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FARMERS' BUREAUS FORMING

Bean Creek, Olivet, Rush Hill and Other Precincts Organize.

A Farm Bureau was organized at Pleasant Plains school house, south of Vandalia, Tuesday night of last week. G. B. Moore was elected president and Walter Boyd was chosen secretary. The following committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed: M. D. Porter, W. S. Barbee and Zach Bondurant. Further organization will be had next week. Farmer Rusk, R. S. Besse and Ralph Wayne were present and each made talks.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and fine interest. Objection was raised to paying 80 per cent of the membership dues to the County Farm Bureau, but it is thought the matter will be adjusted with satisfaction to all.

An Auxiliary Farm Bureau was organized in the Bean Creek school district Wednesday night of last week. Otto Kunkel served as temporary chairman. The following permanent officers were elected: President, Charles Robinson; vice-president, Lewis Ketter; secretary and treasurer, George Lierheimer and Otto Kunkel.

Farmer Rusk and George Robertson of Mexico each made a short speech, R. S. Besse, of the State Agricultural College, making the main talk of the evening.

A committee on program was appointed as follows: Graham Robertson, W. R. Eubanks and Wm. Hesterberg.

A very enthusiastic meeting is reported.

A Farm Bureau was organized at Dollin's Hall in Rush Hill Thursday night. About 200 persons present. George Kellerhals was elected president; W. C. Melahn, vice-president, and J. R. Snook, secretary and treasurer. Committee on constitution and by-laws: W. C. Melahn, J. R. Snook and Ed. Williams. One of the special features was a spelling match between the following schools: Rush Hill, Erisman, Hedgedale, and Eureka. The words pronounced all pertained to agriculture. Among the words missed were "tenant," "sheller," "renovator" and "coultter." The correct spelling of the latter word won the contest and Emmett Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall, was the fortunate little man in being able to spell it against all comers. He is a pupil in Eureka school where Miss Alma Brown is teacher. Eureka school will get \$5.00 worth of books as a prize.

The crowning event, one of the best meetings of them all, was held at Olivet church, Friday night. An organization was formed called the North End Salt River Township Farm Bureau. J. G. Crawford presided. Prof. R. H. Besse and farmer Rusk made speakers. The following officers were elected: J. L. Carpenter, president; Harry Householder, vice-president; Otto Carpenter, secretary and treasurer. The committee on constitution and by-laws is as follows: J. E. Edwards, Milt Householder and J. G. Crawford. The committee on program is Harry Householder, Samuel Rowe and J. L. Carpenter.

Now here's our Christmas wish that all these new organizations may in time result in great good to the farming interests of the county.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

G. E. Maddox: I live "due" north of the Mexico court house 14 miles, within about a mile of the Audrain and Monroe county line. Ah, but I'm glad you put Old Booze out in Mexico. I bespeak for you a more prosperous and cleaner town. Here's an item from Mrs. Maddox. She sold 52 turkeys this year and got \$125 for them. They averaged 11½ lbs. each. I put up my winter's meat last Thursday—six hogs that weighed about 200 pounds each. Come out, Mr. Editor, and eat "sassage" with us.

M. T. Pierce: The time is coming when the producer and consumer must get closer together. As it is the farmer must take the market price—whether it is justice or not—when he knows the retailer is getting higher prices. You ask me about the Prairie Lea school; I am pleased with it. I have four children attending.

R. L. McClure: Nature tempers the winds to the shorn lamb. Early this fall it looked bad for the stockman; no feed raised for the winter, and many shipped in stuff that now they may never need. One man I know says he will not use his alfalfa, which he shipped in. The warm weather and the periodical rains lately have brought out the bluegrass and other pasture grasses, and nobody has fed much yet. I was fixed, anyway, had feed over from last year.

J. H. LaRue: I moved from Mexico last September. Have an 80 acre farm near Hemple, Clinton county, Mo., which I am looking after. It is Mrs. LaRue's old home—where she was raised. By the way, we want the news from good old Audrain. While in Mexico this week, Mrs. LaRue told me to be sure to call and order the Message. Here goes for a year; send us the paper.

A. F. Scherer: I own the old C. H. Harrington 200 acre farm, down north of Worcester. That proposed new high school will stand on the northwest corner of my place. And, by the way, we are after that high school good and strong; we want it. No, I don't own an automobile. I lost enough however, a few months ago in the burning of my new barn to have bought a good machine—500 bushels of wheat, 1,000 bushels of corn and other feed. All this stuff would have been a great help to a fellow right now after that big drouth last summer.

About \$350 was raised for the Mexico Hospital last week by the two performances of "The Flirt," performed by home talent. The chorus in "The Flirt" was composed of Misses Sarah Wymore, Willie Robnett, Ruth Lewis, Allie Howard, Berenice Smith, Edna Morris, Sue Logan, Victoria Brooks, Dennie Kelso and Mrs. J. W. Gallaher. The whole play was most cleverly done.

The pupils of West Lick school and the Dye school, near Worcester, joined in a spelling contest last Friday night. West Lick won with nine pupils left standing on the floor for the fray to go on. Miss May Hofreighter teaches at West Lick and Miss Effie Bryson at Dye. A bandana box supper was also held and \$25 was taken in for the West Lick school library.

I. J. Head of Centralia has been ordained to the ministry in the Christian church.

A Feel In The Christmas Air.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

They's a kind o' feel in the air to me
When the Christmas time sets in
That's about as much of a mystery
As ever I've run ag'in.
Fer instance, now, while I gain in weight
And general health, I swear
They's a goneness somers I can't quite state--
A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel in the Christmas air goes right
To the spot where a man lives at!
It gives a fellow a appetite--
They ain't no doubt about that!
And yit they's somepin--I don't know what
That follers me here and there
And ha'nts and worries and spares me not--
A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel, as I say, in the air that's jist
As blamed--on sad as sweet,
In the same ra--sho as I feel the best
And am the spryest on my feet
They's always a kind o' sort of a ache
That I can't locate no where,
But it comes with Christmas, and no mistake--
A kind o' feel in the air.

Is it the racket the children raise?
Why, no! God bless 'em, no!
Is it the eyes and cheeks ablaze,
Like my own wuz long ago?
Is it the beat o' the whistle and beat
O' the little toy drum and blare
O' the horn? No, no! It is jist the sweet--
The sad--sweet feel in the air.

A GREETING.

God send a blessed Christmas
To every patient life;
A little resting from the toil,
A surcease of the strife.
May Faith breathe words of gentle cheer,
Hope point to roses blowing near,
And tender love and friends sincere
Make this a blessed Christmas.

SIMS SCHOOL.

Gives Entertainment and Pupils Enjoy "Treat."

Sims School, at Thompson, Miss Zola Beal, teacher, closed Tuesday night for the holidays. The following literary program was given after which Old Santa Claus made his appearance and the pupils were remembered with presents of books, a treat to candies, etc.

Song, "America."
Song, "Christmas Bells," School.

Recitation, Christmas in Thompson, Katie Tompson.
Song, "In the Northland," School.

Recitation, The Week Before Christmas, Ruth Eeton.
Recitation, The Birdies' Feast, Fred Taylor.

A Doll Drill and Song, six girls.

Recitation, "My Grandpa," Ryland Pearl.

Pantomime of Sleeping Beauty.
Recitation, "Helping Mother," Helen Myer.

Duet, "A Song of Christmas," Katy Hover, Lena Ritter.

Recitation, "The Pioneers," Pearl Myer.

Monologue, "You Ole Turkey Gobbler," Gilbert Tompson.

Dialogue, A Family of Crooked Mouths—Earl Fisher, Turner Barnes, Lena Ritter, Katy Hover, Ernest Monk.

Recitation, "Suppose," "Little Fly," Letha Gant.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Concert Oration by B Reading Class.

Recitation, "On Disagreeable

Street," Ruth Barnes.

Recitation, "Our Hired Girl," Winnie Tompson.

Play—"The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." The Old Woman, Hester Tompson; Santa's Brownies, Russell McKeenan, Glen Gant; Children—Frances Plybon, Landon Gant, Ryland Pearl, Richard and Jack Neal, Loyd Taylor, Letha Gant, Florence Ritter, Helen Myer, Ruth Eeton, Gilbert Tompson.

CHURCH OF 900 ROOMS

A Former Mexico Pastor to Excel Solomon's Temple.

Rev. C. C. Selecman, who has served as pastor of the Methodist church in this city and at Moberly, also as Conference Evangelist, is distinguishing himself in Los Angeles, Cal., by a project he has on foot to build a church with 900 rooms. Rev. Selecman has visited foreign lands during the past few years and he intends to build a church in accord with modern thought and advancement. The following taken from one of the daily Los Angeles newspapers tells of his plans:

A Los Angeles clergyman—Rev. Charles C. Selecman, to be specific—declares that a church cannot attract twentieth century men by tenth century methods. So he is having a church built with 900 rooms which will contain halls, gymnasium, baths, billiard rooms,

and other comforts heretofore found in the tents of the nomad. Pastor Selecman is from Missouri, which seems to fit very nicely in his general scheme of showing the other churches something.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanks are visiting friends at Pilot Knob.

Mrs. R. O. Bromagin is visiting relatives at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Wm. Stuart left this week for a visit among friends in Oklahoma and Texas.

Mrs. R. C. Strode and little daughter, Rebecca, are visiting relatives in Ralls county.

Hon. E. A. Shannon of this city made a speech for local option in Stoddard county last Sunday.

Nesbitt Robnett, attending the military school at Lexington, Mo., is home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Thos. Woodward, whose family recently moved here from Slater, renews for the Message.

B. D. Brown, of near Mexico, was down in Pike county last week looking after a farm he owns northeast of Curryville.

I. T. Van Note has traded his fine \$8,000 home in this city to W. N. Holman for a 180 acre farm in Callaway county, valued at \$15,000.

Perry has lost one of her leading citizens in the death of M. P. La France. He was 75 years old and was president of the People's Bank of Perry.

Henry Youngblood and daughter, Miss Bettie, and Frank Eckler and Wm. Huffman, southeast of Laddonia, came up to Mexico last Saturday in an auto.

Frank Kellerhals, northeast of Benton City, has 16 head of fine hogs. Two or three of them became sick this week and Farmer Rusk was out to see them Tuesday.

Lewis T. Wilson and Miss Ruby McCann were licensed to wed last Friday. Marriage license was granted the same day also to Howard Risk and Miss Inez Lofton.

Mr. Guyon T. Board and Mrs. Louis Taylor, of the Centralia vicinity, were united in marriage in Mexico Wednesday of last week, Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating.

Mrs. Willis Carlisle and three children of Richmond, Mo., visited Mrs. Carlisle's brother, Rev. O. H. Phillips, at Auxvasse last week. They stopped off and visited Mexico friends this week.

L. M. Smith, near Rush Hill while feeding a corn shredder last Friday, got his hand caught in the machine and it was badly mangled, three fingers had to be amputated. He was brought to the Mexico Hospital.

John Powell, eight years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Powell, attempted to get on Bob Allison's dray wagon last Friday and caught his leg in the wheel, breaking it just above the knee. He was taken to the Hospital.

M. O. Keyes who has been conductor on the South Branch railroad between Mexico and Jefferson City for the last 30 years, will quit his job about the first of the New Year. If you have ever traveled over the South Branch you know M. O. Keyes.

THE BEAGLES HIGH SCHOOL

Five Rural Districts Propose to Join Their Interests.

Five public schools down near Worcester, this county,—Beagles, Botts, Ringo, Hazel and West Lick—have proposed a move which if they carry out will distinguish that rural community all over the State. They are arranging to establish a high school. The Message made mention of the move several weeks ago.

"Six men have guaranteed the money—\$800—to pay for the site, which will contain eight acres. It comes off the northwest corner of the Ed. Sumner 40 acre tract of land, just across the road south of the present site of Beagles school house, and the land is now owned by Judge John W. Beagles. It is a beautiful location, is on the State Highway, and is only about a quarter of a mile from the center of the territory of the five districts if they unite.

The question of site was settled at the start, and that saves any chance of a controversy over that point. There are 76 taxpayers, or heads of families, in the proposed consolidated district and 72 of these have signed the petition, asking for a vote on the question.

All this looks pretty good. We hope the vote may be unanimous. "A high school out in the country." Why, bless your life, yes. The town folks don't deserve all the good things. Give the country boys and girls a chance.

OAKLAND STOCK FARM

The fine weather helps keep the blues away from the farmers. Money all going out, nothing coming in.

Miss Lilly Hendrix left Wednesday of last week for St. Louis to spend the winter.

Shannon Selby came over from Columbia where he is attending high school and spent several days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dyson, recently. Shannon spent one day with Frank Summers while here.

Mrs. Pearl Hartman, who has been away from here ten or twelve years has been visiting old friends in and around Mexico. She spent Monday night of last week with F. T. Harris and family. Mrs. Hartman's husband is a merchant. He is now at Carrollton disposing of a stock of goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Selb, after a two years' break up, are now at home to their many friends.

Mrs. Annie Armistead is on the sick list.

F. T. Harris sold 30 turkeys that weighed 444 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dyson left last week to spend several weeks near Millersburg with Mr. Dyson's brother-in-law, Albert Selby.

Mrs. Dick Day who has been quite ill for several weeks a few days since took down with the typhoid fever and is now very sick. There are five children in the family, the youngest but three months old.

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