, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 14

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