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Notes From Newllano Colony

Mrs. Effie Buck spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Slagle.

Mrs. Henry O. Atkins was confined to her home for two days last week on account of cold.

Mrs. Fred Hemman with Master Fred Jr., were shopping in Leesville on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Alois Belohradsky leaves Sunday for Shreveport, where he will spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wajja, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Synoground with little Miss Laura, also Marcus L. De Vine, formed an overland party to Shreveport, leaving last Friday evening. They report a most pleasant trip.

WANTED—RAGS—The Democrat is needing some clean cotton Rags. Old Shirts, and cotton garments acceptable. Bring them to the print shop or mail them.

In a letter from W. H. Fread to Mr. Pickett, he tells of the arrival of a nine-pound boy at his home on Tuesday the 2nd of November. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fread extend congratulations.

Mrs. George E. Cantrell spent Tuesday afternoon in Leesville.

Mr. E. C. Bennett, of Fayetteville, W. Va., is a quite recent addition to the Colony, and we are safe in saying, a valuable one. Mr. Bennett is a gentleman of most pleasing personality, and with his wide experience as a teacher and a scholar, will prove an asset in our schools.

The spirit of Thanksgiving is already in the air. Dame Rumor has it that a Bal Masque is being planned for Thursday evening in the hotel—so everyone is on the tip-toe of expectation over this delightful affair. A Thanksgiving card game is also being arranged for Tuesday evening.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. O. Synoground were invited to a whist party at their home Wednesday night last week and enjoyed a nice game. Al Satnan, who played lady, won the lady's first prize, and Ole himself put up the job so that he got the gent's first prize. Mr. Baldwin won the gent's "booby" and Mr. Burton, the lady's "booby." After the game, refreshments were served, and when a big cake with lighted candles came, it was discovered that Mrs. Synoground was celebrating her birthday.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

"I am the voice of the voiceless,
Through me the dumb shall speak,
Till a deaf world's ear
Shall be made to hear
The wrongs of the wordless weak.

The same force formed the sparrow
That fashioned man the king,
The God of the Whole
Gave a spark of soul
To furred and feathered things.

And I am my brother's keeper,
And I shall fight his fight,
And speak the word
For beast and bird,
Till the world shall set things right."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, November 17—The call to the sweet potato harvest is still the only audible sound in the Colony to-day. There are about every available man on the farm and many of the industries are contributing to this business. The shoe shop has to attend to its business, as has the bakery and the print shop. Roodemeister, however, has left the shoe shop and is now repairing crates for the potatoes. Comrades Buhre and Horne are still cutting sugar cane and it is being hauled for burial for next year's seed. There will be enough cane put by to plant fifteen acres next year. As this cane makes about 400 gallons of syrup to the acre, we hope to have lots of cane syrup. Comrades Synoground and Satnan have taken the rip-saw from the old location and hitched it up to the steam engine in the saw mill. The apple boys are out with apples again to-day, but they will be taken off the apples for a few days as their team is needed for the crops. A birthday party at night was a pleasant social feature. The Esperanto class was not held because of a big rain which broke over the Colony just at that time. Comrades Haynes is back on the job again after a day's rest. Al is a fine carpenter and is doing a good job lining the concrete kiln for another evaporator house. Comrade Tackett has been helping him. Daddy Thomas is running the laundry engine and helping unload crates at the evaporator house at the same time.

DIRECTIONS FOR HARVESTING AND STORING SWEET POTATOES

1. Dig before frost or continued cold weather.
2. Grade in field, selecting only sound tubers of marketable size.
3. Handle carefully in boxes or crates to storage house.
4. Start fire the day before storing begins.
5. Maintain temperature of 80 to 95 degrees F.
6. Place potatoes in bins, or stack crates, filling bottom layer over entire house, then another layer, etc.
7. Keep ventilators open.
8. Fill entire house or room within three days.
9. Cure ten days in dry weather, twelve days in wet weather.
10. Reduce temperature slowly to 50 degrees by operating ventilators. Do it slowly.
11. Maintain steady temperature, never letting it get colder than 40 degrees.
12. Start fires in very cold weather. Be sure to have thermometers in the house. Cure at 80 to 95 degrees; 10-12 days. Store at 50 degrees.—Russell G. Briggs, Sweet Potato Specialist.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY—NET WORK OF CO-OPERATIVES

This beautiful interior valley of California believes in co-operation. Here every farmer and his product is organized, and here the consumers are also organizing and working together with the farmers for this purpose. Fresno, Riverbank, Madera, Calwa, Salida, have had stores for some time. Now Corcoran, Ceres, Modesto, and Coalinga are all in a ferment of enthusiastic co-operative organization and study. Brother Beckwith from Atascadero and Johnson from San Diego are busy in this district.—Pacific Co-operator.

If Tom Edison ever succeeds in perfecting a machine upon which he is now working, we will soon be able to converse with the dead. But if such a thing ever becomes possible, won't we hear a roar from our departed friends now sojourning in the nether regions?

Friday, November 19—The weather turned cold to-day and the north wind indicated an early appearance of frost. Additional men were transferred to the farm department this morning and every man seemed to be busy. Picking and hauling "sweets" and cutting and hauling sugar cane are proceeding with all speed. In the afternoon the printshop closed up for the week end and they were in the sweet potatoes. Over a thousand bushels have been hauled and stored. A telegram of greeting and good wishes was dispatched to Comrade Pickett who is attending the co-operative convention in Cincinnati. Comrades Ole Synoground and Marcus DeVine went to Shreveport early this morning on Colony business and they will combine a little pleasure with the trip by visiting John Will's. Mrs. Synoground accompanied them in the car.

Saturday, November 13—Thirteen is unlucky, is it not? Well, the cold north wind of last night forecast frost and we got it. It was not very much, but enough to kill the vines on the sweet potatoes. The plowing, picking, and hauling of potatoes was stopped this morning and the crew were put to hoeing off the vines from the potatoes. It is necessary to disconnect the vines from the potatoes in order to preserve the keeping qualities, after the frost has killed the vines. In the afternoon the crew was augmented so that nearly twelve acres of vines were cut off. The theory that elderly men cannot keep up the pace with the younger fellows was exploded by Comrade Van Dohlar who walked away from the rest of the bunch like a race horse! It goes to prove that a man is only as old as he feels, and that he feels as old as he thinks. In the sugar cane fields, the activity was no less strenuous. Comrade Lindsey, seeing the urgency of the case, hitched up the Fordson to a sled and did some good hauling to the cane field. The other teams which had been hauling sweet potatoes were now available for the cane, and as a result they finished the hauling and bedding seed cane. So the emergency in that line is now over. The industries are at a standstill now, as most of the colonists are on the farm end of the Colony temporarily. The Saturday night dance was held as usual, and despite the cold wind, the crowd was as large as usual.

The neighbors came in to-day and bought two more wagon loads of brick. The brick industry is at a standstill now, and will probably not be started again until after syrup making time, and the farm emergency has been completed.

Sunday, November 14—This morning the rain came and the frost has gone again. There was not much activity to-day, most of the colonists being contented to stay in bed until late, and to stay around the house all day. It is the opportunity many of us have desired, to write those long-unanswered letters, and do those long-wanted-doing jobs around the home. Comrade Bennett came in this morning from West Virginia. Not knowing that the train stops at this station, (Sta-

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WINTER APPEARS AFTER BEAUTIFUL FALL

The weather during the past week has been nothing to brag about at the Llano Colony. Although the report of Weather Observer W. A. Dougherty would indicate very bad weather, the colonists think the weather has been mean.

A nice rain last Wednesday night was soon followed by strong north winds which brought indications of frost from that direction. Friday the minimum temperature was 39, but the strong wind made it feel more uncomfortable. Saturday it dropped to 29 minimum, and has kept cool since, frost being evident. Yesterday, Tuesday was the coldest yet this year, 18 being recorded as the minimum, but the warm sun soon dispels Jack Frost.

Following is the United States report for the week taken at the Newllano station:

Nov. 10—Max. 65, Min. 56
Nov. 11—Max. 57, Min. 47
Nov. 12—Max. 52, Min. 39
Nov. 13—Max. 46, Min. 29
Nov. 14—Max. 43, Min. 34
Nov. 15—Max. 48, Min. 32
Nov. 16—Max. 46, Min. 18
40 of an inch rainfall was recorded on November 11, and .20 of an inch on the 15th.

ORCUTT CO-OPERATIVE STORE MAKES EXCELLENT SHOWING

L. H. Smith, Secretary of the Orcutt Co-operative Store, contributes a short article in a recent number of the Weekly News Letter in which he points out the encouraging start made by the co-operators there.

The statement for the store for the period beginning January 31st to August 20th, 1920, shows the store to have made \$2,515.50 undivided profit. The membership is now over 300 and the paid capital in excess of \$11,000. The total cash sales for the six months were \$50,046.81.

The Oil Workers' Union and the co-operators in Orcutt are practically the same thing, as there has been the heartiest kind of co-operation between them from the start. The store now occupies the lower floor of a handsome building owned by the Oil Workers' Union.—Pacific Co-operator

Move pullets into winter quarters before they begin to lay, the United States Department of Agriculture advises. All should be in winter quarters before cold weather. See that the henhouse is disinfected and that it is tight on three sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike the hens while on their roosts.

Have you any peanuts for sale? Or would you like for us to make them into peanut butter for you? Llano Colony.

PLAN MASQUERADE DANCE AT COLONY THANKSGIVING

No opportunity for merriment is overlooked at the Colony and every excuse is seized upon to present argument why the colonists should have a good time.

Following up this line of reasoning, there is now on foot a movement to have a masquerade dance and general good social time next Thursday.

This Thanksgiving will hold more of the spirit of the bountiful harvest for the colonists than ever before, and a committee will be appointed that will leave no opportunity lost to make everyone thankful and happy.

The affair will be held at the hotel as that is the center of the community's social life.

EXPRESS AGENCY IS ESTABLISHED AT STABLES

The Llano Colony has its own express office, and it is now in operation. Headed by Route Agent Griffin, representatives of the American Railway Express Co. came in Tuesday afternoon bringing with them the supplies and blanks necessary for the establishing of an office in the Colony.

Temporarily the name of the agency will be Stables, until such time as the Kansas City Southern Ry. changes the name of this station to Newllano, which they probably will do.

W. H. Burton, who is bookkeeper of the Llano Corporation, is named as agent of the express company.

Efforts are being made to establish a freight office here, which will be an even greater advantage to the Colony than the express office.

Shipments by express to colonists or the Llano company should now be made to Stables, La.

MINUTES OF THE SELF-GOVERNMENT LEAGUE

The usual meeting of the Self Government League at the Colony school was called to order at 2 o'clock, November the 13th by Miss Nellie Kemp, chairman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports were read and the committees made their reports.

There being no business to go before the meeting a motion was made by Vernon Boyce and seconded by John Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Myrtle Kemp, Secretary.

Wild animals know where they can find protection, says a United States Department of Agriculture circular on the fur industry. In places where there are game sanctuaries, wild creatures hasten to them at the beginning of every open hunting season.

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