

Ours is a Nation of Movers.

Americans change their places of residence for reasons trivial and otherwise. Until a dozen years ago the reason why so many families moved was that they might find a place in which to make a living—or a better living, says William H. Chamberlain in the April *Dollmester*. But in the great and general prosperity of the period that began to draw to a close a year or two ago, another reason became important—to find a place in which to spend to the best advantage the income from considerable property.

Any change in the dollars and cents of life means usually that the family will move. When we get rich, we move. When poverty threatens, we move. When the land on which our house stands rises considerable in value, we move in order to invest the profits; and when it falls, we move because "the tone of the neighborhood is no longer what it was."

We move for many other reasons. When we marry, of course we move. Sometimes we marry in order to have a plausible reason for moving; and sometimes, when our children marry and go away from home, we move "because the old home seems lonely." Nearly every divorce means that two most move. When the parents die the children move. As the family grows in number, we move into a larger house in order to have more room; and, when we can, we move into a better neighborhood in order to give the children social advantages. When unwelcome faces appear upon our street, we move; and when our friends move away, we move. When the landlord raises the rent and refuses to make repairs, we move.

Almost any event is a good enough reason for an American family to move. Some of us own two or three different homes in city, in country and by the sea; and thereby have an assurance of the delight of moving several times a year. And some of us live in hotels or in boarding-houses in order to be "foot-free" to come and go as we will.

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Country Correspondence.

Notice to Correspondents

The HERALD often receives complaints from its correspondents in regard to the non-appearance or late appearance of the neighborhood news sent in by them. In explanation we will say that all correspondence sent to this office is published when it is received on time and we have the space. It is not the intention of this paper to omit anything that is news nor to delay news, and if it does so you may rest assured that it was unavoidable. We appreciate our large corps of country correspondents and hope some time to have every community represented. We have worked hard to get these correspondents and it is not likely that we would willfully omit to publish the matter they send in. Thus, we urge all those who write for the HERALD to send in the news regularly, and you may be sure that we will do the very best we can at all times. Don't get offended because you do not see every item in print or your letter is delayed sometimes. There are many perplexities in the print shop and yours is not the greatest on earth because your occasional letter may be delayed. We are at some little expense to procure these letters and if we do not use them it is our loss. You receive the HERALD regularly just the same for your services, so why should you register a kick. The HERALD will do the right thing all the time by its correspondents, remember that, but we cannot do impossibilities. We trust this explanation will satisfy those who have registered complaints and that they will continue to send in the news EVERY WEEK.

Couch Cullings.

Earl Shore received the sad news of the death of his sister in Washington, Kansas—he left immediately for that place.

Ab. Skinner, wife and son, Seth, visited at the Kildow home last Sunday.

School will begin in this district the first Monday in April. Miss Bessie Bobbitt is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffin visited at the home of Jess Wigton and wife last Sunday.

Ira Kaup and family spent Saturday night at W. W. Ford's.

Glen Wright has returned home. He has been visiting his wife at Tarou for the past three weeks.

Tom Dowda has moved on his farm, where he will try bachelor life for a while.

Miss Ella Skinner is home from Alva where she has been attending school.

L. E. Davis and family visited at W. W. Ford's Sunday.

Sam May and wife Sundayed at the Bobbitt home.

Chas. Whittaker made a trip to the city of Woodward this week.

Frank Skinner left for Kansas City, last Sunday.

Too late for last week:

Messrs. Killow and Mey went to the railroad last week.

J. W. Couch and wife visited last

Saturday with the Long family near Balko.

Mr. Dawson's little girl has been quite sick.

O. H. Coffin and wife, L. E. Davis and family, and Jess Wigton and wife visited at Ira Kaup's last Sunday.

L. C. Smith made a trip to Liberal last week.

Miss Alta Bobbitt and Mrs. Crossman spent the day last Saturday with Mrs. J. W. Couch.

Clarence Nichols has returned to his farm—bringing with him a house-keeper.

Blue Grass Bubbles.

Too late for last week:

A. L. Van Geison has returned from his canvassing trip through Kansas.

Geo. Dain received a painful injury by being kicked by a horse—no serious results.

After Sunday School last week some of our people attended Rev. Campbell's meeting at Madison school house. Rev. Hayes of Spearmore preached a splendid sermon.

Last Friday's rain was ample and timely—as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, of Jewell county, Kansas, were visiting at home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Criswell, last week. They invested \$4,000.00 in real estate while here. Mr. Spicer proclaims this the best new country he has seen.

Esther Items.

The weather is a little cool again—no very good on the early gardens.

Farmers are sowing barley and speltz set a very large acreage owing to the scarcity of seed.

Esther school closed last Friday.

The music last Sunday at Sunday School was fine. Preparations are being made for Easter services.

Lloyd Allen and C. R. Bouchard went to Englewood, Monday after farm implements.

The temperance program at Mt. Sunday evening was a decided success.

Miss Stella Holtskamp spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Jennie Dixon.

Mrs. Rose Smith was a Sunday visitor at J. W. Humphrey's.

A new line of dry goods at the Esther store and prices are right.

Some wheat is looking fine since the rain and some was too far gone for the rain to benefit.

Ground is in much better condition for planting grain this spring than last year at this time.

Frank Owens has moved into Steve Pifer's house south of the store.

Misses Beulah and Velma Taylor visited Esther and Zephyr Jamison Tuesday.

George Dixon worked for Wm. Montgomery last week.

Singing at the school house Tuesday night.

Mr. Lindsey's family of Knowles were visiting with J. W. Humphreys Saturday and Sunday.

Elmwood Echoes.

Too late for last week:

A nice rain fell Friday evening—and the farmers are not done smiling yet.

Thad Green returned from Liberal last week quite sick, but is better now.

Messrs. Chandler and Green are late arrivals from Illinois.

Messrs. Steele, Chandler and Peterson went to Liberal last week after more of their goods shipped from Illinois. Mr. Steele also met a brother there, who is thinking of buying Beaver county land.

The "carpet bee" at Mrs. Birtling's last week was well attended and a good time reported—an excellent dinner was served by the hostess.

Dude Barler and Perley Johnson went east for grain last Thursday and had a "sick time" getting home Saturday.

Ass Kile has drilled a well for Less Lockhart.

Thad Green and wife spent the first of last week with Mrs. Groves, during her son's absence from home.

Effie Wade spent Saturday night with Mrs. Barler.

Sunday School will commence at the new frame school house east of Elmwood, the first Sunday in April at 10 o'clock—everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. Birtling made a trip to the railroad last week.

Wm. Volgamore and family returned from Dewey county a short time ago. They have been away from home for a few months visiting home folks.

Mrs. Effie Lockhart is on the sick list.

Doone Alexson and family spent last Sunday at Mrs. Barler's.

Leo Hunt and father have returned from Nebraska.

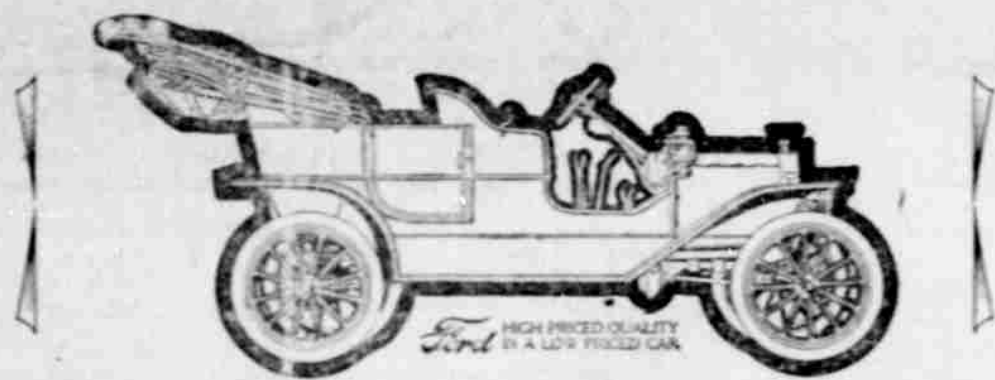
Ben Kile and Burr Price have gone to Higgins, Texas, to drill wells.

Ed Hoggsett is staying with Perry Kile—learning the blacksmith's trade.

School in district 51 is progressing nicely with Mrs. Bennington as teacher.

A large crowd attended meeting Sunday night at Cottonwood.

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