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## TWO GOOD GAMES OF BASKET BALL HERE

### The Anita High School Boys' and Girls' Teams Played Here Friday

Outplaying their opponents and always in the lead, the Exira High School boys defeated the Anita boys on the local floor by a score of 26 to 14. Soon after the opening of the first half Captain William Laursen put his team in the lead with a free throw followed closely by a field goal. The first half ended with the score 9-7 in favor of Exira but soon after the opening W. Laursen and Gault with a series of baskets increased Exira's lead.

Captain Laursen was the outstanding star for Exira, although the guards Milliman and Hunt showed up to good advantage.

Line up

Anita	Exira
Petersen f	Gault
Blakesley f	H. Laursen
Wood, g	W. Laursen
Bullock g	Milliman
Reed, c	Hunt
Newton f	Kline
Cate f	
Karns g	

Field goals: Blakesley, 1; Reed, 3; Newton, 1; Gault, 4; H. Laursen, 1; W. Laursen, 5.

Free throws: Reed, 3; Cate, 1; Gault, 1; W. Laursen, 5.

Points: Blakesley, 2; Reed, 9; Newton, 2; Cate, 1; Gault, 9; H. Laursen, 2; W. Laursen, 15.

The girls' teams played a closer game and the winner was in doubt until the end of the game. Exira was never behind in the scoring but at one time the score stood 13 to 13.

The work of the Exira guards and centers was what probably saved the game for Exira as both Exira forwards were off form.

For Anita June Karns was the outstanding star and secured 12 of Anita's points.

Line-up

Anita	Exira
June Karns f	Anna Hansen
Russia Harris f	Pauline Hensley
Minnie Simon re	Laura Jenkins
Leah Koob je	Adeline Bills
Cleo Gipple g	Florence Tibben
Mac Taylor g	M. Anderson

Substitutions: Ruth Taylor for Faye Taylor.

Points scored: June Karns, 12; Russia Harris, 2; Anna Hansen, 11; Pauline Hensley, 6.

The first boys' team plays Walnut at Walnut and the second team Van Meter here Friday night of this week.

### Guest Day Observed by Mothers' Club

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was the Mothers' Club Guest Day meeting, which was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. A. Lantz. About twenty-five ladies were present, including the members and their guests.

A short program was given, as follows: Paper "Nervousness in Children" by Mrs. Nettie Jensen; Vocal Solo, "Little Mother of Mine" by Mrs. Evalyn Voss; Readings by Mrs. Muriel Hensley and Mrs. Edna Tibben; Piano Solo by Mrs. Gertrude Rogers.

This marked the initial Guest Day observed by the Club, and brought the ladies in closer touch with their friends and neighbors. It was an interesting meeting and enjoyed by all present. A delicious two-course luncheon was served during the social hour.

### Greeley Mutual Elects Officers for 1921

The annual meeting of the Greeley Mutual Fire Insurance Association was held at No. 1 schoolhouse in Audubon township last Saturday.

The weather was fine and a good sized crowd was in attendance. If the enthusiasm shown at the meeting is kept up this year promises to be as prosperous as the past. By square dealing, a good policy and prompt payment of all just claims this Association has built up a reputation in the territory reached and is now growing as it should.

The election of the directors and officers was very harmonious. All the directors and officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. C. Tibben who insisted on retiring. W. C. Tibben was elected to succeed him. An oyster stew was prepared and served by the members which was greatly appreciated by all and it was decided to try this again at the next annual meeting.

### Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau of Exira township will be held at the Moving Picture Hall at Exira Tuesday, Dec. 21st at 2:30 p. m. All are expected to be present.

O. F. IDE, Chairman.

### Obituary of Miss Lela Marie Esbeck

Lela Marie Esbeck was born in Oakfield township, Audubon county, November 14, 1900, and died at her home in Exira, December 8, 1920.

She has spent most of her time in this county and always enjoyed the best of health until about eight months ago when she became sick with diabetes, which disease caused her death, her age being 20 years and 24 days. She leaves to mourn her departure her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Esbeck and four sisters, Edna, Esther, Katie and Agnes and many relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rasmussen at the Danish Lutheran church last Friday afternoon. Interment was made in the Exira cemetery.

### FOR SALE

White clover honey. 35c per lb. James W. Huyck

Mr. Rasmus Jensen and family are located in the P. M. Christensen residence just west of the school house. He is employed in the Chris Jensen blacksmith shop. They formerly resided on a farm, southwest of Elk Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young, who were former residents of near Hamlin but now reside at Lake View, were in Exira last week visiting at the J. M. Dimick home. Mrs. Young is a sister of Messrs. John, Thomas and W. M. Crees.

Mrs. Maurice Jensen and children came from Des Moines Monday and will visit until after the holidays with relatives at the A. W. Harvey home. They are moving onto a farm near that city, which they will have charge of for the owner. A new residence is being built on the place, for their occupancy.

The bazaar and chicken-pie supper given by the Womans' Community Association, last Saturday, was a great success. During the supper hour a musical entertainment was enjoyed. The net proceeds amounted to over two hundred dollars.

## FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Tuesday Evening, December 21st

High School Auditorium,

8:00 P. M.

ORATORICAL

Frank Essington '24 "The Blessed Middle Class"  
Bernard Meurer '23 "Evils of War"  
Garland Nelsen '23 "The Marriage to Graecia"  
Edward Lewis '24 "The Cross of Gold"

DRAMATIC

Ella Ballou '23 "The Wheels of Time"  
Carolyn Klever '24 "As the Moon Rose"  
Ruby Wells '23 "Bobby Shafts"  
Lucille Kelley '24 "Law of Retaliation"

HUMOROUS

Etna Parrott '23 "Cupid and the Cadillac"  
Doris Kness '24 "Brother William's Wife"  
Clara Wieman '24 "Pleasant Half Hour on the Beach"  
Cecil Martin '23 "Schoolboy Strike"

Admission: Adults, 35c; School Children, 20c.

Help the 2nd High School team whip Van Meter, Friday evening, at the High School gymnasium. Game called at 7:30.

### Frank Schlater Will Move to Colorado

In spite of the bad weather, Monday, the public sale held by Frank Schlater, is reported to have brought better results than was anticipated. A good crowd was present, and good prices were received for most of his articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlater are planning to remain on the farm until March, when they expect to go to Colorado to reside. Both are in very poor health and it is thought a change in the climate may benefit them.

### Thursday Club Meets with Mrs. Kearney

Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. Kearney, December 2nd.

Current events were given and discussed. Mrs. Claire McAninch gave a very interesting paper on "Our Conservation Problems." Mrs. Small's recitation "Grigsby Station" was unusually entertaining. Mrs. Varney read some very good articles written by Mrs. Thos. G. Winters.

Club adjourned for social hour during which time the hostess served a delightful luncheon.

### Box Supper

There will be a box supper at Hamlin Center December 30th. Everybody come and bring a box.

### Vote of Thanks

The holiday bazar, authorized by the Womans' Community Association was a great success socially and financially. Members of the Association wish to extend a vote of thanks to all who were instrumental in making the affair a great success.

Mrs. Susan Paige recently received a box of oranges from her grandson, James Paige, who is in Phoenix, Arizona.

W. H. Schulte, an uncle of Dr. Rose Wieman, was in Exira over Sunday visiting his nieces, the Wieman sisters. Mr. Schulte is a prominent contractor of St. Louis, and will be remembered here as he was the contractor in charge of the erection of our new school building a few years ago. He returned Monday to his home.

### CARD OF THANKS

To our friends and neighbors we wish to express our deepest thanks and sincere gratitude for the assistance given us, for the expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings which were given in memory of our beloved daughter and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Esbeck and Daughters.

### Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau Federation

The annual meeting of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation will be held on January 5th and 6th at the Auditorium in Des Moines Iowa. There will be addresses by well known and nation-wide speakers. President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau Federation Gray Silver of the Legislative Department at Washington, W. G. Eckhardt, Bureau of Markets of the Illinois Agricultural Association (and a member of the Farmers Grain Marketing Committee of seventeen), L. A. Andrews of Ottumwa, President of Iowa State Bankers Association, Governor-elect N. A. Kendall and Mrs. C. H. Sewall of Otterbein, Indiana will give the principal addresses and several others have been invited. Complete programs will be published soon. This convention is expected to be the largest farmers meeting ever held in Des Moines. Both farmers and their wives are looked for in very large numbers.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Sunday School is growing in number and interest. Some of the workers met at the home of Mrs. T. H. Godwin on Monday evening and arrangements were made for a Christmas tree and program for Christmas eve.

J. H. Pagan of Des Moines preached last Sunday in the absence of Dean Caldwell.

Bible School 10:00  
Preaching 11:00 and 7:30.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.  
Everybody invited to all services.

Friends of Leonard Kline of our city will be pleased to learn that he has had new honors placed upon him by being placed on the honorary All-Iowa Conference football eleven. Kline played guard on the 1920 Coe College team. He is also Editor-in-chief of the "Coe Acorn," the annual of the class of 1922.

Elmer Heath was assisting Elmer Covault in the grocery department of the Small store Saturday.

A number of the Elks' Lodge members went to Atlantic, Monday evening, to attend the regular meeting of the lodge.

Mike Harned writes the Journal that they are planning to move in a short time to Arcadia, California, from Omaha, Nebraska. Their son, George is stationed in a camp there and it is to be near him that they are making the move.

### Orwin Masching Returns to Exira with Bride

Our citizens were somewhat surprised last Friday when Orwin Masching and his bride came drifting into Exira to take up their residence on the Masching place, just east of Exira.

The couple were married in Cedar Rapids last week, where both were attending Coe College. The bride was formerly Miss Lulu Hoskins, a Cedar Rapids girl.

Orwin is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Masching, who moved to Casey a few weeks ago. He is an ex-service boy, and spent sometime overseas.

The Journal joins friends in extending best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

### Ralph Bush of South Dakota Died Sunday

Ralph Bush, fourteen-year-old son of Lyman and Edith Bush of Fairfax, South Dakota, was taken to the Ford hospital in Omaha Tuesday, December 2d, and died Sunday, December 12th, at 4:05 p. m., of kidney and heart affection. All was done for him that human hands could do.

The boy was industrious, kind obliging and leaves a host of friends. His father, Lyman Bush, is a cousin of Henry and Lena Bush and a nephew of Theodore, Charles and William Patty, all of Exira.

Burial took place in the home cemetery at B. nestee, South Dakota, where he was laid beside his sister who had preceded him to the better world.

Theodore Patty visited the hospital to see the sick lad on Sunday and had left on his return home less than an hour when the boy passed away. His father, mother, brother, grandfather and grandmother were with him when the end came.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

The High School orchestra proved a genuine surprise to the children last Sunday and did they enjoy it? oh, boy! So it was decided to have an orchestra each Sunday. Orchestras for the hymn book have been ordered and we are expecting to have the pleasure of a real orchestra each Sunday. Later the orchestra may be used for the evening service. Rev. Henry has another important announcement for next Sunday. No child in the city will want to miss out on this proposition. It's a go-get-er. Remember the mark for Sunday is 125. Will we make it? Well, I'd say!

The regular preaching service at 11 o'clock.

Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30. Miss Gamber, Leader.

Preaching service in the evening at 7:30. Special music by the choir. Preparations for a great Christmas festival are under way. The Christmas spirit is growing. We've all dumped our grouches. If you are bound to carry a grouch, take it somewhere else, the Community church don't want it. Annual election soon. Next year will see some very definite advances. May we count on your cooperation.

Miss Opal Cannon, who has been caring for the new baby at the Tom Hill home in the country, returned yesterday to Des Moines.

Mrs. Willis E. Young, who resides in the country, is very sick at this writing with sciatic rheumatism. She is reported to be suffering considerable pain, and is under the care of a nurse, Mrs. Charles Sykes of Brayton.

## ATLANTIC MAN FALLS HEIR TO MILLIONS

### J. A. Walker Will Share in Wyckoff Estate in New York City

J. A. Walker of Atlantic is one of the accredited heirs to the vast sum of eight hundred million dollars, being the Wyckoff estate of New York City.

Many years ago five Wyckoff brothers came here from England and acquired vast real estate holdings in New York. During their life time they leased their holdings for ninety-nine years. The lease has expired and the estate is to be divided among the heirs. There are between fifty and one hundred heirs to the vast estate. J. A. Walker of Atlantic is a grandson of one of the five brothers. His mother, Isabel Wyckoff-Walker, being a daughter. She had brothers and sisters all of whom are dead and J. A. Walker is her only surviving child.

Many of our people will remember Will Felt, who several ago was in the employ of P. K. Jensen, at Exira. His wife, formerly Miss Eva Walker, was a daughter of the above named J. A. Walker. At present the Felts are residing in Davenport.

J. A. Walker's share of the vast estate may be as much as \$8,000,000.

### Officers Elected for Another Year

The regular meeting of the K. P. Lodge, Tuesday evening, was an interesting one and was attended by a large crowd of the members. Third degree work was conferred on seven candidates, namely: R. R. Godwin, J. J. Godwin, Arthur Freeman, Henry Roed, J. C. Jensen, Chris Nielsen and Arba Milliman.

Election of officers took place during the evening, and resulted as follows:

Claude Jayne, C. C.  
R. A. Lantz, V. C.  
J. T. Kearney, Prelate.  
Frank Basham, M. of W.  
Earl Thomas, K. of R. and S.  
L. J. Oldaker, M. of F.  
P. M. Christensen, M. of E.  
Thos. Godwin, M. at A.  
Paul Way, I. G.  
Fred Basham, O. G.

### Relatives Gathered at Home to Celebrate Birthday

Sunday, December 12th, was the birthday anniversary of Hans M. Mortensen, and in order to help Hans celebrate right, a crowd of relatives from Hamlin came down and partook of a big birthday dinner, prepared for the occasion, then spent a social afternoon. In the evening, another crowd of Exira friends gathered at his home and put a perfect ending to a most enjoyable day, that will not be forgotten very soon by H. M.

### Chiropractors Hold Session in Des Moines

In the issue of the Des Moines Sunday capital, published December 5th, appeared pictures of Iowa's foremost Chiropractors, among whom was Dr. Rose Wieman of Exira.

At that time the Chiropractors of the State were holding a session in Des Moines, which was largely attended.

Buy your wife a Singer sewing machine for Christmas. She will appreciate it.  
P. M. CHRISTENSEN.