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COUNTY FAIR IS REMARKABLE SUCCESS

RECORD CROWD ATTENDS ANNUAL FAIR—FREE ACTS PROVE VERY ENTERTAINING.

STOCK PARADE IS A WINNER.

Winners of Premiums Will be Paid Money at Farmers & Merchants Bank, Saturday, Sept. 13th.

The 1919 Delaware County Fair is now a matter of history, and it is a record of which every citizen of the county can feel proud. It was predicted some weeks back that the exhibits of live stock would pass all previous records, and this prediction proved to be well founded. Secretary Williams and Supt. L. Matthews, Sr., were at their wit's end to know what to do with all of the stock that was coming to the grounds, and were finally obliged to inform some of the breeders and stock men that it would be impossible to provide shelter for any more.

On Wednesday the weather man tried hard to get his usual lick into the arrangement of things, and no doubt many were kept away on account of the showers. A part of the evening's program had to be suspended on account of the shower. Thursday morning, however, things began to look brighter, and long before noon the large fair grounds was a solid mass of people and automobiles. It is estimated that nearly 12,000 people were on the grounds Thursday. Better than the usual number visited the fair on Friday.

Secretary Williams is to be complimented on the list of free attractions which he succeeded in getting here for the fair. Everyone of the free acts is deserving of special mention, would space permit. The ball team which contested for the prizes put up by the fair society staged interesting games each day of the fair. The horse men also contributed their share in supplying entertainment for the visitors.

The Manchester Concert band did itself proud in the manner in which it handled the music. Master Wright and his boys are deserving of a lot of credit for the part they had in making the fair a success.

While the entire program of putting on the fair this year was more expensive than any of previous years, the association will not get a cent from the total receipts. At this time it is not possible to give the exact figures as to receipts and expenditures, but in some future issue The Democrat will give its readers such a report.

Premiums Paid Saturday, Sept. 13th. All winners of premiums can get their money by calling at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank on Saturday, September 13th. Treasurer W. W. Matthews will be there with the proper checks for every winner of premiums.

Women's Division of the County Fair. Compliments as to the quality of the work and products exhibited in the Women's Division of the Fair Bureau were heard on all sides last week.

People who had just returned from the state fair declared the canned goods department to compare very favorably with any exhibited there.

Much credit is given to those who had it in charge and to the interested women and girls who brought in exhibits.

Any county supporting the management and splendid exhibition of live stock as does Delaware, may well feel equal to undertake the enlargement of other departments.

Now that food and clothing conditions are more nearly normal, the women expressed themselves as feeling that their department should be extended for another year. To do this means plans started immediately to meet the needs. The women are interested. They recognize the educational value of a home and domestic exhibit. They want their department put on a par with that of the men's.

Livestock Exhibits. Livestock exhibitors hung up a record as to number and quality of entries which few county fairs in this state have ever equalled. That it will be surpassed in future years is the prediction of Secretary Williams and many of the exhibitors themselves who believe that this year's show is really the beginning of what is to make Delaware county known far and wide for the excellence of its pure bred stock.

In numbers the cattle on exhibit led, there being 312 head of them, the hogs coming second with 204 and the horses third with eighty-two. Sheep were few in numbers and the poultry showing, while of good quality, was not what it should be.

Judging of the cattle, horses and hogs took place on Wednesday and some Thursday. This feature is one of great educational value and many farmers and lovers of stock stood about the ring as the various classes were passed upon. Seldom is a fair management more fortunate in the selection of judges and considering the fact that some disappointments are inevitable very little objection or criticism of the placings were heard.

In the Hog Department. Ribbons were placed on the swine by E. L. Qualis of the agricultural

MANCHESTER GIRL WEDS YOUNG BANKER.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barr, Jr., of this city was the scene of a pretty wedding, last Wednesday evening, September 3rd, 1919, when their daughter, Miss Elna Hoag Barr, became the bride of Mr. Shannon B. Charlton, of Rolfe, Iowa. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a company of sixty friends and relatives, by the Rev. W. A. Montgomery, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The bride was attended by Miss Josephine Hutchinson as maid of honor; and the Miss Margaret Stanger, Grace Wolcott and Mary Moss of Centerville, as bridesmaids. Mr. Frank Charlton of Rolfe, Iowa, was best man. The bride was becomingly gowned in beaded georgette and white satin, bridal veil trimmed with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet spray of bride's roses. Laverder was the predominant color in the decorations of the home. Miss Elna Hoag of St. Paul, Minnesota, presided at the piano. Following the ceremony the young people left on a honeymoon trip which included a trip on Lake Michigan, and points of interest on the Great Lakes.

After a two or three weeks' trip Mr. and Mrs. Shannon will go to housekeeping at Woodward, Iowa, where the former has a position of vice president of the Farmers Bank, and where they will be at home to their friends after October 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are both graduates of the State University of Iowa. During their school days they were active in the social life of the University. Mr. Shannon was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa, while his wife was a member of Pi Beta Phi society. Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding ceremony were Mrs. J. H. Charlton, Mr. Frank Charlton, Mr. Clyde Charlton, Mrs. Martha Callon, Dr. Marsh Graham, Mr. Vergil Hancher, all of Rolfe, Iowa; Miss Mary Moss of Centerville, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. McFarland of Sandborn, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hoag and Miss Elna Hoag of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Mrs. F. C. Waterbury, Miss Cleo Waterbury, all of Des Moines; Lieutenant A. W. McMillen of Fort Des Moines; Miss Ruth Brenton of Dallas, Center, Iowa.

The sincere good wishes of friends attend Mr. and Mrs. Shannon as they go to establish a home of their own.

IOWA MEN MAKE GOOD SHOWING.

Capt. Don A. Preussner and the Iowa men who made up the Civilian team which participated in the National Rifle match on the Navy Rifle range at Caldwell, New Jersey, during August, hung up a fine record for themselves and the state they represented. There were seventy teams in the contest, forty of which were divisions. The Iowa team finished in 8th place in the Civilian and 13th place in the all teams contest. The Iowa boys made a good showing in the individual matches. An International Small Bore match between teams of twenty men from the United States and England was also held at this time. The English team tied its score in England under observation of United States rifle men, while the American team tied its score on this side of the big pond under the observation of English rifle men, and then the results were called back and forth. Capt. Preussner was a member of the International team. Simmas of Des Moines was alternate on the team. Price of Iowa City had won a place on the team but was barred from participating in the International match because of British rules. The American team conceded to all of the rules of the British, and in spite of all of the handicap this imposed on them they defeated the British team by 34 points.

At the conclusion of the regular matches teams of sixteen men were chosen from each branch of the service, and also from the civilian teams to fire what is known as the United States Service Match. Capt. Preussner was selected team captain of the civilian team of the United States. Captain Preussner's team won fourth place in this shoot. The army and navy teams, trying for second and third places, and the team from the Marines walking off with the first prize.

These matches are becoming greater events each year, and Capt. Preussner's friends at home congratulate him upon the fine showing he made, and the honors that he won for himself and the state which he represented.

DUBUQUE FALL FESTIVAL.

The wide-awake business men of Dubuque are back of a Fall Festival to be held in the Key City during the week of September 29th to October 4th. The festival will be put on by the Key City Exhibition Company, the officers of which are E. M. Healey, president; W. B. Martin, Secretary; A. C. Waller, treasurer; and on the executive committee is also J. J. Roehke. Charles M. Marsh is the manager of the enterprise. Thousands of dollars is being spent in providing entertainment for the thousands of visitors that will be in the Key City during the week.

SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY.

The schools of Manchester opened Monday morning, after the summer vacation, with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The enrollment of the High School so far is more than 240. Many pupils from outlying school districts are coming to the Manchester High School. Next week we hope to be able to give a complete report of the enrollment in the various grades.

YOUNG MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

ROBERT J. KIMBALL IS CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER HEAVY STONE WALL.

BROTHER, WITNESSED TRAGEDY.

Young Man was Working in Basement of Burke Residence, when Heavy Stone Wall Falls.

Robert J. Kimball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kimball of North Manchester, met a tragic death while working in the basement of the building which Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burke are remodeling. Robert has been employed by the Manchester Flour mills for some time, and because of a break down at the mill, he was not working there. His brother, Adelbert, had been working at the Burke house for several weeks, and on Monday noon Robert accompanied the brother to the Burke house to work while repairs were being made at the mill. He began work at one o'clock, shoveling sand and gravel and getting the basement in readiness for the cement men the following day. While at work an eighteen inch stone wall gave way and came crashing down upon the young man, burying his body under the mass of lime and stone. Adelbert was at work in an adjoining room in the basement, and soon had his brother extricated from underneath the wreckage, only to learn that he was fatally injured. Other workmen carried the crushed form to the main floor of the house, where in a few minutes death came as a gracious release from pain.

The remains were taken to the family home in North Manchester where services will be held at 10:30 Thursday forenoon, and then the remains will be taken to North Manchester church for funeral services. Mr. E. G. Matthews of Waterloo will conduct the services. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery near Masonville.

Robert J. Kimball was born at Winthrop November 14th, 1898. He came with his parents to Delaware county and resided on a farm near Manchester until last fall, when the family moved to Manchester. For some time he has been employed as a miller at the Manchester Flour mill plant north of the city. He was an ambitious young man, and was thoroughly reliable. Had he been consulted like many young fellows the chances are that he would be alive today. He could not be idle, and when work at the mill stopped because of a breakdown, he lost no time in finding employment to fill in the time. After working in the basement of the Burke house one hour and fifteen minutes his life was cut short in a most tragic manner by the hand of death.

He leaves to mourn for him his parents, one brother, Adelbert, and two sisters, Evelyn and Winifred. Two brothers preceded him in death. The tragic death of the young man comes with crushing force to the family, and in the sorrow that has been so suddenly visited on them they have the profound sympathy of their friends.

J. J. MERRITT.

J. J. Merritt, aged father of Mrs. E. Walston, of this city, died at his home Monday forenoon, September 8, 1919, after an illness of many weeks. The remains were taken to the old home at Olin this (Wednesday) morning, and services will be held at the Olin church, and interment made in the Merritt cemetery, near the old homestead. The Masonic order, of Olin, of which he was a charter member, will conduct the services.

Mr. Merritt was born in Niagara County, New York, December 4th, 1853. He came with his father's family to Jones County when six years of age, locating on a farm near Olin. Since 1859 he has resided in the same township in Jones county. April 19, 1919, he came to Manchester to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Walston, who gave him the most loving care during the weary weeks of his final illness.

Mr. Merritt was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Blaney, June 5th, 1856, and to them were born eight children, J. B. Merritt of Webster City, Iowa; August Merritt of Niobrara, Nebraska; D. C. Merritt of Mt. Vernon; J. I. Merritt of Cedar Rapids; W. D. Merritt, of Olin, and Mrs. C. E. Walston of this city. Two daughters preceded their father many years ago. Mrs. Merritt died in 1905.

Mrs. Walston has the sincere sympathy of her friends in Manchester in the sorrow that has come to her because of the death of a kind and loving father.

AT THE PLAZA THEATRE.

Wednesday, "The Squaw Man," a Cecil B. DeMille production, also the Pathe News. Thursday, "Billie Burke in 'The Make Believe Wife.'" Friday, "After His Own Heart," Pathe News and the 14th episode of the Lightning Raider and a Big V comedy. Sunday, "William Russell in 'A Sporting Chance,'" and a Lloyd Comedy. Monday, "Luck and Pluck" featuring George Walsh, also the Topics of the Day. Tuesday, Mable Norman in "The Pest," also a Lloyd Comedy. Wednesday, "Women's Weapons" starring Ethel Clayton, and the Pathe News. Coming soon, Chas. Chaplin in "Sunnyside."

NOTICE.

All you doughboys, gobs and rookies who boarded with Uncle Sam a few months back are welcome at the army of Company H next Wednesday night, September 17th, at eight o'clock. Did you know there is a post of the American Legion in Manchester? And did you know that wise ones are beginning to realize that the American Legion is the greatest organization in the world right now and is bound to become more important? Governor Gardner of Missouri calls it the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Doctor C. S. Lister was our delegate to the state convention at Des Moines last week and got all the dope and if you want to know about it don't fail to be there Wednesday night. Don't get the idea that this is a mutual admiration society. Nothing like that. We are going to have some good times and we are going to be felt as a force throughout this nation and we have the power to fix a lot of things that need fixing. Your vote is just as big as General Pershing's and you are just as welcome and you can't have any good reason for staying away from the bunch, so don't forget next Wednesday night.

Constitution Day comes next Wednesday and you are especially invited to the celebration on the Fair grounds at 1:30 p. m. There are going to be some good talks including one by Clyde Doolittle of the 168th Infantry. And we are going to sing some of those songs and enjoy a ball game. You have a little bigger share in Constitution Day now than you did two or three years ago and there are a lot of underdone citizens around here that need to be taught what the constitution, and their country means to them.

Come in the afternoon if you can, but come at eight o'clock Wednesday night, anyway.

SALVATION ARMY HOME SERVICE FUND.

Iowa will raise a fund of \$500,000 during the week of September 22 to 30, for the Salvation Army Home Service work. Every county in Iowa will be organized to raise its quota. The quota for Delaware County is only \$3000.00 and those in charge feel confident that the good people of the county will respond generously when the collectors call for subscriptions.

The Salvation Army did a noble work for the American soldiers in the war, especially those units that were at the front and saw the hardest fighting. During the period of its time and energy in working for the soldier, and naturally had to neglect its home service work. The organization now comes to the people of the country for funds to carry on its noble work at home. There is not an organization in existence today that deserves the hearty support of every man, woman and child more than does the Salvation Army.

The people of Delaware County should bear in mind that every dollar that the Salvation Army raises in Iowa will be expended for Home Service work in Iowa.

Remember, the campaign begins on September 22nd, and closes on September 30th. Prepare to do your bit for the organization that stood by the soldiers.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES TO AID DISABLED MINISTERS.

Iowa Congregationalists will be asked during the coming six or eight weeks to participate in the movement launched by the Congregational National Council to raise \$5,000,000 for the Pilgrim Memorial fund. This fund, through its investment, is to provide annuities for pastors in their old age or for their widows or dependents or benefits in case of permanent or total disability.

Iowa is expected to raise \$240,000. A campaign has just been concluded in Minnesota, where a total of \$220,000 was subscribed. Several of the eastern states have previously raised their quota.

The Iowa campaign, which is to run throughout the month of September and a part of October, was mapped out at a meeting held at Grinnell some time ago. Dr. F. L. Hayes of Chicago, western secretary of the annuity fund, will direct the work. An executive committee with the following members has been selected in this state: Roger Leavitt, Waterloo, chairman; Dr. P. A. Johnson, Grinnell, secretary; S. J. Pooley, Grinnell; Rev. Dr. J. Edward Kirby, Des Moines, and Charles Lynde, Des Moines.

The work will be presented to the various church congregations by special representatives who will also make a personal canvass for contributions. In a statement as to the purposes of the fund the following explanation is made:

"The primary purposes of the fund are to afford ministers who have rendered long years of self sacrificing service a just and considerate provision for the inevitable needs of their later years and to advance the efficiency of the ministry and of the church by removing the hindrance of an old age of poverty. Heretofore the ministers themselves have been made to bear the full cost of all these risks. Now the partnership of the church is to be recognized by the church sharing with the minister the costs of the hazards of his work." Pres. Theodore H. Wilson of Olivet College, will present this phase of the work in Manchester next Sunday morning at the regular preaching service hour at the First Congregational church. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

PIONEER MANCHESTER MERCHANT SUMMONED

IRA P. ADAMS PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME ON UNION STREET AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Conducted Hardware Store in Manchester for Many Years. Active Pioneer Church Worker.

Ira P. Adams, one of the pioneer merchants of Manchester, died at his home in this city Sunday evening, September 7th, 1919, following an illness of about three years. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:30. Rev. S. R. Beatty conducted the services. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Adams was born in Essex county, Vermont, July 1, 1832. In 1851 the family moved to Troy, New York, where he lived for six years, when he came to Delaware County, arriving here January 7, 1857. When Mr. Adams came to Manchester there were only two or three general stores, a frame hotel, mill dam and about a dozen dwelling houses in the village, known as Burlington. He and Ira U. Butler opened a hardware store, and in 1866 he formed a partnership with Lucius W. Adams, and for many years Adams Brothers was a leading hardware firm of the city. They also operated lumber yards and elevators here. Mr. Adams erected the first elevator in Manchester.

Mr. Adams was deeply religious and was one of the charter members of the local Methodist Episcopal church. For nearly fifty years he was a class leader, a member of the official board, and contributed heavily toward the finances of the church. In fact during the first few years of the church's history Mr. Adams and the late Wm. Catron bore the financial burdens of the organization. He took a keen interest in the early day camp meetings, and kept up his interest in all religious activities until a few years ago when the weight of years brought on a physical breakdown.

Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Gracia Eastbrook, of Essex county, New York, and she died in Manchester on July 23rd, 1881. On April 4, 1882, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lucy B. Snyder, of Belmont, Iowa, and she passed away January 14th, 1909. He is survived by the following children: Alfred P. Adams, of Chicago; Elmer G. Adams, of Delhi, Iowa; Mrs. Clara B. Ferguson, of Hopkinton; Mary Peterson, and Mrs. Sadie E. Ferry of Manchester; Mrs. Grace Thompson of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Bessie Krause of St. Paul. One son, Orson, died five years ago at Little Rock, Arkansas. He also leaves seven grand children and nine great grand children.

During the many years of his wearisome illness Mr. Adams was given the best of care by the devoted daughters, Mrs. Ferry and Mrs. Peterson. For nearly two years he was confined to his bed and Mr. Ferry waited on his aged father-in-law constantly. Providence was kind to Mr. Adams in that he was spared the physical pain so often accompanying the infirmities of old age. He was free from pain even at the last and his spirit was permitted to enter the portals of eternal rest as peacefully as though he fell asleep after a day's toil.

The passing of Mr. Adams removes from Delaware County one of the pioneers, who shared the hardships and privations incident to the life of the early day settlers. He had religious convictions and dared to stand by them. In the early days when Manchester was infested with the open saloon Mr. Adams exerted his influence in the cause of temperance and clean living. He leaves to his children the heritage of a noble, Christian character, the influence of which was felt in this community for more than a half century.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to the children, who on this day lay to rest in Oakland cemetery the remains of a Christian father.

METHODIST BOOSTER SUNDAY.

The Methodist church of this city is planning a great day on Sunday, September 14th, (next Sunday). Every person whose name is on the church record is urged to be present to come and help to make this day a record-breaker in attendance. This is also Sunday School Rally Day. It is desired that the parents take special pains to see that their children are present in the Sunday School. At 6:30 in the evening the Epworth League will have their re-opening service with a special program. The pastor will preach appropriate sermons both morning and evening. Please note the change of time for the evening. It will be at 7:30.

LOCAL MAN ADMITTED TO BAR.

Walter Moley passed the law examinations at Des Moines last week and was admitted to the practice of law in Iowa. His friends extend to him congratulations and wish him success in his profession. He has several locations in view but has not decided where he will hang out his shingle. He has been offered a connection in the office of George Cosson of Des Moines, former Attorney General, of this state, and Mr. Moley may conclude to go there for a time at least.

ATKINS-JONES.

Miss May Atkins and Mr. Forest K. Jones, two of Manchester's most popular and well known young people were united in marriage at the home of Rev. S. R. Beatty on Friday evening, September 5th, at eight o'clock. Rev. Mr. Beatty performing the ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate members of the family, the young people started by auto to northern Minnesota, to spend about two weeks on a honeymoon trip.

The bride has been for several years a nurse in Manchester, and has nursed in many homes in this city and surrounding country. Through faithful ministrations to the sick she has won the admiration and love of hosts of people with whom she came in contact. She possesses many lovable traits of character and is admirably qualified for the duties of a home maker.

Mr. Jones is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, and has been associated with his father and brother in the management of the automobile business in which they are engaged. He is a prince of a young fellow and has a host of friends in Manchester. He spent over a year in the service, the greater part of which was spent in France. He returned home recently from overseas, and will continue to be associated with his father and brother in the business here.

Upon their return from their honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Jones will go to housekeeping in a suite of rooms in the Mrs. Ellen Johnson home on Prospect street. The Democrat joins with hosts of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Jones the best that life could possibly have for them, and that they may live happily together for many, many years.

A BUSY DAY FOR THE PASTOR.

Rev. S. R. Beatty, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city, was certainly a busy man last Wednesday, September 3rd. On that day he joined in holy bonds of wedlock four couples of young people and conducted one funeral service. Such a record might make some folks wonder whether Rev. Mr. Beatty and County Clerk O. R. Daubman have a "secret" understanding between themselves as to who is to get the job of performing the duties of a pastor.

Miss Zella Viola Eitzman of Earlville and Mr. Adrian John Hatch of Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch will make their home on a farm near Onelda.

Miss Marvel Fern Jencks and Mr. Stanley L. Stone of Edgewood. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make their home in Cedar Rapids for the coming fall and winter.

Miss Bernice A. Adams of Strawberry Point, and Mr. Horace L. Smith of Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home in Waterloo.

Miss Lytle Steeter of Edgewood, and Mr. Robert A. Nading of Elkader, Iowa. These young people will make their home at Littleport.

The young people mentioned all have the hearty good wishes of their friends as they go to establish homes of their own.

GOOD CORN WEATHER.

We have had some of the hottest weather of the season the past week, the temperature mounting to above 90 degrees on several days. All vegetation was rapidly drying up and the copious shower last night was a great benefit. The warm weather hastened maturing of the corn crop which is now practically made. The early corn is ripe and is being cut while the late corn will soon be out of the way. While frost sometimes comes early enough to catch the corn in the milk, the average killing frost is October 15th. A bumper corn crop of a high quality seems assured for northeastern Iowa, where the best corn in the country is to be found this year according to the government reports.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The fifty-second annual convention of the Delaware County Sunday School association will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Earlville Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12. The first program will be given on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock. The sessions will continue during Friday afternoon. The complete program appears on another page of this issue of The Democrat, under Earlville News Letter.

DANCE AT FAIR GROUND PAVILION.

Another big dance will be given at the pavilion on the fair grounds next Wednesday night, September 17th. Cruise's Jazz band will furnish the music. The public is cordially invited to attend this dance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

BURR AND DORIS FINCH.

—Miss Elva Madden goes to Mount Vernon, to attend college this year.

FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL MULVEHILL OF MASONVILLE CELEBRATE EVENT SUNDAY.

PIONEER FARMERS OF COUNTY.

Children and Friends Shower Couple with Beautiful Gifts and Plate of Gold Coins.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mulvehill, pioneers of Delaware County, and highly respected citizens of Masonville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday, September 7, 1919. The affair had been planned carefully by their children and friends, and while Mr. and Mrs. Mulvehill were attending church in the morning the guests quietly assembled at the home. When the couple arrived home they found their home filled with relatives and friends who had come to remind them of the noteworthy event, and the ladies of the party had loaded down the dining table with everything good to eat imaginable. The whole affair was a complete surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Mulvehill, but this did not detract in the least from the pleasure of the occasion.

Beautiful gifts and a plate of gold coins were presented to the couple. Music and songs added to the pleasures of the day. Short addresses were made by Rev. Father Lonergan, pastor of the church of Masonville, and Rev. Father Murtagh of Edgewood. Mr. and Mrs. Mulvehill responded feelingly to the addresses by Father Murtagh and Lonergan.

Mr. Mulvehill was born in Indiana County, Pa., April 18th, 1844. He came to Dubuque county in 1864, and settled in Delaware County in 1869. On September 7th, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann McMahon of Bankston, in Dubuque county, the ceremony being performed in St. Clement's church at Bankston. For fifty years Mr. and Mrs. Mulvehill were privileged to travel life's pathway side by side, and during all of these years they have been companions in every sense of the word. Their home has been blessed with five children—Joe Mulvehill, who lives on the old homestead near Masonville; Eugene F. Mulvehill, a successful druggist of Masonville; James Mulvehill of Dubuque; Lewis Mulvehill of Charles City, Iowa; and one daughter, Miss Alice Mulvehill, who lives at home with the parents.

Until they retired from active farm life in 1901, they lived on a farm two and one-half miles south of Masonville. During these years they were hearty pioneers who transformed the wild and virgin prairies into the prosperous farming community of today.

Now, in the sunset of well spent lives they are still blessed with the gifts of good health and contentment and give promise to live to celebrate many more anniversaries as the golden rays of the present lengthen out to God's portals of eternity.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that Sunday, September 7th, was a day long to be remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Mulvehill, and the large circle of relatives and friends who were privileged to enjoy the happy event. The Democrat wants to add a word of congratulation to this worthy couple, upon having reached so remarkable a day in their lives, and it is our wish that they may be spared for many more happy anniversaries.

COMMUNITY WELFARE MEETINGS POSTPONED.

The Community Welfare Meetings, advertised last week, had to be postponed on account of the critical illness of Dr. Frank G. Wilcox's mother, who lies at the point of death at her home in Kansas City. Dr. Wilcox, field secretary of the Nation Public Welfare league, has been chosen as the speaker for the meetings at Manchester, but was obliged to cancel all speaking dates for the time being.

LENOX COLLEGE OPENS SEPT. 18.

Hon. N. E. Kendall of Albia, Iowa, will give the address at the opening this year of Lenox college, which takes place on Thursday, September 18th. Mr. Kendall will speak at that time in the new gymnasium, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Friends of the college all over Delaware county will be afforded to hear one of Iowa's distinguished citizens.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS OF KINDERGARTEN.

All patrons who have children who will attend the age of five before the first day of December are requested to place them in Kindergarten this fall. On the West Side, due to the added work of the first grade teacher, children will not be accepted if they are not six by the first of December.

J. S. HILLIARD, Supt.

START FOR CALIFORNIA.

J. R. Wood and Roger Lewis left Tuesday for Oakland, California, where they will locate permanently. Mr. Wood recently purchased the controlling interest in the Duplex Percolator Co., a large water filtering manufacturing plant at Oakland, and Mr. Lewis will work for Mr. Wood. The young men will make their trip overland in Mr. Wood's Cadillac Eight.